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## In new state role, Tibshraeny aims to strengthen cities' voice

By Joyce Coronel

Chandler Mayor Jay Tibshraeny has a new title to add to his name: President.

The one-time Arizona state senator has been selected to serve as the League of Arizona Cities and Towns' leader for the next two years.



The news landed during the organization's annual conference held recently in Scottsdale. Tibshraeny succeeds Mayor Mark Mitchell of Tempe in the position.

"I am very passionate about the work that the league performs on behalf of Arizona's cities and towns,

and I look forward to taking on this leadership position in the coming term," Tibshraeny said.

"I think the main thing is we'll beef up the work at the legislature so that we continue to have a strong voice there," Tibshraeny said. "I'll spend a lot of time doing that. We'll work on building those bridges and relationships."

That will be familiar territory for Tibshraeny, who served for eight years as an Arizona state senator

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## Kids get hands-on experience during Arredondo remodel

Students from Arredondo Elementary School will get some real-world experience while their campus undergoes a major remodeling expected to last a full year.

As the project gets underway on Oct. 20, kids will have a chance to learn side by side with contractors and engineers in an array of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) lessons.

The program owes its thanks to the McCarthy Construction Company and DLR Group, which is overseeing the taxpayer-approved project.

The students' hands-on lessons will take place at nearby Meyer Elementary, which will be their home while the work is being done at Arredondo.

The renovated Arredondo campus will reopen for the 2017-2018 school year.

Until then, students and faculty are gearing up for STEM lessons that will delve into topics like concrete, masonry, electrical, energy, elevators, framing and

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Luis Ruiz, new general manager at Tempe Center for the Arts, opens a curtain on the city's ambitious plans for arts programming. — Page 23



Get ready to rock (and swing) in downtown Chandler with the city's annual family-friendly extravaganza, Rock the Block. — Briefs, Page 10



Kendra Benedict has a Ph.D and many years of teaching experience, but it's the love she has for TCH's members that changes lives. — Page 5

What's Inside

## New season, new coach: At 35-0, it was all Padres

By Kody Acevedo

The Padres are making some noise once again in 2016.

Coming off a loss in the Division II State Championship game last year and under the direction of a new head coach,

Marcos de Niza needed a strong start to the season to prove they're up for the challenge. So far, their response has been dominant.

After starting the season 2-0 in back-to-back home victories, the Padres (3-0) hit the road Sept. 9 for the first time to take on the

Peoria Panthers (2-1).

It was all Padres from start to finish, and Marcos de Niza trotted off with a 35-0 victory over Peoria.

Their efforts were led by senior quarterback Nazareth Greer, who completed 27 of 38 passes for 313

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Marcus Green (54), Anthony Gomez-Nicastro (11) and Ben Martinez (62) spurred Marcos' 35-0 rout vs Peoria.

— Wrangler News photo by Alex J. Walker

## Departing Woods will press need for affordable housing

Mixed in with Tempe's new high-rise apartment

developments, a sign of the city's reputation as a desirable place to live, are the gains made to keep the city as an affordable place for residents

across the income spectrum.

As Vice Mayor Corey Woods leaves office, he concludes eight

years of work to support housing options for some of the city's most vulnerable populations.

"One of my top concerns was how people could get into housing they could afford," said Woods, a winner of the Brian Mickelsen Housing Hero award from the Arizona Department of Housing.

With about 24 percent of its 162,000 residents living below the federal poverty line, Tempe developed a strategy to

create affordable housing that can be built and maintained through some combination of zoning incentives, cost-effective construction techniques, and government assistance. This housing can be rented or purchased by households that cannot afford current market rates in the community.

During Woods' time on Council, Tempe was able to

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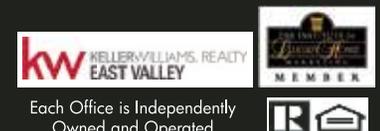
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## High school panelists' advice

# Talk, love still best tools for parents to help kids avoid harm from drugs, social media

BY JONATHAN CORONEL

The only thing more stressful than being a teen navigating high school is being the parent watching over that teen.

This always has been a fact of parenthood.

But with the double-edged sword of social media as well as the even more potent and dangerous drugs on our streets, the job for parents is harder than ever.

To address these issues and arm parents with the tools to keep their kids safe, Tempe Coalition and the Tempe Union High School District hosted a town hall at Corona del Sol High School featuring a panel of experts on social media and drug abuse.



First up was Katey McPherson, executive director of Gurian Institute, an educational organization. McPherson gave the audience a quick lesson in biology, explaining the fundamental reason why teens do the things they do: their partially developed prefrontal

cortex.

This portion of the brain that moderates decision-making and social behavior is not fully developed until later in life—age 22 for females, 30 for males.

To this last fact, Tempe Police Chief Sylvia Moir playfully quipped, “Sounds like I won’t be getting much sleep tonight; we just hired six males in their mid-20s today.”

Jokes aside, McPherson assured parents this was no laughing matter.

“It is your job to be your kids’ prefrontal cortex. Listen to your kids and help them navigate this world of social media because it isn’t going away; it’s advancing.”

Next up was Dr. Norman Saba, a pediatrician who addressed technology’s detrimental effect on students’ grades.

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For example, device use in bed before sleep damages serotonin levels, which leads to impaired sleep.

Additionally, there's the possibility a child will get stressed out from cyber-bullying or other issues all too common on social media, which can lead to the release of the chemical cortisol that impairs short term memory and further harming a child's chances of success in school.

After learning about the problems posed by technology, the town hall became even more serious as Stephanie Siete spoke about the dangers of drug use.

Siete explained that the marijuana on the streets today is vastly different from 40 years ago, with a much higher THC content that leads to even more serious psychoactive effects.

Siete also addressed new spins on old drugs like the popular vape pens for tobacco and sometimes even

marijuana, as well as "wax," a form of cooked weed that is made with butane. Siete advised parents to set their limits and stick to them.

"Heighten your standards and expectations for your children. If you set a low standard and expect your kids to abuse drugs, they will."

Evolution is a slow-going process, so the problem of a half developed prefrontal cortex in teenagers will persist for the foreseeable future, said the panel.

In the meantime, organizations like Tempe Coalition are here to educate parents on how to protect their children. Siete commended the parents in attendance for taking the time to educate themselves. "You can't rely on schools (alone) to raise your kids. Talk to them. Love them, because the opposite of addiction is connection."

## Jenny: 'She absolutely loves being there' Center brings joy to disabled

By Joyce Coronel

When Jenny Hardaway graduated from Corona, her parents wondered what the future would hold for her.

Born premature, Jenny is wheelchair-bound and non-verbal. She has cerebral palsy and dystonia, a neurological movement disorder, as well as an intellectual disability.

David Hardaway, her father, said another parent at Corona told him about The Centers for Habilitation, a Tempe non-profit that serves disabled adults like Jenny.

"When Jenny graduated from high school, my wife and I went to do a tour of TCH and we were impressed," David said.

"The biggest advantage for Jenny is the social aspect of being there. She loves being around other people."

With trips to the bowling alley, the movie theater and the mall, it's a stimulating atmosphere where Jenny and other members enjoy time with their peers. Just like when she was at Corona, David drops Jenny off in the morning. She's at the center five days a week, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

"She'd go on the weekends if she could," David chuckled. "She absolutely loves being there."

Days are filled with activities such as crafts and games. "She really can't do much for herself," David said. "They take her hand and have her do things like draw pictures."

It's that one-on-one attention that Jenny receives that makes such a

difference. Her aide, a woman named Mary, helps Jenny feed herself.

"When I drop her off in the morning, members of the staff are out there to greet her. It's a good feeling," David said.

Serving as chairman of the family support group at TCH, David and the group meet with staff to provide feedback and suggestions, but they're also there as a resource to other parents and guardians.

"We get together and share about our loved ones and things we've learned as we advocate for them," David said. "Quite frankly, we're a shoulder people can cry on."

The staff at TCH, he said, really understands what parents go through.

Kendra Benedict, newly hired director of program services at TCH, said the organization serves 110 adults with developmental or intellectual disabilities in Tempe. TCH also operates 13 local group homes.

"It's post-high school to end of life," Benedict said. "They have significant needs. What's difficult is that when people age out of high school, there aren't nearly as many services as there are K-12."

Those who receive services at TCH are often a support to each other too, Benedict said. "To see our members interact with each other and support each other is phenomenal—it's meaningful because they are peers."

Recreational activities often echo

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## A note from our publisher . . . By Tracy Doren

### One more reason to question the advisability of raising Arizona's minimum wage

As often as I can, I try to attend local Chamber of Commerce programs, not only to see old friends and meet new ones but, as frequently happens, to broaden my awareness of current, topical issues.

The Sept. 9 meeting of the Chandler Chamber was, on all counts, no exception.



The high point, it turned out, was a presentation on Prop 206, the November ballot issue that proposes to substantially hike Arizona's minimum wage by 2020. In case you haven't already done the math, that's just four

years from now.

I don't need to remind you that the audience for this discussion was, of course, business people, the very folks who will have to reach into their pockets should Prop 206 find favor on this year's ballot.

In addition to the business folks who were on hand for what turned out to be quite a lively discussion were the panelists, one pro, Lauren Kuby, a Tempe councilmember, and one con, Garrick Taylor, who represents the Arizona Chamber of Commerce.

(FYI, my first note-to-self after Taylor began circling the wagons in favor of his viewpoint, was to never get into any kind of debate with him, even on something I suppose would be as non-controversial as what cereal I serve my kids for breakfast.)

In case you haven't yet delved into the details of what this proposition would do, here's a simple explanation:

Starting next year, the minimum hourly wage that business owners will be required to pay their employees is \$10, up \$1.95 from today's minimum.

The rate then escalates to \$10.50 in 2018; \$11 in 2019; and \$12 in 2020. The proposition also guarantees earned paid sick time for employees



in companies no matter how big the staff.

Now, at first glance, all of these provisions seem like humane, business-savvy moves into the 21st century. How they seem to me, and to you, however, is a personal matter and one that I don't want to debate in this space.

What interested me from the Chamber's panelists was the wide difference in style and content of their approach to advocating for or against the measure, which also includes earned sick days.

In one exchange, for example, Kuby noted that even Syria has such a benefit. The unlikely juxtaposition of two wholly dissimilar economies drew murmurs of disagreement. The other panelist (Taylor) came armed with an arsenal of facts, spouting

them with such matter-of-fact confidence that they hit home with what understandably was a receptive audience.

All of which caused me to consider how Prop 206's passage might affect those in small business, like us, and as a mom with a (hopefully) soon-to-be-employed daughter.

This is wherein lies the rub.

If Brooklynn, now 15, has to be paid the going rate in whatever year she joins the workforce, I worry that there are many companies where today she could be hired, will no longer be able to do so at the higher rate.

Being in the business world, we realize that money is a finite resource—that despite our appreciation for people's need to earn a living wage, we know that there would be limited options if a higher minimum wage is adopted: raise prices or hire fewer people.

These are the kinds of thoughts that occur to you when you're at a Chamber meeting. Maybe I'll see you at the next one.





Lisa Coonrod: 'An amazing woman' who volunteers at Children's Cancer Network.

## Neighbor Next Door: Lisa Coonrod

Story & photo by Brenda Vanderbur

September is Childhood Cancer Awareness month, a cause that is near and dear to this writer's heart, so our Neighbor Next Door honor goes to Lisa Coonrod.

Lisa cheerfully volunteers two afternoons every week at Children's Cancer Network.

Fortunately, she has not had personal experience with childhood cancer, but that was not the case with her former neighbors, the Luttrells.

The Luttrells launched CCN 13 years ago after their 5-year-old son was diagnosed with leukemia, which is when Lisa began to get involved.

She began by sponsoring a table at their signature event, "Inspirations," a fashion show that features cancer kids and their siblings as the models.

Lisa is a stay-at-home mom, and as time has gone by both of her daughters have headed off to college, leaving her with more time to volunteer.

She has witnessed firsthand the hard work of CCN's co-founder Patti Luttrell, and she knows what a difference the Luttrell family's foundation has made in the lives of families that are dealing with childhood cancer.

When I asked Lisa how she would describe Patti, she didn't hesitate when

she told me: "Amazing; she's just an amazing woman."

Lisa believes that she gets much more out of life by volunteering her time because of the good feeling she receives as a result of the hours she puts in.

In Lisa's spare time she loves being outdoors.

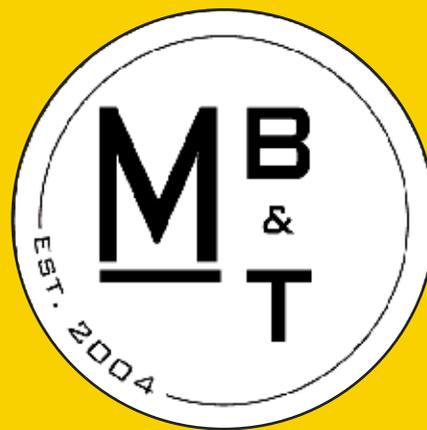
She likes to walk, run and bike. Luckily, CCN is located a just few miles from her house so she can easily ride the canals to their office.

It's clear after talking with her for a while that she's very proud of her two daughters, both of whom are attending U of A in Tucson.

Both of the girls have followed their mother's example of volunteering time—with their sorority—to help make an impact among those experiencing domestic violence.

But during the summer, while at home in Tempe, they have been known to put in a few hours at CCN. To the entire Coonrod family: Way to go!

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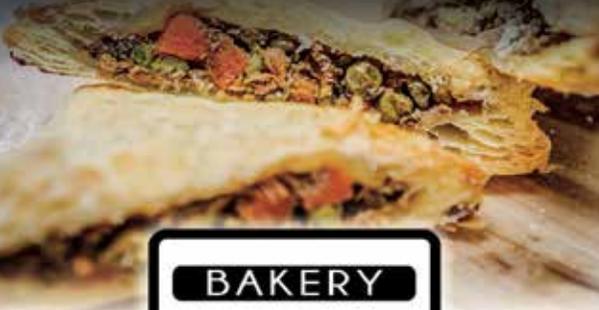


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# Kyrene schools chief lays out strategy for next 90 days

By Diana Whittle

The new school year is moving with lightning pace, but Kyrene's new superintendent, Dr. Jan Vesely, still found time to develop her personal-performance targets for the next 90 days.

She presented those goals as a report, titled "A Journey of Discovery: Transition, Entry and Planning," to the district's Governing Board during a recent retreat.

While the retreat was not televised, the 90-day plan is expected to figure prominently in the district's work over the next three months, as Vesely focuses on how best to align the resources in the Kyrene district, so that "all students are college- and career-

ready and that achievement gaps are closed."

The plan's content resonated particularly well with Governing Board President Bernadette Coggins.

"I was impressed that Dr. Vesely was able to key in on several areas that the board has been working to address for some time.

"It is encouraging that those areas are reflected as priorities in her 90-day plan.

"And, not only did she identify priorities that are consistent with the board's priorities, she outlined very specific and measurable actions to move forward to address them."

Her plan outlines three key outcomes, which she plans to

complete by the end of this calendar year, including:

- Delivery of a comprehensive summary, to be shared with the Governing Board and the community, on the results of the superintendent's listening and learning activities;

- Creation of an outline of the process to be used to review the current strategic plan;

- And, implement work by district staff on the strategic plan and an outline of any needed performance changes.

Vesely's first step, she says, is to conduct a district-wide audit to help gather the data needed to build and plan for the future.

All the goals outlined in Vesely's 90-day plan are important, says Board President



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Coggins, “but perhaps one of the key initiatives is the district-wide audit.”

“With the data collected as part of the audit, the board can cooperate with Dr. Vesely and her staff to ensure that all of our work in Kyrene is aligned with the goal of supporting teaching and learning in our schools,” explained Coggins.

During the audit, Vesely expects to look at the district’s organizational efforts and resources.

“The results of the audit will drive our tasks moving forward, from updating our strategic plan, to strengthening our support of our schools and teachers, to guiding our budget priorities.”

Another very important focus of the next 90 days is for Vesely is to continue with her community outreach initiatives.

She already has announced a new series of “Let’s Talk Tours,” which enable district staff to meet in person with parents and to listen to their feedback on Kyrene and its future.

There is already a “Let’s Talk” link visible on the district’s webpage, along with an invitation to submit a question, concern or comment directly to the superintendent.

Another accomplishment under Vesely’s tenure so far is to establish a new ombudsman position to respond directly to questions or concerns from parents and the community. Rosalie Hirano, a district employee from the Community Relations group, was named to the new ombudsman role.

“She is responsible for recording each contact and following up to make sure the issue is resolved or

information provided,” said Vesely.

The new position is a positive service for the community, says Governing Board President Coggins.

“The Board receives weekly reports on the number of inquiries received and the main topics of those inquiries.

“For us, it is helpful to have a central point of contact to refer our constituents and community members when they have a concern. We can then be assured that they will receive an answer or the information they are seeking.”

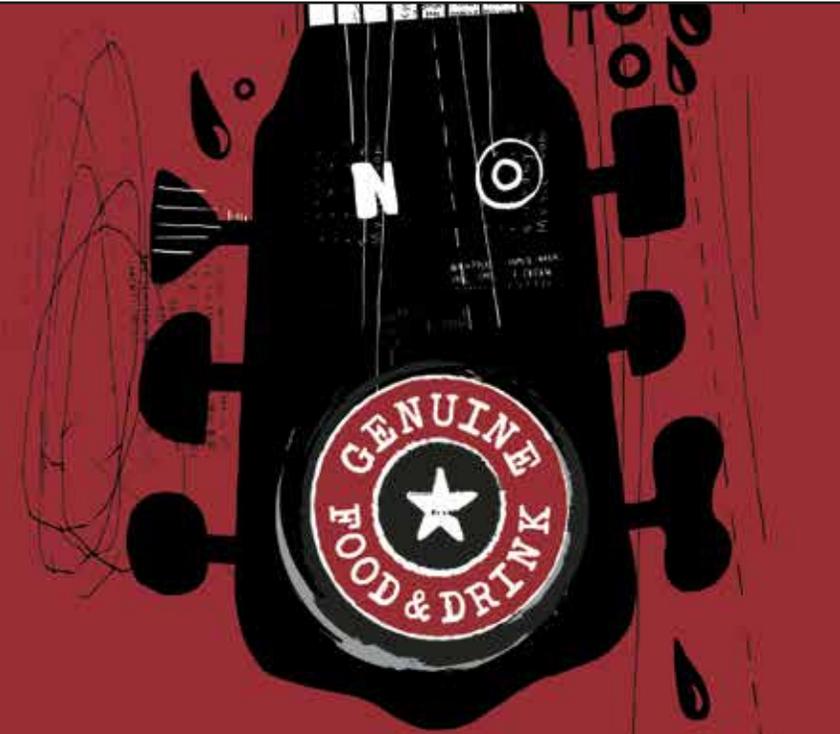
Once the 90-day plan and the audit are complete, Vesely wants to review the findings and establish a Curriculum Council to implement changes.

“While no decisions have been made yet on who will serve on the Curriculum Council, typically such a group is represented by the assistant superintendent, who oversees the Curriculum Department, along with members of the curriculum team, who provide content and expertise in state standards, as well as school administrators,” said Vesely.

Board president Coggins believes that the superintendent’s recommendations display her leadership qualities.

“The Board selected Dr. Vesely in part because she demonstrated the ability of being a strong leader, with the skills required to take us to the next level.

“We support her in her focus on teaching our students and preparing them for the future,” concluded Coggins.



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## Kiwanis Park walk remembers cancer victims

An educational walk honoring survivors of prostate cancer and remembering those who have lost their battle to the deadly disease will be held from 7:30 to 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 24, at Kiwanis Park.

The first 100 men to register for the walk receive a free prostate cancer screening. Two mobile medical units will be on site with board-certified urologists.

Event activities include vendor booths, live entertainment, food and refreshments. Information on prostate cancer also will be available.

Prostate cancer survivors and honorary walk co-chairs will be Derrick Hall, CEO/President of the Arizona Diamondbacks; Mike Haynes, NFL Hall-of-Famer; and Matt Mauro, 12 News anchor. All will also be event emcees.

Register online at [prostatecheckup.org](http://prostatecheckup.org) or by phone at 480-964-3013.

## Get ready to 'Rock the Block' in Chandler

While those who live in colder climates brace themselves for the dip in fall temperatures, residents of Tempe and West Chandler kick up their heels. The advent of cooler weather means outdoor entertainment opportunities start to abound.

One such opportunity is the annual Rock the Block event in downtown Chandler. The festivities begin at noon in at Dr. A.J. Chandler Park at the Downtown Chandler Stage and runs until 10 p.m. on



Kid Zone is only one of the attractions in the 10-hour long Rock the Block annual bash that celebrates Chandler's dynamic lifestyle and family-friendly atmosphere.

Saturday, Nov. 19.

The free, family-friendly block party features live entertainment on multiple stages, including the Chandler's Got Talent competition. Be sure to bring the children. They'll enjoy the Kids Zone with interactive games and rides, face painting and inflatables.

For the older crowd, there's a family-friendly beer garden plus more than 100 retail, plus arts and crafts vendors. And, should you work up an appetite during

the 10-hour-long extravaganza, top local restaurants and food trucks will be on hand.

The seventh annual Rock the Block celebrates the dynamic lifestyle of Chandler. The title sponsor for this year's event is Achen-Gardner Construction, a civil contractor specializing in utility, roadway and highway construction. The company is based in Chandler.

Information: [rocktheblockaz.com](http://rocktheblockaz.com)

## Entertainment payroll firm now in Tempe

A new Tempe office of what has been called the leading global end-to-end provider of payroll and production management services for all aspects of the entertainment industry is coming to offices in the Hayden Station area of downtown Tempe.

The Entertainment Partners technology team will be responsible for key components of the company's payroll, accounting and workflow management products.

According to a media announcement, the Tempe office represents a turning point for the company's technology-driven mission to modernize back office production in television and film.

Greater Phoenix's rapidly growing technology sector and large, skilled workforce were major draws for the company, as were the region's quality of life and close proximity to major West Coast markets.

Entertainment Partners worked with the city of Tempe and the Greater Phoenix Economic Council in selecting Greater Phoenix for its newest office.

## Nominations sought for 'Bike Hero'

A Tempe Bike Hero can be a Clark Kent or a Superman when it comes to promoting the bicycling way.

What matters, though, is making life better for the community's two-wheelers.

So, whether it's done in a low-key manner or with public applause, making biking better in the city is what characterizes the person or organization whose efforts justify the annual recognition.

The Tempe Transportation Commission is accepting nominations for its 2017 award through Wednesday, Nov. 30.

Nominated individuals, businesses and organizations must live or have a presence in Tempe to be eligible.

For more information or to obtain a Tempe Bike Hero Award nomination form, visit [www.tempe.gov/bikehero](http://www.tempe.gov/bikehero) or call 480-350-8663.

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# Arredondo

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Architect's rendering of how Arredondo Elementary School will look after a year-long renovation project is completed.

interior design.

Most of the lessons will be with fifth-graders, but some will include all grades. Field trips and career discussions will also be part of the mix.

Alison Bruening-Hamati, principal of Arredondo, is enthusiastic about the upcoming STEM lessons.

"The chance for them to work alongside architects, contractors and other construction professionals in the creation of a new school is something they will remember for the rest of their lives," Bruening-Hamati said.

"Our hope is that they are inspired by the experience to eventually pursue a career in science, technology, engineering or mathematics. So often, we have to create a real-world experience for students for STEM.

"This time, real-world experience has come to Arredondo, and we have the awesome chance to connect it to learning."

The renovations at Arredondo, which was built in 1973, will add 66,000 square feet, additional classrooms, a project lab and an assessment lab.

The newly designed school will also feature six common spaces within the classroom areas, an updated library, a renovated multipurpose room plus a 3,500-square-foot cafeteria with a new kitchen and serving area.

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# Woods

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allocate \$2.31 million in governmental funding to support five affordable housing developments by private developers and non-profits.

The city allocated dollars to five housing developments from one or more of these federal funds:

- Community Development Block Grants to address unique community development needs; the HOME Investment Partnership to fund building, buying, and/or rehabilitating affordable housing for rent or homeownership or providing direct rental assistance; and the Arizona Department of Housing's Low Income Housing Tax Credit for the acquisition, rehabilitation or new construction of rental housing.

Those five developments created 131 new or rehabilitated dwelling units with an additional 144 units remaining to be built.

Two other local housing developments also

contributed a combined 125 units to local housing options.

But for Woods, making housing affordable doesn't stop after construction.

"Residents should also have a safety net for times when someone's hold on their home could be shaky," he said.

Recently, he and his Council colleagues voted to allocate more than \$700,000 in the 2016-17 fiscal year to 40 local social service agencies that help Tempe residents.

Of that amount, about \$300,000 will be used for homeless shelters and services; first-time homebuyers; emergency utility and rent resources; and aid to seniors and people with disabilities to live independently.

Funds to the social service agencies will supplement the work being done by the recently established Tempe Human Services Department.

The department provides low-income residents with counseling regarding housing options and administers the Section 8 housing voucher program, emergency repairs to homeowners, a first-time home buyer program that uses deferred loans and mortgage

assistance, and homeless assistance programs.

"We've made some great gains for our residents but there is still much to be done," said Woods.

"I am so proud to work with great councilmembers and city staff that always placed such a high priority on making sure that all people can have an opportunity to live in Tempe.

"I'm looking forward to seeing the city continue to flourish in my role as a private citizen," said Woods.

Even after his last day as a Tempe city councilmember, Woods' legacy as an affordable housing advocate is expected to go on: the next four housing developments are in progress and will provide homes for veterans and their families, townhomes for families, and local seniors.

## Developments in Progress

- *Meridian @ 101, 2148 E. Apache Blvd.* Mixed-use residential housing & commercial space; Senior apartments with 76 units.

- *Desert Willow Apartments, 1895 E. Don Carlos Ave.* Rehab of existing apartment complex with 75 units

- *Tempe Parkview Townhome Project, 1937 E. Don Carlos Drive*

- *Habitat for Humanity project.* 18 owner-occupied single-family townhomes

- *Valor on 8th, 1001 E. 8th St.* Veterans and family apartments with 50 dwelling units

## Developments Completed

- *Apache ASL Trails, 2428 E. Apache Blvd* Senior apartment with 75 units \*

- *Encore on Farmer, 601 South Farmer Ave.* Senior apartments with 56 units

- *Gracie's Village, 1520 E. Apache Blvd.* Family apartments with 50 units \*

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## Community colleges chancellor honored for her leadership

Dr. Maria Harper-Marinick, chancellor of the Maricopa Community Colleges, including Mesa Community College, has received the Profiles of Success Special Recognition award at the 28th annual Hispanic Leadership Awards Celebration, sponsored by Valle del Sol.

The yearly event recognizes Hispanic individuals for their service to community, advocacy and leadership, and serves as Valle del Sol's largest fundraiser in support of healthcare, human services and leadership development programs and services.

Harper-Marinick was nominated for exceptional leadership at MCCD, and her contributions to local and national higher education organizations.

Among her peers, she is known for her dedication as a tireless champion of higher education opportunities for thousands of students in Maricopa County.

During her tenure as an executive leader, she has worked to build the stature and recognition of the Maricopa Community Colleges locally, nationally and internationally.

# Diversions . . .

By M.V. Moorhead

## Flip Orley returns to his Phoenix roots for four hypnotizing shows at Tempe Improv

An exotic-looking guy in a tux, swinging a pocket watch in front of the eyes of his subject.

Even a couple of decades ago, when Flip Orley was first getting into the business, this stereotypical image of the stage hypnotist was already outmoded.

How has it changed in the years since?

According to Orley, who plays the Tempe Improv later this month, it's changed radically. And, in many ways, it's also stayed the same.

"The structure of the show is always going to be the structure of the



show," says Orley. "I'm going to get up and do 25 to 30 minutes of stand-up, during which I'll explain the kind of volunteers I'm looking for. In that regard, probably the show will always be the same."

Once he's found those volunteers from the audience, however, it will be as different as the personalities of the people he selects.

He notes a recent routine he did in which he induced his subjects to present themselves as experts in "micro-aggression," the controversial idea that people often subtly give cultural offense to other people without being aware of it.

"I posted two videos up on YouTube of two different audiences doing the same bit," he explains.

"The bit was the same, but I put the two clips up because they were two completely different. One lady said she hated it when micro-aggression got in your underwear and you had to go out back and get sprayed for it. I didn't see that coming."

A Valley native who currently lives in Louisiana but comes back often to perform and visit family and friends, Orley began in show business at 18, doing stand-up.

Separately, he later began to

practice non-theatrical hypnosis to help people quit smoking, control their weight, etc.

Eventually he combined the two pursuits. His many years of touring have given him an unusual vantage point on shifting mass consciousness and pop culture awareness.

"Sixteen or 20 years ago," he observes, "there was much more likelihood that we'd had a lot more shared experience."

Nowadays, with cable TV and the internet and all these choices, a TV show is a hit if it has a seven share.

Thirty years ago it was a hit if it got a 30 share.

"So it's a lot harder for me to come up with bits based on TV shows. I used to have three different bits based on Gilligan's Island, bits based on The Brady Bunch, and so on."

The fragmentation of media has made it so difficult to write material based on pop culture that Orley recently took inspiration from a near-universal environmental experience.

"I was eating outside at a café with my wife, and we heard the beep-beep-beep of a vehicle backing up," Orley recalls.

"I thought, everybody knows that sound, and now, of course, we all ignore it. So I came up with a bit where everybody was presenting their ideas for new back-up noises."

It sounds as if his shows essentially consist of him recruiting an ad hoc improv troupe out of the audience.

"People volunteer for different reasons," Orley admits.

"Some to prove I can't hypnotize them, some because they've been hypnotized before and they enjoy it, some because they just want a license to get up on stage and be silly."

"But the people I'm looking for, it doesn't seem like they're up there to ham it up; they're not faking it, but their creativity has come forth, and when a suggestion is given, for that brief time, it's real to them."

Flip Orley performs at the Tempe Improv Sept. 29 to Oct. 2.

For details call 480-921-9877 or go to [tempeimprov.com](http://tempeimprov.com).

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3 Colin Mochrie and Brad Sherwood:  
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11 Art Garfunkel: *In Close-Up*. . . . . 7:30pm  
12 Frank Ferrante in An Evening with Groucho . . . 3pm  
18 The Doo Wop Project . . . . . 7:30pm  
19 Piano Battle . . . . . 3pm  
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8 Recycled Percussion . . . . . 7:30pm  
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Corona's senior boys took first place in the senior class division at the Chandler Cross Country Invitational held Saturday, Sept. 3, at Tumbleweed Park. Team includes, from left, Tyler Thompson, Daniel Bish, Josh Whitney, Liam Kovatch, Slade Sumners, Anthony Sarno, Scott Carpenter and Alex Wylde.

— Photo for Wrangler News by Cheryl Thompson

# Sports

With Alex Zener

## Senior runners outpace foes at CC invitational

The Aztecs started the season in the same manner as they did in 2013 when they went on to take home the state championship trophy by winning their first meet, with two of their senior runners, **Nate Rodriguez** and **Ryan Normand**, crossing the finish line one-two at the Chandler Cross Country Invitational.

Competing against 44 other teams at this year's invitational run at Tumbleweed Park on Sept. 3, Corona seniors **Liam Kovatch** and **Slade Sumners** crossed the finish line one-two. Kovatch had a recorded time of 16:20, with Sumners on his heels at 16:22.

This Chandler meet, the first one of the season, was unique because the race format was organized so that participants were categorized by grade level and gender. The top three runners from each school were scored to determine the winner in each grade and gender

category.

Senior **Josh Whitney** was the third Aztec to finish, taking sixth place with a time of 17:16. His finish gave Corona a score of only 9 points for a first place finish and subsequent championship trophy.

The next closest was Perry which had 38 points to finish second overall as a senior team.

Other senior runners for the Aztecs in this first meet were **Tyler Thompson**, **Daniel Bish**, **Anthony Sarno**, **Scott Carpenter**, and **Alex Wylde**.

Corona's junior boys placed third overall. **Lincoln Johnston** was the top junior runner, coming in 11th, while **Dylan Waterhouse** was 16th.

**Joel Wadsworth** was the top finisher for Corona's sophomore runners when he crossed the finish line in fifth place with a personal best time of 17:27. He was followed by **Kyle Swindler** in seventh. The sophomore team took seventh overall.

The top finisher for the freshman boys team was **Cohwin David** who came in 25th.

**Corona Girls Cross Country** — Corona's girls cross country team returned close to 15 runners from last season, according to coach **Ari Rodriguez**.

"I am very excited about this season," said Rodriguez. "We had the biggest turnout ever this summer so I am looking forward to seeing some big improvements before the season is over."

Rodriguez lists **Renee Payne**, **Mackenzie Burgess**,

**Riley Wright**, **Cybel Cozart** and **Abby Cordiak** as his current top five runners, but things could change as the season progresses.

"I'm expecting these five runners, along with former JV runner **Isabello Sarno**, to lead Corona's team to a top five finish at state this year," said Rodriguez. "Isabello (Bella) has made huge improvements since last season."

At the Chandler Invitational meet, Corona's top runners, who are mainly sophomores and juniors, had Burgess as the first Corona runner to cross the finish line in the sophomore category; in the junior class, Wright was the first runner to finish for the Aztecs, followed by Cozart. **Zoe Hicks** was the only senior entered in the senior category.

Corona's cross country team was due to compete at the Ojo Rojo on Sept. 17 at Chandler's Tumbleweed Park, then at the Doug Conley Invitational at the Shalimar Country Club in Tempe on Sept. 24.

**McClintock Cross Country** — The Chargers boys and girls team competed at the Fountain Hills Invitational Sept. 10 at Fountain Hills Park, where the boys team finished 12 out of 27 teams consisting of 199 runners.

Senior **Casey Brown** was the first McClintock runner to cross the finish line. He was followed, in order of their finish, by **Nathaniel Talkalai**, **Torren Baker**, **Faruk Mohamed**, **Louis Vargas**, **Gage Reitzel** and **Carter**



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## CARDINALS TOUCHDOWNS WILL SCORE NEW TREES FROM SRP THIS SEASON

By Lori Singleton

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Here's to another winning Cardinals season and healthy Arizona forests. Go Cards!

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*Lori Singleton is director of SRP Customer Programs and Operations Support.*



**The Marcos de Niza Padres continue their winning streak, shutting out the Peoria Panthers 35-0 in their first road game of the season.**

— Wrangler News photos by Alex J. Walker



## Padres

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yards, including three touchdown passes.

“He’s very consistent,” Marcos coach Paul Moro said. “He’s one of the best quarterbacks, if not the best quarterback (in the state), and we had some really good receivers.”

The Padres got things going early in the first when Greer threw a 60-yard touchdown pass to senior wide receiver Marcus Naisant, who caught the ball in the end zone. A successful two-point conversion followed to make it 8-0 just 16 seconds into the game.

Marcos de Niza never looked back. It was 29-0 going into the half.

“Our guys did a good job,” Moro said. “We were very solid in almost every phase of the game. In the second-half we let a whole bunch of guys get in who hadn’t got to play in the first couple of games get in... it was a good victory for us.”

Moro said the Padres decided to run the clock more in the second half as guys were rotated in-and-out off the bench. The Padres scored only once more in the second half.

Their lone second half touchdown came with 8:08 left in the third quarter when senior running back Zyayre Moss ran the ball 7 yards into the end zone to make it 35-0 after a failed two-point conversion.

It was Moss’ second touchdown of the night. He carried the ball 12 times for 118 yards and has six touchdowns on season after the Peoria victory.

“Peoria gave us a good game; we just out worked them,” Moss said.

Greer and Moss had a strong flow going throughout the course of the night.

“We just really connected—we communicated a lot,” Moss said. “I told him that I want to be one of the best backfields in the state, so we just come out here and work. We give it all we got every night.”

The loss for Peoria last week was their first of the season. It also marked the first time they have been shut out since 2011, when they lost 31-0 to Cactus High School.

Junior quarterback Nate Dobson finished the night completing 7 of 35 passes for 159 yards.

“We expected (Peoria) to blitz a lot and play real physical and we thought that was the case...we just had a lot of weapons,” Moro said.

Up next, Marcos de Niza is back on the road to face the Bradshaw Mountain Bears in Prescott Valley.

Despite the strong start, Moro said he sees room for improvement in his team.

“We’re evolving all the time,” Moro said. “We’ve got to get better at every phase of the game.”

## Sports

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### Vierra.

The girls team was led by **Mariska Bogaard**, followed by **Jamee Sandees, Grace Penry** and **Emilie Berthiaume**.

The Chargers' next meet will be the Doug Conley Invitational held at the Shalimar.

### Tempe Cross Country

— Tempe's girls team competed at the Fountain Hills Invitational as well, where the Buffaloes came in 11th out of 18 teams.

**Danyella Miranda** was the top finisher for Tempe, crossing the finish line in sixth place.

Tempe's remaining runners, in order of their finish, were **Rubi Aguilera, Haile Sechrist-Gauntt, Jasmine Neal, Karely Flores Garcia, Brittany Perez** and **Brenda Juarez**.

Tempe was scheduled to compete in the Mt. Carmel/Movin Shoes Invitational on Sept. 17. The Buffaloes will next compete at the Doug Conley Invitational Sept. 24.

### Corona Girls Golf —

With six returning golfers, four of them starters last season, coach **Pat Reed** is excited about her team's chances at state this season.

The top spot once again belongs to senior **Emmer Lower**, who had a great summer tournament season, according to Reed.

"Emma played in the Big I tournament in Sacramento representing the state of Arizona," said Reed. "She shot a 65/71, beating the No. 1 Xavier girl's score to be the golfer selected."

Lower has been getting some attention from college recruiters, including Hawaii, Colorado State, Grand Canyon University and a few others, according to Reed.

**Lexie Baughman**, only a junior this season, is in the No. 2 spot again for Corona, coming back this season with more experience after playing in some summer tournaments.

The No. 3 spot is currently held by freshman **Hannah McGraw**.

"Hannah came in this season with quite a bit of experience playing in First Tee and Junior Golf," said Reed. "I expected her to challenge the No.2-5 players from the beginning and she has."

Currently in the No. 4 spot is senior **Mikaela Hatfield**.

"Mikaela is returning from her smashed finger incident at Antigua last year," said Reed. "She ended up needing two surgeries but I'm expecting her to have a good comeback and help us this season."

Hatfield may be interested in

playing for the Naval Academy, according to Reed.

Rounding out the top five golfers for Corona is senior **Taylor Gransen**.

"Taylor played in a few summer tournaments helping her gain some match experience," said Reed. "I am looking for Taylor as well as Mikaela, Lexie and Emma to help with the leadership of the younger players on and off the course."

The team started the season strong, setting a school record in their third outing Aug. 29 in a dual meet against Chandler held at the Ken McDonald Golf Course in Tempe.

"We scored the lowest team score ever in Corona history with a 152," said Reed. "Emma Lower shot a 35, but when you combined our top four scores that count, it gave us an average of 38 each for our four golfers."

The previous best team score was a 158 from 2013, according to Reed.

After playing a dual meet against Basha where Corona placed 1-5 over the Bears, with Lower placing first, according to Reed, the Aztecs played in the Antigua National High School Golf Invitational on Sept. 9, where the players gained experience playing against some of the best teams from throughout the country.

Up next, the Aztecs play in the Tempe Girls Invitational on Sept. 17 at Ken McDonald before teeing off in the Tempe City Tournament at Ahwatukee Country Club Sept. 19.

The next scheduled tournament will be the Prescott Girls Golf Invitational help Sept. 30 at Antelope Hills Golf Course.

### Corona Boys Golf

— Coach **Peter Salazar**, in his second year as the boys golf coach, has seven returning golfers out of his 13 players but still has a very young team. Only one was part of the top five last season.

"Ten of our 13 players are freshmen and sophomores, while the other three are only juniors," said Salazar. "We have a lot of talent, but it's going to take time for these young golfers to develop."

The top three players on Corona's roster are **Cohlton Kieffer, Zac Erskine** and **Cooper Odenkirk**, according to Salazar.

"These three golfers, Cohlton, Zac and Cooper, I feel are ready to compete for a spot in the state tournament," said Salazar. "They will also be my leaders this year, especially Cohlton, who leads by example. The younger players look up to him."

A few of the others players have started to separate themselves from



**Aztec girls golf team members include, from left, front row: Ava Swarup, Lexie Baughman, Hannah McGraw, Sarah Butler, Erika Johanson; back row, Mikaela Hatfield, Emma Lower, Taylor Gransen, Elle Potts, Coach Pat Reed.**

the pack on the practice course and in matches.

"**Luke Wynn** transferred from Valley Christian and will have to sit out the first seven matches, but after that I think he should be able to contend for one of our top five spots," said Salazar.

"Two freshmen, **Caden Truelick** and **Max Faeth**, I think will have an impact this year as well."

**Davis Cottrell** was also named by Salazar as one of the top six golfers at the beginning of the season but he is quick to point out that his team's biggest strength is in the number of good golfers.

"We have a deeper team than last year," said Salazar. "I have 10 golfers who could all be part of Corona's top five, depending on what happens from week to week."

The next time you can follow the Aztecs at home is a meet Sept. 20 when they will be competing at Ken McDonald Golf Course against Brophy, Hamilton and Queen Creek.

On Sept. 27, Corona will compete against Red Mountain,

Gilbert and Perry again at Ken McDonald before meeting up with Highland, Desert Ridge and Basha on Oct. 4 at the Superstition Springs Golf Course.

### Corona Football —

The Aztecs won their second game and, as of Sept. 16, had a 2-2 record after defeating Cesar Chavez 27-25 at an away game Sept. 9.

The Aztecs started slow allowing the Champions to score a touchdown first but came back strong scoring their own touchdown on a run in by quarterback **Austin Helt** with over four minutes left in the first quarter.

After the slow start, the Aztecs went on a 21-0 scoring run on three **Cameron Brice** rushing touchdowns to end up 27-6 with 4:30 left in the game.

The timely interception by the Aztecs' **Trey Bussler** helped take away some of the Champions momentum and led to Brice's third touchdown which was fortunate because the Champions came roaring back in the final four minutes.

Cesar Chavez, who had been held scoreless for over three quarters, managed to score two touchdowns in the final four minutes adding a bit of drama to the Aztec's second win of the season.

Up next Corona will play at home Sept. 16 against the Perry Pumas who have not lost a game so far this season and sport a 4-0 record. It could be a quite a challenge for the Aztec defense because of Perry's weapons on offense.

The Pumas have a quarterback that passes the ball, on average, over 350 yards a game and averages over 400 yards a game in offense by himself.

The Pumas also average over 220 yard a game rushing the ball. That's 100 more yards rushing a game than Corona.

On Sept. 23, the Aztecs will play at Boulder Creek in Anthem. They are off on Sept. 30 because of fall break.

The next game will be Oct. 7 at home against Desert Ridge.



The Women in Business mentoring circle meets at 10:30 am before the monthly Luncheon held at Soho 63. September's luncheon topic is reinventing and advancing yourself and your career.



The September 9th Public Policy Series featured Tempe Council member Lauren Kuby and Garrick Taylor of the AZ Chamber offering pro/con arguments for minimum wage increase ballot initiative.

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Kevin McCarthy from the Arizona Tax Research Association and Tom Belshe from the Arizona League of Cities and Towns discuss taxation issues relevant to the business community.



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Held at the Wild Horse Pass Hotel and Casino. The event will feature a panel format with speakers from the Gila River Indian Community, the Wild Horse Pass Development Authority and the Lone Butte Development Corporation relaying information on doing business with the Gilas and also the new and exciting developments happening to the area.



### Coffee with the Mayor

Join Chandler Mayor Jay Tibshraeny for a look at current city insights and developments for the fourth quarter and future of the city of Chandler.

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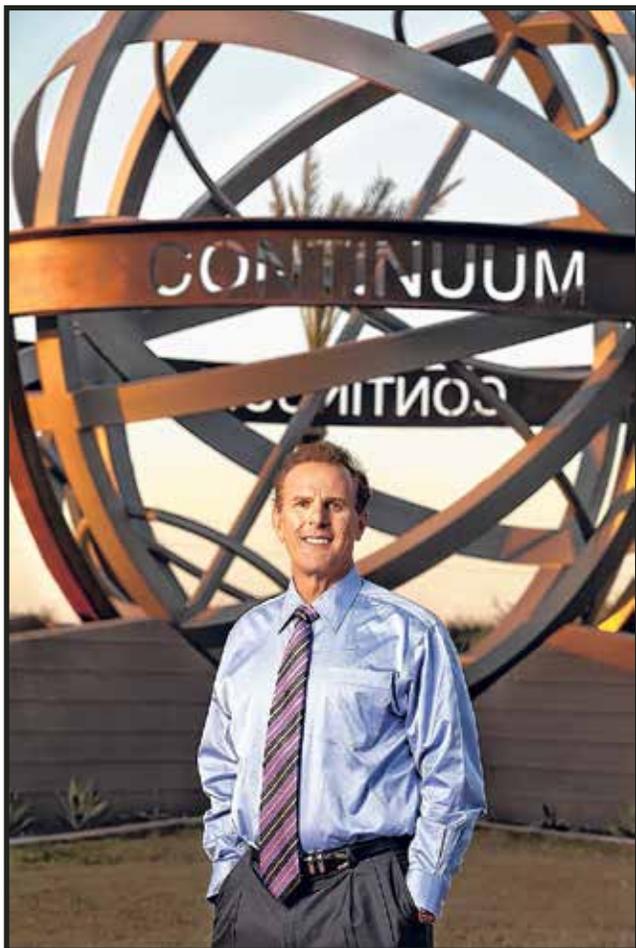
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Above: Clique Hiring Solutions celebrated their Chandler membership with a ribbon cutting event. Below the Chamber held an ADA Compliance workshop for Chamber members.





In new post, Jay Tibshraeny represents state, local constituencies.

## Tibshraeny

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beginning back in 2003.

During the last legislative session, Tibshraeny said the league worked on public pension reform. “That was a very successful effort. We ended up with a ballot measure that the public voted on.” Arizona voters passed the league-supported Proposition 124 in a landslide vote May 17.

This year, the league will be digging into construction and sales tax matters, Tibshraeny noted.

“We’re looking at that issue and how there’s folks on both sides . . . It’s a significant revenue source to all cities and towns throughout the state, so we want to preserve that so we can fund the critical services that we provide for our public.”

The tax issue is complicated, he added, but the resources funded include fire, police, public safety and public infrastructure.

“Cities do have their own codes. The state has their code, so simplification is always a good thing,” Tibshraeny said.

“I’m more interested in preserving that revenue source and leaving the authority with the cities that they currently have, but if there’s way that we can work with the state to simplify things, we can do that also.”

As both mayor of Chandler and president of the league, he’s got a balancing act to perform. Tibshraeny represents Chandler, but now also the 91 cities and towns throughout the state, as well.

Tibshraeny said his plan is to “work hard to reach out to the governor’s office and to bridge any gaps I can there.”

Last March, Gov. Doug Ducey signed into law SB 1487, a measure that withholds shared revenue from cities and towns that are found by the Attorney General to have violated state law.

The league opposed the measure, and in a letter to Ducey signed by then-vice president of the league Tibshraeny, called it “heavy-handed and intrusive,” adding that it “minimizes the important role of local elected officials.”

“We would like to see it repealed,” Tibshraeny

told *Wrangler News*.

Elected to serve a two-year term as president, he said he’s looking forward to his new role with the league.

“We represent a lot of people in this state—six million people.

“We are a voice for our citizens.”

He’ll still be at his downtown Chandler office every day but will spend some of his time at the league offices near the Arizona Capitol complex.

“I’ve never been shy about working hard and doing what I need to do,” Tibshraeny said.

“I’ll continue to work hard and will just have longer days.”

The league, formed in 1937, promotes local self-government and municipal independence and provides assistance to local governments.

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## Tempe could skirt NYC as hub for fashionista flair

Look out New York and Los Angeles: Tempe has its sights set on creating its own one-of-a-kind fashion hub.

LabelHorde, Arizona Fashion Source and Arizona Apparel Foundation have teamed up with the city of Tempe in the innovative endeavor.

And hang on to your designer hats: the fashion business incubator is slated to open at the end of this month.

"Tempe is known as a creative, innovative city," said Tempe Mayor Mark Mitchell.

"Thanks to LabelHorde, Arizona Fashion Source and Arizona Apparel Foundation, the world's next Calvin Klein, Ralph Lauren or Vera Wang could come from Tempe and this fashion incubator."

Angela Johnson, founder of LabelHorde, noted that the Valley is home to "incredible designers and fashion-centric businesses. We want to create a fashion industry environment to make it easier for Arizona students, brands and fashion lovers to learn, source, create, network and ultimately stay in Arizona."

Housed in the Tempe Performing Arts Center, the three organizations will work together, combining their expertise to support local visionaries and entrepreneurs by taking fashion from beginning to end.

That includes everything from business consulting to design services and apparel manufacturing.

For local brands, it means eliminating a stubborn wrinkle: they'll no longer have to look outside the state for manufacturing services.

It also means that new brands may be attracted to Tempe. And that, say supporters, spells jobs and revenue for the city, something that's always in style.

The new fashion center is on deck to create eight jobs immediately, with many more to follow as the fashion hub becomes established.

More than a dozen independent designer brands will work out of the space, as will several photographers, videographers and fabric printers. Six companies will receive scholarships to work in this fashion hub each year and approximately 50 people will fill this space immediately.

Arizona students studying to work in the fashion industry will now have the opportunity for local hands-on training and employment.



"In the U.S., there are only about a dozen similar manufacturing facilities, but none are quite like what's happening in Tempe," said Sherri Barry, founder of Arizona Fashion Source.

"The distinctive combination of services will create unprecedented opportunities for both new and existing Arizona-based companies that are looking for ways to keep their business local, sustainable and socially responsible."

No-cost classes will be open to the public and will include everything from sewing to sketching and marketing.

Local residents can expect to see fashion shows on Mill Avenue and inside the new facility, but the fruits of the fashion incubator won't be limited to the red carpet.

The Arizona Apparel Foundation has partnered with the 2016 Tempe Fall Festival of the Arts to bring local designer clothing and fashion shows to the event.

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## September is Library Card Sign-up Month

Chandler Public Library would like to remind all Maricopa County residents that September is Library Card Sign-Up Month. Do you have a Chandler Public Library card?

In addition to offering books for parents and children to take home and share or read on their own, the Library has librarians to help locate digital and print information for every age group and on any and every topic imaginable. They can introduce you to new genres and make reading recommendations for you and your bookclub, as well as show you how to download a book onto



your e-reader or tablet. They also demonstrate how to navigate the free online services available through your library, such as access to ConsumerReports.org, Lynda.com and Ancestry.com. Being able to use all of these wonderful books and digital media is free to the cardholder.

Resources at the Chandler Public Library are available to anyone who has a library card. For more information on getting a new library card or replacing a lost or expired card, go to [chandlerlibrary.org](http://chandlerlibrary.org), call 480-782-2800 or stop by one of the four library locations.

## Mark your calendar: Indian Art Market



The City of Chandler and its Human Relations Commission, in partnership with the Miss Indian Arizona Scholarship Program, will host the Chandler Indian Art Market this October. The event will be held from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 8, and from 10 a.m. to

4 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 9, at Dr. A.J. Chandler Park, 3 S. Arizona Ave. This free, two-day event is a

unique way to experience Native American culture and a way of life that has been handed down from generation to generation.

Native American art from throughout the Southwest can be purchased and may include art traditionally featured each year including jewelry, photography, pottery, paintings, Katsina carvings, sculptures, and tribal arts and crafts. There also will be food, entertainment, artist demonstrations and educational wisdoms of Arizona Indian tribes.

The City is currently accepting applications for artists. The application and vendor guidelines are available online at [chandleraz.gov/indianaz](http://chandleraz.gov/indianaz). The deadline to submit applications is Monday, Sept. 26. For more information about vending opportunities, email Rosalinda Berrelleza at [rosalinda.berrelleza@chandleraz.gov](mailto:rosalinda.berrelleza@chandleraz.gov).

## Chandler unofficial election results

Two candidates were elected to serve on the Chandler City Council: Nora Ellen (incumbent), 17,807 votes, 23.72 percent and Sam Huang, 13,080 votes, 17.43 percent. Council candidates Matt Eberle and Mark Stewart will now head to a run-off in the Nov. 8 general election. In addition, the General Plan Update (Prop. 493) overwhelming passed with 25,690 Yes votes (85.80 percent).

## Chandler resultados de las elecciones no official

Basados en los resultados extraoficiales del Condado Maricopa, se eligieron a dos candidatos para servir en el Concilio de la Ciudad: Nora Ellen (titular), 17,807 votos, el 23.72 por ciento y Sam Huang, 13,080 votos, 17.43 por ciento. Los candidatos del Concilio Matt Eberle y Mark Stewart ahora aparecerán en una elección de desempate en la elección general del 8 de noviembre. Además, la Actualización del Plan General (Prop. 493) fue aprobada en forma abrumadora con 25,690 votos a favor (85.80 por ciento).

## G.A.I.N. scheduled for Oct. 22

Chandler neighbors are invited to join in the annual Getting Arizona Involved in Neighborhoods (G.A.I.N.) crime and drug prevention event. Residents are encouraged to organize their G.A.I.N. event for Saturday, Oct. 22, from 3-8 p.m. You can schedule an appearance by one of the Police Department's mascots. Also available on a first-come basis are the K-9 Officers, SWAT Team Robot, Command Van and more. Call 480-782-4960 or 480-782-4870 for questions, or visit [chandlerpd.com](http://chandlerpd.com).

## EVENTS

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- 17, 24 Create Your Own Oasis Workshop, Environmental Education Center, 782-3580
- 20 Trivia Night at the Ostrich, The Ostrich, 782-2717
- 22 Easy Irrigation Troubleshooting and Repair, Chandler TechShop, 782-3580
- 24 Dragonfly & Butterfly Bash, Environmental Education Center, 782-2890
- 24 A Focus on Understanding and Hope, Center for the Arts, 782-2680
- 25 Get The Led Out, The American Led Zeppelin, Center for the Arts, 782-2680

### OCTOBER

- 1 Oktoberfest, Downtown Chandler, 480-855-3539
- 1 17th Annual C.A.L.L.E. de Arizona Mariachi Festival, Center for the Arts, 782-4348
- 4 Pruning and Maintaining your Landscape, Chandler TechShop, 782-3580
- 8 Miss Indian AZ Scholarship Program, Center for the Arts, 782-2680
- 8 Scout Jamboree, Veterans Oasis Park, 782-2895
- 8, 9 Chandler Indian Art Market, Dr. A.J. Chandler Park, 782-4358
- 10 City Council Meeting & Study Session, Council Chambers, 782-2180
- 12 Rainwater Harvesting, Chandler TechShop, 782-3580
- 13 City Council Meeting, Council Chambers, 782-2180

- 15 Pat Blackburn Open BMX Event, Espee Park, 782-2746
- 20 Sonoran Sunset Series Concert, Exit 40 Band, Veterans Oasis Park, 782-2890
- 20 Eco-Friendly Water Gardens (Walk on the Wild Side), Chandler TechShop, 782-3580
- 22 Mayor's Day of Play, Tumbleweed Park, 782-2735
- 22 For Our City/Make a Difference Day, Navarrete Park, 782-4354
- 22 Annual Getting Arizona Involved in Neighborhoods (G.A.I.N.) Night, 782-4967
- 28 Halloween Spooktacular, Downtown Library Plaza, 782-2665
- 29 Pumpkin Dunk, Mesquite Groves Aquatic Center, 782-2750

For event details, visit [chandleraz.gov](http://chandleraz.gov) or call the Chandler Special Events Hotline at 782-2735.

# At-risk children gain life lessons via their link to Future for Kids

By Joyce Coronel

When Tempe residents Marcus Johnson and Edward Lee were growing up, athletics was central to their lives. Today, both men are pouring their passion for sports into the lives of young people through Future for Kids.

The local non-profit, founded by retired National Football League player Rodney Smith, has touched the lives of more than 130,000 at-risk youth and their families.

Through a blend of athletics, academics and ethics, mentors like Johnson and Lee are helping young people who might not have the level of support they did growing up.

"Both my parents were always real involved," Johnson said. "My mother was the team mom and my dad coached me all the way up to high school."

A Marcos de Niza grad, Johnson played five sports in high school, then went on to play football and baseball in college.

Through the years, the physical therapy tech and personal trainer has run sports camps and coached numerous teams, so when he heard about Future for Kids, it seemed like a natural fit.

"I enjoy working with the kids," Johnson said. "The second-graders are just happy to talk to you. The older kids wonder, 'Is this person going to be here?'"

After a while, though, a rapport begins to build, he said. "I had a lot of boys in my groups. A few of them played on an organized soccer team and a lot of them would talk to me about wrestling."

Lee, an ASU graduate student, played basketball, football and tennis growing up.

"I had a pretty steady family. They instilled good values in me and that it was a moral obligation to give back to my



Team-building is among activities offered by Future for Kids program.

— Wrangler News photo by Joyce Coronel

community," Lee said. The main focus at Future for Kids, Lee said, is to provide consistency for the kids, week in and week out, and for the mentors to become role models. Last year, Lee volunteered at the Boys and Girls Club in Guadalupe. "Kids are my passion," he said.

Students receive a nutritious snack when they arrive, and while they're eating, mentors discuss the ethics theme of the day.

That could be anything from compassion to responsibility to integrity, Lee said. Those lessons spread out into the rest of the program, too.

"I try to lead by example. Sportsmanship especially is a big part of it. If we lose a game, we always shake the opponents' hands and say 'Good game.'"

He said he especially enjoys when they have football or basketball games, but the kids also get to experience Zumba, relay races and parachute games.

Johnson worked with fifth- and sixth-graders last year. "We start out by talking about things like self-esteem and confidence, being responsible and why those things are important."

Next, the kids have time to do their homework. "It gives them a chance to get help. They might not have that at home," Johnson said. "Then we do the athletics. That seems to be their favorite part."

Future for Kids is about more than the afterschool programs though.

They also provide summer youth sports and fitness camps, a week long summer program, basketball camp and winter games sports camp. Some 94 percent of the kids say they hope to return to the program.

With one mentor for every four children, participants get the individualized attention they need and the positive role models who inspire them to succeed at school, at sports and in the community.

Of course, it costs money to run all these programs, and so Future for Kids relies on fundraisers, like the upcoming Football 101 event Oct. 10 at Majerles Sports Grill in Chandler.

Tickets for the ladies night out are \$40. It's an evening of fun, food, prizes and entertainment where attendees will receive a Football 101 manual with the basic NFL rules and strategies as well as a personal playbook.

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# Tempe Center for the Arts

## *New exec holds big plans for Valley's 'Artistic Jewel'*



Luis Ruiz, new general manager of Tempe Center for the Arts, brings a wealth of experience managing Valley venues such as the Orpheum, Phoenix Symphony Hall and the Herberger Theater, plus his drive to implement Tempe's arts plan. — Tempe Center for the Arts photo

By Diana Whittle

Tempe Center for the Arts has named Luis Ruiz as its new general manager, with responsibility for day-to-day operations of a facility touted as the “jewel in the crown” of a city known Valley-wide for its support of the arts.

On the job since Aug. 15, Ruiz comes most recently from the city of Phoenix with an impressive resume: During the last nine years he was responsible for the budgeting, booking and operations of the Orpheum Theatre and Symphony Hall, along with operational budget oversight of Herberger Theater.

In total, Ruiz brings 21 years of venue management and a wealth of experience within the performing arts and facilities-management industry.

Ruiz says he loves what he does for a living and feels ready to polish the city's artistic jewel while showcasing its many attributes and diverse entertainment choices to audiences.

“Tempe Center for the Arts has it all—from its picturesque location on Tempe Town Lake to its intimate and finely appointed theater,” said Ruiz.

“Ours are some of the most intimate performance spaces in the Valley, bringing you close to the artists,

whether it is in our lobbies for Hello Fridays and Walk-in-Wednesdays, or for a chamber music concert in our Gallery, or a main stage production in our Theater.”

His experience will be valuable as he implements the city's ambitious Arts Plan, which was crafted in 2015 and is available on-line at [www.tempe.gov/arts](http://www.tempe.gov/arts)

The written plan is the city's first comprehensive look at the implementation and accessibility of the arts for all Tempe residents. It's the result of an extensive community outreach that gathered the impressions of nearly 900 people on their vision for the arts in the city.

The document will guide Ruiz as he oversees the center's artistic vision and direction.

“We are all in agreement that we want to continue to provide our current partners with a venue that will support their art,” said Ruiz.

“However, we want to enhance the current offerings with a wide variety of programming ranging from popular and classical to innovative and thought-provoking works. I am interested in making certain that we offer programming as diverse as our community.”

Ruiz says he was lured from the biggest arts venues in the Valley to Tempe due to the impressive facility.

“I had the opportunity to visit Tempe Center for the Arts several times and was captivated by the architecture, both inside and out.

“Secondly, having read about the hiring of the new artistic director, Ralph Remington (profiled in the July 16th issue of *Wrangler News*), and the direction that the city wanted to take as a result of its 2015 Cultural Plan, I was excited about the opportunity to help shape the future of Tempe.”

Born and raised in Miami, Fla., Ruiz received his Bachelors in Music Business at the University of Miami and is a classically trained tenor.

He earned an MBA in Marketing and Management, also from the University of Miami.

A first generation Cuban-American, Ruiz, a fluent Spanish-speaker, is one of very few Hispanic venue managers in the nation. He is the Arizona Chapter representative for the International Association of Venue Managers.

Tempe Center for the Arts, sponsored by Northern Trust, opened in September 2007, and houses a state-of-the-art 600-seat proscenium theater, a 200-seat studio theater, and a 3,500 square-foot gallery.

Its Lakeside Room seats 200 and overlooks Tempe Town Lake, with views of the Papago and Camelback mountains.

Tempe Center for the Arts also is home to Childsplay, Lakeshore Music, CONDER/dance, Desert Dance Theatre, Stray Cat Theater and more.

## Upcoming events at TCA

**Sept. 20 at 10-11:30 a.m. Free**

Tandem Duo, featuring Sarah Off and Dr. Marilyn Clark Silva, is an innovative violin/marimba duo that performs original commissions, compositions and established works for the ensemble. Doors open at 9:30 a.m. for complimentary coffee

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**Sept. 29 at 7 p.m., Free**

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**Oct. 7 at 7:30 p.m., \$10-25**

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# Wrangler **NEWS**

# Stressed out?

## From local professionals: Some practical ideas to help calm jangled nerves

By Joyce Coronel

Unless you own an air conditioning repair service or ice cream store, you've probably noticed that business is slow during the laid-back summer season in Tempe and West Chandler.

Everything changes once September rolls around though.

Organizations that haven't met all summer are firing up their new programs and school and sports activities for the fall are underway. For most people, things at work get busier too, and that can mean added stress.

Although everyone experiences stress from time to time, chronic stress can have debilitating effects, including loss of sleep, depression, decreased immune function and other health problems.

The good news is that there are many strategies to help reduce work-related stress. The counseling staff at Catholic Charities offered several recommendations that might help bring back tranquility or at least make stress more manageable.

Taking a peaceful moment before heading off to the workplace is a good start. You might want to take some time gazing out the window, listening to soothing music, or even take a leisurely walk around the block.

While you're driving to the office, be aware of your body. Are your hands gripping the steering wheel with Superman-like force? Focus on relaxing

and dissolving the tension. When you stop at a red light, pay attention to your breathing and relax your muscles. Smile. And don't check your phone or email. Driving in the right lane and going only the speed



limit is one way to reduce stress during the commute in to work. Make sure you leave home in plenty of time so you don't feel rushed.

Once you arrive at your workplace, take a moment to orient yourself before getting out of your vehicle. Try taking a deep breath and exhaling slowly. Once you get to your work station or desk, pay attention to your body tension and let it go.

You should shoot for taking a 2-5 minute break in the morning and then again in the afternoon to unwind.

- Go for a walk outside the building if possible. The change of scenery will help you gain a fresh perspective and will also help decrease tension.

- Make sure you eat your lunch away from your desk. Take that time to visit fellow employees—but don't talk about work.

- Before you leave for the day, make a list of what needs to be accomplished the following day. If you do that, you won't be worried about forgetting something important.

- On your way home from work, obey the speed limit. Turn some relaxing or soothing music. Once you pull into your driveway, take a minute to relax with slow, steady breathing.

As you exhale, let go of all the worries from work. You're home now. Leave work at work and change into some comfy clothes.

If you need help dealing with stress, you might want to make an appointment with a Catholic Charities counselor.

Appointments are available 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Wednesdays at Holy Spirit Church, 1800 E. Libra Drive, Tempe.

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— Wrangler News photos  
by Alex J. Walker

## Center

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what's going on out in the community and the wider world. An upcoming mini-Special Olympics will feature wheelchair races and even a basketball shooting contest, for example.

"With our outings, we have them integrated into the community. They might go out to eat on a Friday night, just like you would," Benedict said.

And just because they have challenges, that doesn't mean they can't give back to the community, too.

"We try to seek volunteer opportunities for them that are available, and we also have folks that come and volunteer with us," Benedict said.

One of the biggest challenges that families face is that as members age, so do their parents. With the average age of TCH group residents hovering around 50, parents are often 80 and up.

"Who will take care of them? They have been their advocate their whole life. We try to work with parents on that. There are legal resources," Benedict said. TCH is there to "advocate for the individual with disabilities so they can have the quality of life they deserve and make sure they enjoy every minute of it."

Many of the members have been there for years and have fairly significant needs. Less than a quarter are verbal, Benedict said. TCH is reimbursed only for 70 percent of the cost of the services it provides. Like many non-profits, they rely on fundraisers to make up the difference.

*Monster Mash: Fairly Frightening Fairytales* coming up Oct. 15 is one such event. The evening includes dinner, drinks, live and silent auctions, dancing, a costume contest and raffle. Proceeds benefit programs for people with disabilities.

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Kendra Benedict, top photo, new director of program services at The Centers for Habilitation in Tempe, said members participate in a number of recreational activities designed to help integrate them into the wider community with volunteer stints and outings such as trips to the mall.

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# The Last Word

## First Amendment's survival depends on reader responsibility



By Kody Acevedo

It's pretty remarkable how often the First Amendment plays a role in our everyday lives.

We see so many instances where people choose to exercise their freedom of speech, protest and religion. Heck, it would be



almost impossible for reporters and journalists to be successful without it.

I guess there's a reason why it's the first.

Yet, there's concern brewing from those inside the news industry.

According to Paul Dughi, in a recent

article published in *Editor & Publisher*, "laws haven't kept pace with innovation."

"There's a new generation of digital journalists and armies of people with cell phones capturing news every day that simply don't understand the First Amendment (or simply don't care)," Dughi said. "Many First Amendment issues haven't been seriously examined in decades."

Dughi argues that it's time that we dive in and take action in order to protect our rights.

"Police couldn't come in to a TV station and take them off the air any more than they could put armed guards to shut down the printing press. But they seem comfortable taking cell

phones and cameras and confiscating them when they capture unflattering images. Can they?"

He may be on to something. As technology changes, so too does the way we report and consume the news.

But is the problem actually the fact that our laws are that far behind our technology?

Professor Joseph Russomanno at Arizona State University is reluctant to say so.

"I'm not totally willing to accept that premise," Russomanno said. "We have principles in place and ways of applying those to all kinds of circumstances including those new ones that surface.

"The principles that we have, the standards that have been established, the precedents that have been set still exist. They still survive. They work quite nicely for any kind of situations that surface, including the kind that are catalyzed by these sorts of technologies."

### Not laws as much as technology

Russomanno is an Associate Professor at ASU and holds a Ph.D from the University of Colorado-Boulder, where his work emphasized First Amendment theory and mass media law. He teaches Mass Communication Law at the Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication.

According to Russomanno, the problem isn't so much that the laws are behind, it's that newer technologies create situations that have not yet been encountered.

"What we need, from a legal perspective, is cases to surface that will allow our courts to deal with them and to establish a new set of precedents," Russomanno said.

"What they'll be using to establish those new set of precedents are those principles that we've had with us for at least 100 years."

### Dilemma: Who exactly is a journalist?

It's not just the technology that has started to raise concern either. There's also a dilemma to define who exactly qualifies as a journalist. It couldn't possibly be everyone who owns an iPhone, could it?

People with iPhones may be able to distribute information and opinions, but that doesn't necessarily make them journalists, according to Russomanno. He says it's really about the way the practice is done.

"That is what establishes what journalism is and so we should concern ourselves with how people are going about gathering and distributing information," Russomanno said.

"Being a little bit picky about a certain kind of training or education or a set of techniques and processes that one follows, wherever they may have been learned... once one practices those, they then can be called a journalist.

"What that's doing is putting a little esteem and prestige on the title of journalist... distinguishing those people from those who simply distribute information."

Dughi said in his report that many feel that if they simply ignore these problems, they'll just go away.

He cites a report by Cronkite School Innovation Chief and Professor of Practice Eric Newton, who reported for the Knight Foundation in April that a poll showed 65 percent of the editors rated the news industry as "less able" to pursue legal activity around First Amendment-related issues than it was 10 years ago.

The study then asked to respond to the following statement:

"News organizations are no longer prepared to go to court to preserve First Amendment freedoms."

Fifty-three percent agreed. Why? Money, replied 9-out-of-10 respondents.

Russomanno agreed. The quantity of challenges that news organizations make to the government or government agencies is much less frequent.

"It's very expensive. In this day, in an age when media organizations are having to pinch pennies for their very survival, they see that as representing a cost of business that just isn't worth it to them.

"If we assume that at the heart of these challenges, or now would-be challenges, is an ability to gather information, evaluate that information and share at least parts of it, if not all of it, with their readers and viewers, then it goes to the very heart of a self-governing democracy.

"Why we have freedom of the press in the first place is to protect their ability to do that. But if they are not going to accept that responsibility, then we all lose."



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