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Ted Gonzalez, Kyrene's new business development coordinator — Story Pg. 4

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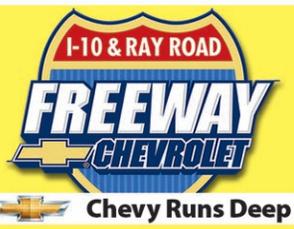
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Planners starting now to deal with possible deficit in 2020 Art Center's future remains sound, say its founders

By Daniel Rasmussen

Questions surrounding the state of future funding for Tempe Center for the Arts have been circulating in some local media recently, with reports suggesting that the center could hit a financial dead-end when proceeds from voter-approved Proposition 400 run out in 2020.

Center staff and volunteers have been working hard to make sure that doesn't happen.

Don Fassinger, the city's cultural facilities administrator, said Tempe is little different from other arts centers around the country, many of which have been impacted by declining sales-tax revenues.

"We're not hanging by a thread right now, but we don't want to wait until 2019 to begin discussing strategies in the event the economy is not where it should be," he said.

Even at Gammage, which was designed to accommodate audiences of 3,000 compared to TCA's 600, the challenges of operating in the black remain.

"The fallacy is that art centers can sustain themselves without any outside support," said Fassinger. "That's just not the case."

Enter Gail Fisher, one of the chief driving forces behind the development of Tempe Center for the Arts. It was Fisher's vision, coupled with then-mayor Neil Giuliano's commitment to the arts and the determination of a handful of others, that pushed



Gail Fisher



Neil Giuliano

the center to reality in September 2007.

With its lakefront views, prime location close to downtown and striking architecture, the center has become a widely versatile venue, offering art exhibits, concerts and theatrical performances.

Since its opening, the center has been called Tempe's crown jewel, a symbol of the growing lakefront district.

Fisher is passionate about the building and what it has to offer, and says she'll do whatever it takes to keep it fresh to audiences.

"We took this idea [of the center] and turned it into a grassroots campaign; it's something we're really proud of," she says. "We have

grown a lot but I feel the center's potential is yet to be realized."

Her organization, Friends of Tempe Center for

the Arts, is a nonprofit that "encourages and fosters appreciation of the arts" by offering a full range of programs. She says the volunteer members work tirelessly to continue to offer what show-goers want: the best of the best.

They have created a calendar full of unique branded nights, including "Walk-In Wednesdays," an open-mic night for amateur performers, and Performance With A View, a one-hour concert series every Tuesday featuring musicians from ASU's School of Music.

They also boast an impressive calendar of art exhibits.

By keeping its roster fresh and its gallery free of admission charges, the center has built a sizeable pool of regular visitors, but also attracts newcomers with every performance.

"After almost every performance I talk to someone who has never been [to TCA] before," Fisher says. "And almost every time, they want to come back again."

The center is also host to Childsplay, Tempe's resident children's theater company, which provides performances for the public and schools. "We hope our theater makes a big impression on our children," Fisher says.

"Our theater's built to last 100 years, and we want

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Cover Story: Ted Gonzalez Fund-raising strategist aims at building partnerships

By Jennifer Pillen Banks

With two children attending Kyrene Public Schools (and one who graduated from them, coincidentally with some of the same teachers), parent Ted Gonzalez is all too aware of the effects of cuts to education, ranging from increased class sizes to reduced funding for music, art and physical education.

Now, however, as the Kyrene schools' new business development and sponsorship coordinator, he's not only getting a better understanding of the district's budget challenges but strategizing ways to do something about them.

As part of its recent efforts to explore creative ways to generate new revenue and resources, the district has hired Gonzalez to begin building stronger relationships with businesses and other organizations within the larger community.

"I want to let organizations know how they can help support our students and schools, and how we can support them," said Gonzalez.

In addition to encouraging businesses and organizations already involved at the school level to consider broadening their scope to the district as a whole, he intends to approach larger organizations, such as the Arizona Cardinals and the Arizona Diamondbacks, who already participate in other youth programs.

One of the main goals of the position is to develop a more specific menu of possibilities for businesses to help out in the district.

Nancy Dudenhoefer, community

relations manager, explained that she's often approached by businesses who "want to work with our school district because they've read our public schools need help. We want to be able to tell them how they can help."

According to Kelly Alexander, director of community education and outreach services, "Every business has different strengths to offer." Intel, for example provides employee volunteers and some matching funds.

"People who have a variety of expertise work with our parent-teacher organizations, teachers and children, and we also receive some financial gain from how Intel pays those hours," said Alexander.

Other companies may offer grants, mentorships, or teaching materials. And still others simply want to advertise their product or service within the district, an option that admittedly needs more discussion before being implemented.

In 1998, state legislation opened the door to allow schools to generate more revenue through advertising on buses. While Kyrene is now likely going to join nearby districts Mesa, Scottsdale and Paradise Valley, which have sold bus advertising, "we want to be extra sensitive to our community and their values and desires," said Alexander. "We certainly don't want to create a situation that makes our community uncomfortable."

Advertising isn't the only approach being discussed, though.

Kyrene's large boundary "provides a wide scope of possibilities for potential

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Wet Paint: Drivers urged to avoid new striping

Between now and November, the city of Tempe will be striping the entire Tempe roadway network between 2 a.m. and 1 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Motorists are encouraged to avoid driving over the wet paint as it will adhere to a vehicle. The paint, which is water based, is used for long distance striping on major streets like Rural Road and takes about five minutes to dry.

Drivers also are asked to use caution when passing the work crews

and their vehicles. Striping trucks will have flashing lights, and another city vehicle will follow to place cones in the roadway.

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Building leaders, one kid at a time



Students at Kyrene del Pueblo Middle School walked the track for donations during a fundraiser benefiting East Valley Child Crisis Center. The event was set up and held by members of the Pueblo Leadership Academy, a program that started began this year to help build student leaders.

Story & photo by Mark Crudup

Kyrene's first-ever leadership academy, started this year at Pueblo Middle School, is building new leaders with a passion for helping their community. The group was applauded earlier this month by the Kyrene Governing Board for its outgoing endeavors.

Charli Turner Thorne, Arizona State University's head women's basketball coach, helped to develop the program while on a year-long sabbatical from coaching, she said.

"I think the consensus from professors and coaches right now is that leadership skills aren't quite as developed as we want them to be," she said.

"So, in terms of addressing our community, we're laying down good leadership fundamentals for incoming generations."

Nine students were chosen through an application process to become academy members.

"I think the teachers did a great job in identifying those students who have the potential to grow leadership skills," she said. "They are smart and conscientious, but they have no voice yet. So, we're helping them to find their voice."

Earlier this month, academy students organized a walk-a-thon to benefit East Valley Child Crisis Center, with the help of Turner Thorne and

three other teacher mentors: Cheryl Schmidke, Jeff Folkuerson and Diane Hyellstad.

Pueblo students recruited sponsors for the event, walking a certain number of laps or miles on the track for financial contributions.

"The idea is leadership by doing," Turner Thorne said. "So, they decided on the cause, (which was to create) some awareness about the mistreatment of kids in our society."

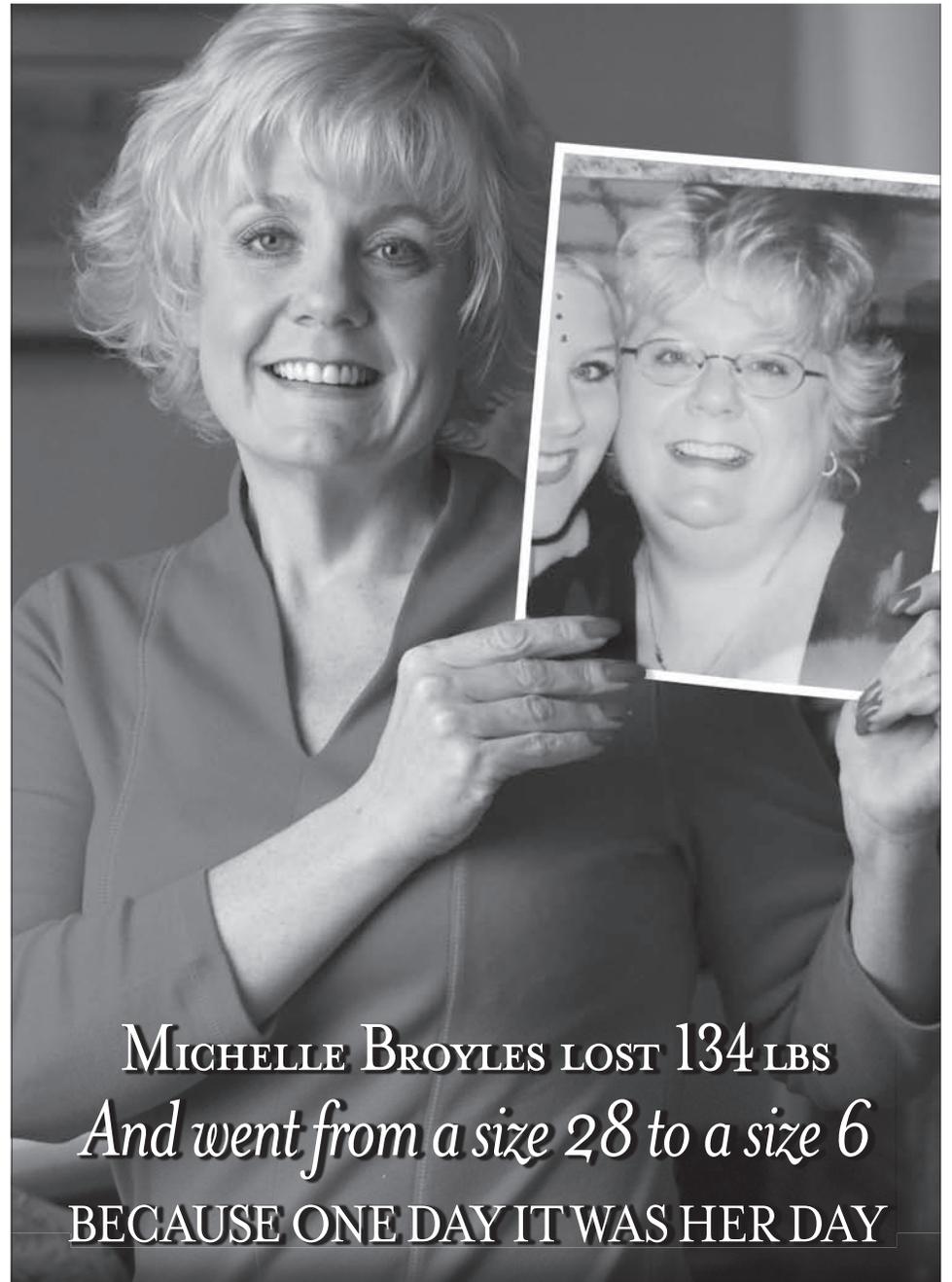
Luz Galindo, an eighth-grader at Pueblo who was accepted into the academy, said she was excited with the turnout for the event.

"I've already learned so much," she said. "It's a lot of fun working with Charli, and organizing this event."

Turner Thorne comes to Pueblo once a week to meet with her young charges, she said, encouraging them to develop community-service projects on their own.

"We basically didn't tell them anything," she said. "We asked them what they wanted to do and provided support."

After the walk-a-thon, students gathered around the outside auditorium for presentations by the Pueblo jazz group and choir, and listened to motivational speakers who donated their time to get the students fired up. Food was provided by Spinato's Pizzeria, Paradise Bakery, Costco and Elephant Bar.



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All-City Sports Notebook . . . with Alex Zener

After both boys and girls teams won the City Tennis Meet that ended April 1—and with both undefeated in their regular season matching—Corona's tennis program is on track to have either one of them emerge among the top seeds in the state tournament less than a month away.

Getting to the state tennis tournament, though, is harder with new AIA rules.

"In order to qualify for state, teams need to finish in the top three in their section or be in the top 16 in power points for all three Division I sections combined," said boys head coach **Rick Wanta**.

In addition, teams are restricted on the players who get to compete at the state individual tournament.

"As far as which players get to play in the state individual tournament is concerned, each team gets to send one singles player and one doubles team," said Wanta. "In previous seasons, you could send all six of your varsity players, two in singles and four in doubles."

Girls Tennis — Corona's girls tennis team may seem young, with only one senior, **Rachel McKay**, but the Lady Aztecs proved this season they have depth and experience, with three additional returning varsity players in juniors **Maia Castiglione**, **Jannah Pfothenhauer** and Tien Tran.

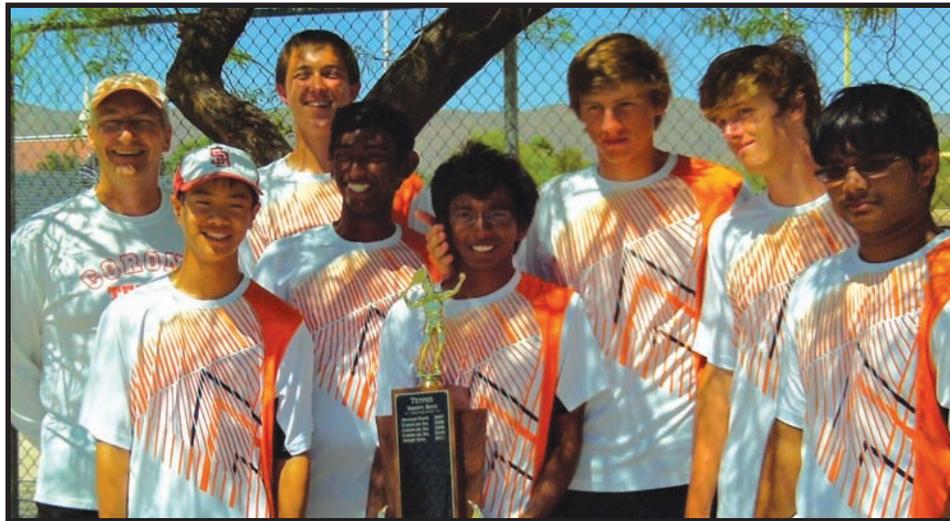
"Our weakness may be tournament experience," said coach **Carol Sandvig**. "But we have depth and team spirit."

For instance, the team's current record is 8-0 in regular play, while at the recent City Meet Tournament they more than doubled the score of their closest competitor, winning City for the 11th consecutive time. Corona scored 73 points while Mountain Pointe had 31 and Desert Vista 27.

Individual champions included the No. 2 singles player, sophomore **Sarah Rutkowski**; No. 3, Pfothenhauer; No. 4, Tran; No. 5, McKay; and No. 6, junior **Joyce Wen**.

Doubles champions, playing at Corona's No. 1 spot, were Castiglione and Tran; the No. 2 team of Pfothenhauer and Rutkowski; and the No. 3 team of McKay and Wen.

Currently at No. 6 in power rankings overall and No. 2 behind powerhouse Xavier in Section II, the Lady Aztecs are close to meeting the goals they set early on.



Corona's boys tennis team won the All City Tournament March 31 and are 8-0 hoping to make it all the way to the state championship match later this month. Group includes, from left: Coach Rick Wanta, Alex Jing, Connor Harber, Thaminda Edirisooriya, Divya Rayudu, Alex Lawson, Kevin McMahon, Pranav Balaji. — Photo courtesy Geetani Edirisooriya



Corona girls tennis team won Tempe Union High School District City Tennis Tournament for 11th consecutive year. Team includes, from left, front: Rachel McKay, Hannah Pfothenhauer, Coach Carol Sandvig, Stefani Jarman and Caroline Lull; back: Maia Castiglione, Joyce Wen, Sarah Rutkowski and Tien Tran. — Photo courtesy Kristin Castiglione

"Our goal is to finish the regular season undefeated and have an opportunity to go to State," said Sandvig.

"We have a good chance because our returning players have worked hard to improve match play, plus their team spirit is very unselfish and supportive."

Corona has had three away games on the schedule already this month: April 3 at Gilbert, April 4 at Westwood and April 5 at Desert Vista. Then the last three matches of the season will be April 12 at Dobson, April 17 against Mountain Pointe and April 18 against Casa Grande.

Boys Tennis — Corona's boys tennis team dominated the City Meet, winning the championship by compiling 63 points to Desert Vista's 35 and Mountain Pointe's 19 as the next closest teams. Desert Vista won last season.

The Aztecs had four individual City champions: **Alex Lawson** playing the No. 1 spot; **Divya Rayudu** at No. 3; **Thaminda Edirisooriya** at No. 4; and **Alex Jing** at No. 6.

Doubles team champions were Lawson and Edirisooriya as the No. 1 doubles team playing for Corona, with **Kevin McMahon** and Rayudu as the No. 2 team.

Corona is counting on Lawson to represent the Aztecs in his fourth consecutive individual state appearance.

"Alex will be our singles representative if he can stay healthy," said Wanta. "He has great state-tournament experience playing both doubles and singles and will hopefully be in position to win his fourth state championship."

Lawson won two doubles state championships with **Kyle Ogren** as a freshman and sophomore, then went it alone after Ogren graduated. He won a singles championship last year and should be representing Corona again in singles this year. The doubles team for this year's state tournament has not been decided, according to Wanta.

In addition to Lawson, the Aztecs are getting excellent play from three other returning letter winners: junior McMahon; seniors Rayudu and Edirisooriya; and sophomore **Conor Prindiville**.

"This will be Thaminda's third season playing varsity," said Wanta. "He is also one of this year's graduation-class valedictorians and will be attending Stanford in the fall."

Sophomore **Connor Harber** has been playing the No. 6 singles spot but junior **Pranav Balaji** and freshman **Alex Jing** have also been seeing varsity action this season, according to Wanta.

The Aztecs are also 8-0, ranked No. 5 in power rankings overall and No. 2 in their section behind Brophy. With only a couple of weeks left in the regular season, they had four home games scheduled before two away games to finish the season.

TACA Awards — Several local high school athletes received recognition at the Tempe All-City Winter Awards Banquet held March 26.

Tempe High School athletes receiving awards included **Amy Bello** for girls soccer; **James Sanchez** for wrestling; and **Kevin Reyes** and **Salvador Sanchez** for boys soccer.

McClintock had eight recipients: **Natalee Huguez**, **Itzel Molina**, **Adriana Puente-Reinhardt** and **Breanna Sage** for girls soccer; **Paul Astrain** and **Andres Estrada**, boys soccer; **Ben Cuevas**, boys basketball; and **Andrew Finn**, wrestling.



Corona del Sol High School had 15 student athletes honored at the Tempe All-City Winter Sports Banquet. Honorees included, from left, front: Glenn Farina, Dallas Johnson, Nicolette Newcomb, Kelsey Cartwright, Olivia Montoya, Alexa Hogberg; back: Zac von Allworden, Avery Moss, Calaen Robinson, Casey Benson, Jay Tucker, Justin Butler, Ed Magana.

— Wrangler News photo by Alex Zener

Marcos de Niza took third place at the DII state wrestling tournament with the help of five wrestlers and TACA awards winners: **Rashad Baker-Walker, Richard Castro, Jesse Morales, Zach Roybal** and **Dylan Yole**.

Castro, wrestling in the Heavy Weight category, placed second at state and was named to the All-Tribune First Team. Morales, at 138 pounds, won his second state title and was on the All-Tribune Second Team, as was Roybal who took home a fourth-place medal from state at 113 pounds. Yole, 170 pounds, was second at state and named to the All-Tribune Honorable Mention.

Marcos de Niza's **Connor Buckley, Danny Molina, Mike Reddington** and **Victor Sanchez Lengyel** was awarded for girls basketball and **Devon White** for boys basketball.

Corona winter sports teams had a good season demonstrated by 15 Aztec athletes receiving TACA awards.

The boys basketball team topped off a 32-1 season by winning the Division I state championship with outstanding play from sophomore **Casey Benson** and seniors **Avery Moss** and **Calaen Robinson**, recipients of TACA awards.

"Casey, who averaged 15.4 point a game, was tremendous in what he brought into his role to help up win the championship," said coach Sam Duane Jr. "Avery became a strong leader on and off the court who averaged 10.4 points and 10.3 rebounds a game."

"Calaen, who averaged 18.4 points per game and was selected as the Player of the Year by the Tribune and the Arizona Coaches Association, and to the All-Arizona Team by the Republic, has a bright future ahead of him," said Duane.

"He sacrificed for the team, which ultimately made winning the championship a more likely scenario," he said. "Both Calaen and Avery left a tremendous legacy at Corona."

In addition, Duane was given a TACA Coach of

the Year award.

"The coach's award is a byproduct of having a really talented group of players that believed in each other and their coach, and really put winning first," said Duane. "Good players make good coaches, so I am grateful for the chance to have had such a tremendous group this year."

Receiving TACA awards for the girls basketball team were junior **Alexa Hogberg** and freshman **Taylor Kalmer**.

"Alexa is an outstanding point guard who led our team in scoring and assists," said coach Andrew Strom. "She is very creative on the floor and exciting to watch."

"Taylor had an amazing freshman season," said Strom. "She is an incredible shooter, has incredible work ethic. I really appreciate how hard she works."

The Aztec wrestling team took sixth place at state with the help of TACA award winners seniors **Robert Butler** and **Jay Tucker** and sophomore **Glenn Farina**.

Butler compiled a 27-16 record, finishing fourth in sectionals and sixth at state after finishing fifth in four weight classes below what he wrestled as a senior in 2011.

"Robert grew three weight classes over the summer, but wrestled up four weight classes for us giving up weight every match," said coach Jim Martinez. "He's a fighter who always seemed to find ways to win. He's a true competitor who also brought a lot of fun to the room."

Tucker ended his season as a runner up at sectionals and took third place at state after not being cleared to wrestle until the day before sectionals following a concussion in December.

"Jay was named to the Southwest Showdown All-Tournament Team in early December before his injury," said Martinez. "He was a good team member and we are going to miss his competitiveness and his playfulness at practices."

Farina, with a 32-8 records his second year on varsity, was runner up at sectionals and took sixth at

state.

"Glenn was one of our captains as a sophomore because of the kind of work ethic and character he brings to the team," said Martinez.

The Aztecs had seven soccer athletes receive TACA awards. The boys team had seniors **Ed Magana** and **Zac von Allworden** and junior **Ellis Rutili**, while seniors **Dallas Johnson** and **Nicolette Newcomb** and juniors **Kelsey Cartwright** and **Olivia Montoya** received awards for the girls team.

"Dallas had one of the finest seasons of any defender in the 12 years I have been at Corona. She was recognized All Division," said coach Matt Smith. "Nicolette is an incredibly creative player who is going on to Minot State University to play this fall."

Said Smith:

"Kelsey is an unbelievable leader who has been Tempe All City the last two years. We are counting on her for an extraordinary season in 2012-13, while Olivia continues to be one of the hardest working Aztecs I have had in my coaching career. She also has been Tempe All City the past two years and we are counting on another great season from her next year as a senior."

Corona's boys basketball coach **Sam Duane Jr.** was named Arizona high school Big Schools Coach of the Year by the Republic. Duane led the Aztecs to 32-1 record, culminating with the school's first championship since 1994.

"I was very lucky to have good players that were committed to a goal and sacrificed for each other," said Duane. "It was a special season and one our whole school can be proud of."

Dave Vibber, former head track coach and head wrestling coach at Corona, was honored for his years of service to Corona at a short ceremony before the Aztec Invitational Track Meet. Vibber was designated the meet dedicatee, awarded a plaque from athletic director Dan Nero and was the honorary starter for Men's 40-Yard Dash.

Tempe South LL goes to bat for 2012 season



A Home Run Derby at opening day for Tempe South Little League gave players a chance to test their skills before the first game of the season. Directors Bill Ottinger, left, and Mark Gordon were on hand to welcome the league's 2012 teams.

— Wrangler News photo by Mark Crudup



By Clayton Klapper

From the smell of the ballpark, and the feel of the cold grass, to hearing the “ting” on the bat once again, spring is the greatest time of year for a baseball fan.

It offers hope for those young and old; from the college elite trying to make their first big league roster, to the toddler just learning to hit the ball off the tee.

While players like Adam Eaton and Trevor Bauer were getting their first taste of the big leagues this spring with the Diamondbacks, 450 boys and girls ages four to 12 gathered to celebrate the beginning of their own journey—opening day of the 2012 Tempe South Little League baseball season.

“Opening day is my favorite day of the season, without a doubt,” says Bill Ottinger, one of the league’s directors.

“It’s an exciting day; you can really feel the energy around the place. It’s very electric. It’s filled with lots of great smiles and laughter.

“On opening day, everybody’s undefeated and anything feels possible.”

Teams lined-up one by one to parade across the baseball field, proudly hoisting their team banners high in front of fans, family and fellow players.

This season Tempe South Little League collaborated with Tempe Rio Salado Little League to make one large pool of players, coaches and teams across the Valley, a move that league president Mark Gordon says will improve the competition in the long run.

“From the kids’ perspective, we strengthened the league by making it more competitive,” Gordon says. “We also provided a more consistent ‘product’ to the community as we forced ourselves to communicate rules and manager/coaching expectations that were assumed but different between leagues.”

Gordon has been the league president for four seasons, and spent the prior six seasons coaching and helping out with the teams his children played on.

Gordon says that the league is a great experience for everyone involved, from player to volunteer.

“From the outside, Tempe South is an exciting, vibrant and growing organization that creates a wonderful environment for kids to learn and love baseball,” Gordon says.

“From the inside, it’s a bunch of dedicated parents that are willing to give to 300 or so TSSL families to help create and personalize that unique experience locally.”

Every season, each team gets to play at least one game at Tempe Diablo Stadium, which is the spring training home of the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim. It’s a unique opportunity that will stick with a kid for a lifetime—a proud moment as a player gets to step on the same first base as Albert Pujols and throw pitches from the same mound as CJ Wilson and Jered Weaver, three of the Angels’ most elite players.

Much like spring training, Little League isn’t about the wins and losses. It’s about the

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memories made while growing as a team and a community, and the skills learned through the game of baseball that are irreplaceable throughout life.

"It's been my experience that the coaches are more interested in measuring player victories by accomplishments rather than just wins," says Ottinger.

"Sure, we want our teams to win and we can get caught up in that sometimes, but more importantly it's about instruction and player development to help build well-rounded kids."

Each year Gordon has been involved in the league, it has grown. Over the last two seasons, Tempe South has added a home run derby for players, a fall baseball league, a league night out, an online sign up for practice fields, and many other community events that bring the league closer together.

Guys like Tom Brown and Bill Ottinger, both league directors for Majors and Minors respectively, are the keys to a successful season. Both have kids who play in the juniors program, which includes players 13-15 years old, but they spend the majority of their time working out issues with team managers ranging from practice field schedules, to resolving issues like rule discrepancies and equipment distribution.

Coaches and team staff typically start volunteering while their kids are playing in the league, but time and time again continue to stay involved after the kids have moved on; a testament Gordon says, to the quality of the league and those involved.

From their website, www.tempesouth.com, you can find registration instructions, schedules, and information about volunteering, which is what keeps the league running. Gordon says that if you want to get involved, he recommends going to a league board meeting, which will give you a better idea of how the league operates and where you may fit in.

You may also want to take a trip out to Tempe Sports Complex, where the league hosts games almost every night. "You'll most likely see brothers and sisters running around playing with friends or maybe walking their dogs around the place," Ottinger says. "But everybody is enjoying the experience watching the kids play baseball. It's a fun and safe way for the family to spend time together."

Both Gordon and Ottinger have been involved in the league for quite some time, and agree that every year brings something different. "Every year is unique but has a strong element of tradition and timelessness," Gordon says. "Just as kids 'age out' and being to play school ball, a new crop of T-ball and Farm kids will sign up ready to take on the challenge of learning to play baseball."

Sign up is very easy. Teams often add players up to the first day of the season, and are flexible about making sure players are matched up with their parents and their friends so everyone can enjoy the season.

Though they compete against one another on the diamond, the 500 players, along with everyone involved in running Tempe South are on the same team. As a former player myself, the league offers a lifetime of memories for each player, from those who may never play beyond the little league level, to those that have the chance to go on to play collegiate or professional baseball. It all starts with the beginning of a new season, and a chance for everyone involved to enjoy one of America's greatest games in its purest form.

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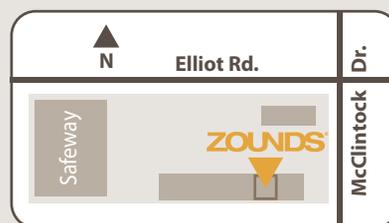
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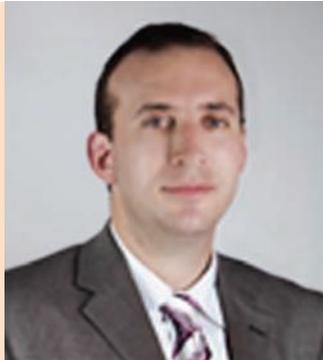
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Dr. Karlovsky completed medical school at the State University of New York - Brooklyn, his urology residency at Temple University in Philadelphia, and fellowship training in female urology at Long Island Jewish Medical Center in New York. He practices in Ahwatukee Foothills.



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Kyrene

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revenue generation," said Kyrene Board President Michelle Hirsch.

"The challenge, however, is to be creative while remaining within state statutes and public-school-district policy limitations."

To help ensure new business partnerships stay within those limitations and support Kyrene's core education mission, the district opted to create the in-house position now occupied by Gonzalez instead of hiring an outside firm as many other districts have done.

Aside from greater control (and elimination of any potential for profit sharing), a Kyrene staff person with a friendly face and a name—Gonzalez—will more likely yield the long-term relationships vital to the district.

"Ted can help make community organizations, senior citizens, business owners and others who don't necessarily have children in school more aware of the good things we're doing in Kyrene," said Hirsch.

These relationships can also help the business community better

understand "how schools are funded, what committees they might be able to offer their employees to serve on and even possibly how to implement change for a more efficient operation statewide," said Alexander.

The district also wants to make sure its programs are "respectful of any relationship that's already in place," said Dudenhoefer.

"We want to enhance opportunities to help out the schools, which may include advertising, but also includes many other things."

The district also is considering allowing naming rights, such as for a library or gymnasium, and sports-team sponsorships.

Building a position from the ground up "is going to take time to develop the process," said Gonzalez. But he brings experience that ranges from business ownership to event and promotion planning for the annual downtown Cinco de Mayo festival, giving him a base of understanding of how to work with diverse groups with competing priorities.

"Once I start developing relationships with different organizations," he said, "we'll find out what works for a school district—what businesses can offer, and what we can give in return."

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April 11 session for Chandler crisis-response volunteers

Chandler has launched a campaign to recruit volunteers for its Fire Department's social service program, which provides practical support, referral services and emotional assistance to individuals and families who have experienced traumatic events, such as serious-injury accidents, assaults, robberies, domestic violence, homicides, suicides, drownings and structure fires.

Selected volunteers will be a part of the department's crisis response unit that is staffed with a combination of fulltime personnel, college interns and volunteers.

On the crisis scene, two-person teams focus on the emotional and social needs of the family or individual in crisis while police and fire personnel attend to law enforcement, medical emergency and fire suppression needs.

"Crisis Response volunteers provide a valuable service to Chandler's public safety workers and the community," said Battalion Chief Brad Miller.

"Their support for victims and other clients often enables our Fire and Police personnel to return to their normal operational duties more quickly.

It takes dedication, professionalism and a lot of compassion and understanding to serve in this role."

Selected applicants will be required to attend Maricopa Association of Governments regional crisis intervention training, as well as specific Chandler Fire and Police department training, including ride-alongs, driving and blood-borne pathogen safety training.

Volunteers are also required to attend monthly meetings for continuing education opportunities, service call discussions and more.

Additional details are online at www.chandleraz.gov/fire.

Potential volunteers must attend an orientation meeting at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 11, at Fire Department headquarters, 151 E. Boston St.

The orientation will include an overview of the crisis Response program, the Fire Department's service philosophy, and a question and answer session. Volunteers must be age 21 or older.

To attend, call 480-782-2120 or email chandlerfire@chandleraz.gov.



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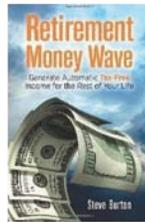
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Diversions

Taking aim at a moving target in 'Hunger Games'

With M.V. Moorhead

Wild turkeys have been a recurring theme in my life recently. I missed the screening of *The Hunger Games*, still mopping up at the box office two weeks after its opening, because I was back East. Among other places, I visited a honey farm in West Virginia, where I saw a small flock of the handsome birds trooping past the front windows.

Then, when I got back to Arizona, I received a press release from the National Wild Turkey Federation, noting that they teach young people some of the same bowhunting skills employed by the heroine of *The Hunger Games*.

The organization, which is holding such an event from April 19 through 26 on U.S. Forest Service land around Flagstaff, Alpine and Christopher Creek (for details call 928-848-4549), would like very much to hook their wagon to the *Hunger Games* train.

No fools the National Wild Turkey Federation.

The Hunger Games, based on the wildly successful novel by Suzanne Collins, had one of the strongest opening weekends in cinema history, and shows early signs that it may be for this generation what, say, *Star Wars* was for the previous.

Anyway, the wild turkeys seemed to be telling me that I need to see the movie, so I did, and found it exciting, absorbing, disturbingly plausible, and ultimately evasive.

For the uninitiated: *The Hunger Games* is set in a future America in which, every year, each of 12 "Districts" selects two "Tributes"—young people who are sent to the capital to compete in the televised title event, a winner-take-all elimination by combat, to the death.



M.V. Moorhead

Our heroine Katniss Everdeen (Jennifer Lawrence), who lives in a sort of third-world Appalachian district, volunteers for this revolting duty to prevent her younger sister, chosen by lottery, from having to go.

In the capital, Katniss and her district-mate Peeta (Josh Hutcherson) meet their competitors, are schooled for the competition by a mentor, Haymitch (Woody Harrelson), and groomed for the showmanship side of it by Cinna (Lenny Kravitz).

Eventually the kids are released in what appears to be a pretty wilderness area, but is actually an arena wired for TV and environmental manipulation, and they start killing each other. Katniss takes to the

high country and waits for the fight to come to her.

You don't have to be a student of pop culture to know that this premise is nothing really new, that its lineage can be traced from *Death Race 2000* (1975) to *The Most Dangerous Game* (1932), to, alas, the real-life gladiatorial combats of the "bread and circuses" era of ancient Rome.

Not even the satire of "reality TV" is new—this movie reminded me a lot of Daniel Minahan's grim, neglected 2001 thriller *Series 7: The Contenders*, essentially a low-budget take on the same idea, with one crucial difference, the difference that delivers a 152-million-dollar opening weekend: the combatants in *The Hunger Games* are adolescent kids.

They're attractive kids, at that. Lawrence, of *Winter's Bone*, is a young beauty with a melancholy face and thick hair which, like the locks of the other female tributes, somehow remains lush and lovely no matter how many days she sleeps outside.

Large as the role is, it's a little underwritten, but she gets more out of it than might be expected—she has a fine moment, for instance, modeling a dress she's wearing on a TV interview, in which you can see that she's simultaneously terrified and, fleetingly, pleased by her glamour.

She has a strong rapport with the charmingly wide-eyed, openhearted Hutcherson, and with a younger costar, Amandla Stenberg as the resourceful Rue, but *Hunger Games*, directed with skill and restraint by Gary Ross, is not an ensemble piece—Lawrence carries it like a star.

The movie, however gripping it may be, is overprotective—not of its star but of her character.

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The story is rigged so that, while Katniss kills, she does so only in self-defense, and she's excused from ever having to kill anyone she (or the audience) likes.

This strikes me as having less to do with plausibility or strong drama than with the need to market the film to preteens without alienating them, or their parents.

And I have to admit that a hugely successful entertainment about kids slaughtering kids for the entertainment of kids doesn't strike me as the cheeriest news for humankind.

But *The Hunger Games* seems, at least, humane, in touch with the horror of its own concept, and with its scary proximity to our own pop culture.

'Rock' playwright's sequel at Childsplay

Following up his *Rock the Presidents* hit last month, resident playwright Dwayne Hartford's collaborates with Childsplay on his newest history-based play, *The Color of Stars*. It's the story of Eddie, who is sent to live with his grandparents in rural Maine while his father is at war. Eddie feels like he's far away from everything that matters. But when a mysterious stranger arrives and a crisis ensues, only Eddie can solve the mystery that's torn the town apart.

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By Alison Stanton

When Debra Startup was planning her wedding some years ago, she recalls having only two books of sample invitations to choose from.

"And they were all ugly," she said, laughing at the memory. "In fact, I think I had my mom just pick them out because I didn't like any of them."

So when excited brides-to-be come into Startup's south Tempe store Definitely Debra, a full-service stationer that opened in August 2003, she enjoys offering them a much bigger selection of sample books to browse through—150, to be exact.

"Plus there are the custom invitations that I can come up with," she added.

Definitely Debra, located at 1761 E. Warner Road, carries a full line of wedding, mitzvah and birthday invitations as well as Christmas cards, candles and small gift items.

Although her inventory has changed a bit over the years due to customer needs and the economy, what has not changed is Startup's passion for people, paper and the special memories that



Debra Startup: Definitely knows what her customers want. — Wrangler News photo

can be created when the two combine forces.

"I think about the beautiful cards and letters that I have received over the years, and I would have never had those if people had just used emails and Evites back then," she said.

"I have handwritten notes from my mom, and when I read them I can see her taste in the paper she chose and see her handwriting, and I just think about how lucky I am to have them."

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Coming up

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April 14, 6 p.m. — Tempe Diablos will host their annual Casino Capers fundraiser — For the 40th year, the Tempe Diablos will continue the Casino Capers event, with proceeds going to help support the academic excellence and educational needs for Tempe children. This year's theme is "Around the World," and will feature entertainment, food and fun from India, Italy, Spain and China. Guests will enjoy an evening of Las Vegas-style games, beverages and a great dinner with exotic dishes from all four regions. Tickets are \$100, and can be purchased at www.casino-capers.org. The event will be held in the old Bashas' grocery store, located on the northeast corner of Southern Avenue and McClintock Drive.



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going to have a baby. It's so special to start with a couple at the beginning of their married life and then there are baby showers, baby announcements, and spouses' birthdays. We work with people for a long time, and they become our friends."

One of her busiest seasons, of course, coincides with arrival of the holidays, and much of her attention last year was focused on stocking the shelves with items that would hit just the right chord with local buyers.

The traditional holiday card orders took the most time.

"I worked hard to bring in some new things, including digital photo options. People started shopping at the end of October," she said, adding that she tried to make sure she had on hand a variety of styles and price points on all of her items.

"We had everything, from the very inexpensive—but not cheap—things to beautiful and extravagant items; definitely something for everyone's budget," she said.

"Paper has come a long way; it is amazing what can be done with paper. I love the design elements of paper and all that you can do with it—the sky is the limit."

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Startup, who describes herself as a "corporate girl," once worked for Motorola. After getting laid off in 2001 she went to school, got a financial degree, and thought about what she wanted to do next.

Her love of paper, combined with an interest in etiquette, inspired her to open her store. Her genuine interest in and affection for her many customers keeps her coming back.

"I don't just work with them and then out the door they go," she said. "Nothing is more fun for me than for a customer to walk in, and to get the chance to work with them on a very important event in their life,

Startup said she especially enjoys having repeat customers who work with her over time, selecting different invitations for a succession of personal occasions.

She gets a kick out of helping a bride and groom choose their wedding invitations, and then when she sees them again, they sometimes have exciting news to share.

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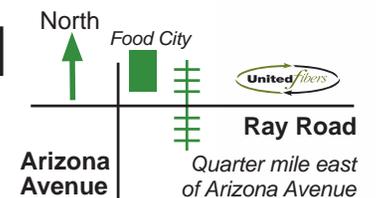
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First Person Taking a ride on the wings of history

By Mark Crudup

Editor's note: With warbird rides and other crowd-pleasing treats on the schedule for Chandler Airport Dayz April 14-15, staff writer Crudup recalls his adventures during a run-up to last year's event of the same name.

When I first learned that I'd been invited to take a flight in the renowned "Flying Fortress" of World War II, a B-17 bomber nicknamed Sentimental Journey, I jumped at the chance.

I'd not only get to experience a piece of history but be able to join other media types and Chandler City Council members who got the same invitation.

I've flown in commercial airline planes before, of course, as well as small, single-propeller planes but, compared to those flights, this one flew like a war tank bouncing through bunkers.

The monstrous warplane made unexpected shakes and drops throughout the entire 30-minute journey from Falcon Field in Mesa to Chandler Municipal Airport, where it was to remain for the Airdayz celebration that ran last year in mid-April. This year's event is scheduled April 14-15 (see page 32 for details).

There, historic airplanes, courtesy the Commemorative Air Force, were on display, giving the crowd first-hand views of some of the warplanes



Staff writer Mark Crudup, right foreground next to city of Chandler public information officer Jim Phipps, was on hand for a ride from Falcon Field in Mesa to Chandler Municipal Airport as a preview to last year's Airport Dayz.

that helped shape our nation's aviation history.

The B-17 was used by what was then known as the U.S. Army Air Force to provide a means for heavy bombing against German military targets, reportedly dropping more bombs than any other U.S. military aircraft during the war.

With eight machine guns propped out of the windows, I could see why she was known for taking heavy fire while still being able to complete her missions successfully.

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would have resided while flying into combat. A radio with old-fashioned tuning knobs sat on a small desk in front, reminding me of images I'd seen in filmed documentaries in my Corona del Sol history classes while I was a student there in 2005.

Adrenaline rushed as all four propeller engines kicked on before entering the runway.

Before the flight, the loading officer assured us that we'd have nothing to worry about, though I still noticed an anxious sense of excitement as the power of the Flying Fortress' multiple engines lifted us off the ground.

After feeling the aircraft become airborne from the runway, I waited for the loading official's sign to tell us we could get up and start taking pictures. I quickly found myself shuffling down the plane's main passenger- and bomb-holding area to snap shots through windows and of Chandler councilmen Kevin Hartke and Jack Sellers on board.

I never thought I would have an opportunity walk around military aircraft with so much history while in flight over my home town, watching rush-hour traffic through the machinegun-wielding windows.

Steel wires jerked back and forth overhead on either side of the metal ceiling in response to the pilot's

maneuvering of the plane's rudders. The loading manager instructed me to not touch these wires, which would obstruct the pilot's ability to turn.

That admonition brought to mind how WWII pilots must have struggled to keep the flying boat stable while brave soldiers being fired on were scrambling to hold on to anything they could find in reach in order to avoid injury.

I was working my way toward my seat as the loading officials gave me the sign we were heading down to land. Strapping myself in, I looked around to get a few more pictures of Hartke and Sellers.

Our journey was a short yet successful flight aboard the historic military plane.

As we landed at Chandler's Municipal Airport, the tires hit the cement with a screeching skid. Chandler residents welcomed our arrival, snapping pictures of us and the huge bomber.

All of us, in addition to Channel 3 affiliates filming in the nose area, left the plane with our faces brimming with smiles and memories that no doubt will continue to remind us of those heroic men and women who devoted, and continue to devote, their lives to protecting our country.

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Arts

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to foster an appreciation for the arts.”

The Friends also give back to the community. Once a year they provide an arts career day, inviting 100 students

from around the Tempe Union High School District to listen to various speakers from varying aspects of the field. Students are handpicked by their teachers to take part in this unique opportunity.

Mini grants are offered to schools and teachers to provide field

trips since school district funding has dwindled.

In the future, Fisher says she sees the center expanding past its current state and offering programs aimed at the younger demographic.

She also hopes the Tea Lounge, now open on select days, will launch a lunch service.

“With such beautiful views of the lake, it’d be a waste not to,” she says.

The center’s next high-profile event is part of the Sonoran Chamber Series, a two-year-old program offering chamber orchestra performances on Sunday afternoons. The concerts are unique, each featuring world-

class musicians.

This one, on April 15, will feature cellist Thomas Landschoot and pianist Martin Katz. Katz will be playing a handmade Ravenscroft grand piano, an instrument made by Scottsdale-based Spreeman Piano Innovations especially for TCA.

Tickets are \$25, or \$10 for students with a valid I.D. The event starts at 2:30 p.m., and will be followed by a reception with the artists.

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Briefs

Storytelling for grownups

South Mountain Community College's Storytelling Institute will conclude its annual Folktales for Grownups series at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 11, with "The Jury's Out: Tales of Justice," featuring performances that spotlight time-honored folktales about justice from cultures around the world.

The institute is one of a handful of academic programs in the nation to focus on this ancient art form. SMCC is the only Arizona institution to offer an Academic Certificate in Storytelling.

The college's storytelling programs are not exclusively children's events, but often contain sophisticated themes and content, and are suitable for both adults and young people.

In courtesy to the storytellers, no one will be seated once the storytelling has begun.

Admission is free.

Information: 602-243-8026 or liz.warren@smcmail.maricopa.edu

21 from MdN among top 5

Twenty-one Marcos de Niza students placed in the top five of their events during this year's State DECA competition in downtown Phoenix. More than 1,800 students from across the state competed in the competition that prepares emerging leaders and entrepreneurs for careers in marketing, finance, hospitality and management. Students Jenny Schmidt, Abrijah Williams, Hafsa Shah, Shanice Ware, Larisa Frost, Adam Woods, San San Lai, David Tatelbaum, Tineille Waggoner, Haley Langmack, Noah Prewitt, Alex Little, Zach Stetka and Josh Mayes will move on to the international DECA competition later this month in Salt Lake City.

Corona readying for DC finals

Corona del Sol High School's Competition Government Team will represent the state in the national finals in Washington, D.C., April 28-30 after winning Arizona's "We the People" state tournament Jan. 6.

The team is raising money and collecting donations for its members' trip. Donations to the Youth in Government club may be made in the Corona bookstore. The team also can

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Avoiding the 'Arizona nose': How to deal with seasonal allergies

Ask the Doctor

It was once believed that Arizona was the perfect place for seasonal allergy sufferers. However, this is no longer the case.

The unique mixture of the desert air with the imported greenery has created "the Arizona nose" — a symptomatic combination of piercing pain between the eyes, never-ending headache, runny nose, congestion and sinus drainage. To make matters worse, Arizona is experiencing a warmer than typical spring — which is causing plants and flowers to bloom early. When there are flowers, there is pollen, and allergy sufferers are sure to react.

David Mendelson, D.O., FAOCO, an otolaryngologist on the medical staff at Tempe St. Luke's Hospital, St. Luke's Medical Center, Mountain Vista Medical Center and in practice at ENT Specialists of Arizona, answers common questions about seasonal allergies and sinuses.

Q: What can you do to prevent allergies?

A: You cannot fully prevent allergic reactions. However, you can reduce your exposure to allergens to ease discomfort. If you have a known allergy, avoidance is your best protection. Also, you can reduce allergens around the house:

Use allergy dust covers on pillows and mattresses; Place cheesecloth over air duct outlets in your home, especially in bedrooms; Sleep with the windows closed — open windows invite outside allergens into your home; Use air filters with a HEPA filter and let the air filters run 24 hours a day with the doors closed; Remove feather pillows and comforters from the home; Keep bedrooms pet-free. Pets have dander, which can trigger allergies. They can also bring allergens into the home from the outdoors. To prevent this, clean your pets regularly and consider brushing them as they come in from outside; Use a vacuum with a HEPA filter.

Q: What else can we do to alleviate allergies?

A: People experiencing allergies can have all kinds of symptoms, including nasal congestion, watery eyes, stomachaches, headaches and itchy skin. After ridding your home of common allergens, consider taking over-the-counter allergy medications, which work well for people with minor allergies. There are also over-the-counter nasal sprays, which help relieve seasonal and year-round nasal allergy symptoms, including congestion, sneezing, itchy nose or runny nose.

Q: What if over-the-counter medication isn't providing enough relief?

A: Meet with a physician to discuss prescription

medications. A physician specializing in allergies may want to perform an allergy test to determine the cause of the allergy symptoms. Physicians can prescribe a nasal steroid spray to help reduce allergy and asthma symptoms. The newest treatment option is allergy drops, which have been used for many years in Europe and contain the same ingredients as allergy shots. Note, allergy drops are not yet FDA-approved, so insurance companies may not provide coverage. Still, allergy drops may be a practical alternative for those who could benefit from allergy shots, but are unable to make the weekly commitment required to receive shots by a physician.

Q: I have chronic sinus infections — what can I do?

A: Allergy symptoms can mimic sinus infections and vice versa. Allergies can also develop into sinus infections. It's always best to first treat allergies and sinuses with a conservative approach—such as antibiotics and prescription medications. If these don't provide enough relief, a physician may order a Computerized Axial Tomography, or CAT scan, of the nose and sinuses. This can reveal if there is evidence of chronic sinusitis and help determine whether or not you are a surgical candidate. If it is determined that you are suffering from chronic sinusitis, you may be a candidate for a minimally invasive procedure called balloon sinuplasty.

Q: What is balloon sinuplasty?

A: Balloon sinuplasty is an endoscopic, catheter-

based system that uses tiny balloons to open blocked sinuses similar to the way angioplasty uses balloons to open blocked coronary arteries. This FDA-approved technology uses a small, flexible sinus balloon catheter to open up blocked sinus passageways, restoring normal sinus drainage. When the sinus balloon is inflated, it gently restructures and widens the walls of the passageway, while maintaining the integrity of the patient's normal anatomy. After treatment, most patients experience a fast return to normal breathing and drainage. Balloon sinuplasty offers a number of surgical benefits to most patients, including reduced bleeding, improved recovery time and synergy with other treatment options.

David Mendelson, D.O., FAOCO, an otolaryngologist on the medical staff at Tempe St. Luke's Hospital, St. Luke's Medical Center, Mountain Vista Medical Center and in practice at ENT Specialists of Arizona. For a referral to a primary care physician or specialist, call 1-877-351-WELL (9355).

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Items brought to the event will be recycled, disposed of safely or reused. Participants must show proof of Tempe residency to participate.

Donations of canned food for Tempe charities will be appreciated. The program runs from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Sixth Street Park, adjacent to Tempe City Hall.

Guests will be able to:

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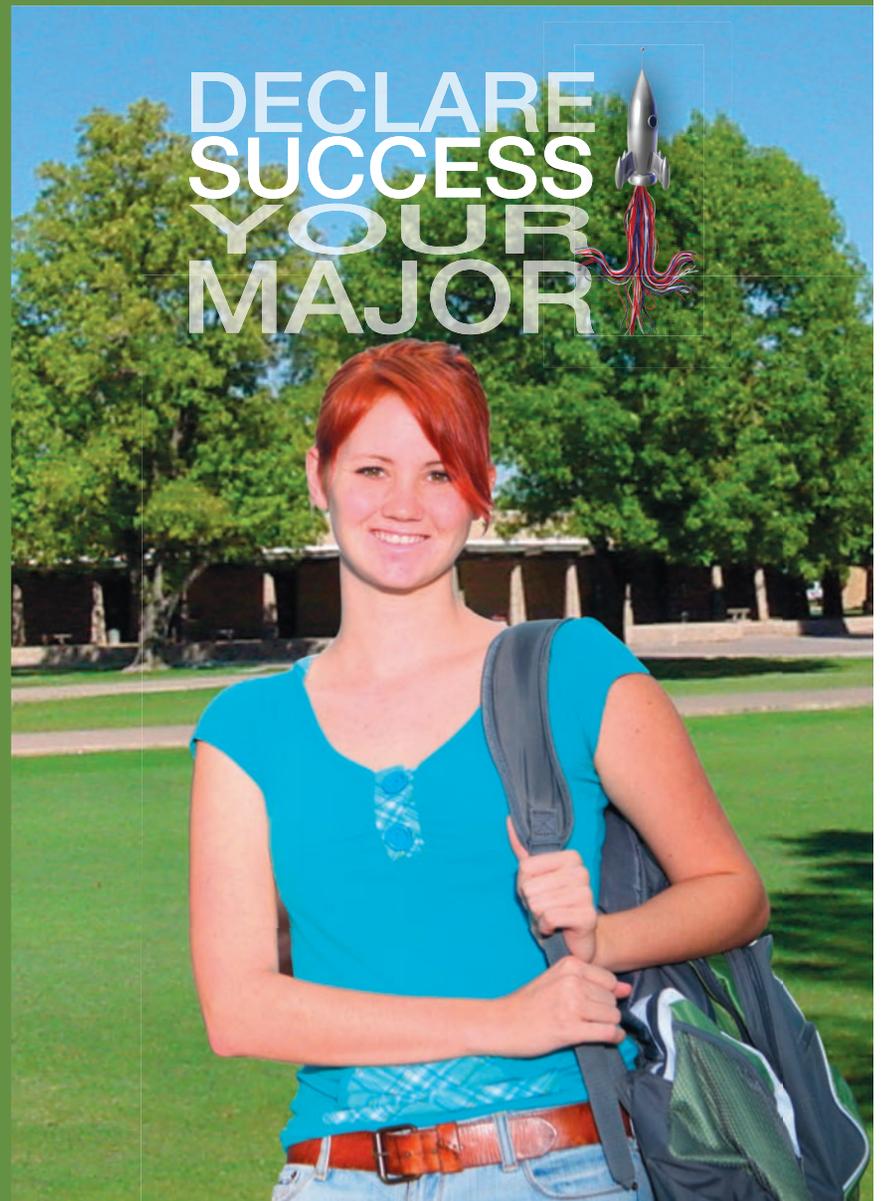
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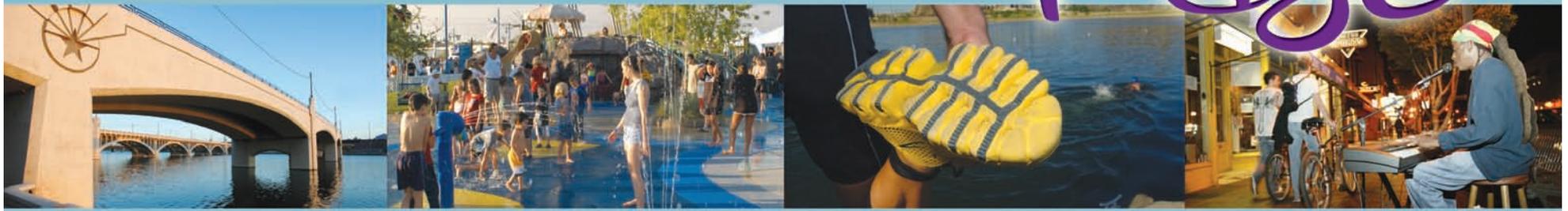
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Tempe's General/Special Election is May 15

Tempe's 2012 Mayoral race will conclude with a runoff in the May 15 General/Special Election between Mark Mitchell and Michael Monti.

Vice Mayor Joel Navarro and Councilmember Corey Woods were re-elected in the March 13 Primary Election to two of three City Council seats. Voters will decide between Dick Foreman and Kolby Granville in a runoff in the General/Special Election for the third, four-year seat.

The proposed amendment to the Tempe City Charter, if approved, will dispense with the Primary Election if no more than two candidates file nominating petitions for each vacancy in office; and, if the Primary Election is dispensed with, the General Election for that office would be moved from May to March, when the Primary Election would have otherwise been held.

In order to vote in Tempe municipal elections, a resident must be at least 18 years old, a U.S. citizen



and a resident of Tempe for at least 29 days prior to the election. Interested residents can register or update existing registration at www.servicearizona.com. The last day to register to vote in the General/Special Election is April 16.

Registered voters may place their name on a Permanent Early Voting List to receive an early ballot. An

early ballot will automatically be mailed to the voter approximately 26 days prior to the specified election. For more information about the Permanent Early Voting List, contact the Maricopa County Elections Department at 602-506-3535, TDD 602-506-2348. Early voting for the General/Special Election begins April 19, which is the date when the Maricopa County Elections Department mails ballots.

For those who want to cast an early ballot at a satellite location, early voting begins Monday, April 23, and goes through Friday, May 11. There are two

early voting locations and both are open Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The locations are the Arizona State University Palo Verde West dormitory building, 430 E. University Drive, and the Tempe Public Library, 3500 S. Rural Road. Voter registration and early voting is conducted by the Maricopa County Elections Department. For further information, visit www.recorder.maricopa.gov/web/elections.aspx. The Tempe City Clerk's Office has posted a list of frequently asked election questions to www.tempe.gov/clerk under the "Elections" tab.

Tempe 11 will air five-minute remarks from each candidate before each scheduled City Council Issue Review Session through May 10. These "open mic" opportunities are the candidates' chances to tell you more about themselves. Check out their remarks by tuning in to Tempe 11, which is Channel 11 for Cox Communications cable subscribers in Tempe. You can also stream Tempe 11 live or view Video-on-Demand programming – just go to www.tempe.gov/tempe11.

Tempe...briefly

Swim lessons at Kiwanis Recreation Center

Many of us have heard these common tips for keeping children safe around water: always supervise children when swimming, bathing or playing in water; make sure kids who can't swim wear a Coast Guard-approved life jacket; don't let kids swallow water; and avoid swimming when sick with diarrhea. But, most of all, teach your children to swim – it's the best way to stay safe in the water!

Kiwanis Recreation Center is offering swim lessons this summer. Each student will learn water safety, breath control, treading water and more. Lessons are at the indoor Kiwanis pool located at 6111 S. All-America Way. Each class consists of six or eight sessions and is offered in the morning, evening or Saturday for \$46 or \$35 depending on the session. Classes are available for all skill levels.

Space is limited. Visit www.tempe.gov/brochure or call 480-350-5201 for more information and registration.

Summer registration begins April 23

Summer is just around the corner and Tempe has all kinds of opportunities for the whole family,

including summer camps! Choose from art, dance, special interest, sports, aquatics, health and fitness and boating programs.

Tempe residents can begin registering for summer classes and camps on April 23. Non-Tempe residents can register beginning April 30.

The 2011 Summer Opportunities brochure will be available at www.tempe.gov/brochure beginning April 19.

You can also pick up a copy of the brochure at City of Tempe facilities and Tempe Fry's Stores.

Visit www.frysfood.com to find a location near you. Registration can be completed online, by fax, by mail or in person at many Tempe community centers.

Classes will begin the week of June 4. For more information, call the Recreation Administration Office at 480-350-5200.

Tempe renews free transit passes for youth

Beginning May 14, the City of Tempe will begin issuing new transit passes to current and new participants of the Tempe Youth Free Transit Pass program.

The new passes are valid July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013.

The Tempe Youth Free Transit Pass program

allows youth ages six to 18 who live in Tempe to ride all Valley Metro bus routes and the METRO light rail free.

A parent or guardian must accompany the youth and bring the youth's birth certificate along with proof of Tempe residency when registering for the program.

Special on-site registration will be held at the Tempe Public Library, 3500 S. Rural Road May 19 and Aug. 18 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Free passes are also available at the Tempe Transit Store, 200 E. Fifth St., from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Tempe and Valley Metro offer bus service seven days a week.

Most Tempe buses run Monday through Saturday until 1 a.m. and Sunday until 10 p.m., with rush hour service every 15 minutes Monday through Friday from 6-9 a.m. and 3-6 p.m. METRO runs seven days a week every 12 minutes from 7:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. (and every 20 minutes during all other times) from 5 a.m. to midnight (2 a.m. on weekends).

For a list of program requirement including registration forms, contact the Tempe Transit Store at 480-858-2350 or visit www.tempe.gov/tim.

For transit routes and schedules, please call 602-253-5000 or visit www.valleymetro.org.



Kyrene Governing Board President Michelle Hirsch guides members of the Kyrene Student-Superintendent Council —Chloe Rudolph from Mirada; Samantha Canfield from Paloma and Nick McConnell from Niños—as they prepare for their roles prior to taking part in a mock governing board meeting in the Board Room at district offices. Student representatives from all 25 Kyrene schools meet monthly with Superintendent Dr. David Schauer to discuss a range of topics including creating a better cafeteria experience, bullying, increasing exercise opportunities, developing a school culture of acceptance, grade-level sports, start- and dismissal-times. — Wrangler News photo by Mark Crudup

Tempe launches an online forum for exchange of ideas

Not everyone has time to attend official city meetings and formally weigh in on issues, projects, services and events, but the city of Tempe wants to hear from all interested community members on these topics.

To make communication even easier, city staff have created Tempe Forum, a free online tool that officials say already is generating productive feedback.

Available at www.tempe.gov/forum, this Town Hall-style webpage offers community members a chance to learn about many different issues and, if they wish, offer opinions and ideas about them.

Users can subscribe to the service to get notified when new questions are posted, or they can simply check back often to the webpage to see new questions.

The latest question on the site is about the 2011 Fiesta Bowl Block Party in Tempe. The city wants to get input on what party-goers liked about the event and their suggestions for improvement.

Tempe Forum uses software by Peak Democracy, a non-partisan company that specializes in facilitating online conversations and increasing community engagement in cities and towns nationwide.

To use the system, visit www.tempe.gov/forum, read what others are saying and post an opinion. First-time users register with Peak Democracy – not with the city – and provide name, address and email address.

Tempe does not get reports on the identities of users. Peak Democracy uses the location information in map which comments come from which areas of the city.

Tempe Forum is an additional tool available to community members who want to engage in what's happening in the city. Other ways to connect include email subscriptions, social media, newsletters and more – www.tempe.gov/newsroom provides a listing of all available options.

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The contest goal is to promote civic competence and responsibility among the nation's elementary and secondary students. The instructional program enhances students' understanding of the institutions of American constitutional democracy. At the same time, students discover the contemporary relevance of the Constitution and Bill of Rights.

Participants hold a simulated congressional hearing as the culminating activity for the "We the People" program.

The entire class, working in teams, prepares and presents statements before a panel of community representatives who act as congressional committee members. Students then answer questions posed by the committee members. The format provides

students an opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge and understanding of constitutional principles while providing teachers with an excellent means of assessing performance.

Assistant coaches were Lisa Adams and Justine Centanni.

Kyrene board president to run again

Kyrene Governing Board President Michelle Hirsch has filed a Statement of Organization for school board candidacy, a standard precursor to running again for the board position she has held since 2009.

She was the highest vote getter in the November 2008 election for the post.

Three seats are open for election, those currently held by Hirsch, Ellen Shamah and Ross Robb. Shamah has already filed and Robb has not yet indicated his intentions.

Hirsch presided over the board during its

discussion of such issues as funding for full-day kindergarten and the need for significant budget reductions due to a \$5.3 million cut in state funding.

Among the developments during Hirsch's tenure as a member and president of the board were the addition of the Dual Language Academy at Kyrene de los Niños, Leadership Academy at Kyrene de los Cerritos and the upcoming launch of Traditional Academy at the Sureño campus.

She also worked with community members, staff and other board members on a variety of other issues affecting the district's efforts to retain a long-established reputation for excellence.

Longtime schools aide retires April 9

Longtime Kyrene board secretary Mary Ott, who was hired in 1984 by then-Superintendent Ben Furlong, has announced her intention to retire as of Monday, April 9.

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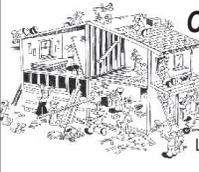
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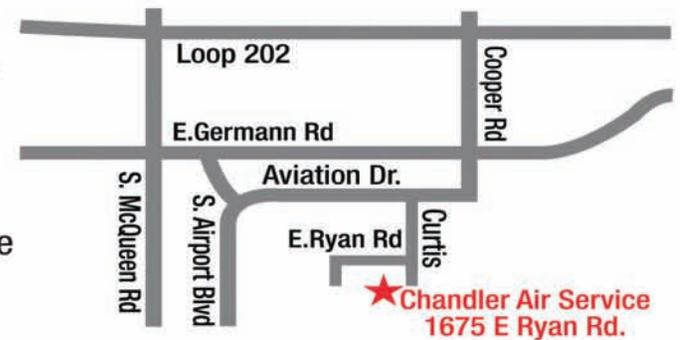
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