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Members of Corona del Sol High School's Red Kettle Club raised \$1,182.91 to benefit the Salvation Army during a volunteer fund-raiser at Fry's Marketplace at Rural and Ray roads. Captain Robyn Bridgeo of the Salvation Army said the total represents three times the amount usually collected at that location during the holiday season.

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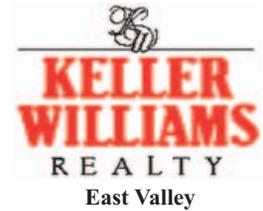
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# DINING FOR BEN

## Events to aid young cancer patient

**B**en Purcell turns 5 on Dec. 20, and the whole family is hoping he'll have good reason to celebrate. For the past 2½ years, Ben has fought a life-and-death battle with pleuropulmonary blastoma, a comparatively uncommon but nonetheless worrisome form of cancer.

During that time he's had one surgery to remove 70 percent of the tumor, another to remove his right lung and yet another to attack a brain tumor.

p.m. Saturday, Dec. 17, at the home of Shawn and Anne Benson.

Plans also call for an appearance by the Corona del Sol soccer team.

The Bensons' home, at 8535 N. Stanley Place, Tempe, is one of the southeast Valley's Christmas showcases every year, and this year is no different, said Cartwright.

The holiday light show and visit with Santa will be followed on Monday, Dec. 19, by a "Dining for Ben" fundraiser at Windy City Café, 1815 E. Elliot Road, just east of McClintock.

Donors at the Bensons' home can contribute any amount they wish; even small amounts are welcome. At Windy City, owner David Najor will donate 30 percent of every meal served that day. The restaurant's hours are 6:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

"This represents a way for all of us at Windy City to show tangible support for our neighbors, the same way they have supported us this past year," said Najor.

Among donors who already have committed to dining at Windy City on the selected date is American Title Service Agency, where account manager Teri Ferguson says employees pick worthwhile causes throughout the year, likewise to support the community.

Ben's current treatment regimen involves a total of 31 radiation visits, with more than 20 yet to go, says his mom, Barbara Purcell.

She noted that despite the severity of his condition and the pain associated with his treatment, Ben is holding up remarkably well.

"With kids under five, they usually put them under," she said. "Ben does a great job holding still, so we decided to try it without anesthesia....and we're amazed by his patience."

Purcell says Ben's doctors won't commit to when they think they'll see a response, but the technicians involved in the treatment say it's not unusual to see results after a week or two.

"We've already seen a lot less pain; we've scaled back on his pain medicine and noticed that he's complained less and been a lot more active."

Information: Kris Cartwright, 602-620-7480 or David Najor, 602-791-9978.



Efforts aimed at helping Ben Purcell.

— Photo courtesy Kris Cartwright

Now, as he's coming up on another birthday, Ben is facing more chemotherapy, another surgery, a stem cell transplant and a round of radiation.

"He's one brave little guy," says real-estate agent Kris Cartwright, who knows the family and is planning a Christmas visit with Santa as a fundraiser to help with Ben's medical expenses. The event is scheduled 6-9

# Kyrene board still struggling with kindergarten funding dilemma

By Mark Crudup

In the days following the final Kyrene School District study session and Governing Board meeting of the year on Dec. 14, the panel has yet to decide what, if any, cuts will be made to the full-day kindergarten model or changes to the middle schools to balance next year's \$5.3 million budget deficit.

The matter has been a topic, often with widely divergent viewpoints, at virtually every board meeting since June.

"I assume that the position of the staff is still that we can't deliver the common core curriculum in a half day (of kindergarten)," governing board member Ross Robb said. "I think we need to (determine) if there is a way to do full day for less than \$2.1 million."

The issue then comes down to which element is most important: class size, labor costs or ancillary revenue, Robb said—or finding a way to save money by having hundreds of families pay for a kindergarten class with a lower number of students and additional teacher aides.

"Let's say that we were going to charge \$2,000 a year for all-day kindergarten for those who could afford it," he said. "So, if we wanted to save \$800,000 a year, we would have to charge 400 families."

Robb said one approach might be casting the service as a "Cadillac" program for those families who can pay, though he said his idea was only a proposal as time is running out to come up with options.

Dr. David Schauer, district superintendent, brought up the idea of having a fundraising campaign to help offset the cost of free full-day kindergarten.

"We need to raise funds for our program that we sincerely believe needs to be offered for all students," he said.

"I just wonder if we could orchestrate some kind of campaign... that the (Kyrene) Foundation would actually dedicate funding. They would endow the kindergarten funding for lack of better words; I don't know how realistic it is, but I think it might be worth pursuing."

Board member Beth Brizel said she does not feel comfortable with voting on a kindergarten model until she knows what the middle school model looks like.

Middle schools are confronted with similar funding problems, which could

result in implementation of staffing cuts, higher class sizes and various other strategies.

Following the study session, board members dived into their regular agenda, during which teachers addressed the group on their concern over cuts that could be made to kindergarten and to the middle-school.

Jim Kenehan, who has two children in the district, said:

"I know the board is aware of how important all-day kindergarten is to a successful district, and I know that you cannot envision a district without that. However, I also know that you feel middle school is incredibly important to a student's success."

Kenehan added that the district needs to keep the middle school system as strong as possible.

Terri Desai, another Kyrene parent, emphasized the importance of keeping the current middle school model in place.

"Both my children attended all-day kindergarten in the Kyrene district, and I paid tuition for both of them. It was not paid for when I was there; it was a choice that I felt was valuable for my children. But...I don't know if I would make that choice at the expense of the money going to our middle schools."

She added that her fifth-grade son is in an elementary school algebra class with 38 students, and that she can't envision any other changes being made to middle schools without having an impact on the students' progress.

The next board meeting will be held Jan. 10, and members said they hope to vote on a kindergarten model then, realizing, however, that such a decision may take more time.

## Insight Bowl excitement coming to Tempe Dec. 30

The Iowa Hawkeyes and the Oklahoma Sooners will battle for victory in Tempe on Friday, Dec. 30, at the 23rd annual Insight Bowl.

Sun Devil Stadium will be the setting for each team's second Insight Bowl, with Iowa coming to Tempe for the second year in a row.

"Tempe couldn't be happier to host these two great teams at the Insight Bowl," said Mayor Hugh Hallman.

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# Tempe, Chandler list holiday schedules

Christmas Day and New Year's Day are on Sundays this year, and both the city of Chandler and city of Tempe will observe these holidays on the following Mondays, Dec. 26 and Jan. 2.

## Chandler

Chandler City Hall and other administrative offices will be closed both Mondays. Police and fire services will be unaffected.

**Trash and Recycling** - There is no change to trash or recycling collection. They will occur as scheduled. The Recycling-Solid Waste Collection Center (self-haul transfer facility), however, will be closed both Sundays. It will be open its regular hours from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 26 and Jan. 2.

**Tumbleweed Recreation Center** at Tumbleweed Park will be closed Christmas and New Year's days, but will be open its regular hours from 5 a.m. to 10 p.m., Dec. 26 and Jan. 2.

Chandler Tennis Center at Tumbleweed Park also will be closed Christmas and New Year's days, but will be open its regular hours from 8 a.m. to noon and from 3 to 10 p.m., Dec. 26 and Jan. 2.

The Environmental Education Center, Snedigar Recreation Center, Senior Center and downtown Community Center will be closed both Sundays and Mondays.

**Libraries** (including west Chandler's Sunset branch) will be closed on both Sundays and

Mondays. Chandler Museum also will be closed both Sundays and Mondays. (Note that the Sunset branch is closed for renovation from Dec. 17 through Jan. 2).

## Tempe

Tempe City Hall and other administrative offices will be closed on both Mondays. Police and Fire services will be unaffected by the holidays.

**Transit** — Bus and light rail services will operate according to holiday/Sunday schedules on Dec. 25 and 26. On Dec. 31, bus service will operate according to holiday/Sunday schedules until 6 p.m. After 6 p.m., some buses will run every 15 minutes until 2 a.m. on Jan. 1. METRO light rail will operate enhanced service on Dec. 31. Additional trains will be provided to support special events. Holiday/Sunday bus and light rail service will operate on Jan. 2. The Tempe Transit Store will be closed Dec. 26 and Jan. 2. For information, visit [www.tempe.gov/tim](http://www.tempe.gov/tim).

**Trash, recycling** — Residential and commercial recycling and solid waste collection will take place under normal operating hours. For information, visit [www.tempe.gov/recycling](http://www.tempe.gov/recycling). The Household Products Collection Center, 1320 E. University Drive (480-858-2223), will be open Dec. 23-24 and Dec. 30-31. The HPCC will be closed Dec. 26 and Jan. 2. For information, visit [www.tempe.gov/recycling](http://www.tempe.gov/recycling).

**Parks & Recreation** — Tempe Beach Park Splash Playground, Mill Avenue and Rio Salado Parkway, is closed for the season (480-350-5200).

Kiwanis Recreation Center, 6111 S. All-America Way, and Kiwanis Wave Pool (480-350-5201) and Kiwanis Park Batting Range will be closed Dec. 26 and Jan. 2 (480-250-5727). Jaycee Splash Playground, 715 W. Fifth St., (480-350-5200), Esquer Park Splash Playground, 2407 E. McArthur Drive, Escalante Park Swimming Pool (480-350-5800), and Clark Park Swimming Pool, 1730 S. Roosevelt St. (480-350-5203) are closed for the season.

**Library and cultural centers** — Tempe Public Library, 3500 S. Rural Road, (480-350-5500), will be open 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dec. 24 and closed Dec. 25-26 and Jan. 1-2. Tempe History Museum, 809 E. Southern Ave., (480-350-5100), Edna Vihel Center for the Arts, 3340 S. Rural Road, (480-350-5287), and Petersen House Museum, 1414 W. Southern Ave., will be closed Dec. 25-26 and Jan. 1-2. Tempe Center for the Arts, 700 W. Rio Salado Parkway, will be closed Dec. 26 and Jan. 2 (480-350-2822).

**Area community centers** — Pyle Adult Recreation Center, 655 E. Southern Ave., (480-350-5211), North Tempe Multigenerational Center, 1555 N. Bridalwreath, (480-858-6500) and Cahill Senior Center, 715 W. Fifth St., (480-858-2420), will be closed Dec. 26 and Jan. 2.

**Golf courses** — Ken McDonald Golf Course, 800 E. Divot Drive, will be open sunrise to sunset Dec. 26 and Jan. 2 (480-350-5250). Rolling Hills Golf Course, 1415 N. Mill Ave., will be open sunrise to sunset on Dec. 26 and Jan. 2 (480-350-5275).

## Tempe water: good to the last drop

If you've ever turned on the faucet and marveled at how good that cool, refreshing gulp can taste, now you'll know why.

Tempe is among nine cities nationwide to receive the top drinking-water award from the Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies.

Tempe received a 2011 Platinum Award for Utility Excellence last month at AMWA's annual meeting in Newport, R.I.

AMWA honored 12 public drinking-water systems with its top utility management awards. The awards recognize outstanding achievement in implementing the nationally recognized Attributes of Effectively Managed Water Sector Utilities.

"The strong record of effective utility management shown in the city of Tempe's entry was determined by our...panel of peer judges to be a significant contribution to the drinking water industry," AMWA officials said.

The award recognized Tempe's efforts to compete in a challenging and changing environment over a sustained time period.

Cities were evaluated in the areas of product quality, customer satisfaction, employee and leadership development, operational optimization, financial viability, infrastructure stability, operational resiliency, community sustainability, water resource adequacy and stakeholder understanding and support.

## Tempe Fire to train emergency-response volunteers

South Tempe residents who would like to help others during natural disasters and other emergencies can learn the vital and necessary skills during an upcoming training session for the city's Community Emergency Response Team.

CERT is an initiative of the Federal Emergency Management Agency that has spread to communities throughout the country, and hundreds of Tempe residents are already involved in the program.

Tempe Fire Department staff oversees the local program, which includes training in disaster preparedness, fire safety, treating injuries and search and rescue.

The idea is to provide skills that participants will be able to put to use in the event of large-scale or smaller, localized emergencies.

Two training sessions are offered. The first will be Thursdays, 6:30-9 p.m. Jan. 26-March 1; the other on Tuesdays, 6:30 - 9 p.m. Jan.

31-March 6.

Training sessions will be held at the Tempe Fire Training Center, 1340 E. University Drive, Tempe. The classes are free.

Personal protection equipment, such as hard hat, vest, goggles and leather gloves, is required and may be purchased for the group rate of \$20 to \$25.

For information about CERT, call 480-858-7230. To register, e-mail [TempeCert@gmail.com](mailto:TempeCert@gmail.com)

## Youth sought for talent show

West Chandler youth ages 12-19 who can sing, dance, rap or play an instrument, or who perform in a band, have been invited to audition for the city's Teen Talent Competition Jan. 20.

Now in its eighth year, the event provides an opportunity for local performers to step onto the stage and into the spotlight at Chandler Center for the Arts. The competition will feature a variety of acts up to five minutes long performed by individuals and groups. The public is invited to attend, and general admission tickets are \$5 at the door. The show runs 6-9 p.m.

Entry forms are due by Dec. 30. Information: 480-782-2711 or [michael.ballard@chandleraz](mailto:michael.ballard@chandleraz).



## Upscale So. Tempe center expected to boost area's economy

### *Neighbors' involvement helps shape future of massive office-retail development*

#### Commentary

By Diana Whittle

It's easy to overlook change, particularly right in your own backyard. The hustle of getting to work or school puts most people in the driver's seat on auto-pilot. Then the bustle of errands: grocery shopping, picking up the dry cleaning—so familiar is the routine that when new development creeps in, it can catch you by surprise.

So unheralded was the proposed building on a vacant parcel adjacent to Freescale Semiconductor that it previously caught many people off guard—many, that is, except for a handful of residents who live in the nearby Oasis subdivision.

Now that it's common knowledge that something new is coming—and, yes, it's going to be big—the focus has changed from the residents' surprise to, in most cases, delight.

But, it took a bit of compromise between the neighbors and the developer for the reaction to shift.

As planned, the campus of the new Discovery Business Center will be the largest infill development site along Loop 101, just west of the Elliot Road exit. When completed, the surface streets will offer a full diamond interchange adjacent to the property, providing direct access to downtown Tempe, Chandler and Scottsdale.

The name "Discovery" woven into the project's working title might have seemed somewhat ironic to those who just recently discovered the planned development. Yet to those moving it toward completion, every required step seemed to fall into place even more quickly than expected.

The developer's application won formal approval by the Tempe City Council on Nov. 17, following an initial evaluation by the Development Review Commission on Sept. 27.

Currently, primary access to the property is near Elliott Road with a lighted intersection shared with ASU Research Park. Plans for the 136-acre site include a single two-story office/industrial complex, four office buildings ranging from four to eight stories, two six-story hotels with a total of 400 rooms, space for restaurants, retail stores and a three-level parking structure.

A slight bit of apprehension among Oasis neighbors came to light early in the public participation process. Although the developers had provided the requisite notice to the closest neighbors in nearby Oasis, every homeowner of that upscale neighborhood was not included in that initial mailing.

The limited public notice was all that was legally required, however, based on the reality that the parcel already was zoned industrial and falls within the city's General Industrial Overlay District. A follow-up presentation at the Oasis at Anozira HOA annual meeting introduced a larger group of the residents to the design concepts.

Those who did receive an early notification letter and who chose to attend a public meeting at Marcos de Niza High School in August had the opportunity to hear first-hand about the proposal and to see artists' renderings of the buildings proposed for the site, and to have their opinions heard by city staff and the project's developers.

A subsequent email invitation to offer comments or ask questions yielded a batch of replies from residents, ranging from worry over additional traffic, noise and the height of the buildings.

The good news is that the public involvement resulted in changes to the project that will better accommodate residents and others in the neighborhood.

For example, a group of Freescale employees enjoy playing soccer after hours, but initial plans for the development would have eliminated the grassy

area currently used for that activity. An email from the employee group to developer Jim Wentworth resulted in a change to the design of the center that will let the team continue to play.

In another email, a concerned resident was worried about noise and a view of what some thought might end up being an ugly industrial complex.

Again, Wentworth responded personally, letting the writer know that his company plans to install on the site approximately 900 trees, mainly evergreen elm or Arizona ash, varieties known to provide shade and enough growth to fill out and block any objectionable view year round.

So, after months of back-and-forth discussion among all concerned, it appears that the developer, Wentworth, and the site planner, Gammage and Burham—both of whom are local companies with long track records in the Valley—are living up to their stated desire to be good corporate neighbors.

In a reply to yet another email from Oasis residents, developer Wentworth pledged the new project will be a model of collaboration.

"We are very accessible and will continue to be that way throughout our ownership. If you or any of your neighbors ever need anything or have any concerns, we are happy to respond to them and deal with them head on."

If this kind of corporate good-citizenship sounds too good to be true, the next part of the story may strike you as a fairy tale.

Wentworth's partner on the project is the upscale Northwood Investors LLC, a New York City-based, privately held real estate investment firm with an impressive portfolio of properties that makes the enterprise resemble a mini-Donald Trump operation.

Together, Wentworth and Northwood purchased the land for Discovery Business Center for \$53.7 million cash, with no special tax incentives or fiscal



# For world traveler, a new creative journey

By M.V. Moorhead

For most people of my generation and background, stained glass means church. In my case, it was a modest Presbyterian church in small-town Pennsylvania of the '60s, with several large windows in stained glass.

One depicted Christ in Gethsemane, another Christ as the Good Shepherd; others were nonrepresentational.

All of them contributed to the numinous atmosphere of the place, not only by their imagery but by the tint they gave to the light inside the building. They were beautiful, but they were traditional.

The work of Tempe-based artist Troy Moody, however, is not your father's stained glass. Though his commissions include churches—notably the Church of the Beatitudes at Glendale and 5th Avenue in Phoenix—Moody's works also grace other large public spaces, as well as private homes.

They aren't all windows, either—he also produces free-standing or hanging “autonomous” pieces, framed in salvaged wood or other materials and intended simply as art for art's sake. In short, in the world of art glass, the Corona del Sol High School alumnus is rapidly becoming something of a big deal.

“Glass is what I go to bed thinking about at night and what I wake up thinking about in the morning,” says Moody.

It was not ever thus—the artist, who spent his childhood in Texas and moved to the Kyrene Corridor in his teens, admits that he didn't grow up in a religious tradition that exposed him to stained glass.

After graduating from Corona, and inspired by writers like Kerouac and Allen Ginsberg, Moody hit the road, hitchhiking around the U.S. and then Europe, and later India, Nepal and Thailand, all between stints as a barista at what is known today as Pier 54, in those days as Coffee Grounds.

Unlike a great many people who go off rambling the world in what often turns out to be an unfulfilled attempt

to find themselves, Moody actually, well, found himself, or at least his true artistic medium:

“I got interested in it [glass] while backpacking through Europe,” he recalls.

“That's where it was first on my radar. The whole point of roaming around was to check out art and architecture. I was always into art, but I was really turned on to stained glass by a German architecture student who showed me some of the post-World War II work there.”

Returning to the Valley, Moody cold-called glass studios until he found one that agreed to take him on as an assistant.

By 2006, he was working from a small studio in his home not far from Old Town Tempe that he shares with his wife, son and dog.

“It's pretty humble,” says Moody of the tidy, pleasantly lighted space, equipped with a kiln and a couple of workbenches.

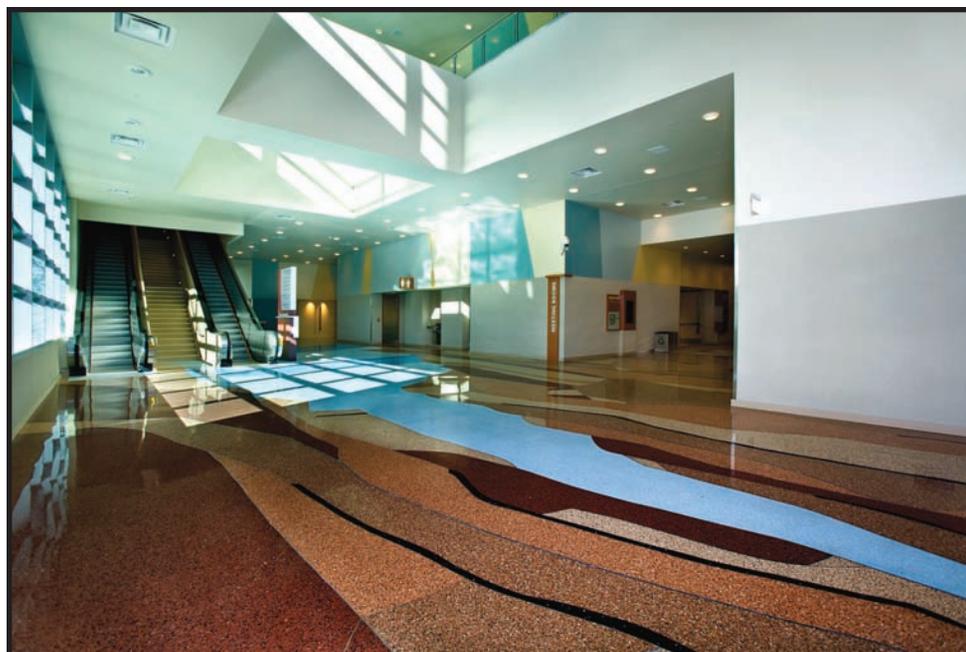
“People are often expecting a more grand operation.”

Well they might, considering the prestige of Moody's recent commissions, as well as their size. After completing a large terrazzo piece for the Phoenix Convention Center, Moody is now looking forward to the unveiling, in time for Arizona's Centennial celebration in February, of another enormous work in terrazzo for the Maricopa County Court Tower—possibly the largest installation of its kind in the Southwest.

On a less grandiose level, Moody's work will also be displayed at the Celebration of Fine Art opening Jan. 14 in Scottsdale, and a gallery show at Bragg's Pie Factory in downtown Phoenix in February.

He's also slated to give a lecture at the American Glass Guild Conference this summer in Pittsburgh, Pa.

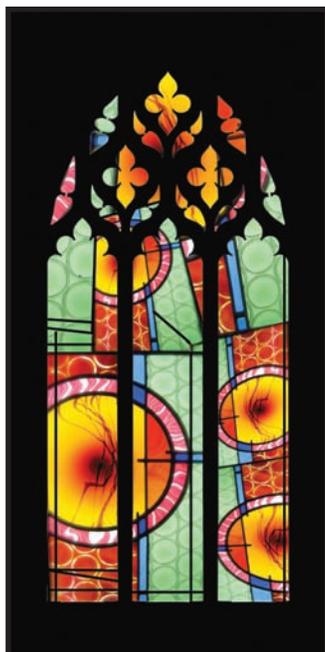
The busy fellow doesn't seem worried that his favorite medium will be going out of fashion anytime soon. “I think art glass will be around as long as we're building big buildings.”



Artist Troy Moody, above, a graduate of Corona del Sol High School, is making major career strides with unique stained-glass and terrazzo designs. Among notable works are the enormous flooring project he designed for the Maricopa County Court Tower, center, and a variety of other pieces that appear regularly in churches, galleries and public buildings.

— Photos courtesy Troy Moody

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## Discovery

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impact on city funds.

Sound like a king's ransom? Not when you consider that Northwood claims \$2 billion in assets and counts among its holdings other hotels and business complexes, such as the prestigious New York Palace Hotel; the Checca Lodge and Spa in Florida; a business development in North Carolina near the Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill research triangle, which was acquired for \$77 million; and a D.C.-based office space known as

Capital Riverfront.

This impressive portfolio isn't the only reassurance that the Discovery Business Center will be a development like no other in the southeast Valley, bringing with it additional jobs as the result of the high-end retail, hotels and office space.

And, happily, say observers, values of nearby properties could well increase based on proximity to the project.

— *Diana Whittle, a former public-information officer for the city of Tempe, writes for a variety of Valley publications, including Wrangler News.*

## Classes appeal to a wide range of interests

Amid this season's family gatherings, shopping, company parties and travelling, the city of Tempe is inviting individuals and families to explore the hundreds of activities and classes offered during the Community Services Department's Winter 2012 programming session.

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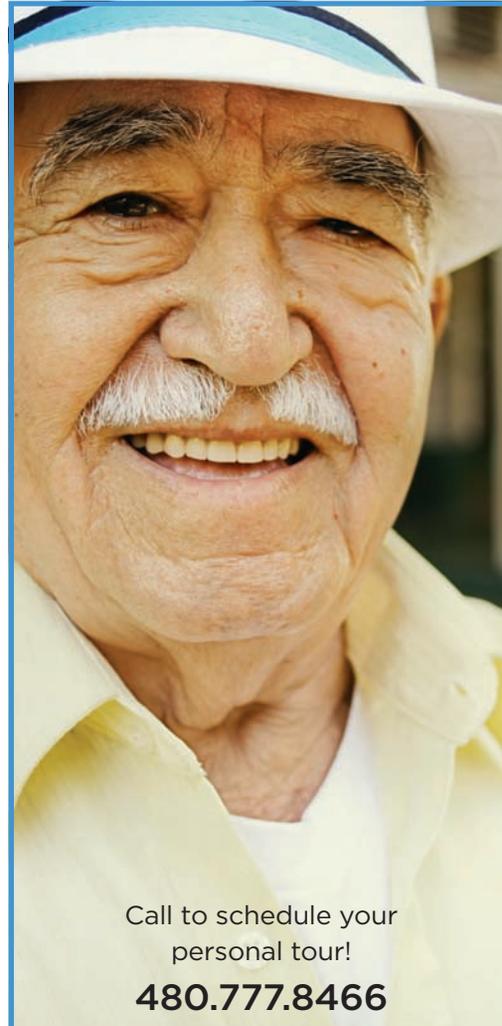
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The Tempe Opportunities brochure can also be picked up at city facilities and Tempe Fry's grocery stores.

Tempe and non-Tempe residents can register online with any major credit card, via mail, by fax or in person.

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## Kyrene Rotarians open a page to kids' newfound reading skills

By Mark Crudup

Kids in the Roosevelt School District have found a new way to spend their leisure hours: reading the dictionary.

During the past two months, members of the Kyrene Corridor Rotary Club have donated more than 1,500 dictionary-encyclopedia volumes to each third-grade student and teacher in the nearby Phoenix district.

Rotary member Harry Short said that when club members delivered the books to the school, they used the occasion to explain to students how to look up information, and asked a series of questions to practice finding specific answers.

"The visitors worked with the students as they learned how to use the table of contents and became familiar with the way the contents are organized," Short said.

"By the third question the game was on – students were competing to be first to raise their hand with the answer."

According to Short, almost one in 10 American children does not have access to a computer at home.

"This is surely true of the Roosevelt School District, where there are few computers in the classrooms and most students come from working poor families, many with English as their second language," he said.

Third-grade teacher Tina Whitlatch at John R. Davis Elementary School said her students were enthralled with receiving their own personal dictionaries.

"The class and I are thrilled with the donation," Whitlatch said. "They choose it over other books when they have free time."

Students learn more than just words in the dictionaries, using them as a resource for a variety of other facts, Whitlatch said.

"It is not only a dictionary, but it has the sign language alphabet, facts about presidents, planets, states and a multiplication table," she said.

"They constantly tell me they things they are learning from the book."

*Kyrene Corridor Rotary Club meets at noon Mondays at Kobe Steak House, Kyrene and Elliot. Visitors are welcome.*

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# Couple's energy boosting market's weekend appeal

By Alison Stanton

**B**right red and green peppers, looking festive in their holiday colors. Fresh, delicious, fish—perfect for grilling or frying. Homemade salsas in a variety of flavors and levels of heat.

These are just a few of the myriad popular products that are available every weekend at McClintock Fountains Farmers Market in south Tempe.

Chris and Rhonda Ray took over the market in mid-October. The south Tempe residents enjoyed being vendors there so much that, when the opportunity came knocking, they answered with a yes.

"The chance came up for us to do it, and we just thought: We like the market, we live in the community right behind it, and this would be a great opportunity for us and our family to take it over," Chris said.

"We have our kids helping out and we tell them that if they have a sleepover, everyone comes by to help the next morning."

Chris, who has a background as both a marriage and family counselor and has been a project manager for SRP and APS, said he and Rhonda are enjoying

the many enthusiastic comments they are getting from customers who exclaim, "We're glad you're back!"

The only problem with that, Chris notes, is that the market was never gone.

"The farmers market never disappeared, but it did go inside over the summer," he said. "It does seem to be true that if we are not seen, people don't think we exist, so we really do need to keep the tents outside all year."

With that in mind, Chris said he is already thinking ahead to summer, when he will just shorten the hours in order to keep everything outside.

But for now, the market is open every Saturday from 8 a.m. until at least 12:30 p.m. On Sundays a handful of vendors are there from 10 a.m. until about 2 p.m.

"Every Saturday from around 9:30 in the morning until the end, this is a busy little place," Chris said.

Speaking of vendors, Chris said they have a great selection of people selling both food and other items at the market each week, including Lil' Sassy's Salsa, Arizona Pepper Ranch and Davy Jones Seafood.

Another regular is Great Harvest Bread Company, whose tasty wares have grown in popularity over the months they've had a presence at this site, as well as at others around the Valley.

New vendors are always welcome to apply for space.

Although Chris said he and Rhonda are putting in some long hours keeping the market running smoothly, he insists it's all worth it, not only as a business but as a way to show off his artistic and culinary talents.

"I sell my metal crafts and flavored nuts, too, depending on how tired I am," Chris said with a laugh.

The couple enjoy being a part of the local community and connecting with residents every weekend.

"I have a lot of fun doing it, and it keeps me busy," he said.

Chris also likes having the chance to donate booth space for educational purposes and non-profits that need the exposure.

"Things have improved every month since we've been here, both in terms of revenue and people," he said, adding that they are strongly committed to the success of the market.

"We would like for grocery stores to supplement what people buy here, and not the other way around. We want to be the place people come to buy their staples and key things," he said.

"We want this to be the base for people where they can get organically and locally grown products like veggies, fruits, jams, salsa and fish."

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## Sunset Library closed through Jan. 2 for major renovation

**W**est Chandler's Sunset Library will be closed from Dec. 17 through Jan. 2 to complete a multiphase renovation project.

During the closure period customers will be able to pick up reserved books and return library materials to the outdoor book drop. Sunset Library is at 4930 W. Ray Road, just east of Rural Road.

Normal hours of operation are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, and 1 to 5 p.m. on Sunday.

Phase II of the project is currently under way and includes the removal of existing carpet, laying of additional electrical for a computer lab, framing of the lab, installation of new carpet and new paint.

The majority of the work is being done at night to minimize disruptions

to the public.

During this phase, the branch library is open normal business hours and staff is available to assist customers.

The renovated library will have dedicated spaces for pre-teens and teens, an early literacy area for children and a new service desk.

In addition to a new lab for quiet work and computer classes, there will be enhancements to the computer common area.

Library visitors will be able to relax and read with a view of the adjacent Sunset Park in a new community living room.

A partnership between the Library Division and the Chandler Arts Commission will provide public art.

Library customers can visit [www.chandlerlibrary.org](http://www.chandlerlibrary.org) for more information about the facility and the services and programs it offers.

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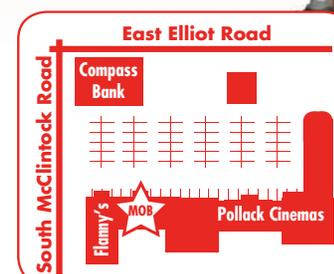
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# Diversions

With M.V. Moorhead

## Alvin and Chipmunks: They're back (again)



The title cheats a little for the sake of a pun: There's no shipwreck. Carnival Cruise Lines, aboard whose opulent vessel the singing rodent trio are vacationing, would likely have been less forthcoming with the product-placement money if there were.

Instead, Alvin, Simon and Theodore are swept overboard due to Alvin's hijinx, along with their distaff counterparts the Chipettes—Brittany, Jeanette and Eleanor.

Their manager/adoptive father Dave Seville gives chase, along with comic villain Ian Hawke (David Cross), and all of them end up marooned on a tropical island. There they encounter a wacky young

castaway woman (Jenny Slate), a spider whose bite radically changes Simon's personality, a treasure, a volcano, and many of the other standard tropes of the genre.

For the uninitiated:

The Chipmunks were created in 1958 by a struggling songwriter named Ross Bagdasarian Sr. Bagdasarian's earlier claim to fame was co-writing (with William Saroyan!) the Rosemary Clooney hit "Come On-a My House."

In '58 he concocted "The Witch Doctor," which employed his own voice, sped up to give it a high-pitched, cartoony sound.

The same year, Bagdasarian used the same technique on "The Chipmunk Song (Christmas Don't Be Late)," providing the voices for all three rodents—wiseguy Alvin, cerebral Simon and sweet Theodore—as well as that of Dave. The record's wild success led to dozens of albums, as well as TV shows and animated movies.

The elder Bagdasarian died in 1972, after which his son Ross Jr. took over the family business, including the singing duties for all four characters. He was replaced in the 2007 feature and its 2009 "Squeakquel," however, by the voices of Justin Long, Matthew Gray Gubler and Jesse McCartney as Alvin, Simon and Theodore, respectively, and by Jason Lee (of *My Name is Earl*) as Dave.

The first two films were big box-office, so this third outing was probably inevitable. How is it? Well, you know, it's a Chipmunk movie.

They sing, they dance, they do wacky stuff. There are throwaway gag references to everything from *Lord of the Rings* to Sarah Palin, and they made me chuckle here and there, but what's important is that my nine-year-old sat stock-still and watched the whole film and seemed well satisfied by the investment of time and attention.

So I guess it's a good movie.

*Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked* is rated G and plays at Harkins Arizona Mills, Tempe Marketplace, Chandler Fashion 20 and other theaters Valleywide.

To the list that includes *The Tempest* and *Robinson Crusoe* and *Swiss Family Robinson* and *Lord of the Flies* and *The Blue Lagoon* and *Castaway* and all the other tales of maroonings on desert islands we may now add a new title: *Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked*.

There's a twist this time, though. The others are about mankind struggling to survive against the primal forces of nature, while *Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked* is about chipmunks struggling to survive against the primal forces of nature.



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# Chandler Regional launches \$125 mil expansion

## CEO Patty White says project will pave the way for new, expanded services

A partnership between the contracting firm Kitchell and architects Orcutt-Winslow has been selected to design and construct a new patient tower at Chandler Regional Medical Center.

Hospital officials say the project will expand capacity, enhance key service lines and drive new office and medical development in the east Valley.

The five-story inpatient tower is anticipated to remove capacity constraints with the addition of 96 in-patient beds.

Site work on the \$125 million project begins this month, with vertical construction of the tower scheduled to begin in November 2012.

At the peak of construction it is estimated that the project will have a workforce of more than 200. It is expected to be complete by fall 2014.

"We are confident that this expansion will help meet the needs of the community by allowing us to develop new healthcare services and expand existing ones," said Patty White, Chandler Regional president and CEO.

The expansion will accommodate the hospital's emergency and medical-surgical services, with 32 intensive care and private cardiovascular intensive care rooms, 64 telemetry and medical-surgical beds, six additional operating suites, ancillary support and infrastructure including a second helipad, chapel, kitchen and dining area, central plant and 275

parking spaces.

The addition of the planned 96 in-patient care beds will bring the hospital's total bed count to 339.

According to White, the hospital leadership team hopes to add incremental capacity in order to continue providing for the healthcare needs of the community.

The patient tower follows a recently completed \$10 million cardiovascular department expansion, also built by the team of Kitchell and Orcutt-Winslow, including two cardiac catheterization laboratories, an additional nine-bed pre-post cardiac short-stay unit and ancillary support infrastructure.

"We're excited to continue our relationship with Chandler Regional, further expanding our portfolio of Catholic Healthcare West projects," said Kitchell Healthcare Division Manager Steve Whitworth.

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Architects' renderings of hospital's expansion project.

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# Briefs

## Forensics grant to Chandler PD

Chandler police have received more than \$6,000 to further educate the department's forensic services staff on testing drivers in cases involving alcohol use.

The Governor's Office of Highway Safety awarded \$6,100 to send two Chandler PD criminalists to a course at Indiana University on testing, research and litigation.

The course curriculum includes alcohol as it relates to traffic safety, alcohol chemistry, alcohol physiology, principles of blood-alcohol analysis and

the presentation of evidence in the courtroom.

Chandler Det. Seth Tyler said the grant will help develop the staff's expertise in forensic blood-alcohol analysis through current research and presentations by world-renowned experts.

The department's Forensic Services Section analyzes approximately 2,300 blood alcohol cases annually for the city of Chandler and the town of Gilbert.

## Dana Law gives back with veterans' will project

Dana Law Firm's second annual Wills for Veterans produced more than 120 wills during a Veterans Day event designed to show appreciation for those who have served in the nation's armed forces.

Value of the work was estimated at \$36,000.

Matt Dana, managing partner of the firm, said staff in the company's five offices, including west Chandler, considered the event a success.

"It was great to meet with these veterans and hear about their experiences. It was very rewarding to be able to give something back to them."

The firm's west Chandler office is at 1300 N. McClintock Drive, Suite B-4. Phone: 480-515-3716.

## Summit School grad is National Merit scholar

Brett Reardon, a 2008 Summit School of Ahwatukee graduate, has qualified as a National Merit Semifinalist. He was co-salutatorian of his 8th grade class at Summit.

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Course	Class #	Class Title	Dates	Time	Day	Credits
BPC110	22255	Computer Usage and Applications [CS]	1/17-5/11	1:00-2:40P	TR	3
CFS235	36488	The Dev. Child: Prenatal to Age 8	1/17-5/8	2:30-5:30P	T	3
CIS105	36513	Surv of Comp Info Sys [CS]	1/17-5/11	10:00-11:15A	TR	3
COM100	38341	Intro to Communication	1/17-5/11	9:30-10:45A	TR	3
COM225	24278	Public Speaking (L)	1/18-5/11	11:30-12:45P	MW	3
COM230	36514	Small Group Communication (SB)	1/20-5/11	8:30-11:00A	F	3
<b>CPD160</b>	<b>36515</b>	<b>Intro to Multiculturalism ©</b>	<b>1/17-5/11</b>	<b>7:00-8:15P</b>	<b>TR</b>	<b>3</b>
CRE101	22703	College Critical Reading [L]	1/20-5/11	8:30-11:00A	F	3
ENG081	22695	Basic Writing Skills	1/18-5/11	8:30-9:45A	MW	3
ENG091	22696	Fundamentals of Writing	1/18-5/11	10:00-11:15A	MW	3
ENG101	22705	First Year Composition [FYC]	1/17-5/11	8:30-10:10A	TR	3
<b>ENG101</b>	<b>22437</b>	<b>First Year Composition [FYC]</b>	<b>1/17-5/11</b>	<b>5:30-6:45P</b>	<b>TR</b>	<b>3</b>
ENG102	22706	First Year Composition [FYC]	1/17-5/11	10:45-12:00P	TR	3
<b>ENG102</b>	<b>22439</b>	<b>First Year Composition [FYC]</b>	<b>1/17-5/11</b>	<b>7:00-8:15P</b>	<b>TR</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>GLG101</b>	<b>22693</b>	<b>Intro to Geology I - Phys Lec [G, SQ]</b>	<b>1/17-5/11</b>	<b>6:00-8:30P</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>GLG103</b>	<b>22694</b>	<b>Intro to Geology I - Phys Lab [SQ]</b>	<b>1/19-5/11</b>	<b>6:00-8:30P</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>HUM213</b>	<b>22615</b>	<b>Hispanic Film [G, HU]</b>	<b>1/18-5/11</b>	<b>7:00-9:30P</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>3</b>
MAT082	22691	Basic Arithmetic	1/17-5/11	8:30-9:45A	TR	3
<b>MAT082</b>	<b>22584</b>	<b>Basic Arithmetic</b>	<b>1/18-5/11</b>	<b>5:30-6:45P</b>	<b>MW</b>	<b>3</b>
MAT091	24283	Introductory Algebra	1/17-5/11	10:30-11:45A	TR	4
<b>MAT091</b>	<b>24284</b>	<b>Introductory Algebra</b>	<b>1/17-5/11</b>	<b>5:30-7:10P</b>	<b>TR</b>	<b>4</b>
MAT121	24285	Intermediate Algebra	1/18-5/11	8:30-10:10A	MW	4
<b>MAT121</b>	<b>24354</b>	<b>Intermediate Algebra</b>	<b>1/17-5/11</b>	<b>7:00-8:40P</b>	<b>MW</b>	<b>4</b>
MAT141	24286	College Mathematics (MA)	1/18-5/11	10:30-12:10P	MW	4
<b>MAT141</b>	<b>36517</b>	<b>College Mathematics (MA)</b>	<b>1/18-5/11</b>	<b>7:00-8:40P</b>	<b>MW</b>	<b>4</b>
MHL153	36518	Rock Music & Culture (H, HU)	1/18-5/11	11:30-12:45P	MW	3
<b>PHI105</b>	<b>24279</b>	<b>Introduction to Ethics (HU)</b>	<b>1/17-5/11</b>	<b>6:45-9:45P</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>PSY101</b>	<b>22701</b>	<b>Introduction to Psychology [SB]</b>	<b>1/23-5/11</b>	<b>6:45-9:30P</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>PSY240</b>	<b>24280</b>	<b>Developmental Psychology (SB)</b>	<b>1/19-5/11</b>	<b>6:56-9:15P</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>3</b>
RDG081	22697	Reading Improvement	1/17-5/11	10:00-11:15A	TR	3
RDG091	22699	College Reading Skills	1/17-5/11	11:30-12:45P	TR	3
<b>REC120</b>	<b>36519</b>	<b>Leisure and Quality of Life (SB)</b>	<b>1/19-5/11</b>	<b>5:30-8:30P</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>3</b>
REL243	24281	World Religions [G,H]	1/20-5/11	8:30-11:00A	F	3
<b>SOC101</b>	<b>22700</b>	<b>Introduction to Sociology [SB]</b>	<b>1/18-5/11</b>	<b>6:45-9:15P</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>SWU291</b>	<b>22823</b>	<b>Social Services Delivery Systems (Hybrid)</b>	<b>1/23-5/11</b>	<b>6:30-9:15P</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>5</b>
SWU292	38395	Effective Helping in a Diverse World	1/18-5/11	8:30-11:00A	W	3
<b>YAQ100</b>	<b>23439</b>	<b>Yaqui History and Culture [C, SB]</b>	<b>1/18-5/11</b>	<b>5:30-6:45P</b>	<b>MW</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>YAQ110</b>	<b>22692</b>	<b>Yaqui Language and Culture</b>	<b>1/18-5/11</b>	<b>7:00-8:15P</b>	<b>MW</b>	<b>3</b>

**Weekend/Short-Term/Late Starting Courses**

AAA115	36509	Creating College Success (8 Wks)	2/3-3/30	9:00-10:40A	F	1
ACC230	39156	Uses of Accounting Information I	1/14-5/11	8:30-11:00A	S	3
BPC100	24577	Business-Personal Comp (9 Wks)	3/8-5/11	9:00-12:00P	R	2
BPC111AA	36511	Computer Keyboarding I (6 Wks)	1/19-3/02	9:00-12:25P	R	1
<b>CNT140AA</b>	<b>24319</b>	<b>Cisco Networking Fundamentalsd (8 Wks)</b>	<b>1/23-3/8</b>	<b>5:00-10:00P</b>	<b>MW</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>CNT150AA</b>	<b>24320</b>	<b>Cisco Newtworking Router Tech (8 Wks)</b>	<b>3/20-5/11</b>	<b>5:00-10:00P</b>	<b>MW</b>	<b>4</b>
ECH182	24313	Enhancing Toddler Development	4/14-4/21	9:00-4:00P	S	1
ECN211	22618	Macroeconomics [SB] (9 Weeks)	1/18-3/22	6:45-8:45P	MW	3
ECN212	22704	Microeconomics [SB] (7 Weeks)	3/26-5/11	6:45-10:00P	MW	3
REL203	22702	American Indian Religions [C, HU, L]	1/14-5/11	8:30-11:00A	S	3
<b>SWU171</b>	<b>22649</b>	<b>Intro to Social Welfare* [H, SB]</b>	<b>1/21-5/11</b>	<b>8:00-5:00P</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>3</b>

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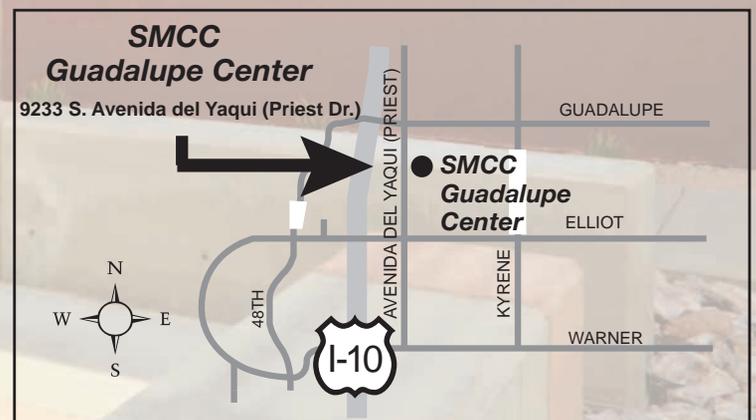
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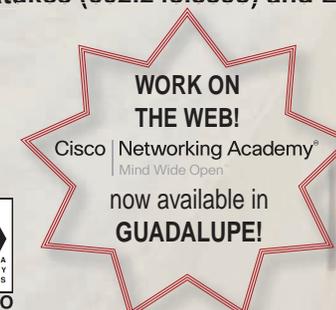
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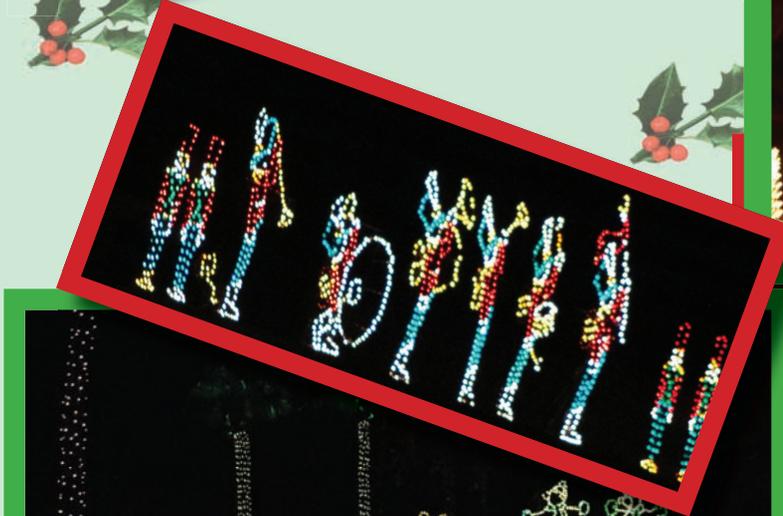


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**Dec. 18, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. — Santa Sunday Brunch at west Chandler's Hilton hotel** — Local residents are invited to attend a Sunday Brunch, featuring a variety of activities for kids. Cost is \$36 for adults, or \$40, which includes free-flowing champagne, mimosas and poinsettias, and \$16 for children ages 6 to 12. The event is free for children under age 5. Reservations are required and can be made by calling 480-899-7400.

**Dec. 19 through Dec. 23, Dec. 27 through Dec. 30, 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. — Kyrene Kids Club Camps for Winter**

**Break** — The Kyrene Kids Club camps, located at Kyrene de la Colina and Kyrene de las Manitas, will include winter-themed fun with crafts, active games, on-site events and enrichment clubs for kids in grades K through 5. Kyrene Kids Club Camps for students in grades 5 through 8 will take place during the same dates and times, but will be held at Kyrene Akimel A-al (Dec. 19-23) and Kyrene Aprende (Dec. 27-30). Cost: \$35. Registration information: [www.kyrene.org/eservices](http://www.kyrene.org/eservices).

**Dec. 24, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Dec. 25, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. — Christmas Eve and Christmas Day brunch and dinner at west Chandler's Hilton Hotel** — Local residents are invited to attend a Christmas Eve and Christmas Day brunches and dinner in celebration of the holidays. Cost varies depending on entrées. Reservations are required and can be made by calling 480-899-7400.

**Dec. 24, 31, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. — Farmer's Market at McClintock Fountains** — South Tempe's farmer's market, located on the northeast corner of McClintock Drive and Warner

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**Jan. 28, 8 to 9 a.m. — Polar Plunge** — Join in on the Polar Plunge, located at the Lakes community swimming pool, located on the east side of Lakeshore Drive, south of Baseline Road. The event, hosted by the Lakes Women's Club, the event costs \$20 per participant, with proceeds going to the Special Olympics. Information: [www.lakespolarplunge.com](http://www.lakespolarplunge.com).

**March 1, 6 to 10 p.m. — Taste of Kyrene** — Support the Kyrene School District through this annual event, featuring chef stations, live entertainment, a silent auction and much more. Proceeds from the event will benefit all 25 Kyrene schools. The event will take place at the Castle at Ashley Manor, located south of Loop 202 on the west side of Price Road. Information: <http://www.kyrenefoundation.org/gettinginvolved/tasteofkyrene.shtml>.

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# Sports Notebook . . . with Alex Zener

## Winter sports on a winning streak; wrestling undefeated

It has been a great couple of weeks for Corona's winter sports teams. Wrestling is undefeated, girls soccer took second place at the Tempe Diablos Soccer Classic, boys soccer is on a comeback mission and the Aztec basketball team defeated No. 1-ranked Desert Vista.

**Corona Wrestling** — Aztec wrestlers have taken down all the competition so far, compiling a 14-0 record and winning their first championship trophy of the season.

Corona claimed the Southwest Showdown championship trophy at Grand Canyon University Dec. 2-3 by winning a combined eight out of the possible 14 matches and defeating a strong Chandler in the championship match.

"The deciding points in the final against Chandler came on a fall by **Steven Rodriguez** in 55 seconds, in the 286 pound weight class," said

coach **Jimmy Martinez**.

"**Zach Walton**, 132 pound weight class, had a strong performance with a fall in overtime as did **Justin Butler** (160 pounds) with a come-from-behind victory fall."

The other wrestlers winning matches included falls by **Daniel Cartagena** (138), **Ethan Tursini** (145) and **Jason Tucker** (195). **Matt Churchill** (113) and **Jason Landrum** (152) won their matches by decision.

Corona dominated the tournament by defeating Mountain Ridge 63-12, Payson 75-6, Desert Edge 77-6, Tempe 71-6, Sandra Day O'Connor 53-9, Mingus 53-19, Perry 52-18 in the semifinals and Chandler 43-32 in the championship match.

Cartagena, Tursini, Landrum, Tucker and Rodriguez were undefeated, winning all seven of their matches at the Southwest, while Farina (6-1), Landrum, Tucker and Rodriguez

were named to the All-Tournament Team.

Other Corona wrestlers' winning matches earning team point included **Zack Turner** (106), **Glenn Farina** (126), **Riley Rayburn** (120), **Robert Butler** (160), **Michael Clare** (170) and **Josh Caliendo** (220).

The Aztecs have competed in two matches since the Southwest competition, winning both easily. They defeated Desert Ridge 53-15 and Chandler 34-28 at a dual meet Dec. 7 at Chandler and Desert Mountain at home Dec. 8, 70-9.

"The Chandler match was a replay of the finals at the recent Southwest Showdown," said Martinez. "Except we needed three consecutive come-from-behind victories by Zach Walton, Daniel Cartagena and then Ethan Tursini, who pinned his opponent in the final match of the night to secure

the victory."

Corona was due to compete at the Moon Valley Invitational Dec. 16-17 before heading off to The Clash 10, National High School Wrestling Duals, at the University Center Rochester Field House in Rochester, Minn., Dec. 30-31.

**Girls Soccer** — Corona's girls soccer team not only accomplished its goal of playing in the finals at the Tempe Diablos' Soccer Classic Dec. 9 at Tempe Sports Complex, but in the process started to find its identity and learned some valuable lessons that only solidified what it means to be part of Corona's girls soccer program.

"I think making it into the finals in this first tournament will allow us to continue to believe what we always

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# Notebook

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believe here at Corona," said coach **Matt Smith**: "That we have a shot at winning every game, every tournament, every state championship."

The Lady Aztecs made it into the finals against Desert Vista after competing for the title with some of the best Division I teams in the state in the prestigious, week-long tournament Dec. 5-9.

"Our goal is always to play in that last game," said co-captain **Cara Ridley**. "While it may not have been the prettiest soccer all week, it was a great group effort, with our desire to win keeping us

fighting to move forward toward the finals."

The first game, Dec. 5, ended with a 0-0 tie against Perry, even though Corona probably had the better performance and could have easily won with multiple goals except for the outstanding performance of the Pumas' keeper, according to Smith. Corona's keeper **Lexi Bounds** also recorded a shutout in the stats book for this game.

Corona defeated Chandler 1-0 Dec. 6 after a hard-fought battle by both teams.

"We had an outstanding effort by our backline of **Kelsey Cartwright, Olivia Montoya, Dallas Johnson and Emily Matthews**," said Smith. "**Taylor Rohme** came up with a brilliant save on a breakaway.

"We prevailed when **Kelsey Cartwright** got us a goal on a free kick late in the match."

Corona ended the Dec. 7 game against Red Mountain with its second tie of the tournament. An early CdS lead, on an outstanding goal by Hannah Rowe, vanished when the Lions were able to score late to end the game tied at 1-1.

The Lady Aztecs defeated state-championship contender Gilbert 1-0 on Dec. 8 in the semifinals.

"We did an excellent job of limiting Gilbert's quality chances," said Smith. "Dallas and Emily were outstanding, as was **Lexi Bounds** in the goal, who got her second shutout of the tournament. Freshman **Maddie Wolf** got her first start due to **Cara Ridley's** injury and was composed way beyond her years.

"After we scored against Gilbert, with junior striker **Maddie Caldwell** getting our only goal on an assist

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by **Kate Halligan**, we were solid enough defensively to hold on for the win."

In the finals, Corona was pitted against arch rival Desert Vista. Corona struck first, 23 minutes into the game, when Caldwell scored her second goal of the tournament, giving the Lady Aztecs a short-lived 1-0 lead. In the end, the Thunder proved to be more than CdS could handle, scoring three consecutive goals to defeat Corona 3-1.

"That final game against Desert Vista was brutal, as always, with at least five yellow cards given out by the refs," said co-captain Nicolette Newcomb. "All that aside, the whole team played well, but specifically the back line did a good job of limiting goals all week."

Corona will hopefully build on their successes at the Diablos to propel the team through the rest of the season into the state tournament.

"I think as a team we are very excited and pleased we made it to the finals, especially with such good teams playing in the tournament," said Kelsey Cartwright. "Our performance will hopefully show people that we are going to do whatever we can to make it to that last game in February, the 5A state tournament finals."

Regardless, the philosophy of Corona's girls soccer program will not change.

"We aren't worried about being the favorite or being the dark horse or whether others believe we can do it," said Smith. "We know we can be there at

the end, and we will work hard to do so."

Smith and the other coaches, **Patti Smith, Jason Todd, Daniel Peck, Brad Billings, Holly Benson** and **Palle Fredstrup**, have created an environment where working hard includes everyone on the team, even the injured players. Three of the four captains, **Ridley, Mackenzie Bader** and **Newcomb**, are injured but still play a significant role in Corona's success. Dallas Johnson was the only one on the field.

"Our captains remind the rest of the team every day that we are Corona, we do things our way and it's about *us*, not one individual, not the other team," said Smith.

"They are what our program stands for." Corona had only one game, at Mesquite on Dec. 13, scheduled before finals, which should have been a good one because former Corona assistant coach and Matt Smith's brother, Scott Smith, always has his team ready to play CdS.

The Lady Aztecs will then play in the Arizona Soccer Showcase at Hamilton High School over the holiday break, Dec. 26-30.

**Boys Soccer** — The Aztecs are focused on erasing the results of last season and are on a mission to once again be competitive with the top teams in the state.

"The team is definitely motivated to work hard and get back to the top of Arizona high school soccer this season," said head coach Dan Salas. "Last season was definitely disappointing, and the returning players learned a lot regarding the 'finality' of high school soccer. As a collective unit, we did not have an

identity or clear vision."

That has all changed this year, with the team turning its weaknesses from last season into focal points for improvement this year—a determination to compete and add to the top-ranking success of a program that so many Aztec soccer alumni have helped build.

The Aztecs started this season impressively at the Tempe Diablos Soccer Classic during the first three days of pool play by defeating Highland 4-1, Dec. 5; Perry 3-1, Dec. 6; and Mountain View 3-1, Dec. 7, before losing to eventual champions Hamilton 1-3 in the semi-final round Dec. 8.

Salas has good nucleus of nine returning players, five of them starters from last season, along with a large group of newcomers he is looking at to have an immediate impact.

"We return our whole defensive back line, including sophomore **Andrew Kyrourdis** and seniors **Drake Brockway** and **Zach von Allworden**," said Salas. "These three really started to play as a unit toward the end of last season, communicating, staying active and compact. I'm looking for them to anchor the team defensively, along with our returning goalkeeper, junior **Brandon Johnson**."

"Brandon is athletic and enjoys playing keeper so I look for him to become one of the better keepers in the area," said Salas. "We also return senior central midfielder **Ed Magana**, who is our most consistent player in any situation, a tireless worker that leads by example."

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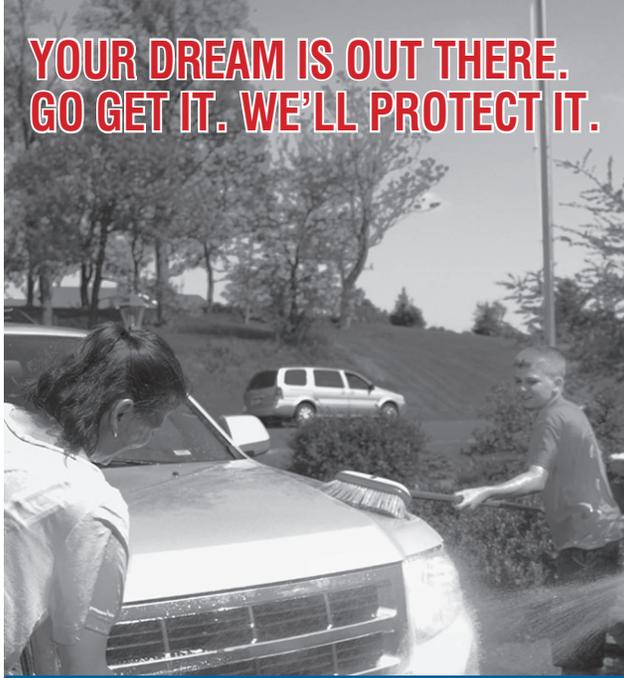
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The Aztecs will miss the explosive speed and playmaking of **Christian Johnson**, lost to graduation, but added a player who recently moved here from Brazil, **Dylan Conboy**.

"Dylan is a competitive, attacking player who loves the game," said Salas. "I have a feeling Dylan will surprise a lot of teams this season with his tenacity near the goal."

In addition, the Aztecs added juniors **Leo Santos, Aaron Flegenheimer** and **Jeremy Ramsland**, who were on JV last season.

"Leo, Aaron and Jeremy have each improved tremendously and will get loads of playing time and opportunities to have an impact this season," said Salas. "We also have junior Ellis Rutili, a talented and experienced player from the Real Salt Lake Academy, who I expect to lead our attack."

Even with the athletes listed so far, Corona's weakness may be that its core group is still young. In addition, it is a team that did not have many varsity wins under its belt from last season. "The Aztecs do have lots of potential, if the players get lots of opportunities early to experience success and adversity, so they can learn how to 'win,'" according to Salas.

Salas is counting on the leadership of Brockway, von Allworden and Johnson, all of whom were around for the Aztecs' victorious season in 2010, to reflect and emulate the characteristics of what made that earlier team successful in the hope that it will rub off on the younger players.

The team also includes sophomores **JT Link** and **Eric Castellano**; juniors **Sean Crothers, Cary Schwartzstein, Ellis Rutili, Trevor Rusher** and **Yago Martins**; and seniors **Julio Madriz, Alex Madriz, Tyler Ostler** and **Stephen Hill**.

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Members of the Aztecs' girls soccer team include, from left, front, kneeling: Maddie Wolf, Victoria Haun, Zoe Martinez, Megan Benson; middle: Erica Wellnitz, Maddie Caldwell, Dallas Johnson, Cara Ridley, Kate Halligan, Emily Matthews, Stephanie Petre, Taylor Johnson, Kelsey Cartwright, Brooke Ridley; back: Jade Martins, Hallee Ahler, Nicolette Newcomb, Taylour Rohme, Marguax Loire, Alexi Romano, London Brewster, Olivia Montoya, Mikaela Wolf, Bridget Manning, Hannah Rowe, Lexi Bounds. Not pictured: Lauren Smeltzer, Mackenzie Bader.

— Photo courtesy Kris Cartwright

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**Boys Basketball** — Corona's boys basketball team faced down a habitual nemesis early in its season and came out victorious—this time.

The Aztecs beat undefeated and No. 1-ranked Desert Vista in a back-and-forth thriller Dec. 6 at home in the gymnasium named after head coach Sammy Duane Jr.'s dad.

"The game was intense back and forth from the first to the fourth quarter," said **Calaen Robinson**. "We got the 'W' in our column because we stayed together and were composed."

It was not until late in the fourth quarter, though, that the Aztecs were able to get some separation using a 15-5 run and making 16 of 18 free throws in the final quarter to ice the game and ultimately win 64-57.

"It was a good challenge for our team early in the season and it was nice to see our team respond like

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it did," said Duane. "We defended well all night and executed our offense late in the game to pull off the win."

Duane, going to his bench often, with nine Corona players on the stat sheets, managed to get a significant contribution out of his big post player, **Andrus Peat**. Andrus, who the team counts on to play tough down low, especially with **Avery Moss** sidelined with a shoulder injury, was definitely ready to play against Desert Vista.

"We were really hyped up coming in since it was Desert Vista who is one of our biggest rivals," said Andrus. "Personally, I just tried to play hard and crash the boards, especially since Avery was out. It was a great game."

Andrus was also the second leading scorer for the Aztecs with 12 big points. **Calaen Robinson** lead the team with 27 points along with five rebound and four assists.

"I think Calaen had one of his best games as an Aztec," said Duane. "He made big shots and

distributed the ball extremely well."

Robinson did get catch Desert Vista's defense off guard with some of his "shake-and-bake" moves to the basket, but it was his ability to drive the length of the court with five seconds left in the first half for an attempted layup that showed his true speed.

Robinson, who was fouled on that last-second play, stood all alone at the free-throw line, calmly hitting both free throws, which tied the game 31-31 to end the half.

In addition to point-guard **Casey Benson**, who sees the entire floor and scored 9 points, Corona freshman **Cassius Peat** contributed 7 points and quality minutes on the court in his first big-time high school game.

"It was definitely one of the big games, the type you live to play in," said Cassius. "I loved our student section, and the environment of the game was awesome."

"It felt great to be able to play significant minutes in such an important game, especially when I was assigned to guard one of their better players."

Corona has several blue-collar-type players who do the dirty work without the recognition some of the others players get.

For instance, 6-foot-2 junior guard **Bryan Siefker**, in addition to scoring 5 points, stood in and took at least three charges in the first half alone, resulting in Thunder turnovers.

Coming off the bench to help contribute offensively and defensively to the team's overall win were **Braden Tennyson**, **Jessie McCain**, **Elijah Hempstead** and **Adam Gleave**.

So far the Aztecs, 9-1, recently ranked No. 1, have been able to win without the experience and basketball expertise of 6-foot-5, 235-pound senior power forward Avery Moss, but Duane and the team will be happy to have him healthy and back on the court as soon as he's able.

"We want to make sure Avery is completely healthy so there is no timetable for his return," said Duane.

"Meanwhile, we are coming along as a team. We are defending exceptionally well and starting to define some roles, which are still a work in progress."

The Aztecs are scheduled to play in the Visit Mesa Holiday Shootout, Dec. 26-30, against local teams such as Mesa Mountain View but also out-of-state teams from as far away as Anchorage, Alaska.

A flyer with the times and matchups can be found at <http://cdsboysbasketball.com/>.

The Aztecs may end up playing Desert Vista at this tournament, but be sure to catch the next regular season matchup between these two arch-rivals on Jan. 10, when the Thunder, playing at home this time, will be out to avenge their earlier loss.

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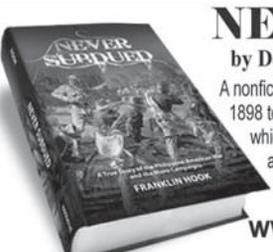
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