

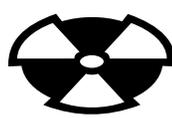
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Father's Day focus will be on — what else? — the kids

Triplets x2 prove tough competitors in youth football league

Editor's note: What better time to profile a couple of dads and their total of (count 'em) six sons, packaged in the form of two sets of triplets. Both Lou Farina's and Rob McCollough's boys play on separate teams in the SEV Football League. (The cover photo on this issue shows the McCollough boys when they played on another team). Anyway, to these busy dads and all the others who'll be sharing the spotlight this year, Happy Father's Day!

Cover story

By Jeremy Banks

Almost every sport, it seems, is a game of numbers. It's not unusual for a homerun hitter to be "one-upped" by the next guy at bat. A quarterback can be a "double threat" when he's both a passer and a runner.

But a triple threat? That's where the numbers don't get thrown around as much.

Trouble times three is a seasonal phenomenon in the Southeast Valley Youth Football League, which this year has not one, but two, sets of triplets.

Both sets of threesomes love to play the game. They also are key contributors to their teams.

Ryan, Marc and Anthony Farina, 13, have been playing football since they were six years old. They play for the Aztecs football team, where Marc is a nose tackle, Ryan is a halfback and linebacker and Anthony is a tight end and defensive back.

They are triplets, but far from similar, their father, Lou Farina, said.

Anthony is a free spirit. He is rarely worried about much and focuses on enjoying the moment.

"He's a great kid, enjoys life and smiles a lot," Lou said.

Ryan is the serious member of the trio. He's focused and is the most athletic. Marc is the more emotional brother.

"He gets people all fired up," Lou said.

Their personalities, Lou said, make them a well-rounded unit.

"They have all the bases covered," he said.

Though they share the same birthdate, they have different personalities and qualities. Lou said this was encouraged by the family. He believes it is important that they develop their own identities.

"We raised them that way," he said. "We tried to make them individuals."

The triplets have established a reputation of being hard workers and fierce competitors.

The McCollough triplets have their sights set on doing the same.

Brendon, Colton and Preston McCollough have been playing football for two years. A friend introduced them to the sport and they've loved it ever since.

Brendan plays on the offensive line, while Colton is a linebacker and Preston is a cornerback. Their father, Rob McCollough, said they are improving each day and developing well. He said Colton sees the field well. He has also developed a great feel for the game.

Brendan is one of the strongest players on the field and Preston has the speed and quickness to impact games on each play.

They're close, but like the Farina triplets, they have their own individual personalities. Preston is the more aggressive of the brothers, while Brendan is laid back and Colton is the most observant. Having three highly competitive 10-year-olds with different qualities is a treat.

"(It creates) kind of a unique family atmosphere," Rob said

Rob said all three brothers work extremely hard and ask questions. After a solid season last year, he said they're looking forward to contributing even more this season.

The Farinas had a good season as well.

Anthony had two interceptions in a game, a 100-yard game and Marc enjoyed a game where he had 12 tackles and two sacks.

But this, for both sets of triplets is just the beginning. They hope to improve each day and become the best they can be on the football field.

They're looking forward to becoming leaders and even bigger contributors. Their goals are high, but they are confident they can reach them.

Cover photo: Rob McCollough with sons, from left, Brendon, Preston and Colton. Inset: Lou Farina with sons Anthony, Ryan and Marc.

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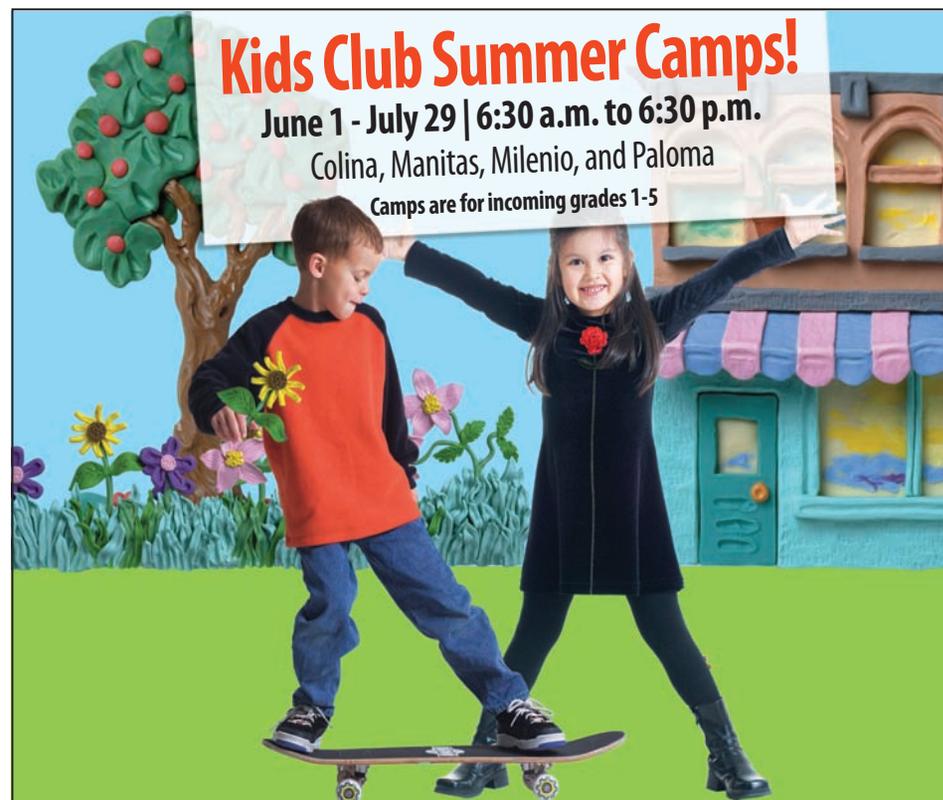
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Intel credited for its role in garnering win Boys & Girls Club's technology initiatives hailed as best in U.S.

Intel's years-long role in helping to guide Boys & Girls Clubs of the East Valley's pursuit of science has once again played a role in B&G Club's receipt of an Excellence in Technology Organization Award at its national parent group's 105th annual conference in New Orleans.

The Microsoft-sponsored award is presented to one organization throughout the entire Boys & Girls Club network.

Of more than 1,100 B&GC organizations nationwide, the East Valley chapter was recognized for using technology in innovative ways to enhance overall programming and increase operational efficiencies. As part of the recognition, the organization received a \$2,500 cash award.

"We are excited to present Boys & Girls Clubs of the East Valley with this award because we know how critical technology is to the daily operations of our clubs," said Dan Rauzi, senior director of Technology Programs at Boys & Girls Clubs of America.

BGCEV incorporates technology in many ways, including utilizing social media platforms to engage with supporters and providing an array of technology programs for the some 43,000 members served annually through 10 technology centers, many of which were made possible by Intel.

Ramon Elias, president and CEO of the local B&G Club, said the worth of Intel's contributions would be hard to

overstate.

"What we do know is that, without Intel, we would never have been able to do what we've done."

Kids and teens can take advantage of the Club Tech program, sponsored by Microsoft and Comcast.

From word processing and presentations to clay animations, robotics and Internet safety, members are given access to the technology tools they need to achieve academic success.

"We are proud that through Club Tech, we are able to provide young people with the software and programming to foster an interest in technology and develop related skills, which will help them build a great future," said Elias.

"In addition, technology such as Microsoft Cloud Computing helps our club operate more efficiently so that more of our resources can go directly to

serving our members."

Beyond its technology programming, BGCEV is committed to providing technology access and education to the Tempe-area community through its StRUT programs (Students Recycling Used Technology).

Over the past three years, more than 200 families and non-profits in the East Valley community have benefitted from 235 computers and workshops.

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Dawn Jones of Intel, who serves as a corporate board member for Boys & Girls Clubs of the East Valley, was joined by BGCEV director of technology Jorge de Cardenas when Excellence in Technology Organization Awards were presented in New Orleans.

— Photo courtesy Mindee Padilla

Chandler Chamber picks new executive



Terri Kimble

Terri Kimble, president and CEO of Ahwatukee Foothills Chamber of Commerce for the past two years, takes over the same duties at the Chandler Chamber, effective June 20.

Kimble will continue with Ahwatukee on a transitional basis through July 5.

"The Chandler Chamber of Commerce is extremely excited to bring on a person of Terri's knowledge and caliber," said Angela Creedon, the Chandler chamber's chairperson.

"Her extensive experience with chambers and her unwavering support of local businesses and community make her an excellent selection for Chandler."

Students at Corona, Marcos honored among Tempe's finest

Ten students each from Corona del Sol and Marcos de Niza high schools are among Tempe's best and brightest young people honored at the YouthFest 2011 Courage Awards and Tempe Top Teens Recognition Dinner.

Recipients include:

Corona del Sol — Laci Ahlquist, Christine Beatty, Jamie Burt, Pablo De Leon, Danielle Lemieux, Nicholas Nist, Hannah Manuelito, Emily Monahan, Brooke Ridley and Nicholas Siefker.

Marcos de Niza — Alexandria Arroyo, Juliana Bennett, Ryan Berns, Ashton Corey, Jasmine Gamboa, Alli-

son Grabowski, Ian O'Grady, Renee Ormond, Meghan Wentz and Samuel Williams.

The Tempe City Council and Tempe Diablos recognized the teens at a dinner at Tempe Mission Palms.

The Courage Awards acknowledge the courage it can take for a young person to grow up in a challenging world.

The Top Teens Award recognizes teens for their exemplary efforts in academics, athletics, arts, music, citizenship, community service and demonstration of social consciousness.

New fire-safety rules for businesses

Tempe Police Department's south substation will host one of two public forums Thursday, June 9, to explain a proposed Tempe Fire program aimed at preventing fires and reducing losses for local businesses.

The new inspection program will be finalized before it is presented to the City Council for review later this year.

Fire officials say the latest initiative represents a change from an inspection program for low-risk businesses that was launched in 2010. The change involves the creation of tiered inspections for low-, medium-

and high-risk businesses.

Businesses would pay Fire Safety Permit fees either every two years (low and medium risk) or every three years (high risk). Proposed fees would be \$25 (low risk), \$225 (medium risk) or \$325 or more depending on square footage (high risk).

Details about the program can be found by accessing a Frequently Asked Questions document available on the Tempe Fire Department's Fire Prevention webpage at <http://1.usa.gov/jrN-QTE>.

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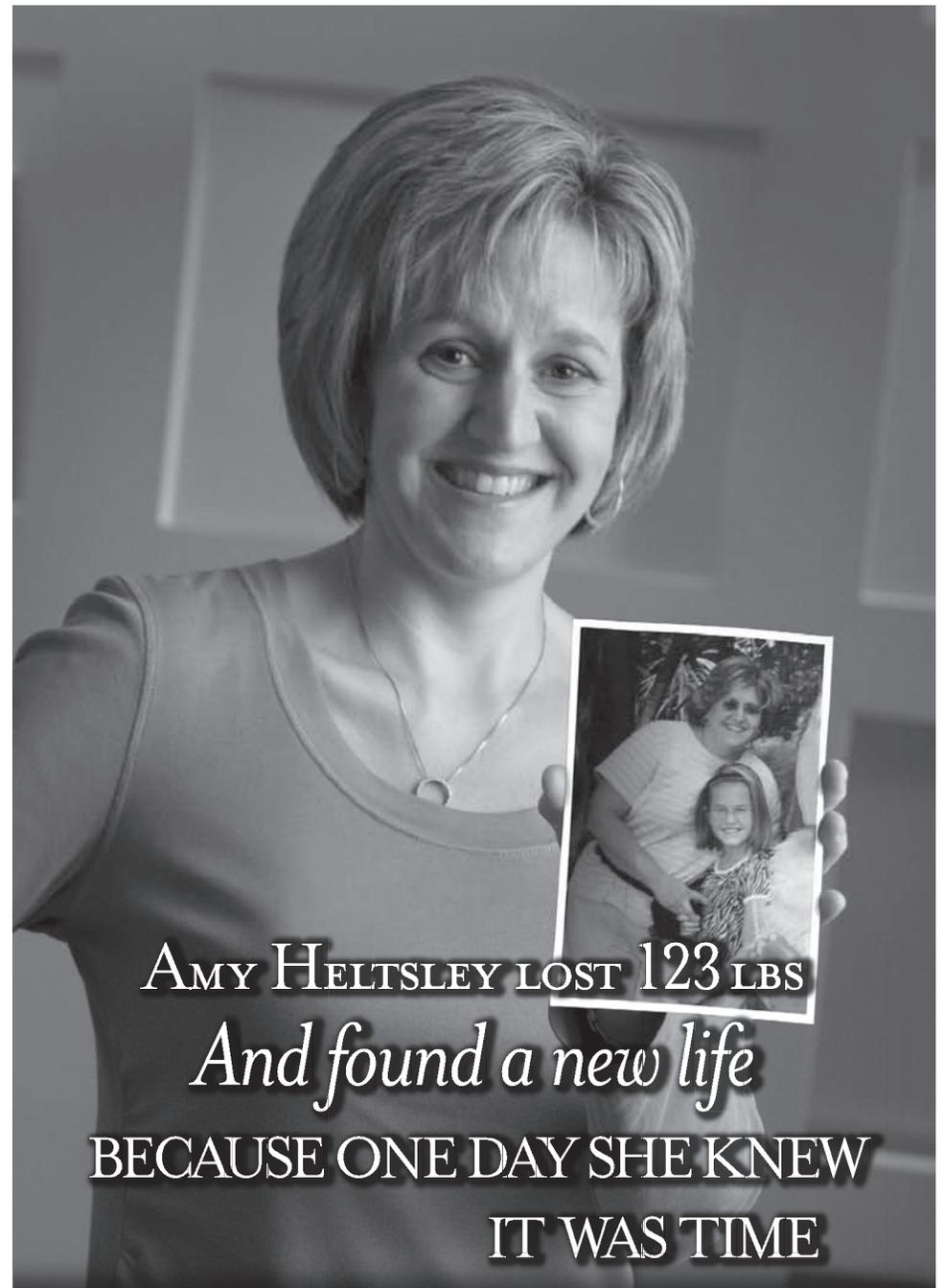
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Sports Notebook . . . with Alex Zener

Gymnast-turned-runner burns up track in 2 top meets



Shelby Brown: Racking up points at two major invitationals.

Kyrene Corridor athlete Shelby Brown is making quite a name for herself among high school distance-racing aficionados because of her accomplishments on the track.

Brown, a freshman at Xavier, has placed first this season in major track and field events in California.

She took first place in the 800 Meter Run and the 1600 Meter Run at the Great Oaks Invitational March 19, and first as part of Xavier's 4x1600 Relay Race at the Arcadia Invitational.

The invitational is considered by many to be the premier high school track event in the West. Brown ran the anchor leg of the seeded 4x1600 relay race with teammates Savannah Gaffney, Julianne Vice and McKenna Gaffney.

Brown took the handoff with her team in fifth place and ran a 5:17 leg to cross the finish line first out of 29 teams that initially qualified for the event.

Brown, who attended Aprende Middle School, quit gymnastics in favor of running.

"I've always had an interest in running, but I was busy with gymnastics," said Brown. "Then, in the seventh grade, I went out for the track team and did better than I thought. I quit gymnastics to do club track,



Alex Zener

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and I've never looked back."

Brown, who mainly runs the 800, 1600 and 3200 meter races, made Xavier's Top Ten list in the 3200 Meter Run, with the No. 10 time, from her first place finish in 11:18 at the Scottsdale Distance Classic at Saguaro High School April 1. She most recently finished fourth in the 3200 at the Division I state track meet.

Brown, the daughter of Kristy and Rob Brown, was more than surprised by her first-place finishes in her first big California track event, the Great Oaks Invitational March 19. She not only won the 800 and 1600 Meter ninth grade runs but had personal best times, as well.

"I was shocked when I came in first in the 800, five seconds ahead of the next runner," said Brown. "I mean, my coaches believed in me, but when I'm on the starting line, I start to second guess myself."

The 1600 Meter Run was much closer, with less than a second separating first and second place.

"During that race, I kept thinking that I'd worked too hard and I had come too far to just give up," said Brown.

"I knew what needed to be done. I just kept saying, 'you can do it, don't give up because you've come too far,' and I somehow pushed myself across the finish line first."

Brown qualified for the Division I state meet in the 3200 with the fourth highest qualifying time of 11:18.26. She is the only freshman from Xavier running in the state meet but she will have to run a great race to beat her three team mates who qualified with the top three 3200 times.

Brown trains all year, running cross country races in the fall. As a matter of fact, she has the fastest 5000 meter Arizona freshman time for the 2010 cross country season, according to milesplit.com.

Brown has high aspirations after high school, too. "I would love to get a scholarship to Stanford and continue running," said Brown. My goal is to place in

the top 10 in the PAC 10 for cross country."

Although Brown doesn't compete in any other sport besides running, she finds time to be involved in worthy causes. She recently cut 11 inches off her hair to donate to the Locks of Love, an organization that makes wigs for cancer patients.

Mid-season turnaround fails to score Optimism for next volleyball season

Aztec volleyball had a tough schedule in 2010-11, playing in a region that ultimately produced the 5A state championship team, Mesa Mountain View, plus two other serious contenders in Gilbert and Mesquite.

The team finished with a 9-10 regular season, 6-6 Central region and overall 24-15 record, including tournament matches, according to coach **Brynne Evans**.

"We started the season only taking 10th at the Chandler Tournament, but midway through the season we solidified as a team and took first at the Antelope Classic," said Evans. "We capped off the regular season with a great second-place finish at the Brophy Invitational, which was a huge improvement over our seventh place last year."

Although the Aztecs achieved outstanding results in their last two tournaments, their regular season record is what gave them a No. 15 ranking heading into the 5A state tournament.

"Unfortunately, we faced off against No. 2 seeded Hamilton in the first round of the state tournament," said Evans. "Hamilton played a fast-paced game, tak-

ing us out of our offense quickly."

"We struggled to get into a rhythm, and when we did get a run, it was usually to catch up," said Evans. "Hamilton defeated us 15-25, 21-25, 20-25."

The Aztecs honored three seniors, **Danyal Kadi**, **Sean Zwenger** and **Peter Rueckle**, at their last home game. Kadi was voted the Most Improved player for his hard work, effort and competitiveness, according to Evans.

"DK, as we called him, played only this season but he never stopped working to learn and improve," said Evans.

"Sean brought height for our blocking on the right side," said Evans. "As a left-hand hitter, he was able to use his lefty arm swing to put down a ball that was difficult for the opponents to defend."

"Peter was one of my most versatile players," said Evans. "He brought quickness to the game on both defense and offense. Opponents so respected his offensive skills that he always had the attention of a blocker, which allowed our other hitters to be open for kills at the net."

Next season's team will be a senior-dominant

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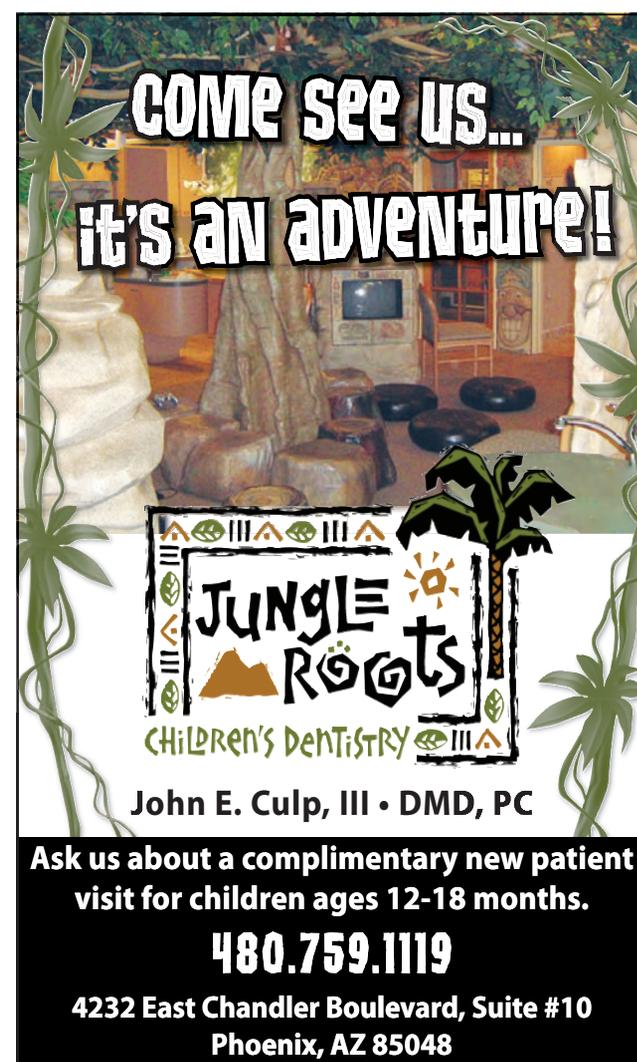
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squad, with six out of seven starters from this season returning. Three of those players received recognition by being selected for awards.

Alex Davis, outside hitter for the Aztecs, was named to Tempe's All-City team, Central Region first team and 2011 All-Arizona high school boys volleyball team second team.

Setter **Jake Nuneviller** also was named to Tempe's All-City team. He was awarded Honorable Mention in both the Central region and the All-Arizona team.

Charlie Haulde, libero, was Honorable Mention on both the Central region and All-Arizona high school boys volleyball team.

Other members of this year's team included **Matt Lim**, **Kyle Niemtschk**, **Gabe Encinas**, **Scott Burdick**, **Zac von Allworden**, **Matt Seall** and **Blake Pendleton**.

"Blake ended up playing our second outside hitter position which is not where I originally planned on playing him," said Evans. "He did a great job in understanding the need for consistency and placement, not always a big kill."

With 10 seniors predicted to be on next season's team, Evans will be looking for some young talent moving up from the JV squad to balance out the team and also to prepare for subsequent seasons. The returning players, plus sophomore **Nic Plott**, junior **Mitch Thomas** and freshman **Matt Lake**, are playing in a high school summer league organized by Mesa High School.

Corona Girls Tennis — The record that Corona's girls tennis team compiled over the regular season may have been considered good by any other standard but it's the two could-have-been wins that may have made a difference between a good and a great season.

The Lady Aztecs 11-5 record could have been 13-3 if they had won the close 4-5 losses at Hamilton and Highland. Regardless, the team had a great season, taking second in the Gene Autry Doubles Championship, repeating as the Tempe Union City Championship and making it all the way to the quarterfinals of the state team tournament before losing to eventual champion Tucson Salpointe 5-0.

Altogether, Corona qualified two doubles teams and two singles players

in the Division I state tournament.

Senior **Lauren Hacker** and sophomore **Maia Castiglione** entered as the No. 8 doubles seed and made it to the round of 16 before being defeated by the Hamilton team of Rizzi-Wise and Werkhoven.

Hacker, who is a three-time Tempe All-City Award winner, four-time AIA Scholar Athlete, four-time varsity team member, Most Valuable Team Player and 2011 class valedictorian will be playing tennis at Webster University in St. Louis next year.

Senior **Drew Blasco** and sophomore **Hannah Pfothauer**, the second CdS doubles team, defeated the Dobson team of Dinh and Swanson 6-1, 6-4 in the first round before losing to a Pinnacle team in the second.

Blasco had an overall 12-4 record this season, winning a number of key matches, according to coach **Carol Sandvig**. Blasco is a two-time Scholar Athlete, two-time Tempe All-City, 2011 Joe Selleh and Most Valuable Team Player Award winner who will be attending ASU's Barrett Honors College next fall.

Sophomore **Tien Tran** represented Corona in the singles tournament, losing in the second round. Senior **Yonit Upart** also played singles, advancing to the round of 16.

Upart is a three-time Tempe All-City award winner and three-time Scholar Athlete; she was elected by her

team as a Most Valuable Team Player and will be attending ASU's Barrett Honors College next fall.

Senior **Katherine Li** was elected by her team as the 2011 Most Improved Team player. She is a National Merit Scholar Finalist who will be attending University of Arizona next fall.

Hacker, Castiglione, Upart, Blasco, Pfothauer and Tran were also selected to the All-City 2011 team, and junior **Rachel McKay** was the Most Improved Varsity player, according to Sandvig.

Coach Sandvig is anticipating at least three spots open on her varsity team next season.

"I'm expecting fierce competition from Rachel McKay, **Joyce Wen**, **Nicole Courtney**, **Sarah Rutkowski** and **Shari Oke** to fill these three spots," said Sandvig. "Returning varsity players Castiglione, Pfothauer and Tran will have to make a big jump this summer to keep us among the elite teams next season. No spots are guaranteed."

Corona Boys Tennis — Corona junior **Alex Lawson** was recently named 2011 Player of the Year and part of the All-Tribune First Boys Tennis team. Lawson won this season's Division I singles state championship after already winning consecutive 5A-I state titles in doubles with **Kyle Ogren** in 2009 and 2010. Lawson switched to

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singles this season and never looked back after Ogren graduated. He played the entire 2011 season without losing a set until the championship match, when he lost to his USTA playing partner, Nicolas Montoya from Horizon, in the first set. Lawson then went on to win the next two sets and the singles state championship.

The Aztec boys tennis team compiled an 8-8 regular season record, playing some of the most competitive teams early on and losing the first four matches by five or more points.

"It was a brutally tough dual-match season but I was very proud of the effort put in all season long by the players," said coach Rick Wanta. "It would have been very easy for the players to get discouraged early in the season, but they realized the level of the competition, kept working hard and never lost focus."

The Aztecs finished second in the East Valley Invitational Doubles Tournament at Gene Autry Tennis Center earlier in the season and entered the state team tournament as the No. 11 seed.

Corona defeated the No. 6 seed, Mountain Pointe, 5-2 in the first round of the 5A-I state team tournament before losing in the second round to the No. 3 seed Hamilton 5-1.

The team also had three players qualify for the Division I state singles or doubles tournament besides Lawson.

Thaminda Edirisooriya defeated Joseph Kuban of Skyline, 6-1, 6-0, in the first round of the singles tournament before falling to Nathan Keso of Mountain Pointe.

"Thaminda put forth the extra effort for us all season," said Wanta. "He and **Divya Rayudu** played some great doubles during the regular season for us this year."

Rayudu played with **Kevin McMahon** in the state Division I doubles tournament, where they defeated the Desert Ridge team of Chacko and Sanchez 7-5, 6-4 before losing in the second round to Leclerc and Saleem of Desert Vista.

McMahon was awarded the Varsity Most Improved Player award, according to Wanta.

Entering the doubles tournament unseeded, **Ryan Wanta** and **Justin Zeien** won the first three rounds before eventually losing to the No. 7 seeded Horizon team of Morris and Rickman.

"I'm very proud of Ryan and Justin, both seniors and two-year lettermen, for making it into the round of 16 at the state doubles tournament," said coach Wanta.

"Justin is tied for 10th place in career wins in Corona history, with 105 wins and was this season's Joe Sellah Award winner."

"**Vamsi Varra**, our other senior, performed well in doubles all year long earning him his first varsity letter," said Wanta.

"Vamsi was also Corona's senior class valedictorian."

Losing three senior players, Wanta will be looking for some younger players to help out Lawson, who won the Varsity MVP award from his team, and the rest of the returning players next year. Wanta already has his eye on a few players to contribute to the teams success.

"**Conor Prindiville** should play an important role in next season's success," said Wanta.

"I'm also expecting good things from **Connor Harber**, **Pranav Balaji**, **Charles Wen**, and **Chris Lee** next year."

Meanwhile Wanta is expecting his players to spend the summer and potentially next fall taking lessons as well as playing USTA tournaments.



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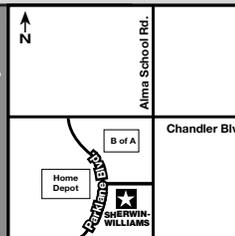
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As legal appearances span a wider range of age groups, author Anne Marreel helps ease the concerns of Kids in Court

By Alison Stanton

For more than 25 years, Anne M. Marreel has pursued careers as a social worker and an advocate for children's rights.

In her position with a local prosecution-based victim-services program, she has worked with dozens of children who have had to testify in court for one reason or another.

Some have been victims of a crime; others are enmeshed in a child-custody battle. All need help, and Marreel, a south Tempe resident, helps them to understand ahead of time what they will be expected to do and say once they arrive at the courthouse.

When Marreel was helping her sister Rosanne Carlson to move her classroom in an elementary school in Mesa,

she said she looked over the stacks of books available for kids, and was struck by an inspiration: she would write a book that would help introduce children to the court system.

She got busy writing, and about a month ago, Marreel's book, "Kids in Court," was published.

The book is currently available through amazon.com, barnesandnoble.com and Marreel's publisher, xlibris.com.

She also hopes to schedule book signings throughout the Valley.

"My goal is to make (court appearances) less scary to kids," Marreel said, explaining that the 24-page book guides children through the court system, from arriving at the courthouse

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and walking through a metal detector to entering the courtroom and learning about all of the people who work inside.

"There are characters like Jim the Judge, Bob the Bailiff and Carrie the Court Reporter," Marreel said.

"I explain what each one does, and get into things like some judges letting them bring a teddy bear with them, but others might not."

For example, Marreel explains in the book that, for Carrie the Court Reporter to do her job properly, everyone must answer questions with words as opposed to a head nod.

"The most important message of the whole book for kids is that when

they are testifying, they have to tell the truth," she said.

Marreel said the book is ideal for children ages 5 and up. Kids who can read can look through the pages on their own, but going over the book with a parent or teacher will help the adults understand the process as well.

So far, Marreel says, the reviews from kids and teens have been positive, whether or not they have been involved in a court case.

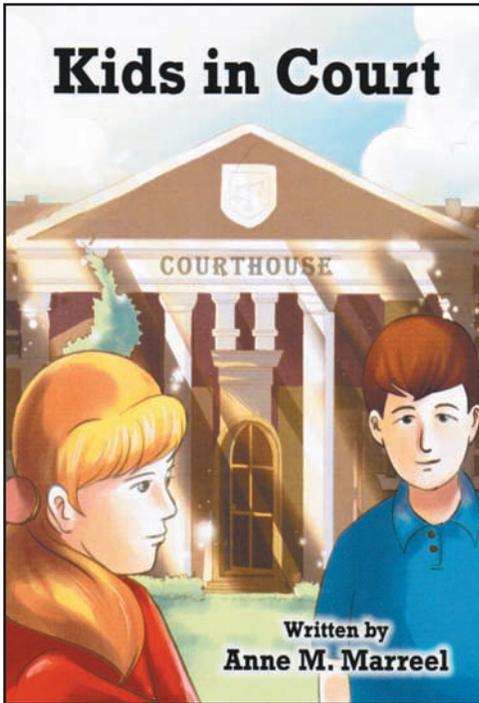
"Even if the child does not have to testify in a case, he or she might want to be a judge or lawyer someday, or serve on jury duty," she said.

Parents and teachers have also found the book to be helpful.

"I heard back from a parent whose child is involved in a court

case, and the mother thought it was fabulous," she said.

"That just makes it all worth it."



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Front lines in bullying war Teacher takes a pro-active role in promoting tolerance

Story & photo by Mark Crudup

Before summer break, students at Kyrene del Cielo Elementary School took up positions on the front lines of the bullying war.

Karen Smeltzer, a second-grade teacher at the school, said it's never too early to help kids learn that their words and actions can have an impact on each other.

To launch her program, Smeltzer organized an awareness day that brought in Corona del Sol High School

students to talk with her second graders.

"I think the kids really look up to the Corona students," she said. "Sometimes, it doesn't help to be a teacher: even though we're outside with them on duty, they don't tell us everything."

For the first time ever, student members of Corona's Unity Club came out to visit students during Smeltzer's awareness day, presenting skits on bullying and asking the second graders to reflect on how they would feel if they

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were picked on.

Smeltzer had contacted Corona to coordinate an activity involving its students and hers. Jan O'Malley, Corona's Unity Club sponsor, worked with Smeltzer to arrange the subsequent event.

"I thought, there has to be something to connect to here," Smeltzer said. "The Corona students said they wanted my students to walk away with the philosophy that they don't deal with bullies."

During one afternoon before school let out, Unity Club members walked from the Corona campus to Kyrene del Cielo to present skits on bullying to 90 second graders. It was clear that the younger kids knew the impact of negative words on peers, as they gasped with mouths open at the word "stupid" being used in the club's first skit.

The Corona students ended their presentation on



bullying by having Cielo students squeeze out tubes of toothpaste into a bowl. Then came the lesson: Once words come out, it's hard to take them back.

Melinda Vibber, another Cielo second-grade

teacher, said the Cielo staff is trying to help students understand the true meaning of bullying, a word that has become cliché in media.

"I think the word bullying is over-used, and kids don't understand what impact words have on each other," she said. "We're trying to define that better."

Vibber said having the Corona Unity Club leaders visit with the second graders gives them a huge motivation to act with kindness toward one another.

"They got really excited to have the Corona students come visit," Vibber said. "That's like college at their age, and they really look up to them."

Cielo Principal Mike Deginan has joined the anti-bullying effort with monthly 'Character Café' events, bringing in local professionals in a variety of careers to talk with students about character and respect.

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By Mark Crudup

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Joel and Taphi Neer, who have been Chandler residents for 17 years, started their dog-sitting business in early May.

With two dogs of their own and three being housed temporarily for friends, "We were in a situation where it was difficult for us to take any vacation time or visit friends," said Taphi. "I've always been

extremely picky when it comes to my dogs, and we just couldn't find a place where we could leave them while we were gone."

Taphi worked in human resources for 25 years, and was at a loss when it came to finding a pet boarding service where she felt comfortable leaving her dogs. Taphi and her husband have been lifelong companions to their four-legged family members and, after working in corporate America, they volunteered with the Humane Society, as well as for Campus for Compassion, a dog and cat adoption and animal rescue shelter in Phoenix.

Soon after, their love for man's best friend lured them into opening their own boarding center on the southwest corner of Chandler Boulevard and Kyrene Road.

"We want to do anything we can to support the dogs," Joel said. "We're trying to recreate kind of a living-room environment, so the dogs can get de-stressed and just hang out."

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Final hearing June 16 on property tax hike

By Mark Crudup

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Earlier this month, south Tempe residents addressed concerns during a city council workshop over the proposed hike, some arguing it would be a hardship on many residents.

However, Tempe Mayor Hugh Hallman said the increase would actually create a tax cut for homeowners. Property values have slumped to such a low in the midst of the real estate crisis, he said, that some residents' tax bills would actually decrease.

Some residents attending the meetings expressed concerns the tax would severely hit residents with fixed incomes.

The property tax rate increase was proposed in order to provide funds for the capital improvements program, said Ken Jones, director of finance and technology for Tempe.

During an earlier meeting in south Tempe, Jones said it is essential to implement an increase, allowing property taxes to "float over time," in accordance with Tempe property values.

Allowing the tax rate to float over time would essentially protect taxpayers from paying higher tax bills if their property values increase over coming years, he said. For several years, Tempe's property tax rate has remained fixed at \$1.40.



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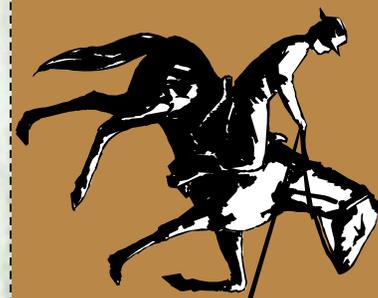
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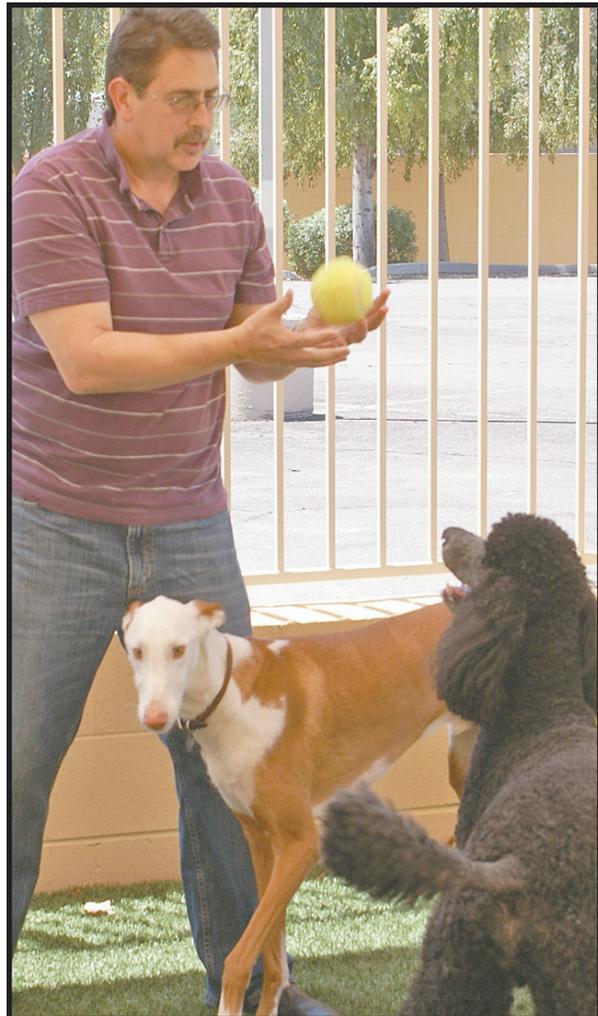
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Joel Neer, who with his wife Taphi owns Happy Tails Pet Resort in west Chandler, spends quality time with some of the pets vacationing in the couple's posh environs. — Wrangler News photo by Mark Crudup

misters to help them stay cool, Taphi said. A grass area nearby, which slopes into a center drain for easy clean-up, provides a clean and efficient relief area for visiting dogs.

"We have canine grass that is artificial," Joel said. "We pick up the solids and rinse all the liquids down the drain. It cleans up a lot better than regular grass."

Joel and Taphi, who are both certified in pet CPR and pet first aid, have two standard poodles that are always waiting to meet new furry friends that take a short vacation in the comfort of the Happy Tails environment.

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Student, teacher share first-place honors

Stephanie Ong, an eighth grader at Kyrene del Pueblo Middle School in west Chandler, is the national first-place winner of the Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association's InvestWrite student essay competition.

Stephanie claimed top prize for the middle-school division of the national competition.

Stephanie and her teacher, Darlene Abel, were presented with a trophy, prizes and award certificates by a representative of The Arizona Council on Economic Education at Pueblo's annual awards ceremony.

Able has taught eighth-grade social studies at Pueblo since 1995.

Winning students travel to New York on July 18 for a "Wall Street Experience" designed to make their virtual experience "real" by inviting them to tour fi-

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In her essay, Stephanie described a conversation with an imaginary stock, writing that the stock persuaded her it would be a good investment when she learned it was offered by Apple.

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Kyrene board reverses decision, approves original scheduling plan

By Mark Crudup

When classes start again Aug. 8, Kyrene District students will spend less time in physical education and music every week, and five minutes more in art.

Kyrene Governing Board members voted to change next year's scheduling for so-called special areas, including art, physical education and music, to 45 minutes each once a week. The 3-2 decision reversed the board's prior vote that would have made no changes in scheduling.

Following that earlier vote, Superintendent Dr. David Schauer scheduled a special meeting recommending adoption of the 45-minute model that had been discussed in a series of public meetings prior to the board's first vote. The 45-minute option, he said, would provide the most savings to help offset a \$5.3 million budget deficit for the 2011-12 school year.

Schauer's proposal cuts a small amount of time off the schedule that was in place for special-area classes last year: physical education and art twice a week for 30 minutes, art once a week for 40 minutes.

Schauer said he felt it was the district administration's responsibility to outline some of the outcomes that could result from the decision made by the board late last month that would have left the special area schedule unchanged.

"The last board-direction vote that we passed gave us very little flexibility, and so we were uncomfortable with that."

He said the 45-minute recommendation would provide the most savings of all models that were studied. Savings would be put toward additional classroom teachers and minimize major increases on class sizes.

"What we had talked about was to look at a class-size range," Schauer said.

The 45-minute model for music, physical education, art and library will help to lower the likelihood of increased class sizes, said Karin Smith, chief financial and operations officer for Kyrene.

The recommendation included \$1 million savings in increased class-size ranges, which would provide a more positive outcome for classes than the previous model approved by board members, she said.

The latest changes to the budget will save the district a total of \$2.1 million, Smith said.

The model will also provide \$360,000 to hire new staff to help meet increased enrollment predictions.

Kyrene Governing Board member Ross Robb made the final motion to approve the 45-minute model, following statements by parents and teachers who expressed concerns on limiting special-area classes to 45 minutes.

Robb said he did not agree that each special area needed equal amounts of time allocated during the week, adding that the board will need to come up with creative decisions in the future.

"There's certainly no doubt in my mind that we will be implementing a new special model (again) next year," he said.

Honors

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"It convinced me that it was a perfect stock for the savings that I'm setting aside for college because of the company's products and services, the stock's past performance and the well-being of the company's future."

Stephanie's winning essay was chosen through judging by thousands of teachers and industry professionals who evaluate students' analysis of asset allocation, the investment potential of various publicly traded stocks, their overall understanding of the stock market and the manner in which they express their investment ideas in essay form.



Stephanie Ong and her Pueblo Middle School teacher Darlene Abel.

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Diversions . . . with Mark Moorhead

Despite its shortcomings, 'Tree of Life' grows potentially classic roots

The specific subject of Terrence Malick's new film *The Tree of Life* is a mid-century, middle-class, middle-American family—dysfunction and tragedy played out in Norman Rockwell light.

Malick isn't big on specificity, though, and it wouldn't be an exaggeration to say that what he's really taking on with this movie is no less than the Meaning of Life, the inscrutable Fruit and Root of the title Tree.

Malick's story concerns the O'Briens, of boomer-era Waco, Texas: Dad (Brad Pitt), who gave up his dream to be a classical pianist for a career as an industrial engineer; the radiant and saintly Mom (Jessica Chastain); and

three boys. The eldest of these, Jack (played by Sean Penn as an adult and by the terrific Hunter McCracken as a preteen), is our point of view for most of the film.

It's an iconic American motif; what makes *The Tree of Life* different from innumerable other treatments is, first of all, Malick's narrative style. The story is given to us in elliptical fragments, mostly brief, often enigmatic, seemingly meant to suggest snatches of memory.

In its broader organization, it's also suggestive of a piece of symphonic music, with movements: a light and joyous passage devoted to the mother, a brooding one for the father, a turbulent one for the boy's sexual awakening, and so forth (the powerful score is by Alexander Desplat).

The past and the present, the dramatic and the trivial, are freely mixed with scenes of the characters wandering in expressionistic landscapes. It's

disorienting at first, and some of the questions that arise about exactly what's happened to the family remain ambiguous.

But the wisps and glimpses of the story accrue emotional force, and most of what's onscreen is superbly done—it includes, among other merits, one of Brad Pitt's best performances, a turn of almost Brando-like vibrancy. Still, what we aren't shown can be exasperating.

Secondly, *The Tree of Life* is remarkable for Malick's ambitiousness of scope: In addition to emotional conflicts—career and personal disappointments turn Dad from a stern and demanding but by no means unloving father to repressive tyrant—and coming-of-age drama, the family is also visited by heartbreak and loss.

They cry out to the Almighty, as people do in such times, with the Eternal Questions: "Who are You? What are we to You?" And Malick takes his unironic best shot at giving them, and us,

an answer, in visual terms.

The oddest branch on *The Tree of Life* is a lengthy, epic special-effects sequence depicting the formation of the Cosmos, and the development of life on Earth, from slimy blobs and worms to plesiosaurs and dinosaurs. It's a majestic free-standing episode, inevitably reminiscent, in atmosphere, of Kubrick's *2001, A Space Odyssey* (Kubrick's crony Douglas Trumbull reportedly worked on the effects), but what, you might well ask, does this titanic spectacle have to do with the O'Briens of Waco, Texas?

The question could be answered in more than one way. It could be that Malick is saying to the bereaved questioner, in the manner of a rationalist-era Voice of God to Job:

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I don't think, so, though. I think he's trying to put personal and family travails into a cosmic context—to suggest that our lives are every bit as important, in the grand scheme of things, as exploding suns and volcanoes and primordial monsters.

The film seems in some sense theistic in outlook, though not simple-mindedly so, and the point seems to be that human life and our interpersonal connections do have metaphysical or transcendental significance, even if we can't quite understand it.

Of course, Malick's depiction of The Grand Scheme of Things is just that—a de-

fiction. Your own sensibility will have a lot to do with whether it repels you or thrills you, whether it seems pretentious and presumptuous or an audacious and visionary use of the medium.

For me, it was the latter.

Malick, now 67, has made only five features as a director. His marvelous debut, 1973's *Badlands*, holds up as a classic; I've found most of his subsequent work interesting but diffuse.

But *The Tree of Life*, for all its loose ends and ramblings, strikes me as another that may still look like a classic four decades from now.

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Ask the Doctor

A new solution for severe shoulder pain

By Phillip Bennion, M.D.

According to the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons, more than 4 million Americans seek treatment for shoulder pain each year. Shoulder pain can be the result of an injury, or simply the wear and tear of daily life. Phillip Bennion, M.D., an orthopedic surgeon on the medical staff at St. Luke's Medical Center and Tempe St. Luke's Hospital, strives to get his patients back to their lifestyle through the relief of shoulder pain. Dr. Bennion provides answers to commonly asked questions and shares his expertise regarding an innovative new surgical procedure for severe shoulder pain.

Q: I've never had shoulder pain in my life. I've never injured my shoulder. Now, as I'm ready to retire and work on my golf game, I'm suddenly having problems. Why?

A: Shoulder pain doesn't have to be the result of an injury. Many times shoulder problems are caused by years of normal, daily living. For some people, a critical part of the shoulder, called the rotator cuff, simply wears out over time.

Q: What is the rotator cuff?

A: The shoulder is a ball-and-socket joint. The rounded portion of the upper arm is the ball and a shallow, dish-shaped structure attached to the shoulder blade is the socket. The rotator cuff is a network of four muscles and several tendons that form a covering around the top of the upper arm bone and help hold the ball of the upper arm bone firmly in the shoulder socket. Damage to the rotator cuff — either through an injury or the wear and tear of daily life — is a common cause of shoulder pain among adults.

Q: What are the options to repair my rotator cuff?

A: Treatment recommendations can range from medication and physical therapy to surgery, depending on the amount of damage to the rotator cuff and shoulder joint.

Q: What is reverse shoulder replacement?

A: If the rotator cuff is seriously damaged, either from severe arthritis or from an injury, one

option may be an innovative new procedure called reverse shoulder replacement. In reverse shoulder replacement, the structure of the shoulder socket and ball are surgically switched. That means a metal ball is attached to the shoulder bone and a plastic socket is attached to the upper arm bone. This allows the patient to use the deltoid muscle, instead of the torn rotator cuff, to lift the arm.

Q: Who is a candidate for reverse shoulder replacement?

A: Typically, reverse shoulder replacements are performed on patients age 65 or older. Many patients have been taking pain medications or receiving cortisone shots for years and have been told that they have to live with shoulder pain. Thanks to new technology, these patients have a new option. With the reverse shoulder replacement option, most patients regain full use of their arms and enjoy a pain-free return to their normal activities.

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Al Brown, ASU Environmental Technology Program Director of environmental research initiatives agreed.

"Mark is a real pioneer. Some of the people issuing permits at the city didn't even have automotive facilities on their radar when Mark started. He has a keen interest in sharing his knowledge of superior environmental management with not only his industry competitors and fellow industry members as well as the general public and students who are still considering their career path."

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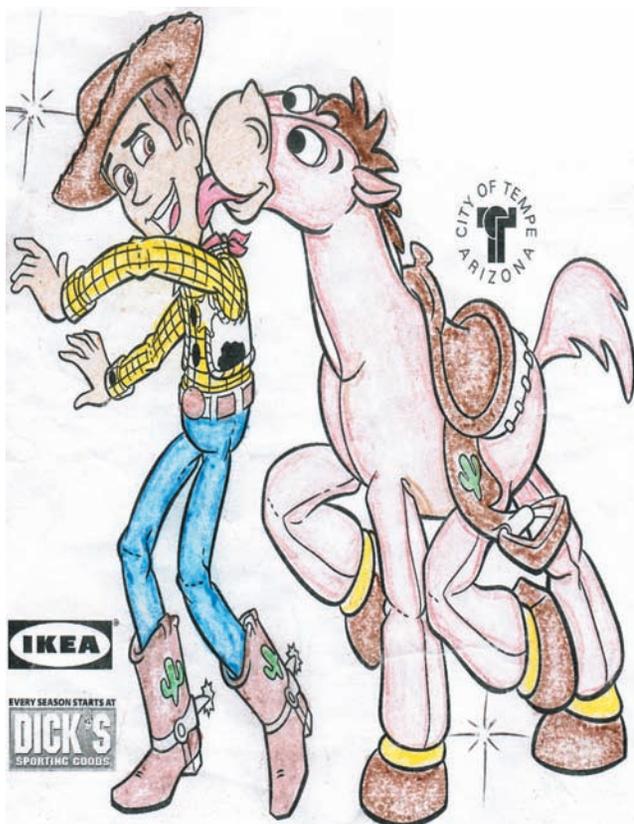


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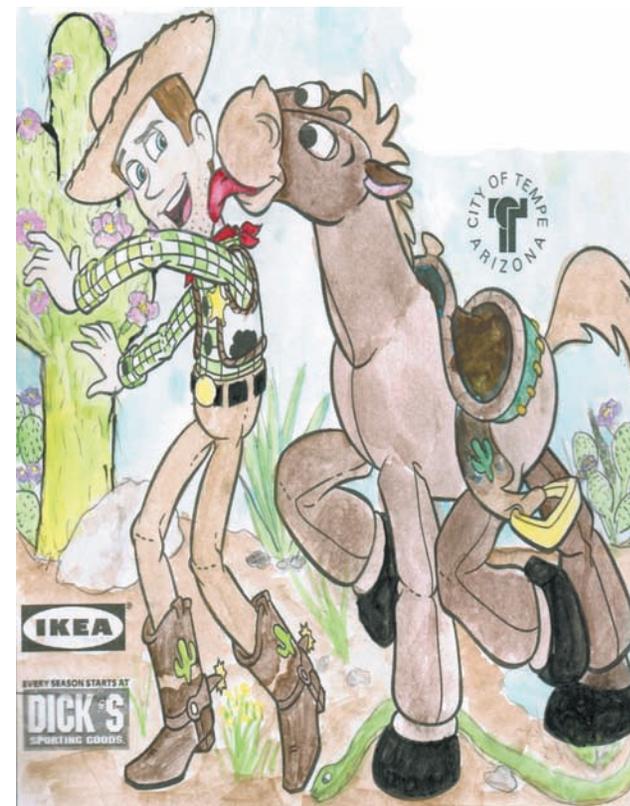
The city of Tempe's 2011 Movies in the Park series has come to an end, and with it an end to the series-long coloring contest provided by Wrangler News. This was the third consecutive year that Wrangler News has offered this popular spring coloring contest to local children. This year's participation was up from the previous two years, demonstrated by the 104 total entries. Special thanks to the city of Tempe for putting on this great series for families to enjoy. This year's winners were voted on by eight judges. Congratulations to the winners! And thank you all entrants. This year, we saw some phenomenal coloring creativity, making for an extensive judging process that was nothing short of intense. We really enjoyed reviewing all entries. Thanks, also, to those who donated prizes and sponsored the contest. Without the support of these local businesses, this contest would not be possible. Prize donors and sponsors include IKEA, Dick's Sporting Goods, Dairy Queen, Bridges Preschool, Tempe Parks & Recreation, Kiwanis Park, Tempe Kid Zone, Great Harvest Bread Co., and Fiddlesticks.



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