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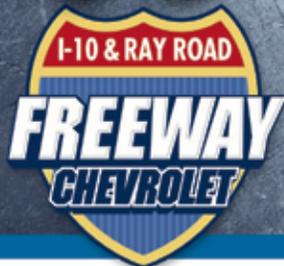
Out with the old, in with the new

After the first few weeks of their admittedly stressful transition to ASU, Corona del Sol grads Chloe Lee Jones and Victoria Schyberg obviously are finding themselves happily settled in. The pair share their observations and hopes for the future in interviews on Pages 14-15, along with a commentary on the challenges of picking a college major by Wrangler News contributor Jonathan Coronel.

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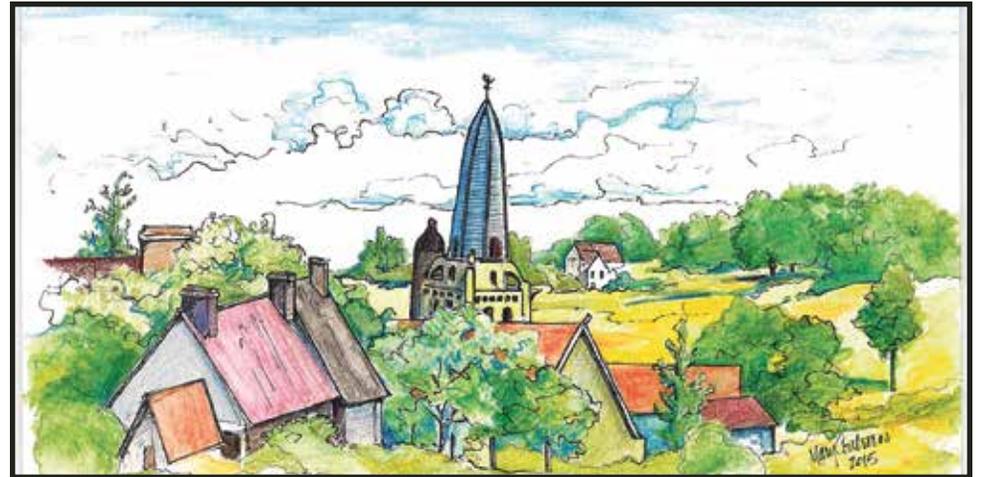
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One of the growing collection of sketches by Tempe State Farm agent Mary Contreras.

Insurance exec takes yet another path in her search for 'something different'

By Deborah Hilcove

Daughter, wife, mother. Engineer, entrepreneur, artist. Mary Contreras, founder and owner of Tempe-based Contreras State Farm Agency, grew up on a South Dakota ranch, attended college, graduated with degrees in engineering and commercial art.

After 15 successful years in aerospace engineering, she wanted something different. Her sister suggested State Farm. Contreras qualified as an agent in 1994 and opened her own agency in 2003.

She has "found the perfect career," she says, because her passion is serving others, through community service and her business.

Both fields have recognized her achievements. In 2013, *Phoenix Business Journal* named Contreras one of the year's Top 25 Women. Current endeavors include projects with the Phoenix Art Museum and Sleep America. She is an active member of both Tempe and Chandler chambers of commerce, directing the Chandler Chamber of Commerce Foundation.

She has just been named to the "Go Red for Women" executive committee, a movement of the American Heart Association.

State Farm has recognized Contreras as an outstanding agent, awarding trips to exotic locations like Uganda and Nepal. Recently, she and her husband, Gary, returned from Paris, extending their trip with a visit to the Loire Valley.

Quickly pulling up photos on her computer, she pointed out the château where they stayed. "During the 15th century until the French Revolution, royalty built huge palaces in the Loire region. The French king's castle was right here; we stayed almost next

door. There are castles all around.

The nobility wanted to live as close as possible to the king. It meant power and prestige."

Turning from the computer, she showed several sketches, explaining:

"Everywhere I travel, I sketch. As a plein-air artist, I work outdoors, very quickly, trying to capture a view with pen and ink. I have a photographic memory," she said, "so I go back later and color them in."

"We visited the 16th century village of Crissay-sur-Manse, just south of the Loire River. It's called one of the most beautiful villages of France, with cobblestone streets, white limestone houses. We toured the Renaissance chapel of St. Maurice."

She held a finely detailed, colorful sketch of a small village church with various roof lines, a square tower and a slender stone spire.

Contreras continued:

"There is a Rafael [painting], an original, in the church. And here's the town. Art everywhere. We had ice cream—pistachio ice cream. The lady scooped it, arranging it like petals of a flower."

"We also toured the Château de Chenonceau, a castle belonging to King Henry II, who gave it to his mistress. When the king died, his wife—Catherine de Medici—claimed the castle and re-landscaped the grounds, creating geometric gardens. It's right on the River Cher. The moat surrounds the last bit of the original medieval building.

"We had access everywhere, even the stables and nearly every room of the entire castle. Each room had flower arrangements, huge arrangements—as wide as your outspread arms—arrangements of mosses and sedge and phlox. "Just beautiful."

Statewide schools to gather at Corona for annual marching band competition

More than 2,000 bands from 23 schools statewide will compete at the Arizona Band and Orchestra Directors Assn. annual marching band invitational Oct. 17 at Corona del Sol High School.

During the event, the bands will compete for ratings or rankings in their respective divisions, with award ceremonies to follow.

The judges will score the bands for their musical, auxiliary, percussion and visual performance as well as overall general effect.

"We are honored to host an ABODA sanctioned Invitational," said David DuPlessis, director of the Corona marching band.

"This event is a great opportunity for the bands to demonstrate their musical programs and for the community to experience performances from schools across Arizona."

Gates open at noon at the Corona campus, 1001 E. Knox Road, Tempe.

The Corona band is recognized as one of the finest in Arizona, earning third place in the top division in Fall 2014 and second place in Fall 2012.

The band performed with Katy Perry in the Super Bowl XLIX Pepsi Halftime Show. Corona's color guard members have won the state championship for the past four

years in a row, and performed at the WGI World Championships in Ohio this year.

The percussion program is the largest in Arizona and consistently wins state percussion titles.

Dental offices again buying back post-Halloween candy for Operation Shoebox

Staff at the dental offices of Tempe Smile Design will be doing their annual candy buyback program to benefit Operation Shoebox, a charitable program that embraces a practical mission of providing hands-on support for U.S. troops deployed overseas and returning home.

It is the mission of Operation Shoebox to meet the needs of every hero with dignity and appreciation.

Whether the program involves packing coffee, socks, toothpaste and sports gear into care packages or sending letters of encouragement, organizing fundraisers or collecting supplies for homeless veterans, Tempe Smile Design, at 1712 E. Guadalupe Road, Suite 109, will continue the drive during the two weeks following Halloween (through Friday, Nov. 13). Those dropping off candy will get \$1 per pound for their contribution.

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Online renewal OK'd again this year for area owners of rental properties

Owners of rental properties in Tempe and West Chandler, as well as their countywide neighbors, can face this year's chore of registering their properties with the Maricopa County Assessor's Office with a renewed sigh of relief: Assessor Paul Petersen says the office is again accepting and processing online rental registration forms.

Prior to this process being available, landlords had to submit their paperwork in person or by mail.

Now, according to Petersen, owners may register their rental from the convenience of their home or office, and pay online as well with a new online payment system.

An owner with 10 or more properties now can register rentals at one time, using the assessor's bulk registration process, which can be completed by downloading and completing an online spreadsheet and emailing it to pubasst@mail.maricopa.gov.

maricopa.gov.

Payment must be submitted with the spreadsheet.

Said Petersen:

"Real estate professionals and real estate investors are some of the most frequent users of our services and our website especially.

"My priorities are streamlining processes, eliminating inefficiencies, and harnessing the potential of technology to truly serve our customers, the citizens of Maricopa County."

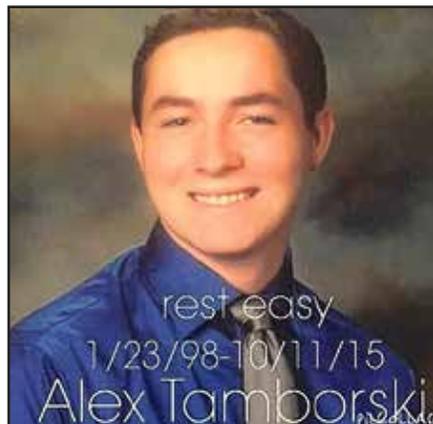
Petersen said the system allows for the property owner, property manager or a designated statutory agent the ability to update, pay and confirm property registrations with ease and convenience saving on the costs of travel and waiting in line.

Information: 602-506-3406 or mccassessor.maricopa.gov.

The Corona del Sol High School community has once again suffered the loss of one of its own. Alex Tamborski, who was a senior at the school, was killed in a double homicide that took place Oct. 11 in Gilbert.

Police shot the alleged gunman, Matthew Crain, 35.

A GoFundMe page has been set up to help the Tamborski family with funeral arrangements and expenses. Information: gofundme.com/alexamborskifund.



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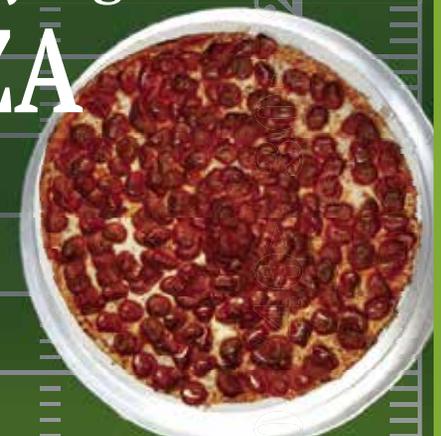
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Chandler partners with residents for ambitious neighborhood cleanup

Volunteers from West Chandler and other city neighborhoods are needed for national Make a Difference Day.

On this day, Chandler is partnering with several nonprofit organizations to support residents for the fifth annual For Our City Day.

Hundreds of volunteers will work together on a variety of neighborhood improvements projects. This year's event is scheduled from 6 a.m. to noon, Saturday, Oct. 24, at Navarette Park, 501 W. Harrison St.

Volunteers will begin their projects shortly after the planned 6 a.m. check-in.

"This is an annual event where Chandler residents, city staff, nonprofits and the faith-based community come together to help their fellow neighbors," said Vice Mayor Kevin Hartke.

"It's wonderful to see an entire neighborhood benefit from the generosity and time from our

volunteers."

Some of the projects will include yard work, alley cleanup, landscaping, painting street curb numbers, improvements to a nearby park, smoke detector checks, plumbing, A/C, appliance and carpentry repairs, electrical work, removal of palm trees and more. Large roll-off containers also will be available throughout the surrounding neighborhood to dispose of litter and debris.

There is a need for an experienced Bobcat operator, palm tree trimmers (licensed and bonded), professional carpenters, concrete finishers and plumbers, as well as sheet rock and window installers.

To view the volunteer opportunities and to sign up, visit signupgenius.com/go/4090448aea729a57-5thannual.

Information: Judy Ramos at 480-782-4348 or judy.ramos@chandleraz.gov.

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Autumn doesn't show itself only in the leaves: It can be found in downtown Chandler, which this year displayed some of its fall finery at the monthly Art Walk (third Fridays, 6-10 p.m.) and the annual Native American Art Market (each October). Wrangler News photographer Ana Ramirez was on hand to capture the photographic beauty of this colorful time of year.

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- 18 The Texas Tenors 7:30pm
- 22-31 Zoppé-An Italian Family Circus Times Vary

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- 1-3 Zoppé-An Italian Family Circus Times Vary
- 15 Black Violin 7:30pm
- 17 TIMBER! A Production of Cirque Alfonse! . . . 7pm
- 23 Deana Martin
Honoring Dean Martin & Frank Sinatra . . . 7:30pm
- 29 Moscow Festival Ballet presents Don Quixote . . 7:30pm
- 30 Fiesta Mexico-Americana with Los Lobos . . 7:30pm

February 2016

- 6 The Wellington International
Ukulele Orchestra 7:30pm
- 12 Tap Factory 7:30pm
- 14 The Summit
The Manhattan Transfer meets Take 6 7pm
- 20 Frankie Avalon 7:30pm
- 27 Steppin' Out LIVE with Ben Vereen & Trio . . 7:30pm

March 2016

- 4 The Second City Fully Loaded 7:30pm
- 5 Vicki Lawrence & Mama:
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- 8-13 Tony n' Tina's Wedding Times Vary
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Grace Del Monte Kelly, energy management coordinator for the city of Tempe, and John Osgood of the city's Sustainability and Renewal Initiative, see a future where power will come from renewable sources rather than fossil fuels. The city's latest initiative toward that goal is the installation of solar panels at Tempe Public Library.

— Wrangler News photo by Alex J. Walker

Solar panels: Today's hope for tomorrow's power needs Library installation seen as a step toward renewable energy

By Joyce Coronel

Here in the sunny Southwest, the rays of the sun are plentiful. Beyond bringing winter visitors, they're also helping power the future.

Tempe Public Library will soon have solar panels that are designed to supply 35 percent of the complex's energy needs. The effort began this month and is due to be completed in December.

Grace Del Monte Kelly, the engineer who's managing the project, said the solar panels serve a two-fold purpose.

"We have shade structures in this project and it's

going to reduce the urban heat island impact," Kelly said.

That's because five solar carport canopies will provide 262 shaded parking spaces for patrons. There will also be five shaded, wheelchair-accessible parking spaces near the library entrance. And the large, north-side canopy can also be used as a community gathering space for festivals, events, farmers markets and food trucks.

"We definitely see it as an opportunity to provide clean energy to our facilities and to reduce our carbon footprint by just producing energy on site," Kelly said.

John Osgood, of Tempe's Sustainability and Renewal Initiative, said the project represents an investment in the city's future.

"From a high-level perspective, electricity and power is generated pretty much from non-renewable sources like petroleum and natural gas. Someday those resources are not going to be available," Osgood said.

"As much as we can, we look to the future and to the next generation, and make sure that we do what we can to produce clean energy using renewable sources."

Last year, the Tempe City Council identified a goal

of having 20 percent of its municipal operation energy produced by renewable sources by 2025.

The 486 solar panels that will soon be atop the library building are one way of helping to meet that goal. The solar energy will save the city some \$95,000 in utility costs over the next 20 years and increases the city's renewable energy use from 3 percent to 5 percent.

The solar panels are said to be capable of producing 1.3 million kilowatt hours of energy, which is equivalent to reducing carbon emissions by more than 900 metric tons and taking 190 vehicles off the road each year.

The total capital cost for the undertaking is \$134,920 and is funded from the city's capital improvement projects budget.

Tempe already uses solar to power part of the utility needs at the police and court building in the downtown area and has saved \$14,000 in four months. Solar power is also being used at Tempe's South Water Treatment Plant, where it provides 15 percent of the plant's energy and is expected to save \$2.3 million over 20 years.

While the city has embraced solar as a sustainable solution to energy needs, Tempe residents and some business owners have also been adding solar panels to their properties over the last several years. Tax credits and rebates, as well as concern about the environment, have fueled the development.

Mary Contreras, longtime owner of a Tempe-based State Farm insurance agency, was one of the early adopters of SRP's solar energy program when, in 2008, she had solar panels installed on the rooftop of her office building in Warner Century Plaza, on Warner Road just west of the Price/101 freeway.

"It was a great decision because our savings have

ranged from \$200 to \$300 every month for the seven years since the panels were installed," said Contreras. And, she notes, never once in those years has the system required even the most minor repairs or adjustments.

At the time she made the decision to go with solar, Contreras says, hers was the only small-business installation among 200 other applications, most of which were on residential properties.

At the time, Contreras says, SRP was attempting to satisfy a requirement for it to expand its solar offerings, and the cost seemed to be one she could amortize over the long run.

As to her satisfaction with the service, Contreras notes:

"I liked it so much I had it installed at home, and we have the same cost effectiveness and reliability there as we do in our offices."

Contreras is no stranger to alternative concepts of alternative energy. Her father, a rancher in rural South Dakota, has served on the local rural electric board for many years and has seen the evolution of geothermal approaches to energy usage, a process based on an alternative system but with a like objective: to reduce the nation's reliance on fossil-based fuel to meet its growing energy needs.

As to the work underway at Tempe's library complex, it is part of the city's ongoing efforts to reduce the carbon footprint.

"It's in the context of landscape masterplan to kind of reinvigorate and bring new life into the campus there, primarily in terms of trees that have died and trees that need some refreshing," Osgood said.

"It's all part of that capital project."

Forums to review proposed boundary changes for Kyrene schools

For the past two years, the Kyrene school boundary change task force has been conducting a review of the Kyrene School District boundaries.

The task force includes parents, community members and staff and has been working with a demographer on possible boundary changes for Kyrene.

This is the first time in nearly 20 years that the district's boundaries have been evaluated.

Two weeks ago, a post card was sent to all residential addresses in the zip codes of the schools affected by the recommended boundary changes.

Posters with maps showing the proposed changes were posted in or near the front offices of the schools affected last week.

Schools affected by the proposed changes include Akimel A-al, Altadena, Cerritos, Colina, Esperanza, Estrella, Lagos, Lomas, Manitas, Monte Vista, Niños, Norte and Waggoner.

Remaining public forums have been scheduled as follows:

Oct. 20 at Ninos Elementary, 4 to 5 p.m. and Oct. 27 at the Kyrene School District office, 6 to 7 p.m.

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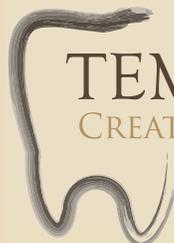
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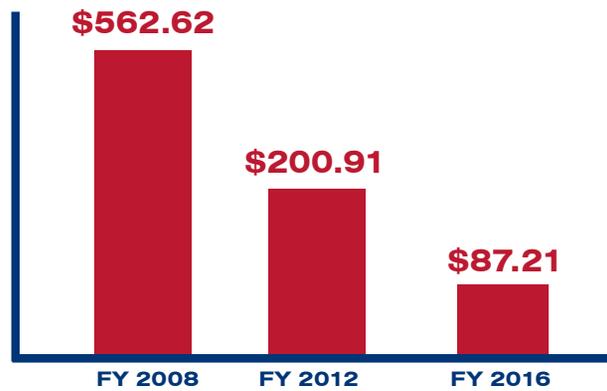
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** Based upon Arizona School District Spending—Fiscal Year 2014, issued by the Arizona Office of the Auditor General.

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Your YES Vote on the Tempe Union High School District Override is **ESSENTIAL** to sustain our **A-Rated schools** while maintaining the **lowest high school district tax rate in Maricopa County**. The District's annual budget is reviewed, finalized and approved by the community-elected Governing Board.

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Update For owner of La Casa de Juana, it's been a muy delicioso año

By M.V. Moorhead

On a recent episode of Phil Rosenthal's excellent PBS food/travel show *I'll Have What Phil's Having*, he advised visitors to Florence to go to Vivoli gelateria on their first day.

If you waited until your second, he explained, you'll be mad that you didn't go the first, because once you go, you're going to go every day that you're in town.

I'll offer similar advice regarding La Casa de Juana in Tempe, in the plaza on the southeast corner of McClintock and Elliot.

The place celebrates its first birthday this month, and if you haven't been to it, you're going to be quite irked at yourself for the year you wasted when you could have been eating there regularly.

You might as well start now, and save yourself any additional annoyance.

La Casa de Juana is, quite simply, one of the best



La Casa de Juana owner Eduardo Chavez celebrates the first anniversary of his Tempe restaurant.

— Wrangler News photo by Billy Hardiman

Mexican restaurants in the East Valley, maybe in the Valley period.

Not only has owner Eduardo Chavez created a festive and colorful yet informal atmosphere in which to enjoy good food, but the large and varied menu offers food more than worthy of the setting.

After my first meal there nearly a year ago, the place has exerted its magnetic force on me, pulling me in for frequent repeat visits.

But not as frequent as I would have liked.

My go-to item remains the chile relleno. As I've said before in these pages, it's about as good a version of that dish as I've tasted.

But I've since sampled many other items, and have yet to be disappointed.

A new favorite is the three fish taco combo, available with either grilled or lightly battered fish (I prefer the batter fried).

Thanks to the highly affordable daily house specials, which offer one, two or three item "fiesta platters" with rice and beans, I can enjoy the tasty catch nestled in soft tacos with cabbage and chipotle without having to forgo my beloved chile relleno.

This does not, of course, make for a light lunch—I will admit to nodding at my desk when I return to work.

But what is mere workplace productivity, in the face of deliciousness on this level?

For those who might prefer a lighter seafood option, however, there are choices ranging from the lime shrimp ceviche tostadas to the lime shrimp avocado salad. Vegetarians won't feel left out, either, with such options as veggie tacos, tostadas, burritos, quesadillas and sopes, Mexican pizza, salads and "calabazitas," sauteed using a Mexican form of zucchini.

All of the above and plenty more is available for an affordable, yummy meal.

For a few bucks more, however, Casa de Juana also has selections to suit those looking for something more extravagant.

Chef's Specialties include the likes of the Monster Burrito—steak, chicken, shrimp, rice, cheese, salsa, pico and guacamole—and Tacos de Chicharron—fried pork and veggies with hot salsa. But the most mouth-watering of these dishes, for me, is the Mole Poblano—that incomparable (when done right, as it is here) sauce over a juicy piece of pollo.

OK, enough: this is making me hungry. Get to La Casa de Juana, that's my point. Don't wait another year.

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Cover Story

The joys, tribulations and challenges of the big move from high school to college

The transition from high school to college can be daunting, but for two recent Corona del Sol High School graduates, it's been joy-filled. Chloe Lee Jones and Victoria Schyberg are in the midst of their first semester at Arizona State University.

Jones, who is majoring in philosophy, said that so far the best experience has been attending the university's welcome concert and being part of a sorority.

Like many new students, Jones

worried she might not make friends or do well in school, but that hasn't been the case at all. Most mornings, she wakes up at 9 and heads to class.

Afterward, she works out at the gym in her dorm and spends time with her roommate.

She's also been getting up early twice a week to go running in order to train for a half-marathon that takes place in January.

The biggest difference between high school and college, Jones noted, was the workload. The classes are challenging, and she said she hits the books in the dorm's study room in order to minimize distraction.

"I need it to be quiet and I put my phone face down on the other side of the table so I don't get distracted," Jones said.

And while she enjoyed the first ASU football game and her sorority's social

In a quiet moment between classes at ASU, former Corona Aztecs Chloe Lee Jones and Victoria Schyberg share a moment of memories and goals for their coming college years.

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events, she's learned there are some things you just can't have in a dorm room.

"I miss the home-cooked meals and my dog," Jones said.

She's majoring in philosophy, so that could be a stepping stone for a career in law or business, but Jones said she she's hoping she could work one day as a marriage and family therapist.

"I believe that a background in philosophy will help me achieve this by helping me think of things in new ways and using my logic so that I can view situations from multiple points of view."

Schyberg is majoring in broadcast journalism and communications with a minor in public relations. She said her best experience so far at ASU was attending the first home football game.

"It was so exciting and the energy there was wild!" Schyberg said. A former basketball player, she said her favorite college sports team is ASU's women's basketball team.

While some students complain about living in the

dorm, Schyberg seems to be enjoying it.

"The weirdest but best part is that living the dorms with a roommate is like having a sleepover every night with your best friend," she said.

Like Jones, Schyberg misses not seeing her family and her dog every day. She said she chose ASU because of its proximity to home and because of its Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication. The school is nationally recognized and she said he hopes a degree from Cronkite will help her land a good job after graduation.

Both Jones and Schyberg regard the construction taking place at ASU as a positive.

"The growth and construction is awesome," Schyberg said. "I love that ASU spends its money on improving ASU for staff and students."

"I think it's amazing," Jones said. "I did not know the campus was so big until I got here. There are so many helpful resources and so many convenient restaurants and school supplies stores."

At the same time, Jones said, the campus is

smaller than it seems. "My farthest walk is a simple 15 minutes," she said.

Schyberg offered an alternate perspective. Back on her first day of high school at Corona, the campus seemed huge.

Now, at ASU, she sometimes has classes a mile apart from each other.

Chloe Lee Jones — Major: philosophy; Bucket List: scuba diving on the Great Barrier Reef; finishing a half-marathon; have a beautiful family.

One thing she wishes she could change about ASU: the heat in the summer.

Victoria Schyberg — Major: broadcast journalism and communications; Bucket List: whitewash the A, sit front row at a football game and find a club she's passionate about. One thing she wishes she could change about ASU: expansion of the walk-only zones.

Commentary

In picking a major, passion exerts most critical influence

By Jonathan Coronel

Econ — yes, definitely; I'll study econ. Wait, no — supply chain sounds better; I'll go with that. No, no. I've got it: I'll do history (I love history!). Wait — I can't get a job with that degree. Maybe I'll...

This tortuous line of thinking is typical of many, perhaps even most, of today's college students.

In fact, for some — myself included — this is actually an abbreviated version of the nerve-racking process that comprises choosing a major.

It's hard to blame college students these days, particularly this year's nearly 11,000 incoming freshmen, for switching their major. The freshmen who pick an area of study and never waiver from their choice are the exceptions rather than the rule.

Fact is, it's incredibly difficult at age 18 to commit to something you could be doing for the rest of your life. Factor in all the other distractions that college brings, coupled with an increasingly volatile job market, and a student can quickly become overwhelmed.

There seem to be two schools of thought when it comes to picking a major.

There's the "dreamer" advice that suggests

studying what you love so that, no matter what the future holds, you'll never have to think of it as work. Then there's the "practical" approach that essentially says to study something you can make money with. Whether or not you love it is largely beside the point.

In today's world it is fashionable to deride dreamers — often liberal arts majors — and to push students toward STEM (our acronym for science, technology, engineering and math) majors, where most of the jobs await — this based on the common misconception that it's impossible for a liberal arts graduate to ever find a real, paying job.

Although degrees matter, the person is much more important than the piece of paper.

The political science major who networks extensively, runs three clubs and does internships every summer will be in a much better position to get a job after graduation than will the student who, no matter how technically proficient, fails to understand the power of making connections, pursuing them with vigor and keeping those relationships alive, aka the admonition to "never burn a bridge."

Thus, to assume that college credentials alone will open doors to the best jobs would be making a serious strategic mistake. The truth is, any college major requires skills and commitment that extend

outside the classroom. If a student doesn't work hard to market learned and inherent skills, and be able to convince employers he or she is the one for the job, the major will be largely irrelevant.

Still think liberal arts majors can't find a job? Think again.

The CEOs of YouTube, Starbucks and HBO all were liberal arts majors. Carly Fiorina, former CEO of Hewlett-Packard, is now running for president. The common thread linking all of these people is the hard work and passionate approach they brought to their careers.

I recall one of my favorite high school teachers addressing the class one day and reminding us that, for most of our waking hours for the rest of our lives, we would be working, so we'd better choose our paths wisely.

As college students wrap up the first half of fall semester and pick their courses for the next, they should think long and hard about the path they have chosen. Choosing something you can't stand just for the money is a bad investment.

The key is to find something you enjoy but that which you also can make a living pursuing. Place your bet on yourself—your tenacity, your networking skills, your personality—rather than a piece of paper. You'll be happier, and eventually your hard work and passion will pay off.



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U.S. study finds Tempe, Kyrene schools among top providers of music education at all grade levels

By Diana Whittle

Music education in local schools is alive and well, say administrators from both Kyrene and Tempe elementary districts.

This agrees with a new nationwide study of 1,000 music- and arts-education teachers and 800 parents, which finds strong support for music education at all grade levels.

“Striking a Chord: The Public’s Hopes and Beliefs for K-12 Music Education in the United States 2015,” a recently released study, found that a strong majority of teachers and parents say music education is very important and should continue to be funded, even at the expense of other programs and classes.

According to the survey conducted in January-February 2015:

Seventy-seven percent of teachers and 64 percent of parents agree that music and arts education are “extremely important” or “very important.”

Eighty-seven percent of teachers and 81 percent of parents believe children should have a chance to learn to play musical instruments as early as elementary school.

Sixty-three percent of teachers and 57 percent of parents believe music education should be a required subject in middle school.

“Teachers speak from first-hand experience on what matters to keeping kids engaged in school and learning,” said Mary Luehrsen, executive director of the National Association of Music Merchants Foundation, which funded the study.

“And nobody is more personally invested in kids’ long-term success than parents. What we see here is that parents and teachers overwhelmingly agree on the importance of providing every child with access to music education in school.”

Pat Burdette, coordinator of fine arts for Tempe Elementary schools, agrees that the local community continues to encourage the district’s goal of offering strong music education.

“Tempe Elementary School District has a long

tradition of supporting music education in our schools,” said Burdette. “We believe that music education is an integral and vital component to the full development of children.

“All of our Tempe elementary students have music twice a week. General music is taught from kindergarten through fourth grade. Fifth graders choose between band, orchestra, or choir. Additionally all elementary schools have fourth grade choir, which meets outside the school day and is voluntary.”

The district’s Rover Elementary is an Art and Science focused school and has additional music; next year they plan to offer introductory band, orchestra and choir to third graders, and will continue to offer it to both fourth and fifth grades.

Burdette explains that the district employs nearly 35 music instructors and when students reach sixth grade, music becomes an elective with many more choices and differentiation for skill level by offering beginning, intermediate and advanced levels to meet the needs of all of our students.

“Band, orchestra, choir, guitar, music technology, and keyboarding are offered at our comprehensive middle schools and K-8 schools,” said Burdette. “There are extracurricular ensembles at some of our schools as well.”

The Kyrene School District also values and supports music education as an educational experience for students, says Kelly Alexander, director of Community Education and Outreach Services.

“In K-5th grade, our students all take music as a part of their regular specials schedule. They also take library, PE, and art.

“In our middle schools, students and their families choose two elective experiences, which include: chorus, band, orchestra, theatre, family and consumer science, PE, art, multi-media, and Spanish,” said Alexander.

In total, Kyrene employs 30 music teachers;

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Students in St. John Bosco's Pre-K program enjoy discovering the joy of learning as they build imaginary castles (above) and unlock the mysteries of a giant interactive digital table (below).

Technology takes a bow on school's stage of 21st Century academics St. John Bosco kids introduced to giant iPad-type learning tablets



Story & photos by Joyce Coronel

When you're four feet tall and full of energy, you might be able to build a castle or a pirate ship before lunch.

That's what students at St. John Bosco preschool are discovering as they enjoy innovative new equipment that's helping them learn and develop their minds.

The inventive materials were added to the school this fall and on a recent Wednesday morning, the children were busily putting them to good use after coming in from their morning recess.

Up near the front of the classroom stood an array of numerous dense foam building blocks of assorted sizes and shapes.

It's up to the kids to decide what they want to create with the blue

blocks and they immediately began stacking and arranging them. After a few minutes, a castle and fortress emerged.

Colleen Johnson, who's in her fourth year as the pre-K teacher at the school, listened patiently as one girl explained that her creation had been obliterated.

An exuberant classmate knocked it over. "You need to use your words to tell him how you feel about that," Johnson told her. The child went back over to the group, talked it over and started piling up blocks again.

"This teaches them gross motor skills, working together, communication skills and then just

Sports . . .

Playoff hopes on the rise as Padres amass six wins in a row

Commentary by Alex Zener

“This could be the year!” The Marcos de Niza football team and its fans have heard this statement repeated over the last nine years but are quietly hoping it’s true this year.

And it easily could be. The Padres have made it into the state championship football playoffs for the last nine years straight. At least four of those years they had a fighting chance to win it all.

The Padres almost did it in 2009 when their only loss during the regular season was to Division I Mountain Pointe. Marcos de Niza made it all the way to the 5A Division II finals before losing to Chaparral 34-21 and finishing the season 12-2, their best season in years.

Marcos was again close in 2011 when the Padres lost in a 22-21 heartbreaker to No. 2 Cienega, in the second playoff round thus ending their season 11-2.

Although Marcos has not yet gotten any real notice as a team to watch, this could be the year. The Padres have won six games in a row, the last Oct. 9 in a 28-7 victory over Gilbert. The football fever in this south Tempe neighborhood is once again starting to simmer below the surface.

Marcos has the weapons to go deep into the playoffs and even win it all if they continue their winning ways on offense, defense and special teams. The only team they have lost to so far was the first game of the season to Division I powerhouse Mountain Pointe.

Playing against Division II opponents, the Padres have a balanced and potent offense outscoring their last six opponents 271 to 75 points.

Junior quarterback **Nathan Greer** has completed close to 57% of his passes to a bevy of receivers, including **Shaun Richards**, the leading receiver with over 20 receptions and 400 yards, and fellow senior **Montre Williams** with over 14 catches and 300 yards.

Altogether, Greer has completed passes to over 12 receivers among them **Tanner Blankenship** and **Marcus Naisant** who have both scored two receiving touchdowns, and **Anthony Trujillo** who has over 220 yards to his credit on only nine passes in four games.

With 10 players credited with rushing yardage, opponent defenses have a hard time stopping the Padres run game. Richards shows his multiplicity on offense as the leading rusher on the team, as well, with over 40 carries and 400 yards in seven games. Not far behind is **Avery Sanders** with over 40 carries and over 300 yards, and **Zyayre Moss** with over 200 yards in only six games.

The Padre defense is the backbone of the team holding their opponents, on average, to less than 11 points per game by playing solid defense averaging over 30 tackles and two sacks a game. They have held other teams scoreless in the second half numerous times this season.

The leading tackler is **Jacob Hernandez** who literally flies around the field with 33 solo and 44 total tackles in only five games. He has help from teammate **James Reynosa** with 23 solo and 32 total tackles in five games. Other leading tacklers include Sanders, **Daemaan Beard**, **Daviaughn Reagan**, **Erik Bolster**, **Marcus Green** and **Tyler Dennis**.

The Padres defense has done an excellent job of rushing the passer so far this season. Reagan has the most sacks with five sacks in only four games or 1.3 sacks a game. Beard and Green are next with two sacks each in five games.

Marcos is lucky to have four kickers playing on the team. **Matt Gill**, only a sophomore has been doing the kickoffs and a few of the point-after kicks while Blankenship and **Trysten Griffith** have punted. Gill is averaging close to 50 yards during his kickoffs. Blankenship is averaging over 40 yards per punt on his first 14 punts.

Krysten Muir is hitting over 90% of her point-after-kicks and made both of her field goal attempts scoring 33 points in the first six games.

Ranked No. 4 after their win over Gilbert, the Padres have a chance to move up the rankings and get a better playoff seed if they can win out their last three games of the regular season.

On Oct. 16, Marcos was scheduled to play Ironwood Ridge, 5-2, at home. The Nighthawks were the team that bounced the Padres out of the 2012 playoffs in the third round.

Going into the game, the Padres lead the Nighthawks in all categories except tackles and sacks per game which could be interesting because Ironwood Ridge’s offense is centered around the rushing game of their leading scorer Harrison Beemiller who averages 158 yard and 12 points a game. Can the Padre defense, who have played stellar all season, continue to limit this opponent’s running game?

Up next, the Padres, on Oct. 23, will square off, for the first time in years, against cross-town rival Corona del Sol who is playing Division II football this season.

The last regular season game will be at Mesquite on Oct. 30.

Corona del Sol football — The Aztecs bounced back after their 56-28 loss to O’Connor on Sept. 25 to win their fifth game of the season by defeating Poston Butte 24-14 on Oct. 2.

Corona got their running game going early against the Poston Butte Broncos with several nice rushing carries by **Cameron Brice** culminating with a 13-yard touchdown in the first quarter to go up 7-0.

The Broncos scored early in the second quarter. On their next possession, the Aztecs got great field position when **Kobee Marion** returned the kickoff to Poston Butte’s 36 -yard line. Unfortunately,



Aztecs came out on the losing end of their Oct. 9 contest with Campo Verde H.S.

— Photo by Kris Cartwright for Wrangler News

Corona turned the ball over on a fumble in one of the next plays.

With the Poston Butte in possession of the ball, **Duante McEwan** made Corona football history when he sacked the Broncos on fourth down. He became the single season sack leader at Corona.

The Aztecs were able to get three points on a field goal by **Austin Delaney** to lead 10-7 but their lead was short-lived because Poston Butte scored a passing touchdown to lead 14-10.

Corona had another great kickoff return, this time by **Jamaree Johnson**, to start their possession inside the Bronco territory. The Aztecs scored on that drive when Johnson caught a pass from **Austin Freese** for a touchdown ending the half leading 17-14.

In the second half it was all Corona. On offense, **Jacob Goodwin** had some big plays including a 30-yard run in the third quarter and two nice runs in the fourth.

Freese, in addition to gaining yards are the ground rushing the ball, threw a touchdown in the fourth quarter to **Jacob Rose** for the Aztecs to go up 24-14.

Corona’s defense held the Broncos scoreless in the second half sealing the victory when Marion intercepts a Poston Butte pass in the end zone allowing the Aztecs to run out the clock to win.

The Aztecs were not so fortunate when they lost 13-14 at Campo Verde Oct. 9. Both teams started slow on offense but Corona finally moved the ball towards the end of the first quarter.

The Aztecs started the second quarter inside the 10-yard line of Coyotes but had to settle for a field goal by **Austin Delaney**, his first of two in the game. Corona led 3-0.

Campo Verde continued to shoot themselves in the foot with penalties and bad punts in the first half giving the Aztecs great field position.

The Aztecs were able to convert one such possession when **Mason Carroll** rushed in for a touchdown to give Corona a 10-0 lead heading into the half.

Throughout three quarters, the Coyotes hurt themselves on defense with penalties and fumbled punt returns and on offense with a complete inability to move the ball.

Corona failed to capitalize on these errors in the third quarter and had to settle for another Delany field goal instead of a touchdown from inside the eight-yard line.

Unfortunately, the momentum switched to Campo Verde midway through the fourth quarter when the Coyotes finally managed to score on a touchdown pass with a little over six minutes left in the fourth quarter and come within a touchdown to win.

It was the Aztecs turn to make the mistake and it was a big one. Corona fumbled the kickoff return. Campo Verde recovered inside the Aztec's 20-yard line and scored their second touchdown to go up 14-13 with less than six minutes to play.

The Aztecs were able to move the ball on their last possession including a fourth down conversion run by Brice and a huge catch by **Dylan Freeze** from his brother Austin when they needed it at mid-field.

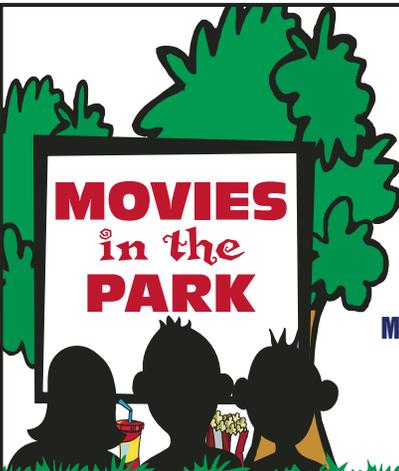
Unfortunately, the Aztecs' drive was stalled and they missed a field goal to win with the clock running down. The Aztecs are now 5-2, currently ranked at



Seton Catholic tackles McClintock's George Lopez (22) during game at Michael Eubanks Stadium. Sentinels won 8-7 over Chargers in overtime.

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Mayor's Day of Play ...



Chandler Mayor's Day of Play is a free, all-ages celebration of the community's health, wellness and fitness that will be held at Tumbleweed Park, 2250 S. McQueen Road, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 24. New activities at this year's event include the Youth & Teen

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Halloween Safety

Trick-or-Treaters, make sure to bring a flashlight and cellular phone on your trick-or-treat outing. If the lights are out at the house, pass it up. Be careful crossing the street! Parents, do not allow your child to accept anything that appears inappropriate or suspicious. Inspect your child's candy before they eat it. Motorists, be patient and drive careful in neighborhoods. Don't drive while wearing bulky costumes. If alcohol consumption is part of your celebration, designate a driver.

Downtown Stage

Mayor Tibshraeny, City Councilmembers and the Downtown Chandler Community Partnership (DCCP) unveiled Chandler's newest venue, the Downtown Stage, during a ceremony on Sept. 24. Oktoberfest was the first high-profile concert to utilize the new stage and the DCCP's outdoor concert series starts on Saturday, Oct. 31. Visit downtownchandler.org to see the performers and purchase tickets. The stage is a win-win partnership between the City and the DCCP. The new outdoor, permanent stage will provide yet another amenity for the community, along with entertainment and visitors to the downtown area, to bolster the local economy and help small businesses.



At Your Library

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Saturday, Nov. 14, 2015, 10:30 a.m.-noon.

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EVENTS OCTOBER

- 19,22 City Council meeting, Council Chambers, 480-782-2180
- 24 G.A.I.N. Event – City Bus Tour, 480-782-4354
- 24 For Our City – Make A Difference Day, 480-782-4354
- 24 Chandler Mayor's Day of Play, Tumbleweed Park, 480-782-2669
- 24 Veterans Health Care and Benefits Expo, Chandler Center for the Arts, 480-558-2052
- 30 Halloween Spooktacular, Downtown Library Plaza, 480-782-2669

- 31 Downtown Concert Series, Downtown Chandler Stage, 480-855-3539

NOVEMBER

- 7 Chuck Wagon Cook-off, Tumbleweed Ranch, 480-782-2874
- 7 Red Grammer, Center for the Arts, 480-782-2680
- 8 Chandler Symphony, Center for the Arts, 480-782-2680
- 10 DIY Connect, Center for the Arts, 480-782-2222
- 11 Veterans Day holiday, City offices closed
- 14 Outdoor Fishing Clinic and Safety Fair, Environmental Education Center, 480-782-2895

- 16,19 City Council meeting, Council Chambers, 480-782-2180
- 19 Sonoran Sunset Concert Series, Environmental Education Center, 480-782-2895
- 20 Chandler Art Walk, Dr. A.J. Chandler Park, 480-855-3539
- 21 Woofstock, Tumbleweed Park, 480-782-2669
- 21 Downtown Concert Series, Downtown Chandler Stage, 480-855-3539
- 26,27 Thanksgiving holiday, City offices closed
- 28 Downtown Concert Series, Downtown Chandler Stage, 480-855-3539
- 27-29 Nutcracker, Center for the Arts, 480-782-2680

For event details, visit chandleraz.gov or call the Chandler Special Events Hotline at 480-782-2735.

Mayor Jay Tibshraeny & City Council



Pre-K

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thinking, almost like an engineering concept,” Johnson said. “How can we build something? How can we accomplish something? They’re trying to figure it out.”

It’s this hands-on creative play that’s so crucial to developing young minds and bodies.

“They learn how things physically work, problem solving, how to build something without someone telling them how,” Johnson said, raising her voice just a tad over the joyous din.

At times Johnson and her co-teacher, Michelle Palomo, take the blocks over to the multi-purpose room where the students have even more room to spread out.

“We’ve brought them all over to the MPR and divided them into five teams,” Johnson said. “There will be a team captain and they all discuss what they want to make. They all work together.”

In another area of the classroom, there’s a sizeable magnetic board for yet more hands-on play. Students have a ramps and slides that stick to the board which they arrange in various ways before they

drop a ball through.

“It’s hands-on, like engineering, basically,” Johnson said.

Another group of students gathered around a smart table that operates like a giant iPad.

“Kids this age, they learn more this way, by moving and touching and manipulating and not us steering them and telling them what they have to do. This is the way their brain is figuring things out and learning,” Johnson said.

Rosemarie Zibelman’s son, Hudson, is in the class and she said he and the other children are enjoying the new equipment. Zibelman, president of the PTO, also has a daughter who was in the pre-K program last year.

“I think it’s way more interactive than it has been other years,” Zibelman said. “They’re more eager to learn, more motivated. They just they get these things out and they’re like little engineers, little architects. They want to build things, they want to see how they work. I think it helps that problem-solving, critical thinking part of the brain.”

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Mayor Mark Mitchell to Deliver State of the City Address on Nov. 10

The Tempe Chamber of Commerce in conjunction with the City of Tempe is pleased to present Mayor Mark Mitchell's State of the City Address on Tuesday, Nov. 10 from 7:45 to 9:00 a.m. at the Doubletree by Hilton, 2100 S. Priest Drive in Tempe.

Members of the community are invited to attend this informative and compelling presentation. The mayor will be sharing his thoughts on the local social and economic climate along with his vision for the growth and future of Tempe and Arizona.

"The annual State of the City is an opportunity for us to let residents and business leaders know what the city is doing to maintain our quality of life and build Tempe into the strong regional partner that we know a prosperous future requires," said Mitchell. "This is an excellent opportunity for us to evaluate where we've been and get the community involved in where we're going."

This breakfast event provides a valuable opportunity to enjoy a breakfast with civic, business and political leaders of the Valley.

Registration opens at 7:15 a.m. and breakfast is served at 7:45. Mayor Mitchell will begin his speech and presentation at 8 a.m.

Advance RSVP is required. Tickets are \$50 each or \$500 for a VIP Table of 10 for members, and \$70 or \$700 for a VIP Table of 10 for the general public. RSVP online at www.tempechamber.org or by calling (480) 967-7891.

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Diversions . . . with M.V. Moorhead

'Bridge of Spies' Cold War drama pays off with cinematic eloquence

Opening this week . . .

Bridge of Spies — This Cold War drama opens with one of those mesmerizing sequences that the mature Steven Spielberg does so effortlessly, as Soviet spy "Rudolf Abel" (Mark Rylance) is stalked by the Feds through the streets and subways of Brooklyn.

After Abel is captured in 1957, his defense is turned over to a staid Brooklyn insurance lawyer, James B. Donovan (Tom Hanks), who had worked on the prosecution at the Nuremberg Trials.

From there on, *Bridge of Spies*, scripted by Matt Charman and Joel and Ethan Coen, becomes a debate about the meaning of patriotic duty.

Donovan regards it as a point of national pride to provide Abel with a genuine best defense, while everyone from the judge (Dakin Matthews) to his wife (Amy Ryan) to the CIA creep shadowing him (Scott Shepherd) regards his role as a formality in a kangaroo court.

But a few years later, when U2 pilot Francis Gary Powers (Austin Sowell) is shot down and captured by the Soviets, Donovan's spirited advocacy in keeping his client out of the electric chair seems prescient.

He's asked by Allen Dulles (Peter McRobbie) to travel to Berlin, where the wall is just then going up, to unofficially negotiate the swap of Abel for Powers at Glienicke Bridge between Berlin and Potsdam in February of 1962.

Whether iconic white rabbit or grisly disaster victim, costume designer revels in creative joys, challenges

By M.V. Moorhead

Sometimes it's a talking white rabbit, and sometimes it's a disaster victim. When you're a costume designer, you can never be sure who you'll be asked to dress next.

This sort of challenge is part of what drew Mallory Prucha to the field. The resident faculty in costume design and Costume Shop supervisor at Mesa Community College started out as a traditional artist, but liked the interdisciplinary quality of costuming.

"Originally in undergrad I had studied fine art but I found costume design to be a better application for my art," says Prucha. "It involves engineering, math and a bit of science."

Currently these hard sciences are being applied to one of the craziest of fantasies (though its author was a mathematician). Prucha is designing the costumes for *Alice in Wonderland*, MCC Theater Department's stage version of the Lewis Carroll classic that hit the stage Oct. 16.

"It's the 150th year since Lewis Carroll's text was published," Prucha notes.

Now a Tempe resident, the Omaha native did her undergrad work at University of Nebraska at Omaha, then went on to get her MFA in costume design at the Johnny Carson School of Theatre and Film at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln.

She taught at the University of Wisconsin Eau Claire and designed for productions ranging from the touring passion play *The Thorn* to *Othello* and *Pericles* for Nebraska Shakespeare.

During her time at UNL, Prucha says she met several students who had come there from MCC.

"I wondered what they were putting in the water out there," she says. "They were the best trained, the most

Hanks is terrific in the sort of Capra-esque hero part for which he's the modern go-to American star —

Spencer Tracy or James Stewart or Henry Fonda would have excelled in it, too. But Hanks makes it his own, giving Donovan a wry perplexity at how those around him don't quite get it; don't grasp that excluding foreigners or alleged enemies from full due process and civil protection is a betrayal of American values.

These issues never seem to go away, alas—Donovan's frustration will be familiar to anyone who ever felt like their head was going to explode in arguments over, say, waterboarding or Abu Grahib.

I'm not historian enough to say to what degree this story has been streamlined and made symmetrical for dramatic purposes.

Plenty, I'd guess. Nor can I say how much the movie's version of Donovan, or any other character, reflects the reality. But as drama, this low-key, sedately paced movie builds quietly, earning its emotional payoffs with both and verbal and cinematic eloquence.

Goosebumps — Just in time for Halloween comes this comedy-fantasy riff on the popular series of young-adult horror novels of the '90s.

The work of the insanely prolific R. L. Stine, the formulaic *Goosebumps* yarns featured young protagonists going up against zombies, ghosts, werewolves, blobs, abominable snowmen, giant insects, murderous garden gnomes and just about every other imaginable horror motif

(almost all of them, of course, pillaged from the movies).

Stine is an onscreen character in the film, played by Jack Black as a curmudgeon living in small-town Delaware.

It turns out that Stine's imagination is so potent that his monsters will "literally leap off the page" of the original manuscripts if their locked covers are opened.

Our young hero (Dylan Minette), a new kid in town who is drawn to Stine's daughter (Odeya Rush), inadvertently liberates all of the *Goosebumps* monsters.

Under the leadership of the evil ventriloquist dummy Slappy, they go on the hunt for their author, who they resent for their imprisonment in the books.

The storyline is silly, to be sure, but the script, by Darren Lemke (from a story concocted by Scott Alexander and Larry Karaszewski), is a little wittier than you might expect, and Rob Letterman's direction is exuberant.

Black's short-fused, fussy, vain, self-dramatizing Stine is a study in broad and happy hamming; he seems to be channeling Gale Gordon.

Goosebumps is a trifle, certainly, but it's a funny and colorful trifle.

It would probably be a good family option for the season—grown-ups can get a kick out of it, yet on any but the littlest viewers, it's unlikely to raise any serious goosebumps.

Bridge of Spies is rated PG-13 and *Goosebumps* is rated PG; both play at Harkins Tempe Marketplace, Arizona Mills and other multiplexes Valleywide.

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inquisitive." So she jumped at the opportunity to join MCC's faculty, and has been in the Valley for three years now.

Says Prucha:
"I love it."

Prucha has taken to the community so much that she has put her theatrical skills to use in a different arena.

"One of the specialized programs we do is to partner with eight different emergency response units, including Mesa Fire," she says. She and her students provide moulage (the creation of realistic-appearing simulated injuries) as well as video services and actors to play victims for trainings, including TPM ("Total Patient Management" disaster drills).

"There are more traditional ways [to interact with the community]," Prucha admits, "like outreach. But I like to find those strange connections."

Speaking of strange, back to *Alice in Wonderland*. What's her approach to this beloved tale?

"There are about 20 puppets, and about 10 actors that operate them," says Prucha, though some of the characters, like the White Rabbit and Alice herself, are not puppets. "We're doing it sort of steampunk style. It's a challenge to create a sort of neutral costume that speaks to the steampunk aesthetic but allows the actors to be anything from a flamingo to a dodo."

Does she have a favorite among them?

"Well, that's hard," she says, "But I just built the Dormouse and the March Hare puppets, and I think they're pretty adorable."

Alice in Wonderland runs Friday, Oct. 16, to Saturday, Oct. 24, at MCC Theatre. Call 480-461-7172 or go to purplepass.com for details.

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'Pink Out' game 'driven by kids'

By Kody Acevedo

There's a rejuvenated sense of excitement when Friday nights roll around at Corona del Sol High School.

This week was no exception as the Aztecs defeated the Poston Buttes Broncos 24-14 in the annual "Pink Out Game" to commemorate Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Students in the stands dressed in pink while players wore pink sweat bands to celebrate the occasion.

According to Assistant Principal of Athletics Dan Nero, the event was coordinated entirely by the students.

"That's all driven by the kids," Nero said. "The student council did all of that and are always looking to give back. They love those types of things."

Nero said it's something the school looks forward to every October.

"It's really nice that our students do that," Nero said. "They decided to do it today and they got it done."

The Aztecs in pink had a lot to cheer for on top of their successful event.

Corona, 5-1, reversed course after suffering their only loss of the season last week against O'Conner, 56-28. The Broncos, 0-6, are still winless despite a triumphant effort for most of the game.

Poston Butte trailed by three going into half-time. Penalties plagued the Aztecs in the first half. They responded in the second half with a strong defensive performance that kept the Broncos scoreless.

"We talked a lot about discipline at half time," Coach Cory Nenaber said. "We shouldn't have facemasks and horse collars if we are tackling how we are taught to do, which is down around the

knees. I was proud of our guys in the second half."

Nenaber credited the offense's running game as a key to their 17 points in the first half.

"We are a run-first team, we have been all year," Nenaber said. "The goal was to try and establish a run early, try to get the ball on the edges and try to stop their run game."

The Aztecs ran the ball 41 times on the Broncos and picked up 285 yards and a touchdown.

Aztec

quarterback Austin Freese completed 9-of-13 passes for 103 yards and two touchdowns.

He credited a remarkable 34-yard reverse-flee-flicker touchdown pass at the end of the second quarter as the team's motivation to step up their game.

"I think [that play] gave us the edge tonight," Freese said. "It really got us some momentum going into the second half."

Freese praised the players around him for a successful night.

"I have to give a lot of credits to my teammates," Freese said. "They were getting open and making good catches, they did a lot for me."

The Aztecs picked up their fifth win for the first time since 2011 when they went 5-5. Freese said the team isn't distracted by the flurry of attention they've received this season.

"We just keep doing us every single week," Freese said. "Being smart and making good decisions on and off the field will help us keep things rolling."



— Photo courtesy Kris Cartwright

Sports

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No. 17, with three games left, in the regular season.

Oct. 16 the Aztecs were scheduled to play at home against Mesquite for Homecoming. Oct. 23 they will play at Marcos de Niza and then Oct. 30 is a home game against Gilbert.

McClintock football — The McClintock Chargers lost a close 8-7 game against Seton Catholic on Oct. 9

in overtime.

It was a defensive battle. After four quarters of regulation, the score was 0-0 forcing overtime.

McClintock scored a touchdown to go up 7-0.

Unfortunately, Seton also scored a touchdown on their possession. Seton's 2-point conversion was successful and they won in overtime 8-7.

The Chargers have three games left: Oct. 16 at Mingus in Cottonwood, Oct. 23 at home against Tempe and Oct. 30



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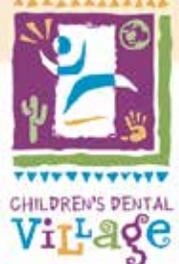
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Author Marcia Fine speaking with a group of historical novelists at her home.

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Family history forms novelist's backstory Onetime ASU English prof a 3-time prizewinner

By Debbie Hilcove

Some journeys are a single step. Others take thousands. Marcia Fine, author of *"The Blind Eye: A Sephardic Journey"* and winner of the Adult Category of 2015 OneBookAZ, began her own journey in Miami, Fla.

Moving to the Valley, she completed her master's degree at Arizona State University where she taught Freshman English, then opened the successful L'Image Model and Talent Agency.

But she had stories to tell. After a series of satirical novels, she discovered her path led back to her family history.

She wrote *"Paper Children: An Immigrant's Legacy,"* based on letters from her Polish grandmother who forged a life in post-Holocaust New York City.

The book has been a finalist for three national prizes.

That story led to a longer journey, this time to Spain and Portugal.

Studying the Spanish Inquisition and realizing its

importance within her narratives, she visited the Iberian Peninsula, explored the seaports and the ocean where so many Sephardic Jews had sailed for the New World.

She visited synagogues and spent time in libraries, studying old manuscripts and documents.

Her research resulted in *"The Blind Eye: A Sephardic Journey."* The novel interweaves the story of a family expelled from Spain during the Inquisition because of their faith with a parallel story of a contemporary Cuban-American woman searching for her Sephardic identity.

"It's about people who were forced to convert and how they survived by living duplicitous lives," said Fine.

"Even though early action of the novel takes place during the 15th and 16th centuries, it's relevant today, because immigration and intolerance are current topics."

Her latest novel, released in April, is called *"Paris Lamb."* Set in Paris and New York against the

background of an international art auction, it explores the impact of an archeological find—a biblical treasure—in the midst of anti-Semitism.

Currently she is working on a book about the *conversos*, the Sephardim in South America and Mexico who converted under pressure during the Inquisition.

Many of them continued their religious practices in secret," she said.

"For example, they would light candles at sundown on Friday behind closed doors, being careful that a housemaid or visitor didn't give them away."

"If the household was in mourning, the mirrors were covered with a black cloth so the mourners would concentrate on the inner essence, not the external appearance, of the departed. They also swept dust and debris to the center of the room before picking it up, believing it was sacrilegious to sweep dirt past the mezuzah, the sacred talisman on the door post. They had to be careful, though, that their household habits didn't

Author

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betray them to an informant.”

She continued:

“They had special identifications, too. Instead of a secret handshake, a peacock feather decorating a lapel or a fan would signify a Sephardic Jew. Or strawberries embroidered on clothing or crafted into a jeweled brooch.

“And I recently saw a necklace of butterflies. When you squeezed it together, it formed a Star of David.”

Fine’s new book is called “*The Hidden Ones*,” and research has taken her to San Miguel de Allende, Mexico.

Touring the city, she found an old Inquisition prison. Local residents told her that they hear moans and wailing at night, ghostly reminders of the building’s sinister past.

“I knew there were Inquisition outposts throughout South and Central America, up into Mexico, with the main Inquisition Palaces in Lima, Peru; Cartagena, Colombia; and Mexico City.

“But seeing this jail, with its altar tile set as a corner stone, imprinted with the royal seal and insignia of the Inquisition...it gave me shivers,” she said.

“But that’s what it’s all about. It’s the passion of writing a story. It’s a journey, and you have to find your roots. You have to tell your own story.”

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The winning publications, including Fine’s “*The Blind Eye: A Sephardic Journey*”; “*Welcome to Harmony*,” by Dan Trumpis, the Teen Category Winner; and “*Bruce and the Road to Courage*,” by Gale Leach, Kids Category Winner, are available for download at www.onbookaz.org.

Music

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while some teachers do work at a couple of schools, are part-time and teach a combination of band, orchestra or chorus.

“Most recently, a fine-arts task force was assembled and identified Kyrene de la Paloma and Kyrene del Pueblo as two schools who will begin to collaborate next year on designing new experiences for students to integrate more arts experiences into these schools,” said Alexander.

“While, these schools are already high achieving Kyrene neighborhood schools, over the next several years, teachers will work together to expand the opportunities that students

can pursue, which might include a fine arts academy or other delivery structure.”

Additional growth plans also are underway in several Tempe Elementary schools, says Burdette.

“Tyler Hutta, band director at Rover Elementary and Ward Traditional Academy, has been working really hard to increase the instrument inventory at both his schools. Both PTAs have run an instrument drive, committed thousands of dollars, and applied for a matching arts grant with the city of Tempe.

“The Tempe Academy of International Studies will add band and orchestra to their curriculum choices; and, as a smaller school and PTA with little money, this school had an instrument drive this spring, too.”

Briefly

Quilt Expo at Chandler Arts Center

Chandler Center for the Arts will observe the 20th-year of its Art Quilts exhibition series, featuring textile artworks that relate to self-growth, regeneration or the taking of a new pathway.

The event will run Nov. 13-Jan. 9.

According to event juror Loraine Sample, this year’s theme will be Journeys & Life Cycles, featuring artworks that have grown out of transition, lifestyle changes or crisis.

The exhibit will represent a new outlook or a new course for artists and their stories.

Sample, an award winning fiber artist who came to her craft through a life-long love of sewing, launched her career in the early 1990s when she was introduced to the contemporary art quilt medium while living in Seattle.

Chandler Center for the Arts’ Art Quilts exhibition has grown from a local and regional quilt show to a respected vehicle for contemporary works.

The event, featuring up to 80 works by participating art quilters, draws entries from around the U.S. and Canada, and allows thousands of visitors each year to experience quilting as an art form.

The display of contemporary art quilts is said to showcase one of the finest collections of textile art on display in the regional Southwest.

The exhibition is produced by the Chandler Center for the Arts and is presented by the Chandler Cultural Foundation and the Chandler Arts Commission.

Information: Yvonne Villareal-Torres at 480-782-2695 or yvonne.villareal-torres@chandleraz.gov

Car show to benefit homeless pets

The 3rd Annual Kustom Karz for K-9’s & Katz Kar Show will be held at 9 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 7, at the Walmart Neighborhood Market on the southwest corner of Chandler Boulevard and Kyrene Road in Chandler.

Participants are asked to bring their hot rod, custom, muscle car, rat rod or motorcycle.

Proceeds will benefit Lost Our Home Pet Foundation (www.lostourhome.org), a non-profit pet rescue.

Vendors and sponsors are still needed. The entry fee is \$25 per vehicle or vendor booth and is tax-deductible.

The entry fee includes a T-shirt.

The event features a DJ, food, silent auction, 50/50 raffle and, of course, Lost Our Home will be there with a few adoptable, furry friends.

Register online at www.LostOurHome.org. Information: Ralph Guariglio, 480-241-7622 or kokonuto@cox.net

1995 Corona del Sol class reunion

Corona del Sol High School’s class of 1995 is trying to get the word out about its 20-year reunion scheduled for 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17, at the Boondocks in Scottsdale.

To purchase tickets go to www.cds95.myevent.com.

Martha (Molly) Zimpfer, a drama and AVID teacher at Santan Junior High School, is in charge of promoting the event.

Arts Center to host health fair

Military personnel and veterans are invited to attend a free Health Care and Benefits Expo from 9 a.m. to noon, Saturday, Oct. 24, at the Chandler Center for the Arts.

During the event, attendees will be able to learn about the new community-based outpatient clinic that serves the Southeast Valley, sign up for VA health care, learn about their veterans benefits

administration claims status, check eligibility and receive advice from VA health and benefits counselors, explore various veterans organizations and employment agencies, and meet and network with fellow veterans.

Free Art Friday at Edna Vihel

Boys and ghouls, families and friends are welcome to play, create and be scary at the Free Art Friday “Wild West Ghost Town,” 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. Oct. 23 at the Edna Vihel Activities Center, 3340 S. Rural Road.

Enjoy a free, leisurely morning of activities that explore the “Wild West Ghost Town” theme through art projects, movement activities and music.

Kids will visit the spooky western town and make ghostly fun crafts, practice lassoing a pony and become ghost riders in the sky. Be sure to wear your Halloween best to this spook-tacular event.

Tech Fair at Tempe Library

The Tempe public library, 3500 S. Rural Road, will host its inaugural Tech Fair from 10 a.m.–2 p.m. Oct. 24.

Attendees will learn how to access the digital resources now available at the library, including e-books, magazines, databases and more.

AZSciTech will lead STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) experiments, while local video game designers share about programming and demo their games.

Not to be missed are the 3-D printers, robots, gadget table and many more exciting features. Information: www.tempe.gov/library

Holiday Boutique

Get a jump-start on your holiday shopping at the Pyle Arts and Crafts Boutique on from 9 a.m.–4 p.m. Oct. 23, and 9 a.m.–3 p.m. Oct. 24, located within the Pyle Adult Center, 665 E. Southern Ave.

The popular annual event features artists and crafters who specialize in handmade items, original artwork, holiday gifts and more. Food and snacks will be available for purchase, while live entertainment and prize drawings are sure to get participants into the spirit of the season.

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Northland Pioneer College is looking for a Network Support Technician. Under the general supervision of the Network and Systems Administrator and the IS Director, the Network Technician is responsible for route/switch, VoIP, and wireless devices on the Northland Pioneer College network.

For detailed job announcement go to www.npc.edu EEO/AA



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Network Security Coordinator

Northland Pioneer College is looking for a responsible individual to provide day to day monitoring of endpoint security solutions such as anti-virus, patch management, SIEM (Security Information and Event Management), IPS (Host Intrusion Prevention Systems), and FIM (File Integrity Monitoring). The position will perform web filtering and firewall administration on multiple designated networks. For detailed job announcement go to www.npc.edu EEO/AA



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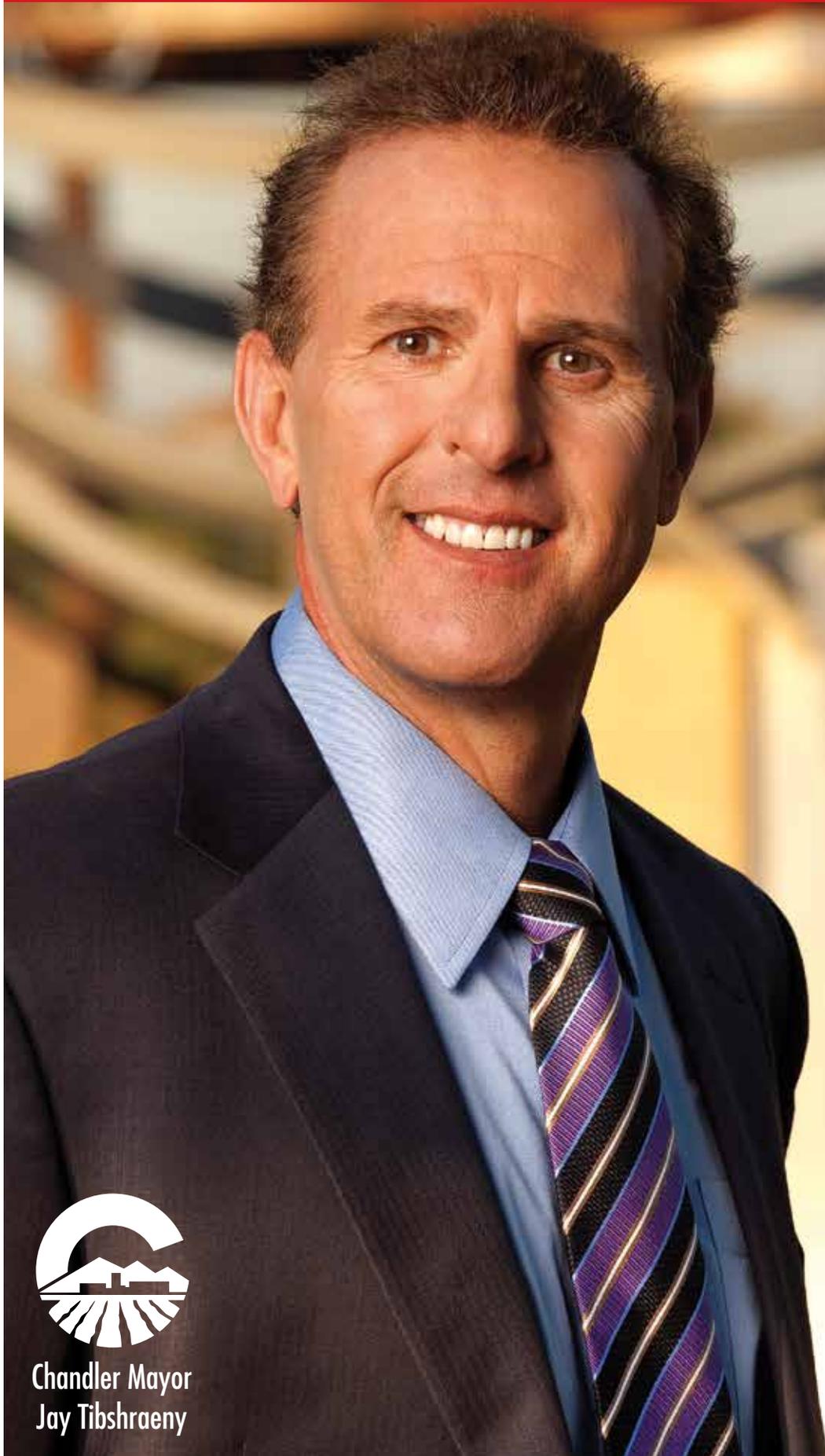
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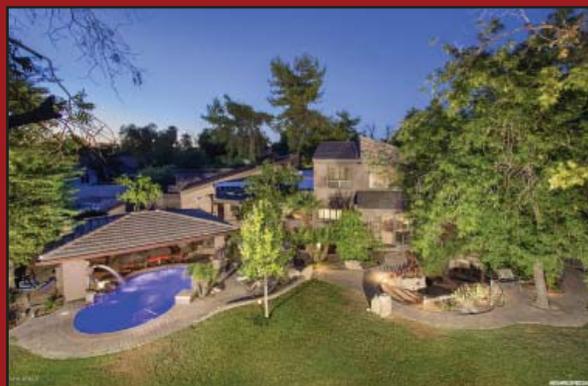




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Remodeled open floorplan home near ASU and Phoenix. Large eat-in kitchen with center island and lots of counter space. Canned lighting, remodeled baths with new tile, vanities, and light fixtures. Indoor laundry room, nice 16-inch tile and new carpet. Master bedroom has French doors. Backyard has pebbletec pool with waterfall, grassy open area, extended patio and RV gate. Mid 200's.



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