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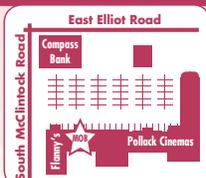
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Tempe ends photo-enforcement pact; cameras will go off at midnight July 19

Tempe's photo-enforcement contract with Redflex Traffic Systems is now history. At its July 7 meeting, the City Council voted 4 to 3 to reject a contract-renewal motion, effectively ending photo enforcement in Tempe as of the existing contract's July 18 expiration date.

Cameras are due to be turned off at midnight Tuesday, July 19.

City Manager Charlie Meyer said that council members are likely to discuss the subject of photo enforcement at a future meeting, at which time they could direct city staff to issue a request for proposals for a new photo-enforcement contract.

The city's procurement process could take several weeks to recommend a winning bidder for the council's consideration. After that, photo enforcement equipment would need to be acquired, installed and tested before the program re-launches.

If the council pursues such an option, the process could take an estimated six months, Meyer said.

During the intervening time period, all intersection- and speed-van enforcement cameras would be turned off. Redflex owns the equipment and may decide to remove it from Tempe during that time.

Redflex filed a lawsuit against Tempe in December 2010, alleging that the city has violated its contract with the company by not turning over a portion of the fees paid by cited drivers who elect to go to traffic school.

Tempe maintains the contract does not require those payments to Redflex. City Attorney Andrew Ching has been negotiating on the city's behalf to resolve the lawsuit.

Tempe has operated its photo enforcement program in what amounts to a revenue-neutral manner. In 2010, 31 percent of non-traffic-school citations issued in Tempe were resolved and paid. The total amount of fees collected from those was \$1.8 million.

By state law, Tempe forwards most of the fees to the state and county; the city also pays a portion to Redflex.

The remaining \$381,000 in 2010 went to offset Tempe's staff costs for processing and adjudicating citations, leaving a balance of \$15,000 that the city covered.

Meyer emphasized that, regardless of the presence of photo enforcement, drivers should continue to obey speed limits in Tempe. "We still will have police officers enforcing speed limits," he said. "We want people to drive safely and responsibly."



Summer stock

Longtime favorite 'Bye Bye, Birdie' is set for a two-day run at Dayspring Methodist Church in south Tempe. The play, produced and directed by Julie Hackmann and Dave Mittel, instructors at Kyrene Middle School, is scheduled at 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 29, and 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Thursday, June 30. Tickets will be available at the door. Cast includes, from left, Grayson Poole (background), Molly Joseph, Mackenzie Robb, Ericka Boegar, Siena Firestone, Maggie Engel, Bella Aguiar, Urijah Rodriguez, Emma Martin and Maddy Green.

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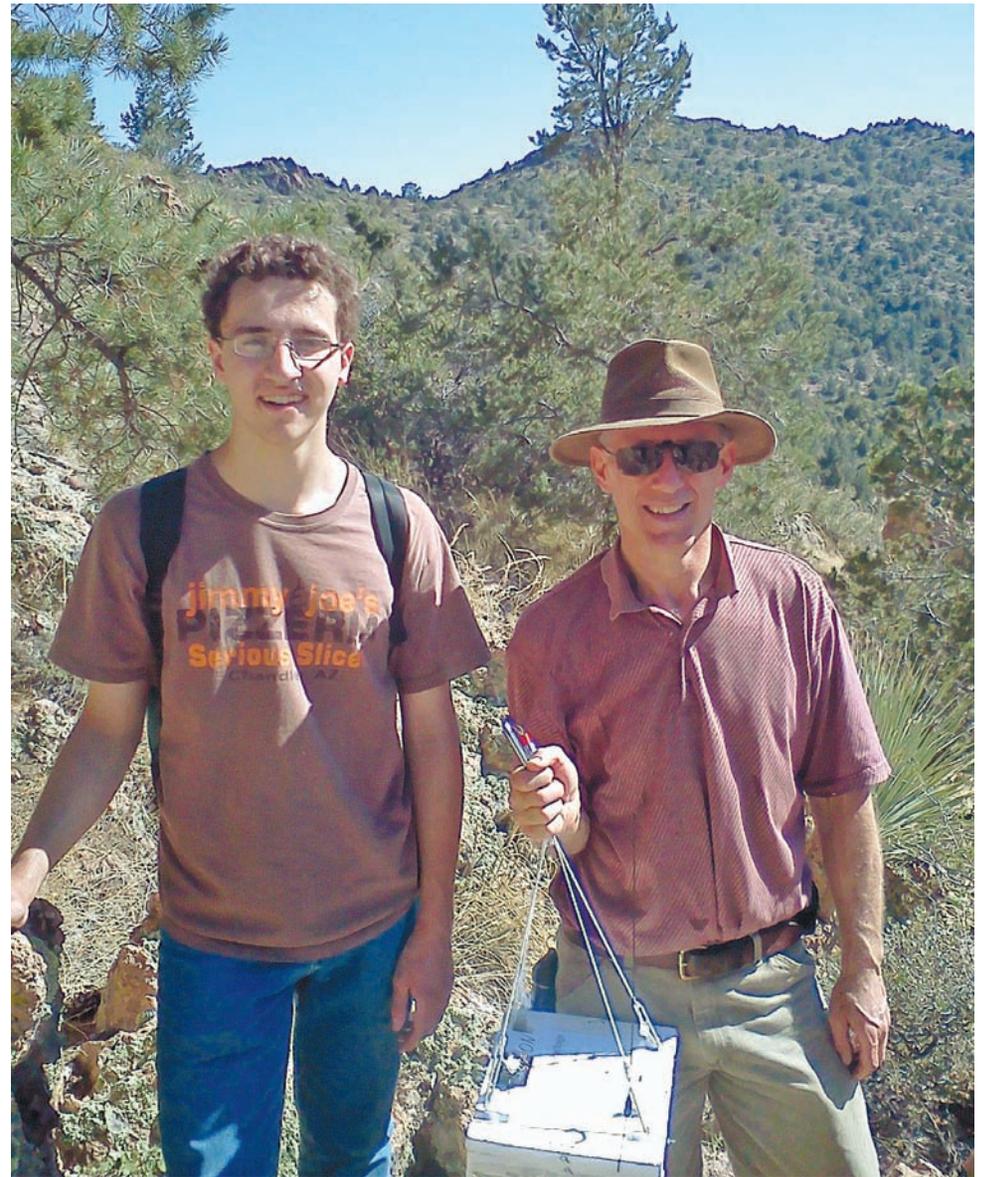


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Photos courtesy Jonathan Woodbury

Balloon entrepreneurs go UP, UP & AWAY

Story by Mark Crudup

Jonathan Woodbury, who will be a high school senior this fall, knows what Arizona's horizon looks like from over 100,000 feet. And he has the photographs to prove it.

What started out as a father-and-son hobby of high-altitude ballooning has turned into a precise scientific endeavor.

"I had seen a couple of news stories about high-altitude ballooning and was fascinated by it," Woodbury said.

"One of the first things (he and his father) did was think about our goals and plan out what our strategy was."

Their first launch was a successful flight in Gila Bend. Woodbury said each launch was from a different location near Maricopa, catching pictures of the

Phoenix area and near-space.

"Most of our launches have focused on photography and GPS tracking and recovery," he said.

Woodbury said he extended his camera's operating system to adjust the focus, flash and timing in order to get a variety of high-quality photos.

The balloon is filled with helium, with a suspended parachute, camera and tracking devices.

Woodbury said it's vital to make subtle adjustments to ensure that each launch flies in accordance with their predictions.

"We spend quite a bit of time running flight predictions ahead of time to make sure that we will have an acceptable flight," he said. "We can affect the actual flight path by varying the amount of helium we use." With projects like these come a variety of hoops

to jump through in order to launch safely, Woodbury said.

“The FAA has a set of regulations called FAR-101, which deal with the size and weight restrictions of the payload carrier,” he said.

“Our payload is small and light enough to be exempt from these regulations, but we strive to follow them anyway, and communicate with the FAA for each of our launches.”

Woodbury and his father are not the only Arizonans with this unique hobby.

The Arizona Near Space Research group coordinates monthly launches and provides a network of supporters of science, technology, education and mathematics.

Woodbury fits right in with the group’s members.

He plans on going to an as yet-undetermined college for electrical



engineering, and currently tutors math and science at Chandler Gilbert Community College, he said.

Woodbury hopes to

continue his high-altitude ballooning hobby he started with this father, getting more and more pictures of near-space over Arizona skies.

Dad shares memories of tragedy in city’s drowning-prevention video

It’s been 18 years since year-old Eric Fritz drowned in only an inch of water at his parents’ west Chandler home, and his family still thinks about him every single day.

This is why his father, John Fritz, who still lives near Ray and Rural roads where the tragedy occurred, wants to share his story with other families in hopes of preventing another tragedy.

Chandler Channel 11 is airing the *Eric Fritz Story* on drowning prevention in an ongoing effort to encourage parents to be vigilant when their children are near water.

Hosted by crisis intervention specialist Kanika Henry, Fritz tells his story, along with two firefighters, Kevin Gale and Dan Kuefner, who were on that call 18 years ago.

Like the father, firefighter Gale, now a battalion chief who still works in west Chandler, remembers the day vividly and has joined his boss, Chandler Fire Chief Jeff Clark, in promoting awareness.

Said Clark:

“Even in the last few weeks we’ve had water incidents with children. They were all pulled out in time, but only a

few seconds more and those incidents could have turned out very differently.”

The Channel 11 video continues an intense citywide campaign launched earlier this year by the Chandler Fire Department in response to an increased number of drowning incidents in the city.

Fritz volunteered to share his story in response to that campaign.

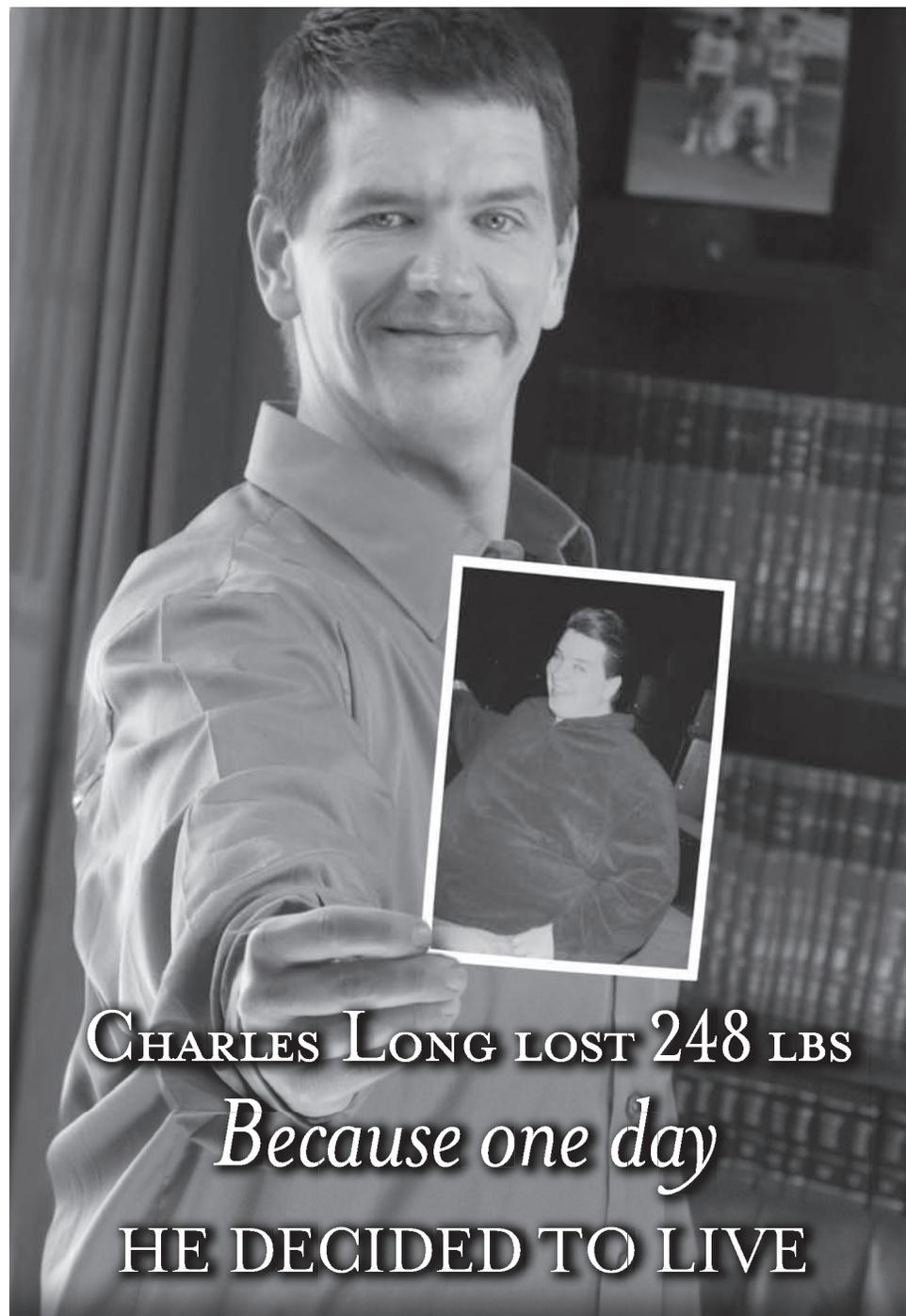
“We are deeply grateful that this family is willing to share their story, and our sympathies are with them,” said Clark.

“Parents who take a moment to watch it will definitely be affected by its message.”

The show is airing daily on Chandler Channel 11, available to cable customers in Chandler, or streaming online at www.chandleraz.gov/video.

The “Eye to Eye to Supervise” campaign is directed primarily at adults who bear the responsibility to secure their pools, supervise the children in their care, teach them how to swim and learn cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

For information on that campaign and other resources, visit www.chandleraz.gov/fire.



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City hoping new management at Ken McDonald, Rolling Hills golf courses will bring facilities up to par

By Mark Crudup

Tempe has begun transitioning operations of its two golf courses, Ken McDonald and Rolling Hills, to Millennium Golf Management LLC, which began operating the courses July 10 under a three-year contract with Tempe.

The city, however, will continue ownership, and officials are optimistic about restoring the quality of the courses by implementing a new operational model.

"We have an obligation to the public to develop a business plan that supports the long-term needs and fiscal realities of our operation," said John Osgood, Tempe's deputy public works director.

"It was not the change in management that was necessary, but more a change in the business model under which the courses have been operating

over the years."

Osgood said the Ken McDonald and Rolling Hills courses have been in financial difficulty over past years.

"For the last few years, expenditures have exceeded revenues, resulting in a nearly \$500,000 projected gap in operating funds for the next fiscal year if we didn't do anything," Osgood said.

With no funding available for necessary capital improvements on the courses, management could not move forward with such projects as turf rehabilitation, major irrigation-system upgrades or clubhouse improvements.

Osgood said Tempe is working to develop a business plan that will implement fees that will sustain the operation.

"In terms of the fee...policy, we will be working with our Parks and Golf Course Advisory Board and the City Council over the next few months to

develop a sensible structure," he said.

In the past two years, the city cut staff by 50 percent to help make up for lost revenue, Osgood said.

Tempe controlled only the cost of greens fees, and Osgood said it was unlikely that the \$500,000 financial gap could be closed by raising fees and making further maintenance cuts.

Tempe's annual community-attitude survey included a question regarding local residents' overall satisfaction with the "quality of golf courses," which averaged 65 percent over the last three years, Osgood said.

"The current business model will allow the city to control more of the golfing experience 'pie,' specifically revenue generated by range balls, golf cart rentals and green fees," Osgood said.

"Our partner Millennium Golf Management will retain all revenue generated by the pro shop, restaurants and golf instruction."

The MGM partnership consists of three Professional Golfer's Association of America professionals, RJ Hawley, David Hockett and Pete Huber.

Information:
www.tempe.gov/golf/.

Cuts to Chandler bus service set for hearings

Chandler's Desert Breeze police substation will host one of two remaining public meetings on proposed reductions in bus service resulting from a decline in regional sales tax revenues.

The meetings are scheduled 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 2, in Chandler City Council Chambers, 88 E. Chicago St., and 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 3, at the police substation, 251 N. Desert Breeze Blvd.

Reduced revenue is necessitating changes to Chandler's bus service, including possible reductions in service hours, the frequency or days of serv-

ice, and the potential elimination of bus routes.

Representatives from the city and Valley Metro will be present at the meetings to receive comments from the public regarding proposed changes that will take effect in January.

A list of possible service reductions can be found at www.chandleraz.gov/transit, along with an online comment form. The public can also provide input by e-mailing the city's Transit Office at transit@chandleraz.gov.

Final recommendations will be presented to the Chandler Transportation Commission on Aug. 11 and the Chandler City Council on Aug. 18.

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View from the experts

Homebuying market seen on upward trend

Editor's note: Neighbors we talk to about conditions in the current residential real estate environment are confused. There is much conflicting information about residential real estate: home values will continue to go down; the recovery is under way; prices are rising. Wrangler News asked longtime Kyrene Corridor Realtor Jeff Lucas for his take on current market conditions.

Wrangler News: What's actually going on in the metropolitan Phoenix real estate market?

Jeff Lucas: There is mostly good news to report about the residential real estate market in the Phoenix area right now. In my view, based on market data and trends, the recovery is under way for most market segments. The exception would be the luxury market, which still has an oversupply of homes on the market for sale.

Wrangler: What factors are bringing about this market recovery?

Lucas: Home values in metro Phoenix have declined in the range of 40-70 percent over the last four-plus years. The result is that most resale homes are selling at prices that are below replacement cost. For example, homes built from 2003-2007 in master-planned communities in Chandler and Gilbert initially were selling in the range of \$160-180 per square foot. Today many of these same homes are selling in the range of \$75-100 per square foot. Those prices are significantly below replacement cost.

When a commodity is selling at below replacement cost, investors enter the marketplace as buyers. In 2010, approximately 40 percent of all sales were for cash. Year-to-date, close to 50 percent of all sales are cash. This is extraordinary. In a "normal" market, cash sales typically comprise 2-3 percent of all sales. And when you consider that not all investors buy property with cash, investor/buyers likely comprise 55-60

percent of total buyer sides.

Wrangler: So investors are a large presence in our residential marketplace. What has been the impact of this investor component?

Lucas: Investor presence has created strong demand. The result is that there is incredible "velocity" in the current market. Properties that are competitively priced are flying off the market in days or weeks, very often with multiple offers. Units sold in 2011 are on track to be the third or fourth highest number of annual sales ever in metro Phoenix.

A second result of the strong demand/high velocity is that the "active" inventory of homes for sale has been drawn down by more than 40 percent over the past six months. We currently have an inventory of 21,000 homes listed for sale. Homes are selling at the rate of approximately 9,500 per month. That's a 2.2-month supply of homes. In a "balanced" market, inventory supply is 5-7 months.

This is classic supply and demand, Econ 101. We currently have an abnormally low inventory supply, down 30-plus percent year over year, and high-velocity, investor-driven demand. In these affected market sectors (generally under \$500,000), market recovery is under way and, in the near term, home prices will begin to rise.

Wrangler: So you're saying that...

Lucas: Yes, in the near term, home prices in metro Phoenix are on their way up.

Wrangler: What are investors doing with these homes that they are buying? What is their "endgame"?

Lucas: Metro Phoenix represents a "perfect storm" opportunity for investors. First, investors are buying the commodity of housing at below replacement cost; commodities do not stay for long at prices below replacement cost. Investors are confident that these properties, in 3 to 5 years, will

appreciate to replacement cost or higher. Second, rents are rising. Every short sale and foreclosure creates a renter because these displaced families cannot credit-qualify to purchase a home. So investors are getting cash-on-cash returns in the range of 10-15 percent per year before factoring in appreciation or tax advantages. The "endgame" for investors is likely to be to sell these properties in 5 to 7 years after the marketplace has stabilized.

Wrangler: Given current market conditions, what's your advice to a traditional buyer or investor buyer?

Lucas: If you're not a cash buyer, mortgage interest rates are still at near record lows—under 5 percent. In most market price-point sectors, the recovery is under way. Given

demand pressure on our low inventory, I think we are likely to see appreciation of 5 to 10 percent for properties under \$200,000 over the next 12 to 18 months and appreciation in the range of 3 to 6 percent for properties priced between \$200,000-\$500,000 over the next 12 to 18 months. So if you are thinking of buying a property to owner-occupy or as an investment, better sooner than later.

— Jeff Lucas, founding member of The Lucas Group, is an associate broker with Keller Williams Realty East Valley. For a number of years, he has provided a monthly *Residential Real Estate Market Data and Trends Report* for several MasterMind Groups, his brokerage and for The Lucas Group.



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Dad, son share the adventure of a lifetime during A BASEBALL ODYSSEY

By Mark Crudup

A west Chandler father and son have just wrapped up an adventure that many dads dream of sharing with their child: a cross-country tour of more than 20 Major League Baseball fields.

Throughout their seven-week summer odyssey, dad Lance Venable and son Michael went to games and watched their favorite players.

Said the dad:

"I guess the idea came up about 12 or 13 years ago, before Michael was even born. It's something every father would love to be able to do, and I told myself I would do it if my son loved baseball as much as I do."

Michael, it turns out, is not only a player but something of a baseball fanatic, Venable said.

Reached by phone while the pair were in New York, Venable said the trip may have opened new dimensions for his son's future.

"He plays the sport very well," Venable said. "Before we left, I told him to scout out the fields along the way so he'll know which team (he'd like) to play for."

Venable and his just-turned 11-year-old son left home in May, heading toward California to begin their ballpark visits.

Now back from their journey, they've visited 15-plus parks, collecting memories of places that hold some of baseball's most historic moments. They've journeyed through 18 states so far, and even crossed into Canada for a game at Rogers Center in Toronto.

Although the trip has been pretty much non-stop baseball, a phone interview found father and son finishing up a load at a coin-operated Laundromat that shared the parking lot

with Doubleday Field in Cooperstown, N.Y., known as the birthplace of baseball.

Lance's enjoyment has been fulfilled, he said, by the

game when his son was six weeks old, went to his first game when he was three.

"Out of the womb, I was a baseball fan," he said. "I even

absolute non-negotiable for this trip was getting tickets to a Red Sox game at Fenway Park on Father's Day."

Those were the first

to wait so long; it seemed like the time was never going to come."

Since the start of their adventure, both Venable and



Dad Lance and son Michael Venable are sharing the thrill of 20 different stadiums during their summer baseball trip, including Rogers Centre, home of the Toronto Blue Jays.

interaction that occurs between him and Michael during games, and he often tells stories of their adventure to fans in nearby seats.

"I think with baseball, compared to other sports, there's a bigger sense of bonding that takes place between you and your kids," he said. "It's just that kind of a sport; I can't tell you how much I've enjoyed it."

Venable, who took Michael to his first baseball

took my first-grade school picture in my baseball uniform – I would wear that thing everywhere."

Venable convinced Michael's school principal, who himself is a baseball fan and someone Venable has known for a long time, to let Michael leave before the school year officially ended in May so the journey could begin.

"I told my wife, I had to take him out a week early," Venable said. "My only other

tickets he purchased early in the year after the official MLB schedule was released in October.

"It took an incredible amount of planning," he said. "Last year, it was on and we began to seriously plan out the trip. I started making the hotel reservations in January."

The trip couldn't have come soon enough for Michael. Said Michael:

"My dad told me about it when I was eight or nine. I had

his son have been blogging their experiences at each ballpark visit, including photos and updated rankings of their favorite parks.

To view their blog, visit <http://bigbaseballadventure.blogspot.com>. The site typically got about 200 viewers a day, Venable said.

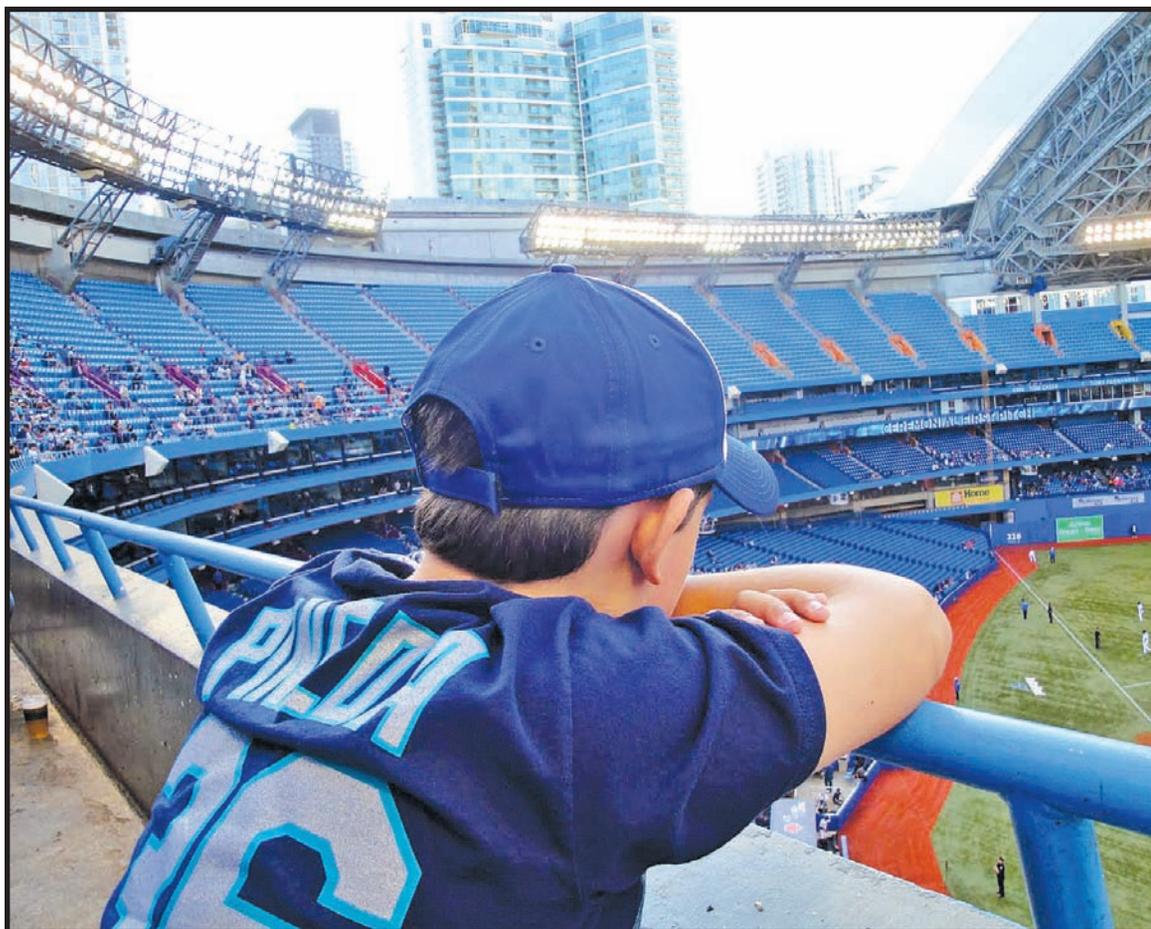
"It's been so much fun," Michael said. "I just love the excitement of the game; you never know what's going to happen."

Not everything came up baseball during the Venable family's summer stadium tour. The group, including visiting daughter Andrea, got a view of downtown Chicago from a high-perched observation deck at the 1,730-foot Willis (formerly Sears) Tower, long regarded as one of the world's tallest structures.

At Rogers Centre in Toronto, Michael took a moment to ponder not only the magnificence of the world's first retractable-dome stadium but to imagine himself on the same field one day.

Michael and dad Lance learned more about the early days of professional baseball during a stop at the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum at Kansas City, Mo.

— These photos and others appear online at <http://bigbaseballadventure.blogspot.com>. They chronicle the journey of Lance and Michael Venable.





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Diversions . . . with Mark Moorhead

Pooh tale best of animal epics

Opening this weekend is *Winnie the Pooh*, a new Disney feature chronicling the adventures of the title teddy bear and his various pals in the Hundred Acre Wood.

I must admit that I come to the Disney incarnations of these characters with a bias.

The low-key, quietly witty original stories, by A. A. Milne, and the simple original line drawings by E. H. Shepard, are among my earliest memories, and even as a child the Disney versions seemed like vulgarizations by comparison.

But the new film broke through my defenses. While still not close to Milne, it has a gentle charm, and it's a visual delight, rendered in old-school "hand-drawn" animation. Best of all, it's not in 3D.

The story involves Pooh, who's just trying to find some honey, getting caught up in the search for the down-beat donkey Eeyore's missing tail, and later for his young friend Christopher Robin, whom the animals come to believe has been abducted by a mysteri-

ous creature called a "Backsun."

Actor Jim Cummings remarkably reproduces the voices of the late Sterling Holloway and Paul Winchell, as Pooh and Tigger, respectively.

Travis Oates isn't quite able to do the same for the late John Fiedler as Piglet, though he gives it a good try.

Craig Ferguson makes a fine pompous Owl, and the great John Cleese replaces Sebastian Cabot as the narrator—his voice is perfect for the part, but somehow I kept expecting him to lapse into Monty Python outrageousness.

At only an hour long, *Winnie the Pooh* is padded out with a cartoon short called *The Ballad of Nessie*, narrated in rhyme by the great Scottish comedian Billy Connolly, which gives an account of how the Loch Ness Monster came to inhabit her home.

I liked this perhaps even more than the main feature.

Winnie the Pooh is not, by the way, the only movie featuring cute little animals to choose from these days.

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The main character's name is Mr. Popper, and he has penguins. That, if memory serves, is about the extent to which the new film *Mr. Popper's Penguins* is "based on" Florence and Richard Atwater's 1938 children's-book classic of the same name.

In the movie, Popper (Jim Carrey) is a high-powered New York businessman who lives in a sleek, spotless Manhattan apartment. He's a divorced dad who had a distant relationship with his own father, a globetrotting fortune-hunter.

The old man's legacy arrives, in crates: six smelly, rambunctious, destructive penguins. Popper is desperate to get rid of them, until his kids come over to visit and fall in love with them, and Popper sees that the birds can help him heal the rift with his family.

You get the idea; wackiness and warm-hearted family bonding ensue. Numbingly over-familiar as this template is, it's a rather agreeable movie. The 8-year-old who joined me for the screening found the antics of the penguins, a mixture of real and computer-generated birds, to be sophisticated high comedy, and Carrey's in good form here, poised and elegantly costumed.

I also liked the black and white animated end titles, in which penguins cavort to "Ice Ice Baby."

Then there's *Zookeeper*. Kevin James plays the title character, the top

beige-shirt at Boston's Franklin Park menagerie. At the beginning, he gets dumped by his shallow pill of a girlfriend (Leslie Bibb), and mopes around about it for five years.

Then he gets another shot at her. His pals the animals don't want him to leave the zoo for a gig better suited to impressing the girl, so they decide to reveal their big secret to him: they can talk—in the voices of Cher, Adam Sandler, Don Rickles, Sylvester Stallone, Maya Rudolph, Nick Nolte—and they're willing to coach him on how to court her successfully.

The wolf advises him, for instance, to mark his territory by, well, you know. The bears teach him to swagger and snort aggressively. The monkey keeps insisting that he should throw poop. That, in much more detail than it deserves, is the premise of *Zookeeper*. This movie is every bit as imbecilic as it sounds.

I like James, with his fretful politeness, and while *Zookeeper* doesn't serve him well, I liked him here too.

Even so, *Zookeeper* is what the monkey throws.

"Winnie the Pooh" is rated G and plays at Harkins Arizona Mills, Chandler Fashion 20 and Tempe Marketplace; *"Mr. Popper's Penguins"* and *"Zookeeper"* are both rated PG and play at Arizona Mills and other Kyrene Corridor-adjacent theaters.



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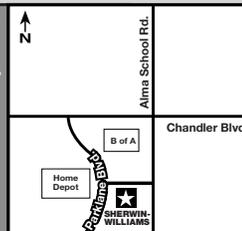
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Dining Out At Chicago-style pizzeria, the taste is worth the wait

By Mark Crudup



If you want authentic East Coast pizza with an Italian zing, Pizza Chicago is the place to go. The key: Call first to order. The signature deep-dish pan pizza, cooked in a cast-iron skillet, takes an hour to prepare.

But Sam "Zazz" Hansen, professional chef at the south Tempe location, said it's well worth the wait. "We make everything to order, so it does take more time," she said. "It's definitely worth waiting for."

The restaurant's deep-dish pie has a cornmeal crust and is baked in an old-fashioned cast-iron pan. The toppings go underneath the cheese, with the sauce layered on top.

"The only reference I can think of is the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, when they pull the pizza from the box and all the cheese comes stringing out," she said. "It liter-



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The owner, Jim Stryker, lived in Chicago for the majority of his life, Hansen said, and brings a large influence from Italy, where his family originated.

“There’s really a heavy Italian background,” Hansen said. “And, Chicago has its own flavor and style, so when it comes together, especially with his family’s influence, it evolved into the old family recipes we are using.”

Hansen, who graduated from Le Cordon Bleu Culinary School in Scotts-

dale, said she met Stryker through her cousin who worked at the restaurant when it opened.

With Stryker’s old family recipes, Hansen said there’s no comparison to their pizza and pastas.

“We make everything here, in house, including all the dough, sausage and bread for sandwiches,” she said. “We grate or own cheese, and we don’t get anything out of a can.”

Stryker, who moved to Arizona from Chicago, brought with him the original Chicago sandwich he said was

created at his grandfather’s grocery in Elmwood Park.

According to Hansen, the pizza at other local restaurants doesn’t compare to Stryker’s recipes.

“It’s hard to eat other pizza after working here for so long,” she said.

Now, Tempe families are being drawn to the restaurant for pizza with a family tradition.

“We want families from around the neighborhood to come and enjoy authentic food,” Hansen said. “I love how small it is; it’s like our little family.”

This summer, Pizza Chicago made additions to its menu, she said.

“New menus went out a few months ago. We’ve been sending them out to different areas,” she said.

“The pastas are new, as well as the cold soups. We have our first cold sandwich, salami and cheese, with all ingredients imported, except for the bread that I make in-house.”

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Q: What is SuperPATH?

A: SuperPATH is a revolutionary micro-invasive surgical procedure that enables a surgeon to administer a total hip replacement without damaging the patient's muscles and tendons or dislocating a patient's hip during surgery.

Q: How is the procedure performed?

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Jimmy Chow, M.D., is an orthopedic surgeon on the medical staff at St. Luke's Medical Center and Tempe St. Luke's Hospital. He is in practice with AZ Center for Bone & Joint Disorders. For more information about Tempe St. Luke's or Dr. Chow, call 1-877-351-WELL (9355).

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Two locations added for Kyrene district pre-schools

Kyrene school officials have announced the opening of two new locations as part of the district's preschool program.

The new classes, at Kyrene de la Mirada and Kyrene de la Esperanza elementary schools, offer a first-learning experience for 3-5-year-old children who are typically developing as well as those who are experiencing developmental delays.

Following the Kyrene School District calendar, each class is 2.5 hours long and is taught by a certified early childhood teacher, with a teaching assistant and speech-language pathologist providing service and support.

Classes are small, generally between 14 to 16 children, and are split evenly between typically developing children and those with disabilities.

Kyrene's developmentally appropriate, peer-based preschool curriculum is aligned with the Arizona Early Learning Standards and emphasizes early literacy, math and communication. The goal is for children to learn to interact with others in an appropriate way, encourage creativity and a love of learning and improve motor and self-help skills. Children must be at least 3 years old to attend and cannot attend once they are eligible for kindergarten (5 years old by Sept. 1).

Initial screening applications are available online at www.kyrene.org or at the Kyrene district office at 8700 S. Kyrene Road, Tempe.

Information: Kyrene.org/preschool.

Kyrene de la Mirada is located at 5500 W. Galveston St., Chandler. Kyrene de la Esperanza is at 14841 S. 41st Place, Ahwatukee.

Kyrene override called critical if schools are to retain vital technology superiority

By Mark Crudup

Local residents will have another chance this November to pass the Kyrene School District's capital override to continue funding for the district's highly praised technology programs.

Karin Smith, who left the district last month as the district's chief financial officer, said Kyrene is depending on the override to maintain technology initiatives in the future, as well as to avoid any further budget cuts.

"We have this nationally renowned technology program because of the support from our community," Smith said.

"We are able to have Smartboards, document cameras, state-of-the-art hardware that students utilize, and our infrastructure – what goes on behind the scenes from the software to the network support."

In the event that the override does not pass, Smith said, Kyrene will have to come up with \$6.8 million to fund staff and equipment implemented in its technology curriculum.

"Our entire technology program is funded by the override," she said.

"We have minimal amounts (of available funding) with the maintenance and operations budget."

Smith said 98 percent of the override is used to fund equipment, software and staff to maintain the program. The other 2 percent is used to maintain the district's school buses.

Last year, the override failed by 96 ballot votes. However, voters passed a \$116 million bond for necessary building improvements and maintenance.

"The budgets have been reduced so far that we don't have any available resources to commit to technology," Smith said.

The district moved resources from the maintenance and operations budget to the capital override currently in place, primarily with the technology staff, to free up money for other reputable programs and services that Kyrene has been known for, she said.

In order to maintain the staffing costs of the technology program alone would cost the district millions of dollars, Smith said.

If the voters fail to pass the override in this November's election, residents will have one last opportunity the following year.

"The override expires in June 2013, so we do have one more chance," Smith said. "But that means we'd have to pay for another election, and it will make it a little uncomfortable considering it will be the last year."

If the override does not pass within the next two years, the district will have to find money elsewhere in the budget to continue the technology program.

"Our community has an expectation that we have a stellar technology program, and we need to continue to support that," Smith said.

The override has been funded by property taxes for the past five years, Smith said.

"We already have it in place," she said.

"We're not looking to increase it; we just think it's critical to be able to continue what we have."

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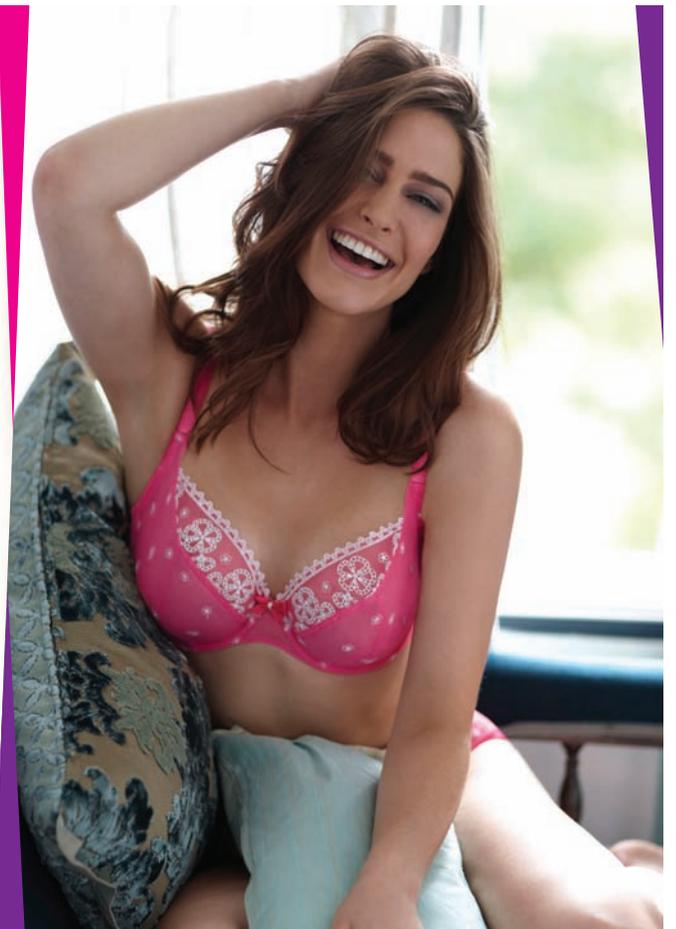
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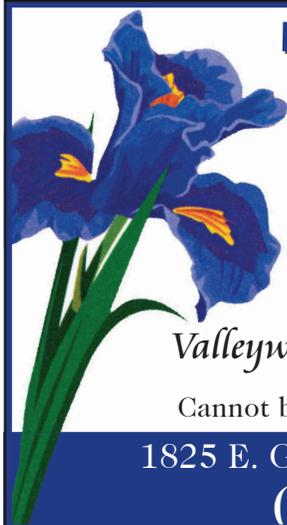
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Sports Notebook . . .

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Ex-Aztec Ashley Hansen top U.S. softball player

Former Corona del Sol athlete and 2008 graduate Ashley Hansen has been named USA Softball National Player of the Year by the Amateur Softball Association of America.

Hansen, an outstanding two-sport athlete at Corona, played softball and volleyball all four years, garnering several high school awards including 2008 Arizona Softball Player of the Year before landing a Division I scholarship to Stanford University.

Hansen, who plays shortstop this season for the Cardinal, is only the second non-pitcher to receive this prestigious award, which has been considered the top honor in collegiate softball since its inception 10 years ago.

Hansen was recognized for this 2011 outstanding athletic achievement award partly because she led the nation in doubles per game (0.45), had a .495 batting average and a .558 on-base percentage.

"It was a great honor to receive the National Player of the Year award," said Hansen, "but I did not do it alone. I am just one player on a great Stanford softball team."

Individually, though, Hansen helped Stanford produce one of its most successful offensive seasons. In just her third season playing collegiate softball, Hansen set single season records at Stanford with 95 hits, a .495 batting average and a .797 slugging percentage.

Hansen also ranks among the top-10 in Stanford history with 25 doubles (second), 10 triples (second), 139 RBI (eighth) and 134 runs scored (seventh).

In addition to becoming the Cardinal's first USA Softball National Player of the Year, Hansen was selected as the 2011 Pac-10 Player of the Year after she led the conference in batting average, on-base percentage, hits and doubles. She also received her third straight first team All-Pac-10 selection.

Hansen garnered her second career All-American honors when she was named to the 2011 First Team Louisville Slugger/NFCA All-American, was a first team All-West Region selection and is one of four candidates for the Honda Sports Award for softball as announced by the Collegiate Women Sports Awards.

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Award after nationwide balloting will become a candidate for The Honda-Broderick Cup, awarded annually to The Collegiate Woman Athlete of the Year.

One of the 2011 statistics that Hansen is most proud of, though, is her distinction of being the third toughest player in the nation to strikeout. All season she struck out only five times while compiling 29 multi-hit games and 10 multi-RBI games.

Hansen, majoring in three subjects at Stanford—management, science and engineering—also received an All-Pac-10 academic award.

In addition to her collegiate accomplishments, Hansen made her first Women's National Team in the summer of 2009 and was a member of the Women's junior National Team that won a gold medal at the 2007 ISF Junior Women's World Championships in The Netherlands.

Hansen is the daughter of Kevin and Ginger Hansen and has three older sisters, Tammi, Tara and Megan, all of whom played collegiate softball.

All-city awards listed

Tempe's All-City Association has reported results of its Spring Awards Banquet.

Corona athletes recognized at the banquet included **Lauren Hacker**, for both singles and doubles tennis, and **Yonit Upart** for doubles tennis, and **Alex Davis** and **Jake Nuneviller** for boys volleyball.

Corona track athletes included **Dana McKenzie** (high jump), **Lakevia Stormer** (400 M) and **Megan Benson** (100 and 300 M hurdles) from the girls team and **Cody Jackson** (400 M), **Michael Seall** (800 M) and **Nick Seifker** (100 M hurdles) from the boys team.

Corona softball players **Lani Redmond** (infield), **Abby Spiel** (outfield) and **Katie Tripp** (outfield) received awards along with Corona baseball players **Aaron Siple** (outfield) and **Kyle Jorgensen** (utility).

Marcos de Niza had three athletes receive awards: **Martwon Weaver** (100 M) in boys track; **Jordan Hill** for boys volleyball; and **Nick Fatica** (outfield) for boys baseball.

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Tennis standout accepts Webster U. scholarship

Recent Corona graduate and four-year varsity tennis player Lauren Hacker has accepted an athletic scholarship at Webster University outside St. Louis.

Webster is an NCAA Division III school with 5,000 students that competes in the St. Louis Intercollegiate Athletic Conference with eight other member institutions in the Midwestern United States.

Hacker, a three-time Tempe All-City Award winner, four-time AIA Scholar Athlete, Most Valuable Team Player and 2011 class valedictorian at Corona, chose Webster after visiting the campus.

"I decided to go there because I liked what the school had to offer and I wanted to play tennis for a few more years," said Hacker. "The area is also really beautiful and so completely different from Arizona where I grew up."

Hacker decided to major in International Relations with a minor in French partly because of her experience in Tempe's Sister City Exchange Program. She was selected to the program in March of 2010 and spent five weeks living with a family in New Zealand last summer.



"I had initially chosen three countries, New Zealand, France and Macedonia respectively," said Hacker. "I was ecstatic when I found out I was picked to go to New Zealand because I had heard so many great things about it and I felt its outdoorsy atmosphere would suit my personally perfectly."

Hacker landed in New Zealand June 3 to stay with a five-member family who lived in the beautiful green countryside outside of Lower Hutt, a short train ride from Wellington.

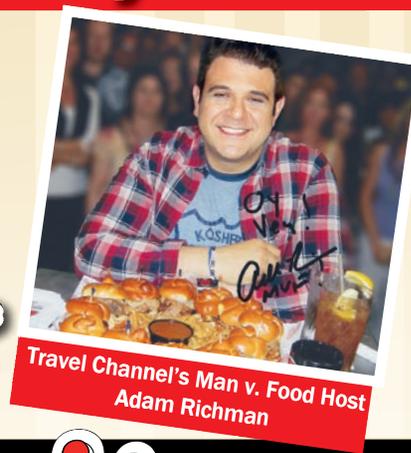
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Westside councilman named

Chandler Councilmember Rick Heumann, a west Chandler resident, has been named secretary/treasurer of the Arizona municipal Water Users Association for 2011-12.

The non-profit organization consists of member cities dedicated to the effective use of water resources within the state.

Heumann said his new role will give Chandler a bigger voice in working cooperatively with other cities through AMWUA on water issues.

“Careful planning now will benefit Arizona for generations,” Heumann said.

Heumann began his tenure on the Chandler City Council in January 2009; he has been heavily involved in neighborhood issues throughout Chandler for the past 15 years.



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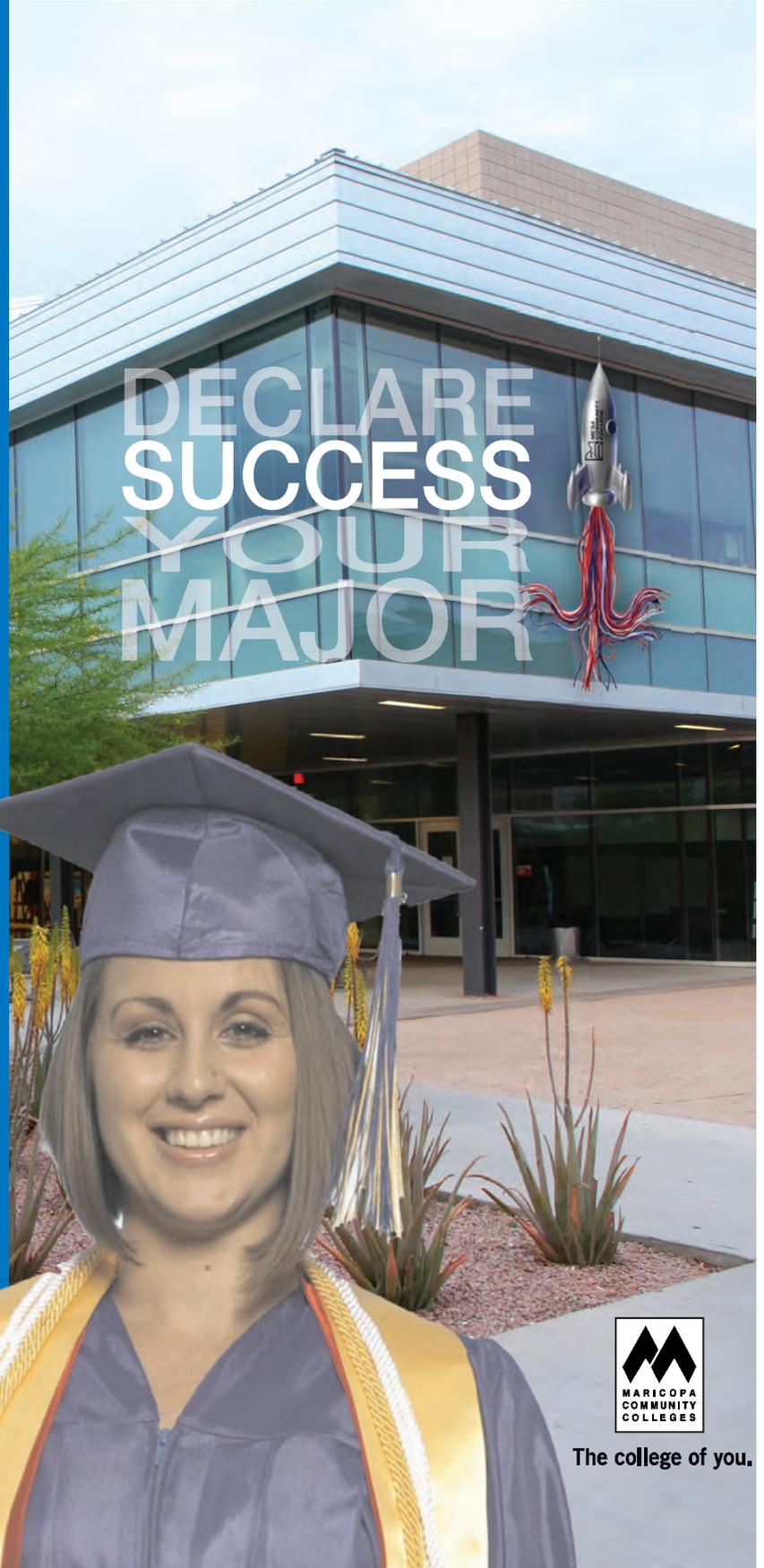
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Book project turns page to a new kind of creativity

Story & photo by Nick Gayes

In classrooms around the country, art teachers do a commendable job of guiding and encouraging their students' creativity.

At Corona del Sol High School, the job of helping those same students parlay their newly gained talents into a life skill is falling in part to some unlikely mentors: a group whose art experience so far has been focused on finger paint and Crayolas.

In an effort to get more "real-world experience," Corona honors-art students undertook an assignment last semester to create illustrated children's books for members of the school's Early Learning Center.

The so-called AzTykes, ages three to five, became partners of sorts with the high school students in the creation of individualized, 10-page books that integrate their favorite colors, shapes and characters into a cohesive story.

The idea for the project was based on a theory that illustrations in many



In the AzTykes program at Corona del Sol High School, honors-art student Crissy Fischer and a participating 'Tyke' work together to integrate colors into a story that they wrote collaboratively.

children's books could have been done more effectively by high-school art students.

What seemed like a simple project to the students turned out to be far more difficult than most anticipated.

Over a two-month period the students worked with their AzTyke counterparts, gaining feedback and learning to adjust their own ideas in order to accommodate the kids' interests.

Corona senior Sarah Rueckle said the most difficult part was "putting it all together to make a story that (her Tyke) would like," emphasizing the difference in their respective visions.

The whole point was to give the art students some real-world experience with deadlines and feedback. The students used a variety of media to create the books, including painting, collage and computer-based design.

When all the hard work was completed, the students and their pint-sized collaborators shared snacks during a reading party where the final books were presented.

Said senior Alyx Brantly:

"The project was harder than I thought it would be, but the best part was reading the books to them."

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Garbage trucks pose fire hazard when flammable materials are discarded

West Chandler residents and their Kyrene Corridor neighbors are being asked to help prevent fires—not just in their homes but in the back of garbage trucks.

A recent fire in the back of a trash collection truck has prompted officials in the Solid Waste Services Division to remind residents about the proper disposal of household hazardous waste.

The fire was the result of incompatible materials reacting with other waste in the back of the trash collection vehicle.

Known as “hot loads,” these improperly discarded materials can jeopardize the health and safety of the driver and public, and can damage personal property and collection vehicles.

Here’s a list of materials that do not belong in recycling and trash containers (the same list applies to residents of other communities, as well):

- Hot ashes from cigarettes, hot coals or wood;
- Motor oil, gasoline, antifreeze, kerosene;
- Paint, varnish, pesticides, pool chemicals or other combustible chemicals; and
- Auto batteries and rechargeable Ni-Cad or lithium batteries.

When combined, certain substances can be lethal, say fire-prevention experts.

Household chemicals such as bleach, ammonia, pesticides, fertilizers, automotive fluids, paint, paint thinners and pool chemicals should be used to the last drop if the empty containers are going to be thrown in the trash.

Leftover products should be labeled and stored for proper disposal.

Chandler residents can call 480-782-3510 to schedule an appointment to drop off hazardous household waste at the city’s



Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility located near McQueen and Queen Creek Roads.

Appointments are required, as is a current Chandler utility bill showing city-provided refuse service.

Residents also should be prepared to show picture identification, such as a driver’s license.

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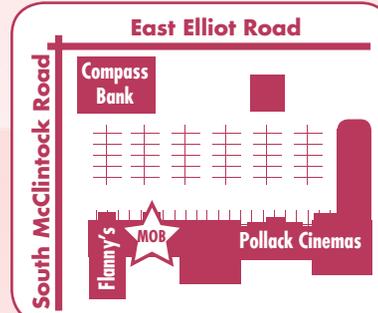
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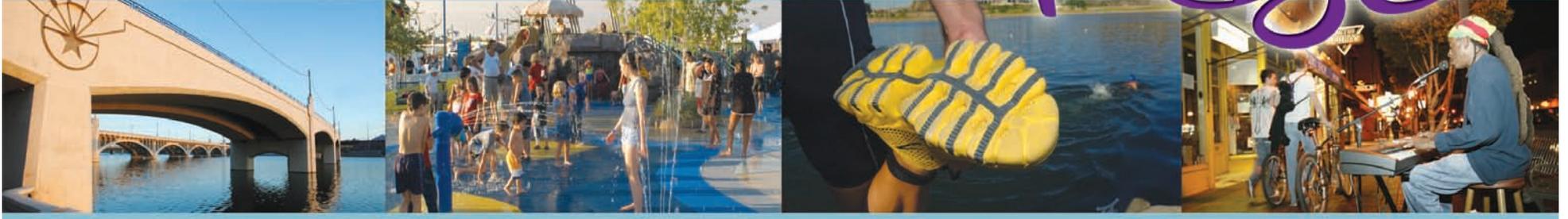
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Free youth transit passes

The Tempe Youth Free Transit Pass program allows youth ages six to 18 who live in Tempe to ride all Valley Metro bus routes and the METRO light rail free.

Special on-site registration for the Tempe Youth Free Transit Pass program will be held at the Tempe Public Library, 3500 S. Rural Rd., on Saturday, Aug. 20, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Free passes are also available at the Tempe Transit Store, 200 E. Fifth St., from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Passes are valid through June 30, 2012.

A parent or guardian must accompany the youth and bring the youth's birth certificate along with proof of Tempe residency when registering for the program.

For a list of program requirements and a registration form, contact the Tempe Transit Store at 480-858-2350 or visit www.tempe.gov/tim.

For transit routes and schedules, call 602-253-5000 or visit www.valleymetro.org.



Kid Zone before- and after-school programs

The Kid Zone Enrichment Program is a dynamic community resource that provides safe, enriching before and after school programs at 17 Tempe and Kyrene schools.

Children in kindergarten through eighth grades are able to develop their cognitive, social and physical skills through a variety of structured enrichment activities.

Kid Zone operates on all days that school is in session and offers programs during fall, winter, spring and summer breaks.

For information on fees, registration and site tours, call 480-350-5400 or visit www.tempe.gov/kidzone.

Website provides information for students of all ages

Are you an Arizona State University student wondering about traffic safety and how to stay safe on campus? Are you a high school junior looking for volunteer opportunities to bolster your college applications? Are you the parent of an elementary school student looking for after-school homework help for your child? Tempe has all those answers and many more at a dedicated web page: www.tempe.gov/backtoschool.

"Every August, thousands of students begin another year of learning in Tempe," said Mayor Hugh Hallman. "It's our job to help make them as successful as possible as community members, neighbors and learners. Tempe has a lot to offer and we want students of all ages to hear about it."

One of the main elements of the Back to School campaign this year is to educate motorists and bicyclists about sharing the road. The city, local schools and the Tempe Bicycle Action Group are partnering to promote bicycle and motor vehicle safety in order to prevent collisions.

In addition to the website, watch out for Tempe Goes Back to School flyers around the city. Look for segments on Tempe 11 and YouTube www.youtube.com/Tempe11video, as well as social media updates on Twitter (www.twitter.com/tempegov) and Facebook (www.facebook.com/CityofTempe or www.facebook.com/TempeFun) throughout August.

City water bills to change

Tempe's residential and commercial water and wastewater customers will notice clearer utility bills and new account numbers later this summer when the city launches a new billing technology. Payment options will be expanded, too, including automatic withdrawals using debit or credit cards.

Beginning in November, customers also will have the option to go paperless and not receive hardcopy bills in the mail.

Customers who wish to keep receiving bills will not need to make any changes.

Details about signing up for the service will be available soon at www.tempe.gov/waterutil/.

Tempe's Service Line Protection Program begins soon

Tempe will soon begin offering homeowners a reasonably priced protection plan to guard against the potentially high expense of repairing broken water and sewer lines on their properties.

The Service Line Protection Program (SLiPP) will begin this fall and will offer peace of mind for owner-occupied, single-family residences in

Tempe in case water and sewer service lines are damaged or broken.

By city ordinance, repairs to these lines on private property are the responsibility of the property owner.

Repairs can be expensive, so Tempe will begin providing the protection plan for reasonable monthly rates.

The city will begin mailing and calling homeowners with program information in August.

Homeowners who sign up by Sept. 30 will get their first month free.

Look for more information soon at www.tempe.gov.

Briefs

Tuesday discounts at batting range

Kiwanis Park Batting Range is "beating the heat" with cool prices this summer.

Kiwanis is offering a "Swing Away Tuesday" promotion each Tuesday through Aug. 30. Purchase a 20-token pass for \$19 and receive an additional 10 tokens for free. That's a savings of \$12.50.

Voted best batting cage in 2010 by Phoenix New Times, the facility is open daily from 5-9 p.m. and features 10 lighted cages throwing baseball, slow-pitch and fast-pitch softball.

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Citizen Police Academy starts Aug. 3

Applications for the next Citizens Police Academy are being accepted by the Chandler Police Department. The 13-

week class begins Aug. 3 and runs Wednesdays from 6-9 p.m.

Participants will learn about the daily aspects of police work and what goes on behind the scenes through interactive classes such as Media and the Law, Firearms Training, Gang Awareness, Patrol Functions, K-9 Programs, Criminal Investigations, Narcotics, Traffic Law, Special Assignment Unit and Use of Force.

Classes are held at the Chandler Police Department Main Precinct, 250 E. Chicago St. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age (15 if accompanied by a parent) and must work, live, or attend school in Chandler. Candidates also must pass a basic background check.

Applications are available online at chandlerpd.com/community/citizens-academy. Hard-copy applications are available by contacting the Crime Prevention Unit at 480-782-4521.

Tempe Chamber sets annual luncheon

The Tempe Chamber of Commerce holds its annual luncheon Thursday, July 21, to review the past year's successes.

Chamber officials will share the group's vision for the future, honor those who have worked with the organization over the past year and introduce the incoming board of directors and committee chairs.

Keynote speaker will be Andrew Walter, ASU football star quarterback from 2001 to 2004 and a former member of the Oakland Raiders and New England Patriots.

The luncheon will be held at Fiesta Resort Conference Center. Information: 480-963-4571.

Contest seeks winner of fitness sessions

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Fashion, intimacy keynote new Paloma shop

On July 20 Kyrene Corridor and other East Valley women will have a new reason to celebrate their confident style and curvaceous bodies. A new store, Belle Lacet Lingerie, will be serving women of all ages who demand stylish bras with a proper fit.

Located in Casa Paloma Shopping Center at Ray Road and 56th Street (near Pei Wei), this feminine and attractive store will cater to women with all bra sizes, however the specialty will be size D and beyond.

West Chandler residents and owners Karla Youmans and Liz Pareti share a common vision: to provide personal services to women who want to buy proper-fitting bras in an intimate setting.

Having clients feel pretty and increasing their self confidence is a priority at Belle Lacet Lingerie, say its owners. Pareti and Youmans say they know first-hand the frustration of shopping for bras on-line or in stores that are large, impersonal and limited in their selection. "When we do find a bra that fits, it is

generally either a "minimizer" or simply unattractive," said Pareti.

Belle Lacet's lingerie specialty line will be premiering with a line of sports bras, moving into bridal lingerie in August, followed by maternity/nursing in October. Post surgical/mastectomy will be introduced in the new year. Classes on breastfeeding, heart health, nutrition and makeovers will be on tap as well.

A variety of specialty boudoir items will be available to help create the "total package," which includes jewelry, bath salts and sprays by local artists and vendors.

Home parties, set in a fun and relaxed atmosphere, will also be an integral part of the marketing strategy. Socializing mixed with proper fittings and games will allow women to buy bras from the comfort of their homes and have products delivered between one to three weeks.

The grand opening of Belle Lacet Lingerie will be July 20 with a Chamber of Commerce ribbon cutting, door prizes and a fashion show from 6-7 p.m. There will also be gifts with purchases along with tea and cupcakes from Cake Cafe.

Information: 480-940-5455.

— Contributed by Melissa Hirschl

Cancer center class emphasizes benefits of creative process

Self-discovery, insight and personal growth are the goals of a new expressive art therapy program at the Cancer Center at Chandler Regional Medical Center. The free program is available to patients, families and caregivers.

Instruction focuses on the benefits of the creative process versus the final artistic product. Participants are encouraged to use their imagination to help provide emotional release, relaxation and peace.

Art therapy can lead participants through a process of self-discovery, insight and personal growth, say the program's planners. The CRMC program provides a variety of therapeutic classes, including art, movement and music therapy, as well as a workshop for journaling to the self.

Classes are offered in series of one 90-minute session per week for six weeks throughout the year. Space is limited and priority is given to those whose diagnosis occurred within the past five years.

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Why not help keep it a safe and clean place to play? Following the Adopt-A-Street model, the Tempe Adopt-A-Park program strives to bring neighbors and community members together in an effort to maintain their neighborhood parks.

Clean, green and safe parks are an essential part of creating and maintaining a friendly and healthy community, say officials. Parks help increase the visual appeal of neighborhoods and provide a safe place to gather and for kids to play.

The program already has "adoption" processes completed or in the works at 18 city parks. However, with 48 parks in Tempe, there are plenty more to choose from.

Adopting a park requires

completion of an application and a commitment of at least 12 months, with a park project scheduled at least once every three months.

When an application is received, a city representative will meet with the individual or organization to discuss the program and its expectations.

Planners note that the program involves a significant amount of physical work that must be done safely.

Further requirements are that volunteers provide their own tools for the projects—gloves, shovels, brooms, rakes and other implements. All ages can participate, but one adult must be present for every 10 participants under the age of 18.

To adopt a park, call 480-350-4311 or visit tempe.gov/parks/adoptapark to fill out a request form. Information on Adopt-a-Street is also available at 480-350-4311 or at tempe.gov/tim/adoptastreet.

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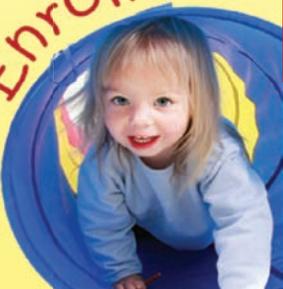
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