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Bo Dolinsek was all smiles as his Tempe South Little League team prepared for its run at this year's championships. More photos Pgs. 12-13 — Photo by Billy Hardiman for Wrangler News

## Baseball's boys of summer Tempe South, Chandler American Little League face off in season finals

*Our staff rookie Noah Kutz dropped in on opening night of the Little League championships at Tempe Sports Complex and found himself transported back to his own formative years in the Great American Pastime. His recollections herewith:*

By Noah Kutz

**I**t's incredible how familiar sounds and smells can cause us to reminisce on times past—memories most of us think of as “the good old days.”

The resounding crack of the bat, the smell of dirt and grass, the tumultuous cheers from spectators—they all transported me from the Little League game in South Tempe back to my earlier days on our community baseball team several years ago.

For many of us, the best part of summer nights was playing the game on a team or with our families and neighborhood friends.

Though I never realized it at the time, I can look back on those moments now and see how they truly

influenced my life growing up.

“It’s a really good experience for not only the kids but the families,” said Nick Bastian, dad to Cole and Will Bastian of the Tempe South All Stars team.

“Everybody comes together to support the teams and the clubs, all the way down to the little Kid Pitch games.”

From fans to teammates, character development and an atmosphere of camaraderie occur at each game and in every practice, which translates to their everyday lives at home.

Jane Hammer, coach of the Chandler American All Stars team, had a similar view:

“Part of what we teach these kids is it’s not all about being able to throw the ball 70 miles per hour or hitting home runs—it’s about being a team and being present and being your best self, not necessarily the best player on the field.”

On top of being a wife, mother and coach, Jane

also owns and operates a business, Jack of All Designs. Her son Carson has been playing the sport since he was four years old and plans on making it to the big leagues one day (and I can assure you, these kids have what it takes).

In retrospect, the times spent practicing, playing and hanging out with the team during our vacations were some of the moments that form the picture of my childhood in my head. The cultivation of teamwork and sportsmanship that ensued from those hot summer days are the things that I remember and look back on—not the correct way to stop a ground ball or swing a bat.

Truly, both parents and players who go through the Little League programs will be able to reminisce in their experiences and wish they could go back to the team meetings, community barbecues, sporting goods stores, practices, games and, quite simply, those good old days.

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# Sizzling summer prompts advisory from Chandler Regional ER doctor

By Diana Nelson

The summer swelter has arrived, and with it some sound advice to make sure you have plenty of your favorite icy beverages on hand along with an assortment of shady spots to retreat to.

And, of course, a refresher of the things you have learned in years past but may have forgotten.

Whether you're an Arizona native or new to the state, a few standard recommendations, coupled with a review of ways to avoid heat-related illness, are always in season, says emergency department physician Dr. Sandra Indermuhle of Dignity Health Chandler Regional Medical Center.

Indermuhle, a board-certified emergency-medicine physician at the west Chandler-based Dignity facility, offers specific advice on ways to avoid the health conditions that extreme heat can cause.

- If you exercise outside or perform yard work, be sure to do it as early as possible. Avoid being outdoors between 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.

- Staying hydrated is the Valley's mantra—and, because we live in an arid climate, it's required all year long. The usual guideline of 64 ounces of fluid a day is a minimum and should be increased during summer. So be sure to drink water or other clear



fluids that replenish electrolytes. Also, limit soda, caffeine and alcohol during any outside activity.

- Protect your skin by wearing sunscreen so that you don't allow yourself to get sunburned. Reapply after any extended time outdoors. Also, wear a hat, loose clothing and sunglasses whenever possible.

Be sure to never leave children or pets unattended in vehicles.

“Despite the usual warnings by the media to be mindful of the heat, there are plenty of people who

— HEAT, Page 22

## New exec, new vision Chandler rolls out a welcome mat to revitalized downtown

Chandler's downtown is now both "hip and historic," a revelation by observers that appears to be in full agreement with the slogan adopted recently by the Downtown Chandler Community Partnership.

The new branding strives to encompass the many shifts in an increasingly urban atmosphere. From a diverse list of restaurants, bars, a brewery and a special coffee house—with beans sourced exclusively from a family farm in Brazil—it all blends into the recipe for a unique destination.

Arriving just in time to further capitalize on the downtown momentum is Mary Murphy-Bessler, who was named executive director of DCCP in April. Her varied local experience includes stints in Phoenix, Scottsdale and at the Downtown Tempe Authority.

Previously, she worked for 12 years as chief exec of the Longmont Downtown Development Authority in Longmont, Colorado and, earlier, in Burlington, Vermont.

With her acquired skills in economic development, special events and municipal government, Murphy-Bessler moves easily in this new, multi-faceted role, capable of responding to the needs of various organizations from the City to local business owners and the Chandler Chamber of Commerce.

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## Tempe development projects that legally used a key, state-sanctioned development incentive can continue

*Editor's note: The city of Tempe provided the following commentary relating to an announcement from Arizona Attorney General Mark Brnovich regarding a lawsuit over a method used by Tempe to help stimulate economic development.*

The Arizona Attorney General's Office has decided not to proceed with the lawsuit it sent to the Arizona Supreme Court, which was intended to determine whether the City of Tempe's use of a particular development incentive has been legal. As a result, both parties have signed an agreement to settle the matter.

None of Tempe's existing leases that employed the Government Property Lease Excise Tax (GPLET) tool will be impacted or need to be redone. Tempe's prior use of the tool is interpreted by the city to have been done legally, as the Attorney General's Office would not otherwise have allowed the past development deals to continue as part of the settlement, said Tempe City Attorney Judi Baumann.

Instead, via the settlement agreement, the lawsuit ends without determination of legality.

As part of the settlement, Tempe has agreed to rework the agreements for two projects that had not yet gotten to the phase of having signed leases. Those pending projects will no longer be able to use a so-called "grandfathered" GPLET rate that was legal in 2010, so the city will work with the developers on options.

Under the settlement, the city can continue to employ the updated GPLET tool with other future projects.

One of the past GPLET arrangements that continues under the settlement is related to Bank of the West's expanded Arizona presence in Tempe, which aims to bring 1,000 new, high-paying jobs to Tempe. It's a project trumpeted—with a city-approved GPLET—by Gov. Doug Ducey in 2017 and for which the state of Arizona contributed \$3 million in state grants.

Arizona municipalities have few choices when it comes to state-authorized economic development tools that ensure they can compete nationally and internationally to bring jobs to the state, said Mayor Mark Mitchell, adding that Tempe has responsibly used development tools and the community has benefited.

Mayor Mitchell pointed to the

Union Tempe development by The Opus Group, which is under construction at a former parking lot at Seventh Street and Myrtle Avenue in downtown Tempe. As a parking lot, it generated about \$125,000 annually in taxes to the state, county, city and school districts.

Thanks to an eight-year GPLET, the developer was able to create an even better project that, over the first 20 years after it opens, is expected to generate \$110 million in property, sales and bed tax revenue. Once the development is back on the property tax rolls after eight years, it will take less than three months to generate an amount of tax revenue that exceeds the total amount of the abated taxes.

"Tempe, the region and the state benefit from quality economic development projects," said Mitchell, adding that Tempe residents are his highest priority. "We are ultimately doing all of this for a single purpose: to create an even more healthy and self-sufficient city for our residents. We get great jobs, and stable and increasing city revenues allow us to maintain streets, update parks, provide social services and bring new amenities that enrich quality of life."

### Complaint and lawsuit included unfortunate, unproven assertions

Rep. Vince Leach, whose state legislative district includes cities such as Marana and Oro Valley, filed a SB 1487 complaint threatening to take away Tempe's state-shared revenue, which is vital to funding essential services such as public safety. He alleged that Tempe's use of GPLETs was illegal.

As the Attorney General's Feb. 1 Investigative Report laid out within weeks of Leach's complaint, most of the allegations were determined to be meritless. Among other findings, the Attorney General's Office determined that Tempe's Ordinance 39 did not violate state law and that it could not determine if Tempe's Ordinance 48 was legal. The report indicated, "another plausible reading of the GPLET Rate Statute exists, which the City has offered...the office cannot conclusively declare this reading of the GPLET Rate Statute to be mistaken."

Instead of deciding at that point, the Attorney General elected to ask the

## Prominent attorney named Tempe Chamber Business Woman of Year

Darin Sender has been named 2018 Business Woman of the Year by the Tempe Chamber of Commerce, having been honored at the organization's 23rd annual Leadership Conference & Expo.

Sender is an AV-rated attorney and president and founder of Tempe-based Sender Associates.

The rating, by Martindale-Hubbell, the largest and most comprehensive source of lawyer ratings in the world. The "A" portion indicates the highest possible rating for legal ability, while the "V" portion indicates adherence to the highest standard of professional conduct.

The ratings are based on confidential evaluations submitted by lawyers and judges.

In addition to her work as a zoning attorney, Sender also teaches zoning and land use law in the Master of Real

Estate Development program at the W.P. Carey School of Business at ASU. She was named legal Leader of the Year in 2017 by the Phoenix Business Journal and a member of Tempe Leadership Class 15. She also has served on the board of the Downtown Tempe Community and Tempe Planning Commission.

"The Business Woman of the Year award recognizes the valuable contributions that Darin has made to the business community," said Anne Gill, president and CEO of the chamber.

"Her hard work and dedication have made an impact that we are proud to recognize."

Other finalists recognized at the event were Tracy Bullock, president of Bullock Training & Development, and Melody Elkin, owner of Sweetest Season Bakery & Café.

## Ghost Ranch hoping to scare up employees at job fair thru July 7

A new South Tempe steakhouse slated to open later this summer at the northeast corner of Warner and Rural roads is hoping to recruit 50 employees to serve as line cooks, prep cooks, servers, bartenders, host/hostesses and supervisors.

A job fair will be held at the nearby Tempe Public Market Cafe 9 a.m.-11 a.m. and 1 p.m.-4 p.m. Thursday, July 5.

More interviews will be held 9 a.m.-12 p.m. and 2 p.m.-5 p.m. Friday, July 6; and 9 a.m.-12 p.m. plus 2 p.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, July 7.

The new restaurant is the latest project from brothers and business partners Aaron and Dave Chamberlin,

who earlier this year opened Tempe Public Market Café in the same plaza.

Ghost Ranch will serve Southwestern fare such as steaks, ranch beans and taco platters.

Those aiming to be a part of the team should bring a resume and come prepared for multiple interviews.

Ideal candidates will have previous restaurant experience as well as a clear understanding of what it means to provide exceptional and consistent service.

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# Onetime Corona star has 'a blast' shaking up San Jose Earthquake squad



Former Corona athlete Matt Bersano shows off his winning form as a player for the San Jose Earthquake soccer team.

By Omar Soussi

**P**laying at the highest level of your profession is something that every young athlete wants, regardless of what sport they play. One of those who achieved that desire is San Jose Earthquake goalie Matt Bersano, a former student at Corona del Sol High School.

Bersano said that "he has a blast everyday" playing for the Earthquakes and in Major League Soccer.

"It makes training very fun," Bersano said. "Just with the caliber of the league and how much the league...has improved over the last decade or so, it's a fantastic time to be a part (of soccer) in America."

For Bersano, growing up in a soccer family and playing the sport since he was three help set him on this path, he said.

"My brother played, my dad coached—it was always engrained in us," Bersano said. "A lot of my best friends came through the sport and it was one of those things where, as I got older, I started to truly enjoy it. I had some success at a young age and I kind of just sprung with that."

Though Bersano is a local talent in Arizona, he's been around the country playing the sport he loves. He went to Oregon State University to play at the collegiate level, then, in 2015, transferred to Penn State to work on his master's degree.

He has six months left until he completes the advanced degree with the same scholarship he had.

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it was best for his career and a “no-brainer” to not rush into the league given, the career lifespan a goalie could have.

He began his MLS career earning a contract with the Seattle Storms after trying out for the team. When that contract was finished, he was given a multi-year deal to play in San Jose in 2016 as a backup.

Bersano said the biggest difference between playing in college and in the professionals is the length of each season. With college having a season going for three to four months, then taking multiple breaks within training during the off-season and summer, the MLS goes from January to November.

“You’re grinding for 10 months at a time, potentially 11 months,” Bersano said. “My first year, I was with the Seattle Sounders and they made it all the way to the MLS finals; that turns it into a season where you end up having a four- or five-week offseason, and that’s it.”

With the amount of effort and time someone would have to commit to play, Bersano said, it shows you how much you truly love the game.

“You kind of weed out a lot of the people who are in the sport just to say they’ve done it, because a lot of people hit that time and your body hurts,” Bersano said.

“I’ve always had ankle problems, so you start having sore knees. I broke a couple of bones in my hand my first year. Your body can only take so much. You kind of learn what you need to do to recuperate and be the best professional you can be,” he said.

“That first (to second) year is where you weed out a lot of those people who like the game but maybe



don’t live and breathe it.”

Though he isn’t starting right away—when he signed on to the team he was competing with three other goalies—he said he’s completely focused on getting himself better and making sure he’s ready when his number is called.

“You want to go and...impress every day. I was first-team training all the time, so these first-team coaches, every single one of them, they know me on a regular basis. But you’re still technically on the

second team,” Bersano said.

“So you have this motivation. We’re all such competitors that we want to rise, and get whatever position we can, so getting my shot near the end of the year and getting those two games in and being able to play and play well was kind of the payback that I got for just working hard and keeping my mouth shut and being a good teammate.”

When looking back at his time at Corona, Bersano said he was “super thankful for his time there”—not only the education he got but his time on Corona’s team. He says he saw immediate success, becoming the starting goalie for the varsity team as a freshman, which he said is “every child’s dream.”

He also says that Corona gave him plenty of great friends that he still has to this day.

Though soccer isn’t as big a sport in the United States compared to football or basketball, it’s grown exponentially in the past few years.

With attendance records being broken and the growth of fan interest, in Bersano’s eyes, the sport is on the rise.

That, coupled with the big impact sports has on people’s lives, that best advice Bersano says he could give someone chasing this dream is to fully commit to the game as what you give is what you get.

“If you want to make this a career, there will always be some sacrifices,” Bersano said. “You’ll always have choices to make. You’ll get what you put into it. If you truly want this to be something that you value, something that you can potentially get that (college) scholarship or even rise to the MLS and get these opportunities, then what you put in (influences) what you will get out.”



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# Response

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Arizona Supreme Court to determine the matter of Ordinance 48's legality through a lawsuit.

"There is adequate ambiguity to warrant pursuing a special action in the Arizona Supreme Court," the office wrote.

The Arizona Department of Revenue and Arizona Auditor General had already sanctioned the development project associated with Ordinance 39 prior to the complaint's filing, as well as the city's past leases with the grandfathered GPLET rate.

## Schools are held harmless in all GPLET agreements

Tempe schools never lose money in a GPLET deal, the city has maintained.

A GPLET is a tool authorized by state law that allows cities and counties to transfer a privately

owned development to city ownership in order to vary tax rates or to exempt the project from property taxes during a limited time period that is typically eight years.

Some projects pay an excise tax during this time; some projects are exempted from the excise tax for a portion of the GPLET period. Some projects never receive a tax abatement at all.

When a given development comes back on the property tax rolls, it brings in substantially more property taxes than it previously did when the site was a vacant parcel or underdeveloped building – and it may lower the property tax bills of other property owners.

Tempe school districts continue to collect a level amount of property taxes during the term of a GPLET.

Many projects also make cash donations to school district foundations – including Bank of the West, which gave \$50,000 to the Tempe Union Education Foundation.

In addition, schools benefit in bonding for their needs when the community's overall assessed property valuation increases because of quality development.

## GPLET leads to success stories

Success stories such as Tempe Marketplace, Centerpoint on Mill Avenue, development around Tempe Town Lake, and many more projects, would not have been possible without the GPLET tool.

According to the city's annual resident satisfaction survey, from 2007 through 2017, residents have consistently rated "economic/business development" among the highest-priority city services.

Residents want high-quality jobs and they want to work where they live. Each project that comes to Tempe brings vital tax revenues that stabilize the city's ability to maintain and improve its facilities, roads, programs and services.

Each potential use of the GPLET is carefully evaluated based on the impact of the project, its value to the city, job creation, possible tax revenues, public parking and more.

In each case, a GPLET is offered only if the city has established, by examining a project's financials, that it would not otherwise be able to be built without the incentive. Many developers are turned away for not measuring up. GPLETs are also performance-based, so the benefit to the project is only realized when it is built and occupied.

More information about the Bank of the West GPLET (<https://bit.ly/2Km9OU9>) demonstrates Tempe's diligence in getting the maximum benefit for its residents if companies under-perform on expected growth.

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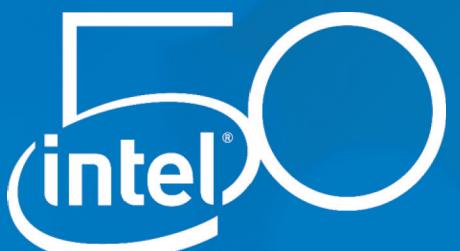
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# The ever-amiable omelet: Still a favorite, and that's no yolk

*EDITOR'S NOTE: The once regular musings of our longtime Discerning Diner have remained absent from these pages for a number of years, but not from our readers' memories. Thus, by request, we occasionally resurrect one of her earlier contributions, read it carefully in case updates are needed, and serve it up in a spot that, despite our ongoing search for a replacement, has never been filled by a contributor with such flair, style and panache. Here, reappearing a decade or more later without the need for a single edit (eggs are still very much on our minds, of course) is our Discerning Diner's word-portrait of the art of making an omelet.*

Whenever I'm too tired or busy to make an elaborate dinner—which has been most of the time lately—I'll often turn to what is my “old standby,” the omelet.

Omelets, which I started making in high school, were my first true specialty. Before then, I had never really cooked on my own.

But on Saturday mornings, my mom wasn't interested in superintending the kitchen. So I had license to cook up a storm before

settling in for cartoons—provided, of course, that I cleaned everything up when I was done.

My first instruction in the dish came from the *Joy of Cooking*, which offered three full columns of sober instruction on the art of omelets.

Wow. I hadn't known that there *was* an art of omelets. And the ethereal creations they described were nothing like the heavy restaurant omelets I'd been eating all my short life.

Although I didn't achieve omelet nirvana until five or six years later, thanks to the *Joy of Cooking*, I knew that it had to exist. And now I can offer my own advice on attaining it.

Before you begin, you have to know what you're aiming for, and that might be the hardest part of all. Frankly, if you've found a great French omelet at a restaurant—any restaurant—you've had better restaurant luck than me.

The classic, oft-quoted description of an omelet is from the French chef Auguste Escoffier, who called it “scrambled eggs enclosed in a coating of coagulated egg.”

Maybe it sounds better in French. But his point is that an omelet is a delicate creation: two distinct, yet inseparable, textures skillfully coaxed from the same couple of eggs.

Unfortunately, this fragile omelet just can't stand up to a ton of fillings. So if you're picturing a massive omelet stuffed with ham, cheese and onions, get it out of your head. Such a meal is better made as a frittata, which is another column entirely.

You'll need a nonstick pan. Eight or nine inches is a good diameter for a single-serving omelet, and omelets are best made as single servings.

If you're particularly hungry, or would like a little culinary leeway, use three large eggs. Two-egg omelets are trickier to handle, but they're proportionally more glorious.

Crack the eggs into a bowl and beat them lightly with a fork. Have your fillings handy: a scant 1/4 cup of grated cheese, a few tablespoons of sour cream or some thin strips of smoked salmon—you get the idea.

Now melt a scant tablespoon of butter in your nonstick pan over medium heat, swirling the pan to



distribute the butter evenly.

Pour in the beaten eggs. With one hand, hold the pan an inch or two above the heat source and rotate it back and forth, just as you swirled the butter before. With the other, stir the eggs with the flat side of a fork.

When the eggs begin to set, switch from a fork to a flat spatula. Lift the edges of the forming omelet and pull them toward the center of the

pan, meanwhile allowing uncooked egg to run onto the pan's hot surface.

When the omelet is a cohesive whole, but still quite moist on top, lay your fillings in a line down the center.

Here's where the pros use a swift jerking motion of the pan to "roll" the omelet. But I'm not a pro.

I use the spatula to carefully lift and fold one side of the omelet, then the other. Note that you want to fold it in thirds, like a letter, not in half.

If your omelet seems to be a little runny inside, remove it from the heat and let it sit in the hot pan for a minute. But don't overdo it: an omelet should never be tough.

Finally, flip the omelet seam-side down onto a waiting plate. Enjoy it immediately, perhaps with a glass of champagne.

Come to think of it, the combo's not bad for breakfast, either.

## Parks board veteran replaces Nora Ellen on Chandler council

Chandler City Council members have voted unanimously to appoint Jeremy McClymonds to succeed Nora Ellen, who vacated her seat on the council to run for election to the Arizona Legislature.

McClymonds will serve through January 2021.

McClymonds has been a member of the city's Parks and Recreation Board since 2017 and was chairman on the Vote Yes on Prop. 493 campaign, which successfully advocated for voter approval of the Chandler General Plan in 2016.

He is past Chairman of the Board for the Chandler Chamber of Commerce and currently serves as the Chamber's Business/Membership Development Board Chair.

He also is the Membership Development Board Chair of the Chandler Compadres and serves on the board of the Kiwanis Chandler Young



Professionals.

McClymonds has more than 20 years of professional experience in finance, sales and management.

He is a financial advisor and principal owner of FORM Prosperity Wealth Advisors, a Chandler-based business.

He and his wife Sheila and their children, Jeff and Gabrielle, have called Chandler home for 15 years.

His appointment concludes the application and interview process to fill the City Council vacancy.

The Chandler City Council reviewed 36 applications during an executive session on June 11 and interviewed nine applicants during a special meeting on June 25.

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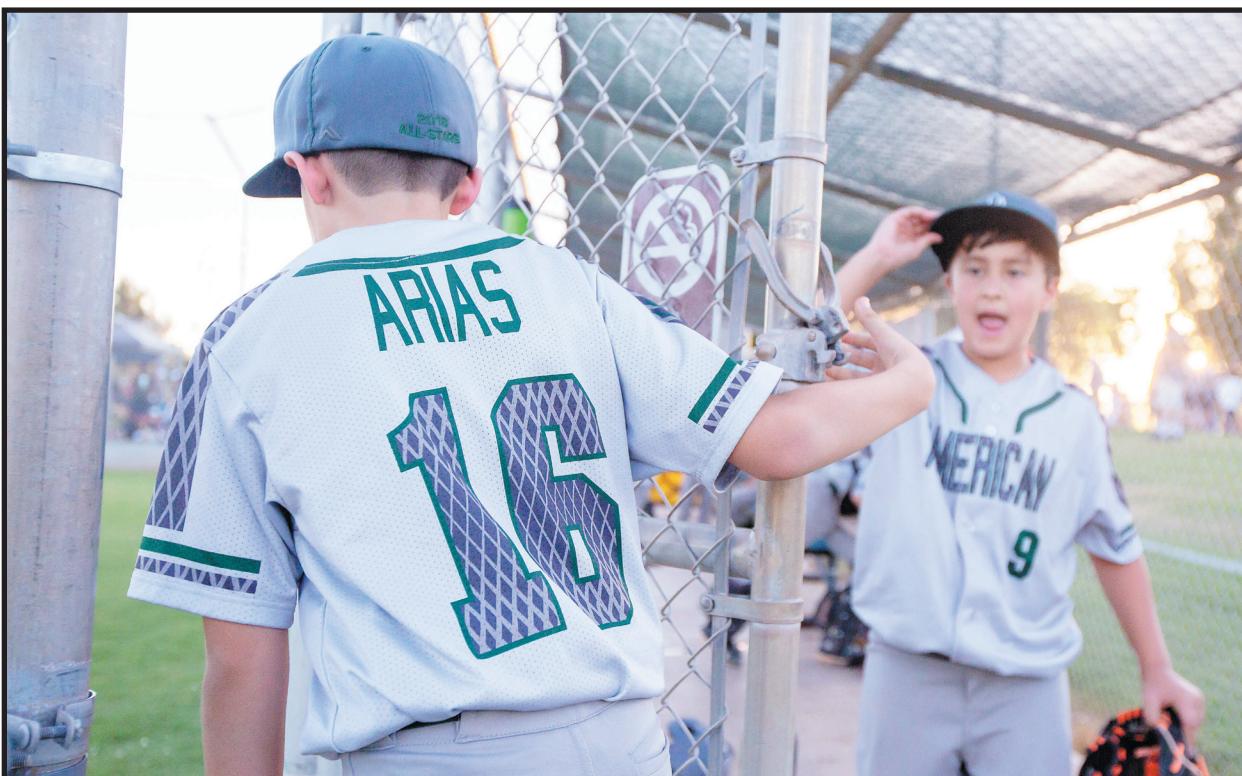
# Little League, Bi

**The District 13 playoffs** were in full swing at Tempe Sports Complex as the district's seven teams faced off for a chance to compete in the Little League All Star State tourney next January.

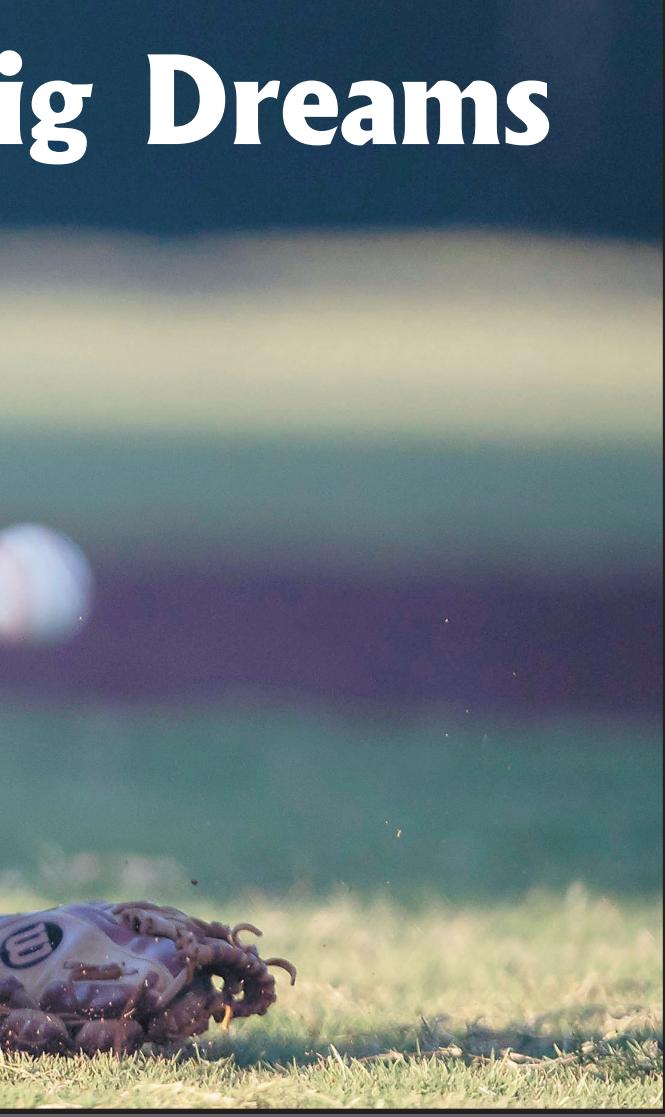
Clockwise from upper left:

Chandler South player Christopher Snowden dives for a ball; Malcom Flynn of Tempe South stands vigilant; members of the Ahwatukee team take in the action; a loyal Tempe South fan's car proudly declares support for his favorite team; Chandler American players Max Arias and Rafael Garcia.

— Billy Hardiman for Wrangler News



# Big Dreams



# Sports

with Alex Zener

## Team gallops off to PONY nationals; Pearsall, Peet contemplate new roles

*Photo on Page 16*

Twelve young 10 to 11-year-old baseball players make up the 2018 Chandler All Star team chosen to represent Chandler Youth Baseball in the PONY National League tournament to be held July 18-22 in Walnut, Calif.

The goal of this Chandler All Stars team, who play in the PONY Bronco 11 Division, is to qualify for the PONY League World Series being held July 27-30 in Chesterfield, Va.

They have already played in one tournament, June 14-17 in Scottsdale. They will need to do well in this Walnut tournament to be able to play in the World Series.

The top 12 players chosen during the tryouts held at the end of the spring season include 11 boys and one girl.

**William Bates**, who wears No.

87, plays the pitcher and short stop positions along with No. 13, **Jackson Durham**, who is also one of the pitchers who also plays third base.

The team has three other players who can pitch in addition to playing other positions on the team: No. 14, **Bronson Hartley**, who also plays in the outfield; No. 35, **Shelby O'Donnal**, who can play first base when not pitching; and No. 51, **Jaedyn Warne**, who plays in the outfield when not on the pitcher's mound.

The team has two players who play the catcher position: No. 21, **Jimmy Holloway** and No. 3, **Enrique Rannow**.

No. 18 **Xavier Kellywood** plays first base while No. 7, **Jace Bernal**, plays on second base.

**Joshua Chappell**, No. 42, plays in the outfield along with No. 8, **Dylan Flores**, and No. 10, **Matthieu Pangan**.

**Chad Hartley**, **Bill Durham** and **Charles Chappell** are the coaches.

Each team at the Walnut tournament is guaranteed to play a minimum of three games, even though it is a double elimination tournament. The games will be broadcast for listening only under the USA Zone Tournaments West Zone through the PONY website, [www.pony.org/](http://www.pony.org/).

The brackets will be posted daily at [https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/158BZyIPNBqgnMMeL5fRyzIVltS8mSwfIUwurCfT\\_pkc/edit#gid=1](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/158BZyIPNBqgnMMeL5fRyzIVltS8mSwfIUwurCfT_pkc/edit#gid=1). This dedicated group of players and coaches are self-funded so donations are welcome through a Go Fund Me account at [www.gofundme.com/chandler-allsstar-pony-tournament](http://www.gofundme.com/chandler-allsstar-pony-tournament) or contact Honey Kellywood at 480-721-2802.

### Ricky Pearsall Commits to ASU

**Ricky Pearsall**, the leading receiver on Corona's football team last season, recently verbally committed to play football at Arizona State University in 2019 after getting offers from Air Force, Hawaii, Idaho, New Mexico State, Northern Arizona, UC Davis and South Dakota State.

ASU was his first Pac-12 offer and he jumped on it based on the coaches,

school and the accessibility of his family, friends and supporters to watch him play.

Pearsall, who averaged 15.6 receptions for an average of 115.3 yards a game, accepted ASU coach **Herm Edwards'** offer on June 18.

The 6-foot-2, 2005 pounds wide receiver became only the second in-state high school football player to commit to ASU for 2019.

Although Pearsall was the leading scorer on the team with 80 of the 200 total points Corona scored last season, he is probably remembered most for his break-out game against Gilbert on Oct. 18 when he had 14 receptions for a total of 342 yards, scoring five touchdowns or 30 points.

Football obviously runs in his genes. His father, Ricky Pearsall Sr., played at Northern Arizona University, where he was a Division I-AA All-American as a kick returner in 1996.

Two players from Marcos de Niza, **Torren Union** and **J.J. Hill**, are on azcentral.com's list of potential high school football recruits in 2019. Union, at 6-foot-1-inch, 175 pounds is a wide receiver and a defensive back for the Padres.

Hill, at 6-foot-4-inches, 250 pounds, plays tight end, offensive line and defensive end at Marcos.



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**Cassius Pete**

The college football saga of former Corona del Sol two-sport star athlete Cassius Peat's tenacious desire to play Division I college football continues.

Pete, who is probably better known as being a member of each of four Aztec basketball teams that won four consecutive Division I state basketball championships from 2011-2015, was highly recruited to play college football.

His journey has been an unexpected one, to say the least. The most recent reports have Pete, who currently only has two years left of Division I college eligibility, signing a letter of intent to play defensive end this fall at Virginia.

How this promising college football recruit ended up signing with Virginia three years after his college football career started is one for the record books.

Pete, while a senior at Corona, verbally committed to play at UCLA in Oct. 2014 but continued to be recruited after having in-home visits from Michigan State and Texas A&M that fall. After a Michigan State official visit, Pete changed his mind in February 2015 about playing at UCLA and signed a letter of intent on National Signing Day to play at Michigan State.

In the fall of 2015, Pete was redshirted his freshman year at Michigan State. In the spring and summer of 2016, Pete, who was changing positions from defensive end to defensive tackle, left the Michigan State program for personal reasons before the fall semester starts and returned to Arizona.

Pete then enrolled at Pima Community College but did not play football. He concentrated on his school work and staying in football shape with a personal trainer in order to play Division I football in the fall of 2017.

In the winter of 2016-17, Pete committed to UCLA to play football in the fall of 2017, but then Michigan State contacted him again.

He visited the Spartans and recommitted to play in East Lansing instead of UCLA in 2017. Pete was in the process of planning his move to Michigan during the summer of 2017 when the Spartans told him not to come.

After scrambling around for another Division I university to recruit him to play football so he did not miss the 2017 season, Pete decided to play football at Scottsdale Community College, after visiting Indiana.

He did not want to go three years without playing a football game.

Everything seemed to be looking up for Pete in September 2017. He was playing at Scottsdale, getting his academics in order and was ranked as the No. 7 overall junior college prospect in the nation. He received scholarship offers from Oklahoma, USC, Louisiana Tech, Texas A&M, Houston and LSU, just to name a few.

Unfortunately, Pete was able to play only two games at Scottsdale due to an injury. Adding insult to injury, so to speak, he lost a year of eligibility by playing those two college games last fall.

Then Pete's former defensive coordinator at Michigan State took a job coaching at Florida State. There was talk about a possible offer from Florida, but nothing came through.

Then, on Jan. 28, Pete announced on Twitter that he is fulfilling a childhood dream of staying home to go to school and play football at Arizona State University.

The only catch, it appeared, was that ASU wanted him to walk on. No scholarship offer, that first year, anyway.

On the weekend of June 3, the 6-foot-4, 280-pound Pete quietly signed a letter of intent to play at Virginia in the Atlantic Coast Conference which he announced on Instagram.

It has been a long up and down journey for the younger Pete, who should be relatively close to his older brother while playing at Virginia. Andrus is an offensive lineman for the New Orleans Saints.

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# Diversions

with M.V. Moorhead

## 'Ant-Man's antics serve up some hilarious moments in pursuit of biting comedy

**C**onspicuously absent from the cosmic struggles of April's *Avengers: Infinity War* was Ant-Man. But the Marvel superhero, here teamed with his flying counterpart of the title, is kept very busy indeed in this sequel to his 2015 debut.

Ant-Man's form-fitting suit allows him to instantly resize himself, and other objects, from tiny to giant. His superpowers also include the ability to communicate with and command ants, like Aquaman can with fish, and this proves surprisingly handy at times.

He's had several alter-egos since his debut in 1962 in Marvel's Tales to Astonish, but in the movies he's Scott Lang (Paul Rudd) a high-tech burglar given the suit by inventor Hank Pym (Michael Douglas), the original Ant-Man. Hank's daughter Hope (Evangeline Lilly) takes over the similarly diminutive persona of The Wasp, who also has elegant working wings, from her long-missing mother

Janet Van Dyne (Michelle Pfeiffer).

Scott's been under ankle-bracelet-enforced house arrest in San Francisco since his mischief in 2016's *Captain America: Civil Wars*. He's days away from completing his sentence when Hank and Hope press him back into service as Ant-Man, on the chance that Janet could be rescued from the subatomic limbo in which she was lost when Hope was a child.

There's also a super villain in the mix, a spectral figure called The Ghost, hidden in what resembles a HAZMAT suit. The Ghost is creepy looking, but for my money doesn't make as much of an impact on the movie as the buffoonish comic villain, a shady tech dealer played by the reliable Walton Goggins. Other vets in the cast, like Michael Pena, Laurence Fishburne, Bobby Cannavale and Judy Greer, contribute solid bits as well, and

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## Tempe Mayor Mitchell appointed as leader among U.S. Mayors

**M**ayor Mark Mitchell has been appointed to the Advisory Board of the U.S. Conference of Mayors (USCM) and has convened his first meeting as Chair of the USCM Mayors and Metro Universities Task Force. Both activities took place at the USCM's 86th Annual Meeting in June.



Mayor Mitchell was appointed to the Advisory Committee by the USCM Nominating Committee, a group of mayors from across the country, and he will serve on the committee with six other mayors from cities large and small. Mitchell is proud to bring the Tempe perspective to this diverse group of mayors.

USCM President and Columbia, South Carolina, Mayor Stephen K. Benjamin appointed Mitchell to lead the Mayors and Metro Universities Task Force. Previously, Mitchell had served as a Vice Chair on the task force.

"The ideas, issues and solutions we examine through the U.S. Conference of Mayors always yield insights that I bring home to benefit Tempe," Mitchell said.

Learn more about the Mayor's public service and community involvement at [www.tempe.gov/mitchell](http://www.tempe.gov/mitchell).

## Tempe goes back to school

**W**ith the new school year right around the corner, Tempe is teaming up with local schools and community partners to provide resources for students and families as they head back to classrooms.

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### City's newest fire station and park improvement project

A recent groundbreaking ceremony marked the start of construction for two projects at the same location: the new Fire Station 7 and improvements to Estrada Park, 1801 E. Palomino Drive. The new fire station will reside in a corner of the park, located near McClintock Drive and Warner Road.



The improved Estrada Park will open in early 2019 while Fire Station 7 will be in service in summer 2019.

Residents are able to follow the project's progress on [www.tempe.gov/station7](http://www.tempe.gov/station7).

Estate La Colina neighbors joined Mayor Mark Mitchell and Councilmember Lauren Kuby along with the Tempe Fire Medical Rescue, Public Works and Community Services departments, and Caliente Construction to dig into the occasion.

## Enhancements coming to Tempe's popular Kiwanis Park

As part of the city's commitment to reinvesting in parks, Tempe's Kiwanis Park is receiving some TLC this summer.

Information on all city park improvement projects is at [www.tempe.gov/parks](http://www.tempe.gov/parks). Here's what's coming to Kiwanis:

- Cool off at The Cloud at Kiwanis Park all summer long! Tempe's newest aquatics feature boasts 5,000 square feet of water play, with

shade and lighting and sound shows throughout the day. The Cloud is open daily from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.

- New, championship-level tennis courts are under construction at the Kiwanis Recreation Center. The project, expected to be completed this fall, includes the installation of 15 post-tension concrete courts, new LED lighting, windscreens and shade canopies.

The tennis complex is closed

during construction; all other amenities at the recreation center are open. See project info and updates at [www.tempe.gov/tennis](http://www.tempe.gov/tennis).

- Construction is underway on renovations to the lake edges at Kiwanis Park.

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## Ant-Man

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Randall Park is especially funny as an officious FBI man.

But as with Ant-Man the first, Rudd carries the picture—his combination of craggy looks and brash, boyish, unembarrassed silliness connects immediately with the audience.

Lilly's Wasp is chic and likable, but essentially a "straight" foil for Rudd, and while Douglas is allowed to score some points off his younger costar, it's Rudd's reactions to these zingers that really get the laughs.

The director of the first film, Peyton Reed, has wisely been returned to the helm for *Ant-Man and the Wasp*.

Once again Reed uses shifts in perspective to create imaginative, sometimes brilliant parody of grandiose superhero action, and even to generate a casual surrealism, with an office building suddenly the size of a briefcase, or a Hello Kitty PEZ dispenser suddenly the size of a tractor-trailer.

He stages a San Fran chase-scene finale reminiscent of, but far crazier than, Peter Bogdanovich's 1972 *What's*



Up, Doc?

There's method to the madness, however.

As wild as the slapstick is, Reed's touch is disciplined; he never lets the story get away from him, or the characters go fully farcical.

Like its predecessor, like *Guardians of the Galaxy* and like last year's *Thor: Ragnarok*, *Ant-Man and the Wasp* is yet another Marvel movie played as a full-on comedy.

But it isn't a sketch comedy. That makes it, maybe, a little less funny than *Thor: Ragnarok*, but also a little more substantive.

*Ant-Man and the Wasp* is rated PG-13 and plays at Tempe Marketplace, Chandler Fashion Center, Arizona Mills 25 and other multiplexes Valleywide.

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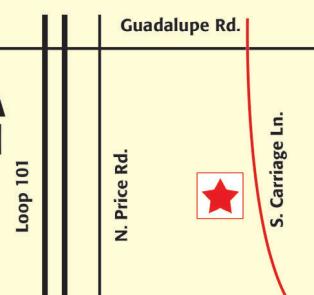
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The initiative, sponsored in Arizona by State Farm Insurance Companies, is a way for the company to be part of making that difference.

"The citizens of Tempe are truly lucky to have a company passionate to live up to its motto Good Neighbor," said Contreras.

"Giving and community building are truly a

cornerstone of our organization," she said. "In the years to come it will be demonstrated how fabulous the measure of community volunteerism and building that the team of State Farm employees are performing in Tempe and the surrounding communities."

According to Contreras, each year the company seeks out community-based projects that undertake non-profit efforts that contribute to strengthening the lives of residents.

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## Heat

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don't always follow the recommended guidelines," said Indermuhle. "Those are the people we usually see in the emergency room."

In her experience, says Indermuhle, more elderly people with underlying medical conditions, typically those who take beta blockers or diuretics for heart or blood pressure, are at higher risk. And, she says, even some anti-depressants and antihistamines can contribute to having more trouble with the heat.

"Children also are more susceptible to heat-related reactions because they generally lose more fluids without replacing them," noted Indermuhle.

For those who don't follow commonly held medical advice or do so and still experience heat-related symptoms, Indermuhle says an emergency room trip may be advisable.

The three categories of heat-related illnesses include heat cramps, heat exhaustion and heat stroke.

Cramps usually occur due to dehydration from sweating. When symptoms escalate to heat exhaustion, they also include nausea, general weakness, dizziness and more severe body cramps from a loss of water and salt in the body.

Heat exhaustion means that the body is unable to cool itself properly and, if left untreated, can progress to heat stroke. "Cooling off, preferably indoors and by rehydrating your body, may relieve this condition," said Indermuhle—especially so the symptoms don't advance to heat stroke, which is serious and is diagnosed as when the body temperature exceeds 105 degrees."

"If we see a patient who has progressed to heat stroke, it's a critical condition because it can advance to damage the brain or internal organs," said Indermuhle.

The Emergency Department at Chandler Regional Medical Center is open seven days a week, 24 hours a day.

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Mary Murphy-Bessler takes a break from the nearly non-stop regimen she has maintained since taking over as director of Downtown Chandler Community Partnership.

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## Downtown

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Tracing DCCCP's origins, Murphy-Bessler says the organization was created in 2006 as an enhanced municipal-services district. The area is bordered on the north by Chandler Boulevard; the south by Frye Road; the east by Delaware Street; and the west through Dakota, California and Oregon streets.

"This type of district offers services beyond what the cities offer by helping to market the businesses through special events, and to make sure the downtown area is clean and safe," noted Murphy-Bessler.

DCCP is a non-profit corporation whose mission is to mobilize leadership and resources to advance the development of downtown Chandler as a regional destination for shopping, dining, living, culture and the arts.

Murphy-Bessler says she's excited to share the synergy of the upcoming developments, which are already on deck for downtown Chandler.

"We are looking forward to a new project called Overstreet that is expected to open this fall. It will be a 77,000 square-foot entertainment complex at the southwest corner of Arizona Avenue and Chandler Boulevard," she said. "It will include the state's first Flix Brewhouse, a combination of theater and brewery. In addition, the city announced that more multi-family apartment complexes are being

constructed to appeal to all age groups. So, the downtown soon will be home to new residential spaces in an urban setting."

Murphy-Bessler talks about DCCP serving as a liaison between all the key downtown players. As she explains her vision, she capably creates a mental white-board to translate her next moves in the new role.

"I had to hit the ground running in this job because there is so much new development and construction already taking place," said Murphy-Bessler.

"At the DCCP, we've been busy meeting with all our stakeholders to learn how we can best support them and to develop programs to enhance their efforts to promote downtown Chandler."

Murphy-Bessler, who has a bachelor's degree in parks and recreation from the University of Wisconsin, returned to Arizona in 2010 after working out of state. She lives in South Tempe with her two children and her husband, who works for the city of Tempe.

She is enthused about the role DCCP can provide by attracting visitors, residents and new businesses to downtown Chandler.

"I see great potential in the city and I believe that I can serve as a facilitator for dialogue between downtown property owners, merchants and city leadership," said Murphy-Bessler.

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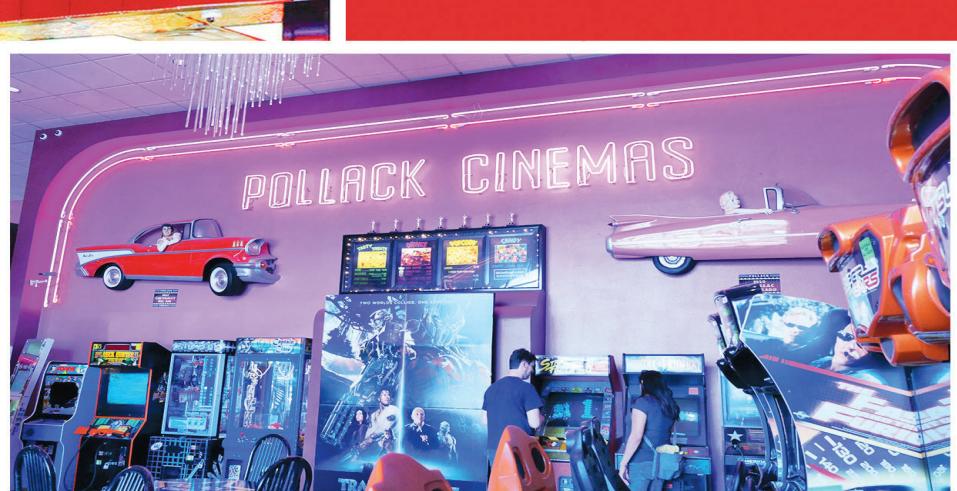
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