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California race driver Kyle Aarup, right, captured top honors at Wild Horse Pass off-road event Feb. 13. More photos, Pg. 27



Tempean Nicole Rose Galvan has gained wide support for her campaign to outlaw puppy-mill sales in local pet stores. Story, Pg. 12

Inside



Tempe hospital: Surge in heroin overdoses sets a state record

Special Report by Joyce Coronel

Tempe is like many college towns: A sprawling campus, lively nightlife and a network of bike lanes. But there's something else going on here, too, something that often goes unseen. Not far from the center of town stands Tempe St. Luke's Hospital, a community facility that's been serving the area for 60 years.

Last year, Tempe St. Luke's had the state's fourth-highest number of admissions for heroin overdoses. The most recent statistics from the Centers for Disease Control indicate heroin use in the U.S. has jumped 90 percent from 2002-2013.

Chip Coffey, director of therapy services at St. Luke's Behavioral Health Services, spoke to *Wrangler News* about the myth that heroin addiction doesn't happen to "nice people in nice neighborhoods."

"What we're doing is projecting an image," Coffey said. "We don't want the people who are using heroin to look much like us."

Many addicts, Coffey said, start out on prescription opiates like OxyContin. That includes teenagers swiping pills from their parents' medicine cabinet and adults who were prescribed the drugs and then got hooked. Once their doctor won't prescribe anymore, they can easily transition to heroin.

He recalled a woman he described as a "PTA mom" who became a heroin addict after a back injury that led to an addiction to prescription painkillers. Eventually she graduated to heroin, but never saw herself as "one of those people."

"Part of the issue in treating her was that she could not see that she had a problem," Coffey said. St. Luke's keeps recovery groups mixed,

Downtown streetcar back on track

One last hurdle remains prior to OK of \$1.77m Mill Ave.-Apache route

Although no one is ready yet to predict whether it will reach its ultimate destination, Tempe's proposed streetcar initiative seems finally to be headed down the track to reality.

A pair of significant new developments occurred during the first week of February, causing local transportation planners to

say they're increasingly optimistic that \$75 million in federal funding will be available to help offset the project's \$177 million in anticipated costs.

Depending on Congress' approval of President Barack Obama's recently submitted budget, construction could begin as early as next year, resulting in the project being ready to welcome its first riders within three years or less.

Earlier this month, U.S. Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx outlined among his agency's budget-item proposals

a \$3.5 billion allocation for fiscal 2017 that would advance the construction or completion of 31 rail, bus rapid-transit and streetcar projects in 18 states.

Included was funding requested by Tempe, designed to supplement amounts that would be competitively overseen by the Federal Transit Administration's Capital Investment Grant Program.

Nationwide, said Foxx, his agency's recommended budget, if approved, would create thousands

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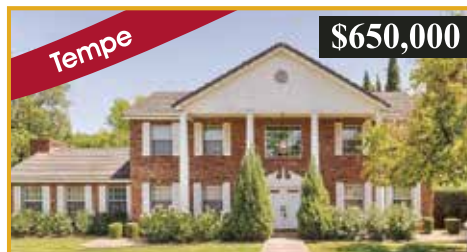


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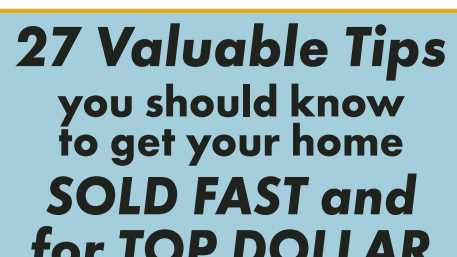


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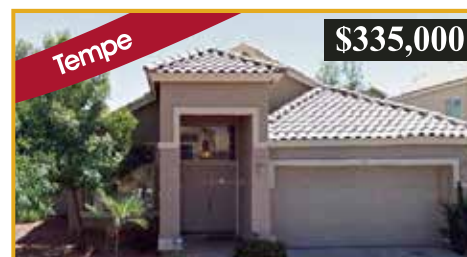
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Keeping up with the times Teachers advance careers, schools enhance retention

By Diana Whittle

When do educators have time to get more education? It's a problem nearly every profession faces—keeping skills current and fresh in a rapidly changing world, where there are more technological advances and new information than most of us can absorb.

Kyrene administrators pondered these questions and transformed a longtime dream into reality by creating the Kyrene Administrative Leadership Academy, or KALA for short.

The original planning team tapped Nancy Branch as the coordinator of KALA 10 years ago. She continues to serve in that role along with being the principal of Kyrene de la Mirada Elementary School in West Chandler.

"From the beginning KALA was intended to provide skills to teachers and other staff in the district who wanted to move forward in their career.

"We offer district staff the same opportunity that we strive to offer our students—a challenging learning experience so that they can grow professionally and develop into strong leaders," said Branch, who has worked in the district for 25 years.

Classes are taught after school hours and participants receive a salary credit. There is no cost to the participants for attending the program; internal staff serve as the instructors, so there is minimal expense for the district.

Students are selected for the program and assembled into groups called cohorts, which remain intact with the same people over the two-year duration of the program.

"Keeping the same group together really allows them to get to know one another and builds such camaraderie throughout the district," said Branch.

"This is really what I enjoy most about the program, myself, is meeting my colleagues. It's also given me the chance to write curriculum and design courses."

The course of study is divided into four modules and looks at the skills needed to become a successful leader; ways to shape educational culture and maneuver change; supervision and problem-solving; and management, along with handling human-resource issues.

"We use several effective teaching tools that our participants felt are valuable, including the Gallup Leading with Strength survey. It allows an individual to identify their personal skills and strengths, so that they can use them to their best ability," explained Branch.

Graduates of the KALA program have displayed impressive success in accepting new leadership roles. Many have moved up to positions of more responsibility within the district, including four who became principals, two who advanced from assistant director to a director position, and

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— Nancy Branch

another nine who are now serving in student advisory roles.

In addition, word of the successful program has reached other school districts, which have contacted Branch to learn how to create a similar approach for their employees.

The program also provides an opportunity for teachers, who may not be able to afford a graduate degree program at the moment, to obtain additional skills.

"KALA is definitely a great example of Kyrene's focus on learning and developing the staff within the district," said Branch. "The program is an excellent way to retain teachers and build staff loyalty."

The first cohort group began in February 2011 and included 22 participants from all levels of the district; the second began in 2013 with 18 participants; and the third cohort started in 2014 also with 18.

A new cohort group is being recruited now and participants must apply for the program as the size of the group is intentionally kept to an enrollment of no more than 22.

The next KALA session will begin in September. Applications are being accepted now and are due by 4 p.m. Tuesday, March 29.

Special kids, special adventure

Hundreds of local special-needs children and their families will blast off to adventure at a free, no-stress event with superheroes, the Arizona Cardinals, a petting zoo, face painting, dance, bounce houses and more.

The Suzy Foundation is hosting its third annual Tempe Adapted Adventure Day from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20, at Tempe High School.

The event is designed for children who may need accommodations for physical and sensory needs.

"We want families to come out and know that they are in a fully understanding and supportive environment," said Jaime Arredondo,

founder of the Suzy Foundation, which is named in honor of her daughter.

"For many of these children and parents, their lives are full of doctor appointments and therapies. But Tempe Adapted Adventure Day is all about letting go and just having fun together."

Tempe-based Suzy Foundation partners with Team Asa and the Tempe Diablos to bring the event to families at no cost. Founded in 2006, the non-profit Suzy Foundation assists children by providing assistive devices and therapies not covered by insurance.

Information: www.suzyfoundation.com or www.tempeadaptedadventure.com.

— Nikki Ripley

Taste of Kyrene Feb. 26 fundraiser aims at \$45k

A food and fun extravaganza will tempt residents of West Chandler and South Tempe Feb. 26 when the Kyrene Foundation holds its sixth annual Taste of Kyrene benefit at Foothills Golf Club.

The event unites local businesses and residents of the Kyrene school district in an effort to assist children and families in need, providing food boxes, school supplies and

other necessities for families whose children attend a Kyrene school. Taste of Kyrene is the largest of the foundation's fundraisers.

Last year, the effort raised \$45,000.

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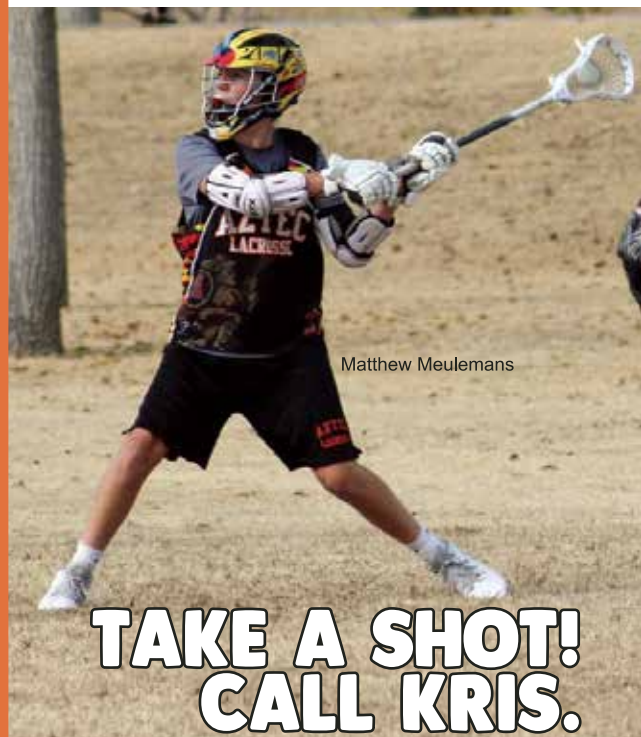


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Summer immersion program gives insider view of W.P. Carey School

Students from the Tempe Union High School District are being offered a chance to get a firsthand look at what it's like to attend ASU's W.P. Carey School, heralded as one of the nation's top business venues.

A selective, one-week residential summer program for high-achieving students, ASU's Business Scholars Institute accommodates juniors in high school (graduating in 2017) who are interested in pursuing business education and career opportunities.

The invitation to participate is being extended to students in the Tempe Union district and others Valley-wide.

According to the program's staff, BSI provides exposure to business careers, access to top business faculty, connections to collegiate honors programs and information on postgraduate education.

Participants experience challenging business projects and begin building a network for their future.

"We know that driven high school students are excited about going to college, but are also uncertain about what might be expected of them or what they might expect," says Amy Hillman, dean of the

W. P. Carey School.

"BSI offers them a chance to get on campus and in the classroom with our faculty and get a feel for what they might experience when they head to college."

Thirty high school students will be chosen to participate in the session held from June 27 to July 1 and will stay in Barrett, the Honors College on ASU's Tempe campus.

Applications are being accepted with a priority deadline of March 21 and a final deadline of April 25.

Interested students are encouraged to apply early. Applications are available at wpcarey.asu.edu/BSI or by calling 480-965-5187.

Or, send email to wpcsummerprograms@asu.edu.

The cost is \$750.

"Attending BSI gave me the opportunity to become immersed within ASU in a business environment," says Frank Vitiello, a student who participated in the 2015 program while in high school and now attends the W. P. Carey School.

"Working and learning with people interested in a business background was a lot of fun while being educational."



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Tempe Rec signups now thru March 14

Registration for the spring season of programs sponsored by the city of Tempe Recreation Department is available now until the start of most classes the week of March 14.

The city offers a variety of new and returning programs—from

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An online brochure features a listing of 2016 Summer Camp offerings, as well as a complete list of other programs, events and activities.

Registration can be completed in person at a city of Tempe recreation facility, via mail, by fax or online with most major credit cards. Information: www.tempe.gov/brochure or 480-350-5200.

Fun Run aims to raise \$20,000 for support of area's homeless

I-HELP, the second annual walk/run benefitting the homeless community, will be coming to Kiwanis Park on Saturday, April 9.

Included in the event will be 5k, 1-mile and kids fun-runs. Last year, 250 walkers raised more than \$8,000 to support services at Tempe's only homeless shelter. This year's goal is \$20,000.

Registration—\$20 in advance, \$25 on event day—includes a free t-shirt.

Live music performed by NEON, as well as food and refreshments, will be part of the program.

Prizes will be awarded to the largest team, as well as to the team/individual with the top fundraising total leading up to the event. Recognition also will go to the "best dressed" team and other competitors.

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Streetcar

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of construction and operations-related jobs and help communities expand transportation choices that offer new ladders of opportunity for residents.

Locally, officials say the addition of streetcar transit will help relieve traffic congestion, especially as more apartment/condominium construction occurs and as many as 9,000 employees take jobs awaiting them in the massive State Farm complex bordering Tempe Town Lake.

Although, as noted earlier, there remain no assurances that the Obama budget proposal will be funded in its entirety, sources said Tempe's inclusion among recommended projects carries with it a huge amount of inherent promise.

"Once a project is on the list, there is no history of it ever having not been funded," said a local source who asked not to be named because of lacking the authorization to speak on the matter.

In addition to Tempe, cities requesting Small Starts projects and appearing on the latest FTA budget-proposal list include Sacramento, Fort Lauderdale, Jacksonville, Indianapolis, Grand Rapids, Kansas City (Mo.) and Albuquerque, as well as Everett and Seattle, Wash.

Don Cassano, a onetime Tempe vice mayor and longstanding advocate for improving transit opportunities in the city, called the FTA announcement a major cause for optimism.



Engineering for Tucson streetcar development was by HDR, which is overseeing the planning stages of Tempe's project.

A veteran member of the city's Transportation Commission and its current chair, Cassano said other recent developments add even greater promise to the

project being funded.

"The FTA told us in January we could begin to move ahead; they wouldn't have let us go that way if




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Was that reasonable justification for Tempe’s new positivity?

“This was a big leap,” Cassano said. “I don’t know where we would have gone with the project otherwise.”

As to other funding, approximately \$70 million remains among the assets from taxpayer-approved Prop. 400, effectively providing Tempe with \$19 million a year for a number of years, Cassano noted.

As to how the Tempe streetcar proposal was able to gain this latest burst of momentum, Cassano traced the history of what seems to have been a quiet but unrelenting campaign that Tempe has waged to get the project funded.

For example, the route that was proposed originally didn’t satisfy federal planners, so it had to be revisited, he said.

“This was one piece of the puzzle. We had to go back and look at the route. Now it goes down Apache, which seems to have represented the turning point.”

Yet another change revolved around discussion among City Council members about taking the route as far south as the Tempe Public Library at Southern and Rural, a piece that now has been approved as part of the route’s future expansion, according to Tempe Public Information Officer Amanda Nelson.

Other questions remain, of course—among them the type of propulsion system that might be best suited for the project.

Offered Cassano:

“Council said they wanted us to look at overhead wires—but no wires on Mill Avenue. Maybe battery power. But not during the summer, that is.”

With perhaps the greatest degree of confidence they have had so far, planners now know that they’ll have the challenge of exploring these unresolved issues as well as a number of other options and possibilities as the weeks and months unfold.

Tempe streetcar, by the numbers

- Total cost of project: \$177 million

- Portion Tempe will pay: \$13 million

- Anticipated federal funding: \$75 million

- Voter-approved Prop. 400 will fund: Approximately \$70 million

- Passenger capacity: 46 seated, 74 maximum

- Years to construct: 2017-2019



Artist's rendering

- Route: Three-mile stretch includes Apache Boulevard and Mill Avenue, with future development to reach Tempe Public Library at Rural and Southern.

Tempe streetcar project overseen by same engineers who designed Tucson system

In the preliminary stages of planning for its streetcar proposal, the city of Tempe has utilized the services of staff in the Phoenix office of HDR, an Omaha-based engineering firm with worldwide experience.

Among HDR’s notable projects has been the \$196 million Sun Link line, recognized as the single largest construction project the city of Tucson has ever undertaken.

The project was funded by the

Regional Transportation Authority, U.S. Department of Transportation, through a TIGER Grant; the Federal Transit Administration’s New Starts Exempt program; and the city of Tucson.

HDR led that project’s development starting in 2004 and has provided services including program management, design oversight, vehicle procurement and oversight, public involvement, planning, environmental, economics, construction management and system start up.

According to city spokeswoman Amanda Nelson, HDR is working with local planners on the current stage of the Tempe project.



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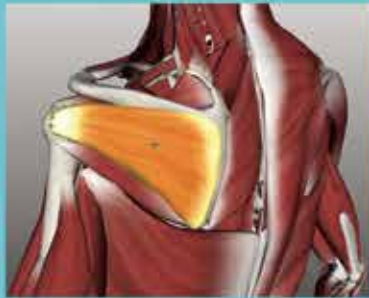
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Sports

By Alex Zener

Aztecs could land on top of Div. I — again!

Wow, hold on to your seats, Corona basketball fans—the stars are aligned for the Aztecs potentially to win their fifth consecutive Division I state basketball championship.

Some people may have thought that, after losing **Dane Kuiper** and **Cassius Peat** to graduation and the moving on of 2015 Player of the Year Marvin Bagley II—not to mention the resignation of long-time head coach **Sam Duane Jr.**—that Corona might not have the players to once again defend its state championship during Arizona's high school basketball playoff, or February Frenzy, as the AIA likes to call it.

Never fear, the Aztecs are once again ranked No. 1 in D-I and were awarded the No. 1 seed by the Arizona Interscholastic Association when tournament brackets were officially announced Feb. 14.

"We knew going into the season that the number of new faces, combined with our tough early schedule, was going to be difficult," said head coach **Neil MacDonald**. "We expected it would take time for us to find a groove and really start playing consistently well together."

It may have been a slow start for the Aztecs, losing their first game of the season Dec. 1 to currently No. 2 ranked and seeded Mesa 65-62, but they finished strong with a six-game winning streak to wind up the regular season with a 14-8, 7-1 section record.

It doesn't hurt to have returned three star players, two with loads of playoff experience and then another guard who would have also been a "player" in last year's championship run had he not been hurt midway through the season and not able to play again until after last season.

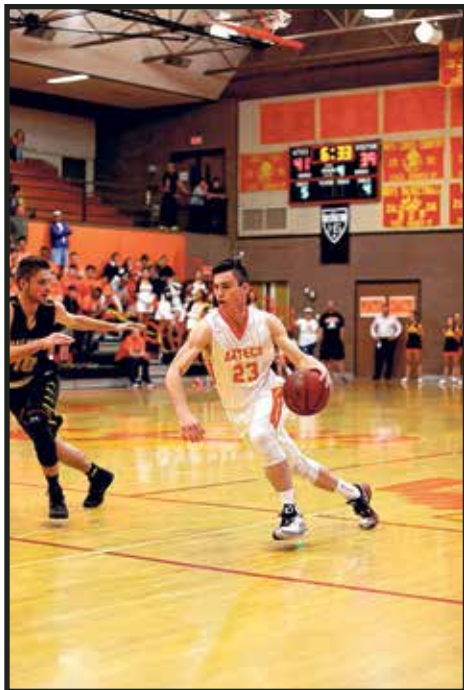
Alex Barcello and **Tyrell Henderson** have played consistently well the entire season, while **Saben Lee**, now healthy and a few inches taller, has been playing incredible basketball for the Aztecs. Lee, recently named to azcentral's All-Defense Team, is described as "maybe the best on-the-dribble defender out there."

Add to these three starters a pack of team players who are willing to play any role they're given to help the Aztecs win, such as the five seniors, in addition to Henderson, who were honored at the last home game Feb. 10 against Gilbert.

Seniors who will carry the life lessons learned as part of Corona's basketball program over the last four years are **Jeff McCain**, **Nate Marshall**, **Jake Burroughs**, **Jordan Guy**, **Jordan Bryant** and Henderson.

Winning 9 out of their last 11 games, the Aztecs appear to have started to play together consistently as a team and peak just in time for the state tournament which started Feb. 18.

As the No. 1 seed, Corona gets a bye the first



There was no lack of excitement as Corona's Aztecs got into the mood for Senior Night, top. The team didn't disappoint fans with Alex Barcello, above left, and Saben Lee, above right, turning in star performances.

Kris Cartwright for Wrangler News / See more at kriscartwright.smugmug.com

round and was due to face the winner between No. 16 Mountain Pointe and No. 17 Brophy Prep in the second round on Feb. 20 at Corona.

The quarterfinals will be at Wells Fargo Arena at 7:45 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 24 against most likely No. 8 Sunnyslope.

If the Aztecs defeat Sunnyslope, the semifinals will be 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26 at Grand Canyon University.

This scenario includes a number of "what ifs," but should No. 12 seeded Desert Vista defeat No. 21 Hamilton in the first round, No. 5 Mesa Mountain View in the second round and most likely No. 4 Gilbert in the quarterfinals, it could be possible for a rematch of last year's finals game between Corona and the Thunder. The only difference

is that the game would be in the semifinals.

The Division I finals are scheduled at 8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 29 at Gila River Arena.

You can count Barcello, Henderson and Lee to leave it all on the court in order to win Corona's fifth straight championship. It could come down to the team with the best chemistry and the one that's peaking at the right time to determine the champion.

"The way we played and won our last six games, I feel we are in a position to peak right when it is needed," said Coach McDonald. "We are hoping to play our best basketball here in late February."

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Tempe woman's efforts to curb puppy-mill sales gains the support of city lawmakers



Nicole Rose Galvan and the objects of her affection.

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Nicole Rose Galvan's newly organized campaign seems to have mobilized at least one Tempe lawmaker, Councilwoman Lauren Kuby, whose efforts resulted in the Tempe City Council's passage

on Feb. 11 of an ordinance banning the sale of puppies by pet stores unless they come from shelters or rescue organizations.

A similar ordinance was adopted by the city of Phoenix, based on concerns over the abundance of homeless dogs and the way in which the problem is said to be aggravated by an influx of puppies brought into the state for sale in pet stores.

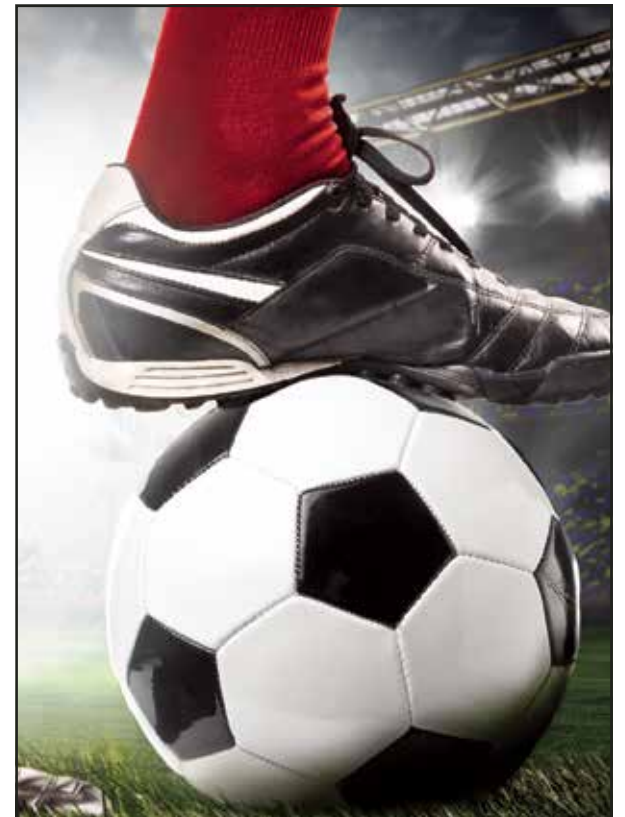
After talking with Galvan, Kuby put together a working group to draft an ordinance, while Galvan at the same time began organizing support for the proposition among other dog lovers in Tempe.

Helping her own three dogs through their health issues and emotional scars, and seeing how brave and resilient they were, led Galvan to make it her mission to educate the public about the problem of puppy mills.

"After caring for my survivors for several years, and passing by the mall with a pet store on my daily commute to work, I could no longer stand to do nothing," said Galvan.

Galvan's initiative, fueled in part by Kuby's support, seems to have received some significant backing from the nation's top echelon of animal-care activism, including the Humane Society of the United States, which makes available an online resource for local groups and grassroots advocates wishing to do something in their community to help stop puppy mills.

Information: www.humanesociety.org/action/55_actions_to_help_animals



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Story and photo by Joyce Coronel

Dr. Zaheer Shah may be new to this East Valley neighborhood but not to the longtime campaign to alert people what to do *before* they get sick.

Shah and his team of health care professionals just opened a new clinic in Tempe, helping to ease the area's shortage of primary care physicians. With evening hours and same-day appointments, he says, the practice is geared toward young, active families.

An Ivy-League-educated, board certified internist, Shah, along with Kayla Shelley, a physician assistant, recently opened Primacare Adult and Adolescent Internal Medicine in Tempe near Loop 101 and Baseline Road.

A third physician, Dr. Ahmed Akhtar, is awaiting licensure in Arizona after years of practice in other states and will join the practice when those steps have been finalized.

Shah and Akhtar grew up together, and Shah and Shelley were in practice together on the East Coast.

Notably, Shah is quick to point out, while many people wait until they're ill to consult a physician, it's important to establish a relationship with a primary care physician before an illness or injury occurs.

"I like the old adage that an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure," Shah

said.

"The preventive model is the one that everyone is moving toward and the one that we've dedicated our lives to."

Establishing a relationship with a primary care doctor means that "someone gets to know you personally, gets to know your methods of communication better—gets to know your health better and can anticipate problems better."

It's hard to replace that kind of intimate relationship with occasional urgent care visits," Shah said.

Shelley noted that patients who see a primary care physician are often able to avoid complications. Conditions such as high blood pressure or a chronic cough may in fact signal more serious underlying issues.

"Definitely with high blood pressure... or somebody that had an on-the-job injury and then comes in and they hadn't been seen in three years and their blood pressure is sky high — we find the underlying causes and processes with that," Shelley said.

"Patients with a chronic cough, we have diagnosed lung cancer at our previous practice." Not only that, they also treated



Shelley, Shah hold like views of patient care

patients with skin lesions that turned out to be melanoma, she added.

Shah said Primacare is dedicated to integrative health care and is open to the use of alternative remedies. For 20 years, Shah said, he's been using intravenous vitamin therapies to treat ailments like chronic fatigue and recurrent upper respiratory infections.

"We are very open to having conversations with patients that want to entertain using alternative remedies," Shah said. And while vitamins, supplements and alternative therapies are becoming more popular, the role physical fitness plays in a person's health also gets plenty of attention at Primacare.

Akhtar pointed to fitness and exercise as a way to maintain health. "My greatest passion after all these years of practice is to keep people healthy to prevent disease," Akhtar said. "I find a great deal of pleasure in helping people live a more fit life."

"Fitness can be fun too," Shelley said. "It's 2016 — it's yoga, it's Zumba. It doesn't have to be miserable. It can be enjoyable these days."

"Fitness can prevent further issues down the road," Akhtar said. "Diabetes

and hypertension specifically." He's seen the value of exercise and its propensity to transform lives in his patients.

"It lowers blood sugar, lowers their hypertension, gives them a more fulfilling life. They sleep better, their moods are better, their relationships are better," Akhtar said.

And while many medical health care providers carry a laptop into the exam room these days, that doesn't happen at Primacare.

"We pride ourselves on being very receptive, open and engaged with our patients," Shah said. "Our effort is to answer all those questions and to do it in a manner where there's eye contact and interactivity. We don't want to be turning away from the patient and looking at a laptop."

Shah said in many ways Primacare is a "one-stop shop" in that he and Shelley are comfortable performing minor surgical procedures such as punch biopsies or draining abscesses.

They also have a background in emergency medicine, having owned two urgent care clinics on the East Coast, Shah said.

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The portraits are always a monochromatic choice of colors, while the opposing split view, in a mode of realism, is either black and white or in color.

Fans of Bruns' work, as well as those who might enjoy knowing more about it, will have a chance to explore her talent at a display scheduled March 11-April 23 at Chandler Center for the Arts.

To those unfamiliar with Bruns' visuals, she describes her painting as "collective

realism."

She uses her art as a means of creating visual energy to satisfy and explain a situation—a life, an encounter or a human dilemma—the same way a theater visit gives explanations and insights.

"I use old photographs, photos that I have taken and advertising as references and models in my artworks," Bruns says.

"I give vintage photography a story and stage, and I enjoy the process of painting or drawing each one to look like a photograph or the exacting of an ad."

"I use glaze over glaze technique as the old masters did.

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Sports

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You can bet that Corona's seniors and juniors **Shane Grier, Dalen Dorsey, Josh Onwordi, Eric Ozawa** and **Ty Stolworthy** will do whatever they can on the court or from the bench to be among the guys who get to put their hands on the championship trophy when the Aztecs hoist their fifth straight after the final buzzer sounds.

Marcos de Niza, McClintock boys basketball state tournament

The Padres, 16-12, 7-4 section, were named the No. 18 seed in the Division II state tournament starting on Feb. 18. Marcos was scheduled to play at No. 15 Salpointe Catholic in Tucson.

Leading the team in points during the regular season averaging almost 17 points a game is junior **Mason Stark**, who made over 50% of his shots for a total of 406 points over the regular season. He shot 39% from the 3-point line, hitting 29 treys during the regular season.

Mason has been chasing another record this season, though: the state record for consecutive free throws. He almost broke the record last year as a sophomore when he made 41 free throws before missing.

David James from Apache Junction set the record at 43 consecutive free throws in 1981-82 while **Saul Bookman**, another Marcos player, tied the record in 1996, according to the AIA archives.

Mason, who tries not to think about the record when shooting, was 6 for 6 at the charity stripe, pushing him over the record to 46 consecutive free throws and the new record during the Padre's game against Queen Creek on Feb. 10.

Mason, who shoots 90% from the free throw line, has a chance to further extend his record in the playoffs.

Potentially playing in their last game as a Padre on Feb. 18 are seniors **Chris Buchanan, Davigughn Reagan, Cameron Stark, Montre Williams** and **Joey Villa**.

Buchanan is the assist leader and second leading scorer on the team

with 88 assists, 355 points and 176 rebounds in the regular season.

Cameron Stark led the team in 3-pointers, making 59 treys shooting 42% while Reagan was second in rebounds with 106 during the regular season.

Williams was the third leading scorer with 273 point, 90 of those coming from 3-point shots. Villa hit 35% from the 3-point line, making 18 baskets.

Hoping to help the team win and live to play another game this season will be juniors **Jamari Robinson, Zurell Livingston, Tyson Union, Gaige Hale** and sophomores **Orion Bryant** and **Janathan Bolds**.

The Padres would face No. 2 seed Agua Fria Feb. 20 in the second round if they defeated Salpointe Catholic on Feb. 18.

McClintock, 18-9, 6-5 section, as the No. 20 seed in Division II, was scheduled to play at No. 13 Arcadia on Feb. 18 in the first round.

The Chargers are led by seniors **Amiri Chukwuemeka** with 505 regular season points, 103 rebounds, 77 assists and 43 steals, and **Malique Washington** with 448 points, 128 rebounds, 127 assists and 54 steals.

Seniors **Christen Jones, Marlyn Streety** and **Isaac Daniels** were also honored at the last home game for their contributions to McClintock's basketball success.

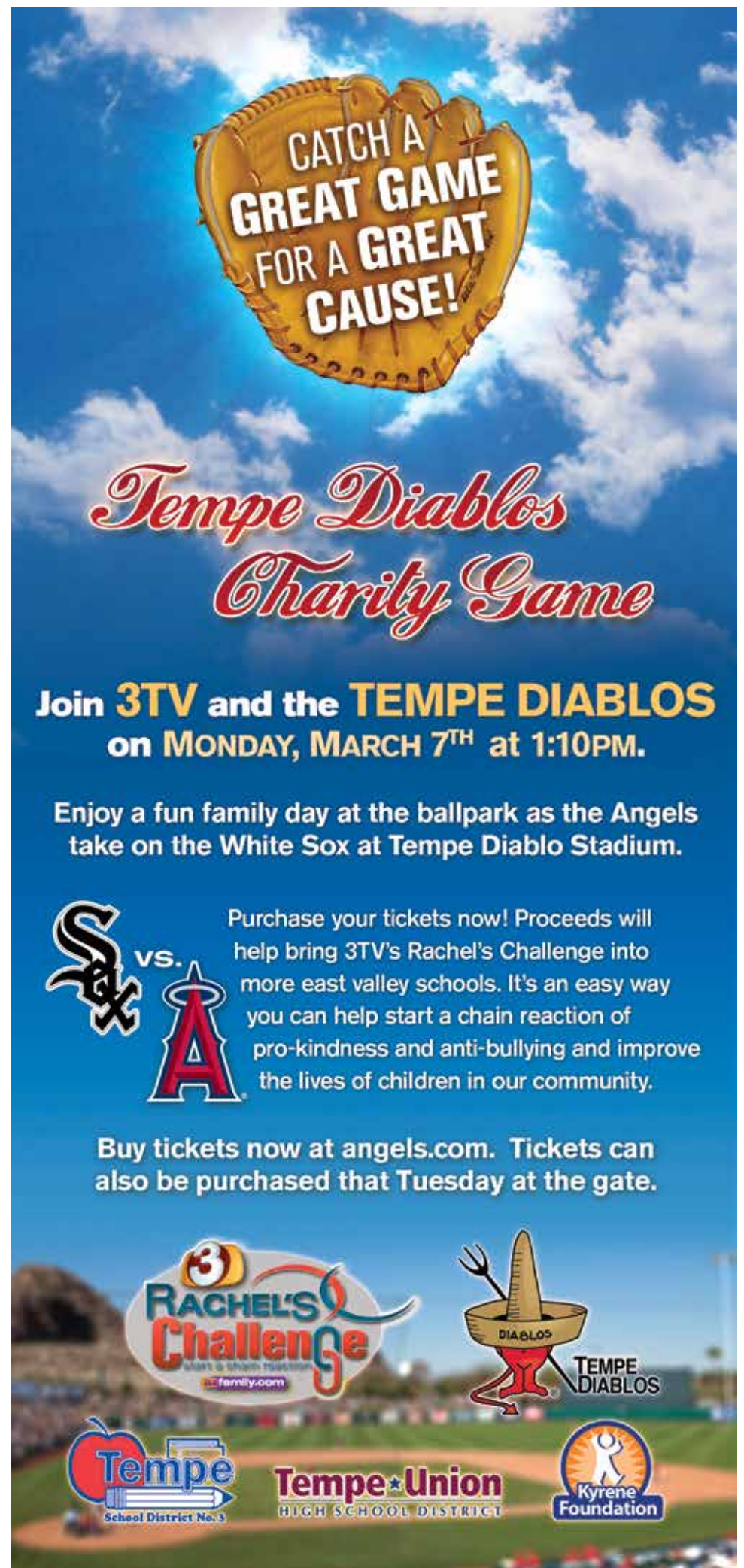
Other players who deserve recognition for their contributions on and off the court this season are juniors **Brevik Clark, Tyrel Richardson, Adam Wright, Kyndell Snyder, Jamal Johnson, Derek Alexander** and **Matthew Gonzales-Formales**, along with freshman **Josh Baker**.

Wright was the third leading scorer on the team with 270 points, 154 rebounds and 67 assists, while Johnson and Richardson were the fourth and fifth leading scorers with 111 and 110 points respectively.

Jones played in 23 games, pulling down 40 rebounds and dishing out 11 assists while Clark played in 22 games grabbing 18 rebounds and 10 steals.

Daniels saw minutes on the court in 14 games, scoring 30 points; Baker saw action in 17 games; Alexander 11; Snyder 10; Streety 7; and Gonzales-Formales 3 for 7 points and 4 rebounds.

If the Chargers defeat Arcadia, they will play at No. 4 Paradise Valley at 7 p.m. Feb. 20.



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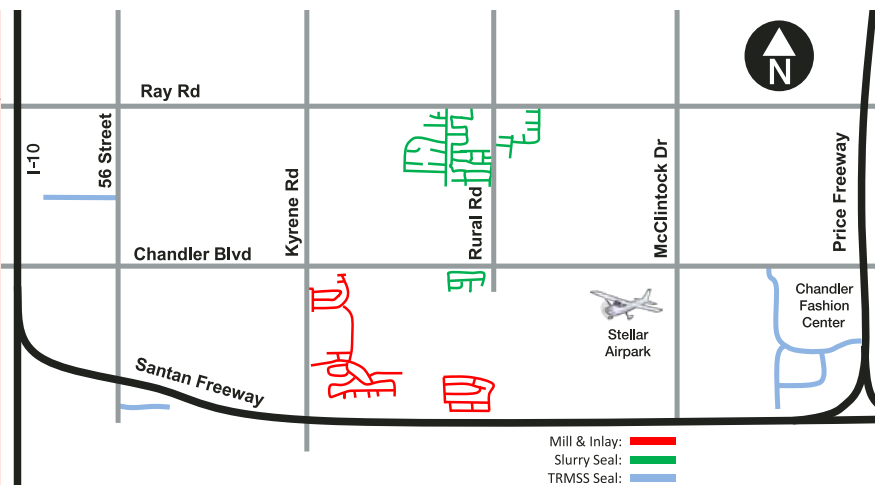
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Street Maintenance

A number of neighborhood streets in west Chandler will receive maintenance between March and July (see map). The City collects data on the condition of City streets and uses a computerized preventive maintenance tracking system to prioritize and schedule repairs. Some neighborhood streets will be slurry sealed, a process involving the application of a 3/8-inch layer of asphalt emulsion mixed with aggregate.

When dried, the mixture provides a new riding surface. Other streets will be resurfaced by removing the top inch-and-a-half of old asphalt and replacing it with new pavement. This type of repair, called Mill and Inlay, becomes necessary when the existing pavement is in such condition that the street can no longer be maintained with slurry seal or micro seal applications. In addition,



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Chandler residents can receive a 15 percent discount on a Family Season Pass to the City's six aquatic centers if

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Tax season has arrived! The City is providing free tax preparation services at six Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) sites to help low- and moderate-income residents claim their maximum refunds. In 2015, Chandler's 63 VITA volunteers assisted with the filing of 1,841 personal tax returns and claimed more than \$1.95 million in refunds. More than \$729,000 in Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), \$367,000 in Child Tax Credit and almost \$58,000 in Education Tax Credits were claimed by families. For more information about Chandler's VITA program, along with locations and days/hours of operation, visit chandleraz.gov/VITA.

Senior Expo

Mayor Jay Tibshraeny's Committee for the Aging is hosting Chandler's 26th Annual Senior Expo from 9 a.m. until noon, Wednesday, March 9, at the Chandler Community Center, 125 E. Commonwealth Ave. The Senior Expo is free and open to the public. More than 60 representatives from a wide variety of health care agencies, leisure services and senior-related product firms will be in attendance to share their services with senior adults.



City departments and other local organizations also will be present. Senior Expo information is available by calling the Chandler Senior Center at 782-2720 or visiting chandleraz.gov/senior-adults.

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State grant helps Tempe PD face challenges of growth in tourism

Randy Wilson knows by experience the challenge that Tempe faces as a byproduct of the huge and frequent influx of visitors that come to enjoy the city's recreational offerings, a virtual smorgasbord of fun, dining and—no surprise—drinking.

That's why the veteran Tempe PD lieutenant, whose responsibilities include a broad swath of south, central and north Tempe, says he's delighted with the more than a quarter of a million dollars that will be coming to TPD coffers this year.

Wilson, who oversees the Tempe Police Traffic Bureau, headed up a team that recently applied for—and won—\$260,000 in grants from the Governor's Office of Highway Safety thanks to the agency's director, Alberto Gutier.

To Wilson, it was a welcome announcement but not an unexpected one.

Tempe PD has a history of focusing on prevention, education and child safety, coupled with an aggressive DUI enforcement program, he said.

It was this commitment to community safety and successful operations, said Wilson, that apparently proved an irrefutable justification for this year's grant.

Now, he says, the money will supplement the department's existing budget allocations and make it possible for officers to launch safety campaigns where, and importantly when, they're needed. That means not having to stand in line for leftover city funding, thereby being able to take action more quickly.

"By having this (state-allocated) resource, we can much more efficiently complement our on-duty staffing any time we learn of a situation that requires attention," said Wilson, a member of the Tempe department for the past 20 years.

As to how newly developing traffic conditions come to the department's attention, Wilson said the public gets much of the credit.

"The citizens of Tempe are our eyes and ears, and it's people in our community that we depend on heavily for letting us know when our attention is needed," he said.

Yet another collateral benefit, says Wilson, is the added exposure police have to criminal activity that typically wouldn't be visible to patrols looking primarily for traffic offenses.

"People call in and give us information about all sorts of concerns," Wilson said. "When we're looking at traffic issues in areas where certain occurrences of crime have been identified, we can often marry those up."

"After our patrol officers have been doing traffic stops, for example, a detective looking for a certain make and model of car can ask, 'Did any of you make a stop of such a vehicle?'"

While the Highway Safety agency's funding demonstrates the strength of Tempe's collaborative relationships, those interactions come from many corners, according to Wilson.

"We partner with Tempe Fire, Medical,

Rescue; ASU; and other law enforcement agencies across the metro area," he said.

"Our goal, especially among the officers who plan and work these safety campaigns, is to prevent deaths and serious injury."

This cooperation helps Tempe meet the challenge of blending the city's welcoming amenities with the fact that those same amenities can pose unique challenges for law enforcement.

"Our goal is to help Tempe be able to accommodate millions of tourists, visitors and students from across the globe to have fun, but at the same time keep them safe," said Wilson.

As to the police department's longtime reputation for working effectively with Gutier's office, he said he feels Tempe PD is never far out of that state agency's eye when it comes time to allocate funding among law enforcement enterprises around the state.

"We have been really good stewards of their money."

Programs aided by the grant include: *DUI/Impaired Driving Enforcement* – \$100,000; Objective: To reduce the incidence of alcohol and drug related driving, fatalities and injuries through enforcement, education and public awareness throughout our community.

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— Don Kirkland

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Heroin

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he said, with blue collar laborers sitting beside professionals. "People need to see that."

"In the Tempe area, in Guadalupe, it's a matter of a few minutes and you can find some heroin," Coffey said.

Paul, a Tempe man in recovery for heroin addiction, said he began using the drug at 19, launching a decade-long ordeal, becoming homeless at one point and landing in jail on numerous occasions. He was in and out of area hospitals for years to treat overdoses and the infections that result from dirty needles pushing through dirty skin. At one point, he almost lost his arm to an abscess.

"I didn't ever want to be sober. Drugs gave me the relief and made my life bearable," Paul said. It was a life that revolved around the quest to get his next fix. You can buy a hit for three bucks on street, he said, but in the throes of addiction, he needed more than \$100 a day to maintain his habit.

"I'd get up every day and go around the Valley or wherever I was living and try to steal stuff ... whatever I could for money basically just to get drugs, to get heroin."

In his early 20s, Paul's parents tried relocating the family, hoping a fresh start would break the cycle. Chicago, Florida, Michigan and Texas all ended the same way. He'd lost his freedom to a dark enemy.

"I got out of jail again and within a couple months I was back doing the exact same thing: stealing from my family, lying, cheating everyone around me. One day I got up and there was a note that said 'Be out by tonight.'"

Crushed by a sense of hopelessness and despair, he decided he couldn't live like that anymore. He called his parents who had rescued him on countless other occasions.

"Basically, they told me there was nothing they could do for me," Paul said. He went through detox and then was introduced to a 12-step program. For years, he attended meetings daily but said he now goes once or twice a week. He sponsors others and his roommates are all in recovery too.

"I have real friendships now where we don't try to use each other for stuff and I've been able to rekindle all the relationships with my family again." He's been clean now for five years and said it's the simple things in life that give him joy: hanging out with his dog or visiting his parents' house on Sundays, bringing a box of doughnuts for his nieces and nephews.

"I have a life that's worth living today."

Two months ago, however, there was a tragic reminder that recovery is an ongoing battle: he came home and found his roommate dead from an overdose. Relapse can be a killer and it's something Coffey says the St. Luke's program anticipates. They don't tell patients that if they relapse, they're out of luck.

"We recognize that part of the addiction process is that they'll potentially have two or three relapses. At the end of treatment, we have a plan in place to manage relapse. What we find is that the longer we can keep them off, they have a greater chance of not relapsing."

Although he doesn't have children of his own, Paul offered some advice to parents with drug-

addicted kids. "Never give up hope."

At the same time, he recognizes that family members can unwittingly facilitate addiction.

"For years, my parents and my family, if I did anything, they'd just come help me and save me." Addicts, he said, have to suffer the consequences of

their behavior. "That's the hard part, wanting to help your kid and at the same time, there's nothing you can do to help them."

"I just want people to know that there is recovery possible. There is a different way of life."

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Scott, who has confronted drug addiction and homelessness, gets help from a counselor. Wrangler News photo by Joyce Coronel



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'Problem-solver' earns Diablos' top honor

By Joyce Coronel

Tina Schuler has spent 16 years working with students as a teacher and behavior coach. In 2015, the fifth-grade teacher at Kyrene de los Lagos was named the Tempe Diablos' Teacher of the Year for the Kyrene district.

Now, Schuler, who travels the country speaking to teachers as an associate with No Excuses University, is celebrating publication of her book outlining how to follow the same kind of successes by more effectively communicating with challenging students.

"Nine Planks to Becoming a Bridge Builder: Connecting with All Students Through Conversation" is Schuler's take on how teachers and parents can foster better communication that's focused on problem solving rather than punishment.

When a student acts out by shouting, cursing or knocking books and papers off the desk, it's only natural for teachers are inclined to take things personally. The traditional responses or punishment techniques, however, are not the best way to handle these challenging students, Schuler said.

"Students might shout, 'I hate you' or 'school sucks' and when those things are happening, there's typically a different root cause," Schuler said. It's natural for teachers to respond with instinctual, impulsive language that winds up fueling the fire.

"When a kiddo is frustrated, angry, and demonstrating these challenging behaviors, they don't need our anger and frustration and irritation and condescension to help calm them down. That's not going to work," Schuler told Wrangler News.

Reacting to a student's misbehavior with a visceral response can escalate an already tense situation, Schuler noted.

"What comes out of our mouth is either going to make the situation better or worse," Schuler said. "Our goal is to always make the situation better, even if that means to just put out a fire for the moment."

When it comes to putting out fires, Schuler offered up a few remedies.

"Oftentimes if we're willing to say, 'Wow. I can really tell you're upset. Tell me what's going on. What's got you the most upset about this?' All of a sudden the kid goes, 'I don't want to do it.' Or they might say, 'I don't want to do it, I don't know how,' but typically things will not escalate or get worse," Schuler said.

There are always outliers, she said, but what she has found time and time again is that students need to feel validated and that they are being heard. When that happens, a conversation can open up about options.

Schuler is passionate about her thesis and she compares a student with poor social skills to one who struggles with reading.

When a child has trouble reading, there's a tremendous effort expended to try to help him or her become a better reader.

"But when kids show us with their actions that they don't have proper social skills, emotional skills, behavior skills, the first thing we tend to do is say, 'Go sit in time out and think about your choices. Could you imagine putting a child in time out to think about why they couldn't read yet?' Schuler asks with a laugh.

The challenge, she said, is to help teachers understand that for some students, behavior and social skills are lacking.

Much like those who come to school with difficulty in reading or math, these students are not proficient in social and behavioral skills and need help to improve.

"We have to look at them and say, 'What do I have to teach you?' It has to be teachable opportunity," Schuler said.

One of the major issues she sees is that many challenging students have not experienced the natural

consequences of their behavior.

That happens when kids get rescued. An adult tells them, 'You may not do that, or you'll be grounded for a month.' Then someone else comes along and says, 'Never mind. You're not grounded anymore.' That's confusing for students.

"One thing that I think is really missing a lot today with students today is those connections of 'My choices result in my consequences.' We see that a lot in kiddos who make choices and they get very upset when a consequence is given to them," Schuler said.

Although her book is aimed primarily at teachers, Schuler says the 164-page tome is also handy for parents who are dealing with challenging children.

"It really is about how to effectively communicate with students because that's the premise of the book, but it can be applied to any situation," Schuler said.

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Winners at the Tempe School District Spelling Bee are, from left, Mia Lupica of Ward Elementary, first place; Eowyn Stojanowski of Broadmor Elementary, second place; Nikkolas Diaz of Laird Elementary, fourth place; Presley Symington of Tempe Academy, fifth place; and Riley Rodriguez of Connolly Middle School, third place.

Tempe Elementary kids spell their way to regional finals

Mia Lupica, sixth grader from Ward Elementary School, won the championship in the Tempe Elementary School District No. 3 annual spelling bee on Jan. 27 at the Tempe District office.

Mia won first place by correctly spelling "alligator," while runner-up Eowyn Stojanowski, fifth grader from Broadmor Elementary, misspelled "strudel" in the final round. Third place winner Riley Rodriguez, a seventh grader at Connolly Middle School, had the misfortune of being asked

to spell "sitzmark." He gave it his best try, but was eliminated.

Other finalists advancing to the regional spelling bee on Feb. 20 are Nikkolis Diaz, fifth grader at Laird Elementary, and Presley Symington, sixth grader at Tempe Academy. Twenty students from 20 different Tempe schools participated, in addition to 20 alternates. Assistance League of East Valley sponsored the event along with the Arizona Education Foundation.

— Sarah Auffret

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The roaring, snarling vehicles charged through the desert in a heart-thumping competition for bragging rights at this year's meet. Californian Kyle Aarup, bottom, took home the event's first-place trophy

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Science Fest: A cool view of Arizona's job future

Science is not only cool, it's exciting and offers promising careers.

That's the message that sponsors of the AZ SciTech Festival are hoping families will hear loud and clear at the science extravaganza taking place now through March in downtown Chandler.

A coalition of schools and businesses is working together with the understanding that science, technology, engineering, art and math — known as STEAM education — holds the key to the area's future economic development, jobs and prosperity (the "A" for arts having been added recently to what previously was known widely as STEM).

Now, for the fifth year, the city of Chandler is part of the AZ SciTech Festival, along with Intel, Orbital and dozens of other companies and exhibitors that are eager to show that science can be interesting as well as entertaining.

A Night of Art and Science and the Chandler Art Walk on Feb. 19 offer a look at the science behind art, food, drink and beauty through exhibits and demonstrations from a variety of local artists.

The fun and entertainment behind science will be revealed Feb. 20 when a variety of area businesses sponsor activities that bring science to life.

Tech giant Intel is providing Makey Makey/Sparkfun kits that feature activities about the basics of computer science.

Orbital ATK's rocket launch promises to be a blast, and kids can also design and build with large foam blocks and check out a wind tunnel and flight simulator.

There's a spaceship exhibit for imaginary travel through the solar system or Downtown Chandler Library's VERTEX series of STEAM programs with a 3D printer, tornadoes in a bottle and straw rockets.

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