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Grant energizes ASU's role in \$26 mil update of Mexico's power grid

Mexico needs to update its power grid, and with a \$26 million grant and the help of an ASU engineering professor, the job has finally gotten the economic jolt it needs for work to begin.

Professor Stephen Goodnick and his group of renowned power engineering associates have received a \$1.6 million portion of the three-year grant to put to work their expansive knowledge of Mexico's energy infrastructure.

ASU's work will be aimed at helping update interconnections between the neighboring country and the U.S.—an area of expertise held by ASU that is said to be virtually unparalleled anywhere else in the world.

Also to be explored will be the potential future use of micro-grids, along with a search for energy efficiencies and ways to bring renewable-energy sources into the grid, according to Goodnick.

Goodnick is a professor in the School of Electrical, Computer and Energy Engineering

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Sandy Wood holds forth beneath the wall of photographs that memorialize the history of her role as mom, counselor and chief adviser to a still-growing family, including many not her own.

— Wrangler News photograph by Alex J. Walker

THANKS, MOM!

A day in the busy, happy, thoroughly wonderful life of Sandy Wood, Tempe mother extraordinaire

By Joyce Coronel

Sandy Wood sits on the dark leather sofa in the living room of her Tempe home, thinking back on what it has meant to her to be a mother.

Her three children—a son and two daughters—are grown now, but she still remembers the tender moments of their childhood: the offering of a wildflower picked from the field, the proud presentation of something they'd made at school.

"It was those little things, because they were imparting something of themselves to me,"

Wood said. Behind her on the wall, row upon row of framed portraits of the children and other loved ones served as a backdrop.

There have been myriad loved ones in Wood's life. She's not only a mother to her three adult children but a spiritual guide to many young women in the community who, for decades, have been turning to her for advice and support.

"My kids would tell their friends, 'Why don't you come to my house? My mom's home.'"

People used to laugh and call her Donna Reed, a reference to

the wholesome stay-at-home mother portrayed in the Donna Reed Show of the 1950s and '60s. Wood said she considered it a compliment.

When she talks with young moms, however, she shares with them that her life was far from idyllic.

"I know I made a lot of mistakes when I was mothering. I was naïve," Wood said. "(Today's) young women are between the ages of 20 and 35. They are very much into authenticity and they want

— MOM, Page 18

Home values headed up

Real estate prices show surprising momentum

By Don Kirkland

Tempe and West Chandler were among the metropolitan areas hardest hit during the recession, during which homeowners lost as much as 50 percent of their home values.

New residential and commercial construction ground to a near halt, many small businesses closed and major employers hunkered down to survive.

However, respected real estate broker Jeff Lucas, who is frequently consulted regarding real estate and market trends, says that positive signs glow brightly on the horizon.

The Phoenix metropolitan area has rebounded to become among the healthiest, most growth-oriented economies in the country, observes Lucas.

According to his studies, East Valley residential real estate has benefited significantly from the economic turnaround. Single-family home values have appreciated far beyond expectation. Measured from 2015's first quarter through the same period this year are up 11 percent in Tempe, 7.7

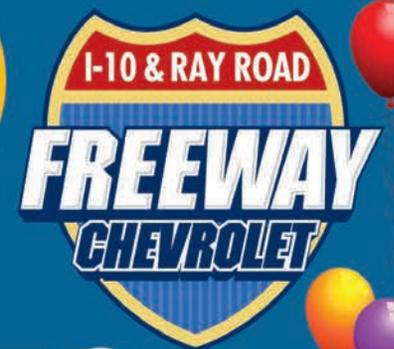
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Smart lab yields smart kids

By Jonathan Coronel

Keeping adolescent scholars engaged is a daily struggle for middle school teachers. Restless students' feet fidget while their minds wander in every direction as they wonder why in the world they have to learn things such as cell models and basic physics.

Often, students stare at the page and memorize the material just to get the grade they need on the test, discarding the seemingly useless knowledge afterward.

Kyrene Middle School, for its part, is trying to change this, implementing new learning opportunities to engage its students with applicable, hands-on activities.

For the first time this past year, Kyrene offered students the chance to join Coding Club. Made possible by a State Farm grant, Coding Club meets once a week and teaches students the basics of different coding language like

Java and HTML.

Students in Coding Club apply their knowledge to create their own personal website that explains who they are and why they joined the club.

According to club adviser and multimedia instructor Michael Davison, the students are already learning to apply their knowledge to other real world situations, like the time when their club pizza party was in jeopardy due to some technical difficulties.

"Something went wrong with the online ordering system that Mr. Cupp (Dean of Student Learning) was using, so we made it a teaching moment and our club designed an online ordering form that worked better," says Davison.

"It's safe to say their new ordering form was Cupp-proof," Cupp says laughingly.

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Smart

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room where Coding Club meets is Kyrene's innovative Smart Lab classroom.

The purpose of the lab is to provide hands-on learning to bring the textbook lessons to life for students. Students can use the computer programs available to design models of cells or print nets of geometric shapes to help them visualize their latest math lesson.

K'NEX building sets abound and students use them to construct models of everything from water wheels to motorized cars.

One student casually turns on a car he built, causing it to zoom across a table. He explains this was a high-speed car he made, contrasting it with his other creation: a big, lumbering vehicle that he says he created with the intention of making it slower but more powerful.

Other students proudly display their large towers and buildings created with the K'NEX while one uses the lab's heart monitor before and after exercise to conceptualize what he learned in his science class about the functions of the heart.

Needless to say, the Smart Lab is many students' favorite place to learn, and is utilized nearly every day according to Principal Sheryl Houston.

"The Smart Lab is rarely empty. Our teachers are great about reserving the room and planning their lessons ahead of time so that when their classes come in the Smart Lab, they really do maximize the hands-on learning students can experience."

Agent's advice to budding authors: You can judge a book by its cover

By Deborah Hilcove

When Linda Radke was a little girl, her grandmother stressed taking pride in her work and in having a good reputation. Radke must have listened well because she now heads Five Star Publications, a West Chandler-based company that has been producing and marketing award-winning books since 1985.

Indicating the quality of these books, Amazon selected two Five Star books for this year's National Reading Day—Conrad J. Storad's *Gator, Gator, Second Grader* and Kathy Peach's *The Tiniest Tumbleweed*.

Amazon's Read Across America program features nine books from Five Star.

Asked about her company's name, Radke explains that there were nine siblings in her family, five of whom—including her mother—served in World War II. During the war, parents displayed stars in their windows, one for each child in the service, a patriotic gesture.

Thus, "Five Star" became the family's symbol.

Working with her authors, Radke says she enjoys "finding out their goals and expectations, regardless of whether they are coming to us with

a book project or a marketing need; whether they dream of writing a best-seller or a publication for family and friends. I ask them to think about each part of the publishing process, because you *can* judge a book by its cover."

"Producing a book may appear easy, but it takes a professional team, a 'Five Star village,' to make a book. With a great story, we can produce exceptional books, like *Una Vida: A Fable of Music and the Mind*, by Nicholas Bazan, M.D." Set in New Orleans, the book is "art with a purpose," and explores the life of a jazz singer who is gradually slipping away with Alzheimer's disease. Made into a film, *Una Vida* was shown at the 2014 Vail Film Festival, where it was voted "Fan Favorite."

"There's more to writing a book than being an expert," Radke says. "It's probably as important to think about marketing a book as much as writing it." That belief may have led to Radke's selection as "Book Marketer of the Year" by Book Publicists of Southern California, following her own award-winning books, *The Economical Guide to Self-*

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Teen actors play a lifesaving role vs drunken driving

It's been 20 years, but tears still roll down Sonya Brinton's cheeks as she recalls what happened to her family on that fateful night during the summer of 1996.

Wrangler News caught up with Brinton just as Tempe police officers were setting up a mock drunken-driving scenario inside the football arena at Marcos de Niza High School.

In the midst of prom and graduation season, school administrators and police wanted students to understand how one poor choice could result in a devastating impact—an impact like the one that left Brinton's life forever changed.

At the time, she was the mother of two girls, 5-year-old April and 19-month-old Rachel.

"I was at work," Brinton said. "They had spent the day together for Father's Day and I got a phone call from my neighbor because the police department was trying to find me."

That's because the vehicle Brinton's husband and daughters were riding in was hit by a drunken driver. Her husband was killed and the two girls were taken by helicopter to Children's Hospital, April with a laceration to her forehead, Rachel with a far more serious injury.



Recalled Brinton:

"The first person I saw was April. She was crying for her daddy and he was nowhere around. To make her happy, I told her he was at the adult hospital," Brinton said as she brushed away tears.

Rachel, she was told, was upstairs at the hospital. "I thought she was just being checked out for observation," Brinton recounted. Instead, the toddler was in the pediatric intensive-care unit with a traumatic brain injury.

Today Rachel is 21 but has the mind of an 8- or 10-year-old child. She's unable to use her left arm.

"She is disabled and will be for the rest of her life," Brinton managed through tears, explaining that after the accident, she became Rachel's full-time caregiver, attending school with her for fear that others wouldn't know how to manage her care.

A recent Marcos de Niza all-school assembly was the 12th appearance Brinton made during April alone. No matter how many times the program specialist with Mothers Against Drunk Driving tells her story, the pain cuts deeply. Her hope is that she can help prevent another family from experiencing the loss she has endured.

"It's important for them to know their bad choices can lead to something that can devastate families' lives," Brinton said. "Not only that, but physically it can harm them, just the alcohol in general. We are trying to get them to understand that the brain's not



Young actors portrayed the tragic consequences of drinking and driving during multi-agency exercise at Marcos de Niza High School.
— Wrangler News photos by Alex J. Walker

developed until they're 25. And just to make better choices."

Sarah Tolar, vice principal for activities at Marcos de Niza, agreed.

"We feel like it's really important for the kids to understand that there are consequences to choices they make, especially this time of year," Tolar said. "It's hard for them to see down the road the impact that drinking can have."

The mock DUI accident is one way to bring that to life, she said, standing in front of the football field where two cars, part of the scenario, were parked. Students from the school's acting class would portray victims, passengers and an impaired driver.

One of the cars was badly damaged, its windshield blown out. A young woman lay across the hood, posing as the victim who was killed.

Even for a seasoned reporter, it was a chilling sight.

"This is really jarring and really emotional but that's what we need. We need for them to see something like this so they may think twice," Tolar said.

Moments into the recreation, students sitting in the bleachers heard the breathless call of the victim to 9-1-1, reporting an accident at Guadalupe and Lakeshore, the intersection adjacent to the school. Police officers on motorcycles, followed by a fire truck, roared into the stadium.

One of the officers conducted a field sobriety test on the driver. The simulation culminated with a rescue helicopter landing on the football field.

Sarah Higginbotham, one of the student actresses who participated in the recreation of the accident scene, said she had friends and family members whose lives had been touched by drunken driving. "From the moment I woke up this morning, thinking about

it, I had tears in my eyes. I think it's definitely been very impactful for me and I know for sure it will be impactful to the students," Higginbotham said.

Celeste Gonzalez, a sophomore, said she found the assembly extremely helpful because it showed how life can change in a matter of seconds. Therefore, she added, "If you know that someone is impaired, find someone responsible to be behind the wheel because you might have just saved lives, including yours."

Irene Cervantes, a senior, said she learned that "one decision can change your life" and that "no matter what, you shouldn't drive at all if you've had anything to drink."

Molly Enright, public information officer for the Tempe police, noted that the Arizona DUI statute is written in such a way that "impairment to the slightest degree" can lead to an arrest for driving under the influence.

That means even if a driver's blood alcohol is less than .08, he or she can be cited for DUI.

"You've heard 'don't drink and drive,' but really it's 'don't drink anything and drive,'" Enright said. Patrol officers will pull over an erratic driver and are trained to conduct a nystagmus field sobriety test, which evaluates eye movements.

Every year, Enright said, former students from area high schools tell officers that the DUI simulation they were exposed to came to mind when they had a choice to make.

"They tell the officers and the detectives how powerful it was and that it impacted their decision-making," Enright said.

Hopefully enough so to keep others from experiencing the same kind of life-altering tragedy of people like the Brintons.

— By Joyce Coronel

TAKE BACK your health

Q:

I live with chronic pain. Why am I having trouble getting the medications I need?

-Susie

A:

According to the American Academy of Pain Medication more than a 100 million Americans suffer from chronic pain. Unfortunately, over prescribing of narcotic medications has led to a public health crisis of prescription drug abuse. Tragically, 44 Americans die every day from a prescription drug overdose and medical boards across this country and the DEA are now monitoring and prosecuting doctors who are prescribing narcotics irresponsibly. However, there are still millions of Americans who legitimately require narcotic pain medications in order to be functional with their chronic pain. The fear of regulatory inquisition has made many providers reluctant to prescribe narcotics, and this has placed an inordinate burden on Americans who need such medications. Fortunately, a great deal of research has been completed and new guidelines have been created to help providers prescribe narcotics more safely. Some medical offices, like ours, have taken the time to gain expertise in the safe prescribing of narcotics. Such offices are committed to safely providing Americans who suffer from chronic pain with the medications that they desperately need.



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Teacher honored for helping immigrant students reach for the stars...and their future

By Diana Whittle

Helping the children of immigrant parents learn how to play a meaningful role in American society—and prepare themselves for satisfying, productive futures in their new country—has been the longtime goal of Maria Plata.

As a result of her passion and the steps she took to satisfy it, Plata, a bilingual first-grade teacher at Kyrene de los Niños Elementary School in Tempe, has been chosen as 2016's Teacher of the Year by the Arizona Education Association.

The annual award, known as the "Christa McAuliffe—I Touch the Future, I Teach" competition, recognizes an educator who inspires his or her peers and makes them proud to be members of their profession.

In the unlikely event you don't recognize the award's namesake, McAuliffe was the first American civilian and teacher selected to travel into space, and who ended up among those died during the tragic loss of the Challenger space shuttle in 1986.

The Arizona award recipient takes home \$1,000 and becomes the state chapter's entrant in the organization's national competition for Teaching Excellence.

Plata's road to the award indeed was an arduous one.

She decided become a teacher after coming to the U.S. an immigrant to the U.S. from Guadalajara, Mexico, when she was 8 years old. She lived in and around Phoenix until she became an ASU student, said Plata.

"Coming to this country and having to learn English is really what ignited my passion for language learning and it motivated me to become a teacher."

Plata started on her way to a professional future at Sandra Day O'Connor High School in Phoenix, where she was part of the school's first graduating class; it also was where she met her husband-to-be.

Since then her passion for teaching has given her a chance to look forward to every day in the classroom.

Plata was nominated for the AEA recognition by her colleague Kinora Hernandez, who serves as the Structured English Immersion coach at Niños. In addition to Kinora, a couple of other Spanish teachers also helped with the nomination form and answered questions about why she should be nominated, said Plata, who is in her seventh year of teaching.

"This is my fifth year teaching at Niños in the dual-language program. My first year as a teacher was for a combination classroom of first and second graders in the Roosevelt School District, and my second year in the field, I taught first grade in the Tempe Elementary School District.

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a Multicultural/Multilingual Program bilingual endorsement in 2009.

While she is still debating what the focus of a coming masters' degree will be, she has learned what excites her about teaching.

"My favorite part of being a teacher is having that ability to use my creativity to motivate students to do their best. I love seeing how they make connections about the outer world around them and the excitement that they share about their passions.

"I especially love teaching in Spanish because sometime around the middle of the year most students realize that they are part of something bigger than just their classroom. I also really enjoy working with other adults who are creative and who challenge me to think in different ways, so teaching is a perfect combination."

Plata admits that being a teacher is demanding, but she loves helping students to reach their goals. She says that to be a great teacher one needs to constantly evolve personally and to help students grow.

"My motivation is in knowing that we are helping to shape the future of our world. I think about my son, who's almost two, and realize that these students will be in charge of making laws, running the state and country, and creating a peaceful world for him," said Plata.

"So, when I see that far into the future, it makes me want to work harder and think of which skills they will need to possess.

Plata was due to be honored at an AEA Delegate Assembly during a May 7 Salute to Excellence luncheon, sponsored by the AEA Foundation for Teaching & Learning.

Of Plata's commitment to teaching, AEA President Andrew Morrill told her:

"You represent the very best in teaching...because you work on behalf of students and our future—not only in your classroom, school and district, but in the community and in the profession as well."



Tempe Diablos bestowed honors on 21 outstanding educators at the 27th annual Excellence in Education Awards held at Tempe Center for the Arts. Debra Sidman, of Kyrene del Pueblo Middle School, was recognized as the Teacher of the Year at the celebration. Mary Biteel, also of Pueblo, received the Lifetime Achievement award. The Diablos presented \$31,500 in cash awards to the winning educators. Diablos President Eddie Goitia noted that those selected to receive the awards had "ignited imagination and true drive" in their students. Thirty high school seniors also received scholarship awards during the festivities. In all, some \$275,000 was distributed throughout the evening.

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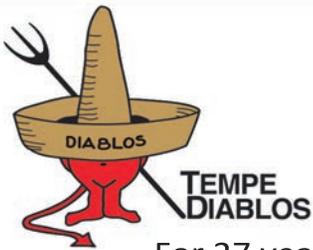
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Sports

By Alex Zener

Impressive outcomes for area athletes

Last week was important for the Tempe-area high schools which competed against each other in the Tempe City Meet held at Desert Vista High School.

This year the schools competed at three levels giving all athletes a chance to compete against quality opponents. Although no team scores were kept, Corona, Marcos de Niza, McClintock and Tempe high school athletes had some significant finishes.

Corona Track and Field — Corona's track team is using the last two meets in April to increase the number of athletes who qualify and to ramp up their performance for the state track meet scheduled May 4 and May 7 at Mesa Community College.

"We are in about the same position we were last year with a great chance to win the DI State Championship," said head coach **Tim Kelly**. "We are working on correcting some things from last year these last few weeks and

should be stronger for state."

Corona's boys team had a good outing at the Tempe City Meet ultimately winning three first place, three second place, three third place and three fifth place finishes in the track events and two second, two third, one fourth and a fifth place finish in the field events.

The Aztecs' strongest varsity level track event was the 3200 meters where **Liam Kovatch, Lucas Ykema** and **Slade Sumners** finished one, two, three.

Graham Eversden had a great first place finish in the 1600 meters with teammate Kovatch coming in third.

Eversden, only a sophomore, is ranked at Athletic.net in the 2016 Top 10 Rankings in Outdoor Track at No. 6 in Arizona and No. 4 in DI.

"Graham works really hard at practice and it's starting to pay off with his mile and 800 meter times," said Kelly. "In the next couple of years, as

he gets stronger, he should be able to double up and run both races in some earlier meets. It would enable him to qualify early for state in both events and give him a chance to finish in the top five before he graduates."

Liam Kovatch is listed in the same Top 10 Rankings at No. 7 in both the 1600 meters and 3200 Meters for DI. Sumners is No.9 in DI in the 3200 meters.

"The hard work Liam put in during the off season is clearly paying off," said Kelly. "He decided he wanted to get better and his times are dropping dramatically this season."

"He should have a good state meet but we are also happy with his maturity this season," said Kelly. "He is becoming a great teammate and leader on our team."

Jalen Bryant, probably the Aztecs' best short-distance runner placed second in both the 100 meters and the 200 meters.

Jacob Onofrio, ranked in the Top 10 Rankings at No. 7 in DI in the 800 meters, finished third in this same event.

The Aztecs' varsity 4x800 relay team of Eversden, Onofrio, **Jamaree Johnson** and **Anthony Sarno** are ranked No. 6 in the DI Top 10 Rankings. Corona's 4x800 relay team crossed the finish line first at the

Tempe City Meet.

Although the 4X400 relay team finished second in the Tempe City Meet, the relay team of **Benjamin Miller, John Rea, Johnson** and **Josh Onwardi** moved up to No. 6 in the Top 10 Rankings based on their 3:25.61 finish.

Corona's other top five varsity finishers in the track events at the Tempe City Meet included Rea's fifth place finish in the 400 meters and **Adam Knuff's** fifth place in the 300 meter hurdles

In the field events, Josh Onwardi and **Mitchell Warnock** were the top finishers for the team. Onwardi, previously ranked at No. 8 in the Top 10 rankings for DI jumped to No. 6 with his 6-07.00 high jump at the Tempe City Meet.

"Josh has been working on some aspects of his high jumping all season that came together at the Tempe City Meet," said Kelly. "He hit the mark we have been working on for a year. Now that he's jumped that height, the mental block is beat and I expect him to go higher and higher."

Mitchell Warnock, ranked No. 6 in DI in the pole vault, finished second at the Tempe City.

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athletes on our team," said Kelly. "He sprints, does the long jump and is it getting better every week in the pole vault."

"He's almost there finishing up some technical aspects in the pole vault but has gotten over the 16-foot mark," said Kelly. "He has a chance to be one of the best pole vaulters this state has seen."

Other top field event finishers were **Nate Marshall's** third place in the high jump, **Akash Patel's** third in the shot put, **Tyler Black's** fourth place in the pole vault and **Patric Bjotvedt's** fifth place in the shotput.

Corona's girls team had some exceptional performances in the track events taking first place in three individual running events and one relay event at the Tempe City Meet.

"Yes, the girls team has some young kids who are stepping up into big time varsity roles helping us do great this season," said Kelly.

Jackie Martin, in the 400 meters, **Renee Payne**, in the 800 meters, and **Alexis Artiaga** in the 3200 meters, all crossed the finish line in first place.

Martin and Payne, both juniors, are ranked in the 2016 Top 10 Rankings in Outdoor Track found at Athletic.net. Martin is ranked No. 8 in the 400 meters and Payne is ranked No. 4 in the 800 meters in DI.

"Jackie, who has bounced back from being injured last season, is one of the best sprinters in the state.

She should be in the finals of the 400 meters," said Kelly. "Renee is our best mid-distance runner and has a good chance for her best finish this season at the state meet."

In addition to her first place finish in the 3200 meter run, **Alexis Artiaga** placed second in the 1600 meters.

"It was huge for Alexis to win the 3200 meters and then she had an opportunity to win the 1600 as well," said Kelly. "She is doing great, peaking at the right time, consistently hitting personal bests each time out."

Additional top finishers in the track events for the girls varsity team included **Kelsey Lum's** third place finish in the 300 meter hurdles, **Melissa Hayhurst's** fourth place finish in the 100 meter hurdles, **Marbella Dominguez-Gil's** fifth place in the 100 meters and **Mackenzie Harder's** fifth place in the 800 meters.

Josephina Wright's fifth place finish in the pole vault and **Delaney Mohr's** fifth place finish in the high jump were the top varsity finishers in the field events.

Wright is ranked at No. 8 in the Top 10 in DI for her 11-foot pole vault.

Baylee Watson was sixth in the shot put, **Veronica Core** sixth place in the high jump, **Kiyanni Lester** was sixth in the triple jump, **Mohr** was seventh in the long jump, and **Marina Bafaloukos** 7th in the pole vault.

The Aztec had one more meet to qualify for the state track meet on April 27 at the Desert Vista Las Chance track meet. So far coach Kelly estimates that at least 40 athletes from Corona have qualified for the state meet.

Marcos de Niza Track and Field — The Padres, competing at the DII level in track, had several athletes compete at the varsity level against DI Desert Vista, Mountain Pointe and Corona.

The 4x100 relay team of **Avery Sanders, Marcus Naisant, Shaun Richards** and **Carter Lindsay** took first place outrunning the Thunder, Pride and Aztec teams.

Other top finishers in the varsity track events included **Carter Lindsay's** third place and **Ryan Capeloto's** fifth place in the 100-meter dash.

Capeloto was fourth in the 300 meter hurdles and **Jordan Johnson** was fourth in the 400 meters. **Keptano Ream** participated in three running events placing fifth in the 3200 meters, 10th in the 1600 meters and 13th in the 800 meters.

The 4x400 relay team of Johnson, **Eric De la Garza, Qadar Njuguna** and **Eli Schira** took fifth place while the 4x800 relay team of **Dante Arellano-Chavez, Dominic Martinez, Christian Marquez** and **Miguel Calderon** placed fourth.

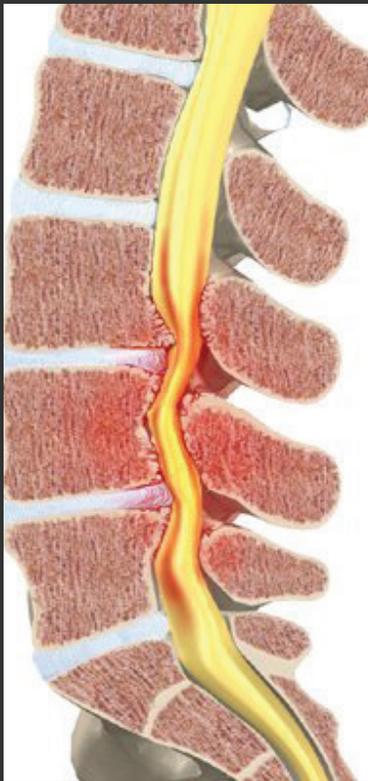
In the field events, Naisant led the Padres with a second place finish in the triple jump and a fourth place finish in the long jump.

Njuguna took seventh in the triple jump and 10th in the long jump while **Marcus Organek** was 10th in the shot put and 11th in the Discus.

The Marcos de Niza girls team competed mainly in the open level but did have a few athletes compete in the varsity events against the DI schools.

For instance, **Jocelyn Martinez** finished 10th, **Kathryn Meyers**, 11th, and **Kyra Hermanson**,

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12th, in the 800-meter varsity run.

Kathryn Meyers finished 13th in the 1600-meter varsity run and **Hebah Betha** was 15th in the discus throw.

The 4x100 relay team of Martinez, **Alexis Ross**, **Alohna Taylor** and **Melahni Washington** crossed the finish line in third place.

Top finishers in the open events included a first place for Washington in the high jump, a third place for **Jocelyn Posey** in the pole vault, a third place for **Annabelle Rangel** and a fourth place for Taylor in the 300 meter hurdles. Rangel took fourth place and Taylor fifth place in the 100 meter hurdles as well.

Washington was fifth in the 100 meters and **Braylen Drew** fifth in the shot put while **Chloe Fenicchia** was seventh in both the long jump and triple jump.

McClintock Track and Field — Several Chargers competed at the varsity level at the Tempe City Meet. **Deiontay Dozier**, **Albertsons Lindor** and **Abdi Aden** were the top finishers at this level with a sixth place in the 100 meters, 200 meters and 800 meters respectively. **Torren Baker** was 10th in the 800 meters as well.

The 4x100 relay team of **Adam Torregrossa**, Dozier, **Midhaga Gerado** and Lindor were fourth at the varsity level while the 4x400 relay team of **Elliott Nester**, Lindor, **Jack White** and **Isaiah Hall** finished sixth.

In the varsity field events, **Jazin Hodge** was seventh in the high jump, **Asher Hayton** was 13th, **Thin Thach** 15th and **Noah Contreras** 17th in the shot put and Hayton 8th and Thach 12th in the Discus.

In the open level, **George Webster** was the top finisher with a first place in the 300 meter hurdles and a fourth place in the 110 meter hurdles.

John Cleveland was fourth and **Nathaniel Talkalai** ninth in the 1600 meters and Torregrossa was fifth in the 200 meters and seventh in the 100 meters.

Jamir Williams was seventh in the 3200 meters while Nester was eighth in the 200 meters.

In the 800 meter open finals Cleveland finished sixth and **Eric Marshall** was 11th.

Nester, **Torren Baker**, **Casey Brown** and Cleveland were second in the 4x800 open relay finals.

In the open class field events **Mason Leech** finished third in the high jump and ninth in the triple jump while teammate **Daniel Felix** finished 13th in the same event.

Sophia Bruckner and **Tianna Baker** were the top performers at the varsity level for the McClintock girls team at the Tempe City Meet.

Bruckner finished fourth in the 200 meters and sixth in the 100 meters while Baker was fourth in the 800 meters.

Kennidee Hill finished 12th in the 100 meter hurdles while the 4x100 varsity relay team of **Zy'Nique Simpson**, **Lynnique Carroll**, Hill and Bruckner finished fourth.

Ziah Lawrence finished 12th in the discus and 15th in the shot put while **Marissa Brantley** was

15th in the discus.

The top performer from McClintock in the open class was **Natassia Gorzen** with a 2nd place finish in the high jump. **Martha Gonzalez-Ruelas** was fifth and **Kennedy Nichols** sixth in the 100 meters.

Gracy Penry was eighth and **Siobhan Davis** 10th in the 1600 meters.

Tempe Track and Field — The Buffaloes had several athletes compete at both the varsity and open levels at the Tempe City Meet.

Nate Manley was the top varsity athlete for Tempe taking third place in the 400 meters run and was part of the fourth place 4x400 relay team of **Anthony Steele**, Manley, **Tony Tipton** and **Ivory Williams**.

Tipton took seventh in the 800 meter and ninth in the 1600 meters. Teammate **Joel Cano** was 14th in the 800 meter and 15th in the 1600 meter.

Avery Worker ran in three varsity events finishing 13th in the 3200 meter and 16th in both the 800 meter and 1600 meter runs.

Omrao Emudianughe finished 14th in the 110 meter hurdles and 15th in the 300 meter hurdles while Williams was 15th in the 110 meter hurdles and 10th in the 300 meter hurdles.

The top Tempe finisher in the field events was the fifth place finish of **Elliot King** in the discus. King also took 12th place in the shot put followed by **Issac Castro** in 16th place and **Joshua Dean** in 18th.

Joey Savage finished in eighth place in the triple jump and 12th place in the long jump. **Cameron Peters** and **Kaiden Chung** competed in both

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events taking 10th and 12th respectively in the triple jump and 13th and 14th in the long jump.

A notable finish in the open class was the first place taken in the 4x800 relay team of Cano, Steele, Tipton and Worker.

Several athletes from the girls team competed at the varsity level including sophomore **Danyella Miranda** who finished fourth in the 1600 meters and sixth in the 800 meters.

Symantha Ramos and **Rubi Aguilera** ran in both races with Miranda with Ramos finishing in eighth place in the 800 meters and 11th place in the 1600 meters while Aguilera was ninth and 12th. Aguilera took 10th in the 3200 meters as well.

Asli Burnham Walker placed sixth in the 400 meters and **Joslyn Murillo** placed eighth in the 100 meter hurdles.

The Buffaloes 4x800 relay team of Aguilera, Danyella Miranda, **Destiny Miranda** and Ramos took third place while the 4x100 relay team of **Cecilia Castro**, **Angelica Miranda**, Murillo and **Ryann Weathers** placed fifth.

In the varsity field events, **Morgan Boyd** was the top finisher for Tempe with a third place for her 108-07 foot throw in the discus. Boyd also placed fifth in the shot put.

Lindsey Bell was ninth, **Brittany Perkins** 14th and **Shekinah White** 16th in the shot put. White placed 13th in the discus.

Weathers took fifth place in both the long jump

and triple jump. Angelica Miranda was 13th in the long jump and Murillo was 12th in the triple jump.

Karla Islas Ayala, competing in the open events as a sophomore, finished fourth in the 400 meters and fifth in the 200 meters.

Marcos de Niza Football Coach

Recommended — After two years as head coach, **Sean Morin**, with a 17-8 record, stepped down from the head coaching position to pursue other interests. The Padres had one of their best records (12-3) in 2015 playing for the DII state championship.

On April 15, Marcos de Niza recommended to the Tempe Union High School District Governing Board that **Paul Moro** be approved as the school's Varsity Head Football Coach.

Moro brings a long history of Arizona high school coaching experience, close to 40 years, and most recently coached at Poston Butte. If the Padres keep up their winning ways under coach Moro, he will soon become the winningest high school football coach in Arizona history. He only need seven more wins to earn this record.

He brings a long list of accolades but probably what matters most to the Padres football players and fans is that the team keeps winning.

Moro and the Padres should return quarterback **Nazareth Greer** for his senior season and a bevy of offensive and defensive players with state playoff experience. Greer passed for over 3000 yards with 24 touchdowns last season.

The Padres did lose their two top rushers to graduation in **Shaun Richards** and **Avery Sanders** but should return their third leading rusher **Zyayre Moss** who carried the ball 48 times for

377 yards. The same is true for receptions. Marcos loses Richards but has the second leading receiver, **Marcus Naisant** returning.

Moro attended California State University where he earned a bachelor's degree in Physical Education while playing football on a full athletic scholarship. He will be teaching P.E. and weight training at Marcos de Niza.

Jaguars romp vs Akimel

The Aprende Jaguar Girls basketball completed their second straight undefeated championship season, beating the Akimel Rattlers 43-28 in the Kyrene League Championship game at Corona del Sol High School.

Defense was the key to the romp, holding the Rattlers to only 28 points.

Point guard **Tori Mason** and center **Maya Peat** lead the way in the final game by scoring 20 points and 14 points respectively. Mason shot the ball well and scored 5 baskets off of defensive steals. Peat shutdown the Rattlers inside by blocking 6 shots and accumulating 14 rebounds. Kyleigh McCabe also had her biggest game by scoring 6 points and more importantly provided tough rebounds and great defense when the Jaguars needed it. Mason, Peat and McCabe were the three players back from last year's championship team and provided positive leadership for the rest of the Varsity team.

The lead in the championship game was going back and forth until Alexis Wolpert hit a key 10 foot jumper to give the Jaguars the lead for good with about 8 minutes left in the first half. After that point



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defense took over. Krysta Dohse played her best game of the year, not allowing any penetration by the quick Akimel team.

Doshe, Kayla McDonald (a 6th grader) and Lenora Brower also rebounded very well and passed the ball very well inside to Maya Peat.

Victoria Minjarez deserves some special recognition for using her quickness to keep the Akimel guards off balance.

Victoria was pressed into action since starter Anisa McClain could not play because of the flu. McClain, played particularly well in the semi-final

game the previous night, despite the flu symptoms. The quick, scrappy defender enabled Aprende to use their defensive quickness to steal their way to a 39-24 win over the Kyrene Scorpions.

Kayla McDonald hit the first shot of the semi-final game and the Jaguars never looked back. Mason had 24 points and despite being plagued by foul trouble, Peat contributed 11 points and 10 rebounds. Lenora Brower filled in well for Peat, allowing the Jags to maintain a 15 point lead throughout the 2nd half of the semi-final game.

— Scott Grimditch

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Despite flaws and potential risks, a 'Yes' vote on Prop. 123 makes sense

Commentary by Diana Whittle

Do you still have your early ballot on the kitchen table? If so, take it out and put a checkmark in the "YES" box for Proposition 123, because this is that very controversial—very important—measure intended to benefit education, particularly grades K-12.

A "yes" vote increases the annual distribution from the permanent endowment fund of the State Land Trust from 2.5 percent to 6.9 percent. Supporters estimate this will amount to \$3.5 billion infused into school funding over the next 10 years.

Although school district employees are prohibited by law from endorsing legislation or making any comments, Mark Knight, assistant superintendent of the Kyrene district, did issue a fact sheet to explain the measure.

According to Knight's data, if the proposition passes, Kyrene officials estimate their share of the additional payout would be \$3.4 million a year—which would be almost immediately received, likely as early as June.

The district's proposed plan is to spend the funds on compensation and instructional resources, but the final decision will be made by the Kyrene Governing Board, which is given the ultimate oversight.

Elsewhere in our area, the website "YesProp123.com" estimates that Tempe Elementary schools would gain more than \$2.4 million a year; the Tempe Union High School District would benefit from about \$3 million annually.

The site also lists endorsements from a long list of local supporters, including Moses Sanchez, a TUHSD board member, who offers this on-line comment:

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History of Arizona's state trust lands

For naysayers who think education has never been a priority in Arizona, a brief history on the origin of the state trust lands may prove useful.

When Arizona became a state in 1912, Congress granted lands to the state to help generate revenue primarily for K-12 education. At this same time, George W. P. Hunt, who was governor, created a commission that was charged with making recommendations about the land granted by Congress.

The commission concluded that Arizona should not sell its trust land outright, as other states had done. Instead, it should put the lands to their "highest and best use."

The commission also recommended the creation of a permanent State Land Department, which to this day manages the property that oversees what has become a long-term savings account for Arizona education.

The nonpartisan Joint Legislative Budget Committee projects that the land trust will increase in value by more than \$1 billion over the next 10 years under Prop 123, which means Arizona can maintain the health of its trust to fund future generations of students, the way it was intended.

As for future generations of Arizona students, not only can the land trust continue to grow through the investment of the current funds, it can also grow through the sale of state lands.

Right now, Arizona has over 9.2 million acres of unsold trust land worth more than \$70 billion backing up the

current \$5 billion trust. As lands are sold over the years, the proceeds will add to the fund, growing the available dollars for education as intended by the state's founders.

Lawsuit settlement between state and local school districts

If Proposition 123 is adopted, the funding released from the land trust to local schools is intended to settle the lawsuit between the state legislature and school districts by restoring 75 percent of funding previously cut.

Also, an additional \$50 million would be approved through the Legislature through the fiscal year 2020, and \$75 million more would be approved from fiscal 2021 to fiscal 2025.

While 90 percent of the estimated revenue gain from Proposition 123 would benefit K-12 education, the state's colleges and universities also would receive a boost to their funding.

In summary, while Proposition 123 is not expected to fix all the state's educational rankings or financial woes, it has the ability to bring a much-needed influx of cash into the system.

And, despite the many who pose valid and indeed well-intentioned objections to this approach, giving our kids' education a lifesaving transfusion can't be all bad.

Diana Whittle is a longtime contributor to Wrangler News, particularly relating to matters regarding education. She is a former public information officer for the city of Tempe, now employed in Glendale. She holds a degree in journalism from the University of Missouri along with an exemplary career in the field. We felt that Diana's view of the complexities involving Prop. 123 was worth sharing with our readers.

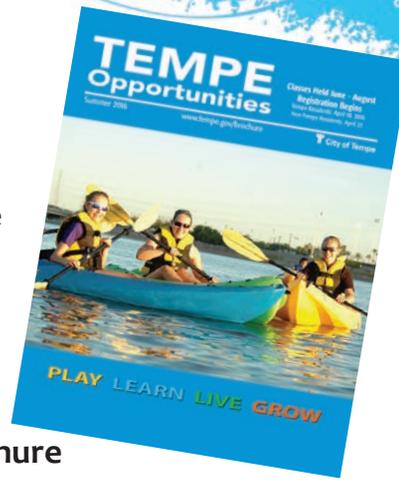
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Mom

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someone who is real to them." Sharing her own struggles helps them open up, she said.

As the wife of a pastor, there were financial challenges, Wood said, and beyond that, she and her husband were busy with heavy church obligations. By the time the third child came along, Wood said she felt overwhelmed. "I had to balance things at church with things at home. It was rough.

"I tell them some things I would like to do over. The biggest mistake was, I would rock my babies more," Wood said, her eyes misting with tears even now. Wood's youngest is 38, but she has five grandsons. She still enjoys rocking babies today and spends as much time with her grandchildren as possible.

Earlier in life, as a young mom, she and her husband began to struggle with their relationship and realized they were not spending enough time together as a couple. They came up with a solution: the institution of the Tuesday date night. The children knew it was sacred and so did members of the church. "I can count only a handful of times we didn't go out on a Tuesday," Wood said. "We went to McDonald's a lot, or even to the park

where there was lake so we could go fishing."

When it came to family time, Wood said they had dinner together every night, sitting around the table. "A lot of kids never have a sit-down dinner. They eat standing up or in front of the television," Wood said, but sharing a meal is when barriers are broken down and the children have their parents' attention.

Instead of expensive vacations, Wood said she found joy in simple camping and fishing trips. That's something that she still cherishes today as evidenced by a recent mid-week trip to Saguaro Lake for some fishing with her daughter and grandchildren.

Pausing to reflect on what she believes are the most difficult yet crucial aspects of motherhood, Woods said commitment and sacrifice top the list.

"There were a lot of things I sacrificed to be able to stay home and care for my children, things I wanted or thought I needed but I chose to sacrifice," Wood said. But the payoff was joy.

She tells young moms about the importance of unconditional love.

"I think one of the hardest things we have to do with our children is accept them unconditionally. We also have to learn who they are and what is the temperament and personality that they're born with."

Wood acknowledges that many moms work outside the home but emphasized

that even so, "your children need to know that you are available 24/7...they need to know 'I can get my mom anytime I need her,'" Wood said. "They need to know that 'I can get to my mom and she can help me.'"

The rewards come later in life as they grow into adulthood, and especially when they have their own children, Wood said.

Many young moms get discouraged and tired and are in need of adult company. They get that at Wood's weekly Bible study for moms at First Baptist Church in Tempe. While the children play in the church's childcare, the moms get inspiration and encouragement via Wood's upbeat, transparent guidance.

Many of them, she said, have bought into the myth that their children will look perfect, be perfect and that as their mom, they'll be the ones to make that happen.

"The pressure of that is immense," Wood said, adding that her own children "definitely did not act perfect." Now as a grandmother, she reflects back on those years, thankful for the time she spent with her children and the opportunity to share the wisdom she gleaned with today's moms.

With Mother's Day just around the corner, she remembers a tradition her late husband began. "We always did a Mother's Day photo," Wood says. It's a tradition the family still practices today, along with a trip to Joe's Barbecue for dinner.

Tempe survey seeks residents' comments

Tempe has launched an online survey to gauge residents' overall impressions of the community.

The survey, available at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SC7M9PV>, is part of Tempe's research effort that will ultimately define the city's brand for purposes of communicating about everything from economic development and tourism to special events and quality of life.

Mayor Mark Mitchell said the hope is that the survey will help city officials better understand what citizens' like and want.

For questions about the research effort or branding initiative, contact Communication and Media Relations Manager Nikki Ripley at 480-350-8846 or nikki_ripley@tempe.gov.

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Homes

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percent in Chandler. Annual appreciation in a stable market is historically in the range of 3.5 percent to 4.5 percent.

“This is evidence that we’re in a good place, with no end in sight to the current market growth,” says Lucas—unless, of course, something catastrophic takes place.

“As of now, we are in a very healthy economic environment.”

The residential real-estate sector’s upturn, according to Lucas, is just one more element of an economy that has placed metro Phoenix among the ranks of some of the top U.S. markets—Dallas-Ft. Worth, Houston, Austin, San Antonio, Denver and the Silicon Valley region.

Feeding this revival has been the spurt of growth in commercial construction and its attendant job expansion, including massive construction by State Farm Insurance, which is expected to generate thousands of new jobs, and the seemingly endless reach by Arizona State University to further expand its presence.

These factors, among others, are said to be responsible for the in-migration of a new workforce, suggests Lucas—one with the buying power typically associated with jobs in such areas as banking, technology, high-end customer service and space research.

“All of this is fundamental to the growth of our economic engine, which in itself helps to make our area a great place to work and to live,” said Lucas.

Despite layoffs announced recently by some of the Valley’s biggest employers, notably Intel and Freeport-McMoran, Lucas says those staff reductions are related to worldwide factors, not the local economy.

“Even with news like this, our area remains one of the best job markets in the country,” Lucas said.

With the Valley’s continuing viability, he said—coupled with a boom in commercial and residential construction, business growth, climate and moderate cost of living—the Valley remains one of the top metropolitan areas of the country.

While Lucas’s conclusions paint a promising picture of the future, a roadblock that remains for some can be seen in the approximate 15 percent of homeowners who remain “under water” as a result of the downturn that occurred from 2006-2008.

That percentage also includes those who may have used funds from their home’s equity for other expenditures and who now cannot repay those dollars by selling in a marketplace that has not yet fully recovered.

“We’re still 15 to 20 percent below the peak values of the 2005-2006 real estate bubble, and it likely will take homeowners who are still “upside down” several more years to get past the negative-equity condition,” said Lucas.

“But when we look at today’s data, given all the positives we see, the outlook seems definitely bullish for the next three to five years.”

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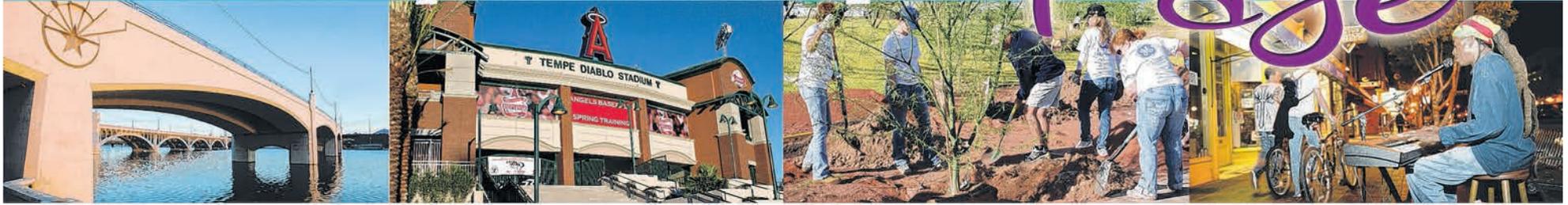
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For more information on the city's composting program, visit www.tempe.gov/slashthetrash.



Connect with Councilmembers

Want to discuss your ideas and input about Tempe? Join City Councilmembers Joel Navarro and Kolby Granville as they host conversation events to connect with community members.

• **Java with Joel** – Councilmember Navarro invites neighbors to talk about the exploration of possible future city recreation and sporting fields at the ADOT 'bowl' retention area at Warner Road and I-10. The discussion will be Saturday, May 21, from 10-11 a.m., at the Hardy Police Substation, 8201 S. Hardy Drive. Call 480-350-8816 for more information.

• **Community Conversation** – Councilmember Granville invites residents to bring their feedback and questions to any of three opportunities in June. They will be held: Saturday, June 4, from noon to 2 p.m., at the Tempe Farmers Market; Monday, June 6, from 6-8 p.m., at Boulders on Broadway; and Wednesday, June 8, 6-8 p.m., at Changing Hands Bookstore.

Call 480-350-8816 for more information.

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

Renew your free youth transit pass!

Beginning May 16, 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, 2016, through June 30, 2017.

The program allows youth age six to 18 who live in Tempe to ride all Valley Metro bus routes and 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.

Passes are available at the Tempe Transit Store, 200 E. Fifth St., from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Special on-site registration will be held at the Tempe History Museum, 809 E. Southern Ave.,

from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., on May 21 and Aug. 13.

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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

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

For transit routes and schedules call 602-253-5000 or visit www.valleymetro.org. Watch our video at <http://bit.ly/SUwbwW>.



Tempe can get their transit passes on campus.

Contact your school office for more information about registration dates and times.

Tempe drinking water meets all EPA health guidelines

The water crisis in Flint, Michigan, has brought attention to local water utilities and what they are doing to ensure that EPA regulations are followed. Tempe wants to reassure residents that the water produced at the city's two treatment plants meets or exceeds all EPA health requirements and is safe to drink.

In Arizona, lead does not come from treatment plants or water mains; it comes from lead service lines running between buildings and water mains in the street, or from plumbing inside buildings. If you are concerned about lead exposure in your home or daycare due to interior plumbing, the city encourages: testing by a certified laboratory; running your faucet for 30 seconds before using; and not consuming water from the hot water tap, where lead is more likely to be present.

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ASU

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in the Ira A. Fulton Schools of Engineering, deputy director of ASU LightWorks and a senior sustainability scientist in the Julie Ann Wrigley Global Institute of Sustainability.

According to Goodnick, all of the points of interest being addressed through the study represent areas of expertise held by ASU's power-systems engineering people, who lead one of the top research consortiums in the country.

The \$26 million grant awarded to the *Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey* by Mexico's National Council for Science and Technology and its Secretary of Energy, is designed to address the energy economy in Mexico.

It is designed to help build infrastructure, perform research and conduct educational activities, preparing Mexico for its energy future.

The grant was announced as part of the launching of the Binational Laboratory for Intelligent Management of Energy Sustainability and Technology Education at Tec de Monterrey's Mexico City campus on April 6.

Mexico is in the midst of privatizing

and updating its energy industry — fossil fuel and electrical generation industries — at a time when it is moving toward using more renewables. It is hoped that the grant will help the country explore its energy options and how it can connect with its neighbors.

For its \$1.6 million share, ASU will apply its renowned expertise in power engineering to the project.

The University of California, Berkeley is also involved in the project.

Goodnick noted that another part of the project will be looking into

the integration of renewable-energy technologies, such as solar and wind, into the grid system.

Renewable-energy sources are variable energy sources that cannot be dispatched like fossil-fuel-based sources, so the renewable systems need energy storage capacity to provide

a steady amount of power on demand, he said.

The project also will look into development of micro-grids, which can be deployed in remote areas of the country where there presently isn't transmission infrastructure.

"These are the areas our power systems engineering people, who lead one of the top power systems research consortiums in the country, excel," Goodnick said of the Power Systems Engineering Research Center, which is led by Vijay Vittal, the Ira A. Fulton chair of Electrical Engineering.



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Authors

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Publishing and Linda F. Radke's Promote Like a Pro: Small Budget, Big Show.

A former elementary school teacher, Radke is dedicated to raising children's literacy skills and helping develop a love for reading and writing. She's established a second imprint, Little Five Star, "to produce, market and promote excellent literature for children. These books are 'educating.' Many come with curriculum guides, book trailers, audiobooks, even performance puppets. Of course, there are media kits and social media promotions."

One of the newest releases is *Jamie's Journey: Cancer from the Voice of a Sibling*, authored by Sharon Wozney, a volunteer with Children's Cancer Network. "It's written specifically for siblings of pediatric cancer patients, a resource for children lost in the maze. It's normal," Radke says, "for them to feel confusion, guilt,

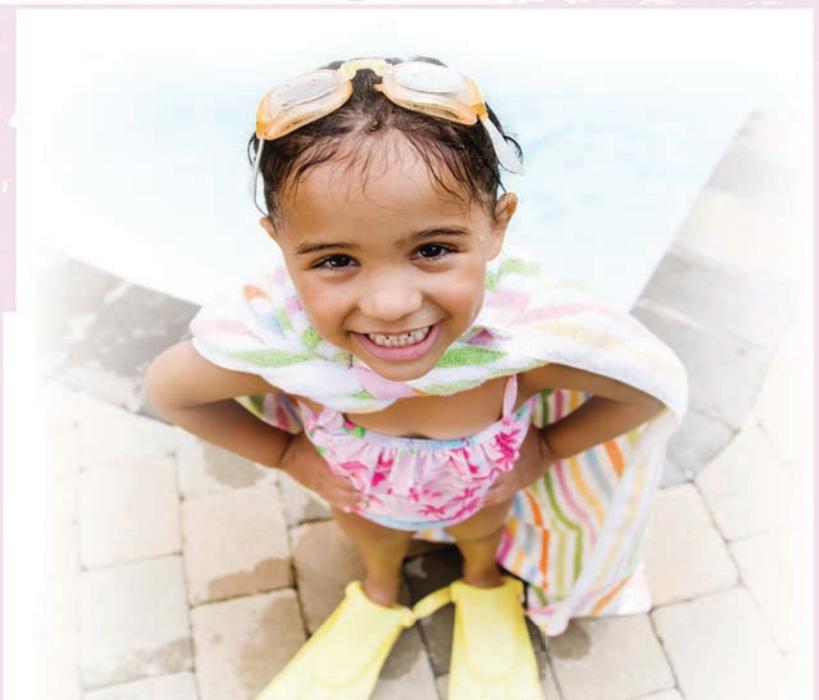
jealousy—to struggle with feelings while so much attention is focused on the patient."

In 2014, she launched *StoryMonsters Ink*, a free digital magazine with monthly features about authors and 'books worth devouring,' as well as stories written by children, accompanied by their photography and cartoons. She also launched Five Star Literacy Foundation (FSLF), an Arizona-based nonprofit for in-school writing projects, and she sponsors the Five Star Dragonfly Book Award Program, a national book contest that recognizes excellence in writing and publication.

However, perhaps her most personal effort involves the Mark Foster Youth Fund, honoring her brother and specifically helping youngsters and their families who are undergoing difficult times.

"My legacy? I want to be known for publishing books that make a difference."

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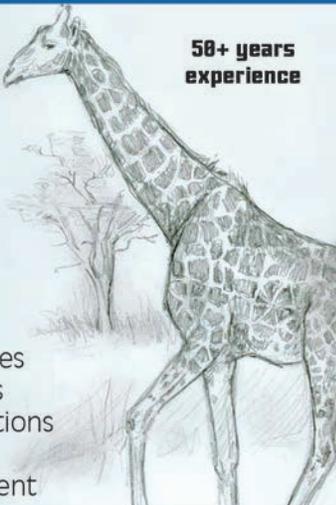
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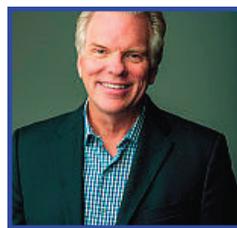
Each year, this powerful event brings together hundreds of business leaders in a setting that celebrates success, facilitates network development and offers incredible opportunities for personal and business growth. It combines a luncheon, trade show, training, keynote speakers and the Business Woman of the Year ceremony into one action-packed day.

Themed "Reach, Achieve, Celebrate!" the event's speakers deliver inspirational messages that touch on these elements and motivate each member of the audience to strive for fulfillment, happiness and success.

Keynote Speakers

Reach!

Cary Pfeffer, an award winning reporter and news anchor and owner of ClearComm Consulting, will emcee the program. Educational breakout sessions by Pfeffer and Jeff and Jodie Heisner of Bottomline Media Coaching take place in the morning. Keynote conversations by inspirational speakers follow and set the stage for the Business Woman of the Year celebration and award presentation.



Achieve!

Catherine Anaya will present the "Achieve!" keynote speech. She is a TV and radio host, emcee, motivational speaker, video storyteller, media trainer, award-winning columnist, blogger, and owner/CEO of 4HeartsMedia. She recently anchored at CBS 5 News for more than 12 years, has won 'Anchor of the Year' by the Arizona Associated Press, and has interviewed President Obama at the White House.

Celebrate!

Lin Sue Cooney will deliver the "Celebrate!" luncheon keynote presentation. After 31 years as a newscaster for 12 News, Lin Sue is now director of community engagement for Hospice of the Valley. Today, she shares her inspiring story— from being raised by a single mom to sitting in the anchor chair... to living a life of service. We never know where life will lead us, but we can all celebrate the journey! Lin Sue has won 9 Rocky Mountain Emmys, as well as numerous awards for news reporting and community service.



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Business Woman of the Year Finalists Named

The Tempe Chamber of Commerce has announced three finalists for the 2016 Business Woman of the Year award. The recipient will be honored at the 20th Annual Women in Business Conference May 25 at the DoubleTree by Hilton, 2100 S. Priest Dr., in Tempe.

The award was established to recognize an outstanding business woman who has positively impacted the Tempe community. The finalists have achieved excellence in their fields, displayed leadership in the community, served as positive role models and are active in programs within the community and the Tempe Chamber. They have received numerous awards and accolades for their professionalism and spirit of service.

"The Business Woman of the Year award recognizes the valuable contributions that the candidates have made to the business community and to the Tempe Chamber of Commerce. Their hard work and dedication have made an admirable and positive impact that we are proud to recognize," said Mary Ann Miller, President/CEO of the Tempe Chamber.



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At senior-care center, puppy kisses brighten residents' futures

By Deborah Hilcove

Bath? Check. Ears cleaned? Check. Teeth brushed? Check. Then it's time to buckle on the uniform vest and head off to work.

This is pretty much an ongoing routine for Lucy, one of the therapy dogs at Westchester Care Center in south Tempe.

The regimen is much the same as it is with any therapy dog. Unlike service dogs that are specifically trained to assist one disabled person, therapy dogs work with many people. They appear in hospitals, assisted-living and hospice centers, as well as in domestic violence shelters, foster homes, accommodations for the homeless and schools. They provide comfort and support, helping to lower stress and blood pressure. They especially help people affected by violence or by natural disasters, such as hurricanes or fire.

At Westchester, Lucy's main job is to help alleviate loneliness.

Some therapy dogs work with physical, speech or occupational therapists in animal-assisted therapy. For example, they might work with a stroke victim, helping him to walk again, or with a traumatic brain injury victim, helping her learn to speak again by giving commands such as "sit" or "stay."

In senior care centers like Westchester, these dogs visit residents and have been shown to elevate moods and increase social interaction, speech and activity.

At Westchester Care Center, residents eagerly await the arrival of Lucy, accompanied by her handler and staff member Colleen Carosello. Lucy, a cream-colored goldendoodle, is well-suited to being a therapy dog. She has the tight, curly coat of a poodle,



Lucy the therapy dog treats patients with a double dose of love and affection.

— Wrangler News photo by Alex J. Walker

so she doesn't shed, and the calm, happy demeanor of a golden retriever.

Once she arrives, Lucy goes right to work. She greets John, wagging her tail furiously and, with John's permission, plants doggy kisses.

Carosello holds the leash while John encourages Lucy to come close to the wheelchair and give him a hug. "Sometimes," Carosello says, "John likes to put bacon treats on his head and ask Lucy to get the treat. They're good pals."

Kathy Little, a medical staffer, walks by during

rounds and stops to pet Lucy. "Hi, pretty girl. Best visitor on earth."

"We're on our way to visit Mary," Carosello tells her. "One of Lucy's faves."

After lots of loving from Mary, Lucy visits Larry, who has limited movement of his arms and hands. He's resting in bed and invites Lucy to play. Carosello places a large, soft ball on Larry's chest and he bats it across the room. Lucy scrambles after it and gently

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Lucy

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places the ball on Larry's chest again, eagerly waiting for the game to continue.

Another medical staffer, Melissa Brodsky, spies Lucy across the hallway and the two engage in a rambunctious game of peek-a-boo, with Lucy bounding over to her.

"Lucy's great," says Deborah Wahl, activities director at Westchester. "She intuitively knows when she can stand up and 'hug' someone and when she can play. She knows when to be gentle and just give comfort."

Lucy next visits Marie. Lucy sits quietly, letting Marie rub her ears and pat her head. "I had a dog, GI-Joe. A Shih Tzu," she says softly. Carosello nods. "Lucy brings back good memories for our residents. Especially if they grew up with a dog."

Laurie Schmidt, a nurse manager, looks up from her desk, gives Lucy a good scratch behind the ears.

"Great dog. I love her bad. Reminds me, I have to give you paperwork for my four-month old, Gibbs. He's about ready to start coming in to visit."

"We have five therapy dogs that visit," Wahl explains. "They have to be current on their shots and cleared by a vet. We have an Australian shepherd, two mixed breeds, and a springer spaniel, Blake. He's a certified therapy dog. We're always happy to talk to volunteers who think their dog might be a good therapy candidate."

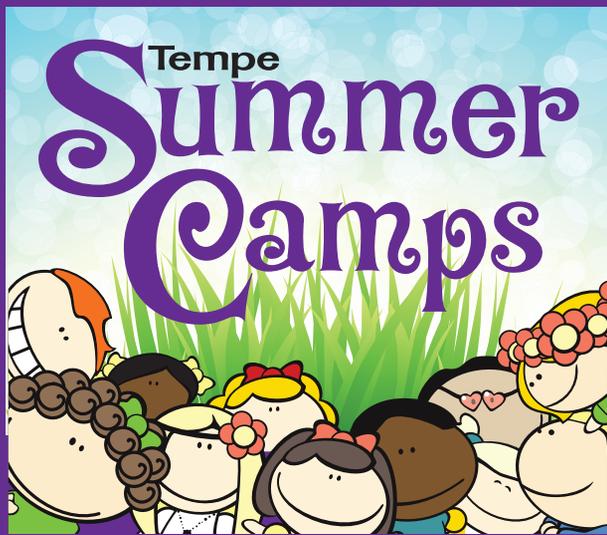
For more information, contact Deborah Wahl at Westchester Care Center, 6100 S. Rural Road, Tempe, 480-831-8660.



A celebration of art

Art teachers from throughout the Kyrene school district selected some of their students' best work for the annual Art Show Celebration Night. Parents received invitations if their child's work was selected for display at the weeklong show. Kickoff reception featured pizza, yogurt and a raffle to benefit Kyrene art education.

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Desert film-fest a fave, provided skies stay dry

By M.V. Moorhead

It doesn't rain in Palm Springs very often. But a year ago this month, the resort town in California's Coachella Valley managed a couple of days of gray, drizzly showers.

Such weather was appropriate for the reason I was in town—the annual Arthur Lyons Film Noir Festival, at the Camelot Theatre.

Founded in 2000 by the late crime novelist Lyons, it's become my favorite film festival in the country.

This has happened in no small part because my family and I have come to love Palm Springs; it's been our favorite getaway since 1999, when I first went there to judge a (different) film festival and my wife came along and fell in love with shopping and dining on Palm Canyon.

But it's also because the atmosphere is more relaxed at the Noir Festival, slated for May 12 through 15 this year, than at most festivals featuring new movies.

Everybody's just there to watch seductive black-and-white crime stories from the '40s through the '60s, full of splendid character players and contrived plots, and in most cases still made with the craftsmanship that marked even lower-budget studio fare in that period.

Many of them are also fascinating as time capsules, featuring location work in long-gone neighborhoods of L.A., New York, San Francisco or elsewhere.

Some of the films are not especially hard to see, if you get Turner Classic Movies—this year's schedule, for instance, includes 1954's *White Heat* and 1946's *Gilda*—though seeing them on a big screen with an audience can

enhance the experience.

But for the true cinematic scavenger, the real highlights of the Festival are the rarely shown obscurities.

This year's schedule includes a real gem, 1949's *Reign of Terror* (1 p.m. May 14), also known as *The Black Book*, a period drama set during the French Revolution but shot (by John Alton) and directed (by Anthony Mann) in the shadowy manner of a hard-boiled crime drama.

The star is Robert Cummings, who acquits himself surprisingly well as a period hero, supported by a terrific noir-ish cast that includes Richard Basehart as Robespierre, Arlene Dahl, Norman Lloyd (who made a personal appearance at the festival last year, at the age of 100!), Charles McGraw and the wonderful Arnold Moss.

Atmosphere notwithstanding, I hope they get better weather for this year's Festival. With my wife and daughter, the rain wasn't a big hit.

What was good noir-ish atmosphere for me was an annoyance for them, raining them out of the Thursday evening street market on Palm Canyon, the highlight of the trip as far as my wife is concerned, and keeping my daughter out of the hotel's pool.

But we did, at least, manage several sublime meals—scrumptious Italian at Johnny Costa's, superlative steak and salmon at LG's Steakhouse and knockout knockwurst and eggs, among other goodies, at Sherman's Deli.

Naturally, by the time we were headed home Saturday evening, there was scarcely a cloud in the sky.

Opening this week

Captain America: Civil War—Last month it was Batman and Superman that couldn't get along; now it's the gang over at Marvel. The U.N. wants the Avengers to agree to regulation. Iron Man (Robert Downey, Jr.) thinks it's a good idea. Captain America (Chris Evans) doesn't want anyone telling him what he should and shouldn't do.

I've become a bit of a curmudgeon about the current run of superhero flicks; technically eye-popping though they are, most of them seem overlong and humorless to me. That's true of Civil Wars too, but I will say I enjoyed it more than Batman v Superman.

About midpoint the quarrel leads Iron Man and his pals into a brawl with Cap and his pals at an airport, and the goofy, semi-slapstick action and the trading of corny quips between adversaries really conjured up the fun of reading an old-school comic. For once, the movie didn't feel like Wagner without the arias.

The point of contention between Iron Man and Cap is, I suppose, a fair dramatization of a central conflict in the American attitude toward the rule of law, especially international law. But whichever side with which you may sympathize ideologically, there's little doubt of which leading man wins this Civil War from an acting standpoint—Downey is as manically vibrant as ever, while poor Evans is as pleasantly bland a leading man as you can find in American movies right now. *Captain America: Civil Wars* is rated PG-13 and plays at Tempe Marketplace, Arizona Mills, Chandler Fashion 20 and other multiplexes Valleywide.

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Briefly...

And now for a drum roll, please

Members of Kyrene de las Manitas Elementary School's steel drum band (top photo) dazzled the crowd at the Kyrene Foundation's Fine Arts Showcase at Desert Vista High School. The band struts its stuff regularly at school events, community festivals and retirement homes and has performed at Tempe Marketplace under the direction of Lisa Sellers (photo below).

Wrangler News photos by Alex J. Walker

District 18 candidate Epstein plans visits

Legislative District 18 House of Representatives candidate and former Kyrene Governing Board member Mitzi Epstein will hold final sessions of an area-wide listening tour at three Kyrene schools in May

The visits, recognizing Teacher Appreciation Week which ended May 7, are scheduled at 12:35 p.m. Wednesday, May 11, at Sureño Elementary/Kyrene Traditional Academy; 2:35 p.m. Thursday, May 12, at Niños Elementary; and 2:35 p.m. Friday, May 13, at Esperanza Elementary in Ahwatukee.

Epstein, a longtime education advocate, says she wants to hear from parents whose children have been affected by budget cuts, and are expected to continue being affected in coming years.

Tempe Kid Zone programs announced

The city of Tempe's Kid zone offers the antidote for the long, hot days of summer. With a mix of fun and educational activities, there's something appealing for everyone, from preschoolers through eighth grade.

Kid Zone programs are available 6:30 a.m.- 6 p.m. for two, three or five days a week. The K-8th programs are held at Fuller, Hudson, Mariposa and Niños schools. The sports programs, for students who have completed grades 2-5, are available at Ward.

The middle school camp, known as "MKZ," is being held at Fuller.

Summer registrations are processed online and permission slips for field trips are mailed out following registration. There's also a Kid Zone preschool being held May 23-June 29 at Getz Preschool, 625 W. Cornell.

The Kid Zone office is at 3340 S. Rural Rd. Information: kidzone@tempe.gov

Boyd Dunn vying for Corporation Commission

Retired Superior Court Judge and former Chandler Mayor Boyd Dunn has announced his candidacy for Arizona Corporation Commission.

"The role of a commissioner is very similar to that of a judge—to be the impartial decision-maker based on the facts presented to you on each individual case, regardless of personal feelings or outside influences," said Dunn.

"That is how I ran my court, and that is how I will serve as a corporation commissioner. The function of the Arizona Corporation Commission is critically important to the success of our state. It's time we move past all the rhetoric and return to the basics of protecting the public interest."

Prior to being appointed to the bench, Dunn served as mayor and councilmember in Chandler. Many of the policies Dunn enacted helped usher in an era of prosperity for the city.

Under Dunn's leadership as mayor, Chandler's population grew from 90,000 to more than 240,000. During that same period, Chandler added \$5 billion in private investment and more than 16,000 new jobs.



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