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Bike-lane beef draws a crowd



Drivers, cyclists share the road, navigate differences

A cyclist heads north on McClintock Drive during lunch hour, above. Opponents of the roadway's bike-lane reconfiguration and cyclists who support the change, right, met with city officials and engineers to explore alternative solutions.

— Wrangler News photos



Disease threat worries veterinarians

By Deborah Hilcove

It's invisible and it's potentially deadly. It's leptospirosis and Valley veterinarians are warning pet owners about this dangerous and highly contagious disease.

A global threat, leptospirosis commonly attacks mammals like cattle, sheep and goats, then passes the disease along to humans. Since February,

2016, more than 60 cases have been confirmed and the count is ongoing, according to the Maricopa Health Department. Because of contagion issues, confirmed cases of leptospirosis must be reported to the national Center for Disease Control.

Although normally a dry desert area, recent rains in the Valley have produced muddy ground and standing puddles where

the organisms live. An animal drinking the contaminated water, swimming or walking through it, may contract the disease, since the corkscrew-like bacteria burrow into the skin, move into the bloodstream and settle in the liver and kidneys.

Dr. Evan Ware, veterinarian and director of University Animal Hospital in Tempe, says that "We

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Outstanding athletes from Tempe area high schools, including Corona del Sol, Marcos de Niza, McClintock and Tempe, were honored at the annual Tempe All-City Winter Banquet. Pg. 16



News of a dinosaur sighting in an otherwise quiet South Tempe neighborhood led Wrangler News to dig up the story on how and why a homeowner turned to the Jurassic era for inspiration. Pg. 9



Globe-trotting Latin-and-reggae-blend Ozomatli visited Tempe with its latest album that delivers a message of unity, highlights the struggles of migrants, and pays homage to Spanish-language hits. Pg. 10

What's Inside

By Joyce Coronel

So many residents poured in to a meeting at the Tempe Public Library to discuss proposals for the realignment of McClintock Drive that city workers scrambled to wheel in stacks of additional chairs.

The McClintock Drive repaving project that added a bike lane to each side of the street and removed at least one vehicle lane has spurred an outcry among a number of residents who packed the room, where renderings of possible modifications to one of Tempe's main arteries were on prominent display.

Don Bessler, public works director for the city of Tempe, opened the meeting by calling on attendees to try to work together to come up with solutions.

"We're talking here about something controversial," he said. "The purpose of this meeting is to come back with collaborative solutions to present to the City Council and mayor."

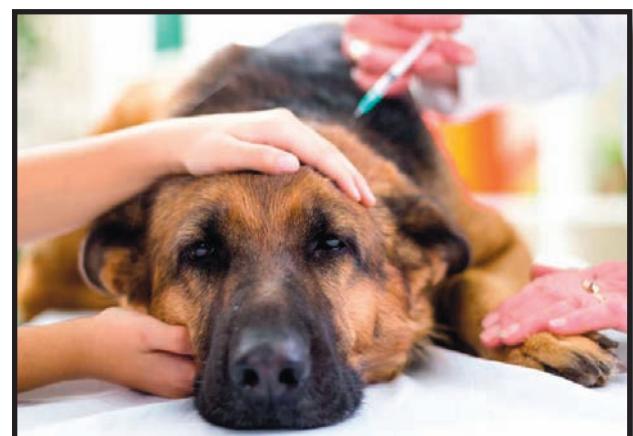
Follows master plan approved years ago

The reconfiguration project began "several years back," Bessler said, as part of a paving plan and "relates to a master plan that includes bike lanes... there's been a lot of public involvement that has preceded this meeting."

Tempe repaved McClintock from Guadalupe to Broadway in 2015.

Some 7.5 miles of bike lanes were added, and speed limits were dropped in some segments to 40 miles an hour from 45. At that time, about 1,000 people weighed in on the changes before they took

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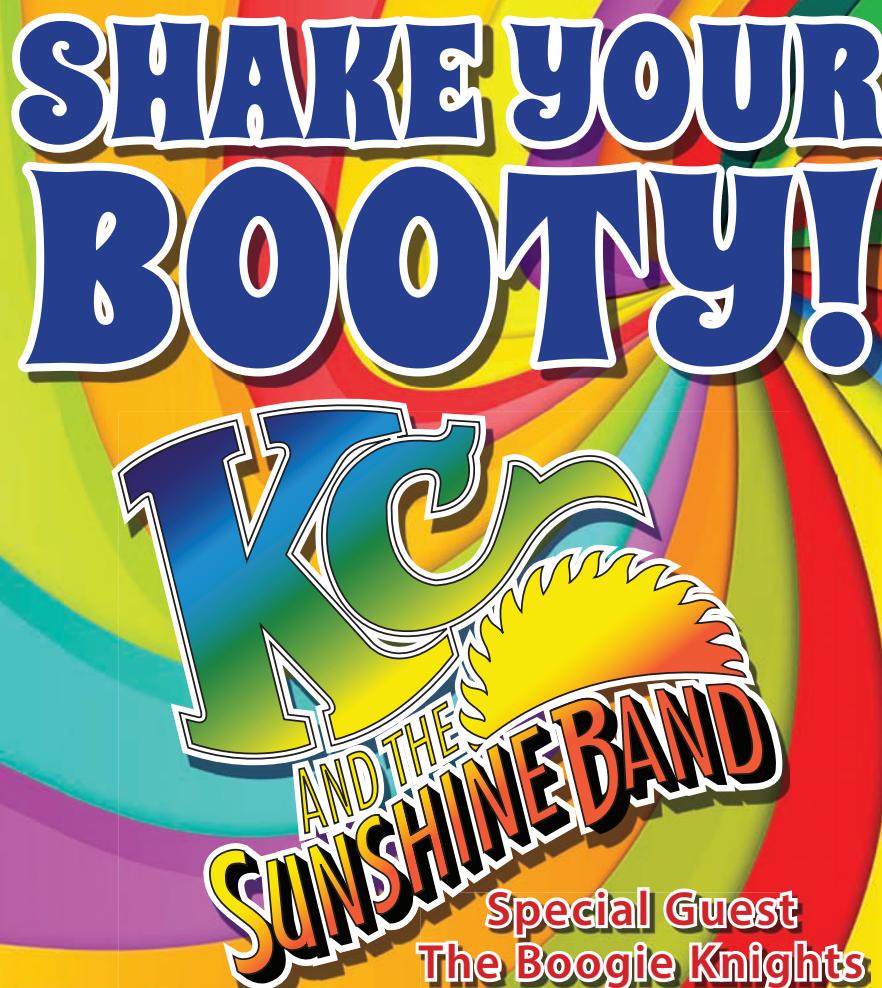
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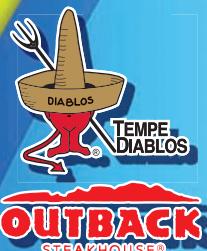
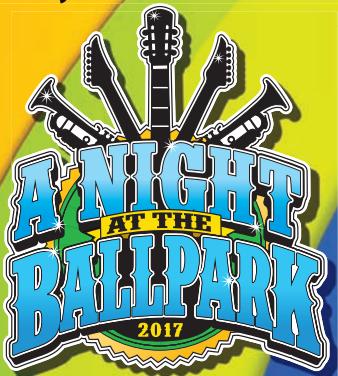
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Last year's run to recruit foster care volunteers. This year's event takes place Sunday, April 9.

Race to recruit 'superheroes' as advocates for foster kids

By Joyce Coronel

With 12,000 children in foster care in Maricopa County alone, the ability to have a positive impact on these young lives might seem to be more in the realm of superheroes rather than mere mortals.

Turns out everyone has an opportunity to become a superhero Sunday, April 9 when the fourth annual Superhero Race to benefit foster kids takes place at Kiwanis Park in Tempe.

A local organization known as Voices for CASA Children is sponsoring the event that features races, games and, naturally, kids dressing up as superheroes.

"Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA volunteers) are the real-life superheroes for thousands of children, and this signature fundraising event helps make it all possible," said Robin Pearson, executive director of Voices for CASA Children.

"There's such an immense need for more advocates in Maricopa County—we're hoping this event inspires the community to learn more about the CASA program and the amazing children it supports."

As an officer of the court, a CASA volunteer visits with the foster child and anyone involved in his or her life, from foster parents to teachers and doctors. A Court Appointed Special Advocate serves

as the eyes and ears of the judge and submits a report before each court hearing with recommendations about the child's best interest.

A CASA volunteer is often the most consistent person in a foster child's life and is especially valuable because he or she typically focuses on one child or sibling group at a time, said Pearson.

Tempe resident Robyn Radway heard about the CASA program when she was undergoing training as a foster parent. Ultimately, she decided not to become a foster parent but opted instead to serve as a CASA volunteer.

"I am so happy to be able to make a difference in the life of a child and their time in the system," Radway said. As a licensed private investigator and tax preparer, Radway has a keen eye for detail and documentation. "I really delve into my cases and know how to navigate the criminal system," she said.

Do you have to have that kind of background to be a CASA volunteer?

"I think all types of people—all walks of life—are needed," Radway said. "Everybody brings their own unique experience as to how they handle each case. Everybody's been a kid and can relate and many have been parents or grandparents, aunts and uncles."

That life experience

comes into play when CASAs decide which foster child they'd like to represent. "You read through tons of cases of neglect and abuse," Radway said. "You choose one that speaks to you and you dig in. Then you visit the child immediately and establish a rapport."

CASA volunteers must be 21 years old and be willing to undergo a background check plus 30 hours of training, among other requirements.

Currently, there are 1,000 CASA volunteers in Arizona. "The goal is to recruit one CASA for every single child so everyone has a voice," said Lauren Vargas, publicist for the Superhero Race. Radway said one of the most important things about CASA volunteers is that they are a steadfast, consistent voice in a foster child's life.

"On every case, there are many turnovers," Radway said. Judges, lawyers, social workers come and go. Children with a CASA volunteer assigned to their case are more likely to receive services, spend less time in the child welfare system and are less likely to return to foster care.

The Superhero Race includes a timed 5K race, a 1K Fun Run, and a Kids Dash/Villain Chase by age group. The events start at 8:30 a.m. April 9 at Kiwanis Park in Tempe, located at 5299 S. Ash Ave., Tempe, with registration beginning at 7 a.m.

Information:
voicesforcasachildren.org.

SRP/Tempe collaboration gives a solar boost to city's water system

Tempe, in partnership with Salt River Project, has completed a 1.2 megawatt solar project at the Johnny G. Martinez water treatment plant on Price Road south of Guadalupe Road.

The project features more than 2,000 solar panels that will generate in excess 1.8 million kilowatt hours of electricity each year, supplying 30 percent of the plant's energy needs.

"Accomplishing 10 percent of our goal of 20 percent renewable energy by 2025 is a notable milestone," said Tempe Mayor Mark Mitchell.

"This is an example of our commitment to renewable energy and a sustainable and resilient Tempe."

City energy officials expect to

save more than \$530,000 in utility costs over 20 years. The project is expected to reduce the water plant's carbon emissions by 1,280 metric tons annually, equivalent to removing 270 cars from the road each year.

"Tempe is to be commended for utilizing a clean and renewable energy resource to provide water to its residents," said Lori Singleton, SRP's director of SRP Customer Programs and Operations Support.

"Our partnership with the city has resulted in a number of renewable energy projects reducing the city's carbon footprint, and we look forward to working with them again on future projects."

Tour de Tempe pedals into town April 2 for its 21st annual run



The 21st annual Tour de Tempe community bike ride pedals into action on Sunday, April 2, featuring an anticipated throng of devoted cyclists. It's part of the yearly celebration of bicycle-friendly events to encourage residents to use alternative modes of transportation and raise awareness of all the resources available for biking in the city. More than 1,200 riders are expected to participate in the 10-mile ride, led by Mayor Mark Mitchell and members of the Tempe City Council, who will venture from Kiwanis Park to College Ave toward downtown Tempe and back. At Kiwanis Park, riders will be treated to free T-shirts, breakfast provided by Steve's Espresso and other supporting companies. Bike demonstrations, safety tips and bike tune-ups will also be available. Participants can register the day of the event or fill out a registration form online at www.tempe.gov/bikemonth. Registration begins at 7:30 with the ride following at 9.

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McClintock

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place, Bessler said, with about 40 percent opposed and 60 percent in favor.

At the most recent meeting, Bessler and other city officials explained newly considered alternatives for segments of McClintock that would improve traffic flow, decrease congestion—and keep the bike lanes.

A similar meeting was scheduled later in the week, and those unable to attend either session still have the opportunity to submit their comments in an online forum.

It's all part of Tempe's plan to solicit community input so that a recommendation can be made to the City Council by June 29.

All the options offered to solve the snarled traffic involve keeping the bike lanes, with the decision focused on whether these will be standard, buffered or separated. Each type of bike lane requires a different amount of street width. "We want to make sure we're giving you as many alternatives as possible," said City Traffic Engineer Julian Dresang.

From moving curbs to widening sidewalks and roadways, modifying landscape and planter boxes, the alternatives presented also had cost implications. Attendees were given a comment card to fill out that detailed a sample reconfiguration. The scenario included three travel lanes southbound and two northbound, plus standard bike lanes both north- and southbound. This option was presented as being the one with the least impact to neighbors and the right-of-way landscaping.

Total cost for the scenario is estimated at \$5.07 million, according to planners.

Even though Bessler and others asked for comments and questions to be held until the end, many at the meeting were eager to jump in. At one point, a woman asked, "Where is all the money for this coming from?" Another called out, "What's wrong to going back to the way it was?"

"If it ain't broke, don't fix it," murmured Julie Varholdt. She's been living near McClintock Drive for 22 years, she said. "It's (the reconfiguration) added time even just getting out of the neighborhood. Coming south, it's almost impossible to get anywhere after 2:30 in the afternoon. You have to find an alternative route."

One man asked why bicyclists can't just ride on the sidewalks. Dresang pointed out that cyclists have the same rights as any other vehicle under Arizona law. "Providing a bike lane adds a separate layer of safety," he said.

In an interview with Wrangler News, Bessler noted that "There is lots of research that traffic engineers rely on that shows there is a higher frequency of accidents and injury to cyclists when they ride on sidewalks that have a proliferation of driveways. There could be long reaches where there is just no driveway. That may ultimately be part of the solution."

One person at the meeting asked about studies regarding motorists cutting through neighborhoods to avoid snarled traffic, to which a collective groan rippled through the crowd.

Patrick Valandra, president of the Tempe Bike Coalition—bicycle helmet in hand—said he had not yet examined all the proposed modifications but "knowing that we have HURFA (Highway User Revenue Fund) money in the city budget to accommodate even the most expensive design that keeps bike lanes is encouraging to me. I think that's the most important thing we can do here is accommodate all users."

HURFA is a source of revenue for cities to use for roadway improvement. Basically, it's gas taxes plus registration fees, vehicle license taxes and the like.

"There are people who would say that bikes never use the bike lanes and there are people that would say that bikes use them all the time. The reality is, the truth is somewhere in the middle of that," Bessler said.

Any changes in transportation take time to grow into,

he offered, adding that "If somebody is somehow thinking that you'll have the same number of bikes as cars, that's not going to happen any time in our [immediate] future."

It may take decades, Bessler said, but as urbanization continues, "people will start changing their mode of travel. That's why the city is so committed to public transportation and the whole multimodal [concept]."

Wrangler News asked Dresang about why bike-lane proponents seemed to number far fewer among attendees at the meeting.

"In my experience, when we host meetings like this, generally, you tend to get more people who are in opposition or just feel strongly about the condition." He emphasized that the city wants to work with residents to come up with solutions.

Although no general agreement was reached by the end of the Saturday-morning meeting, Bessler was hopeful.

"There was consensus that people finally were able to get to a place where they had renewed appreciation for each other's position," Bessler said.

"I heard people who were strong advocates for vehicular movement talking about how it's important to create a safe environment for our bikers and vice-versa. That's not something that we've had previously..."

'Walkable City' concept seen as model for Tempe of the future

While congestion continues to exasperate Tempe motorists who commute along a narrowed stretch of McClintock Drive, the roadway's redesign is viewed by some transportation-planning visionaries as integral to the long-range dream of making the city more livable.

Nowhere is this more noticeable than in the city's effort to seek public input before deciding on where to go next, not only with McClintock Drive but with other infrastructure changes that could lie ahead.

From now through May, data contractors are gathering reports on how bicycle lanes can remain installed without adversely affecting vehicle capacity. Traffic volumes, travel times, bicycle counts and other statistics are being analyzed, along with the number of accidents that occur along a targeted section of the McClintock roadway.

By May, it's felt that enough information will be gathered to prepare possible design alternatives—based not only on accumulated data but on input that results from public meetings as well as recommendations from the city's Transportation and Sustainability commissions.

A final compilation of relevant findings is due to be presented to the Tempe City Council in June.

Don Cassano, a city councilman for nine-plus years who now chairs Tempe's Transportation Committee, can be described as one local activist who tries to envision a Tempe of the future. Included in that vision, says Cassano, is what has come to be known by urban planners as a "20-minute" city, one whose residents can reasonably reach any corner of their community within the established timeframe by using multiple alternatives.

"What makes this possible is what's referred to as a multi-modal system, in which people have a range of ways to get where they're going," said Cassano. "Some may like to walk, some like to take a bus, some to ride a bike."

Or any combination, thereof, he notes.

The concept, says Cassano, is to let people make their own choices. Part of the plan is already underway, with five Orbit (small bus) routes either operating or ready to go. Starting in October, Cassano said, Orbit service will be extended south to Guadalupe Road.

Orbit service remains an appealing choice, he said, because "while, yes, it's hot during the summer but people love them because they can flag it down and it will stop where it's convenient."

Also in the works is a streetcar running generally along the Apache corridor.

Eventually, Cassano suggests, planning underway now



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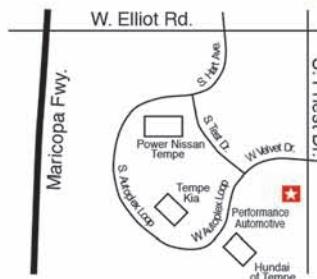
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Walkable

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will affect transportation options of the future.

"All of this leads to the bigger picture of getting anywhere in the city within (a convenient, predictable) schedule. Development coming to Tempe in the foreseeable future, including a number

of existing destination locations as Trader Joe's at Guadalupe and Rural and improvements at Lake Country Village at Baseline and Rural, will continue to offer yet more appeal for area residents.

"When you want to go somewhere in particular, you can think, 'I can walk there, I can take Orbit, I can take the bus or I can bike there.'

"It's the whole idea of walkable cities. The more choices you offer, the more you get people out of their cars."

Workshop: How kids can excel

Summit School of Ahwatukee is hosting a complimentary presentation for parents of preschool and kindergarten aged children, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 5.

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The presenter is Molly Danforth, a

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Grazing in the Bowmans' front yard, two placid dinosaurs seem unfazed by what neighbors may—or may not—think of them having taken up residence. — Wrangler News photo

Dino Debut

Hey, neighbor, can you dig it?

In its unending quest for stories wonderful and (occasionally) weird, Wrangler News unearthed two seemingly ferocious creatures that have taken up residence in the front yard of an otherwise serene South Tempe neighborhood, which until recently reported very few remnants of the Triassic Era.

Rich Bowman, who owns the dinosaur duo that stand menacingly on guard, said he is neither a paleontologist nor the parent of a 4-year-old.

Bowman captured the prehistoric guests when he spotted a 20-foot-tall Tyrannosaurus rex in front of a local home décor business.

Inside the place, he found more of the bone-crunching creatures—albeit smaller, somewhat less threatening versions.

Still, these are not your traditional garden gnomes.

Said Bowman:

"I stopped in and looked at 'em, and I was like, 'You know, those would look neat in our front yard.'"

The metal-clad reptilians took up their positions last month, protecting the Bowman abode alongside a curved walkway that winds past a three-car driveway. At press time, their owner

said no one so far has had a bone to pick over the archeological arra.

"We're getting a lot of double-takes," Bowman admitted. "Some people drive by real slow and they kind of have a big smile on their face. Others just kind of shake their head."

The Bowmans aren't the only residents who've taken to embellishing their environs, though no others have gone Jurassic. Yet.

"So far, nobody's complained or anything, which is good," offered Bowman.

Out in Goodyear, where he formerly lived, dinosaur denizens faced the fangs of a homeowners association, unlike this neighborhood, where free speech and good taste (minus the sometimes dreaded HOA) run free.

In Tempe, the city's compliance administrator, Jeff Tamulevich, also citing First Amendment rights, said such displays normally fall within the parameters of free speech.

"We would consider it art," he said, "and there's nothing the city would do with respect to enforcement."

The mini-T-rexes are anchored to the ground and show no signs of becoming extinct.

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— Joyce Coronel

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Diversions

Ozomatli brings multicultural message of unity to Tempe show

By Chase Kamp

Ozomatli guitarist and singer Raul Pacheco, asked over the phone about how his band manages to couch serious messages inside dance-ready songs, nicely sums up the band's musical and political philosophy.

"We think our differences make the world richer," he said.

The group approaches this quite literally: there isn't a single body-rocking style that the L.A. sonic chameleons haven't scoped in their 22 years and eight albums of exploration.

Their joyful live show, which arrived at Marquee Theater on March 29, can turn on a dime from sunny funk-pop to simmering cumbia to West Coast rap-rock, all in an inexhaustible spirit of celebration and empowerment.

But rather than their usual kaleidoscopic genre-bending, Ozomatli's newest studio album tries a more region-specific experiment, though it is no less impressive. *Non-Stop: Mexico to Jamaica* is a covers record of Spanish-language传统和hits, reframing Selena ballads and Chicano chart toppers in dub, ska and reggae riddims.

Percussionist and emcee Justin 'El Niño' Porée came up with the concept and urged the band to cover their favorite songs, eventually forging a huge stack of demo recordings.

"Always the issue with us, because there's so many of us and we like so many different things, is how we wrap it all together," Pacheco said.

As a large band full of ideas, the process can be daunting. At first, Pacheco was hesitant to cover an omnipresent hit like Richie Valens' "La Bamba". "I just thought, 'this song is kind of played out, there's so many other versions of it,'" he said. "But that ended up becoming one of my favorites."

Key to bringing the project to fruition was securing Jamaican recording legends and unassailable production duo Sly & Robbie to take the helm. Both men were session players in the Kingston recording studios where reggae and dub were born, and have since recorded giants like Madonna and Bob Dylan.

"It was like going to school," Pacheco said. "They've been making different types of Jamaican music since the '60s."

The album's guest list also pulls from every conceivable corner of Ozomatli's appeal. Fans who know Kyle McDonald from reggae rockers Slightly Stoopid (who contributes to the album's



Six-member Ozomatli brought their sounds and message of unity to Tempe's Marquee Theater.

aforementioned beachy take on "La Bamba") might not be familiar with Regulo Caro, a popular Mexican *banda* and *norteño* singer who steps in on "Andar Connigo."

The result is a splendid homage to both the Mexican songbook and the champion sounds of Jamaica.

Ozomatli have both figuratively and literally served as ambassadors of the Latin-American experience, touring Vietnam, Thailand and Burma in 2009 as cultural emissaries for the U.S. State Department. But more significantly, they have been outspoken on political issues like immigration and labor on behalf of their communities, using their

globe-trotting style toward a message of unity.

The new album features a cover of "De Paisano a Paisano" by Los Tigres Del Norte, a song about the struggles of migrants who endanger themselves to find work and ensure their families' survival.

The Ozomatli iteration is light and fun, yet it hardly dampens the message. "We want people to feel affirmed," Pacheco said.

"We know it's a serious time, the climate is disturbing," he added, "but it's always been that way."

"For us, we've always felt that we have to acknowledge and draw on each other's goodness," he added.

Venerable Republic, New Times food critic, now retired, offers food for thought in personalized online dining series

By M.V. Moorhead

Many Valley restaurants have fed Howard Seftel without knowing it, at first. The owners and staff would learn that he had dined there a few weeks later, when his review would run in the pages of the Phoenix *New Times* or, later in his career, *The Arizona Republic*.

Sometimes, when they were the recipient of Seftel's barbed disapproval, they might wish he had never walked through their doors.

Like many food critics, he took pains back then to conceal his identity when he went to an eatery, to get as authentic a customer experience as he could. I knew Howie well when we were both at *New Times* in the '90s — I even went to dinner with him sometimes when he needed additional mouths to sample the cuisine — and I recall the lengths to which preserving his identity were taken.

One ad campaign for the paper, for instance, featured photos of the faces of some of the staff writers on the side of city buses, but Howie's photo showed him getting a pie splattered in his mug.

All that has changed, however.

Now anyone who can access the internet can see

what Howie looks like.

Having retired from *The Republic* in 2015, after a decade and a half, Howie is now hosting his own web-video food series, *Turning the Tables with Howie Seftel* (*turningthetables.tv*). Produced by MMPR marketing, the tightly edited mini-episodes feature Howie visiting notable Valley restaurants, getting the stories of the chefs and behind-the-scenes glimpses into their kitchens, to see their methods for crafting their culinary masterpieces.

"I was approached by the folks at MMPR," says Howie. Inspired by Jerry Seinfeld's web series *Comedians in Cars Getting Coffee*, the firm had been, he says, "intrigued by the idea of somebody in the business talking to somebody else in the business, and showing the audience behind the scenes."

The first episode, directed by James Beard Award-nominated food and travel filmmaker Andrew Gooi, chronicles Howie's visit to Little Miss BBQ, a brisket-and-sausage emporium on University Drive in Phoenix that launched in February 2014.

We see Howie arrive at the place; we see chef

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For teens only...

Your personal invite

Editor's note: Chandler City Council member René Lopez shares his enthusiasm for sci-fi and comic books by extending a personal invitation to attend the 2017 celebration of LibCon.

By René Lopez

Calling all pop culture fans: Youth ages 12 to 18 are invited to attend the seventh Annual LibCon event on Saturday, April 22. The Chandler Public Library hosts this event to provide an opportunity for teens to share common interests related to comic books, anime, role-playing, cosplay, manga, gaming and other fandoms.

This year's event will bring back some fan favorites. In

the vendor hall, artists will showcase their work, such as bookmarks, buttons, stickers, prints and gaming. Several presenters are scheduled throughout the day, and panels will range anywhere from your favorite creepypastas to strategies for surviving the zombie apocalypse.

The Anime Family Feud is returning this year with new and improved questions. We also will be hosting our very first cosplay dating game. Come in and see which character you're most compatible with.

Most believe the library is just for checking out books, but this is one of many programs and services provided by the Chandler Public Library. The library provides resources from comic books and magazines, to music and classes on writing and creating artwork, to research information on a variety of topics.

LibCon not only promotes and supports creativity but the importance of literacy, as well. Young-adult author and guest speaker Tom Leveen will provide an exclusive look into his latest endeavors and will share what it's like to write for the world renowned *Spawn* comic series. For those who want to learn about the details of creating superheroes, there will be a comic book artist on hand as well.

My own interest in reading and sci-fi grew when I discovered comic books. Believe it or not, they provide an expansive vocabulary through word usage and illustrative support, allowing readers to learn cognitive strategies and the art of visualization.

LibCon 2017 is a free, teen-only event that provides a secure environment for attendees to be themselves and nerd out to various fandoms. The event will take place from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday, April 22, and will be held at the Boys and Girls Club of the East Valley, 300 E. Chandler Boulevard.

During my recent "Chandler In Focus" show, I had the opportunity to speak with this year's event coordinator, library assistant Christopher McGinley, and Claire Murphy, artist and vendor. It was pretty cool because Claire wore one of her own cosplays from the show "Attack on Titan."

To add to the experience, teens should come dressed as a favorite character from a book or movie, or even as a character they created. All costumes are welcome, but it's important to keep safety in mind.

There is still time to get involved as a volunteer or vendor. Registration is not required. To learn how and for more information, visit chandlerlibrary.org/libcon and watch my "Chandler In Focus" show at chandleraz.gov/newsroom.

Tempe Arts Center to host Latin hybrid spectacular

La Santa Cecilia, a six-member group that draws inspiration from all over the world, comes to Tempe Center for the Arts at 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 14.

The group, which exemplifies a modern-day creative hybrid of Latin culture, rock and world music, uses Pan-American rhythms like cumbia, bossa nova, rumba, bolero, tango, jazz, rock and klezmer music.

Their unique sound, coupled with the experience of a colorful, passionate performance, is said to leave new listeners mesmerized.

The group, which got its start in Los Angeles, consists of accordionist and requinto Jose Carlos; bassist Alex Bendana; percussionist Miguel Ramirez; and lead vocalist Marisol, whose captivating voice sings about love, loss and heartbreak.

Their influences range from Miles Davis to The Beatles, Zeppelin to Janis Joplin and Mercedes Sosa to Ramon Ayala.

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Film Fare

'Wilson' hilarious yet painful

With M.V. Moorhead

Woody Harrelson plays the title character in this adaptation of the 2010 graphic novel by Daniel Clowes of *Ghost World* fame. Wilson is long divorced and all but friendless, and it's not hard to see why—he's appallingly socially inappropriate, cheerfully making unsolicited, often bluntly insulting pronouncements to total strangers as he galumphs around Minneapolis.

He lives over a karate school, in a small apartment cluttered with popular paperback novels—including, for some reason, two copies of *QB VII*—and alienates almost everybody he meets.

His only companion is his little dog Pepper—*Umberto D* is seen on a movie marquee, and Pepper looks very much like Umberto's dog Flike in that film.

But when Wilson, even more emotionally adrift than usual after the death of his distant father, tries to broaden his social circle a bit, he reconnects with his ex-wife Pippi (Laura Dern), a recovering

addict, and their dour seventeen-year-old daughter Claire (Isabella Amara) that she gave up for adoption after leaving him.

Finding himself the head of this forlorn little family unit gives him a sudden giddy, reckless euphoria.

Chaos ensues, both hilarious and painful. Hilarious because of Harrelson's delivery; he makes Wilson's unfiltered assertions rude yet bright and outgoing and friendly (not to mention that he often seems right on the money).

He genuinely wants people to benefit from his perspectives, and his smiling manner suggests a congenial warmth and intimacy, as if to say "no need to thank me."

It's painful because of his utter obliviousness, not only to the offense he gives but to his atrocious bad judgement and its consequences.

The rambling story, which covers years, takes turns that are completely unpredictable, yet entirely and cringe-inducingly believable.

Director Craig Johnson (of *The Skeleton Twins*), working from a script by Clowes,

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unfolds the narrative cleanly and gets strong acting not only from Harrelson but from Dern, Amara, Judy Greer, Cheryl Hines and others.

Not everything about *Wilson* works, even on its own cracked terms.

A couple of scenes that escalate into slapstick violence seem forced and overbearing. And as it progresses, the movie seems to invite us to laugh at Wilson's intolerable behavior at the same time it's asking us to recognize his very real pain in a way that makes our laughter feel ungenerous.

But even this response, though possibly unintentional, makes the film complex and interesting.

'Personal Shopper'

By day, our heroine Maureen works in the title capacity for a famous *fashionista* in Paris.

Maureen's twin brother Lewis has recently died, and so she's taken to staying in the beautiful house he shared with his girlfriend by night, in hopes of receiving word from The Great Beyond—she's a medium, as was he.

Eventually Maureen sees some fairly goosebump-raising ghostly manifestations, and she also starts receiving disturbing, provocative texts on her phone, and wonders if they might have a paranormal origin.

Then matters take a more sinister turn.

It's all very cool and chic and sexy and ambiguous and European. Writer-director Olivier Assayas manages to get Kristen Stewart, who plays Maureen, into some of the haute fashion items she's been sent to fetch, and also out of them, which does no harm to the picture's marketability.

But it should also be said that *Personal Shopper* transcends mere glossy glamour.

Stewart comes to life here in a way that I haven't seen from her in the past.

Assayas gets past the blank, slightly slack-jawed quality

she showed in the *Twilight* movies and finds a directness and a sullen, skittish bravery that's quite touching. She's in almost every scene of the picture, and she carries it convincingly.

Wilson is rated R and plays at Tempe Marketplace and other multiplexes Valleywide. *Personal Shopper* is rated R and plays at Harkins Camelview.

Sustainability to be focus of neighborhoods workshop

Tempe residents are being invited to join their neighbors at the 2017 State of the Neighborhoods Awards and Workshops on Saturday, April 22, at the Tempe History Museum, 809 E. Southern Ave.

This year's event falls on Earth Day, so the focus will be on sustainability efforts for homes, neighborhoods and the community.

Mayor Mark Mitchell will deliver his State of the Neighborhoods address followed by awards honoring community members who are taking action and making positive contributions to Tempe every day.

Registration and a light breakfast begin at 8 a.m. After the awards and the Mayor's address, there will be a "Spark" Session from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., with fun, quick presentations on everything from raising backyard chickens to re-energizing vacant lots.

Register by April 14 at www.tempe.gov/stateoftheneighborhoods, or by calling 480-350-8234.

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Seftel

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Scott Holmes show him the process by which he smokes and cooks his meat; and then the two sit down for a chat about the chef's career trajectory.

We also get Howie's pronouncement that Little Miss BBQ is a "game-changer" when it comes to the BBQ scene here in the Valley, a locale that has previously not been especially renowned, or so he says, for excellence in the style.

His admiration for the chef will be an ongoing characteristic of the show, he says:

"I'm not going to be interviewing a chef I don't respect, and would have to sit there pretending he was a master."

The episode was shot in one day. "I'm sure it took much, much longer to put together than it did to shoot," says Howie.

It all clocks in at just under six minutes, at the end of which you're likely to really be in the mood for some of the place's tender, mouth-watering brisket.



Howie also insists that the side dishes at the place—like jalapeño grits—are so good that even vegetarians might find it worthwhile.

But for all the show's strong production values, and for all its "food porn" appeal, no small measure of the charm of *Turning the Tables* derives simply from its host.

Onscreen, Howie is relaxed, personable and engaging, with a pleasant and unforced style as an interviewer. He wouldn't be at all out of place as the host of, say, his very own Food Network series.

He probably should have shown his face long ago.

How much of an adjustment was it, I

wondered, to step into the limelight?

"No adjustment at all," says Howie, "because just as when I wrote, I wrote as me; on camera I'm just me. Whatever virtues and vices and warts, this is who I am."

"You can't go through life being somebody you're not, at least not happily. So if it works, great; if not, my wife still loves me."

"But I'm not a good enough performer to put on an act."



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Veterinarians

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are not sure of the exact source of this infectious bacterial agent, but wildlife such as rodents and livestock typically are the reservoir. Animals shedding this disease contaminate water from bacteria passed through their urine."

Once an animal has contracted the disease, symptoms include extreme thirst, increased urination, bloody urine and stools, jaundiced skin and eyes, lack of appetite, possible fever and chills, and lethargy.

"Antibiotics and supportive care for the kidneys are the two key elements to treatment," says Ware.

"This infection can cause kidney failure, so fluids to combat dehydration, in addition to the proper antibiotics, are critical for the patient's survival.

If treatment is initiated quickly and properly, there is a great chance the patient will survive this infection, but the key is early recognition."

If an animal is "at high risk," continues Ware, "such as dogs frequenting dog parks, boarding facilities, hiking or field or farm dogs," the owner should consider requesting the leptospirosis vaccine.

He continues, "Remember, vaccines do not prevent exposure or infection. They prepare the body to fight the infection quickly and effectively." Because of heightened risks, some kennels and boarding facilities are currently requiring proof of the vaccination which is administered annually.

Other precautions include the avoidance of communal drinking water, such as might be provided

at a dog park or a daycare facility. Additionally, pet parents should be careful walking their dogs on golf courses or along the canals where infected coyotes and bobcats might have contaminated the waterways. Even dogs that are restricted to a fenced backyard can be at risk.

Rodents—especially raccoons around lake developments and roof rats around citrus trees—may urinate into pets' water bowls left outside. When the family pet drinks from the dish, it will likely become infected.

Arizona's State Veterinarian, Dr. Peter Mundschenk, suggests that owners wash their hands thoroughly after walking a pet.

It's also wise to wear latex gloves when cleaning up after pets. If pets accidentally urinate in the house, the area may be cleaned with a solution of one part bleach to nine parts water.

Bedding, towels and clothing will be disinfected with regular hot water laundering.

Once a dog is diagnosed with leptospirosis, contact with other dogs should be avoided for at least six weeks post-antibiotic treatment.

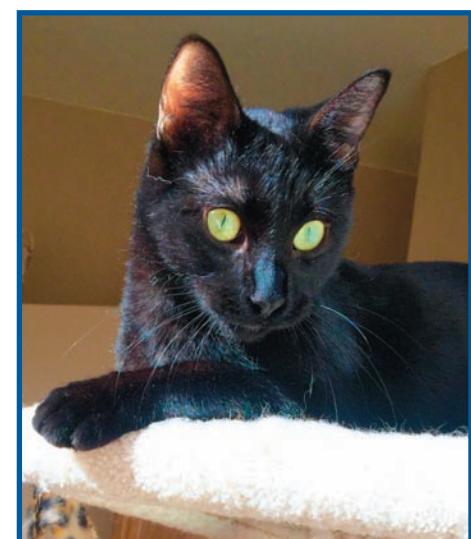
If it's necessary to kennel or board the dog, the facility should be notified so special precautions may be taken.

Leptospirosis is a "zoonotic" disease, one that may be transmitted from animals to humans, with the bacteria entering through the nose, eyes, mouth or open cuts.

In humans, the disease typically presents with flu-like symptoms, ranging from mild to life-threatening.

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Sports

With Alex Zener

Tempe All-City winter banquet recognizes top student athletes

Athletes from Tempe area high schools were honored at the annual Tempe All-City Winter Banquet, March 27, including student athletes from Tempe, McClintock, Marcos de Niza and Corona.

Tempe High had four athletes receive awards from boys soccer, boys basketball and girls basketball.

Hector Govea Mireles, only a sophomore, was honored for his performance as a forward on the soccer field where he was the leading scorer with 19 goals and 40 points while playing in 10 matches.

Jonathan Ibarra Jimenez received recognition for his seven goals, seven assists and 21 points playing his senior season as mid-fielder on the same soccer team.

Nathaniel Manley, the Buffaloes senior basketball player, was awarded for his play at the center position. Manley played in all 24 games averaging 10.8 points and seven rebounds a game.

Tempe's junior guard on the girls basketball team, **Cecilia Castro**, was honored. Castro was the leading scorer on the Buffaloes team with 9.2 points a game.

McClintock had two brothers recognized for their prowess on the wrestling mats.

Marco Groves, in the 160-pound weight class, finished his season with 52-0 record and winning his third straight Division II state individual championship last month.

Marco's brother, **Robert "Gator" Groves**, complied a 53-0 record in the 145-pound weight class. Gator also won his third straight Division II state championship.

Marcos de Niza had two basketball players win awards at the Tempe All-City banquet.

Senior **Mason Stark**, played in all 28 of the Padres basketball games where he led the team with over 23 points per game hitting 62 percent of his two-point attempts and 47 percent of his three-point attempts.

Stark also led the team in rebounds with 172 and blocks with 32. He had 60 assists and 48 steals during his senior season playing the forward position.

Junior **Melahn Washington** was honored for her play at the forward position on the Marcos de Niza girls basketball team.

Corona del Sol had five players from the Aztecs No. 15 nationally ranked and No. 2 Arizona ranked boys soccer team after recording a 16-2-2 season.

Senior **Ryan Flood** was recognized for his play at the forward position while fellow senior **Austin Delaney** was awarded for the mid-fielder position and senior **Tanner**

Pile as defender.

Juniors **William Allison** and **Preston Grayson** received awards for their play at the mid-fielder position.

Four players from Corona's girls soccer team received awards at the Tempe All-City Banquet.

Olivia Nguyen, the leading goal scorer for the Aztecs with 26 goals plus 23 assists, was honored for her play at the forward position. Nguyen, currently a junior, has committed to play at Arizona State University when she graduates in 2018.

Skylar Byrnes, also playing the forward position, was the second leading scorer on the team with 21 goals playing in 18 matches with 13 assists.

Senior Nikki Hoey was honored as one of the team's best defenders when she returned midway through the season after being out for injury.

Junior **Abigail Robertson** was awarded for her play as mid-fielder where she played in 22 out of 23 matches scoring 9 goals with 19 assists.

Corona's Division I state championship wrestling team had nine wrestlers honored at the Tempe All-City Banquet.

Sophomore **Zackary Kavle**, with his 52-4 record and third place at the state championships, was honored in the 106-pound weight class.

Junior **Camron Upshur**, was honored for winning an individual state championship in the 120-pound weight class compiling 32-4 record.

Raymond Bernstein received an award for his fourth-place state finish in the 126-pound weight class finishing his senior season with a 33-5 record.

Bruce Nickel, with a 21-7 record his sophomore season, was recognized in the 132-pound weight class after winning third place at state.

Jacob Garcia, wrestling his junior year in the 138-pound category, won an individual state championship finishing the season with a 23-2 record.

Vincent Dolce was undefeated his senior season with a 24-0 record and an individual Division I state championship in the 152-pound weight class.

Brandon Konecny was also undefeated his senior season compiling a 26-0 record winning this third individual state championship in the 160-pound weight class.

Senior **Nicholas Ruffalo** wrestled in the 170-pound weight class where he was 44-11 taking home a fourth-place medal from the state championship.

Jacob Featherman wrestled in the 220-pound weight class at the state championship tournament ending his senior season with a 30-15 record.

Leilani Peat received an award for her play on the girls basketball court. Peat, the leading scorer her senior season averaging 11.6 points, 6.7 rebounds and 3.5 assists as game, was a contributing member of Corona's girls basketball team all four years.

Alex Barcello and **Saben Lee** were chosen to receive Tempe All-City awards this season for their play on Corona's basketball court. Barcello was chosen for the guard position and Lee for forward.

Corona Boys Basketball

The Aztecs performed like you would expect a No. 1 seed playing their way through the 6A state championship defeating their first three opponents, Mountain Ridge, 59-43, Westview, 74-59 and Cesar Chavez, 85-66, to make it into the finals for the fifth time in six years.

With a chance to win their fifth state championship since 2011 at the 6A finals on Feb. 28, the Aztecs could not get by the Arizona Republic No. 1 ranked Basha Bears.

Corona managed to stay relatively close until towards the end of second quarter when they fell behind Basha 39-30 to end the half.

The Aztecs were never able to generate a comeback and ended up losing 75-65 to take home

the second place or runner-up trophy.

"We had a great season," said head coach **Neil MacDonald**. "We went 26-4, won a regional title and finished the season as the State Runner-up. Our record should speak for itself."

"We determined our own success with attitude and effort," said MacDonald. "We are looking forward to continuing our same tradition next season."

After the state championship game, the Aztec traveled to Hawaii to play in the Iolani Classic winning three out their four games.

Hawaii was the last time the eight seniors on the team would play for the Aztecs. Each of these eight players were honored during senior night: **Josh Onwordi**, **Seth McCollum**, **Jordan Guy**, **Eric Ozowa**, **Ty Stolworthy**, **Shelan Yarde**, **Saben Lee** and **Alex Barcello**.

"Josh Onwordi brought energy, enthusiasm and a great attitude to our team," said MacDonald. "Josh was asked to guard bigger guys all year and did a great job for us."

"Seth McCollum was a steady, positive influence on the court and in the locker room," said MacDonald. "He brought a toughness and a great work ethic. His injury was very unfortunate."

"Jordan Guy was a versatile guard who contributed to our success in many ways," said MacDonald. "He had some great moments and it was too bad that his injury came at such an unfortunate time."

"Eric Ozowa was a consistent and steady player who we could count on to always be ready to play," said MacDonald. "He had a knack for being in the right place on the court. He guarded bigger guys each night and did it well."

"Ty Stolworthy is all heart and hard work," said MacDonald. "He battled injuries his whole career but never wavered always putting out consistent effort and a positive attitude."

"Shelan Yarde worked as hard as anyone to earn minutes," said MacDonald. "He never feared anyone and was willing to battle inside all game long."

"Saben Lee led us or was second in every statistical category," said MacDonald. "He was counted on to make big plays in clutch situations and did not disappoint."

"Alex Barcello was a huge contributor to our success all four years," said MacDonald. "He had a great attitude and always put forth the maximum effort making many big plays during his time at Corona."

"Alex finished his career at Corona with four all-time career school records including total points, field goal attempts, field goals made and free throw percentage."

The Aztec will miss the experience of these eight seniors but should return seven varsity players next season.

Corona Track and Field

Corona's track and field team picked up where it left off last spring with a combined total of over 150 athletes coming out for the boys and girls teams again this season.

"Our boys team is developing very well as the season progresses," said head coach **Tim Kelly**. "We are getting better each meet and have a number of athletes who should make a big splash at the state meet in May."

Some of those athletes will most likely be the 13 members of the boys team who are ranked in the

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Sports

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Division I Top 10 according to Althetic.net, a track and field website.

Senior **Josh Onwordi** has dominated the high jump event this season and is ranked No. 1 after a 6'6" jump at the Husky Invite, Mar. 10.

Tyler Black is tied for No. 8 with his 14-foot pole vault jump, Mar. 17, at the Brophy Fr. Harry Dutch Olivier Invitational.

Senior **Jalen Bryant** ranked No. 4 in the 200 meters with a time of 22.20 recorded at Husky Invite, Mar. 10 and No 5 in the 400 meters with a time of 50.00 attained Mar. 17 at the Brophy Fr. Harry Dutch Olivier Invitational.

Benjamin Miller, only a sophomore, is ranked No. 6 in the 400 meters with a time of 50.27 recorded as well at the Brophy Fr. Harry Dutch Olivier Invitational.

Graham Eversden is climbing up the leaderboard during his junior year with a current No. 4 ranking in the 800 meters with a time of 1:57.04 at the NIKE Chandler Rotary Elite Mar. 25.

Liam Kovatch is No. 7 in the 3200 meters with 9:38.81 time at the Nike Chandler Rotary Elite.

Fellow senior **Carlos Parra-Cihak** ran the hurdles in 40.01 at the Nike Chandler Rotary to earn a No. 8 ranking.

In the relay events, Corona's boys 4x800 relay team of Kovatch, Eversden, **Daniel Bish** and **Josh Whitney** have the fastest Division I time of 8:11.20 to earn the No. 1 ranking.

The Aztec 4x400 relay team of **Sascha Delzepich**, Miller, Bryant and Bish ranked No. 2 and the 4x100 team of **Jack Fisher**, **Adam Knuff**, **Jacob Dorr** and Bryant ranked No. 10.

"Our boys relay teams are really getting strong giving us a great opportunity to place in top five in state," said Kelly.

"In addition, our boys distance and mid-distance runners like **Lincoln Johnson**, **Slade Sumners**, **Matt Cerwinsky**, Liam Kovatch, Graham Eversden and Josh Whitney are working hard and improving weekly," said Kelly. "We are also getting some improved times out of our sprinters like **Adam Knuff**, Jalen Bryant, Ben Miller and hurdlers Carlos Parra-Cihak, **Sean Neely** and **Jack Fisher**."

The girls team is gaining experience every meet, as well, and should have some participants at state.

"Our girls team is very young this season," said Kelly, "but we have some good senior leadership from **Jackie Martin** and **Kelsy Lum** who are helping our freshman and sophomore girls progress each day."

The girls team has seven girls listed in the Division I top ten that should qualify for the state tournament in May.

"Our older girls have made a strong showing in their events so far this season and have led the girls team to top eight finishes in every meet this year," said Kelly.

Topping the girls team is **Josephina Wright** who vaulted 12 feet on Mar. 10 at the Husky Invite to be tied at No. 1 in the Division I pole vault field event.

Senior **Renee Payne** is ranked No. 3 after her 2:14.37 run in 800 meters at the Aztec Invite, Mar. 3.

Fellow senior **Jackie Martin** is on the top 10 list twice. First at No. 7 in the 200 meters with a time of 25.42 that she ran at the Brophy Fr. Harry Dutch Olivier Invitational, Mar. 17.

Secondly, Martin has a No. 7 ranking in the 400 meters event she ran at the NIKE Chandler Rotary Elite in 2:14.37 on Mar. 25.

The 4x800 relay team of **Cybelle Cozart**, **Mackenzie Burgess**, **Riley Wright**, and **Mia Da Rosa** are ranked No. 5 after their time of 10:09.28 at the Red Mountain Rampage, Mar. 24.

"It's just a matter of time before our younger girls catch up to the competition," said Kelly. "We have some sophomores and freshman who have been thrust into having to compete at the varsity level. They have taken on the challenge, work hard and have a great positive attitude. The future is bright for these younger girls."

In addition to the girls previously mentioned, **Meg Horvath**, **Taylor Daugherty**, **Riley Carlisle**, **Haley** and **Zoe Johnson**, **Lauriana Batey** and **Taylor Hyter** are working hard at practice and steadily improving according to Kelly.

Corona will be competing Mar. 31 at the 12th Annual Basha Co-Ed Relays and then April 1 at the Becky Matthews Freshman and Non-Varsity/Open Invite.

Up next the Aztecs will be at the Arcadia Invitational April 7-8 before competing against Basha and Queen Creek on April 11.

Marcos de Niza Track and Field

Senior **Marcus Naisant** is ranked No. 4 Division II in the 110 meter hurdles with a time of 15.08 at the NIKE Chandler Rotary Track and No. 10 in the 100 meters for his 11.14 run Mar. 3 at the Saunders Montague Desert Classic.

In the field events, Naisant is ranked No .2 in the long jump event with a leap of 22-feet-9.5 inch on Mar. 17 at the Brophy Fr. Harry Dutch Olivier Invitational and is ranked No. 6 with a high jump of 6-foot-4 inches at the same event.

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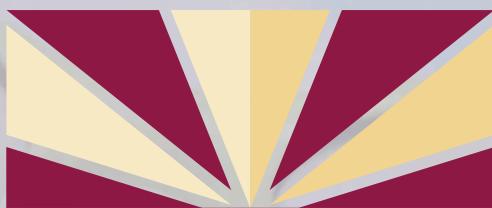
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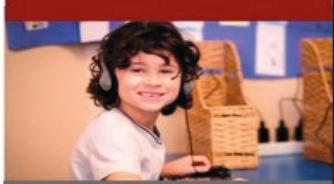
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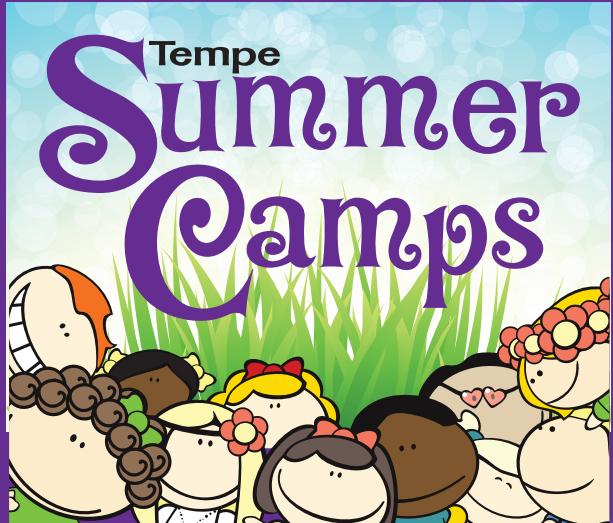
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Discerning Diner Chocolate-y cheesecake takes Easter tradition down a culinary rabbit hole

Editor's note: Whenever a favorite holiday looms on the calendar, we look back to the contributions of our longtime Discerning Diner, who never failed to educate—and entertain—with her cook's-eye view of, what else, dinner. Now that she has gone on to a whole other pursuit, we occasionally resurrect one of her columns and re-share it with you, our readers. Here's another inspired read from her holiday cooking anthology. Happy Easter!

I won't be able to make it back home to Seattle for Easter this year, so instead I'm having a few friends over for dinner.

There's nothing too complicated on the menu: just a leg of lamb, roasted potatoes and plenty of good wine.

That, and cheesecake.

When I was casting about for dessert ideas, my mind stuck on cheesecake — chocolate cheesecake in particular.

I wanted something I could make

in advance, and cheesecake fit the bill. But I also wanted it to be quick and easy, so after a little thought, I decided to ditch the traditional crumb crust.

I don't know about you, but I've always preferred the cheesecake to the crust, anyway.

Finally, I wanted something I could serve with minimal fuss. So instead of making one large cheesecake that I would have to slice at the table, I decided to make individual cheesecakes in ramekins — which are suggestive of Easter baskets, anyway.

With my mission clear, all I needed was a recipe.

After some experimentation, and guided by the tangy chocolate cheesecake in Alice Medrich's terrific cookbook *Bittersweet*, I hit upon the following formula.

I don't know if it's the platonic chocolate cheesecake or not, but it's extremely good and it sure couldn't be simpler.

Here's what you do. Empty one 8-ounce package of cream cheese into a food processor and allow it to come to

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room temperature (or something like it) while you prepare the ramekins.

Heat the oven to 325 degrees.

Butter eight ramekins and set them in a baking dish.

Fill a tea kettle with enough water to come halfway up the sides of the ramekins.

Put it on the stove to heat while you prepare the batter.

Finely chop four ounces of best-quality bittersweet chocolate. (For my experiments, I used El Rey's 73.5 percent extra-bitter dark, available at the Tempe or Chandler Whole Foods.)

Measure two tablespoons of water into a microwave-proof measuring cup. Heat in the microwave until the water starts to boil (about 20 seconds).

Stir the chocolate into the water. The water should be hot enough to melt the chocolate, but if it's not, return the cup to the microwave for another five to 10 seconds, until the chocolate is completely melted and smooth.

Pulse the cream cheese in the food processor until smooth, scraping down the sides of the bowl with a spatula as necessary. Add a half cup of sugar and a half teaspoon of vanilla extract and pulse again.

Add one egg and pulse just until incorporated into the batter. Scrape

down the sides of the bowl, then add another egg and pulse again.

Now blend in the contents of one 8-ounce container of sour cream.

Finally, scrape the chocolate mixture into the batter and pulse just to blend.

If you beat in too much air at this point, you'll have bubbles on the top of your cakes (though they'll still taste just fine).

Divide the batter among the ramekins, taking a moment to wipe up any drippings. The water in your kettle should be boiling or close to it; pour it into the baking dish to come halfway up the sides of the ramekins.

Transfer the entire assembly to the oven.

Bake at 325 degrees for about 35 minutes, until the cheesecakes are just set but are still quite moist when checked with a toothpick. Remove from the oven and let cool in the water bath for an hour.

Cover the ramekins with plastic wrap and chill for at least three hours, or up to 48. Just before serving, you can garnish the cheesecakes with jelly beans and spun sugar, or dust the tops with cocoa or powdered sugar.

Or simply serve them as is, which works for me!

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Robin Trick Stories worth telling

Editor's note: As part of the desire to profile some of our communities' unsung heroes, with this issue we've launched a series, 'Stories worth Telling,' in which we invite our readers to suggest people with compelling narratives about their lives, their achievements, their most worthwhile experiences. The first contributor is Robin Trick, who with her husband Robert established the notable, longtime Tempe dining establishment House of Tricks. Her answers to our questionnaire follow.

Tell us about your history in Tempe and/or Chandler? Did you attend schools/colleges here? If so, which ones?
— Yes, I came here in 1974 to attend ASU. I have been living and working in Tempe ever since!

What were your interests as a young person? Do you think you were always destined to do what you're doing now, or did your ultimate career choice become evident through other circumstances? — My degree and my passion is in fine arts, so no. While attending ASU I worked part time in a neighborhood pub and really liked it. When I graduated, they asked me to be the manager. After many years of doing that, I hired my now-husband as a cook and we eventually left there and opened our own place. I am still very active in the arts, as a volunteer and a collector.



Did you have strong role models as a young person? If so, who were they and what did you learn from them? —

Yes, certainly my parents. They had a small business so I learned early on about hard work and the benefits of working for yourself. My dad was an incredibly up-beat, happy person, who was never too busy for his family and friends — which is such an important part of my life.

If you attended college, did your field of study guide you into your current career or was your career more spontaneous and not based on a specific educational pursuit? — No, see above. But I am not sorry that I studied art and art history as I am still very passionate about the arts.

What drew you to what you do now? Was there any one memorable turning point in your decision-making process? — I enjoy interacting with different types of people and realized that the restaurant business is a people business. I love making people happy and can do that at my job every day, which is awesome.

What would you tell a young person considering a career in your field? — It's an incredible amount of work, but if you truly love it, you can do very well ad have a great life. You need to surround yourself with great people who share your goals and truly want you to succeed. You can't do it all yourself.

What advice would you offer someone as to how to achieve success in the complex world of today? — Be a nice person. People will want to work for you and patronize your business. Always be honest. Don't try to take the easy way out, because it will always show. Successful business requires a constant eye — you don't need to do everything yourself, but you need make sure things are done to your standard. Choose a career that you love!

email editor@wranglernews.com to make a nomination.



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Celebrate Tempe Bike Month in April

Four April events will entertain and attract bike enthusiasts all over Tempe. Don't miss out on the action:

Tour de Tempe – April 2, 7:30 to 11 a.m.

More than 1,000 people are expected to participate in the Tour de Tempe community bike ride at Kiwanis Park, 6111 S. All-America Way, in the west parking lot north of Guadalupe Road.

This free, 10-mile bike ride is led by members of the Tempe City Council. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. with the ride starting at 9 a.m.

Pre-register at www.tempe.gov/bikemonth.

Bike to Art – April 8, 9-11 a.m.

The Tempe Center for the Arts, 700 W. Rio Salado Parkway, will serve as a meet-up point for the first-ever Bike to Art event.

In small groups, riders will take a leisurely path along different sites around downtown, showcasing public art around Town Lake and in the Mitchell Park neighborhood.

Connect with Tempe Councilmembers

Want to discuss your ideas and input about Tempe? Join these Councilmembers as they host conversation events to connect with community members:

Sustainability Circle – Join Councilmember Lauren Kuby as she discusses topics related to sustainability on two dates: April 5, from 6:30 to 8 p.m., at Changing Hands Bookstore, 6428 S. McClintock Drive; and April 15, from 10:30 a.m. to noon, at Connections Café inside the Tempe Public Library, 3500 S. Rural Road.

Java with Joel – Councilmember Joel Navarro will host an installment of his regular Java with Joel discussion series on May 20, at 10 a.m., in the City Council Chambers, 31 E. Fifth St. Navarro

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Bike to Work Day – April 19, 6:30 to 8 a.m.

Riders who stop by one of the participating Bike to Work Day locations in Tempe will receive free breakfast, with the first 350 riders receiving free T-shirts. At 7 a.m., riders can join members of the Tempe City Council on a group ride from Whole Foods Market to Ncounter in downtown Tempe. Breakfast site locations include Back East Bagels, IKEA, Ncounter, Wildflower Bread Company, Whole

will be focusing on the national opioid epidemic and ideas for local solutions.

Community Conversation

Councilmember Kolby Granville is hosting three upcoming sessions to chat with residents about city issues: April 24, from 6-8 p.m., at Changing Hands Bookstore, 6428 S. McClintock Drive; April 25, from 6-8 p.m., at The Lakes Community Room, 5501 S. Lakeshore Drive; and April 26, from 6-8 p.m., at Boulders on Broadway, 530 W. Broadway Road.

For more information about the whole City Council, visit www.tempe.gov/elected.

For information about the three Councilmembers above, visit www.tempe.gov/granville, www.tempe.gov/kuby and www.tempe.gov/navarro.

Foods Market, Steve's Espresso, Boulders on Broadway and Breyer Law Group at Daley Park. Locations are listed at www.tempe.gov/bikemonth.

Bikes & Beer – April 20 at 7 p.m.

Hosted by former Tempe Mayor Neil Giuliano, in coordination with Tempe Bicycle Action Group, this event includes a panel discussion, beer tasting courtesy of Pedal Haus Brewery and fun bicycling related activities.

The event will be held at Tempe History Museum, 809 E. Southern Ave., and offer guests a sneak peak of the 2018 Tempe Bike Month artwork, in addition to a look back on bike month artwork and T-shirts throughout the years.

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For more information about Bike Month and specific details about each event, visit www.tempe.gov/bikemonth or call 480-858-7989.

Drop off expired, unused prescription drugs April 29

Tempe Police and the Arizona Drug Enforcement Administration are partnering again for an upcoming drug "take back" event, along with more than 50 other law enforcement agencies at sites across the state.

Unused or expired prescription and over-the-counter medications in original containers can be dropped off anonymously on Saturday, April 29, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Tempe Police South Substation, 8201 S. Hardy Drive. Medications will be disposed of properly.

Glass, syringes, injectables and sharps cannot be accepted.

Tempe Police and the DEA continue to take action to stop prescription drug abuse, addiction, theft and re-sale trafficking. Many

abused prescription drugs are obtained from the home medicine cabinet. It is not a good solution to flush medications because the chemicals can adversely impact our water supply and the environment.

Our goal is to impact accidental poisonings, overdoses and deaths due to the inappropriate use of prescription drugs.

For those unable to dispose of medication at the event, two secure medication disposal kiosks are available for community members year-round, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The kiosks are sponsored by the Tempe Police in partnership with the Tempe Coalition and Attorney General's Office. They are located at the Tempe Police downtown headquarters, 120 E. Fifth St., and the Tempe Police Apache Substation, 1855 E. Apache Blvd.

Meet the author of legendary 'Shryock-isms' — and Arizona's Music Educator of the Year

By Diana Whittle

After a 30-year career in the classroom, the choir director at Marcos de Niza High School, Darin Shryock, was named 2017 Music Educator of the Year by the Arizona Music Educators Association. It is the highest honor the AMEA bestows.

When discussing the award, Shryock expresses both humility and pride in being selected by his peers for the top award of the organization. He says that the award personifies the goals and visions of AMEA, and exemplifies excellence in teaching, leadership and advocacy for music and arts education in Arizona.

As for the award selection process, he explained that nominations are submitted without the knowledge of the nominee and announced during lunch at the state music educator's annual conference.

"The previous winner does the introduction of the award winner, without mentioning names, just sprinkling in clues," said Shryock.

"I don't remember when it finally clicked that he was talking about me—I think I blacked out briefly because it's a pretty heady process," he said. "I am both shocked and humbled that they selected me."

Shryock also was recognized by the TUHSD Governing Board and Superintendent Dr. Kenneth Baca at a recent Governing Board meeting.

Shryock is well-known among music educators in the Valley and currently serves as president of the Arizona Choral Educators. Most of his career has been spent with TUHSD, including 25 years at Marcos. And, he has taught a wide range of music-related classes including guitar, piano, orchestra, drama and, of course, choir.

During his teaching day, Shryock laces his lectures with "Shryock-isms"—his own folksy blend of observations on life.

"I don't really keep track of Shryock-isms, but my

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students seem to. Many of them come from family sayings like—‘I’m so tired, I’m left-handed.’ I have another set that is more philosophical, such as ‘Be where you are’ and ‘social media is the devil.’

He says his favorite teaching moments are when he sees in his students’ eyes that they “get it.”

“It could be a musical moment, a ‘Shryock-ism’ that clicks in their brains, or by helping them find a way to work through a vocal challenge—when, if only for a moment, they believe in themselves. Those transformational moments are everything to an artist, and I consider myself blessed to be a catalyst for that transformation,” said Shryock.

He still feels passionate about teaching and gains inspiration from watching the students mature during their high school years.

“When they walk into the choir room as freshmen, I’m inspired to find a way to reach them through music, so when I see them as seniors at graduation, they can say their time in high school was well-spent and they are inspired to find their way in the world,” said Shryock.

Currently, Marcos has five choirs with 130 students. They perform at six scheduled concerts each year, with many extra civic and private performances in the community.

Shryock was raised in South Dakota, graduating with a B.S.Ed. from Black Hills State University. He moved to Arizona in 1988, graduated in 1989 with a Master’s Degree in Choral Conducting from ASU,

and has lived here ever since.

Most of his life has revolved around music. He started playing piano at age seven and joined the junior high band playing percussion.

“I was invited into choir as an accompanist, in junior high, and eventually started singing in high school. I started college as an instrumental major and switched to voice my sophomore year.

“While I enjoy performing—I sang with a professional vocal jazz group for over 20 years—I get my energy from directing. So it wasn’t a straight line to ‘choir director’ but pretty darn close,” he said.

As expected, Shryock believes that the study of music is part of a well-rounded education.

“The frustrating part of being a music educator is that we must still defend music education as worthy of study. It has been proven again and again that the study of music enhances cognitive ability, memory and any number of other brain functions,” Shryock said.

“I wish it was enough that music stirs the soul. Unfortunately, it is not. However, considering the myriad other benefits, it should be a given that we fund and support high-quality music education for all students at all levels.”

But, once his day at school is done, Shryock appreciates some quiet time, so he rarely listens to music. As for his recognition as the best music educator in the state, he remains reflective. “I’m still trying to figure out what it means—but I do know I’m grateful for the honor.”



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Fees College Prep Student Feature: Transitioning from Elementary to Middle School

**Written by Autumn Menger, Sixth-Grader
at Fees College Prep**

When I started school at Rover Elementary I got a warm welcome from the staff members. I remember being nervous on my first day of school. I thought I wouldn't know anybody. But the exact opposite of that happened. I got to meet a lot of kids I had known from an old school including a friend from preschool who I had not seen since then. I felt really comfortable with all the teachers and the students. Through my years at Rover Elementary, I was able to participate in a lot of great events. Each year they have a daddy-daughter dance, the spring fling, the fall festival, and the Halloween dance. All of these activities were really fun.

In fifth grade our focus was helping us prepare for middle school in our near future. I was very involved with a lot of extracurricular activities and there were still things I had not experienced yet. I was looking forward to trying new things in middle school. Rover really helped make my transition a smooth one. In fifth grade we would switch classes for math, art, language arts, social studies, and science. This prepared us for the fact that we would be changing classrooms for different subjects a lot in middle school. I remember that one day in fifth grade our teacher took us out the gate over to Fees College Preparatory Middle School, and Mrs. Baxter was there to give us a warm greeting. She took us on a little tour of the places of what an average day would be like. We got to see the gym, the cafeteria, and even a lot of different classes. It was really nice to be able to see where we would be and envision what the next year would have to offer for us. I was sure that with some help from the teachers that I would easily have the hang of things. Not only did I figure out my schedule but also I memorized it in the first week or so of school. The

transition went smoothly and I was able to jump into extracurricular activities right away. For example, the school musical auditions were only about a week or two into the school year. Not only did that happen but there were other activities like softball, soccer, volleyball, and so much more that Fees College Prep had to offer.

Rover was a great school and helped me prepare for middle school.

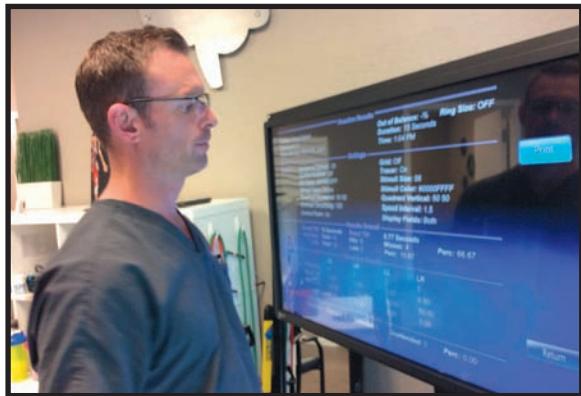
Fees College Preparatory Middle School is a really great school to go to as well. I know that Fees stands by its name and is really a college preparatory school. We already researched and wrote letters to colleges we are interested in. We even received mail and banners back from the colleges. We participated in a college door challenge, which worked on long-term goal setting of working toward our goal of going to college.

I am very thankful for my Tempe school experience that has prepared me not only for middle school and high school, but for college as well. I will have the Tempe Elementary School District to thank when I am a future graduate with my Bachelor's degree in 2027.



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Neurological issues are focus of local practice



By Joyce Coronel

Dr. Trevor Berry is not your typical chiropractor. His Arizona Chiropractic Neurology Center in West Chandler attracts patients from all over Arizona as well as neighboring states like New Mexico.

Yes, he and his partners will see patients for low back pain, but what they're known for is quite a bit more complex.

The number one reason people visit Berry is for neurological issues. That includes conditions like vertigo, cognitive decline, neuropathy, movement disorders, headaches and chronic and acute pain management.

Berry completed a three-year chiropractic neurology program and is a board-certified chiropractic neurologist through the American Chiropractic Neurology Board.

"Even at a young age I knew I wanted to help people in health care," Berry said.

"Because of my background in athletics, I knew I wanted to be in something more hands-on like sports medicine rather than just writing pharmaceutical prescriptions all day long."

He shadowed nine different types of health care providers to find his calling. In his hometown of Calgary, Alberta, Berry discovered a highly respected chiropractor. "When I witnessed firsthand how content he and his staff were and the amazing results he was getting, I went straight home and started researching everything I could about the field."

Berry was trained at the Carrick Institute in Cape Canaveral, Florida, but he also participates in about 200 hours of continuing education each year. He's been in practice 20 years and said many of his patients have turned to him when seeking an alternative to traditional medicine.

"Our typical patient has been

through 15 or more different specialists only to hear things like 'nothing can be done' or 'take this medication to try to suppress your symptoms' and has become disillusioned with the old school traditional model," Berry said.

Testimonials on the clinic's website, azchironeuro.com, attest to the results patients have experienced at the hands of Berry and his partner, Russell Teames. There's also Dr. Carlos Santo, a naturopathic doctor, on staff at the clinic.

Fred Wakefield, who played for the Arizona Cardinals for six years and suffered seven major, recorded concussions, is one of Berry's patients. In his video testimonial, Wakefield said Berry's treatment started him on the path to feeling better.

"I'm back to work again and traveling a lot. A lot of the things I'm doing now I wouldn't have been able to do six months ago," Wakefield said.

There's also a young mother's testimony. Her 5-year-old son was born with cerebral palsy and a condition known as torticollis that affected his neck.

"He couldn't roll over. He couldn't roll his head," the woman says in the video. Doctors told her they didn't know if her son would walk or talk. "They were already talking about braces and he was only a few months old. I brought him here to Dr. Berry and he was the only person that actually told us, 'Let's see what we can do,' instead of 'Let's just wait and see.'"

Berry said most of his patients have tried medication but haven't found relief. His approach, he said, aims to deal with the root cause of the condition rather than simply medicating away the symptoms.

"I absolutely love what I do. When you do what we do for a specialty, you provide a solution for people who literally have lost hope." The clinic doesn't accept insurance, but Berry said his patients are willing to pay what he charges because they get results and find relief for their symptoms.

"I got out of the insurance game. With our specialty, we're sought after with what we do," Berry said.

There's a waiting list, he said, to be seen at the office.

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Seton 'Buddies' take the field with special needs athletes

Story & photos by Joyce Coronel

Players stood in a huddle on the field at Seton Catholic Prep during a flag football game on a warm spring afternoon.

Nearby, a soccer game was in full swing and two teenagers in wheelchairs pushed themselves along the track.

Enter Sarah Thompson, a senior at the West Chandler private school, who organized the school's first-ever field day for special-needs athletes. Founder of the Seton Buddies club, Sarah has a heart for those with disabilities. One of her younger sisters, Mia, 14, has Down syndrome.

Rich Thompson, the girls' father, said Sarah is quite protective of Mia.

"Sarah has been very close to her," Thompson said. "She's a huge advocate for her. She sticks up for her—she's always been that way."

Seton doesn't have any students with Down syndrome or intellectual disabilities, but through Sarah's club, has partnered with area public schools that do. All year long, members of the Seton Buddies Club have attended games at nearby Chandler High School to cheer on special needs athletes.

A field day

The field day was the culmination of a weeklong effort at Seton to raise awareness about different types of disabilities, including autism, cerebral palsy, Down syndrome and learning disabilities. Special needs athletes from several area schools were invited to participate.

Brittany Doude of Special Olympics was on hand to lend support, as well as with the organization's corn hole game. Unified sports, in which typical athletes play alongside special-needs athletes, is one way to promote inclusion, she said.

"I think we've taken that a step above in Arizona with youth leadership—with people like Sarah," Doude said. "This is incredible," she said as music blared from loudspeakers and students kicked a soccer ball nearby.

Thompson said he was proud of Sarah's efforts to raise awareness about the challenges faced by special needs students. "It's been hard for me today to hold back emotion because I am so incredibly proud. I had no idea until I got here that it was this big," Thompson said.

Through Special Olympics, Sarah has become friends with Jeremy McMullin, a 19-year-old Dobson High School student who has Down syndrome. Jeremy is a member of his school's swim team and, according to his physical therapist, Crystal Conyers, is a huge sports fan.

"One thing I've loved about working with him is that he's always been an athletic and energetic kid," Conyers said as Jeremy ran down the field with his teammates. During a break in the flag football game, Jeremy's mother, Kym, offered a water bottle and spoke of the hope the day at Seton inspired.

"This just makes my heart soar. Because as soon as these kids get comfortable, they're going to take that out in the community to other people and it's just going to spread," Kym said.

A few minutes later, Sarah, dressed in her Seton plaid uniform skirt and white sweatshirt, approached carrying a large poster and a red basket filled with candy and other goodies.

"Jeremy, it would be SWEET if you would go prom with me!" declared handwritten words on the sign bedecked with



Above: Jeremy McMullin consults his teammates during a team huddle in the midst of a flag football game at Seton's field day for special-needs athletes from area public high schools.

Right: Sarah Thompson, founder of the Seton Buddies Club, invited Jeremy McMullin to the Seton prom during a break from the action.

golden stars. A wide grin spread across Jeremy's face as he realized what was transpiring. He accepted Sarah's invitation and will attend the April 1 prom with her.

'Swim buddy'

"He was one of my Special Olympic athletes for swim season. We got close and he's been one of my good friends ever since," Sarah said. "We hang out."

Kym McMullin said Jeremy was adopted when he was 2 years old. "There are people out there that can see the gift that kids like him are."

What does she think of Sarah inviting Jeremy to the prom?

"I think it's pretty normal for him actually," McMullin said, adding that Jeremy has asked



girls to the prom himself before.

Amanda Bell, faculty adviser to the Seton Buddies Club, said Sarah was the one with all the initiative to hold the field day.

"All of the ideas have been hers," Bell said. "She puts a lot of the burden of responsibility on her own shoulders."

"It says a lot about who she is as a person."

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