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WEATHER

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Flood advisory issued for southern Mohave County

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Sometimes when it rains, it pours. Lake Havasu City was one of more than a dozen areas listed in a Tuesday flood advisory from the National Weather Service, after the region of southern Mohave County endured daylong rainfall.

Rain began to fall over Havasu Monday evening, and by 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, the city had been show-

ered with 0.8 inches. As dark clouds hovered over the city, rainfall persisted into Tuesday afternoon, with the National Weather Service predicting an additional inch of precipitation by 8 p.m.

While potential flooding led to Mohave County officials closing some roads in the Wikieup area, other areas predicted to experience flooding this week included parts of Havasu, Yucca, Alamo Lake, Desert

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Brandon Messick/Today's News-Herald
Stormwater flows through Lake Havasu City washes Tuesday afternoon after daylong rainfall. The National Weather Service announced a flood advisory for the Havasu area, and a flash flood watch for the area of Kingman.

END OF THE ROAD IN SIGHT



Brandon Messick/Today's News-Herald
The Havasu Riviera Parkway nears completion, according to city officials, and is expected to finish construction by mid-March.

Road to Havasu Riviera nears completion

CITY MANAGER: CONSTRUCTION SHOULD FINISH BY FEBRUARY, ROAD MAY OPEN BY MARCH

By BRANDON MESSICK
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It's been a long road for the Havasu Riviera. After years of planning and negotiations with state agen-

cies, development began in 2018 at the site once known as the Havasu 280. Now the road there is nearing completion.

Havasus Riviera Parkway is a joint development project that will link the Havasu Riviera to State Route 95 later this year. According to Lake Havasu City Manager Jess Knudson, the construction of a streetlight at the nearly-finished intersection will

be complete by February, and the road itself will be finished by mid-March.

Construction of the road is about a month behind schedule, according to Knudson, due to unexpected issues with grading and removal of heavy rocks in the area.

The Havasu Riviera is one of

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MCC's Kearns retires, college under new leadership

STAFF REPORT

After 11 years of service, Michael Kearns has officially retired as president of Mohave Community College. His last day was Jan. 11.

Interim President Diana Stithem will lead the college until

a permanent replacement for Kearns is selected. She is not a candidate for the college president post. So far, the college has received 29 applications from candidates across the country who would like to be the next MCC president.

The nationwide search will

remain open until Feb. 1. The first review of applications will begin on Feb. 4.

Board members plan to make a final decision on the position by May. MCC's president serves as the chief executive officer of the college and reports directly

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COLORADO RIVER

Lawmakers say they won't be bullied by Ducey on water plan

By HOWARD FISCHER
CAPITOL MEDIA SERVICES

PHOENIX — House Speaker Rusty Bowers warned Tuesday he won't be pressured by Gov. Doug Ducey into approving a drought contingency plan by a Jan. 31 deadline that he and other lawmakers have yet to see.

Bowers told Capitol Media Services that the gov-

ernor is making a big show of announcing on Monday and again Tuesday the number of days that remain ahead of the deadline set by Brenda Burman, commissioner of the Bureau of Reclamation, for Arizona to adopt its plan for how it will deal with its share of the shortage of water in Lake Mead. But Bowers said that's not to push for public support.

"It's for me," Bowers said

following a press conference Ducey called in an effort to show bipartisan solidarity to adopt the yet-to-be-seen plan.

"But I don't have what I need to give to my people," the speaker said, saying that Ducey is "going along ... with the demand for a show-down" with the feds.

Bottom line, Bowers said,

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Former Gov. Bruce Babbitt discusses Tuesday the need for Arizona to approve a deal with other Colorado River basin states to get a share of water rather than this state take its chances in fighting in out.

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RIVIERA: PARKS, TRAILS BOTANICAL GARDEN PART OF PLAN

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the city's most ambitious projects, positioned on the shore of Lake Havasu, about two miles south of Mulberry Avenue. Although full development of the more than 550 acre site isn't expected to finish for another decade, developers have already begun construction of a six-lane boat launch ramp for use by Havasu visitors and residents.

The project will also include a 250-acre master

planned community spanning Havasu's shoreline, a 300-room resort hotel , a 200-slip marina, a waterfront restaurant and bar and day-use areas. Havasu's ambitions span beyond the shoreline, however, as the project will also include multi-use paths, an eco-educational center, desert botanical garden, public parks, trails and pathways, a planned future golf course and a convention center.

The Havasu Riviera is

a collaboration between Lake Havasu City, Arizona State Parks and Trails and Komick Development, and is expected to be constructed in three phases.

Once the road into the Havasu Riviera is finished, it will be up to Arizona State Parks and Trails and Komick Development to complete their portions of the project, Knudson said.

"The city has fulfilled all of its promises," Knudson said. "Now it's time for our

partners to develop the properties that are in their control."

According to Knudson, the construction cost Lake Havasu City more than \$2 million, not including utilities and other related costs. As of October, Raging River Management Corporation, a company affiliated with developer Havasu Riviera LLC, has agreed to reimburse the city for upgrades made to the road as construction continues.

LEADERSHIP: INTERIM PRESIDENT WAS VP AT MCC IN 2016

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to the five-member elected Board of Governors. The president is ultimately responsible for all college operations utilizing six executive chiefs and four campus deans in the management of the college.

Stithem is not new to MCC. She retired as vice president of MCC in 2016. She started with the college in September 2003 as the dean of the

distance education program. Prior to 2003 she was an attorney in Wyoming, where she worked in private practice and as a staff attorney for the Wyoming Supreme Court.

While at MCC she was instrumental in developing and managing the college online education program.

At the MCC governing board's meeting on Jan. 11, Ashley Pascual,

was welcomed and sworn in as the newest member of the MCC governing board. Along with Pascual, Susan McAlpine took the oath of office. McAlpine was appointed to the board in 2018 to replace Jon Longoria after he retired from the board, a news release stated.

Other board members are Vance Miller, Julie Bare and Judy Selberg.

SECURITY: IMPROVEMENTS TO SAFETY PLANS, POLICIES ONGOING

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Team meets regularly to practice and to review our plans for soft and hard lockdowns," she said.

Any funding from the state would be welcome that would help offset the costs of having safety officers, Breece added.

As with Telesis, improvements to its safety plans and policies is ongoing at the Lake Havasu Unified School District. One sizable project will vastly expand the video surveillance systems at all eight school campuses plus the administration complex. The measure was expected to be approved by the district's governing board at Tuesday evening's monthly

board meeting.

"We've been really fortunate that our community supports it," Asseier said of the district's efforts to upgrade security features at its schools. The new video surveillance system will be paid for with money from 2016's \$49 million bond that was earmarked for capital improvements.

There are two major defining features of the new system versus the old. First is connectivity. The new system has one platform to operate and connect all nine sites. Currently, the video systems at each school are independent of each other. They range in functionality

from complete failure to operating poorly.

"Right now, we don't have a unified system," said Jaime Festa-Daigle, the district's personnel and technology director. "Every system at every school was put in at a different time using different funds."

Another defining feature is the sheer number of cameras. Besides offering a wider field of view, there are a lot more of them. The proposal calls for 370 new cameras, 104 of which will be installed at the high school alone.

At the district's governing board work session Jan. 8, Asseier pointed out another

advantage of the upgraded video system.

"In the event of an assault, the police department would have immediate access to the cameras," she said.

During the same work session discussion, board member John Masden seemed to address privacy concerns and pointed out that the new cameras' sole purpose is not to "catch the bad guys" - though they can come in handy for that function.

"Camera systems are there as silent observers for the protection of everyone within sight of the cameras," he said. There are valuable things in the buildings that we must protect. We have 5,400-and-some kids plus our staff that we must protect."

The bid of \$467,311 for the new surveillance system was submitted by IPVision LLC, which is based in Phoenix.

OBITUARIES

ROBERT LICHER

Nov. 8, 1928 — Jan. 4, 2019

Robert John Licher, 90, passed away peacefully at his home with family by his side on Jan. 4, 2019.

He was born Nov. 8, 1928 in Detroit to Frank and Ruby Licher. Robert was a self-employed artist with a master's degree and a Marine Corps veteran.

His interests included spending time with his family, going to church, art and sculptures.

He is survived by his wife, Jacqueline; his children, Kathleen, Doreen, Robert, and David, and his daughter-in-laws; Juanita and Julie who was Robert's caretaker for years. Robert is preceded in death by his daughter Coleen.

Services will be held at Our Lady of the Lake Roman Catholic Church on Friday Jan. 18, 2019 at 1 p.m. A committal service



will follow at Lake Havasu Memorial Gardens with military honors. A reception will be held at Our Lady of the Lake at 3:30 p.m.

Thoughts and condolences can be sent to Robert's family at www.mohavememorial.com. Services were placed in the care of Mohave Memorial Lake Havasu Mortuary.



LAS VEGAS

FINAL DEFENDANT SENTENCED IN BUNDY RANCH STANDOFF IN NEVADA: Nevada rancher Cliven Bundy's bodyguard in confrontations with U.S land management agents became the last of 19 defendants from 11 states to be sentenced on Tuesday in an armed standoff nearly five years ago.

Brian "Booda" Cavalier, 47, of Mesa, Arizona, was told he won't serve any more time than the 20 months he spent in federal custody between his arrest in early 2016 and his guilty plea in October 2017 to two charges of conspiracy to impede and injure a federal officer.

"I'd just like to put this behind me," Cavalier told Chief U.S. District Judge Gloria Navarro.

— Associated Press

SOAKED: SUNNY TODAY BEFORE MORE RAIN ON THURSDAY

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Hills, Cattail Cove State Park, Hualapai Mountain Park and other locations throughout Mohave County.

The National Weather Service advised that flooded roads should be avoided, as most flood deaths occur in vehicles. "In hilly terrain there are hundreds of low water crossings which are

potentially dangerous in heavy rain," the advisory said. "Do not attempt to cross flooded roads. Find an alternate route."

Havasu remained under a flood advisory throughout Tuesday, while the areas of Kingman, Peach Springs, Dolan Springs, Wikieup and areas east of Parker Dam remained under a flash flood watch from the National Weather Service.

According to weather service forecasts, Wednesday is expected to remain sunny, with a high temperature of 63 degrees. Clouds will return Wednesday evening, the agency reported, and Havasu could experience more rainfall throughout Thursday.

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