

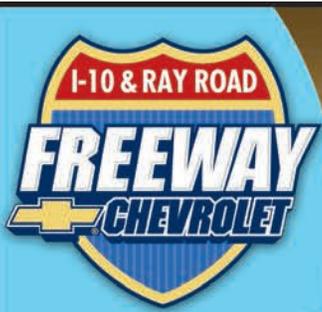
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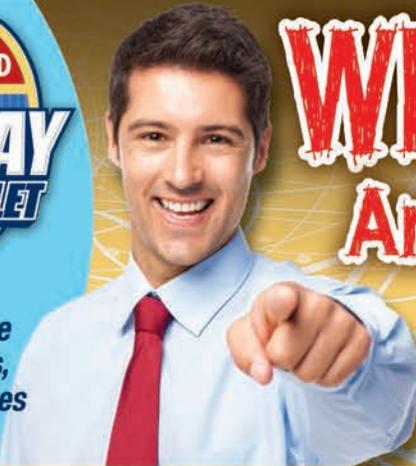


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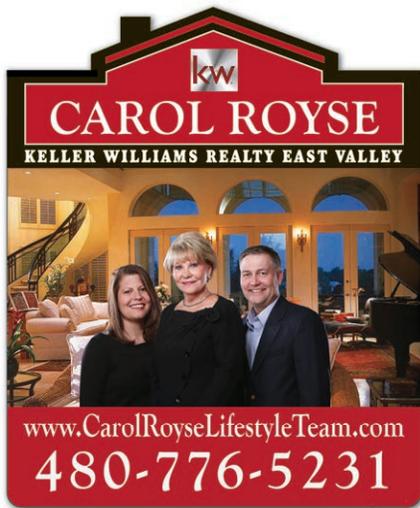
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# Tempe's contributions to music history to be enshrined in museum's display

## Search under way for relics of bygone eras



Memorabilia, and lots of it, is being collected for an exhibit coming to Tempe History Museum this fall. More is still being sought.

— Wrangler News photo by Billy Hardiman

### COVER STORY by Chase Kamp

If one could put Tempe on a turntable and drop the needle, the sound would contain the charge of '90s alternative rock, the bombast of big band jazz and the rugged croon of country.

Tempe History Museum is seeking submissions for a November retrospective on local music called "The Tempe Sound," hoping to receive memorabilia and other treasures from fans in the community.

Joshua Roffler, senior curator of collections, has spearheaded the effort to gather artifacts of Tempe's musical past since the submission call went out in January.

He said his office was flooded with calls and emails after first posting about it on Facebook, and as more

fans, musicians and former club employees come forward with relics, the exhibit continually gets more enriched.

"The more I get into it, the more I realize what a big subject this is," Roffler said. "There were a lot of performers who were very recognizable locally and we would like to include all of them."

While the museum has already installed a teaser exhibit in its main gallery, the full display will include instruments, t-shirts, listening stations and video installations of Tempe acts that found national attention or made a significant local splash.

The era that shone brightest in Tempe rock history was the 1990s. Gnarled country-punk mavens

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## Trauma I ER services due for launch at Chandler Regional Will be E. Valley's first to fill critical need

By Katie Curtis

It likely will come and go as an uneventful day for most southeast Valley residents. But for some it could be a day their life or that of a loved one is saved.

At midnight Monday, March 24, the Emergency Department at Chandler Regional Medical Center will officially be able to receive patients who have suffered the most serious injuries, becoming the first Level I trauma center to serve accident victims in the east Valley.

Until now, victims of automobile and bicycle accidents, falls, crush incidents, ATV collisions, stabbings and gunshot wounds have been transported to Level I centers in Scottsdale or Phoenix. These types of traumatic injuries are the leading cause of death for people aged one to 44 in

the United States and Arizona, and the leadership at Chandler Regional Medical Center, along with other healthcare advocates and municipal leaders, saw the potential to reduce the number of deaths by positioning a trauma center where southeast Valley accident victims could reach it sooner in situations where time really matters.

"It is no exaggeration to say that minutes literally can save lives in these types of situations," says Dr. Forrest "Dell" Moore, trauma medical director for Chandler Regional.

"When a trauma victim can receive specialized surgical intervention within an hour of injury, his chances of survival and meaningful recovery soar," said Moore.

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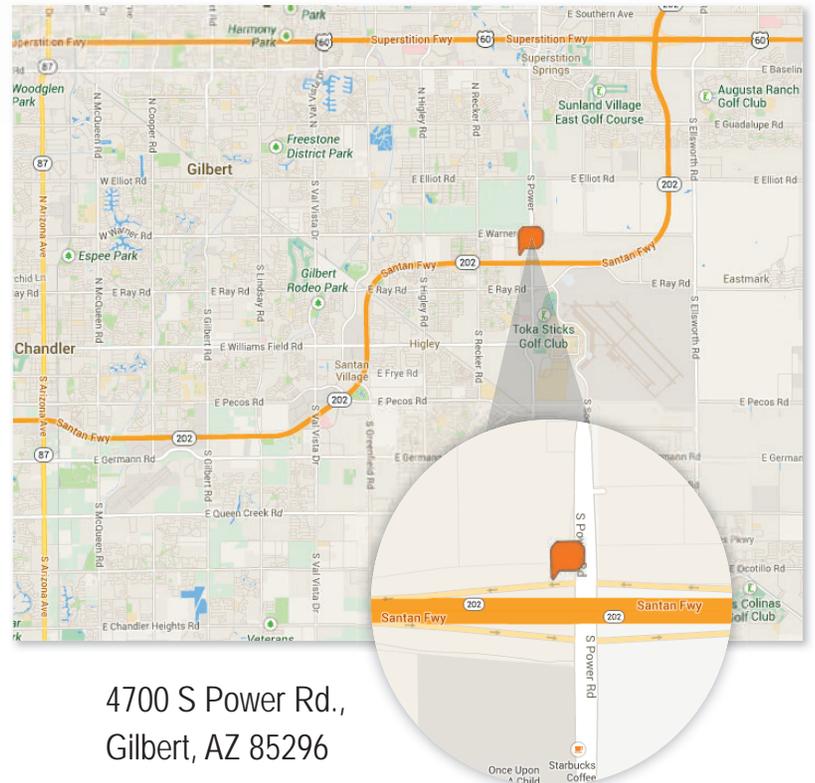
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# Sports Notebook . . . with Alex Zener

## Aztecs eyeing Division I track title

Corona's track and field team, especially the boys team with several runners from the school's state-champion cross country team in its midst, has not only picked up where it left off last season but has full intentions of finishing on top at the Division I state meet in May.

"We have been able to continue establishing what Corona track is all about: teamwork, commitment, character, champions in everything we do including life," said head coach **Tim Kelly**. "We have had an incredible start to the season. Kids hitting PR's (personal records) in time trials, seniors leading our teams, and most importantly everyone has embraced our philosophy and built upon our team concept starting with the first day of practice."

With the boys team winning both the Aztec Invitational and the Husky Invitational, and the girls team winning the Husky Invitational, the season has certainly started on a high note for both teams.

Corona's boys team won its own Aztec Invitational held March 7 for the first time with six first place, six second place, three third place and numerous other top eight finishes.

"The boys winning our Aztec Invitational was a great moment for our track program," said Kelly. "When we started this meet years ago and invited the better teams like Chandler, Mountain View, Mountain Pointe and Desert Vista, we always said it would be nice to win our own meet one year. One year we are going to win this thing became our mantra."

"So to tie for first last year and then win outright this year was a humbling but grand feeling to see where we have taken this program."

**Nate Rodriguez** crossed the finish line in first place in the 800 meter and 1600 meter run while **Ryan Normand** was first in the 3200 meter run. **Tevin Mayfield** (photo, Page 18) was first in both the 110 meter and 300 meter hurdles as was **Colin Freeland** in the high jump event. Normand earned second place in the 1600 meter run as did **Patrick Cullings** in the 3200 meter run, **Josh Onwardi** in the high jump and **Matt Eckles** in the pole vault.

Two boys relay teams also finished second. The 4x400 team of **Nilesh Bissessur**, **Grant Fishburn**, Mayfield and **Nicholes VanderKnoop** and the 4x800 team of **Daniel Bish**, VanderKnoop, **Samuel Rodriguez** and **Blake Fischer**.

Helping to add points to the team total were third place finishers **Andrew Eversden** in the 800 meter run, **Sam Schultz** in the high jump, and **George Wright** in both the long jump and triple jump.

Others who helped the boys team win it all were fourth place finishes by **Dakota Summers** in the triple jump and **Tom Turley** in the shot put; fifth place finishes for **Slade Summers** in the 3200 meter run, **Tyler Stehr** in the 110 meter hurdles and **Diego Parra** in the 300 meter hurdles; a sixth place finish for Fishburn in the 400 meter run; seventh place finishes for Stehr in the high jump and **Zachary Ondrejka** in the pole vault; and eighth place finishes for Fischer in the 800 meter run, **Andrew**

**Trusswell** in the 1600 meter run, Stehr in the 300 meter hurdles and **Akash Patel** in the discus throw.

With the return of 102 athletes from last season, including 44 seniors, it was good news that both the girls and boys teams were able to continue improving and win the Husky Invitational hosted by Horizon High School March 15.

The girls team, led by senior **Grace Ashu**, who won three events on her own, defeated the next closest team by 40 points, 109 to 69.

"Grace dominated the Husky meet, scoring 32 points for the girls team with her win in the 200 meter run, the 100 meter and 300 meter hurdles, and then she was the last leg of the 4x100 relay team that came in second," said Kelly. "It was one of the best performances in track by an individual Corona girl in the history of the school."

"Grace is a fantastic kid and a coach's dream. She is always one of the first one out to practice, never complains, just goes to work and leads by example."

The girls 4x400 relay team of Ashu, **Olivia VanVleet**, **Aery Ware** and **Iffeatu Samuel** took first place, while freshman **Jackie Martin** was second in the 100 meter dash and fourth in the 800 meter run.

Samuel showed off her versatility as well by taking second in the 100 meter hurdles and third in the 300 meter hurdles, while Ware was fifth in the 400 meter run.

Cross country runner and Lady Aztec basketball player **Sammi Moore** came in fifth in the 3200 meter run and sixth in the 1600 meter run, while her former cross country teammate, **Kelly Naumann**, was third in the 800 meter run.

Three seniors helped boost the team score when VanVleet took fourth place in the 300 meter run, while **Sarah Holditch** pole vaulted 8-06.00 for a second place finish. **Michaela Yelland** took sixth by shot putting 32-10.50.

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## Music

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The Meat Puppets graduated from underground renown to major label heights, clocking a number of college radio hits before backing Nirvana on their legendary MTV Unplugged performance.

Acts like pop-rockers the Refreshments and rap-rock outfit Phunk Junkeez also made waves nationally.

Most notably, Mill Avenue-bred alternative rock favorites Gin Blossoms scored national airplay and attention for undeniable jangle-pop gems like “Hey Jealousy.”

The museum has already received two guitars owned by Gin Blossoms guitarist Doug Hopkins, who penned some of the group’s biggest hits.

The exhibit has also collected stacks of show flyers, small promotional sheets handed out and posted around town, often featuring unique designs for each concert. Roffler said many have saved these as mementos of favorite bands and venues.

“They’re photocopied pieces of paper, but they’re treasured memories of a time and place,” he said.

## *Sitting down with hardcore music fans, unpacking their artifacts and hearing stories from Tempe’s musical past has been a treat for (museum senior curator) Joshua Roffler, a longtime Tempe resident and music fan.*

Though Tempe has a rich rock legacy, the exhibit will showcase many other styles from the city’s history. The teaser exhibit currently displays a copy of the first solo album by country legend Waylon Jennings, who kick-started his career playing at JD’s, a bygone country and rock bar on the Tempe/Scottsdale border.

It will also showcase big band leader Rafael “Chapito” Chavarria, who recently turned 100 and who was known around the Valley for combining

1950s Mexico City tropical rhythms with American jitterbug and swing to romantic and bombastic effect.

Emerging from the Tempe barrio neighborhoods that used to lie north of University, Chavarria’s music was vital in Tempe’s Latin American community after World War II.

After a significant remodel three years ago, the history museum added a community room that could host live music performances. Since then, Roffler said, it has hosted free monthly concerts and built bridges to the local music scene.

“We’ve become a local music venue,” Roffler said. “It made sense to build on the relationships we’ve made.”

Thus far, sitting down with hardcore music fans, unpacking their artifacts and hearing stories from Tempe’s musical past has been a treat for Roffler, a longtime Tempe resident and music fan.

“I haven’t had a single quick meeting with [the donors],” he laughs. “Usually we sit down for an hour or more reminiscing, sometimes realizing we went to same show back in the day.”

Roffler can be contacted for exhibit questions or submissions by email at [joshua\\_roffler@tempe.gov](mailto:joshua_roffler@tempe.gov) or by phone at 480-350-5176.

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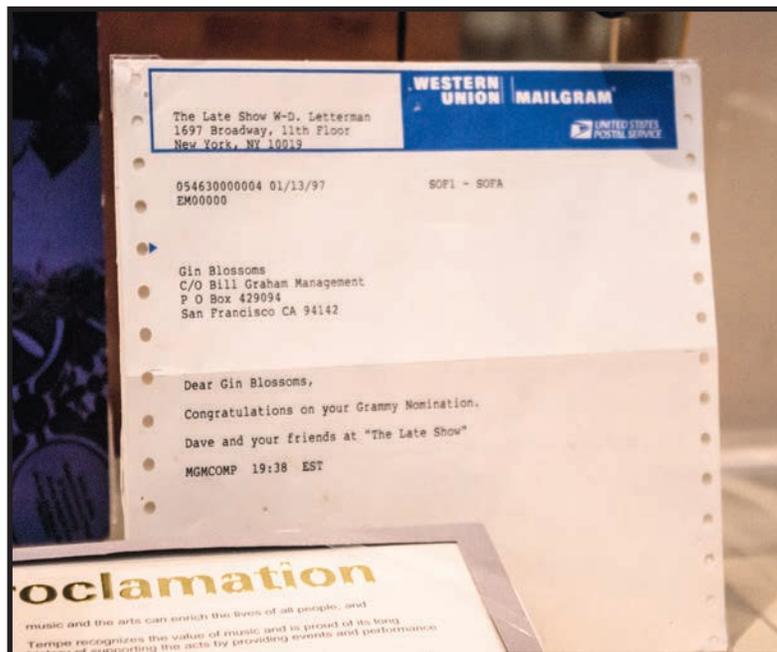
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Joshua Roffler, senior curator at Tempe History Museum, is joined by museum administrator Amy Douglass as they sort through some of the early submissions to a major exhibition of musical memorabilia with local origins. The search for display items will continue for several months in anticipation of the exhibit's planned public opening in November. The tambourine (middle photo) and accompanying telegram from David Letterman are mementos from the Gin Blossoms, a group with Tempe origins, when they were nominated for a Grammy award in 1997.

— Wrangler News photos by Billy Hardiman



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# Ukelele moving up the charts among music aficionados

Story & photo by Chelsea Martin

An appalling thought it is to imagine a world without music. While some may argue that we'd be better off without the distractions music can create, most defend it and spend their lives submerged in beautifully and precisely constructed sounds that waft through the air.

Jon Paul Escobedo and Merri Lewter, longtime owners of The Music Store, are enthusiasts who share the same passion for educating and sharing music with all who wish to partake. Their long-established venue, known as The Music Store (formerly Gerber Music), has been an incredible and

rewarding undertaking for the two partners since they purchased the store in 1993.

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answer for their needs," Escobedo said. "At other places there can be a whole lot of moving around with a serious lack of interaction with the customers. Here, it's not like that."

The two share the same vision.

"We are all about music education and bringing people to music," Lewter said. "Wherever they are, whatever level, we want to bring them in for the first time—and certainly bring them back."

A recent trend that The Music Store has grown fond of is the ukulele.

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Instructor Byron Lipkins leads class members in playing 'Brown Eyed Girl' during a recent jam night. Each session includes plenty of pop and rock favorites, along with seasonal pieces, throughout the year.

public.

"A couple of years ago, we had a salesperson who walked in with ukuleles, and it was around the time when Jake Shimabukuro was really big," Lewter said. "So we decided that it was something we wanted to do and within about six months from selling them, we decided to host a jam night to see if we could get people to come out and try new ukuleles and have a chance to try some new music.

"It's great because a lot of people don't want to buy an instrument until they hold it in their hands and try it out. Then they can decide, hey, this is for me, or no, this isn't."

After the first session was deemed a success, the two mapped out an entire year's schedule. This year's fresh line-up is led by two multi-talented, bright instructors. Byron Lipkins, a former band director, is also a private drum and bass instructor for the store. He also works as an electric bassist and blue grass bassist. Neil Bunker mainly plays trombone, guitar and keyboard.

"We have a regular group that comes every time," Lewter said. "But over the course of time it definitely ebbs and flows. One time 10 people will be there; another month as many as 35 will show up."

Ukuleles have no age restriction.

"We've met lots of middle-school and high-school kids that enjoy playing," Lewter said. "We noticed that a lot of singers that are looking to start something fresh and fun, the ukulele is perfect for them. It's been a very entertaining thing to watch the variety of people. I just love to see the new people come in who have never played

before, and it's all very exciting."

The jam nights are something you don't want to miss, Escobedo points out.

"I really enjoy having nice conversations with people about how ukulele inspires them," Escobedo said. "After most ukulele jam nights or a week afterwards, someone will come in and say, 'You know, we had a really great time at the jam night and I'd really like to get something.' I can spend a half an hour with them and tailor-fit the right one for all their needs. It's what I enjoy most."

The jam nights leave everyone in a good place, Lewter says.

"Nobody is unhappy when they come in the for the ukulele jam night," she said. "They've all got smiles on their faces and they're having a good time, and that, right there, is the whole idea."

Added Escobedo:

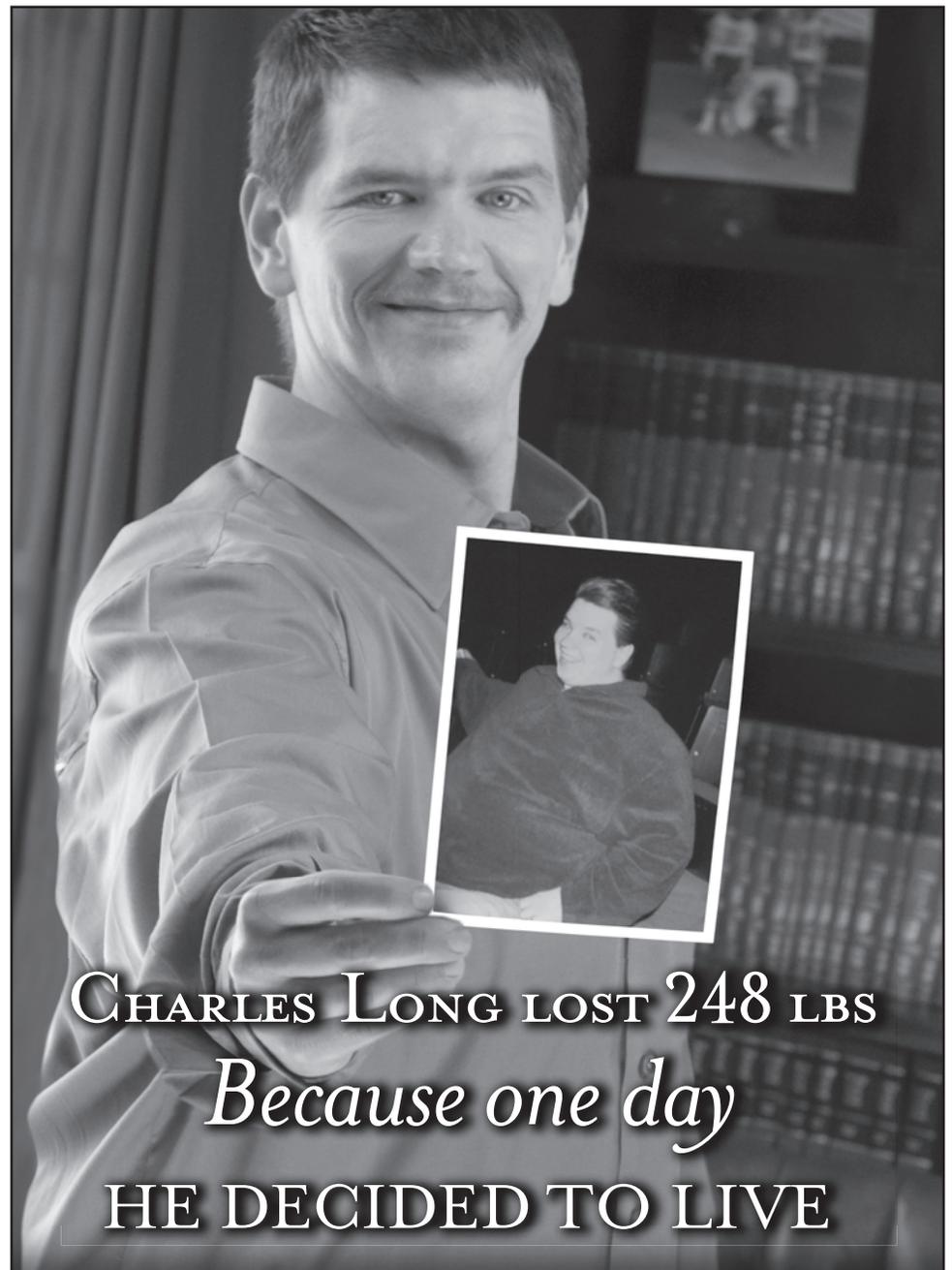
"Like ice cream, playing ukulele is one of the things in life that you just have to try, and smile."

The next ukulele jam session will be Monday, March 24, at The Music Store from 6-7:15.

For the complete schedule go to [www.the-music-store.com](http://www.the-music-store.com).

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## Chamber, schools form partnership

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Through the collaborative agreement, TUHSD and the chamber will connect schools with businesses to give students an up-close preview of the job market.

A breakfast meeting is scheduled at 7:30 a.m. Thursday, March 27, at Chick-fil-A at University and Mill.

Information: 480-345-3764 or [dwelling@tempeunion.org](mailto:dwelling@tempeunion.org).



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## New exec for Downtown Tempe

The former president and CEO of the Fresno, Calif., downtown merchants organization has succeeded Nancy Hormann as president/executive director of Downtown Tempe Community, which provides marketing strategies and a support mechanism for businesses in and around the Mill Avenue District.

Nancy Borders assumed her new job March 18.

Spike Lawrence, chairman of the DTC Board, expressed the board's support of Borders' selection.

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## Tempe's Chief Ryff honored for efforts promoting diversity

Tempe Chief of Police Tom Ryff has been selected to receive a Friend of NOBLE Award from the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives.

The award recognizes leaders who have demonstrated service as highly competent public servants at the forefront of providing solutions for law enforcement issues and concerns in the community.



Emphasis is placed on choosing a leader who exemplifies a commitment to diversity and the community.

Chief Patrick Melvin, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community chief of police who also is affiliated with the NOBLE organization's executive

leadership, was due to present the award at the March 20 Tempe City Council meeting.

Representatives from the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, including the Rev. Oscar Tillman, NAACP chapter president, and members of the Tempe History Museum's African American Advisory Committee were scheduled to attend.

Police Cmdr. Andre Anderson, NOBLE executive board member, called the award a deserved recognition for Ryff's guidance.

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# Arizona Gives Day is Wednesday, April 9 So give!

Commentary by Patrick McWhortor  
and Marissa Theisen

Last year, more than 8,500 Arizonans joined in an effort to donate nearly \$1 million to more than 800 local nonprofit organizations—including a number of recognized ones in Tempe and west Chandler—in just 24 hours.

That's good, but we can do better.

Arizona Gives Day – a 24-hour online initiative encouraging residents from all 15 Arizona counties to recognize and financially support the efforts of various nonprofits – is back.

Presented by First Bank and starting at midnight April 9, each and every one of the 6.5 million people living in this state can go online at AZGives.org and make a donation to the nonprofit of their choice. The site stays open exactly 24 hours, until one minute before midnight that same day.

Financial contributions made on Arizona Gives Day help Arizona's nonprofits change lives, build leaders and champion community causes, say its planners.

We've partnered with nearly 1,000 nonprofits this year and are setting our sights at more than a \$1 million in donations, but we need your help and donations.

### I don't have that much to spare.

Consider this – if you simply eat in this weekend, you might save as much as \$50, a donation that can provide sports equipment to a team of at-risk youth. Or, by watching a movie at home rather than visiting the movie

theater this week, you could save at least \$30, a donation that can provide 40 pounds of food to your local animal shelter.

By skipping the coffee shop for a week, you will save an estimated \$15, a donation that can fund a neonatal care manual for new parents of a premature baby.

Every little bit truly does help. Minimum donations start at \$10, and as cliché as it sounds, you really will make a difference in your community.

### I don't know any local nonprofits or what they need.

Each organization seeking financial support is not only listed at AZGives.org right now. You have the ability to search by county, city or even keyword to find the nonprofit or group of nonprofits that best match your personal passions and values.

Right now, there are nearly 50 nonprofits serving this area alone that are in need of support.

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the Arts, Tempe Union High Schools Education Foundation, The Centers for Habilitation TCH, Boys & Girls Club of the East Valley, ASU Gammage, Childsplay and Tempe Community Action Agency, among the 42 program recipients.

Patrick McWhortor is president and CEO of the Alliance of Arizona Nonprofits. Marissa Theisen is president and CEO of the Arizona Grantmakers Forum.



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# Percussion ensemble of another color 'Orangemen' peel a slice of inspiration from Blue Man Group

By M.V. Moorhead

Orange is the new Blue. At least it is at Corona del Sol. The Percussion Ensemble from the high school's powerhouse music department has decided, in recent performances, to style themselves after Blue Man Group, the popular percussion/pantomime theatrical troupe.

But, this being Corona del Sol, Blue won't do—the players now call themselves the Orangemen, and affect the cueball-topped look of their mentors, but in a more citrusy shade.

"A mix of comedy, drumming, a little bit of social statement." That's how Scott Werner, the percussion director at Corona, describes Blue Man Group. Members of the internationally recognized troupe

recently spent some time teaching their performance techniques to Werner's own ensemble.

How did he arrange that? The answer is simplicity itself:

"I asked," says Werner, a University of Illinois and ASU grad. "And the management sent Jesse Knowlan. He's the musical director of the Blue Men. It was free, and he also brought one of the Blue Men with him."

Blue Man Group's tour was playing at Gammage Auditorium in Tempe at the time. Werner says that the pair came to the school to coach his students "I think, just to be nice guys. They're touring the country, and it gave them a break from hanging out in the hotel. They were supposed to come for an

hour, and they stayed for three. It was very generous of them."

Part of Blue Man Group's routine involves bizarre percussion instruments, and this was part of their tutorial to the Corona "Orangemen."

As a result, the ensemble now plays drums with paint and water on the skins, and also performs on the Tube-A-Phone, a huge instrument made of

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**Capitalizing on their Blue Man coup, the school's Percussion Ensemble has taken to wearing bald caps in the troupe's style, and bright orange makeup. They'll perform this way at a concert coming up Tuesday and Wednesday, March 25 and 26.**

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PVC pipe which can be struck to produce different pitches. Where and how did Corona del Sol's music department acquire such unusual additions to its percussion battery?

Again, Werner's answer is impressively direct: "I made them."

Capitalizing on their Blue Man coup, the school's Percussion Ensemble has taken to wearing bald caps in the troupe's style, and bright orange makeup. They'll perform this way at the Ensemble's concert, scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday, March 25 and 26.

Having won a March 1 competition at Mesquite High School, the Corona Ensemble will also be performing at the Winter Guard International competition in Dayton, Ohio, on April 10.

Also performing at the March 25 and 26 shows will be Corona's Steel Bands—not only the main one but a junior band and even one comprised of parents.

"We'll do 'Friend Like Me' from Aladdin," says Werner of the Steel Band's repertoire. "We got to play at Disneyland a couple of years ago, and so we always do a Disney number."

The program is also scheduled to include the catchy Pharrell Williams anthem "Happy" from Despicable Me 2, which should sound cool on steel drums, and also, says Werner, "Some authentic stuff from the island, from Trinidad."

At this writing, reports are that none of the Steel Bands will be orange.

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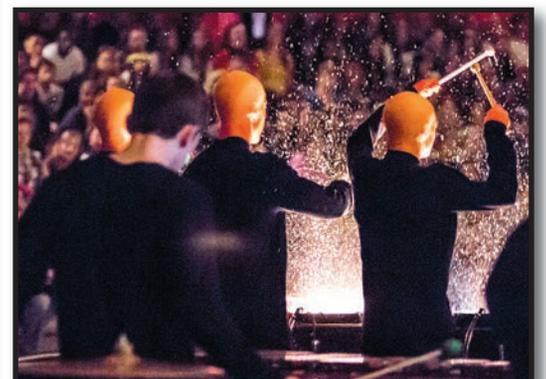
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Scott Werner, second from right, percussion director in the music department at Corona del Sol H.S., wore attire with his own modest touch of the school colors, but nowhere near as noticeably as that displayed by students Freddy Rivers, left, Shane Carr and Charles Wilson. The student-band percussionists modeled their new 'Orangeman' attire at a recent assembly, having earlier found inspiration from the internationally recognized Blue Man Group, which was in town for a performance at Gammage Auditorium. The Orangemen will appear at the school again March 25-26.

— Wrangler News photos by Billy Hardiman



## Notebook

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The boys team easily the Husky Invitational, scoring 128 point compared to the next highest total of 103 by Sandra Day O'Connor notching five first place wins and numerous top eight place finishes.

**Nicholas Creasman** started it off by winning the 800 meter run in 2:04.68, followed by Rodriguez taking first again in the 1600 and 3200 meter runs. Mayfield crossed the finish line first in the 110 meter hurdles; Eckles was first in the pole vault event; and Summers took first in the triple jump.

**Matt Eckles** made a commitment after last season to the weight room and has continued to improve in the pole vault," said Kelly. "He has made it to 16 feet once this year and is much focused on, in his own words, 'getting points for the team to win the state title,' I expect him to continue improving every week."

**Dakota Summers** has started to blossom this spring again in the triple jump after having a breakout season his freshman year but then hitting sort of a slump last year," said Kelly. "Now, as a junior, he has refocused and is doing so well, which is good because we will need those points to continue winning."

Other notable finishes were a second in the 3200 meter and a third in the 1600 meter runs for Normand, a third place for Wright in the long jump and a tie for third by Freeland and Shultz in the high jump.

"We have had some new kids join **Collin Freeland**, our city champ in the high jump, who is working on getting to seven feet this year," said Kelly. **Josh Onwordi** has a natural talent for the sport and then **Sam Shultz** and **Jarrett**

**Givens**, members of Corona's championship basketball team, are a huge asset to the team as well as being respectful, hardworking young men."

Most impressive may be the second place finish for former senior Aztec football player Turley in the shot put.

**Tom Turley** came out for track for the first time and is a natural athlete that has taken to the shot put. He is going to really help us this season," said Kelly.

The coaches, with a large boys team and 76 athletes on the girls team, the largest in the last six years according to Kelly, but most importantly, the athletes have lofty expectations for this year's teams.

"We would like to make a run at the state title with the boys team and defend the city championship, finish in the top three and push Desert Vista and Chandler with our girls team this season," said Kelly. "Most importantly, though, we want the kids to have a great experience, develop as hard workers and leaders, love being with their teammates, have fun and finish the season with the positive attitudes they now have."

The goal of revamping Corona's track and field program to raise expectations and improve participation through hard work that was started a few years ago could very well reach a high point this season.

The Aztecs' next big track and field event will be the Chandler Rotary this weekend, March 21-22 starting at noon both days, followed by the Basha Co-Ed Relays March 28.

**Corona wrestlers** — Corona's Aztec wrestling team, which had two of its top wrestlers from last year's team transfer and several varsity wrestlers with little



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experience competing at state, earned a fourth place finish at the Division I state wrestling tournament held at Tim's Toyota Center in Prescott Valley in February.

"I was very pleased with our end-of-season results," said head coach **Jim Martinez**. "I think all of our current wrestlers, especially the 11 who competed at state, learned a lot about themselves and how to be successful at the varsity level. We believe, as a team, that next year will be our year."

The Aztecs, who finished behind Mesa Mountain View, Sunnyside and Boulder Creek, were led by senior **Ethan Tursini**, wrestling this year in the 160-pound weight class. Tursini won his second championship trophy.

"Ethan, who was hampered throughout the season with injuries, still found a way to earn another state championship title," said Martinez. "He is driven to succeed by his love for wrestling and his desire to be the best. He will continue his wrestling career at West Point next fall."

Fellow senior **Glenn Farina** (138 lbs), one of a handful of Aztec wrestlers who placed at the state tournament every one of his four high school years, had been plagued by injury all season but still managed to capture his fourth state place finish when he took second place. "Glenn, who was a state champion last year, demonstrated at this state tournament what an accomplished wrestler he truly is," said Martinez.

"Out with an ankle injury a large part of the season, he not only pinned the No. 1 seeded wrestler on his way to the state finals but fought until the last second ticked off the clock in his last high school match. He never gave up. He demonstrated, even in his loss, the heart of a true champion."

"He has helped our Aztec team build a strong team unity with his leadership skills that he will take, along with his wrestling ability, to Cal Poly's wrestling team after graduation."

Sophomore **Bridger Barker** (182 lbs.) had an exciting come-from-behind victory in the semifinals also took home second place.

"Bridger was losing in his semi-final match against Hamilton's Derek Andresen but he did not give up and fought hard to get himself back into the match," said Martinez. "He was able to tie the match with a late takedown in the third period and send it into overtime, where he wore down his opponent earned a chance at a state championship title."

Rounding out Corona's five place finishers were senior **Michael Clare** (195 lbs.) in third place and sophomore **Ryan Farina** (113 lbs.), who was fifth after a similar come-from-behind victory.

"Michael epitomizes exceeding expectations," said Martinez. "Michael, as one of the smaller wrestlers in his weight class, has overcome any physical shortcomings by learning how to keep anyone from scoring on him. His big heart was evident in the way he wore his opponents down this season."

"Ryan seemed to always find ways to win. For instance, he got behind in his

match against Sunnyside's Constantin Murillo and only pulled it out after he kept on attacking eventually getting a takedown with about 40 seconds left to pull within one point," said Martinez.

"As the seconds ticked down, Ryan made a flurry of attacks that ultimately tied the match as time expired. Ryan continued his attack in overtime, scored a takedown and earned himself a fifth place in the state tournament."

"Bridger and Ryan are perfect examples of how the wrestlers on this year's team never gave up," said Martinez. "They fought until the last second proving they had the desire to win and wanted it more than their opponents."

Corona's other state-qualifying wrestlers included senior **Darius Ryan**, juniors **Matt Churchill**, **Ryan Spadafore** and **Taylor Rico**, sophomore **Marc Farina** and freshman **Hunter Carmona**.

"Darius, one of our seniors, made an incredible comeback after tearing his ACL at the beginning of last season," said Martinez. "Darius, who lost some size during his rehabilitation, faced bigger and better opponents this season but gave it everything he had to help the team during practice and matches."

The Aztecs will also be losing seniors Seamus McDonald, who only went out for wrestling his junior season but had some previous Judo experience, and Omar Aguirre, who helped others prepare for matches.

"Seamus is a hard worker who used his judo experience to earn his spot on the team, spending the first part of the year wrestling above his weight class," said Martinez. "Although Omar was not a regular starter, he was the kind of wrestler who would give you his best as a workout partner. He was well liked by the team and it was a pleasure having him as part of our Aztec wrestling program."

Returning eight of the 11 wrestlers who qualified for the state tournament should give Corona an experienced team and another shot at a state championship next year.

**Marcos wrestlers** — Marcos de Niza's team had eight wrestlers qualify for the Division II state tournament held Feb. 21-22 at Tim's Toyota Center in Prescott Valley, where the team came up with one champion and three other wrestlers medaling.

Senior **Richard Florez** entered the competition after taking first place at the Section III tournament with a 37-2 record and went on to take home the championship in the 152-pound weight class, defeating RJ Brown from Centennial in the finals.

Junior teammate **Ryan Sondrup**, also a first place finisher at the section

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# Community Easter Egg Hunt!

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## Notebook

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tournament, entered with a 43-6 record and was winning at state until the quarterfinals, when he lost to the eventual champion at 132 pounds to earn the third place medal.

Two Padres received fifth place medals. Senior **Brandon Dowland**, first in the sectional tournament at 182 pounds, entered the state tournament with a 38-10 record but had to fight his way through the losers' side of the bracket after losing the second round to earn fifth place.

Junior **Adam Baca** had the same fight after losing in the second round. He qualified for the state tournament after taking third in the section tournament with a 29-10 overall record and brought home a fifth place state medal.

Other Marcos wrestlers who qualified for state included freshman **Adrian Arviso** (11-10, 120 lbs.); senior **Aaron Hernandez** (31-16, 126 lbs.); senior **Griffith Coleman** (24-7, 160 lb.); and senior **Jorje Castro** (23-19, 170 lbs.).

**McClintock wrestlers** — McClintock, in the same Division II/Section III as cross-town rival Marcos, qualified three wrestlers for the state tournament.

**Elijah Halem** entered the competition with a 40-3 record after taking first place at the Section III tournament in the 170-pound weight bracket. He proceeded to wrestle his way into the finals before losing to the No. 1 seed and eventual champion, Cibola's Vicente Guerrero, in the finals to earn a second place medal.

Sophomore **Noah Bello** (132 lbs.) qualified for the state tournament with a 33-11 record by taking second place at the Section III tournament after losing to Marcos de Niza's Sondrup. Bello won his first match but lost the next two, the last one by a close 7-6 decision.

The Chargers' last qualifier was junior **Bradie Hendrix** with a 32-11 record in the 285-pound weight category. Hendrix qualified by taking fourth place in the section tournament but then lost in the first round of the state tournament before losing out of the third round of this double-elimination event.

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# Veteran public-information officer named assistant city manager

By Diana Whittle

Nachie Marquez is a new assistant city manager for the city of Chandler. Marquez is a familiar face to many local residents as she most recently served as Chandler's Communications and Public Affairs Director; she also performed in a similar capacity for the city of Tempe from 1996 to 2000.

Her career includes more than 25 years of experience in city government – specifically in the public information, media and community relations areas. This role allowed her to develop a close working relationship with other top city staff, as well as elected officials. She also interacted frequently with residents and gathered their feedback on issues and concerns to provide to senior management.

"Nachie's energy and expertise in communications are valuable assets to the city of Chandler, Mayor and Council, and the executive management team," said City Manager Rich Dlugas.

"I look forward to seeing her put those leadership skills to work in this new capacity."

Marquez fills the position left vacant by Assistant City Manager Pat McDermott, who retired in February. She is one of two assistants; the other is Marsha Reed.

In her new role, Marquez says she wants to help the city to focus on



Nachie Marquez

succession planning, as many of the staff will retire in the next few years; to ensure that high-quality jobs remain in Chandler; and to find resources to maintain the city's

infrastructure.

"I have been fortunate to see Chandler grow," said Marquez. "When I joined the organization in 2000, it was rated as the second fastest growing city in the nation. Now we're known as a premier innovation and technology hub throughout the Southwest."

Her time with Tempe also offered some unique experiences, such as working for the entire year of 1995 as the coordinator for the first Super Bowl in the state. She interfaced with a wide-range of people to help produce the event, which exposed her to new skills in planning logistics and negotiating contracts.

"The experience was definitely once-in-a-lifetime and I learned a great deal from it," said Marquez. When the Super Bowl was finished, she became Tempe's director of community relations.

While her career has been filled with interesting challenges and her new duties in Chandler will broaden to overseeing multiple municipal departments, some of her routine will remain the same. A dedicated runner and fitness buff, her alarm rings each weekday morning at 4:45 to allow her time for her morning run.

"I am used to working long days, and the exercise gives me the energy to keep going," said Marquez. Her personal achievements include leading a community

delegation that earned Chandler the All-America City designation by the National League of Cities and receiving the 2007 Valle del Sol's Profile of Success Exemplary Leadership Award.

Marquez received a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1985 from Arizona State University with a major in broadcast journalism, and went on to earn a Master of Arts degree in vocational education from Northern Arizona University in 1989.

The entire Marquez family is dedicated to the Sun Devils as alumni of ASU. She and her husband Juan are high school sweethearts. They met over 36 years ago and have been married 29 years. Their son, Derek, graduated in 2012 and a younger son, Taylor, will graduate later this year.

In addition, Marquez is on the ASU's Minority Advisory Council for the ASU President. She takes seriously the opportunity to mentor young people and speaks to both high school and college classes; specifically, she invites them to seek careers in public service.

"I do feel a critical charge to encourage the next generation of public administrators who will manage our communities.

"Working in city government offers a wonderful variety of assignments and has given me greater opportunities to grow than I ever imagined I would have," said Marquez.

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# Demographics studied for enrollment trends

By Diana Whittle

**T**hat old saying about numbers not lying is one reason the Kyrene Governing Board carefully reviews demographic trends for its schools each year.

This year's data assessment not only proved enlightening, but allowed the board to consider making changes in several critical initiatives.

Here were the conclusions of this year's review:

While in-district enrollments have gone down by nearly 5,000 students since reaching a peak in 2000, nearly 3,000 out-of-district students chose to attend Kyrene schools during the same statistical period.

This according to data presented by Rick Brammer of Applied Economics, a consulting firm that specializes in school population projects and other socioeconomic modeling, economic development, and economic and fiscal-impact assessment.

The numbers mirrored much of what Kyrene's Chief Financial Officer Jeremy Calles had already begun noticing.

"Trends in enrollment are important tools for Kyrene staff and our Governing Board," said Calles. "For the past 25 years, the district has worked with Rick to follow trends over time."

This year's study, he suggested, produced similarly valuable information.

"We use the data in several ways—right now, we are re-evaluating our school boundaries, our marketing strategies and our programming choices."

Since 1988 when the tracking began, social changes have impacted enrollment numbers, explained Brammer, of Applied Economics.

Tempe is nearly built out, and only another 3,000 homes are expected to be constructed within the district over the next decade, which may include multi-family

housing. This growth will probably be in the area west of 19th Avenue, he noted.

"Still, Kyrene is one of the more stable school districts, due to its reputation for excellence. But there are fewer children being born and living in the area, especially as families age in place and don't sell their homes after their children are grown," said Brammer.

"The district also includes more renters than ever before."

Another significant change is the greater choice available to families, with the start of charter schools and open enrollment that can siphon enrollment from the Kyrene district.

Enrollment in the lower grades leveled off last year after declining for a decade, and household growth showed a slight uptick.

Demographics also show the increase in enrollment for all minority groups, while those classified as white dropped 10 percent.

Board member Bernadette Coggins suggested that there could be value in conducting an exit survey with families who leave the district to determine why they made that choice.

Board president Ross Robb said that is important data to consider.

"When we have fewer students, we have less money."

The board agreed that it will continue to study techniques to promote school achievement as a way to boost enrollment numbers.

Later this year, it also expects to receive a report from the Kyrene School Boundary Change Task Force, which began meeting last March.

The group of concerned residents is reviewing demographics, along with other data, to determine if district boundaries need to be revised.



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## Trauma

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# Diversions . . .

## Nosh fare widens area's options for delightfully creative cuisine

By M.V. Moorhead

As a rule, one doesn't get to eat both a Scotch egg and wild boar in the same weekend. Or, at least, I don't get to. But I did last week, courtesy of multiple visits to Nosh Arizona, a chic, dimly lighted little gourmet eatery and wine bar in the Albertson's plaza at McClintock and Ray.

It was a tasty weekend.

Actually, I had never, as far as I can recall, tasted wild boar before. But the Wild Boar Ragu Bolognese left me more than happy to try it again.

The meat, served over wide strips of papparadelle pasta, had a hearty, slightly earthy flavor, and I didn't leave a speck on my plate.

This is all the more impressive since I already had partaken of one of the substantial appetizers, New England Clam Chowder "in a delectable bread bowl." (See accompanying photo...)

The Nosh menu isn't being immodest; the crusty bread bowl, made on premises, is delectable, and the creamy, clam-packed chowder that fills it is at least equally so. But while it's listed with the appetizers, it could definitely make a meal by itself.

Nonetheless, I was determined to sample Nosh Arizona's desserts as well, so I tried the Goat Cheese Cheesecake, and again found myself delighted. The small round portion was lighter than cheesecake usually is, with a faintly grainy texture. I could only



get through about half of it, so the rest was packed up for me.

"This will make a nice snack around midnight," my server told me. Without knowing it, she knew me all too well. She could not, alas, arrange for a "to go" cup of Nosh's iced tea, however, to my slight disappointment.

No matter—Sunday I was back to try Nosh's breakfast, and this time I brought reinforcements. With chef Stacey Carson sitting nearby, my wife tried the N.Y.-Style Egg sandwich, with a side of corned beef hash—bacon or sausage is also available—while my 11-year-old tried the French Toast.

I was tempted to go the wild boar route again—it's also available on the Nosh breakfast menu, in the form of a boar chop over corned beef hash and egg.

But I decided to go for variety, and opted for Nosh's version of the Scotch Egg.

All three of us chose well.

The sandwich, topped with cheese and bacon, was yummy in itself, but its side of hash was about as excellent a specimen of that dish as I can recall—savory and admirably lacking in grease. The kid's thick, soft French Toast was made, like the clam chowder's bread bowl, from bread baked on premises, and came with splendidly fresh, sweet blackberries and sliced strawberries.

As for the Scotch Egg, if you've never sampled this British pub-food classic, Nosh is the place in the Kyrene Corridor to do so.

It's two hard-boiled eggs enclosed in an outer crust of sausage meat and crunchy panko bread crumbs, served sliced in half along with roasted potatoes and drizzled with a fine mustard sauce. As with the hash, it's light on the grease, potent on the flavor.

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The project will reduce the water plant's carbon emissions by 1,130 metric tons annually, equivalent to removing 235 cars from the road each year.

"Tempe is to be commended for investing in green energy to provide water, a valuable resource, to its residents," said SRP's Lori Singleton.

Future solar projects include a 250-kilowatt facility at Tempe's downtown Police/Courts building and 900-kilowatt facility at the city's Johnny G. Martinez Water Treatment Plant.

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# A Spring Break photo album



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Gorgeous 6-bedroom, 6-bath custom home with basement in Tempe's desirable Circle G Ranch. Step into elegance! Pecan wood floors, cedar doors, gourmet kitchen with large granite island and breakfast bar. Split master bedroom with sitting area. Outside is an oasis with waterfall and play pool, spa, misting system, kiva fireplace, and built-in BBQ. Insulated RV garage stores all your toys.

**Fun Year 'Round!**

Pristine 4-bedroom, 3-bath home in the coveted Pecan Grove Estates! Vaulted ceilings and updated flooring. Eat-in kitchen with island connects to formal dining room for parties and guests. Full finished basement features family entertainment room. Play pool with waterfall and fire pit provides fun year-round. Custom built-in shelves and desk in office. Near great schools!



**Warner Estates Beauty**



This house has everything! Palatial 6-bedroom, 7-bathroom custom estate on a lush lot. Upscale gourmet kitchen with granite island, stainless steel appliances, Sub-Zero, dual convection ovens, wine chiller, compactor, microwave drawer. Great Room has beamed ceilings and wood floor. Cozy master with stacked stone fireplace. All secondary bedrooms with in-suite or adjoining baths. Spacious formal dining room. Massive guest suite. Game room with wet bar. Basement has tons of storage including cedar lined closet. Gated Pool & Spa with Ramada.

**Warner Ranch on the Green Belt**

Incredible spacious, private lot, right next to the green belt. Beautiful soaring ceilings with plantation shutters throughout. 5-bedroom, 3-bath home with fresh paint, upgraded flooring, updated kitchen has granite countertops and stainless steel appliances. Speakers in family room and master bedroom. Workshop, Epoxy flooring and built-in cabinets in 3-car garage. Laundry room is complete with lots of extra cabinets and a sink. Spacious, backyard with pool and covered patio. 2927 Sq. Ft.



**Pristine Update on Oversized Lot**



This home is as good as it gets - practically brand-new! Completely remodeled with new granite, new cabinets, new tile flooring, new carpet, new paint, and new appliances. Downstairs master with fully-remodeled master bath, huge secondary bedrooms, one with walk-out deck and Jack & Jill bath. Gorgeous professionally landscaped 1/3 of an acre with newly replastered fenced pool, fruit-bearing citrus trees. Within walking distance to ASU Research Park. Perfect interior private lot with great views from deck.

**Coming Soon!**

Acre horse property in south Tempe. Nestled on a county island. This unique property feels like the country with the convenience of the city. 3377 square foot home with mosaic tile entry way, wood floors, great room floorplan with brick fireplace, upgraded kitchen with tons of cabinet space, granite bar, 3 spacious bedrooms and 3 updated baths, office, huge game room and walk-out deck. Horse stalls with electric and water. Don't miss this one!



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