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Introduction

It is crazy that even though we are a month past the Equinox, in Arizona we are continuing to have unseasonably hot weather. 100F in Cave Creek. Fortunately, the temperature at dawn (when I am out for a stroll with Lucy, our Black Labrador) it is a comfortable 70F.

Inside the Campaign - Richard for Arizona

Laurie and I moved to Cave Creek in 2003. After we moved here, I started helping at the Polling places. I got training from Maricopa County, took additional training to become an Inspector and ran the Cave Creek polling place several times. I visited Maricopa County's election headquarters as part of my training. The system they have was designed after the 2000 election's "hanging chad" fiasco in Florida. The heart of our system is the paper ballot that each voter marks to indicate their preferences. The ballot is not altered in any way once the voter is done with it. There are checks and balances throughout the process: counts of blank ballots provided, number of spoiled ballots, seal numbers on all the various bags and boxes, video cameras and bipartisan teams at all times. It's a solid system.

In 2020, following the General Election in November, I was disappointed that people were asserting that the Maricopa County election system was flawed. Now, three years later, it is discouraging that there continue to be people, who do know better, that are continuing to assert this fiction. I ask that you elect me and allow them to retire.

The Rambler

A few days ago I saw Stark running down the road in front of my office. Stark is a beautiful part husky part wolf mix that is owned by one of my neighbors, and usually stays close to their house. I texted the owner to let her know of this out of character excursion. As I did so, I realized that Stark was trotting. Floating along at a comfortable speed with diagonal limbs moving in unison - a 2-beat cadence. This compares to a walk, where only one paw is off the ground at a

time (a 4-beat cadence) and loping (a 3-beat cadence) which has two diagonally located feet hitting the ground at the same time, the other two feet touching the ground separately. As a lope speeds up the diagonal legs no longer stay in tandem so that it becomes a gallop (a 4-beat cadence). These last two gaits also have the characteristic of a lead leg. Is the left front leg reaching ahead of the right one? That would be a left lead. The left lead is best for turning to the left. These gaits apply to most horses too. If you look closely at racehorses turning into the home stretch, you will see that they were on a left lead around the corner (American tracks). The jockey's ask their horse to change lead for the final stretch giving the horse fresh legs for the finish. (Stark did return home after his day out.)

This month's rule to live by "**Learn something every day**", it keeps you young and allows you to enjoy the world around us with a keener eye.

The Rambler rambles (a 2-beat cadence) on...

Cheers,

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