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## Introduction

We are a little ahead of our usual rainfall for the year. We managed to get rain again for the Phoenix Open Golf tournament, always helpful to slow the influx of folk who live in frigid states. We are now settling in for our customary 70F days and blue skies. Growing up in England, I viewed such weather as a perfect (if rare) summer's day.

## Inside the Campaign - Richard for Arizona

I ran down to the Secretary of State's office, with a printout of all the required signatures to get on the ballot. They told me that I was the first to file for the upcoming elections. Now we are waiting for the wheels of bureaucracy to grind out the official "you are on the ballot" declaration. The wheels are extra slow this month due to some tweaks to the election calendar. The date of the primary is going to be a week earlier than expected. While this is not a Y2K (remember that?) level change for the elections department, it still has significant impacts on printing, hiring, finding polling places and so forth. The old saying was "You can do anything with software." But it will take some time.

My campaign website refresh is now complete regarding content. I have learned a lot since we first did the website, so please take a look: <https://www.richardcorles.com>. We will be working to make it more professional over the next month.

Many candidates continue to collect signatures. Grab your driver license and go to the secretary of state's [website](#) to see who you can sign for.

I attended the Cave Creek Unified School District board meeting this week. The first half of the meeting was recognizing teachers of the month and students of the month from the various schools in this district. It was a delight to see them all solemnly shaking the hands of each of the School Board members.

## The Rambler

I have been chomping at the bit to write about horses. For one thing it allows me to fulfill my promise from last month to include a pun or two. So you are saddled with the topic. I used to have a mental image of horses as "big dogs", but I was so

wrong. After I got tired of hiking along behind Laurie and her horse, getting comments like "Did you lose your horse?" I decided to buy one for myself - a Quarter Horse named Twister. I took lessons, not for Twister, who already knew how to be a horse, but for me who had no clue. I learned that the animal kingdom is largely divided into two groups: Predator and Prey. Horses are prey animals, though you may not think so if you have been kicked! Usually, such animals have their eyes set on the sides of their heads giving them the ability to see pretty much all around them. They forego the forward vision capabilities that predators have to improve their hunting skills. When the horses are walking down a trail they tend to relax, drop their heads and walk along quietly - as opposed to having their head high and being agitated. I think that this is where the expression "level headed" comes from. Other horse terms that have become part of our language include: hot to trot, horsing around, a burr under the saddle, hold your horses, and one of my favorites "a nod is as good as a wink to a blind horse". I'm not sure it behooves me to go on, so I'll whoa now.

The Rambler rambles on...

Cheers,

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