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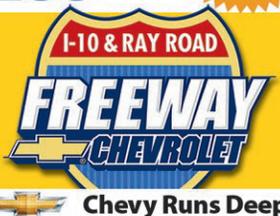


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Board committee will continue study of crisis response strategies Kyrene retains security plan, despite concerns

School security took center stage during a study session of the Kyrene School Board on Jan. 22, along with the announcement of a new safety committee to assess the best security practices for the district.

The committee membership includes technology experts, communications and security staff, and Beth Brizel, the current Kyrene board president. The results of committee discussions will be brought back to the board.

Members listened as several district staff representatives reviewed current procedures and additional security measures that were implemented on Jan. 7.

These include having all visitors check in at the front office and, while on campus, relinquishing their photo ID in exchange for a visitor badge.

Gina Taylor, assistant district superintendent, explained the procedures now in use were developed by the staff-comprised crisis team. She displayed a large binder that includes a checklist to follow in the event of an incident.

"Each school can tailor the procedures to their particular needs," said Taylor.

"We want to reassure parents that, as a district, we do have a real, systematic way to respond to crises, and we partner extensively with the communications team. Schools do plan for a lock-down drill each year and practice them."

The chair of new safety committee is Mark Share, who also is the director of technology services for the Kyrene district. He recently met with Tempe police and fire personnel.

"The Tempe police chief complimented our preparedness, and they have offered us their support and advice on making any protocol changes that are needed," said Share.

"Currently all district employees wear ID badges and use access cards instead of keys to enter buildings. This measure alone resulted in a cost-savings to the district because re-keying is never necessary. Instead, if an access card is lost, it can be deactivated."

Change usually provokes reaction, and the new security measures did not meet with some parents' approval.

Parents voiced their concerns about the changes by contacting board members via telephone and email, said board president Brizel.

"Some complaints were made because parents did not want to turn in their photo IDs, and viewed entering and exiting only through the school's main doors as an inconvenience."

After the study session, the consensus among board members is to err on the side of caution for now and to wait for an update from the new safety committee.

— Diana Whittle

School psychologists' role gains new focus in wake of tragedies

By Diana Whittle

A series of seemingly senseless shootings—at the school in Sandy Hook, at the Colorado movie theater and on the Safeway parking lot in Tucson—have in common an accused shooter, who also was identified as a troubled loner.

No one will ever know if a school psychologist could have re-directed these young men so that they could succeed socially, behaviorally or emotionally—but it's a possibility, suggest some experts.

Dr. Carlos Calderón, a psychologist at Corona del Sol High School, says most of his work is with kids in special education. Personally, he said, he hasn't noticed students who have more stress because of the shootings. However, he added that one of his longterm goals is to research and implement strategies to prevent violence in schools.

He does try to help Corona students in any way he can, either as part of their special education team or in their academic careers at the school.

"Most of my time is devoted to working one-on-one with students during cognitive, academic and social/emotional evaluations," said Calderón.

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Phoenix-Gateway growth creating a magnet for Tempe/Chandler residents

By Chase Kamp

The southeast Valley, which for many years tapered off in Gilbert, Queen Creek and Apache Junction, is seeing a major confluence of economic development projects that will drastically reform what used to span little more than wide swaths of quiet farm land.

And what residents of Tempe and west Chandler once thought of as a Sunday drive to the northern reaches of Pinal County is quickly becoming an economic and transportation hub for the entire Phoenix metro area.

The changes most notable to the east Valley market revolve around the rapid expansion of Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport and the ambitious plans for surrounding commerce centers and industrial facilities.

Known as the Gateway Employment Corridor, the area abutting Gateway airport and ASU's Polytechnic campuses already houses aerospace researchers and security and defense labs.

It also is the future destination of Gaylord Entertainment Center, predicted to be the largest destination resort and convention center in Arizona.

The corridor is likewise bolstered by the continued expansion of Phoenix-Mesa Gateway airport, whose airlines have offered new destinations on an almost monthly basis.

The adjacent town of Queen Creek reported a huge boost in building permits for single-family homes in 2012 compared to previous years. In Pinal County proper, the

unincorporated area of San Tan Valley has ballooned to a population of over 80,000.

Nearby county seat Florence is being courted by Canadian mining company Curis Resources to build an innovative copper mine in the area that avoids excavating huge pits. The proposed in-situ Florence Copper Project is said to potentially bring \$1.1 billion in economic activity for Pinal alone over its 28-year lifespan.

Sandie Smith is the president of Pinal Partnership, an umbrella organization uniting Pinal government leaders and the local business community. She said:

"We need to attract the kind of manufacturing jobs that will truly make Pinal County a destination to live and work," Smith said.

Hints follow that those jobs may be well on the way. The county has received nearly \$873,000 in total economic development grants from the Arizona Commerce Authority in the past three annual funding cycles.

Earlier this month, the Arizona Commerce Authority awarded \$490,000 in grants to support two economic development projects, a local dairy processor and a transportation component manufacturer, that will bring those deeply sought-after manufacturing jobs to Pinal.

The economic development grass is not entirely green on the south side of the U.S. 60, however.

The Florence Copper Project faces opposition not only from real estate developers who argue it could

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SRP to hold public meetings on new high-voltage lines for Tempe, Chandler

SRP is again seeking the public's views on a proposed expansion of high-voltage electric lines, this time along the Price Road corridor in west Chandler and south Tempe.

A series of meetings has been scheduled starting Tuesday, Jan. 29, to hear the views of area residents on the project, which SRP says is needed to keep pace with the growth in the area extending along the Price/101 freeway.

A proposal to install high-voltage lines and poles along Elliot Road in south Tempe several years ago was met with opposition from area residents, and ultimately was revised.

An SRP spokesman said plans for the 230-kilovolt expansion were launched in 2010 when it was determined that more electricity would eventually be required to accommodate existing and future growth.

Those plans were further prioritized about nine months ago.

According to an SRP background paper, economic development is occurring in areas of south Tempe and west Chandler as high-tech companies and industrial manufacturers expand operations and build new facilities.

As a result, SRP forecasts increased demand for energy in the area known as the Price Road Corridor.

SRP is providing a public process prior to selecting sites for new 230-kilovolt power lines and two new 230kV substations.

The new facilities will provide greater reliability and enhance the overall electric system for customers in south Tempe and Chandler, according

to SRP.

Project description — The Price Corridor 230kV project consists of three components:

- A new 230kV line from the Kyrene substation near Elliot Road and Kyrene Road in Tempe to the Knox substation that will bring additional power into the region;

- A new single-circuit 230kV power line from the Schrader substation near Arizona Avenue and Ocotillo Road to a new 230kV substation (referred to as RS-28) in the southern portion of the PRC; and

- A new double-circuit 230kV power line from the Knox substation near Pecos Road and 56th Street to a new 230kV substation (referred to as RS-27) and on to RS-28.

Siting study — SRP is required to obtain a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility from the Arizona Corporation Commission for these new 230kV transmission facilities.

SRP and its consultant, ENValue, will conduct a comprehensive siting study that will be part of the application for the CEC, which will be submitted to the ACC and presented to the Arizona Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee.

The study will consider, among other factors, current and proposed land uses and environmental impacts. An important factor in the CEC application process is the input provided by the public, agencies and interested organizations.

Project timeline — SRP says it is

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Sports Notebook . . . with Alex Zener

High school athletes recognized in annual fall All City awards

Athletes from six Tempe Union high schools were honored in this year's Fall All City awards program.

The event, which was held at the Phoenix Sheraton, was hosted by Tempe Sister Cities President Dick Neuheisel.

Corona athletes honored were **Stephanie Kennedy** and **Kasey Kiefer** for volleyball, **Sam Radford**, **Aaron Simons** and **James Contes** for football, **Nathan Rodriguez** for cross country, **Chloe Hacker** in diving and **Halie Carpenter** for girls golf.

Senior Kennedy, playing the libero position, led the team in digs with 475, or 4.4 digs a set, and in service receptions with 553. She was the main passer for the 23-16 Lady Aztecs and the second service ace leader with 23 aces.

Kiefer, a senior outside hitter for Corona, likewise played a big role in the Lady Aztecs' success, not only leading in service aces but averaging 3.6 kills and 2.4 digs a set, plus she was credited with 66 total blocks.

Contes was by far the Aztecs' leading rusher with 177 carries, gaining 1,336 yards or over 130 yards a game, scoring 14 touchdowns and 86 points.

Part of his success can be attributed to Corona's offensive linemen Radford and Simons, who were partly responsible for blocking and creating holes for Contes to run through.

Junior Hacker, who won state diving championships in both her freshman and sophomore years, had a great school season, winning all regular events until an injury just before the state diving meet hampered her chances of repeating.

Rodriguez, only a junior, is ranked fifth in the state for his time in 2012 of 15:12 set at the Division I Section II cross country meet. He finished third at the Division I state meet and consistently placed in the top five all season.



Ellis Rudititi keeps the ball away from a Mountain Pointe player in the Aztecs' 4-2 win over the Pride.

— Photo courtesy Chris Huch

"Nathan's drive and dedication has been a great influence to Corona's cross country team," said coach **Ari Rodriguez**. "Nathan, along with **Ryan Normand**, helped our team take third place at state this year. If all goes well, I anticipate both Nathan and Ryan being the top-ranked runners in the state next year with a chance to finish first and second in the state meet."

Carpenter, also only a junior, had a terrific golf season last fall after spending the summer working out in the gym getting stronger.

"Halie really stepped up and played a more serious role of 'getting the job done' every time this last season," said coach **Pat Reed**. "She was consistent, hardworking and ready to play every match and tournament, dropping 2.3 strokes throughout the season and placing 16th in the state tournament. I can't be more happy than having her back on our team another year."

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Aztec soccer on a roll

Corona del Sol's soccer team, on a roll in January winning six out of seven games, has defeated Hamilton twice, won a revenge game against Desert Vista at home, and then had victories against Dobson, Mesquite and Mountain Pointe.

The team's only loss so far in January was against Dobson on Jan. 15.

Corona's first game against Hamilton appeared to be a win until Hamilton tied the game with 50 seconds to go on a direct kick. **Ellis Rudititi** scored the winning goal for Corona in the second overtime period.

In their second straight game against Hamilton, **Dylan Conboy** made a direct kick to the upper corner of the net to make the score 1-0. It appeared that the Huskies might pull off another last second tie with 30 seconds to go but they were called for a penalty on the play and Corona was able to secure the win in regulation.

Corona, who had lost in their first game of the season to Desert Vista, was focused and determined to win in their second meeting, in the first half anyway, when with the Aztecs were leading 2-0. Problems occurred when **Leo Santos** was given a second yellow card with 25 minutes left to play in the second half and the Aztecs had to play the rest of the game short one player. They held on to pull out a 2-1 victory in less than ideal circumstances.

On Jan. 19, Corona defeated Mountain Pointe 4-2 when another player, **Aaron Flegenheimer**, elevated his game by scoring two goals in that win.

This winning streak has boosted the No. 5 ranked Aztecs' confidence heading into the last two regular-season games.

Defeating Mountain Pointe on Jan. 22 and Mesa on Jan. 24, would improve their power point rankings and help them secure a favorable playoff spot for the state tournament.

— Alex Zener

Marcos de Niza — The Padres had six players who helped Marcos win 11 football games and make it into semifinals this past season. Award recipients were **Mauriece Lee, Josh Eckley, Jaron Jones, Richie Becerra, Derek Craig** and **Priest Willis**.

Lee was the Padres' leading rusher, averaging over 140 yards a game with 21 touchdowns and 144 total points.

Eckley, only a junior, should be back next season at quarterback and aiming to improve on his stats and recruiting prospects after an impressive 220 passing yards a game while completing over 63% of his passes for 25 touchdowns.

Senior placekicker Jones made 57 out of 66 points-after-kick attempts and two field goals, scoring 67 points for the team.

Senior defensive lineman Becerra was the quarterback sack leader on the team with eight sacks and two fumble recoveries, while senior defensive linebacker Craig averaged close to 10 tackles a game with one interception.

The highly Division I-recruited Willis made his presence known on and off the field as defensive back for the team with 1.5 sacks and 2 interceptions.

The Padres also had two swimmers, **Zachary Kyman**, in the boys 100 freestyle, and **Taylor McMullin** in the girls 100 butterfly, receive All-City Awards.

Tempe High — Kayla Melgar, junior middle blocker and one of only nine members of the girls volleyball team, had an impressive season, playing in 57 of the 61 possible sets, leading the team in several categories including kills with 104 or close to 2 kills a set, 26 service aces and 89 total blocks.

The same was true for senior cross country runner **Diana Garcia Muñoz**, who had an exceptional year in all regular-season meets and then went on to win the Division III girls 5K state meet with a time of 18:39:189.

The Buffaloes' football team had an exceptional year as well, going 6-4 with the help of defensive linebacker **Nojeem Adebule**, who averaged over 12 tackles a game with 73 solo tackles alone to lead the team.

McClintock High—Senior running back **Sammy Jones** led his team in total yards rushing, with 1,129 or 112.9 yards a game while scoring five touchdowns over the season. **Rachel Fagerburg** was given an award for volleyball and **Abhishek Rajadas** for the 100 backstroke, **Londen Thomas** for the 100 butterfly and **Jared Potter** in the one-meter diving event.

Corona wrestling — The Aztecs had two wrestlers win championships at the prestigious and highly competitive Flowing Wells Invitational last weekend but fell short of securing the overall team championship. The trophy instead went to wrestling powerhouse Sunnyside from Tucson.

"**Glenn Farina**, at 132 lbs., had a brilliant performance at Flowing Wells," said coach **Jim Martinez**. "He won his first two matches by fall and the last three by technical fall. He outscored his final three opponents 50-5. He was without a doubt the best wrestler in his weight class."

Corona's second champion is having an magnificent year with a current 37-0 record.

"**Ethan Tursini**, wrestling at 160 lbs., continues to impress anyone who watches him, because he might be the best wrestler, pound for pound, in the state" said Martinez.

Tursini's championship match, with his undefeated record on the line, was tough and go with emotions running high, according to Martinez.

"Ethan not only had to overcome some questionable calls early in his match against defending state champion Pierre Guad of Cibola, but also a final penalty call at the end of the match which made it appear t he had lost, said Martinez. "Once the error was corrected and the point awarded correctly, Ethan actually tied the match and took it into overtime."

"Once overtime started, Ethan was super aggressive in attacking and scored a takedown about 40 seconds for the win."

Two other wrestlers, although not placing first, had good results at Flowing Wells.

"**Michael Clare**, at 182 lbs., has taken a huge step in establishing himself as someone who wants to contend for a title," said Martinez. "Before making it into the finals, he beat a defending state champion from New Mexico which then set him up to get another shot at Desert Vista's Alex Bambic for the championship. Unfortunately he lost to Bambic, 5-2, to take second."

Zach Walton, winning five of his six matches, was the other place winner at Flowing Wells.

"Zach took third place with his only loss coming to a nationally ranked wrestler from California in the semi-finals," said Martinez. "Zach also beat highly regarded Blake Monty of Mesa Mountain View to set himself up for a top seed heading into Sections and State."

With only four Corona wrestlers placing at Flowing Wells, the Aztec coaching staff was disappointed but also looking forward to the opportunities provided to get their wrestlers ready for the section tournament Feb. 2.

"The good news is that Flowing Wells was a good time for us to match up against the best wrestlers in the state because it leaves us with enough time to make any changes that should help our wrestlers improve on their results at Sections and State," said Martinez. "The real benefit is that wrestlers who did not place can use it as motivation to work harder and make the changes necessary to finish out the last three weeks of the season strong."

The bad news is that Corona is in undoubtedly the strongest Division I section which includes Sunnyside, Chandler and Desert Vista, all top 10 finishers at Flowing Wells.

"Sunnyside, which has competitive wrestlers in all weight classes but is especially strong in their lower lineup, will be the team to beat in Sectionals and State," said Martinez. "It is very important that we qualify as many wrestlers as possible for state in order to earn points. We will need to have wrestlers wrestle above their seeded position to give us any shot at a state championship."

One important turning point could be Clare's sectional performance. Clare, with a current 22-5 record, is preparing to face for the third time this year

a two-time state champion at sectionals.

"Desert Vista's Bambic is definitely the guy for me to beat," said Clare. "It will be a challenge to make it to State but once you get there you have to step up your focus and game even more."

One of the ways Corona wrestlers get better is by working hard in practice matching up against their own teammates to learn techniques and gain experience from strong competitors according to **Colton Winstead** who was 3-2 at Flowing Wells and has only lost six matches all season in the 152 lbs. category.

"We are working harder than we have since my freshman year and I think all the Aztecs will come out firing on all cylinders at Sectionals and State this year," said Winstead. "Everyone has awesome practice partners like my top guys, **Ethan Tursini, Zach Walton, Glenn Farina** and **Bridger Barker**, who make me better every day by regularly beating me up and pushing me around."

One thing is clear, in order to beat Sunnyside and get a high seed going into the state tournament, the Aztecs will need to work hard these last couple of weeks and focus every second in every match.

"You have to wrestle every match like it's the state finals and prepare for a war every time," said Tursini. "Everybody is a threat towards the end of season and you have to wrestle that way if you're going to get what you want, a state championship."

Corona, who had not lost a dual match to a team in Arizona in the last two years, had its last dual match at Hamilton on Jan. 24.

Tennis Star in the Making — The Kyrene Corridor may have a tennis star in the making in 14-year old **Delaney Nothaft**, who recently finished third out of 128 girls tennis players in the 14 and under singles bracket of the USTA Winter National Championships held in Tucson.

Delaney, who started playing tennis when she was six years old at Tempe's Lifetime Fitness Center, had an outstanding tournament, taking out three seeded players before she lost in the semifinals to a fourth-seed.

Delaney, who has her eye on becoming a professional tennis player on the WTA tour, attended Waggoner Elementary School before deciding to be home schooled so she could concentrate more on her tennis. That does not mean she doesn't work hard at her studies since she also states she would like to study medicine at maybe Michigan, UCLA or Stanford.

Delaney started competing in tournaments when she was nine years old and has not looked back.

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launching its public involvement process to ensure that community members have opportunities to participate in the siting process. The first round of open houses is scheduled for Jan. 29 and 30.

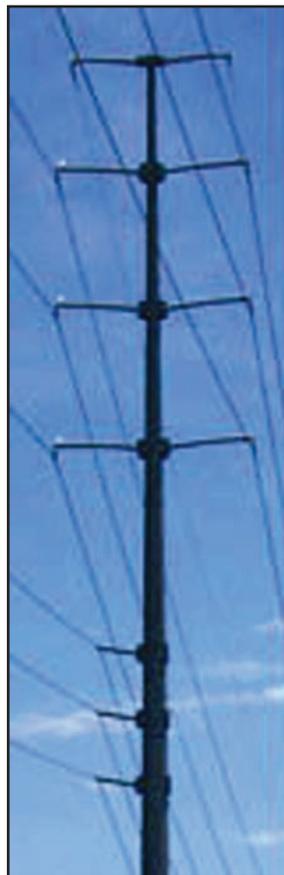
Additional open houses will be held throughout the process until the application is submitted later this year. The in-service date for the first phase of the project would be May 1, 2016.

How you can get involved — Three open houses are planned to provide an opportunity for the public to review informational displays and discuss the project with SRP team members.

The same information will be presented at each location, and visitors can arrive at any time during the open house.

Tuesday, Jan. 29, 4-7 p.m. — Tempe History Museum, 809 E. Southern Ave., Tempe;

Wednesday, Jan. 30, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. and 4-7 p.m. — Holiday Inn, 1200 W. Ocotillo Road, Chandler.



Double-circuit 230 KV line with double-circuit 69 KV underbuild, 154 feet tall (left); with single-circuit 69 KV underbuild, 130 feet tall (right).

— SRP website photos

Intel volunteers schedule computer familiarization series at libraries

Chandler's Sunset branch library is accepting signups for a series of six free weekly computer classes run by volunteer Intel employees.

The series, which starts Jan. 29, will be hosted at the downtown library and runs consecutive Tuesdays through March 5.

According to library manager Brenda Brown, the program gives adult learners the opportunity to improve their social and economic self-sufficiency digital literacy.

Class materials use proven adult learning techniques to teach practical and relevant skills to people with little or no prior

computer experience.

The program, called Intel Easy Steps, teaches participants basic computer skills that are relevant and useful, both personally and professionally.

Participants will learn to use word processing, do simple calculations, search the Internet, and create and send email.

No previous computer experience is required. Classes are free of charge but space is limited. Interested participants should register for the entire series in advance at the Sunset branch (Ray Road north side just east of Rural) or any other Chandler library location.

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Scholarships seen as 'huge help' for ASU honors scholar, others Tempe Diablos' community projects raise \$2.3 million

By Alison Stanton

When Annalili Chacon was a senior at Marcos de Niza High School in Tempe, she dreamed about attending Arizona State University and majoring in both Marketing and Management.

But with college costs so high, Annalili was extremely concerned about being able to pay for tuition. Money is tight in her family, she said, and she was not sure she could afford to pursue her collegiate dreams.

When Annalili heard about a college scholarship program that is offered by the Tempe Diablos, she knew she had to apply. Every year, the service organization gives \$2,000 per year to around 30 Tempe students who are going to ASU or a Maricopa County Community College. Since the program began, the Diablos have awarded over \$2.3 million in scholarships, and current annual contributions are at \$250,000.

The deadline to submit an online application is this weekend.

Annalili submitted an essay, two letters of reference, and her grade transcript, and then waited to hear back

from the organization. She was ecstatic when she learned she had been selected as one of the recipients.

"This scholarship allowed for me to go to school full time and not have to worry about the financial aspects," she said.

"It gave me the opportunity to focus solely on my studies and removed the heavy burden of wondering how I was going to pay for college off of my shoulders. I come from a low income household so it would have been extremely difficult for me had it not been for this scholarship."

Annalili is now a senior at ASU, and plans on graduating this spring. She hopes to get a job at a full service marketing agency, where she wants to work on all aspects of marketing, including media sales and advertising.

Vince Quintana, a graduate of Corona del Sol High School in south Tempe, is also a recipient of a college scholarship from the Diablos. Quintana, who is currently a freshman studying accounting at ASU and Barrett, The Honors College, said the money is a huge help for him and his family.

"Without it, I would be out potentially \$8,000 over the next four years, and

because I have three other brothers who will definitely be college bound it is a big help for my family as well," he said.

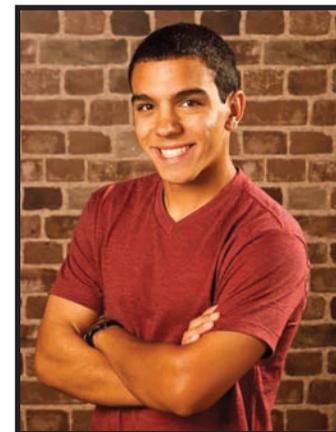
Mona Dixon, a graduate of Tempe High School and recipient of a Diablos scholarship, is also grateful to the organization for helping make her dream of going to college a reality. Mona is currently a junior at the W.P. Carey School of Business at ASU and Barrett, where she is double majoring in Supply Chain Management and Business Management.

"The scholarship is great for me because it eliminates my worries of being in debt after college or having to work all the time just to pay for school while I'm here," she said.

"I specifically have the Leon Shell Scholarship and I sometimes get to talk to him and his wife and give them updates. The Diablos have invested in my future and I will always appreciate that."

Annalili, Vince and Mona all said they are enormously appreciative of the scholarship money they have received from the Diablos. More than helping to pay for their tuition, the money is allowing them to reach their goals.

"This philanthropic group has done



Vince Quintana, above; Mona Dixon

wonders for me and for so many students aspiring to receive a higher education,"

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Annalili said.

“They see that their money is more than just an investment into our college education but an investment into the future of the coming generations. We students are the next business leaders, legislators, teachers, doctors and overall the next contributing members of our society.”

Russell Torrance, chairman of the Diablos’ scholarship committee, said it is “truly an honor” to help students like Annalili, Vince and Mona to pursue their dreams of going to college.

“The opportunity to reward students for their hard work and perseverance is an incredible experience; I am thankful for the chance to be involved,” he said.

“I consider it a privilege just to know some of these great kids and look forward to seeing their future accomplishments that are sure to come.”

For more information on the requirements, or to apply for a Tempe Diablos scholarship, visit www.tempediablos.org and click on “scholarships” under the main menu.

More traffic seen near IKEA

IKEA is getting yet another draw to its already jammed Tempe site with the planned arrival of a nearly 60,000-square-foot entertainment mega-site on which construction is due to start within coming weeks.

The new venue, which will occupy just under 6½ acres on the northwest corner of Warner Road and I-10, is being built by a Texas-based company that already operates a dozen such facilities throughout that state.

Bowling, laser games, rock climbing and an amusement arcade will be part of the project, which also includes meeting space for large groups.

Tempe police noted a major increase in traffic along Warner Road when the IKEA store was opened.

Sled crash claims Corona teen

A 17-year-old student from Corona del Sol High School has died as the result of a sledding accident near Flagstaff.

Jake McGrady was with a group of Corona friends when the accident occurred while sledding near the Mountaineer subdivision just off I-17 south of Flagstaff.

McGrady, who investigators said was riding in front of the sled with another person, lost control and crashed into a tree, according to the Coconino County Sheriff’s Office.

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He's back . . . and a secret admirer comes out of hiding

Much as I would like to avoid any weary reference to his famous *Terminator* catchphrase: He's back.

After a 10-year hiatus from starring roles so that he could do some temporary state government job, Arnold Schwarzenegger has returned with *The Last Stand*, a simplistic, bloody action picture which is, like Arnie himself, very much of the old school.

I'm a fan; I've always liked him. I don't know what it says about me, but I've always sheepishly enjoyed the childish shoot-'em-up fantasies of the middlebrow Republican manly men, starting with John Wayne and continuing through Clint Eastwood, Sylvester Stallone and Bruce Willis.

I even have a (slight) soft spot for Chuck Norris.

But Schwarzenegger is a particular favorite. There's a sweetness that sneaks past his stony, stilted delivery and his action-figure physique and gives him a droll charm, even when he's playing a killer robot (that, I think, is why the first *Terminator*, in which he's a menace, is so much sharper than the sentimental sequels, in which he's the hero).

The physique is looking more human now that he's in his mid-'60s, but he still appears fit in *The Last Stand*, and his face is agreeably weathered. He seems a little rusty in the acting department, though.

Never exactly Olivier, he had nonetheless gradually developed a little timing and panache, and had learned to use his accent to comic advantage. Now he's back to picking his way through his lines word by laborious word.

Not that the lines he's given in this movie offer him much help. The dialogue in *The Last Stand*, credited to Andrew Knauer, is of deadening banality. The plot is equally basic: an odious young drug lord (Eduardo Noriega) escapes from federal custody in Vegas and makes a dash for Mexico in a supercar.

The little Arizona border town of which Arnie is the sheriff is the last barrier to this creep and freedom, so he and his ragtag deputies prepare to block his way.

This simplicity wouldn't be a fault—could indeed be a strength—if the dialogue and characterizations weren't so dreary. The best performance is by the ever-reliable Forest Whitaker as the earnest head G-Man. Luis Guzman is entertaining as Arnie's deputy sidekick. Peter Stormare, making some strange attempt at a southern accent, is cartoonish as the leader of the bad guy's advance team of goons, and so is Johnny Knoxville as a local gun nut.

The great Harry Dean Stanton turns up, and it's nice to see him, but it's only a bit. Everyone else in the movie, from the pretty deputy (Jaimie Alexander) to her troubled old flame (Rodrigo Santoro) to the fresh-faced young kid (Zach Gilford), is straight out of *Walker, Texas Ranger*.

None of this matters, however—on its own silly, fairy-tale terms, *The Last Stand* works perfectly well.

The director, the South Korean Jee-woon Kim (of the notorious revenge thriller *I Saw the Devil*) manages the preposterous chases and gunfights expertly, and cinematographer Kim Ji-Yong makes both the faces and the desert landscapes beautiful.

Poor Arnie has, of course, chosen a singularly uncomfortable moment to release an orgy of firearms

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porn—the gun nut’s stash, which is lovingly mooned over, saves the day for the sheriff. But the intolerable real-life horror of recent weeks didn’t seem to spoil the picture—the screening

audience with whom I saw it clapped and cheered as Arnie and pals massacred the heavies.

I enjoyed myself, too.

Whether this sort of bang-you’re-dead absurdity is culturally pernicious or harmless fun seems like an important question right now, and my answer, I’m afraid, is: I don’t know. But harmless or not, fun it is.

Hospital, individuals honored for service

Chandler Regional Medical Center plus 100 other organizations and individuals have received awards for volunteer service during the past year.

In January, members of the community were challenged to volunteer at least 100 hours to a Chandler organization or project between Jan. 1 and Oct. 31.

A total of 142,894 hours were reported by 2,152 volunteers, of which 463 reached 100 hours or more.

Mayor Jay Tibshraeny was joined by Chandler Non-Profit Coalition President Melissa Jimro and Councilmember Kevin Hartke in recognizing the recipients.

Honorees included:

Top Youth Volunteer: Jordan Terran (312 hrs), Chandler Boys & Girls Club of the East Valley-Compadre

Branch; Top Adult Volunteer: Carmen Olmeda (1,096 hrs), Chandler Christian Community Center; *Top Senior Volunteer:* Lori Dayton (926 hrs), Chandler Christian Community Center; *Top Non Profit:* Chandler Christian Community Center (13,586 hrs); *Top Large Business:* Chandler Regional Medical Center (25,080 hrs); *Top Faith Community:* Chandler Christian Church (7,145 hrs); *Top Centennial Events Volunteer:* Gordon Benson (505 hrs).

Chandler Gives Back awards, presented to individuals or businesses-organizations dedicated to the betterment of the community, went to Donnie Garver; Royal Family Kids Camp, a program of Crossroads Nazarene Church; and Chriss Passolt, The Clothes Cabin.

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won the 2012 Southwest Closed Singles title for 14 and Under, the 2012 Arizona Junior Championship Singles title for Girls 16 and Under. Last summer, I was number one on the roster for Southwest Section for the National Zone Team Championships where I went undefeated in singles play.”

What is it Delaney likes about playing tennis other than the rush of doing well and winning trophies?

“I like to compete and be challenged plus I like the physical nature of tennis, using my body,” said Delaney. “The bottom line, though, is that tennis is a game and it’s fun to play.”

Delaney, a left-hander, also plays doubles, finishing fourth at the USTA Winter National Championships, and has the strokes to be successful in both events, it appears.

“My forehand is my most powerful and consistent stroke,” said Delaney. “I get lots of topspin underneath the ball which not only generates good racquet head speed but also I’m able to get a spin on it my opponents don’t see very often because I’m hitting it left handed.”

Delaney’s favorite shot, though, is her inside-out forehand.

“When I run around my backhand to hit a forehand, I use all that momentum to crush the ball,” said Delaney.

Delaney is currently preparing for the Spring National Championship in Palm Springs scheduled for March. Later this year she hopes to start

competing in some Junior ITF events against girls 18 and under from all over the world.

Tempe Junior Golf Championship

— Players from Corona del Sol, Marcos de Niza and McClintock high schools emerged as winners in the city of Tempe Junior Championship held in December.

Kai Kobayashi of Marcos won the 15-17 year old division. Others were **Vincent Suarez**, Marcos; **Alexis Leyba**, McClintock; and **Chase Foster**, Corona.

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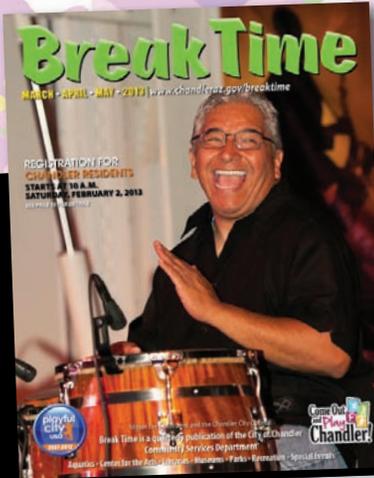
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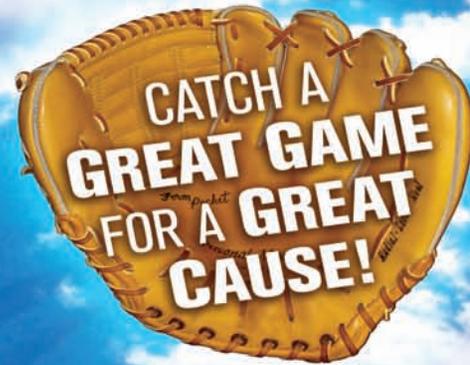
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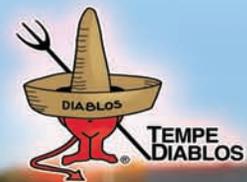


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In 2011, Dr. Ponce was named the director of the new Barrow Center for Neuromodulation.

Rohit Dhall, M.D., M.S.P.H. (right) received his medical degree from All India Institute of Medical Sciences in New Delhi, India. He completed his internship and his MS in Epidemiology at the University of Texas, School of Public Health, in Houston, Texas. His residency training in neurology and a fellowship in clinical movement disorders with a focus on deep brain stimulation surgery was completed at the University of Alabama at Birmingham.



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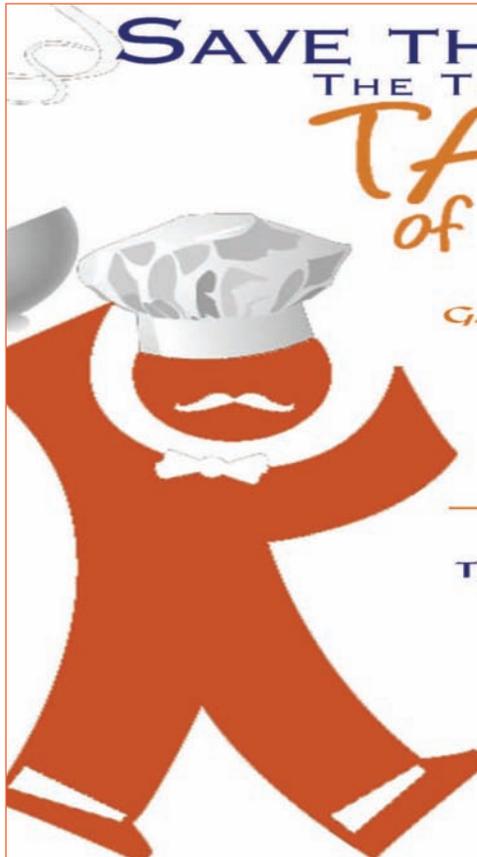
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Gateway

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contaminate the local water supply, but as well from a majority of the Florence Town Council.

The Resolution Copper Project in Superior, just 40 minutes east of Tempe and west Chandler, was dealt a major blow when a crucial federal land exchange bill died at the end of the most recent Congressional session. Project officials claim the full economic value of the project could exceed \$60 billion if it ever gets shovels in the ground.

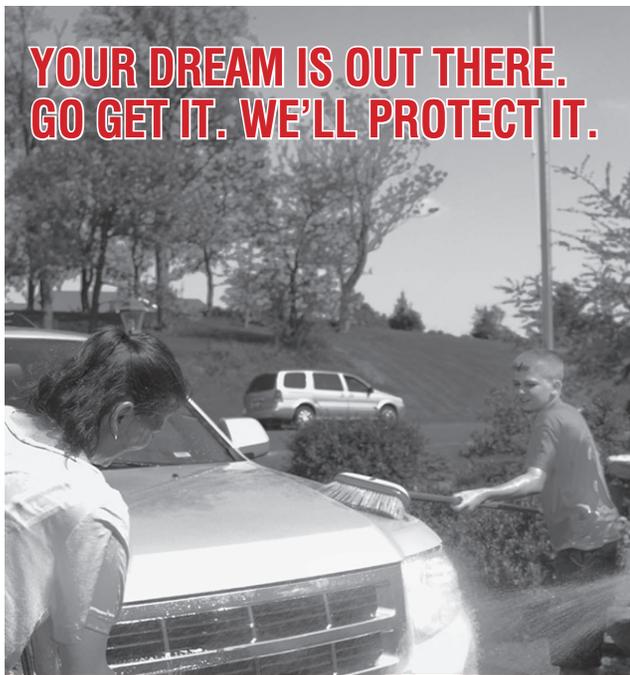
Lastly, Phoenix Mart has pushed back its construction timeline due to slumping contract sales with foreign manufacturers. Ground was slated to be broken back in December, according to Tim Kanavel, Pinal County economic development manager, though he said he remains optimistic the project will move forward once global markets improve.

The turnaround is slow-going here just as in the rest of the country, but Pinal leaders see too many glimmering bright spots on the horizon to feel discouraged about the county's transformative prospects.

"Everybody's reconfiguring their expectations," Kanavel said.

C'mon in, the water's fine: an icy fun day at The Lakes

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Tempe residents gain quick access to city services via new 311 phone app

Tempe is leading the campaign to bring 311 call service to communities throughout Maricopa County and the rest of Arizona.

A new centralized, municipal call center went into operation in Tempe on Jan. 14, giving residents a convenient way to report a pothole, streetlight outage or other observation to a city department charged with that responsibility.

These and a number of other service requests and everyday questions can be addressed via a new, free mobile application for Tempe 311, the city's information hotline.

Thanks to Android and iPhone technology, residents are able to download specially created apps and send service requests to the city's Customer Relations Center whenever they choose and from wherever they are.

Download the app at www.tempe.gov/311. Android users can also search for Tempe 311 in Google

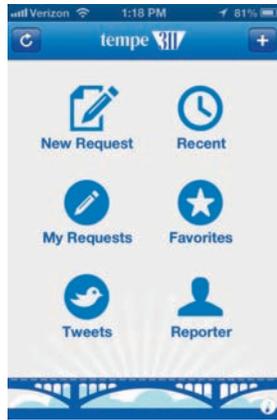
Play and iPhone users can find it in the App Store.

The new app fully completes the functionality of Tempe 311, the first centralized, municipal call center in Arizona.

Tempe 311 also can be accessed by calling 480-350-4311 from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays, by filling out a request form at www.tempe.gov/311, or by emailing tempe311@tempe.gov.

It is important to note that to reach the Tempe Police Department for emergencies, callers should continue to dial 911 for emergencies and 480-350-8311 for issues like minor property crimes and loud parties.

Tempe hopes other Maricopa County communities eventually will be part of a regional 311 network that would allow anyone in any part of the county to call 311 and get directed to the community service they need.



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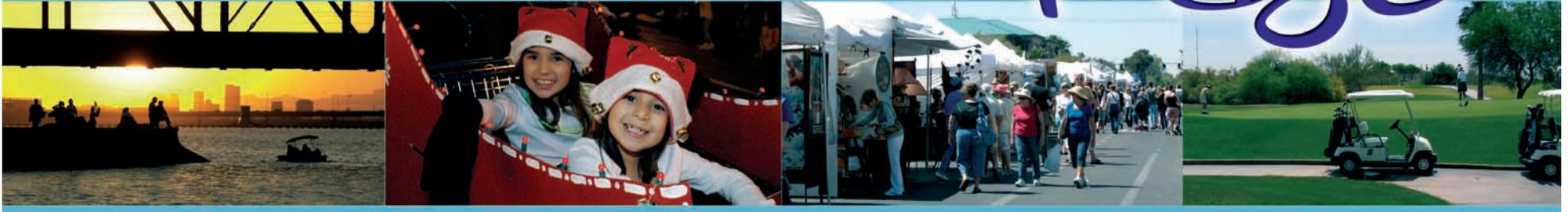
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Join the Tempe Diablos for their annual charity game at 1:05 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 24, when the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim take on the Oakland Athletics.

All proceeds from ticket sales, parking, concessions and merchandise from the game will go directly to the Tempe Diablos local charities. This year's game will support Rachel's Challenge, an organization that works to combat bullying in schools. Based on the life and writings of Rachel Joy Scott, a victim of the 1999 Columbine school shooting, Rachel's Challenge

was created to equip and inspire students to replace violence, bullying and negativity with respect, kindness and compassion.

One of the largest school-based character development programs in the nation, Rachel's Challenge came into over 2,200 schools last year.

The Tempe Diablos have created grants to bring this program into Tempe schools. For more information on Rachel's Challenge or the Tempe Diablos Organization, visit www.tempediablos.org.

Tickets are on sale now at www.ticketmaster.com or can be purchased at Tempe Diablo box office beginning Feb. 9.

Tempe Diablo Stadium is located at 2200 W. Alameda Drive.

Visit www.tempe.gov/diablo for information on games, tickets, stadium hours, directions and parking.

Community members: what are your priorities?

The City of Tempe will hold public meetings in late February to hear from residents on their priorities for capital improvement projects in the 2013-14 fiscal year and beyond.

These projects range from major equipment replacements and street improvements to new facilities and building updates.

They are budgeted separately from

Join the 2013 Regional Unity Walk

Get your walking shoes ready in celebration of cultural diversity at the Regional Unity Walk and Diversity Festival on Saturday, Feb. 2.

Join several Valley cities as they "Walk for Unity in Our Community." The walk and festival are free. Registration is not required.

Families, community organizations, scout groups, school clubs and church groups are encouraged to participate. Walkers should arrive at their assembly points by 10 a.m.

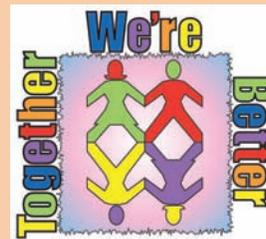
The walk begins at 10:30 a.m. Participants from Chandler, Gilbert, Phoenix and Scottsdale will meet at the Town Lake Marina; those from Tempe, Guadalupe, and Mesa will meet at the Tempe Beach Park amphitheater.

Both walking routes are approximately one mile, and will end at Tempe Beach Park. Walkers are encouraged to carry flags, signs or banners announcing their group's identity and promoting diversity. Each walker will receive a free T-shirt corresponding to their city.

The free festival, which will begin as walkers arrive and last until noon, will feature a welcome by dignitaries, entertainment, jump houses for the kids and food. Transportation will be provided to bring walkers back to their assembly points.

For information, call 480-350-8979.

Visit www.tempe.gov/diversity for a map to the assembly points.



Playing for keeps in Tempe

It will be an active Saturday on March 2 as hundreds of kids of all ages descend on the city's 4th Annual PlayDay.

The free community event will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Kiwanis Park, Mill Avenue and All-America Way.

Children and adults can participate in structured and unstructured games and activities, including kayaking on Kiwanis Lake, lawn tennis, creative art and much more.

For information, visit www.tempe.gov/familyactivities or call 480-350-5200.

This past summer, Tempe was one of 151 cities across the nation to be named a Playful City USA community by KaBOOM!, a national non-profit organization.

Tempe was given this designation for the third consecutive year because of the way it uses play and play spaces to positively impact childhood wellness, public safety and quality of life.



operating expenses such as salaries and office supplies.

Tempe would like to review its capital improvement approach and hear from residents about what types of infrastructure improvements they think are most important.

Public meeting dates will be posted to www.tempe.gov/budgetplan as soon as they are set; they also will be

announced via the city's email notification system and through social media.

For updated details on the formulation of operating budgets for the 2013-14 fiscal year, as well as projected dates for City Council discussions and votes on both the operating and capital budgets, visit www.tempe.gov/budgetplan.



Winners included Tempe Elementary's Michelle Barton, third from left, Middle School Teacher of the Year. Others attending were, from left, Ardie Sturdivant, principal of Ward Traditional Academy; Greg Pratt, director of Center for Economic Education; and John Balentine, director of K-12 Social Studies.

MCC honors go to Tempe teacher

Michelle Barton, a teacher at Ward Traditional Academy in the Tempe Elementary School District, has been named 2012 Middle School Teacher of the Year by Mesa Community College's Center for Economic Education.

Barton is a graduate of Arizona State University and has taught pre-algebra, algebra and geometry at Ward since 2009.

She is recognized for integrating

the standards-based Stock Market Game into her math curriculum and sponsoring Ward's Economics Club.

She is one of a small number of math instructors who has attended training MCC's Center for Economic Education and is using this programming to address the emergence of common core requirements in the middle school curriculum.

— TEACHER, Page 23

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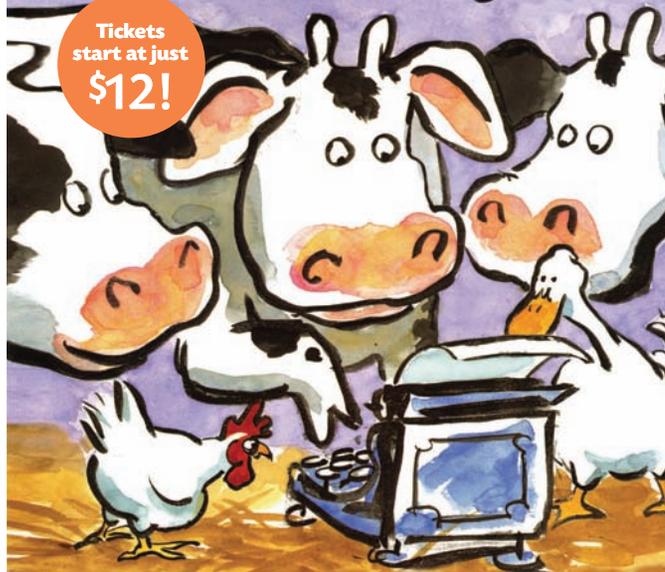


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Psychologists, from Pg. 3

The National Association of School Psychologists says that the role of a school psychologist is multi-faceted and extends well beyond lending an ear to uneasy parents about the academic struggles of their child.

As a trained researcher, the school psychologist combs through test scores to analyze whether a child may be a candidate for special services.

While a majority of school psychologists work in the school system, they also preside at residential facilities or treatment centers, local mental health agencies, or start their own private practice.

At Corona, Calderón's daily schedule abounds with widely varied duties.

"I do some counseling, write evaluation reports, and attend meetings. In between, I try to motivate and support students when we talk about their goals after high school," said Calderón.

"I have noticed that, as a minority, I serve as a role model for students who speak English as a second language or grew up in another country, like me."

In addition to his acumen as a professional counselor, Calderón is a highly respected academic, who recently received the 2013 Outstanding Dissertation Award from the Woodcock-Munoz Foundation for his doctoral dissertation titled "Mathematical development: The role of broad cognitive processes."

As part of the award the foundation will fund Calderón's research presentation at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association.

He received his B.A. in Psychology,

with a minor in Music (Piano) and Spanish, from La Sierra University in Riverside, Calif. He obtained his master's and doctoral degrees in school psychology from Arizona State University.

His interest in math developed as a child.

"As an elementary school student in Mexicali, Baja California, I competed and won the elementary mathematics competition at the county level."

Then, while working as a pre-doctoral psychology intern at the Washington Elementary School District in Phoenix, he learned a lot about the assessment of cognitive processes.

In his dissertation research, Calderón decided to investigate the relationship between learning processes and mathematical achievement.

He says his research helps him in his day-to-day work at Corona to better assess the cause of students' learning disabilities.

"Dr. Calderón is a tremendous asset to Corona and the Tempe Union High School District as he works to assess students' strengths and needs, but also considers their development background including cultural and linguistic factors," said Linda Littell, executive director of community relations for the Tempe Union High School District.

With better assessment practices in the coming years, school districts are anticipated to educate more students who have special needs, learning disabilities and behavioral issues.

In response, the demand for school psychologists is predicted to increase, an expectation that the U.S. Bureau of Labor and Statistics says should result in a nearly 22 percent growth of the profession by 2020.

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Teacher

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Beyond her creativity in applying a social studies-based activity to mathematics instruction, she models collaboration and community building through her work with language arts and social studies colleagues.

"Integrating economics into my curriculum has allowed me to bring math to life," said Barton. "Students always used to ask me, 'When will I ever use this?' Introducing concepts like slope, graphing and linear equations using the Stock Market Game allowed me to show students a real-life application before they even thought to ask."

The outcomes of Barton's mentoring are reflected in the results of the Fall 2012 Arizona Stock Market Game: Ward student teams captured first and second place in the elementary division and swept first, second and third places in the middle school division. The first-place elementary team and first- and second-place middle school teams were comprised entirely of females.

The Center for Economic Education supports innovation in economics instruction across the curriculum and across grade levels in Arizona.

John Balentine, director of K-12 Social Studies at the Arizona Department of Education, said: "Today's employers are seeking graduates that have key skills of critical thinking, problem-solving and collaboration."

"Arizona's teachers and students are fortunate to have a cross-curricular resource. The Stock Market Game, hosted by the Arizona Council on Economic Education, develops these skills and helps ensure all of our students are prepared for college, career and civic life."

— By Angela Askey

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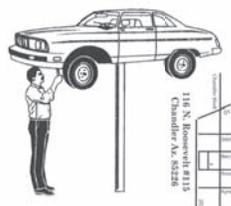


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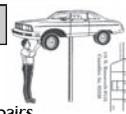
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