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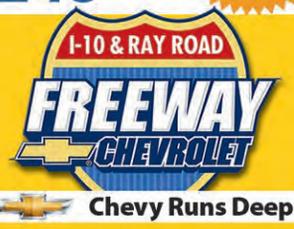
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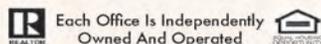
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The cost of dressing up for prom night doesn't need to keep teens from enjoying the annual celebration, thanks to efforts of the East Valley Women's League. League members collect gently used gowns for free distribution each year to those whose finances otherwise wouldn't let them participate.

— Photo courtesy Cinderella Affair

Gowns come out of the closet to give needy girls their night as 'Cinderella'

By Alison Stanton

Prom season is just around the corner, and around the east Valley teenage girls are already starting to think about which style of dress they want to wear for the big night.

For some girls, though, the dream of buying a prom dress is out of reach financially. As anyone who has ever purchased one of the fancy frocks knows

quite well, they can be quite pricey.

Thanks to a group of women from East Valley Women's League, hundreds of teenage girls who want to go to the prom this year will get the beautiful dress they have always wanted—for free.

The Cinderella Affair, which is now in its 11th year, gives high school juniors and seniors the opportunity to select a prom

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Finances prove a juggling act as funding remains up in air

By Diana Whittle
Analysis

Juggling requires keen hand-and-eye coordination—a glance away and a ball drops to the ground. The juggler gets frustrated and the audience, well, sometimes boos.

So it goes, too, for school districts that are trying to successfully budget. One eye needs to be on the allocations from the state legislature, another on revenues from property taxes—and, in the schools' case, yet another on the sale of bonds.

It's enough to make Kyrene's chief financial officer, Jeremy Calles, slightly cross-eyed.

While keeping watch on the revenue streams and financial obligations of the school district, Calles also tracks the multitude of decisions by the state legislature that impact his and other Arizona districts.

The current legislative session opened mid-January and is scheduled to last 100 business days, but generally runs much longer.

During this session, Calles is hopeful that a bill will move forward to allow Kyrene to the sell bonds that area voters approved in 2010. The bill, introduced but never heard in the last session, left the district unable to address its capital-budget needs.

If approved in this year's legislative session, proceeds from the bond sale would be used for maintenance at all 26 Kyrene schools.

To make Calles' juggling act all the more difficult, the announcement of an \$81 million allocation to school districts, approved only recently by the legislature, is actually just now restoring what is known as "inflation funding"—money that assists schools as a cost-of-living increase per pupil. That allocation amounts to about 2 percent, according to Calles.

"This ruling was a victory for school districts, and we all appreciate the efforts made that led to this outcome," said Calles.

"However," he noted, "we want to make sure the community knows that this ruling didn't dictate that the legislature has to make amends retroactively for all the years when (school) districts didn't receive the inflation increase."

Calles anticipates that Kyrene's portion of the statewide \$81 million should represent an injection of about \$1.5 million for the upcoming fiscal year.

That inflation funding is not due to reach the school districts until July, though, and the distribution of the money still faces a legal battle as state Atty. Gen. Tom Horne has said he plans to challenge the ruling in the Arizona Supreme Court.

"Even if the inflation funding reaches Kyrene, it will not be soon enough to reverse the district's current budget shortfall of about \$8.9 million," said Calles, "so that correction needs to be made before this fiscal year closes on June 30."

As a result of the current situation, the funding shortfall will stay and the district remains concerned about having enough money to implement the Common Core mandate, which requires additional technology and training for all teachers.

Gov. Brewer's budget, announced Jan. 18, does include some funds for Common Core implementation, but it is too soon to know the exact dollar amount for each school district, according to Calles, who has promised to make regular financial updates at the district's governing board meetings. ne residents and parents who wish to help should contact the Governor's Office to make sure she keeps her focus on education.

As more information becomes available, it will be available on the district website at www.kyrene.org.

Feb. 9 meeting focuses on bus route changes

Local bus riders have an opportunity on Saturday, Feb. 9, to voice their opinion regarding possible route changes affecting routes 56 (Priest) and 108 (Elliot).

A public meeting is scheduled at 10 a.m. at Tempe Police south substation, 8201 S. Hardy Drive, south of Elliot Road.

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Sports Notebook . . . with Alex Zener



On hand for National Letter of Intent signing at Corona del Sol High school were, from left, front row: Hallie Swenson, Kate Halligan and Emily Matthews; middle row: Kelsey Cartwright, Stephanie Petre and Zoe Martinez; back row: Athletic Director Dan Nero, Sam Radford, Maceo Brown; Principal Brent Brown; and Aaron Simons. — Photo courtesy Kris Cartwright

For Corona's Aztecs, National Signing Day yields a bumper crop

Corona reported eleven athletes—seven soccer, three football and one cross-country—signing National Letters of Intent to play a sport at the college level during ceremonies at the school on Feb. 6.

Corona girls soccer coach **Matt Smith** had 11 seniors on this season's team, with seven receiving a scholarship to play at the next level.

Kelsey Cartwright, a two-sport athlete at Corona her freshman and sophomore years, will be setting off to University of North Dakota where she will play defensive midfielder and decide on a major after taking a few

exploratory classes.

"Kelsey is a great leader," said Smith. "She was the third leading goal scorer and third in assists."

Kelsey, who informally committed to play at North Dakota last September because she liked the team and the school, is looking forward to contributing her work ethic and sense of excitement and commitment to her new team.

"I chose an out-of-state school because I think it will help me grow up and it's good to go away and see how things may be different in another part of the country," said Kelsey. "I've worked hard for several years to get to this

point, so even though I'll miss my friends and loved ones at home, I will look forward to seeing them every once in awhile."

Stephanie Petre, recruited by numerous college soccer coaches, decided as a junior in November 2011 that New Mexico State University in Las Cruces was the perfect fit for her.

"I loved the campus, the team, the coach and the weather, it's not too cold," said Stephanie. "Besides I didn't want to go too far away but I wanted something different, so I think this was a good choice for me."

Stephanie set her sites on playing college soccer a long time ago and has pursued that dream by competing at the highest level on her high school teams and while playing with her club team, Elite Clubs National League. ECNL has not only exposed Stephanie to a high level of competition against out-of-state teams; it has prepared her for being away from home due to all the traveling that's required.

Stephanie, who is still undecided on a major, plans to bring her speed, touch, confidence and love of the game to her Aggies team this fall.

"Stephanie, truly a unique player and person, marches to the beat of her own drum," said Smith. "She led our team in goals and assists this season."

Emily Matthews chose to follow her family history and devotion to country when she decided in December to commit to the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in New London, Conn.

"I chose this program because I have family in the Coast Guard," said Emily. "My parents raised me to follow a strict honor code similar to the Coast Guard's core values of honor, respect and devotion to duty which I will embrace."

Emily, who plans on majoring in marine engineering, says she really likes the school and is looking forward to a change in the weather.

Emily will bring height and speed to help her new Bears team win balls in the air when she joins the team next fall.

"Emily is a tremendous athlete who was remarkably consistent all year for us," said Smith. "She is a really good kid with a huge heart who played all out for her team all the time."

Zoe Martinez, who has gained valuable experience playing in college summer soccer camps all over the country, has been looking for the perfect place for years and finally found it at the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs.

"One of my coaches years ago told me to focus on things such as in-state versus out-of-state, big schools versus small schools, cold weather versus warm weather, first and foremost," said Zoe. "The most important thing, he told me, was to find a place that you love and then look for the soccer opportunities out of the thousands of soccer programs across the country. I think I found the place, the school, the coaches and the soccer program that is a good fit for me at UCCS."

Zoe, who feels she has somewhat of an idea of the next level of play due to her opportunities to train and play with college players at different summer camps, is ready to bring her skills and training to the Mountain Lions team this fall.

"I think my ability to 'see the game' as it is developing and make things happen on the field will be valuable to my college team," said Zoe. "I'm also very competitive and have a lot of energy."

Zoe, who may end up majoring in psychology or sociology because she is interested in understanding how the mind works, is looking forward to the full college experience and living on her own.

"Zoe is a creative player with tremendous ability on the ball, but who is also very committed to defending and doing whatever is necessary to win," said Smith. "She's also one of those players who could really make me laugh."

Olivia Montoya, who was recruited by several schools, had education as her priority when she chose Benedictine University in Lisle, Ill., a suburb of Chicago.

"I committed to Benedictine University in November because of its proximity to a metropolitan city, its academic distinction, and finally the soccer coach and program," said Olivia. "Although education will always be my focus, I consider myself lucky to be able to play a sport I love while going to college."

Olivia, who is also ready to experience something new and different from Arizona, will get a chance to not only have that experience at Benedictine but also contribute her hard work and soccer skills to the Eagles team.

"Olivia was the quiet leader on our team," said Smith. "She is one of the most underappreciated players in the history of Corona's girls soccer program."

Kate Halligan, an all-around athlete at Corona, who

not only competed at the varsity level in soccer all four years but ran on Corona's varsity cross country and track teams for three years, has signed a letter of intent to play soccer at Pfeiffer University at Charlotte, N.C.

"I fell in love with the campus and the people who attend school at Pfeiffer when I visited the school," said Kate. "Even though North Carolina is on the other side of the country, I've always wanted to go out of state to play soccer. I've attended soccer camps for weeks at a time all over the country, so I think I'm prepared to leave home to attain the goal I've had since I was really young of playing college soccer."

Kate will most likely become one of the Falcon's goalkeepers when she attends Pfeiffer.

"Kate is a complete team player," said Smith. "She played on the field for us even though her natural and collegiate position will be in the goal."

Kate, besides fulfilling her goal of playing soccer in college, has her sites set on a career in the health field.

"I knew I wanted to go into the health field because both of my parents are," said Kate. "I plan on going into nursing at Pfeiffer because I really want to do something that will give back to the community and be a benefit to others, not just me," she said.

Taylor Rohme, who was expected to sign a National Letter to play soccer at North Park University in Chicago, declined to do so, at least for now, because she received an academic scholarship. "Taylor is a very talented goalkeeper," said Smith. "She is also a very fun person who treats her whole team with respect."

Taylor, from a long-time traditional volleyball family at Corona, actually played on Corona's varsity volleyball team two years but chose to play soccer in college.

Aaron Simons signed a national letter of intent to play football at Colorado Mesa University located in Grand Junction.

"Even though I was recruited by plenty of universities, I chose Colorado Mesa because of the solid coaching staff and the possibility of early playing time," said Simons. "I think I will be able to bring versatility, solid play, leadership and some comedic relief to the team."

Simons, at 6-foot-4 and 270 pounds, played offensive lineman on the football team and also competed for the track and field team at Corona in the shot put and discus throw. He also plans on competing in track and field while at CMU.

Maceo Brown, Corona's 6-foot-1 wide receiver and defensive back, has committed to play football at the University of Mary in Bismarck, N.D.

Brown, playing on both sides of the ball, made significant contributions to Corona's football program. Last season he averaged over 20 yards a game receiving the football and almost 10 yards a game rushing. While playing defense, he averaged five tackles a game plus he is credited with one interception.

Brown also played on special teams, punting the ball 22 times and then returning punts and kickoffs a total of seven times. He scored 18 points his senior season.

Sam Radford, Corona's 6-foot-2 offensive and defensive lineman, will be playing football at Scottsdale Community College next fall.

"I am happy for both Aaron, Maceo and Sam," said Corona's head football coach **Tom Joseph**. "We at Corona wish them well in their academic and football careers at the next level."

Hallie Swenson, who led Corona's cross-country team all last season, will be taking her speed and endurance to Point Loma Nazarene in Pt. Loma, Calif., next fall.

Corona girls soccer — The team made it into the Division I state tournament on Jan. 29 as the No. 16 seed against the No. 1 seed Pinnacle. It was a hard 3-0 loss for the Lady Aztecs, especially for the 11 seniors who had seen their team come out of the depths as the No. 15 seed in 2010 to make it to the finals and bring home the runner-up trophy.

The team, which probably improved most in scoring from last season, was led by example and results on and off the field by 11 seniors, according to coach Matt Smith.

In addition to the seven seniors who signed national letters of intent on Wednesday, four other seniors had a big impact on the on and off the field.

"Senior **Mikaela Wolf** was very coachable and one of those players who gave us coaches everything we asked her to do," said Coach Matt Smith. "We are also losing to graduation **Madeleine Caldwell**, who not only always had a smile on her face but was a dynamic and unique player who was tremendously effective in creating space and time for her striker partner."

"**Victoria Haun**, who finished second in goals and assists for the team, is one of the hardest working players we have ever had at Corona and is also graduating," said Smith. "We also lose **Alexi Romano**, a very skilled player who had to work hard to overcome a tough ankle injury. Alexi played whatever position the coaches asked because she wanted to help the team any way she could."

It is going to be hard next season to replace such a large senior class but Smith will not lose everyone who had an impact on the team this season.

"For instance, **Lexi Bounds** was exceptional in goal and **Maddie Wolf** was probably our most consistent player," said Smith.

Smith thinks he is going to need at least four or five players to individually step up over the next nine months to help Corona replace the seniors.

"I'm thinking Lexi Bounds, Maddie Wolf, **Margaux Loire**, **Liz Cheney**, **Jen Carty**, **Bridget Manning** and **Paige Monroe** will play significant roles on the team next season," said Smith. "We will be moving into a new section and be facing off against so new teams so it's tough to predict."

Corona wrestling — The Aztec wrestlers competed in the Division 1, Section 3 tournament this past weekend and came in third place with 178 points, behind

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champion Sunnyside (214.5) and runner up Chandler (187).

Corona qualified 10 of its 13 wrestlers for the state tournament Feb. 7-8 and had three wrestlers win section champions: **Glenn Farina** (132 lbs.), **Zach Walton** (145 lbs.), and **Ethan Tursini** (160 lbs.).

"The trio of Farina, Walton, and Tursini have been dominant in their weight classes throughout the season for us," said coach **Jim Martinez**. "They will be strong contenders for individual championships this week at the state meet."

Two Aztecs finished second: **Colton Winstead** (152 lbs.) and **Brix Kronborg** (195 lbs.). Four finished third: **Alex Carrillo** (106 lbs.), **Matt Churchill** (120 lbs.), **Bridger Barker** (170 lbs) and **Josh Caliendo** (220 lbs.). **Chris Moore** (285 lbs.) surpassed himself qualifying for a state berth with a fourth place finish.

"Matt Churchill performed well for us when he had to come back from deficits to win two matches in the closing seconds of two of his wrestle-back matches to earn his berth to state," said Martinez.

"Chris Moore, as a heavy underdog in the 285-pound weight class, pulled off a surprise upset with a come-from-behind pin that secured him a trip to the state tournament," said Martinez. "Chris had been unable to compete in this

weight class during the early part of the season because he was always nine pounds under the allowable minimum weight."

"He committed himself to a weight gain program these last four weeks and gained enough weight to attain the minimum weight he needed to wrestle in that weight class and ended up getting to state."

Michael Clare, ranked No.2 in the 182-pound category and one of Corona's top wrestlers who was expected to go far at the state tournament, was not able to wrestle due to illness. The team still finished third despite not having Clare.

The state tournament was due to occur Feb. 7-8 in Prescott Valley.

Boys basketball — Corona's basketball team finished the regular season with a 22-4 overall 6-3 section record ranked No. 2 behind Mesa High School in power point rankings and No. 1 in Section II. The sectionals tournament may ultimately have an effect on the seeding.

The Aztecs were set to play in the sectionals against the No. 8 seed Highland on Feb. 6 at Mesquite High School. The winner of that game would go on to play Feb. 8 against either No. 5 Dobson or No. 4 Red Mountain in the semifinals, again at Mesquite.

Dobson and No. 3 seed Hamilton, which are in the bottom of the draw, are the only two teams to beat Corona in the regular season. Hamilton defeated the Aztecs 40-37

on Jan. 25 when Corona was scheduled for back-to-back games and had just played a tough Mtn. Pointe game the night before. Then Dobson beat Corona 62-54 on Jan. 29 when **Casey Benson** was out with an injured ankle suffered in the Hamilton game.

Depending on the placement of the seeds in the state tournament, Corona will probably have a bye in the first round because the first eight seeds do. They would then not play until Feb. 16 at home at 7 p.m.

Boys soccer — Corona's boys soccer team entered the Division I state soccer tournament as the No. 2 seed defeating Desert View 1-0 on Jan. 30 but lost in the quarterfinals to No. 10 San Luis 0-2 on Feb. 2.

Corona played a hard-nosed and determined game against a quick, equally determined Desert View team, out of the Tucson area. The Aztecs were able to take a ton of shots on goal, getting two to actually go through the goalposts, but the second one was waved off due to a violation.

In the quarterfinals the Aztecs faced off against another fast, small team from San Luis whose players were quick with their passing skills. Corona was also without two of its best players, senior defender **Jeremy Ramsland** and senior center midfielder **Ellis Rutili**, due to injury. After a slow start, the Aztecs picked up their intensity in the second half but were unable to score despite several shots at goal.

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Police ask public's help in tracking suspect Bandit kidnaps, robs at two busy Tempe locations

Police are seeking the public's help in locating and identifying a suspect in a Jan. 29 carjacking and kidnapping from the Fry's Marketplace at McClintock and Baseline and an earlier kidnapping from a parking lot at the Walgreens store at McClintock and Guadalupe.

In the Fry's incident, the suspect asked the

victim for a ride, then threatened to shoot him if he did not give him cash. The victim managed to escape and the suspect stole the victim's vehicle and fled the area.

Just prior to this attack, the same suspect attempted to kidnap a female victim in her vehicle from the parking lot of Walgreens. The victim was able to defend

herself and the suspect fled on foot.

The suspect is described as a White or Hispanic male, mid 20s to mid30s, 5-8 to 5-10 in height, medium build, thin beard, white baseball hat, white long sleeve shirt under a dark t-shirt, dark Nike jacket with white "swoosh" on the back.

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ADOT seeks public's input on safer riding Most dangerous time for bike accidents: Broad daylight

By Chase Kamp

As the winter chill fades and Arizona's typical early spring sets in, many students, athletes and weekend warriors will be hitting the roads and parks on their bikes.

A mammoth Bicycle Safety Action Plan study by the Arizona Department of Transportation, analyzing motor vehicle-bicycle crash trends, shows that knowing the rules of the road and keeping your wits about you will go a long way to avoid an accident.

However, the study also concluded that structural changes and more amenities for bicyclists will also enhance awareness and overall safety for drivers and pedalers.

There were nearly 10,000 motor vehicle-bicycle crashes reported statewide from 2004 to 2008. Over 77 percent of study respondents listed safety concerns as a reason that they do not ride bikes more often, many of whom said a lack of bicycle lanes or wide shoulders makes them feel too unsafe to ride.

People seldom walk away from a bike accident unscathed.

In 2010, Arizona ranked seventh-highest in bicyclist fatalities per million residents. That year, 19 bicyclists were killed in motor vehicle-bicycle crashes, representing a 28 percent decrease

from the previous year.

Forty-four percent of Arizona bicyclists that were in crashes suffered a non-debilitating injury, whereas 11 percent suffered a serious injury.

Surprisingly, the majority of statewide crashes analyzed in the study did not take place in inclement weather or at nighttime, nor was the automobile driver or bicyclist most often intoxicated.

The majority of crashes in the Phoenix metro area took place at or near the intersections of freeway on- and off-ramps and access roads. The city of Tempe had the fifth-highest number of crashes in the state with slightly more than 8 percent of the total incidents.

The intersection at Scottsdale Road and State Route 202 in Tempe was the scene of eight vehicle-bicycle crashes, the most prevalent intersection in the state.

In Chandler, the intersections at State Route 101 and Elliot Road, as well as State Route 87 and State Route 202, each had five crashes.

These intersections and several others were prioritized as focus areas for possible improvements to enhance safety, such as wider shoulders or conversion to roundabouts.

When the crashes in these focus areas were analyzed, it showed almost 20 percent of crashes were caused by drivers failing to give right-of-way and

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about 16 percent caused by bicyclists not granting right-of-way.

While the report said many of these accidents were caused by bicyclists riding on sidewalks or going the wrong way down the street, 84 percent of crashes occurred in locations with no bicycle facilities like a street shoulder or bicycle lane.

Bicyclists are legally instructed to ride along with traffic on the right-hand side of the road and drivers must grant the right-of-way to pedestrians

and bicyclists in most situations.

The Bicycle Action Plan is part of a 2003 initiative to address bike safety needs and ADOT is asking residents to provide input on the plan's finalization.

The final report for the Bicycle Safety Action Plan can be found at AZDOT.gov/mpd/systems_planning/PDF/BSAP/Final.pdf.

Comments are being accepted at the study website: AZBikePed.org/studyupdate/documents.asp.

Sunset Library widens eBook offerings

Chandler's Sunset branch library has joined others around the city to make it easier for its library-card holders to read the latest magazines without having to deal with torn pages, lost copies or subscription hassles.

In response to customer feedback, the library has added digital-magazine content provider Zinio to its list of eBook and digital media resources. Digital versions of more than 380 magazines—with full text and photo access, and in different languages—are accessible 24 hours a day from computer desktops, laptops, tablets, smartphones and mobile devices through Zinio for Libraries.

Magazines such as *National Geographic*, *Good Housekeeping*, *Consumer Reports*, *Field & Stream*, *Men's Health*, *Rolling Stone*, *US*, and many more, including some Spanish-language publications, can be viewed and downloaded free of charge by multiple users at the same time.

"They look exactly like the print copies, advertisements and all, but added interactive features such as embedded video and links to outside websites enhance the user experience" says library manager Brenda Brown.

"While we will continue to have traditional print magazines at the Sunset branch and our other locations, the Zinio magazine service continues the expanding digital world of our library," she said.

In recent years, the library has enhanced its downloadable digital media offerings through the Greater Phoenix Digital Library (Overdrive), Axis360, Gale Virtual Reference Library, Tumble Books, Open Library, and Freegal music.

To access the selection of digital magazines, visit the library's website, www.chandlerlibrary.org, hover over the "Read" tab, click on "Ebooks and Digital Media," then look for "Zinio" and follow the instructions.

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On the agenda will be training in hands-on CPR, using Resuscidog, a canine version of the human ResusciAnnie. A Q&A session follows the training.

Fee is \$14 for ages 15-adult. Pre-registration, which is required, is available at the hospital, 2500 S. Hardy Drive, Tempe, or online at <https://www.tempe.gov/index.aspx?page=570>.

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Cinderella

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dress at no cost. The fairy godmother-like program is hosted through a partnership between the EVWL and the Tempe Community Council.

Amy Grossklaus, Cinderella Affair marketing chairman and vice-president of the EVWL, said the two groups are currently holding their annual dress drive to collect gently worn dresses and shoes. Between now and Feb. 24, people may drop off their pre-worn formal dresses at collection boxes that are located at numerous businesses across the Valley.

Specific collection sites can be found at www.cinderellaaffair.org.

"We only take new or gently used formal dresses, preferably ones that would appeal to a high school girl," Grossklaus said, adding that long or short dresses are welcome in a variety of colors, but no wedding dresses or velvet.

"We also welcome gently used shoes, handbags, wraps and costume jewelry."

Between 3 and 8 p.m. on Friday, March 22, and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, March 23, the Dress Selection Boutique will take place at the Pyle Adult Recreation Center, 655 E. Southern Ave. in Tempe.

Grossklaus said there are typically between 2,500 to 3,000 dresses ranging in sizes 0 to 24 for the girls to choose from.

In order to get a free prom dress, Grossklaus said the students must be a junior or senior in high school and present a valid school ID.

"Any girl from the Valley who meets these requirements can select a dress," she said.

"The past three years we have given away close to 3,000 dresses."

Both the women who are dropping off the dresses and the teens who are getting a dress at no charge are delighted to be part of the program, Grossklaus said.

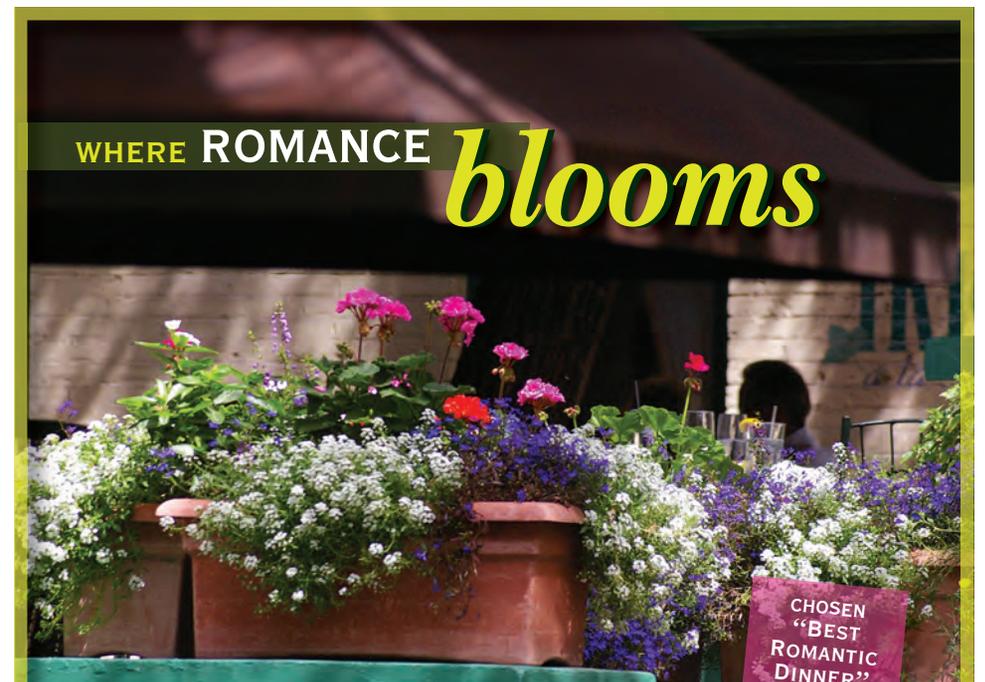
"The typical comment (from the donors) is that the dresses have been hanging in their closets for years and they are thrilled to be passing them on to a good cause. They are also excited that they are helping make some girl's dream come true."

The giveaway event itself is "electric," Grossklaus said.

"Girls can't get over how many dresses there are to choose from," she said.

"Usually the girls and their mothers are just ecstatic they are getting a dress, and are amazed by the selection and quality. Many say without this event, they wouldn't be able to go to prom."

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Pop culture, technology on the radar again at 'Geek Week'



Actress Megan Weaver, starring in last year's interactive experience 'Emerge: Artists + Scientists Redesign the Future.' Similar programs will be part of this year's Arizona Sci Tech event.

By Sally Mesarosh

Feeling the need to release your inner geek and have some fun? Geeks' Night Out on Feb. 21 offers a perfect opportunity to do just that.

Featuring more than 43 free activities, the event celebrates science, science fiction, pop culture and technology as part of the statewide Arizona SciTech Festival.

Tempe Public Information Officer Kris Baxter-Ging said last year's Geeks' Night Out event attracted about 3,000 people. When the city was approached by Arizona Sci Tech officials last year to be a part of the festival, she says, it was a natural fit.

"Tempe is known for fun and has one of the state's most educated populations," Baxter-Ging said. "We have 20 percent of the workforce involved in a technology-related job."

Last year's event was a rousing success, thanks to the involvement of local businesses, clubs and schools that got together and offered free attractions.

"We got so much positive feedback that not only are we doing Geeks' Night Out again," Baxter-Ging said, we are expanding it to Geek Week."

"It's not just about one night in downtown Tempe. We're also involving the library, the Tempe school districts—really getting the whole community involved."

Organizers hope the festival will accomplish some

worthwhile goals: First, inspire students to pursue science, technology, engineering and math (STEM)-related careers. Second, recognize and develop the STEM-related business community that drives Tempe.

Jeremy Babendure, director of the Arizona SciTech Festival, said about 300 events are planned statewide, with Tempe and Chandler providing tremendous support.

"Science and technology is all around us," said Babendure, an ASU grad who holds a doctorate in biomedical sciences.

"Thirty to fifty percent of future careers will be STEM-based. Working with Tempe and planning events such as this in an informal, fun setting will inspire not just the kids but the whole community."

Geeks' Night Out has something for all ages, including robots, comic books, electron microscopes, paranormal investigations and an 8-foot-tall video game. Attendees are encouraged to don their favorite sci-fi costume to compete for prizes.

Special guest Geoff Notkin of the Science Channel show *Meteorite Men* will be at Geeks' Night out, as well as at the Tempe Public Library. There's also a chance to pitch a business idea at an entrepreneurial workshop put on by ASU Venture Catalyst.

Oh, and for the romantic geeks, there's speed dating at "Geeks In Love."

During Geek Week, Tempe schools will host special STEM learning events on their campuses. Other educational institutions offering events include ASU, Rio Salado College and the University of Advancing Technology.

Additionally, the Tempe Chamber of Commerce is inviting Tempe businesses to register their facilities for public tours to show how science is used in each company's daily work. The Tempe library will also host a series of sci-tech events.

The events are too numerous to mention, but there's more information at www.tempe.gov/geeks, along with a video of *Invasion of the Geeks* featuring Tempe council members and Mayor Mark Mitchell as a robot.

We hate to say it, but: Be there or be square!

Details: Geeks' Night Out is from 5-10 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 21, at the park outside Tempe City Hall. It's part of the Third Thursday series of events produced in partnership with Downtown Tempe Community and sponsored by Walton Sustainability Solutions Initiative.

ASU Venture Catalyst Geek Week is Feb. 15-24 throughout Tempe.

For more information on the statewide events, visit <http://azscitechfest.org/>.

Mayor's HOA academy drawing plenty of takers; next session coming up Feb. 12

Residents interested in attending Chandler Mayor Jay Tibshraeny's mini HOA academy from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 12, have been advised to register soon.

More than two dozen people have signed up so far, says a city spokesman, and seats are going fast.

Tibshraeny has teamed with the city's Neighborhood Programs Division and its Police Department, along with the Mulcahy Law Firm, to bring the event to Chandler's Tumbleweed Recreation Center, 745 E. Germann Road.

"We're going to have some great information at this event, including a discussion of the hottest topics surrounding HOA management and an update on the potential impacts of bills coming before the state legislature," Tibshraeny said.

"I've also asked our Police Department to discuss community trends as outlined in their most recent annual report."

The academy continues Tibshraeny's focus on sustainable neighborhoods and developing neighborhood leaders, and complements his series of listening

tours and ongoing HOA and Traditional Neighborhood Academies.

Home Improvement Connect, a symposium on do-it-yourself home renovation projects, is being planned for the fall and will include helpful information on obtaining building permits, inspections and rebates.

Information/registration: 480-782-4354. (Enrollment priority will be given to Chandler residents).

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Participants will receive their score analysis at a future date. Space is limited, and reservations are required. Tutor House is at 6139 S. Rural Road, Suite 102, Tempe. Information: 480-857-1222; tutoring@tutorhouseaz.com; or www.tutorhouseaz.com.

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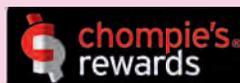


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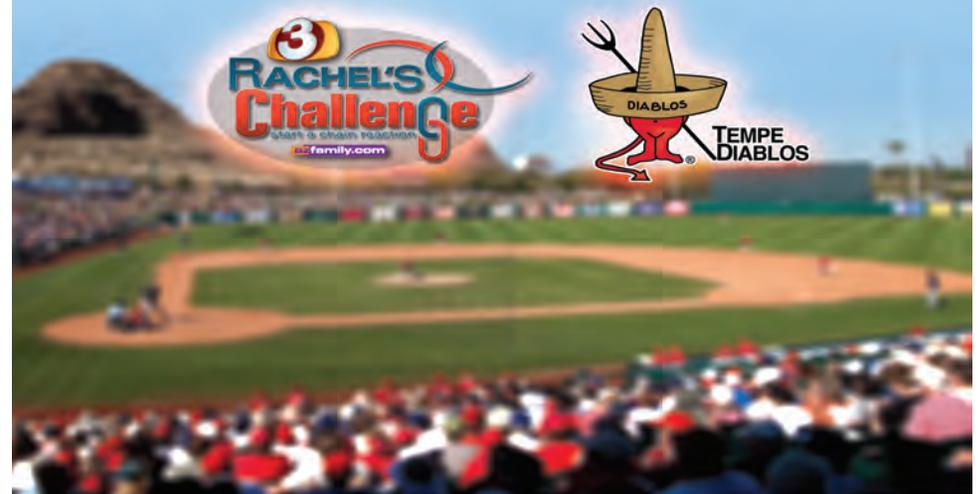


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Diversions

... with M.V. Moorhead

Jewish film festival in 17th annual run

The word “Greater” in Greater Phoenix Jewish Film Festival isn’t there for nothing. The event, which runs Feb. 10 through 24, is spread out all over the greater Phoenix area—although, ironically, not in Phoenix proper.

Shows are slated at Harkins Camelview 5 in Scottsdale; in the wilds of the West Valley at Harkins Arrowhead 18 in Peoria; and, for movie-lovers in the Kyrene Corridor, at Harkins Crossroads 12 in Chandler.

The 17th annual event features movies from the U.S. and Canada, Germany, Austria, Poland and Israel, in genres ranging from comedy to drama to documentary.

Many of the screenings are accompanied by guest speakers from a range of backgrounds.

At Harkins Crossroads, the fest kicks off at 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 10 with the sardonic comedy-thriller *My Best Enemy*, from Austria.



It concerns a swap of identities between a Jew and a Nazi, former best friends, during World War II.

A switcheroo is also the basis of the drama *The Other Son*. This time it’s the well-worn device of babies accidentally switched at birth—in this case one Palestinian and one Jewish, and of the impact on both families when the truth comes out.

It plays at Crossroads at 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 11.

Documentaries are well represented at this year’s festival, as well, two of them concerned with songs.

AKA Doc Pomus, a documentary portrait of the songwriting great (aka Jerome Felder) who gave us *This Magic Moment* and *Save the Last Dance For Me*, plays at 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 17.

The speaker for the Crossroads 12 showing is Rabbi

Darren Kleinberg, executive director of Valley Beit Midrash, who, according to the Festival’s website, “plays lead guitar in the band Twice Baked in his free time.”

Ever wonder about the origin of “Hava Nagila?” You can learn all about the song’s history and the evolution of its religious, political and cultural meanings in *Hava Nagila (The Movie)*, which plays at Crossroads 12 at 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 24.

Also slated for Crossroads 12 are the dramas *Kaddish for a Friend* and *Mabul (The Flood)*, as well as the comedy *The Day I Saw Your Heart*.

Another romantic comedy, *Dorfman*, starring Sara Rue and Elliot Gould, screens at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 14, in honor of Valentine’s Day, but only at Harkins Camelview in Scottsdale. Screenwriter Wendy Kout will be guest speaker at this screening.

The festival’s most unusual selection, however, might be *Melting Away*, from director Doron Eran and screenwriter Billy Ben-Moshe.

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More Diversions

'Quartet' marks Hoffman's directorial debut

Based on Ronald Harwood's 1999 play, *Quartet* takes place in a palatial retirement home for classical musicians, many of them opera singers. When they belt out "Happy Birthday" to one of their number in the dining room, it sounds particularly fine.

The film, which hinges on the preparation by the residents for a concert in celebration of Giuseppe Verdi's birthday, marks the feature directorial debut of Dustin Hoffman. The completed directorial debut, that is; Hoffman started out as director of the 1978 crime drama *Straight Time*, in which he also starred, but left the job in favor of Ulu Grosbard, because he didn't feel able to judge his own performance.

Hoffman doesn't have that discomfort with *Quartet*, in which he doesn't appear. And he's had the good sense to stock the movie with the kind of cast for which the word "reliable" is an impertinent understatement. Like last year's *The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel*, *Quartet* is one of those movies

so full of peerless Brit veterans that you feel pretty sure going in that it's going to be worth watching even if it's not very good. *Best Exotic* indeed wasn't all that good, but there were Judi Dench and Tom Wilkinson and Bill Nighy and Penelope Wilton and Ronald Pickup and Maggie Smith, among others, giving it life with what appeared minimal effort.

I'm pleased to report that *Quartet*, though slight, is a better movie than *Best Exotic*, thanks in part to Hoffman's smooth direction, in part to Harwood's gently nipping dialogue, in part to the lovely, idyllic setting, but in by far the biggest part to the cast: Tom Courtney, Billy Connolly, Pauline Collins, Michael Gambon and, once again, Maggie Smith, among others.

Smith plays a long-retired opera star who, out of financial options, comes to live at the home—played by Hedsor House in Buckinghamshire, it surely must be the most opulent old folks' facility ever. It's not big enough, however, for her and fellow singer

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Francisco A. Ponce, M.D. (left)

earned his undergraduate degree in physics at Harvard. After graduate school at Oxford, he went on to



complete medical school at the University of Chicago and his residency in neurological surgery at Barrow Neurological Institute. He received subspecialty training in Stereotactic and Functional Neurosurgery at the University of Toronto under Dr. Andres Lozano.

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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Quartet

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Courtney, a former lover that she wronged long ago, and who hasn't forgiven her. The two of them, along with the defiantly still-lecherous Connolly and the sweet Collins, who's showing early signs of dementia, are asked to perform the quartet from *Rigoletto* at the Verdi gala. Smith alone refuses—she knows her best days as a performer are long over, and doesn't want to betray the memory of them.

The other three try to persuade her.

How it all turns out will be of no particular surprise to anyone, nor is this important—the company of these actors is such a pleasure that the mild storyline is just a formality. The point of the movie seems to be that getting old doesn't ensure emotional maturity. True, no doubt, but as Hoffman and his four razor-sharp leads, all in their seventies, demonstrate here, it doesn't necessarily take away talent, either.

Quartet is still playing at Harkins Camelview 5.

— M.V. Moorhead

First Person

Memories of a sedentary past, brought to life after being long forgotten

By M.V. Moorhead

The other night my 10-year-old detonated a psychic landmine from my past. We were walking along when suddenly she groaned and said: "Oh, I can't get that song out my head." "What song is that, Sweetie?" "Chicken Fat." My eyes got big. "Chicken Fat?" I immediately started to sing: "Push-ups, ev'ry morning, 10 times!/Not just now and then..." Her eyes got big this time. "How'd you know that song?"

So I told her how. I exercised to "Chicken Fat" too, in Mrs. Robasky's second-grade gym class, back at dear old Clark Elementary in Harborcreek, Penn., in 1970. If you went to grade school, or summer camp, after 1961, there's a chance that you did, too.

When we got home I consulted the inexhaustible pop-culture attic known as YouTube, and quickly found what I was looking for: "Chicken Fat," aka "The Youth Fitness Song," written in '61 by Meredith Willson, the genius behind possibly the greatest of American musical comedies, *The Music Man*, and rousingly sung by the great Robert Preston.

With its catchy—indeed unshakeable—march-tempo tune, it's a typically witty, complex Willson lyric, and with its rich orchestral and choral accompaniment, it really sounds like a discarded song from *The Music Man*, but it was written for the Kennedy-era President's Council on Physical Fitness, in an attempt to encourage daily exercise.

Nine years after its release they were still using it at my grade school. And 51 years after its release, according to my kid, her fifth-grade class—taught by a woman in her 20s, early 30s at the oldest—works out to that same Boomer-era relic every morning. Not just now and then.

I was amazed. I hadn't thought about it in decades, but I had a very clear early memory associated with that record. At

lunch one day I mentioned liking it to my friend Lonnie:

"That 'Chicken Fat' is a good song, huh?"

Lonnie's face darkened.

"No," he said. "I don't like that song."

This perplexed me. A lively tune like that—how could anyone not like it? I was too dense to grasp why Lonnie, who was what used to be called "big-boned," might take offense at the song. But I do now, and I was startled to learn that, in this age of official sensitivity—and with even more chubby kids around now than there were in the '60s and '70s—a contemporary teacher would consider a song with lyrics like "... Once more on the rise/Nuts to the flabby guys/Go, you chicken fat, go away/Go you chicken fat go..." appropriate for classroom use. It's hard to imagine Mrs. Obama approving of it, at any rate.

I'm not saying I object to its use, mind you—the continuity of it pleases me, really. But having developed over the decades into one of the "flabby guys" that Willson and Preston say "nuts" to, I must also wonder if the overweight aren't one of those few groups outside the umbrella of political correctness who are unprotected from disparagement.

Anyway, a few days later, I was listening to "Chicken Fat" again, in my office, when my kid came in and demanded that I get up and try the exercises. So I did—grunting and wheezing, while she looked on, convulsed with hilarity, and egging me on when she thought I was slacking. I only got through seven of the 10 push-ups.

After this depressing debacle, I staggered into the kitchen, sweaty and panting. The Wife, ever terrified of finding herself a single mom, glowered at me.

"If the heart attack doesn't kill you, I will," she promised.

But I have to admit, once my heart rate stabilized, I felt pretty invigorated.

No doubt about it, if my generation had worked out with Robert Preston every morning for the last half-century, we'd be a far healthier nation.

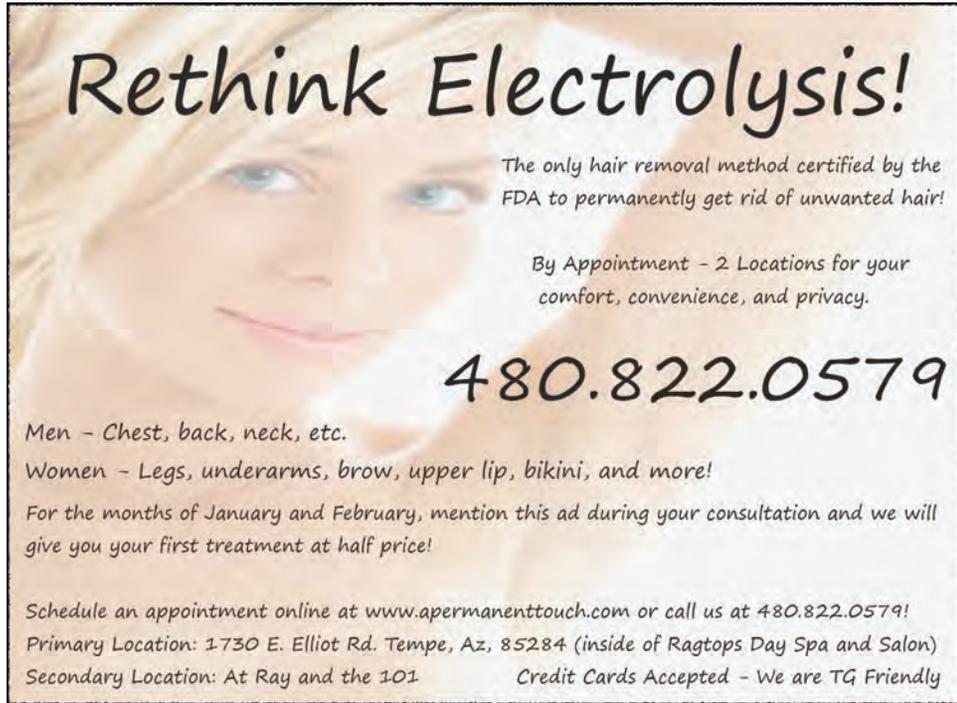
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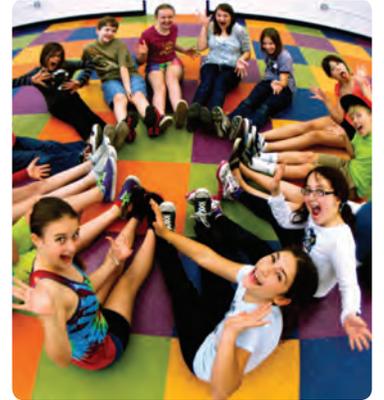
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Principal Tracey Pastor said the students received a day-by-day calendar prescribing what to do each day and the message that day was intended to emphasize.

Tuesday: Wear two different shoes—walking a mile in another's shoes can be difficult;

Wednesday: Wear mismatched clothing—we are all different, so let's appreciate differences;

Thursday: Wear your shirt backwards—words can hurt and you can't take them back; and, on the final day of the observance:

Friday: Take a step back in time and dress in your best '50s clothes—show your Norte pride and dress for our sock hop.

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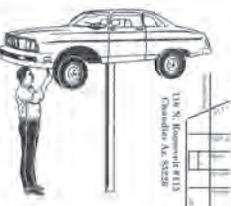
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Retracing history: Group relives the challenges, joys of 1880s trek

Editor's note: A group of Mormon teens and adults from Tempe and Chandler spent three days last fall reliving some of the rigors and joys experienced in the mid-1880s by the hardy souls who braved the unknown to make new lives for their families out West. The new adventure—and what the volunteers learned from it—are recounted in a two-part series. This constitutes Part II.

Day 2 — This second leg of the trip began with a pioneer breakfast of oatmeal and raisins. "It had been a terrible storm all night," recalled Stake President Paul Thomas. Although this day's journey was a shorter distance, it was much more difficult terrain. The trekkers traversed a precipitous downhill climb, followed by a steep uphill grade on a very rocky slope. Ropes were used in front of the handcarts to pull them uphill and behind them as a brake going down.

Kyle Lott, 15, and a sophomore at Corona del Sol High School, didn't start the day well. He woke up cold and had fallen in a mud puddle. But during the steep climb he realized that the struggle wasn't so bad when his handcart family worked together as a team.

Kyle was in front, pulling the rope, worried that "I couldn't let the girls outdo me."

Between the rough trail and intermittent rain, the trekkers might have been discouraged. But organizer Shelly Heward noticed that when the handcart family groups began singing, spirits were lifted and the journey was less tedious.

"We faced big puddles and ruts and rain and hail, but for the most part, we were happy."

"Mountain men" crossed paths with the trekkers and some good old-fashioned trading yielded the pioneers a lunch of apples and trail mix. The group arrived at camp in the early afternoon and were greeted with hot chocolate and warm campfires.

Afternoon activities included black powder shooting, candle making and hatchet throwing, followed by a dutch-oven dinner of stew, cornbread and apple crisp. The evening ended with a group program with the participants then breaking into smaller "family" groups to sit around campfires to recap the day's events.

"It was a beautiful clear sky," says Dale Heward. "We could see the stars and the Milky Way." But that clear sky brought something else—freezing temperatures.

Day 3 — The weary campers awoke to a heavy frost and temperatures in the 20s. Everything that was wet from the prior day's rain was now stiff with ice, including socks that had been laid by the fire to dry. One trekker's shoes were even frozen together.

After breakfast, individual families held a devotional and then each trekker was encouraged to find a quiet place in the forest where they could be alone, record in their trek journal, or read the experiences of previous pioneers.

Emily Arnold, 15, of Tempe, says that she didn't initially want to go on the trek. "I was nervous. I didn't understand the pioneer stories before, but now I do."

Dale Heward said that Emily's experience was similar to many of the 80 teenagers who participated.

"Many times I heard the statement, 'I didn't want to come, but my Mom made me—and I am so glad I did.'" The youth were equally impressed with the adult volunteers who weren't coerced to come, but simply wanted to be part of the experience.

By late morning, the trekkers were wrapping up the final two miles of their 21-mile adventure. As they came over a hill, they could see a U-Haul truck and base camp, which meant the end of their journey.

Although they seemed tired just five minutes earlier, every handcart crew began running toward camp, their carts bouncing along.

"It was like seeing horses run to the corral after a hard day," laughed Heward. "They were excited to be done."

After dismantling their handcarts, the seasoned pioneers celebrated their accomplishment with a feast of hamburgers, hotdogs, chicken, fruit and cookies.

"We went through a lot together," says Heward. "I think it changed all of us."

Said JD Schaeffer, 17, a student at Marcos de Niza High School:

"It wasn't easy, but it was fun. I will never forget it."

It seemed obvious that most everyone agreed.

— Contributed by Lynn Johnson

Col. McSally will emcee Copper Sword awards

Arizona's most acclaimed female U.S. military veteran, retired Air Force Col. Martha E. McSally, will serve as emcee for the 2013 Copper Sword Awards Gala Wednesday, Feb. 13 at Tempe Mission Palms.

McSally, the first female fighter pilot to fly in combat and first to command a fighter squadron in combat in U.S. history during deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan, will lead the program during a dinner at which Arizona State

University Dr. Michael Crow will receive the prestigious Copper Sword Award for his support of veterans, active military and their families.

In addition, Arizona State Representative Heather Carter, R-Cave Creek, will be presented the Copper Shield in recognition of her advocacy for veterans in the State Legislature.

The program is presented annually by the Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame Society.

Notebook

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This year's 12-5 team had 12 seniors with had high hopes of going far in state tournament. Besides Ramsland and Rutili, 10 other seniors honored at the last home match were **Keith Williamson**, goalkeeper; **Brandon Johnson**, midfielder and goalkeeper; **Cary Schwarzstein**, defender and midfielder; **Ryan Koenig**, defender; **Aaron Flegenheimer**, defender, midfielder and forward; **Leo Santos**, midfielder and forward; **Dylan Conboy**, midfielder; **Trevor Rusher**, midfielder and forward; **Yago Martin**, midfielder; and **Dylan**

Huch, forward.

Girls basketball — Corona had a lone senior, **Lauren Lucky**, honored at its last home game Jan. 29 against Dobson.

"Lauren has been on varsity for three years and has done a nice job of improving her basketball skills every year," said coach **Andrew Strom**. "She was our leading rebounder and we will need to work hard next year to her replace contribution to the team."

Corona will return almost all of its players next year from a team that was 10-17 overall and 0-8 in its section. The Lady Aztecs will be playing in a different region, which may give them a better chance of winning more games, according to Strom.

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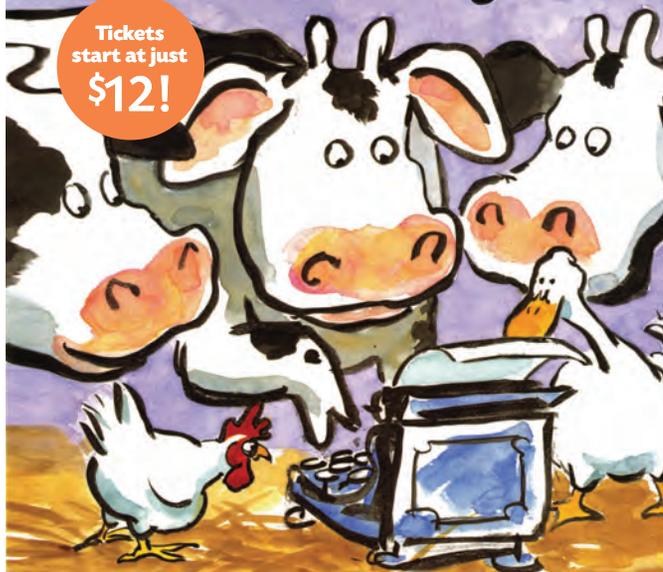
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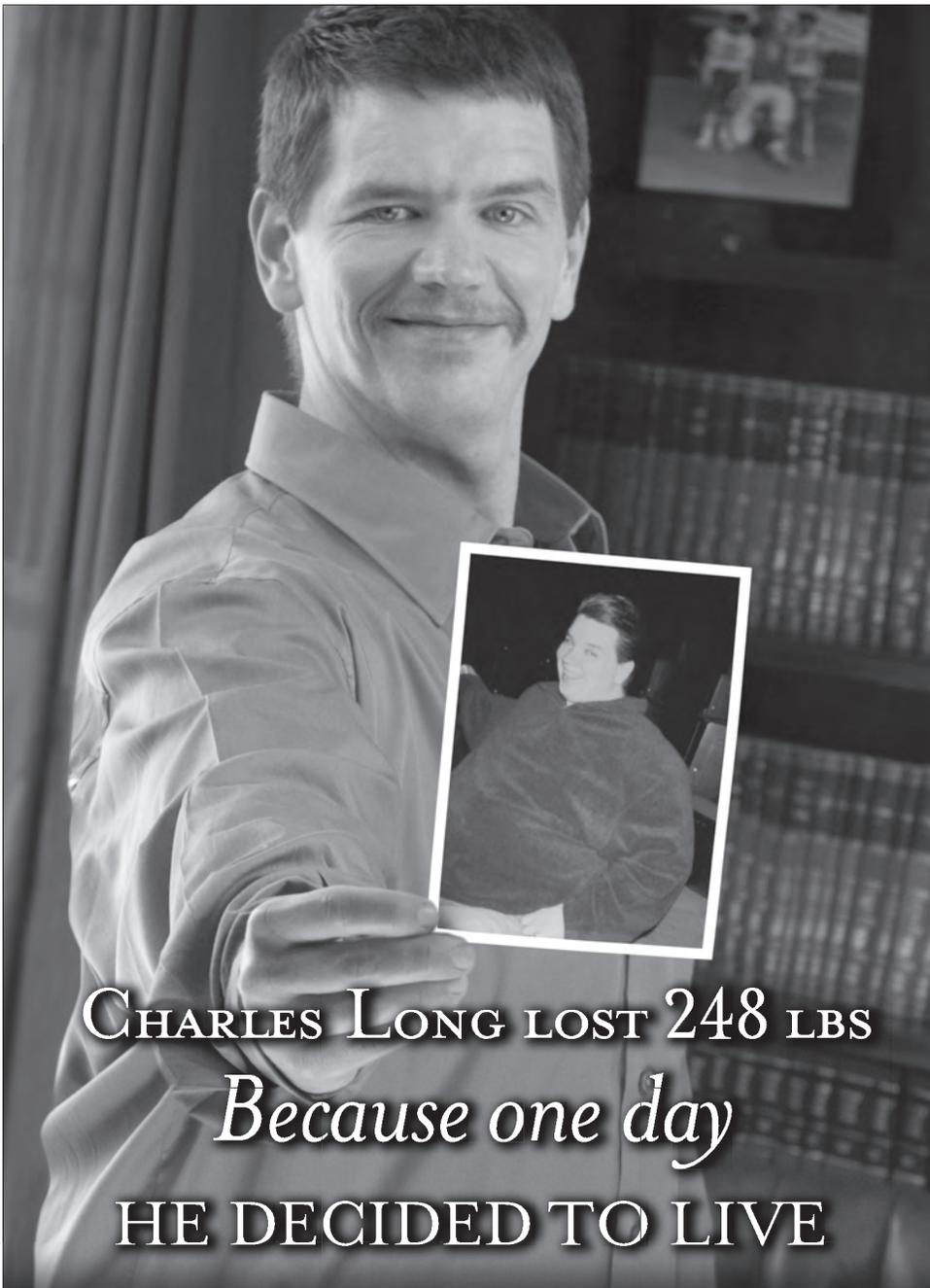


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Tempe stores draw from a proven talent pool MCC grads find their training a perfect fit for careers in design

By Sally Mesarosh

Choosing a career isn't easy, but for Mesa Community College graduates Erin Versaevel and Nicole Schmidt, the path was made a little easier with the college's Career and Technical Education options.

MCC's CTE offers one- to two-year programs that provide students with the academic and technical training needed to obtain a job, industry-recognized credentials, certificate of completion, or associate's degree.

Because local business leaders respect the rigorous training provided by CTE, many of them offer internships or full-time positions to MCC students.

Erin Versaevel, a 2009 MCC Interior Design graduate, found employment at a Sherwin-Williams store in Tempe as an assistant manager and in-story color consultant.

She began working there after meeting a Sherwin-Williams representative while attending a professional interior design function as a student.

She said she uses the skills she learned in the interior design program at MCC on a daily basis for her job at Sherwin-Williams.

"I still think back to the color theory class and what it taught me about lighting and its effects on color, as well as all the other nuances of color," Versaevel said.

"Reading blueprints and paint schedules and measuring for wallpaper are just a couple of the other tools practiced in the interior design program that I use often."

The hands-on skills learned in the programs often require practice and dedication.

"A couple of the classes I took were hard, but it made me stretch myself," said Nicole Schmidt, who earned a certificate in interior design and is working toward completing her associate's degree.

"It was worth it in the end. We made books with design samples upon completing the class."

Schmidt works for Ikea in Tempe. She said as a student it was helpful to be able to see how things were done behind-the-scenes.

"We went on field trips around the Valley and saw how a chair was built, how granite tiles were made," Schmidt said.

"When we visited companies, we dressed professionally and introduced ourselves. Everything was very professional."

Students learn from instructors who are experts in their field and each program has its own advisory board

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— Erin Versaevel

that includes members of the local business community.

Their participation and input helps to ensure courses are relevant. Students are trained using the most current business/industry-based technologies to meet the needs of employers, making them competitive in the job market.

Versaevel said she really enjoyed her time at MCC.

"I was thankful to have the ability to balance school and work schedules while earning my degree," Versaevel said.

"The teachers were friendly and knowledgeable, creating an inviting and comfortable learning environment. I value both the education and the friendships that I gained there."

Janice Pierson, MCC interior design faculty member, said it's a thrill to watch graduates from MCC's interior design program find rewarding careers.

"There are so many facets to interior design that the career possibilities seem endless," Pierson said.

"We are proud of both Erin and Nicole and the design skills they bring to their Tempe employers and the community."

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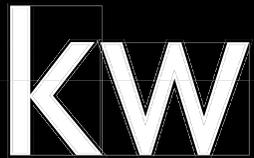
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