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Story by Andrea Powell, Martha Sandoval • 6d



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A suburb not far from Phoenix, Mesa is close enough to access that city's institutions of higher learning, but also hosts its own satellite campuses: Arizona State University's Polytechnic school and Mesa Community College among them. Housing is plentiful and can be

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A council could be getting new powers to tackle anti-social behaviour in a Derbyshire town centre.

Amber Valley Borough Council has proposed a public spaces protection order (PSPO) for Heanor Market Place that would allow fixed penalty notices to be given for a range of offences.

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Deputy leader Emma Monkman said there had been a growing number of incidents over the past six months.

The plan will be discussed by the council later this month.

Ms Monkman said the council had received reports of eggs being

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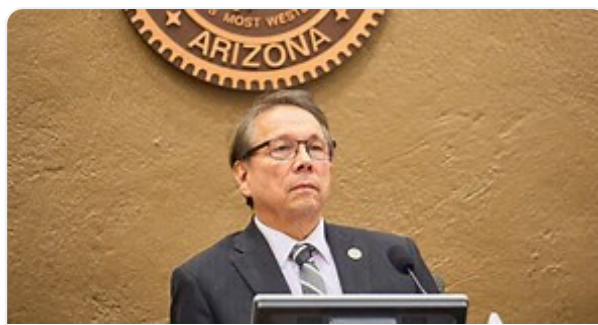
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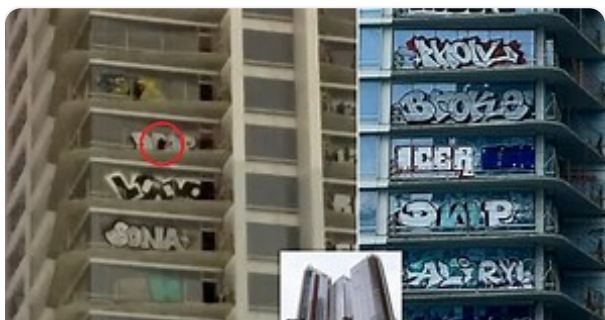
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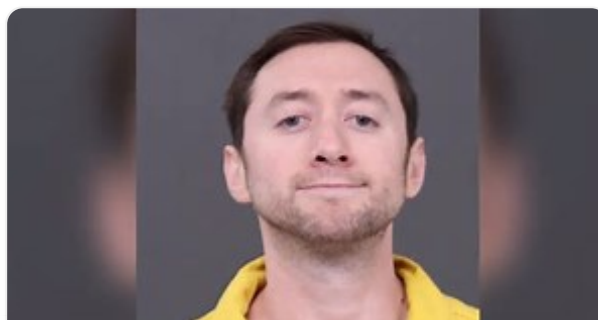
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*Opinion by EJ Montini, Arizona Republic* • 5h



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Arizona Democratic Sen. Mitzi Epstein, working with Gov. Katie Hobbs, introduced a bill that, according to Hobbs, would increase accountability and transparency in the state's massive school voucher program.

Even before [Senate Bill 1399](#) was filed, however, Republican Sen. Jake Hoffman called it "an abhorrent scheme."

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