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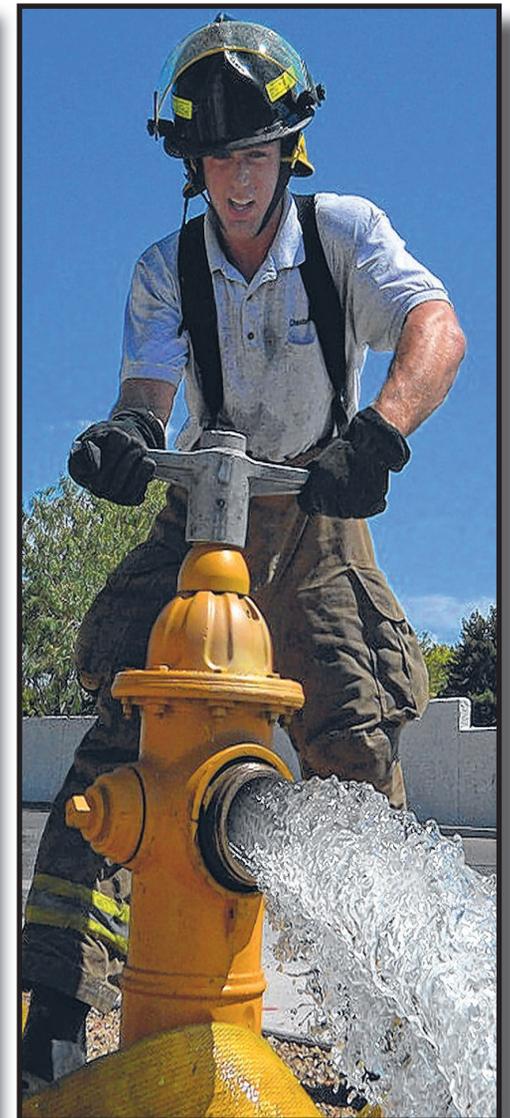
A Corona student was among those selected to participate in real-life astronaut training, team exercises and science workshops at a Honeywell-sponsored space camp in Huntsville, Alabama. Pg.20



The Tempe Chamber of Commerce cheered on a ribbon-cutting ceremony for Galtronics, an antenna manufacturer that expanded its presence in the city with a new, 18,000 square-foot location. Pg. 5



Young Cadets ALL FIRED UP



Firefighting cadets, including Chandler Walker (photo at right), got real-life workouts in an earlier training academy. Orientation meeting is set for March 29. See story for details.

— Photos courtesy Chandler Fire

Teens learn the challenges of firefighter careers — and the rewards

The Chandler Fire Department is looking for a few good teens. Or, more accurately, young people who might hope to push themselves one day into careers as firefighters.

This is how Battalion Chief Lance Trella describes what his department looks for in candidates for the Chandler Fire, Health and Medical Department's fire cadets program, in which participants learn

the fundamentals of firefighting, fire service culture, discipline, physical fitness and community service.

Although the cadets' hands-on experience doesn't involve them in the same rigors as their adult counterparts, Trella says toughness is something the selection-team members want to see.

"The qualities we look for are young people who want to push themselves and see if they can accomplish working

toward this goal. Most of the kids we have out here eventually want to be firefighters, or at least want to learn and decide if it's what they want to be," said Trella.

"It's not an easy process but one that's very attainable, and I think they can learn a little bit about themselves and the fire service by completing our academy." Only 50 new recruits will be accepted for the

2017 application process, completion of which is mandatory as a precursor to appointment. A \$150 application fee is required to cover various costs, including uniforms.

Cadets get opportunities to perform various duties commonly utilized within the firefighting profession. The advisers to the Cadet program are full-time Chandler firefighters.

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100s of jobs available as area lands health insurer

By Mike Tulumello

If you're passionate about health care and would like to make \$19 an hour, plus full benefits, there's a new option in town for you.

Oscar Health, a technology-driven health insurer, has just started recruiting for its concierge team at the firm's new Tempe offices.

According to Paul Gazeley, vice president for customer care for the New York-based company, the firm chose Tempe because the community—and the surrounding area—has large health and tech sectors.

The site near University and Loop 101, just east of ASU, is ideal because it is a central Valley location with freeway access, said Gazeley, who lives in Gilbert.

Oscar is planning to hire at least 150 people immediately and hundreds more in the future, he said.

"The whole economy in the surrounding area will benefit," Gazeley said.

Oscar is unique in that "We're both a health insurer and a tech start-up," Gazeley said. "We're sort of simultaneously using data, technology and design to make health care easier for our members.

"Most insurers just want to sign you up and never get involved until you get the bill from the doctor.

"The health care system is really sort of a black box. It's hard to understand, expensive."

Oscar is trying to improve how the system works for its approximately 100,000 members through its concierge team, he said.

Thus, team affiliates are "involved every step of the way," from helping members find the best doctors to helping them understand their benefits, why they're paying bills and what those bills are covering, he said.

"The goal is really to build relationships and trust with our members, to reach to us as the first point of contact for all their health care needs.

"When members call, the concierge

team knows their names; they've built that relationship, so it's not just a traditional model."

The technology Oscar has developed also helps the ensure process, he said.

"Every time a member reaches out, whether it's by phone, email, secure messages, online or the mobile apps we have, they'll be connected with their own concierge team," Gazeley said.

"And that team handles the common customer service questions such as understanding their benefits, checking on their claims, but it also connects the members with the appropriate care needed."

For example, for a patient who calls in with a chronic condition, concierge-team members can be proactive and help develop a treatment plan, he said.

They can even periodically check to make sure the patient is adhering to the plan and answer any questions they may have.

Or, if a member makes contact to ask about a prescription, the staff members are trained to ask about conditions that might be associated with the prescription, ask if they have a regular primary care doctor and related issues, he said.

"The concierge model is truly great. From the moment members sign up, a designated concierge team guides them through every step of the way through their care."

Ads seeking to hire people say experience in the health care industry is a plus but not required.

A bachelor's degree or three years of relevant experience is also preferred, with a three-week training program spelling out additional job-specific details.

"The employees we have are passionate about health care and about what they do," Gazeley said.

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Wireless technology firm Galtronics opened a new Tempe location, with Tempe Chamber of Commerce President Anne Gill, right, on hand for the inaugural celebration.

Move prompts hiring plans by Tempe-based antenna maker

Galtronics, which identifies itself as the world's leading antenna manufacturer, plans to double the size of its Tempe workforce this year, prompting the opening of a new, 18,000-square-foot location and announcement of plans to add at least 30 positions, including electrical, RF and mechanical engineers and support staff.

The growing U.S. demand for wireless products and the launch of new macro antenna products is spurring this growth, representatives said.

"We have been in Tempe for two decades, and the decision to increase our investment and double our workforce comes at a very important time in the wireless industry as network expansion and densification continue," said Randy Dewey,

president and CEO.

"Our R&D center in Tempe is close to a very talented pool of wireless RF and mechanical engineers graduating from ASU.

"We look forward to many more decades of prosperity here."

Galtronics has manufactured more than 1 billion antennas since its inception in 1978, getting its start producing antennas for Motorola 2-way radios.

Since that time, the company has grown to more than 750 employees around the world and has innovated products ranging from cellphone antennas to wireless systems for stadiums.

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2 public sessions set for feedback on McClintock Drive realignment

The city of Tempe will host two public meetings and an online comment forum to receive resident feedback on proposed design concepts for reconfiguring the current street design of McClintock Drive.

The meetings will provide a brief project overview and the opportunity to offer input and ideas on alternatives as well as to speak to staff members.

Public meetings will be held at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, March 25, at Tempe Public Library, 3500 S. Rural Road, in Meeting Room A, and at 6 p.m. Tuesday, March 28, at McClintock High School located, 1830 E. Del Rio Drive.

Those interested can also provide input online March 25 through April 5 at www.tempe.gov/mcclintockdrive.

In 2015, McClintock Drive between Broadway and Guadalupe roads was repaved as part of Tempe's ongoing Asset Management Capital Maintenance Program.

Funded through this repaving project, McClintock Drive was reconfigured to include bike lanes on each side of the street, which required the removal of at least one vehicle lane on McClintock.

Since making changes to McClintock Drive, Tempe has been collecting data and feedback from the public.

At a work study session on Dec. 15, council members approved a process to develop alternatives that restore the third southbound travel lane and maintain bicycle lanes.

The approach includes extensive public involvement and the ability to evaluate solutions on a segment-by-segment basis while considering the importance of the entire McClintock corridor.

For more information, visit www.tempe.gov/mcclintockdrive or call 480-350-4311.

State Farm agent hosting 'Spring Fling' celebration

State Farm agent Mary Contreras will host her office's 15th annual Spring Fling event from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 25, aimed at helping the community, educating consumers on ways to reduce the cost of auto insurance.

Participants are asked to bring a new teddy bear (no taller than 12 inches) to support the Tempe Fire Department's Trauma Teddy Program.

The bears are used to help comfort children who experience trauma or confusion caused by car accidents, fires or other emergency situations.

The "Good NeighBear" and "Stoppyp" from the Red Means Stop campaign will be on hand to greet children.

Free auto services include windshield chip repair by Desert Breeze, Burton Glass, Reliable Glass and Auto Glass Buddy.

Studio Creations will provide a free, 10-by-13-inch photo, and representatives of The Driving MBA will be available for questions about teen driving safety.

Information: 480-775-7788.

Cadets

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Upon graduation, cadets 16 years or older will become certified to ride with fire crews and perform alongside them.

A mandatory orientation meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 29, at the Fire Training Center, 3550 S. Dobson Road, Chandler.

Future cadets must be at the informational meeting, and their parents also are encouraged to attend. Requirements, details and questions will be discussed.

Cadets commit to a mandatory year of service and attend meetings on the first Saturday of every month, as well as perform four hours of community service per month.

Applications, which are accepted on a first come, first serve basis, are available until April 17. If a candidate drops from the program within the first two weeks, a \$100 refund of the application fee will apply.

If a candidate cannot afford the application fee, scholarships are available by contacting the Cadet Program manager, Battalion Chief Trella, at lance.trella@chandleraz.gov or 480-782-2120.

For those considering applying to the program, Trella offers one more guide to the decision-making process:

“A large part of our academy is based on community service,” he said.

“We want to make sure people are willing to be physically fit, but also, whether as a firefighter or by learning about other opportunities that are out there, how they can make a difference in people’s lives.”



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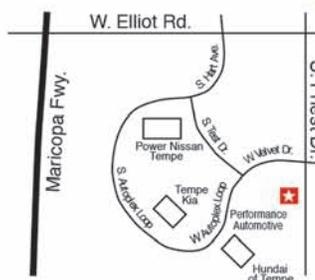
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Film-making adventure was a real 'eye-opener'

By M.V. Moorhead

"It was, oh man...it was eye-opening," says Lisa Vargas. "I have this idea that I want to do films, but I'd never actually been on a movie set before."

That all changed in 2013, when the ASU grad worked as a production assistant for about three months on the set of *Car Dogs*.



The independent feature, which opens in the Valley on March 24, was made with a professional crew behind the cameras, and a veteran cast of professional actors in front of them.

But it was also made with the help of more than 80 ASU student interns, through Film Spark, the university's program of interface between movie pros and students.

Vargas was one such intern.

"I've always wanted to do something that was creative, but would still include business," says Vargas, a graduate student in Global Affairs and Management who hopes one day to work in the business side of movies.

A Valley native, Vargas notes that she "comes from an ASU family. That's all I heard growing up."

Adam Collis, who directed *Car Dogs* (working from a script from Valley native Mark Edward King), taught Vargas while she was an undergrad, so it's unsurprising that she ended up working on the project.

Says Vargas, "I've always believed that the best way to learn something was to do it, to just get thrown in."

Still, she admits to feeling a slightly daunted, initially, by her work on *Car Dogs*. "I was a little intimidated at first, because I didn't know what my job was. But the second assistant director kind of took us under his wing. It was my job to help with the paperwork, directly under the second AD."

An energetic, fast-moving, fast-talking comedy, *Car Dogs* is set in one of those snazzy-looking car dealerships around McDowell near the Phoenix-Scottsdale border. Full of salesmen and saleswomen working at fever pitch to hustle both customers and each other, it's lightweight but snappy and fun to watch, with an extra charge added by such recognizable actors as Nia Vardalos, Octavia Spencer and George Lopez.

Later in the shoot, Vargas was given a new position: assistant to Lopez.

"It was my job to make sure he got his lunch," she recalls.

So, what did she learn from this heady experience?

"I found that there are different ways to address people, like any work environment," Vargas says.

"You speak to the first or second AD differently than you do with the actors. When you talk to your first or second AD, if they ask you a question, you need to be very direct, know what answer you're going to give them, know it's the *right* answer. With the actors you want a little more personality, because

they're more on the creative side."

Also, says Vargas, "I learned to take a sense of urgency and a sense of purpose to my work on film.

"So when you do a task, you need to do it with urgency and purpose. Because time is money."

She sounds like a Hollywood pro

White sands of Waikiki beckon when downtown art walk comes to Chandler

By Karli Ragan

Those Hawaiian-print button-downs, leis, flip-flops, straw hats and sunblock-slathered noses that you're seeing...no, you haven't been whisked off to the white sands of Waikiki.

You're just strolling along the streets of downtown Chandler, transformed for one magical evening into a tropical paradise.

From 6 to 9:30 p.m. on Friday, April 21, a Hawaiian-themed affair, Taste of the Islands—theme of the month's pre-summer Chandler Art Walk—will feature artisan shopping, live music by Corona del Sol High School's steel drum band, and tropical food and drink specials available for purchase.

Best of all, you can save your money for a real trip to the beach: The event is free to attend.

"The best part is the island-inspired treats and sips the participating downtown Chandler merchants have available for purchase," event coordinator Deanne Fenton says.

Included last year were over 12 specials from nine different downtown Chandler businesses. Offerings included food items like a Hawaiian luau plate, pulled-pork sandwich, Hawaiian-style pizza, piña colada milkshake or paleta, and 21-and-over drinks with names like Life on the Rum and Vacation in a Glass.

The group is expecting the same merchant participants this year, and perhaps a few more. Participating merchants and their specials will be

already.

Car Dogs is rated R and is scheduled to open on March 24 at Harkins Tempe Marketplace, Chandler Fashion 20, Arizona Mills and several other multiplexes

announced on a Facebook event listing in the weeks leading up to the event.

For the shopping part of the event, guests can peruse pieces from over 30 local artists in Dr. AJ Chandler Park West and along the sidewalks of San Marcos Place, starting at SanTan Brewing Co. and heading south.

Artisan pieces range from jewelry, woodworked items, paintings, illustrations and more.

Many vendors sell items at \$50 or less, designed to make art truly affordable for all.

Every month ushers in new artists, making the event a different experience each time.

Guests should come prepared for island-style boogie-ing to the tunes of Corona del Sol's steel drum band.

In addition, guests are asked to dress the part of a tourist on a tropical beach.

"The point of this walk is to celebrate the upcoming summer the best way we know how, pretending you're on a beach," says Fenton.

"This has everything but the water. And if you're wanting to swim in crystal blue waters? Book a room at the historic San Marcos Hotel, where you can lay poolside and not have to worry about getting a ride after two or three of those rum drinks."

Address of the event is 3 S. Arizona Ave., Chandler. Information: downtownchandler.org.

Karli Ragan is marketing and events manager for Downtown Chandler Community Partnership.

Drums enliven arts center show

The Theatre at Tempe Center for the Arts brings a modern twist to a historic musical art form with Bataré, an electrifying live show which harnesses the energy of taiko with rock and roll, at 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 7.

Bataré offers a fresh approach that demonstrates technical command over drums that tower above the audience. Some of the drums weigh hundreds of pounds.

"Bataré is a must-see show for a new century," says Nick Wylie, executive

producer of the show. "This is a never-before-seen blend of adrenaline, drumming, choreography and an orchestral approach to rock 'n' roll, live on stage."

Bataré includes a diverse mix of taiko drummers and percussion masters, alumni from Berklee College of Music in Boston, Musician's Institute in Los Angeles and a professional percussionist from Guam.

All come together on stage for a show that goes the extra mile, says Wylie.

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With M.V. Moorhead

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The survivors of the initial attack then squabble and try to regroup, and to survive further attacks by this skyscraper-sized primate as well as other gargantuan abominations.

Notable among these are the “skull-crawlers,” a species of voracious reptiles that resemble two-legged monitor lizards with squalid, skull-like heads. The party also encounters human natives, and an American airman stranded there since WWII.

The original 1933 *King Kong* is my favorite movie, and giant monsters have been cinematic comfort food

for me since I was a child. So when I tell you that it's been a while since I've had this much fun at a movie, I'll understand if you take it with a grain of space dust. Nevertheless, it's been a while since I've had this much fun at a movie, and many people around me at the screening seemed to have the same response.

American popular moviemaking has been on a bit of a roll recently—two weeks ago we had the chiller *Get Out*, last week brought us *Logan*, and this week we get this boldly preposterous saga. It would be great if we could count on entertainment at that level every weekend.

Director Jordan Vogt-Roberts stages monster action with a true Brobdingnagian grandeur, and he and the special effects folks offer us a Kong who is brooding, irritable and lovable. Part of the pleasure of the movie is that he's so much more sympathetic than

the human visitors that one feels little compunction about wholeheartedly rooting for him.

There's a tongue-in-cheek nerviness to the script, and the cast is full of character vets that can handle it. The supporting soldiers and researches are forgettable monster fodder, and the nominal hero and heroine, Tom Hiddleston and Brie Larson, seem to have been cast for their ability to look great in t-shirts. But John Goodman, as the contractor leading the search, and Samuel L. Jackson as the Army colonel who goes all Captain Ahab toward Kong, and John C. Reilly as the marooned pilot, ensure that the movie

isn't just an empty spectacle devoid of personality.

Kong: Skull Island is not, I suppose, a movie of particularly mature or wholesome sensibility.

But it can't fairly be called dumb, either—it's made with skill, and wit, and imagination, and it has moments that could be called magical.

Kong: Skull Island is rated PG-13, and plays at Harkins Tempe Marketplace, Harkins Chandler Fashion 20, Harkins Arizona Mills 25 and many other multiplexes Valleywide.

Textbook review ends March 21

Kyrene schools have not purchased new English/Language Arts resources — textbooks, workbooks, teacher guides, etc. — since 2004, according to the district's spokeswoman Nancy Dudenhoefer.

The recession and budget cuts made large purchases of learning materials impossible, she noted. In 2010, Arizona College and Career Readiness Standards were adopted by the state. Kyrene teachers and curriculum experts adapted current resources to accommodate student learning and achievement.

"The need for updated materials

and programs is a priority. Parent and community feedback on the English Language Arts materials is valuable when the time comes for a decision to be made.

Hard copies of the materials have been on display at the District Office, 8700 S. Kyrene Road, Tempe, since December and are available Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. with no appointment necessary.

Some schools also have materials on display and appointments can be made by calling the school.

Feedback surveys are at www.kyrene.org with further information on the resource review which March 21.



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Pastor's Corner

Who needs a church?

By Rev. Dr. Judy Winkelpleck
Interim Pastor, Mission del Sol Presbyterian Church

“God did not intend that you leave your brain on the doorstep of the church.” Rev. Dr. Robert Robinson preached this message many times when I was a youth.

Did you avoid or leave a church because your brain was not challenged? Or, are there other reasons why a church is not in your life? Why do so many people sleep in or go climbing or golf on Sunday, the traditional day of worship for Christians?



As a young adult I left the church because church did not seem relevant to the real life my family and I had. The church seemed too autocratic

and perfect. It intimidated a person like me who regularly messed up. I disliked all the rules. My intellect was not challenged and I could not see the advantage of going to a church compared to just trying to be a good person and helping others through service clubs and non-profits.

Later, God taught me a deep lesson through the voices of those to whom we often do not listen—the dying. For a few years I was a hospice chaplain. Many patients told me that they believed in God but had stopped going to church, and they regretted that.

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Bulldozers pave way for church's future

By Joyce Coronel

Pastor Troy Schmidt of Gethsemane Lutheran Church keeps a hard hat on his desk. “It can get pretty loud,” he said of the construction work thrumming along outside his window. “I’m supposed to wear a hard hat when I’m on the site.”

The 40-year-old Tempe church is undergoing a \$3.8 million renovation that will enlarge its worship space and refresh the entire church and school campus. Schmidt, who’s been pastor for the last eight years, admitted that watching the demolition was a bit tough.

“This is a big step of faith. It’s difficult watching it come down because you’re remembering all of the things that happened in the building.”

Bulldozers knocked down walls and the church’s bell tower that had stood high for decades. The bell was removed and will be part of a new tower that will rise over the next few months.

Some of the church’s original structure will remain standing and serve as the lobby in the new building, Schmidt said. That move not only reduced the overall cost of the project, it also allows the legacy of the past to flow into the present and future.

“The center of our campus, the focal point of who we are, is the old existing sanctuary. We’re building this new facility around it, so it will still be a gathering point for people,” Schmidt said.

Debris is being hauled away from the area that’s separated from the church office and school by a chainlink fence. Jackhammers pounding away at cement made such a ruckus one day, Schmidt said, that books tumbled off the bookshelf near the window of his office.

While the demolition and subsequent construction are underway, the congregation is meeting in Gethsemane’s gymnasium.

“It’s kind of like moving in with your brother while your new house is getting built. We’ve got stuff everywhere,” Schmidt said. “It’s hard right now because we’re watching things go away. We’re awaiting the next stage.”

So far, \$1.7 million has been raised or pledged toward the massive project. The church was built in the 1970s and has had a school from the very beginning.

“It’s time to do a new building,” Schmidt said. “Part of what we’re struggling with is that we’re out of land. It’s that tearing down to build new—there’s a lot of emotional baggage that goes with that. There’s 40 years of history in that building—40 years of

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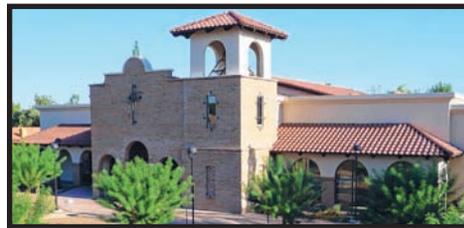


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Asking why, I heard their stories of wishing they had a church where they could have asked questions about faith and God, where they could have been around people who would help them grow in their spiritual journey, where they could have developed a family on whom they could depend, where they



could have admitted they messed up and still could hear that God loved them, where they could have had opportunities to learn about and honor other faith traditions, and where they had avenues for helping people who are marginalized.

These folks always told me,

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memories."

Some of the members of the congregation have been there since the beginning, when nearby office buildings were acquired and turned into school classrooms. Gethsemane has an 8 a.m. traditional service that attracts these older members, as well as a more contemporary service at 10

a.m.

"Our average age is in the 30s, which is pretty young for churches nowadays. It's because of all the children," Schmidt said. About 50-60 volunteers run the Sunday morning youth programming. The church has about 900 members.

The construction project is slated to be completed in late November, and if all goes according to schedule, Schmidt said they're hoping to have Christmas Eve services in the new structure.

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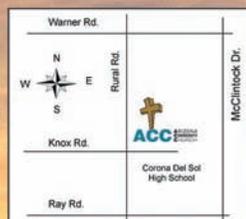
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From refugee to Vatican to Tempe church as pastor



Monsignor Peter Bui greets parishioners after being installed as pastor at Holy Spirit Church in Tempe.

By Joyce Coronel

In an era in which the word “amazing” has become cliché, the newly installed pastor of Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Tempe has had a life’s journey that captures the true sense of the word.

Monsignor Peter Bui, 44, came to the U.S. as one of thousands of Vietnamese “boat people” in the 1970s. He was 6 years old when he and his parents, plus nine siblings, piled aboard his dad’s small fishing boat to take their chances on the open seas.

Forty-nine people were packed into the craft, and at one point they were confronted by machine-gun-toting pirates who demanded all the refugees’ valuables.

Thirteen years ago, Bui was ordained a Catholic priest. In a trilingual speech to his flock on the day of his installation, he spoke of the call he received from Bishop Thomas J. Olmsted asking if he would be willing to work at the Vatican.

“I did not hesitate to defer to him the decision,” Bui said. “In hockey terms, we call that ‘passing the buck.’”

During his six years serving at Cor Unum, a Vatican humanitarian agency, Bui said he regularly prayed for the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

When he arrived in Rome, he said he was overwhelmed by the responsibilities he’d been given.

“Every day I would stop work and I would pray to the Holy Spirit. And he would help me,” Bui said. “And now, lo and behold, I am assigned as pastor of Holy Spirit Parish. I don’t call that a coincidence. I call it a God-incidence.”

Josephine Bierwagen, a young mother who grew up at Holy Spirit, stood outside with her husband and son after the ceremony in which Olmsted made Bui the official pastor.

“I think it’s going to be a real blessing for the Vietnamese community

that’s been growing for the past few years,” Bierwagen said.

“Now we have somebody who is able to really minister to the three communities that are here—the English, Vietnamese and Hispanic community. I think it’s going to do a lot of good.”

Thomas Bui—no relation—agreed. “We are the Joneses and the Smiths of the Vietnamese,” he laughed.

Having a Vietnamese pastor was a huge step toward unity, he noted. There’s a regular Mass every Sunday now in Vietnamese, and that’s crucial for the older members of the community. The only other Catholic worship service in the Valley was limited to a church in North Phoenix—until now.

“We have about 600 Vietnamese here,” he said and having a pastor who understands the elderly and inspires younger generations is key.

Olmsted said he thinks having Bui as pastor is a sign of the growing diversity of the local Catholic Church. “We’re really blessed to have so many faithful Catholics coming from other countries,” he said.

Bui told his new congregation of his hopes for his new assignment.

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St. John Bosco's Audrey Woods flanked by Spelling Bee administrators.

Competition speller studies the old-fashioned way

Thanks to Grandma, she writes down unfamiliar words and looks them up

By Diana Whittle

When 13-year-old Audrey Woods, isn't practicing her spelling, she's listening. "If I hear a word I don't know, I write it down and look it up.

I also study the word lists for the Scripps National Spelling Bee," said Audrey, a seventh grader, who attends St. John Bosco Catholic School.

"Also, my grandmother gave me two spelling books with thousands of words, so I have my parents randomly ask me words from those lists."

It's those old-fashioned study habits that contributed, no doubt, to her on-going success in the highly competitive spelling bee arena. Despite her tender age, Audrey

consistently demonstrates strong spelling skills and has participated in her school bees since the fourth grade.

Her mother, Lesley Woods, explains that while this is Audrey's first state spelling bee, she's demonstrated some formidable spelling skills along the way.

"St. John Bosco School conducted a school spelling bee at the end of November and Audrey emerged as the school's top speller, so she went onto qualify for the Diocese of Phoenix Spelling Bee and competed against other spellers from Catholic schools statewide," said Lesley.

Out of the Phoenix Diocesan bee, Audrey qualified to compete in the Maricopa Region 1 Bee against 36 other spellers who represented other schools from the East Valley.

"This means Audrey is the top speller among the Kyrene, Tempe and Mesa schools for 2017," says her mother and biggest fan.

The Maricopa Bee went a total of 17 rounds and after 11 rounds everyone else was eliminated except Audrey and another speller.

Audrey showed her competitive spirit and lasted six more rounds to win by spelling the word attorney. This triumph meant she would be a contender in the Arizona State Bee.

Now, she will compete with the state's top 27 spellers, who range in age from 9-14, in the 2017 Arizona State Spelling Bee on

Saturday March 25 at 1 p.m. in the Arizona PBS studios on the downtown Phoenix campus of Arizona State University.

This is the 19th year the event will be sponsored by the Arizona Educational Foundation, a statewide non-profit organization based in Scottsdale that fosters excellence in education by administering statewide programs.

The Arizona State Bee champion will go to the Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C.

For more than 90 years, the Scripps National Spelling Bee has attracted participants from across the country and is so popular it's shown on cable television. Each year, organizers of the Scripps bee create a new word list, which sets the standard for most local school bees.

Audrey lives in Chandler and, when she isn't studying, she can be found Irish dancing, playing guitar and violin, and practicing her film-making.

But, don't expect her to give up spelling any time soon or abandon creative writing, which she also enjoys.

"I think it's important to be a good speller because people will take you more seriously if your writing doesn't have misspellings," said Audrey.

"I think participating in spelling bees is important because it helps you to learn to think logically when the answer isn't obvious, to think on your feet, and to practice being in front of a crowd."

And, with her track record, she should continue to excel in the competition.

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Cherny will speak about how her 15 years of experience in several of America's largest companies, including eBay Inc., have contributed to her achievements and molded her into a community leader.

The program will start with a mentoring session from 10:45 to 11:45 a.m., followed by Cherny's presentation and lunch at noon.

The event will be held at Soho 63, 63 E. Boston St., Chandler.

Advance ticket purchase: Members \$25; General Admission, \$35. Day of event: Members \$30; General Admission, \$40.

Information: 480-963-4571.



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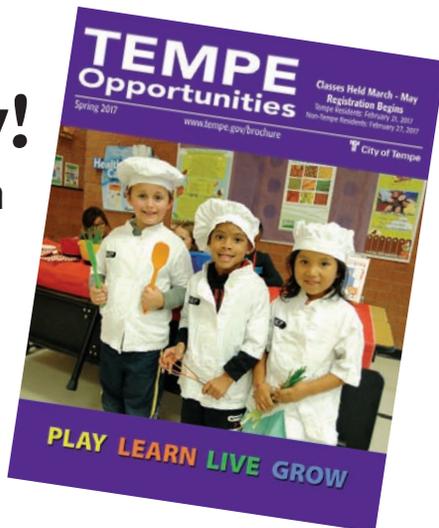
Sole Sports in Tempe provided a neighborhood packet-pickup site for Children's Cancer Network's 7th annual 5K/10K Survivors Walk. Among participants, left, were Lyn Bickle and Piercen Gaborko, who flashed the Grand Canyon University 'Lopes Up' sign in celebration of their fund-raising expertise.

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Sports

With Alex Zener

Nine returnees boost likelihood of a winning volleyball season for Aztecs

Corona's boys volleyball program has the chance for a winning season with nine returning players, many who played club volleyball in the off season, and several talented young new players who joined the team Geoffrey Horewitch's second season as head coach.

"We have a great group of guys this season," said Horewitch. "Our returning players are helping the team remain more calm in stressful situations, plus the team cohesion we are working hard to develop should pay dividends on the court during matches."

Out of the nine returning players, five are expected to have an impact on the overall success of the team now that the season is underway: **Chris Davis, Ryan Pike, Garrett Percy, Dion Deguzman** and **Connor Niemtschk**.

Chris Davis is a multi-talented player who is comfortable playing two positions on the court: setter and hitter. He is currently just one short of being the kill leader on the team with 58 kills in 25 sets or 2.3 kills a game.

Davis also has 16 blocks, second on the team, 44 digs, second only to the libero, and eight service aces. As a setter, he leads the team with 105 assists or 4.2 assists a set.

"Chris was a big contributor last year, as a sophomore, for our team," said Horewitch. "He improved by playing club in the off season and we have been using him not only as a setter but as a hitter this season."

"He is a smart player that sees the court well and can put players in the best spot to be successful."

Ryan Pike, as the go-to outside hitter, will be expected to not only get kills from the left side but to keep the ball in play when he doesn't get the best sets.

Pike is the kill leader on the team with 59 kills in 24 sets or 2.5 kills a game. Another versatile player

who is expected to also play great defense, Pike has 43 digs, seven blocks and seven service aces.

"Ryan, a starter last year as a sophomore, became a key player for us as an outside hitter," said Horewitch. "He is taking on a bigger role this season as our main pin hitter who will be expected to bring not only continuity to our lineup but will be relied on heavily to take lots of swings to keep us in matches this season."

Garrett Percy, as one of the five seniors on the team, has played in 23 of the 26 sets amassing 45 kills or 2.0 kills a set, 11 blocks and 11 digs.

"Garrett did not get much of an opportunity to play last season but we are expecting him to have a big impact on our team this season as one of our tallest players at 6-foot-4," said Horewitch. "The more experience he gets in actual match situations, the better he will be as we progress down the stretch."

Dion Deguzman, another senior, plays libero, one of the most defensive position on the court with the main responsibility of keeping the ball in play if it gets past the blockers or the first line of defense.

"Deguzman is a serious volleyball player," said Horewitch. "He trains with some of the top players in his age group at a high-performance camp during the summers in Florida and is in discussion with several colleges, including University of California Santa Cruz, to play at the next level."

So far this season, he leads the team in digs with 55 plus 10 service aces playing in all 26 sets.

"Dion is the anchor of our back row," said Horewitch. "He has the ability to read the ball well and can run the court in out-of-system plays to keep the team in-sync."

Senior **Connor Niemtschk** has yet to step foot on the court during a match due an injury sustained in club during the off season but is expected to have an impact on the team's success when he can play next week.

"Connor's hitting presence in the middle really opens up the offense for our pin hitters," said Horewitch. "He has a strong confidence demeanor about his play that carries over to the rest of the team."

The team is also benefiting from the experience of seniors **Evan Ronda** and **Andrew Lwowski** plus junior **Dallin Dayes** and sophomore **Niko Zeiner** who were the other four returning players from last season's team.

Ronda has played in 19 sets where he has contributed 29 kills, or 1.5 kills a set, plus 24 digs, six aces and three blocks.

Lwowski has seen action in 21 of the 26 sets tallying 11 digs and two aces playing defensive specialist while Dayes has made himself useful at the net with 17 blocks in 26 sets.

Niko Zeiner, who only played part-time with the varsity team last season, is a major piece to the team's success this season as he shares the setting responsibilities with Davis.

So far this season, Zeiner has played in 25 sets amassing 100 assists, only five less than Davis, 21 digs, 10 aces and two blocks.

"Niko was a duel jersey for us last season as

a freshman playing mostly at the JV level," said Horewitch. "He became a much more skillful setter during the off-season with a better command of the offense and an ability to put his hitters in a good position to make a play on the ball."

"His improved setting ability and versatility will allow us to have more variations in our line-ups based on our specific needs against different opponents."

New to the team are senior **Conner Frazey**, junior **Trey Kuyper**, and sophomores **Nick Straka** and **James Watson**.

Frazey, a 6-foot-2 middle blocker has 1.3 kills a set and has been credited with two blocks while former JV players **Nick Straka** and **Trey Kuyper** should see more court time as the season progresses.

"Nick and Trey were big contributors on our JV team last season," said Horewitch. "They have the ability to add to our varsity team and make a special impact when their numbers are called."

"Both bring a new dynamic to the team that we have not had in past seasons," said Horewitch. "They have a calm demeanor on the court and the ability to change the pace of the game based on where they put their swing."

Sophomore middle blocker **James Watson**, filling in for injured Niemtschk, has played well, especially blocking the ball. He has been credited with 16 total blocks, second on the team, and 15 kills while playing in all 26 sets.

"James has stepped into a bigger role than he had as a starter on the JV team last season. He has been able to catch on at a rapid pace to the varsity style of play," said Horewitch.

The Aztecs have a competent core group of players this season, many of whom played club volleyball in the off-season to improve their volleyball skills.

"The boys put in a lot of hard work during the club seasons to improve in their craft," said Horewitch. "We are already seeing how the hard work they put in during the off-season is starting to pay off."

"Matter of fact, three players on this year's team, Dion Deguzman, Chris Davis and Connor Niemtschk, qualified for the upcoming 18's Open Junior National Championships while playing club," said Horewitch. "Their experience of being able to compete at that high level can't help but carry over to the rest of the team."

Corona needs to improve hitting efficiency in order to compete with some of the top teams in the state this year and make it into the playoffs but the Aztecs still have 15 matches left in the regular season to show they deserve to be in the playoffs.

The Aztecs were scheduled to play at Boulder Creek March 15. Up next they were to play at Mesa Mountain View March 21, at home against Seton Catholic March 22 and at Chandler March 23.

The following week, on March 28, Millennium was scheduled to play at Corona, then the Aztecs close out the month playing at Highland March 30.

Aztec Invitational Track Meet Results

The Aztec Invitational track meet held March 3 at Corona de Sol attracted 19 boys and 18 girls teams from some of the more prestigious track programs in the valley including Desert Vista, Chandler, Brophy Prep and Red Mountain.

Both McClintock and Tempe had participants in the boys and girls events as well.

Corona's boys team finished tied for third place with Red Mountain with 67 points each behind Desert Vista and Chandler while the girls team finished seventh.

The Aztec's highest finish was a first place in both the 4x200 and 4x400 relay race.

Adam Knuff, Benjamin Miller, Jalen Bryant and Jacob Dorr finished first in the 4x200 relay with a time of 1:32.65 while the 4x400 relay team of **Sascha Delzeptch, Miller, Bryant, and Daniel Bish** crossed the wire at 3:23.82.

Other key results for Corona include a second-place finish for **Jalen Bryant** in the 200 meters, a fourth-place finish for **Jacob Dorr** in the 40-meter dash, a fourth-place finish for **Benjamin Miller** in the 400 meters.

Graham Eversden took fourth in both the 800 meters and 1600 meters while **Liam Kovatch** finished in sixth place in both race, as well.

Slade Summers placed ninth in the 3200 meters. **Carlos Parra-Cihak** was sixth in the 110

meter hurdles and eighth in the 300 meter hurdles.

In the field events, **Josh Onwardi**, fresh off the basketball court, took first in the high jump clearing the bar at 6-04.00 while **Tyson McLain** was 11th in the same event.

Top finishers for the girls team included a first-place finish in the 4x800 relay by **Cybel Cozart, Mackenzie Burgess, Riley Wright and Mia Da Rosa** and a first place in the 800 meters for **Renee Payne**.

Other top 10 finishers included a second place in the 400 meters and fourth place in the 200 meters for **Jackie Martin**, a fifth place for **Taylor Hyter** in the 40-yard dash, an eighth place for **Meg Horwath** in the 100 meters and a seventh place in the 100 meter hurdles and a ninth place in the 300 meter hurdles for **Kelsy Lum**.

In the field events, **Josephina Wright** took second place with an 11-foot vault in the pole vault. **Aria Jones** was ninth in the long jump followed by Hyter who placed 11th in the same event.

McClintock Track Results

The top places for the Charger's boys team included seventh place finish for **Jack White** in the 400 meters and a 11th place finish in the 200 meters

McClintock had two relays teams who were competitive against the mostly Division I schools

including a third-place finish in the 4x400 relay by White, **Adam Torregrossa, Carson Streiff and Zachary Land** and a fourth-place finish in the 4x200 relay but Streiff, Land, **Jerone Davison** and **Elliot Nester**.

Damon Crawford was the top finisher in the field events taking eighth place in the shotput event. **Davieon Center** placed 12th in the same event.

The girls 4x200 relay team of **Kennidee Hill, Ellione Williams, Kennedy Nichols** and **Navaria Ortiz** crossed the finish line in third place while the 4x100 relay team of Hill, Williams, **Miah Cooper** and Ortiz took seventh place.

Williams, **Daniela Burgos**, Hill and Ortiz participated in the 4x400 relay taking eight place in that event.

Tempe High School Results

DeAndre Hughes had a good track meet beating out runners from 18 other schools to take first place in the 40-meter dash with a time of 4.83.

Hughes also took first place in the triple jump field event with a 44-09.00 jump.

Nate Manley crossed the finish line in eighth place in the 400 meters while fellow teammate, **Ivory Williams** was 11th in the 300 meter hurdles, 10th in the 110 meter hurdles and 11th place in the triple jump.



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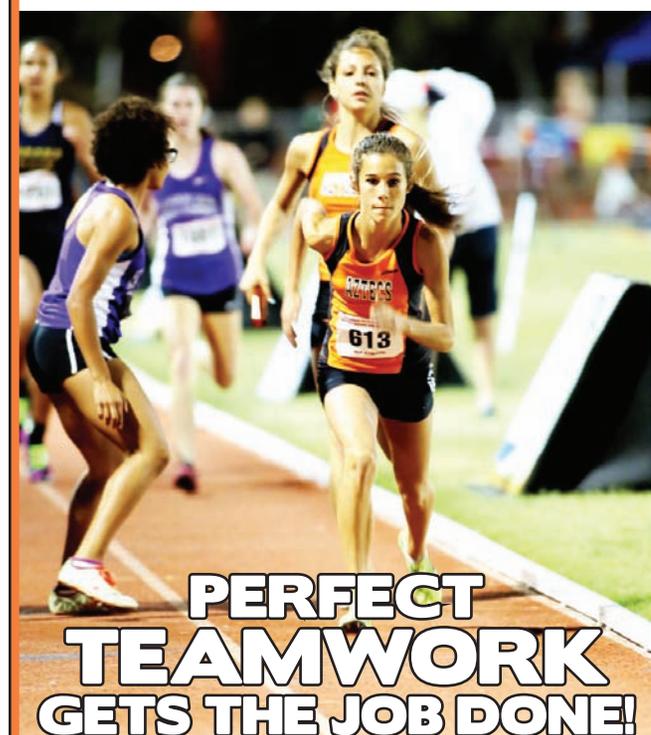
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Lovin' the game never grows old: MLB's longest-tenured manager looks back

Editor's note: Kody Acevedo, a senior in the Sports Journalism program at ASU and a regular contributor to Wrangler News, wrote the following column for USA Today's sports site.

We felt our Wrangler News audience might appreciate reading Kody's first-person observations of a baseball great. And, of course, to know that our young contributors have, over the years, made a significant mark in their chosen field of journalism. Reprinted here by permission.

**By Kody Acevedo
Cronkite News**

TEMPE – Tommy Lasorda never bled Angel red, but his influence flows deep in the veins of the Angels clubhouse. Lasorda, the Hall of Fame manager of the Los Angeles Dodgers, managed current Angels manager Mike Scioscia for 15 years. Scioscia himself is entering his 18th season as a big league manager, all with the Angels.

"I never really thought (about) the length," Scioscia said. "You have to focus on the process, just like a player."

Scioscia is the longest-tenured manager in the major leagues. The next longest big league tenure belongs to Bruce Bochy, manager of the San Francisco Giants since 2007.

When he arrived in Anaheim in 2000, Scioscia had never managed in the big leagues. The Angels skipper credits his original coaching staff for laying the foundation of his success in those early years.

"I think all of us that were here – Joe (Maddon), Ron (Roenicke), Bud (Black), Mickey (Hatcher) and all the guys – I think we did a good job of laying out that process as a staff of what we needed to be," Scioscia said.

Of those members of his original staff, three of them went on to become big league managers themselves. Maddon went to Tampa Bay and then led the Chicago Cubs to their first world championship last season. Black was recently hired to manage the Colorado Rockies after almost nine seasons in San Diego.

Roenicke spent four-and-a-half seasons as the manager of the Milwaukee Brewers (2011-2015) before returning to his role as the Angels third base coach. Like Scioscia, he entered the big leagues influenced by Lasorda's style of managing.

"Part of this stuff that we do in the clubhouse, Mike learned from Tommy, I learned from Tommy – how to work hard, but also enjoy what we're doing," he said.

Roenicke said that while Lasorda rubbed off on Scioscia, they're completely different people and don't necessarily have the same managerial style.

"Tommy was really fun to play for – great motivator," Roenicke said. "Scioscia is more technical. His game management is so on top of

different things that they're kind of a different personality."

Roenicke admires Scioscia's attention to detail and ability to bring out the natural talents of his players.

"Obviously he's got a great baseball mind, but he's got a really big heart," Roenicke said. "When you're on the opposing side, it looks like he's just this intense guy all the time. But I know what he's like behind the scenes, and I really enjoy it."

Those are traits Roenicke knew would make Scioscia a successful manager. Even back in their playing days with Lasorda, Roenicke knew Scioscia's mind worked differently than the average player.

"By the time we got to the big leagues and sat there with Lasorda and (Joey) Amalfitano and those guys, his mind was so good that he was already doing things that I saw that I said 'wow, this guy, he's ahead of all of this,'" Roenicke said.

Under Scioscia, the Angels have experienced the winningest 17-year span in their history that includes a World Series championship in 2002. He has a 1490-1264 record as the Angels skipper and is the only active manager with at least 1,000 wins with their current team.

He is also just the third manager to lead his first club for at least 17 consecutive seasons, joining Walter Alston (23 years with the Dodgers) and his former mentor, Lasorda (20 years).

For Scioscia, it's simply a love that never grows old.



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A 100-acre parcel bordering Chandler Boulevard and McClintock Drive in West Chandler is about to be developed following a nearly 30-year hiatus with the announcement it will be developed as a \$6.4 million corporate center.

City officials revealed that the site, which was zoned in 1988 for offices, warehouse structures and industrial utilization, will now be developed as Chandler Corporate Center by a group of investors.

The 100,000-square-foot site already is occupied by Garmin Inc., DaVita and Broadcom.

DPMG Juniper LLC, a Phoenix investment firm owned by David Gilbert and Jennifer Roberts, acquired a section of the 8-acre site for \$2.4 million in 2016.

Construction is scheduled to begin next month, with completion due by January.

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Space camp offers teens a close-up look at the future

By Diana Whittle

Photos courtesy Honeywell Leadership Challenge Academy

Forget Spring Break at Disneyland or the beach. Jake Reaban, who attends Corona del Sol High School, can share with classmates his once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to be among tech-savvy teens to be chosen for Space Camp in Huntsville, Alabama.

Formally known as the "Honeywell Leadership Challenge Academy," the program was created to inspire students to become tomorrow's science, math and engineering leaders.

The academy is open only to the children of Honeywell employees and is designed to develop their leadership skills through science-oriented workshops, lectures and team exercises.

Sponsored by Honeywell's Hometown Solutions, which is the company's corporate citizenship initiative, academy students participate in real-life astronaut training and also learn from scientists, former astronauts and engineers who provide first-hand accounts of professional experiences.

So, instead of an amusement park ride, the 17-year-old Jake took a ride on a gravity chair, an experience he calls "uplifting" and gave him a look at possible career choices for his future.



— **SPACE CAMP, Page 21** Corona del Sol student Jake Reaban was one of the science-savvy teens attending Honeywell's prestigious space camp.

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Space camp

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"The program inspired me to keep working hard in school and taught me the importance of good communication," said Jake.

His father is a Honeywell employee, who learned about the camp from a colleague whose daughter had participated several years ago, and felt that the program is an amazing way to get kids excited about science and math, and to encourage and educate them about being good leaders.

Working in partnership with the U.S. Space & Rocket Center in Huntsville, the academy program offers 45 offers of classroom, laboratory and field training; in addition to simulated astronaut training, including a realistic shuttle mission and the chance to experience what it's like to walk on the moon and tumble in a space capsule.

College students who are science, mathematics and engineering majors at various colleges and universities in the U.S. and have completed at least two years of college, work as interns at the U.S. Space & Rocket Center and serve as mentors to HLCA participants.

During their stay at the USSRC, students also meet with scientists,



Marcos de Niza student Jason Knorr took a ride of a lifetime during his stay at space camp.

engineers and former astronauts who help reinforce core leadership competencies and provide first-hand accounts of professional experiences.

These competencies include purposeful leadership; critical thinking; integrated planning; effective communication; and team trust and cohesion.

Designed for high school students planning careers in science, technology, engineering or math, the Leadership Challenge Academy has helped more than 1,750 students from 59 countries and 40 states and territories build the leadership skills they'll need to succeed in college, careers and life.

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Ron Walters No problem

I was fortunate at a young age to meet Dr. Norman Vincent Peale, known for authoring "The Power of Positive Thinking," one of the acknowledged all-time-great self-help books. I was pursuing a sales career in Steubenville, Ohio, and Dr. Peale was the featured speaker at my first chamber of commerce meeting.

Because I had heard about but not read his book, I decided to go early to the meeting and see what it was all about. One of the chamber members introduced me to the man, and I was ushered into a front-row seat.

What I remember most was the man's great presence and big booming voice. He began his speech by asking a question: "How many here have problems?" Nobody raised a hand. Then, in his commanding voice, he said, "Baloney—the only people in this town who don't have problems are up on the hill in your Union Cemetery. Now be honest. Raise your hand if you have any problems."

Everyone in the room put a hand in the air, including me.

Then, he said:

"Today, I'm going to share with you how to solve problems. Now write this down." I took out my notepad and listened intently as he stated his five-step problem-solving theory.

Step number one: State the problem. So many people don't even know what the problem is;

Step number two: Look the problem in the eye;

Step number three: Do not run away; and

Step number four: Find a solution.

He then paused and in a quieter voice said:

"Step number five is the most important one of all. He paused again and said, "Don't find fault." He was then quiet for a time that seemed like an eternity. He paced left and right, then told us if we apply this simple five-step process to every problem, then every problem could be solved.

Following Dr. Peale's appearance at that chamber meeting, I purchased his book and read it several times. Simply stated, it changed my thinking process and I developed a yearning to solve problems. In fact, "No Problem" became my mantra.

Fast forward to 1973.

I moved my family to Arizona to pursue new horizons. After settling in, I read his book titled "You Can if You Think You Can." That book, along with "The Power of Positive Thinking," helped to motivate me to start my own company.

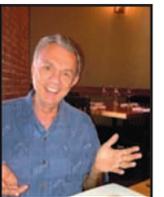
When Dr. Peale spoke several years later at the Celebrity Theater in Phoenix he was much older and not as fiery, but with his nonetheless emphatic passion and confidence. He authored several other books, which I have now read and highly recommend.

How does Dr. Peale's work affect the fast pace of our lives today? Although you'll find some of it dated, you'll see that the underlying principles are still useful. It's also why we've decided to use those same basics in offering answers to some of the community issues that you see in your everyday travels.

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Conceptual designs for a new Chandler Museum will be unveiled to the public at a special open house from 6-7:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 22, at the historic McCullough-Price House, 300 S. Chandler Village Drive. Museum staff and the project architects from Weddle Gilmore will be in attendance to present the preliminary designs, answer questions and take suggestions from guests. Currently, the Chandler Museum resides in the historic 3,300-square-foot McCullough-Price House, located

on the southwest corner of Frye Road and Chandler Village Drive, across from Chandler Fashion Center. The new museum will be a 10,000-square-foot building on the same property, just north of the historic house. The construction of a new building will enable Chandler Museum to become a cultural destination with engaging, community-focused programs and forums, as well as world-class traveling exhibits. For more information, visit chandlermuseum.org or call 782-2717.

18th Annual Chandler Jazz Festival



Come and enjoy a spectacular weekend of great Jazz in Downtown Chandler on Friday, March 31, and Saturday, April 1. While enjoying the

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All main stage and sidewalk performances are free. Visit chandleraz.gov/jazz for information on parking, entertainment schedules, performer bios and more.

Volunteer for April 8 drowning prevention neighborhood walk



Join Chandler firefighters on Saturday, April 8, in a door-to-door campaign through local neighborhoods to help prevent water related tragedies in the community. Volunteers will meet at 9 a.m. at Chandler Fire Station

No. 7, located at 6200 S. Gilbert Road. This year's walk area is in south Chandler and will include neighborhoods east of Cooper Road, south of Queen Creek Road and north of Hunt Highway. Call 782-2120 or email chandlerfire@chandleraz.gov to volunteer.

9th Annual Family Bike Rides

Join Chandler Mayor Jay Tibshraeny for a bike ride along the scenic Paseo Trail during the 9th Annual Family Bike Ride 8 a.m. Saturday, April 1. The 7.8-mile round trip ride is held in conjunction with Valley Bike Month and will start at Chandler's Park & Ride lot, 2100 S. Hamilton St. Cyclists will travel north on the Paseo Trail along the Consolidated Canal to Tibshraeny Park and back. The event is free and participants will receive a free T-shirt while supplies last. Light refreshments and information about bicycle safety, transit services and related topics also will be available. Pre-register online at chandleraz.gov/transit until noon Thursday, March 30, or on the day of the event beginning at 7 a.m. at the Park & Ride lot on the southwest corner of Germann and Hamilton streets. For more information, call 782-3442.

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Mayor Jay Tibshraeny & City Council



Kyrene schools' 2017 summer classes give kids a place to escape the heat — and have fun

By Diana Whittle

Even though it's only March, the Kyrene district is already thinking of summer fun and is open for registration to its summer programs.

"It's the best place to beat the heat and keep kids safe, while having fun and learning," said Program Manager Pete Flocken, in the Community Education and Outreach Services department.

Families also can registration for Early Learning Programs, Kids Club, Adventure Tours, Summer Academy, After Hours and Summer Theatre.

Kyrene is continuing to expand its options for Early Learners, and this summer at the traditional Early Learning Centers, at Brisas and Milenio schools, teachers will incorporate age-appropriate activities that help children reach their full potential cognitively, emotionally, physically and socially.

"We also have our 'Early Learner Discovery Classes' that includes Tinkering for Tots, Have a Ball!, Music Makers and Fairy Tale Fun," said Flocken. "Our approach is hands-on and child-centered, and encourages children to learn at their own pace."

The Early Learners program is designed to capture the minds and interests of children early on to mold them into life-long learners. Classes are developmentally appropriate and geared to help challenge children as they explore topics ranging from music, yoga, science discovery and storytelling. The lesson plans are created by the teaching staff and are aligned to state standards.

"We base our developmentally appropriate activities for early learners on a philosophy of learning through guided play as we help prepare children for Kindergarten in Kyrene."

A new dual-language camp will be offered at

Norte, which uses instruction in both English and Spanish. This unique early learning option supports the individual discovery and learning styles of young students through hands-on activities and is designed for children already proficient in English.

"In addition, our Summer Academy is filled with some of the best and brightest teachers in our District," said Flocken, "so the classrooms will be buzzing with students learning new things."

Flocken says that the summer learning loss, commonly referred to as 'brain drain,' is a real concern.

"Students need to keep their minds and bodies active over summer so they don't take any steps back over the break.

"We also have a strong variety of academic classes to help students sharpen skills in all areas over the summer. Even our enrichment classes have educational components mixed in."

For instance, the cooking classes reinforce math concepts, while the LEGO engineering classes have a heavy emphasis on the scientific design process.

Other classes include:

STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math); Maker classes where students can build mini-robots; technology classes where students will learn to code; and one for the popular game Minecraft.

"We also have a great slate of Fine Arts classes taught by our school year art teachers," said Flocken. "Classes like 'Fiber Art,' where students will learn the intricacies of creative arts like basketry, lacework and felting, can turn into lifelong hobbies and career interests for students."

Naturally there are some classes for children to sharpen their academic skills, like Principles of Algebra.

"We support continuous academic achievement and personal growth for every student over the summer," said Flocken.

"Every day at Summer Academy, and in all of our Community Education programs, is an opportunity to inspire students and introduce them to new concepts, interests and lifelong hobbies."

For more information or to register for the classes, call 480-541-1510 or visit the district's website at www.kyrene.org to download the brochure on Summer Programs.

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Tempe Elementary campuses also offer classes specifically designed for gifted students.

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Jane Hammer and Julie Albanese celebrate at Taste of Kyrene event, which raised fund for Kyrene Foundation. The caption for the photo in our March 4 issue was incorrect.

Some IRS forms are available at Chandler downtown library

Tempe and West Chandler tax filers can save time ahead of the Tuesday, April 18 filing deadline by utilizing the IRS's new appointment service for help at a Taxpayer Assistance Center, closest of which is at 1818 E. Southern Ave., Mesa.

IRS spokesman Bill Brunson said making an appointment, which is a required first step this year, saves time by ensuring that help will be available without having to wait in line.

In cases where a face-to-face meeting isn't needed, taxpayers can continue to visit IRS.gov to find quick tax-related answers 24 hours a day. He noted that many people come to Taxpayer Assistance Centers looking for tax forms such as Form 4868, Application for Automatic Extension of Time to File U.S. Individual Income Tax Return, when they are readily available on IRS.gov.

Some libraries and other locations also may carry the most commonly used tax forms and schedules.

In this area, only the downtown Chandler library carries certain IRS forms: the 1040, 1040A and 1040EZ federal forms. No instructions are

included, nor are state forms available.

Federal forms are also not available at the Tempe, Mesa, Scottsdale or Phoenix libraries, or those operated by Maricopa County.

However, notes Mark Liden, adult services librarian in the downtown Chandler library, most libraries offer access to computers where patrons can find the forms they need through irs.gov (or azdor.gov for state forms), and print them off for a nominal fee.

Also, most libraries, including Chandler's, have a master copy of both federal and state forms, where patrons can find the items they need and make photocopies, noted Liden.

If taxpayers need their prior-year adjusted gross income to complete the electronic filing process they should use Get Transcript Online or Get Transcript by Mail or review other options.

However, Brunson noted, be aware that ordering a tax transcript will not reveal a refund delivery date.

The "Where's My Refund?" tool has the most up-to-date information on refunds.

The Mesa taxpayer office is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Office information is available by calling 480-503-7355. To make an appointment call 844-545-5640.

West Chandler's Sunset branch library holds its 'March Madness' book sale

The West Chandler Sunset Branch Library's celebration of this year's March Madness Book Sale will be Friday-Sunday, March 17-19, featuring a selection of popular fiction and other genres in gently used hardback and paperback.

Items will be discounted 25 percent on Friday and Saturday, with additional savings on Sunday.

Proceeds benefit Friends of the Chandler Public Library, a non-profit whose mission is to promote and support the library.

Book sale customers can receive the best value, according to a spokesman, by becoming members of the Friends group and receiving an additional 25 percent off all year long.

In addition to the Sunset branch, used books are available for sale year-round at the Basha location, 5990 S. Val Vista Drive; Downtown, 22 S. Delaware St.; and Hamilton, 3700 S. Arizona Ave.

The Friends organization began more than 30 years ago when a group of Chandler residents recognized that libraries needed additional support and formed a non-profit to

help provide donations of both time and money to serve the community through the library.

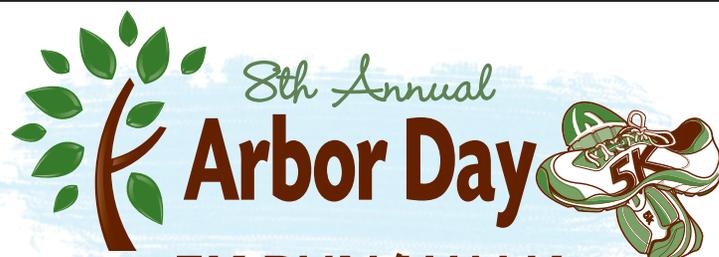
Kris Sherman, assistant library manager, said programs benefitting from the Friends include Tutor and Talk-Time; Adult and Early Literacy; Adult and Teen Volunteer; Summer Reading Programs for all ages; and STEAM programs to foster creativity, discovery and innovation in a safe and fun environment.

The Friends also support infant, preschool and children's programs such as Lapsit, Babytime, High-Five Reading Together and Read to Succeed interactive programs, as well as Battle of the Books for school-aged children.

"Our Friends provide a platform of support that allows us to create life-changing programs, services, collections, and spaces that wouldn't be possible with municipal funding alone," says Sherman.

"By supporting the March Madness Book Sale you are supporting the Chandler Library."

Information: chandlerlibrary.org/friends or 480-782-2800.



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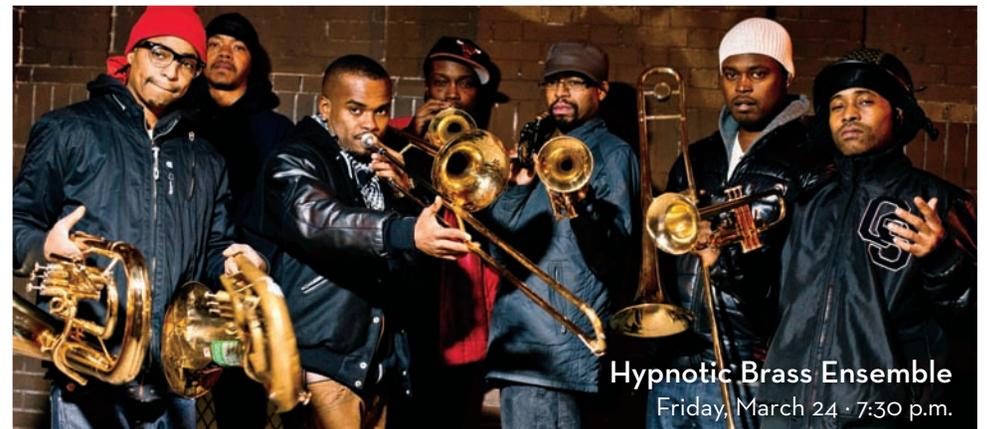
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Increase in utilization drives hospital's expansion



Sharing their enthusiasm—and support—for a multi-phase renovation project at Tempe St. Luke's Hospital, more than 300 employees of all ages rolled up their sleeves to help organize, clean and launch landscaping projects at nearby Papago Park.

It was a labor of love—actually, of heart—as managers and employees found a way to “give back to the community” for making possible their hospital's expansion, a project which officials said will enable it to further serve the area's growing needs.

The hospital's Obstetrics/Women's Health and Emergency departments are currently under renovation. Also, the hospital recently refurbished its main corridor, café and physician lounge, and opened a newly remodeled medical/surgical floor with 27 private beds.

So, to demonstrate their appreciation to the community for supporting the hospital's growth, the volunteers decided to join forces with residents and joggers who had complained about a section of the popular Papago Park recreation site being overrun by makeshift tents, mattresses and mounds of trash.

The volunteers removed tree limbs and assisted with trail maintenance, painting and more.

The project also served to help restore a natural habitat that supports lizards, snakes, quail, doves, roadrunners, jackrabbits, cottontails, falcons, coyotes and a variety of birds.

As yet one more benefit, the hospital's administration worked with city staff to help resolve worries of an increasing homeless population in the area, which included helping to find resources for that at-risk population.

According to a spokeswoman, St. Luke's community enrichment commitment was envisioned by Tempe Cares, founded in 1991 through the inspiration of former Tempe City Councilwoman Carol E. Smith, who wanted to see the community come together in support of the greater good.

While it was Smith's initiative that helped spur the birth of volunteer support, the spirit of community remains strong at Tempe St. Luke's Hospital, according to officials.

The once 10-bed hospital is now an 87-bed facility offering a wide range of health care services – from emergency and intensive-care support to ophthalmology, orthopedics and bariatrics.

Through this growth, said the spokeswoman, the hospital team has never lost sight of giving back to the community it serves.

Tempe Diablos hosting Grammy winning KC band

Grammy-award winners KC and the Sunshine Band will perform with special guest Boogie Knights at *A Night at the Ballpark* Saturday, April 8, at Tempe Diablo Stadium.

The concert serves as a fundraiser for the Tempe Diablos and Mesa HoHoKams, with proceeds benefitting both organizations.

Doors open at 7 p.m.

KC and the Sunshine Band is a disco funk music group that formed in Florida in 1973. The group is best known for its hit songs “That's the Way (I Like It);” “(Shake, Shake, Shake) Shake Your Booty;” and “I'm Your Boogie Man.”

Its self-titled second album was released in 1975, went triple

platinum and yielded its first U.S. hit, “Get Down Tonight.” In 1979, the group took home a Grammy for Album of the Year with “Saturday Night Fever.”

The band's frontman, Harry Casey, has had his music featured at the Super Bowl, World Series and other major sporting events.

Said Tempe Diablos Event Chairman Ryan Thompson:

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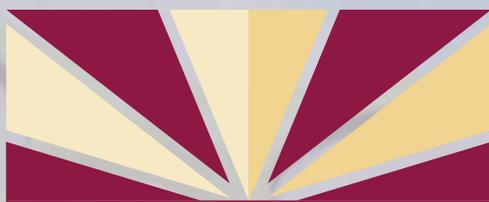
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