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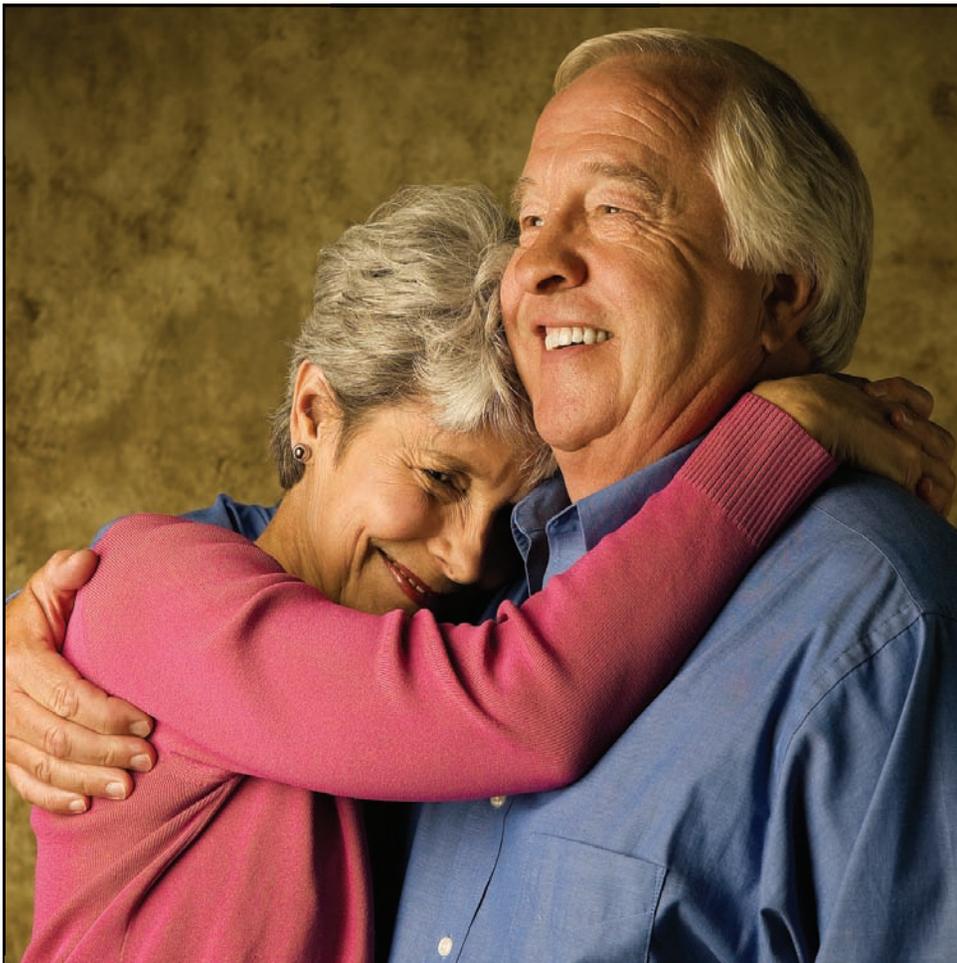
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Task force launches effort to assist Tempe families when crisis looms

By Mark Crudup

Residents have joined Tempe city officials, along with leaders of faith programs and non-profit organizations, to help those who face homelessness and other financial predicaments.

"I've seen more collaboration and more creativity here than I've seen in any other city," said Robyn Bridgeo, captain of the Salvation Army in Tempe and director of a For Our City breakfast, which was held May 10 at Arizona Community Church.

"The point of this table talk is learning to work with one another."

But economic emergencies weren't the only topic of discussion.

During the meeting, Tempe Fire Chief Mark Simmons addressed the need to organize community members to deal with natural disasters more efficiently by helping others before state and federally funded aid would be able to arrive.

Simmons addressed a related volunteer organization, For Our City, formed in 2005 by Tempe Mayor Hugh Hallman and Jon McHatton. The organization oversees an effort known as HURT, Holistic Urgent Recovery Teams, that aims to equip the city with emergency-preparedness training and network development.

In addition to emergency preparedness, Bridgeo said he would like to see a consolidation of volunteer efforts, eliminating the duplication of resources to provide specific items to

families who need them most.

"One of the things I'd like to see happen for a city is appreciating one another, increasing our collaborative efforts and expanding our services to the community," he said.

McHatton said he originally contacted Hallman and asked what he could do to help the community.

"It's really trying to find solutions for needs that are falling through the cracks and to empower the good programs that are already going on," he said.

Small clusters of members from various non-profit organizations and faith leadership programs formed during the meeting to discuss strategies to expand their services to the community by partnering with one another.

Common topics contributed by individual groups included networking volunteer efforts with updated software and technology in a Web-based environment; developing a process to decide where specific donations will go; and finding ways to approach the whole spectrum of need in the community.

Bridgeo said he guesses there are more than 30 locations that serve homeless people in Tempe, and would like to see that number drop as a way to consolidate resources and more efficiently provide families with meals.

Organizations interested in working with For Our Cities can log on to www.forourcity.com to post relevant events, as well as check out other volunteer efforts in the area.

Police warn of increase in home thefts; pool pumps seen as specially vulnerable

Authorities are seeing an increase in incidents in which thieves illegally enter homes through unlocked gates or jump over fences and take the pool pumps and vacuums, according to Tempe Police spokeswoman Molly Enright.

Residents should talk with neighbors, be aware of suspicious activity, lock gates, register cleaners/pumps with the manufacturers and know there is a risk when buying such items from individuals who don't have proof of purchase, Enright says.

Traffickers in illegally obtained metals, including copper, aluminum, manufactured and machined parts, move back and forth across municipal boundaries, she said.

To deter and apprehend those criminals, Tempe patrol officers and detectives work closely with investigators from neighboring law enforcement agencies as well as with salvage-yard

management.

Targeted equipment and property include:

- Residential and commercial air conditioners;
- Residential and apartment pool pumps and vacuum systems;
- Foreclosed home electric and wiring systems;
- Vehicle catalytic converters;
- Electrical utilities, including light poles;
- Commercial, industrial and salvage yards;
- Construction sites.

For information on starting a Neighborhood Block Watch, Enright recommends visiting TPD's Crime Prevention weblink at www.tempe.gov/cpu/Nwhtml.htm

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Public asked to comment on proposed changes at May 24 session Kyrene board studying ways to remedy \$5.3 mil funding loss

Commentary

Kyrene schools will be winding down the year in a couple of weeks, giving teachers a welcome breather after 10 months of learning to do more with less.

While staff morale seems to have remained remarkably high, even under an existing cloud of diminished funding, principals, teachers and support staff may have to take a deep breath to accommodate yet more changes that likely will confront them when school resumes on Aug. 8.

Although the proposed changes await a public hearing by the Kyrene board on May 24, it seems certain that virtually no facet of school operation will escape the funding ax.

In their efforts so far, district planners appear to have built next year's budget with as little negative effect on the classroom as possible. The goal, say school officials, is to maintain the district's longtime reputation for quality, at the same time living within highly compressed sources of revenue.

"We've managed to bring together some of our district's best talent to confront what lies ahead," said Karin Smith, the district's chief financial and operations officer. That team's efforts so far seem to have produced positive results."

Said Smith:

"We think we've done a good job of prioritizing what we know must remain untouched, what can remain with modifications and what might be minimized without jeopardizing our students' educational future."

Faced with \$5.3 million in funding cutbacks, the governing board on May 10 reviewed and discussed a

list of recommended operational modifications that would, if approved at the May 24 meeting and again in final form July 12, go into effect in August.

At the most recent session, board members discussed in detail the items that had received a high level of support, as well as those with less support and those that would not be recommended in the current budget proposal but could be studied further for a future budget decision.

Among the recommendations:

- Adjust class-size staffing guidelines to include two additional students in grades K-3 and one additional student in grades 4-8. Savings: \$1,350,000.
- Revise scheduling of elementary special classes, including art, music, PE and library programs, resulting in a change in the frequency and time that students participate in these programs. Savings \$666,400-\$1,121,120 (depending on which schedule is selected).
- Modify bus schedules and school start times so that fewer buses and fewer drivers can get students to school on time. This would result in Kyrene, Pueblo, Akimel A-al and Centennial middle schools starting at 9 a.m. The Governing Board asked the staff to examine the potential cost impact of also changing the start times at neighboring elementary schools to lessen the impact on families with students in both elementary and middle school. Savings: \$500,000.
- Reduce administrative staff and budgets at the district office. Savings: \$600,000.
- Reduce prevention and social-service resources. Currently Kyrene has two prevention specialists and

five social workers who provide services to families throughout the district. Social workers would be reduced to three and prevention specialists would be eliminated. Because this would have a significant impact on students and families, board members voiced concern over this possible reduction. Savings: \$220,000.

- Reduce money spent on substitute teachers. Schools would be given a limited budget allocation to curb the cost of substitutes. Savings: \$500,000.
- Adjust gifted-program scheduling for students in fourth- and fifth-grade classes. No services would be reduced, rather how students are scheduled. Fourth- and fifth-grade students would still receive the pull-out services. Savings: \$250,000.
- Reduce the number of instructional assistants who provide services to at-risk students by 15 percent. Savings: \$150,000
- Additional schools would utilize contracted custodial services. Savings: \$120,000.
- Schools would be expected to share furniture and equipment when it is not currently being used. This would allow the district to not purchase as much furniture and equipment. Savings: \$75,000.
- Adjust the temperatures in schools by one degree to reduce utility costs. Savings: \$62,000.
- Reduce school-supply budgets by 5 percent, resulting in fewer resources for consumable supplies used in the classrooms. Savings: \$41,000.
- Administrators who work at the district office would provide coverage when the school allocations for substitutes are no longer available. Additionally, a

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'Road trip of a lifetime' 700-mile rescue mission saves lives of 21 caged dogs at Texas 'puppy mill'

Cover Story
By Alison Stanton

On April 13, six volunteers from Arizona Border Collie Rescue filled three vans with gas, made sure they had enough crates, leashes, collars and dog treats, and left the Valley on the road trip of a lifetime.

The six, including south Tempe resident and volunteer Laurel Todd, drove about 700 miles to Odessa, Texas, where they picked up 21 border collies that had been recently taken out of a puppy mill in nearby Jefferson.

Only a few weeks earlier, the breeding operation was shut down when its owner was hospitalized. Local Humane Society employees went to the property and discovered 167 living and 16 deceased border collies on 30 heavily wooded acres.

Some were puppies, some were adults, others were elderly. Many were ill, living in stacked-up, filthy metal crates, their paws spread open from trying to balance on the rusty metal wire. All were sad, scared, hungry and lonely.

Border Collie Rescue of Texas was called in to help, and, realizing there were more dogs than its members could possibly handle, the group contacted other border collie rescue organizations, including the one in Arizona.

Kelly Quinn, president and co-founder of ABCR, realized immediately that the south Tempe-based rescue group had to help. Quinn, a Phoenix resident, sent out emails to dozens of volunteers, asking who would be willing to foster one of the Texas dogs. Replies came in from throughout the state from people wanting to assist.

Todd said that she was inspired to help in part by the recent tragic events in Japan.

"After the Japan tsunami, I had just said to myself that the next time there was some type of national disaster, I wanted to go help with the dogs," she said.

"Then I heard about this puppy mill situation. I didn't think I was going to be able to go because of (my job), but when the dates changed, everything worked out."

After about an hour of assembling and fitting crates into the three vehicles, Todd and the others hit the road. They arrived in Odessa that same night, and spent the next day doing paperwork until the dogs arrived late that afternoon.

"We were all very excited to see the dogs. We had pictures of the ones that we were getting and knew the names that (the Texas group) had assigned to them. So when we saw them in the kennels, we recognized them and could call them by name," Todd said.

"It was wonderful when some of them were standing up in their kennels with their tails wagging, but it still didn't make up for the sheer terror on the faces of others."

Todd said it took almost two hours to transfer the scared and confused dogs into the volunteer vans from Arizona and to get the needed paperwork organized.

"Some of the dogs were terrified and were afraid to come out of the crates," she said. "We had to be very careful putting not only a collar and leash on them, but also a slip collar in case the first collar was too loose."

Around 6 p.m. on April 14, Todd and the others started the long journey back to Arizona with their precious cargo: Amber, Grace, Eve, Sarah, Sierra, Libby, April, Suzy, Kruz, Tucker, Carson, Finley, Chip, Princeton, Spirit, Beacon, Lyric, Vivie, Jesse, Dylan and Teddy.

They arrived in Tucson about 5 a.m. on the 15th, immediately dropping off a few of the Texas dogs to their pre-arranged foster homes, then off to AZ Dog Sports in Scottsdale at around 7:30 a.m. to a crowd of cheering people.

"It was very emotional for all of us. I think we were all crying, not to mention we were exhausted," Todd said.

Todd, who estimates she has fostered at least two dozen dogs over the years for the Arizona rescue organization, is currently taking care of Suzy, who she said is about seven years old. Although Suzy is doing "fairly well," she was recently diagnosed with vaginal cancer, possibly a result of being bred over and over.

"She is a sweet dog. She still has a way to go emotionally—she still won't 'come' to me, or won't approach for a pet," Todd said, adding that Suzy's front canines appear to be filed down, probably so she wouldn't bite while breeding.

Todd said that, overall, the "Texas 21," as they are now known, are doing well. Most are shy but none seems to be showing signs of aggression toward people or dogs. Many crave attention from their foster parents. After living outside all their lives with virtually no



Tempe Police Sgt. Katherine Click has helped Police Explorer Fahed Salameh learn what it takes to be a sworn police officer, a future to which Salameh aspires.

— Wrangler News photo by Mark Crudup

Police Explorer stint reinforces teen's dream of a future in law-enforcement

By Mark Crudup

Corona del Sol High School junior Fahed Salameh joined the Tempe Police Explorers after a recruitment officer visited the school two years ago. Now, says Salameh, he's more responsible and more confident, particularly after a series of ride-alongs, one of which ended in a foot pursuit.

Most important, the experience has locked in his determination to follow a career in law enforcement.

This summer, Salameh will go to Washington, D.C., for the first time, where he will attend an FBI Leadership Academy.

He was one of 150 Explorers, of 33,000 across the country, selected to receive training at the nation's top law-enforcement institute.

"It's a fantastic experience," Salameh said. "Joining Explorers has made me understand what officers have to deal with on the streets, what they have to know, how they need to react to certain things."

Salameh spent two years working with Sgt. Katherine Click, who oversees the Tempe Police Department's Explorers program. The group, sponsored by the Learning for Life Division of the Boy Scouts of America, gives local young men and women, ages 14 to 21, firsthand experience in a variety of law-enforcement skills.

"It's amazing to watch the Explorers come in, and when they leave they're adults," Click said. "Fahed is so much more responsible now."

Click said Salameh was the only one of the Tempe Explorers to score 100 percent on the test on standard police radio codes. He will also attend a local policing academy before his trip to D.C.

"None of my family members have been in law enforcement before," Salameh said. "I'm really happy I joined the program; I've learned to be more aware — every situation can turn out differently than you expect."

As a member of the group, Salameh said he participated in various local Explorer competitions.

"Each (participant) grows as a person and gets trained in what officers actually do," Click said.

The group of Tempe Explorers placed second overall in the fourth annual Scottsdale Explorer Competition on March 26.

"We also went to a Mesa challenge event about a month ago," Salameh said. "It incorporated physical ability and teamwork; they put us in groups with Explorers from other cities, and all of us went through obstacle courses together."

This summer's weeklong FBI academy will focus on leadership skills, physical training and law enforcement practices.

"Sgt. Click is a cool person with a good personality," Salameh said. "She teaches and reviews what we need to do in every kind of situation; she and all of my advisers have taught me a lot, and still do."

Salameh's long-term plans? After graduating high school, he says he hopes to take the next logical step: trading in his Explorer uniform for Tempe PD's official blue.

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Sports Notebook . . . with Alex Zener

Aztecs primed for top spots in AIA Division I state meet

Corona's Track and Field program qualified athletes in 42 events for the Division I state track meet scheduled May 11 and 14 at Mesa Community College. The preliminary races were set for May 11 and the finals May 14.

"New AIA state tournament rules consolidated all Arizona high schools' track programs into four divisions," said head coach **Tim Kelly**. "Corona will have to compete against 60 teams in the Division I meet this season."

The boys team qualified three relay teams, eight athletes in the running events and three in field events.

Michael Seall, Dillion Baker, Cody Jackson and **Jared Hirschl** will represent Corona in the Boys 4x800 relay event, entering as the No. 10 seed. Seall and Jackson will also run the 4x400 relay with teammates **Dominique Branscumb** and **Matt Hayhurst** qualifying as the No. 8 seed with a time of 3:23.52.

The Boys 4x100 relay team competing in the state meet seeded No. 12 out of 24 teams will be **Dominic Mercurio, Tevin Mayfield, George Wright** and **Stephan Hill**.

Hirschl also qualified in the 1600 Meter Run, as the No. 19 seed and in the 3200 Meter Run, as the No. 12 seed. He will be competing against his teammate **Daniel Wrapp** in the same two events as the No. 23 and No. 8 seed respectively.

Jacob Whitney will be competing in the 3200

as the No. 15 seed. Seall and Jackson qualified as the No. 8 and No. 9 seed in the 800 Meter Run. **Nick Seifker** qualified as the No. 11 seed and Mayfield as the No. 18 seed in the Boys 110 Meter Hurdle race. Mayfield qualified in the 300 Meter Hurdles as the No. 11 seed while Patrick Buck as the No. 20 seed in the same event.

Mayfield, a Corona freshman, set a Freshman Showcase 300 Meter Hurdles meet record at Desert Vista April 21. Mayfield also was part of the first place 4x100 relay team competing on this relay team with **Michael Nguyen, John Osgood** and **George Wright** that set a meet record at the same event.

The Aztecs qualified in only two boys field events this season. **George Bafaloukus** is seeded No 18 and Branscumb No. 30 out of 35 athletes who qualified in the High Jump competition. Mercurio is the No. 23 seed in the Long Jump.

The girls team qualified three relay teams, eight athletes in the running events and three in the field event for the Division I state meet.

The girls 4x800 Meter Relay team of **Sarah Williams, Hallie Swenson, Leann Willittes** and **Dani Lemieux** have the No. 5 seed and a great chance of taking home a medal in this race scheduled May 14 at Mesa Community College.

The 4x100 Meter relay team of **Megan Benson, Taylor Johnson, Lakevia Stormer** and **Gabrielle Dotson** are seeded No. 7 as are the 4x400 Meter relay team of Stormer, Willittes, Williams and

Swenson.

Benson will run as the No. 5 seed in the Girls 100 Meter Hurdles Prelims and the No. 9 seed in the 300 Meter Hurdles Prelims May 11 in hopes of qualifying for the finals May 14. Teammate **Jackie Vogt** will be running in the 100 Meter Hurdles as the No. 18 seed.

Johnson will be competing as the No. 8 seed in the 100 Meter Dash Prelims and the No. 16 seed in the 200 Meter Dash Prelims along with team mate Stormer as the No. 23 seed. Stormer also planned to run as the No. 5 seed in the 400 Meter Dash Prelims May 11.

Corona has three girls running the long-distance races: **Ellen Dunn** as the No. 16 seed and Lemieux as the No. 20 seed in the 1600 Meter Run; Swenson as the No. 9 seed in the 800 Meter Run; and Lemieux as the No. 20 seed in the 3200 Meter Run.

Three Corona athletes will compete in the girls field events. The highest seed from both the boys and girls team is Dana McKenzie as the No. 3 seed in the Girls High Jump. Dotson is the No. 15 seed in the Long Jump and **Lauren Lucky** the No. 23 seed in the Girls Shot Put.

Freshman Showcase

Corona's freshman track and field athletes got a chance to compete in a Freshman Showcase meet hosted by Desert Vista April 21 where the boys team took second place and the girls team fourth.

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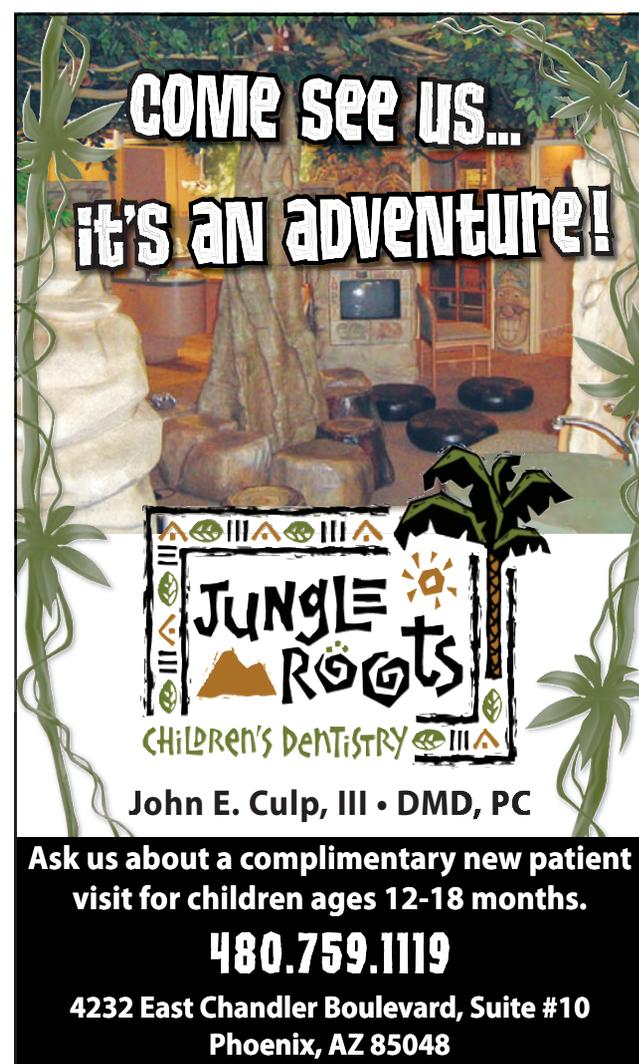
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Highlights, in addition to records set by **Tevin Mayfield** in the 300 Meter Hurdles and **Nick Martinez, Mayfield, John Osgood** and **Nick Creasman** in the 4x400 Meter Relay are first-place finishes for **George Wright** in the 200 Meter Dash, for **Michael Nguyen, Osgood, Mayfield** and **Wright** in the 4x100 Meter Relay and for **Creasman, Patrick Cullings, Blake Fischer** and **Andrew Trusswell** in the 4x800 Meter Relay.

Second place finishes were **Wright** in the 100 Meter Dash, **Creasman** in the 800 Meter Run and **Osgood** in the 300 Meter Hurdles.

Highlights in the field events included a third place for **Trevor Jackson** in the Triple Jump, and fourth place finishes for **Blake Jones** in the High Jump and **Everhardt** in the Long Jump.

The girls team took fourth in the Freshman Showcase proving to be most competitive in the relay events.

The 4x100 Meter relay team of **Justice Onwordi, Amina Swenson-Kamani, Grace Ashu** and **Connolly Bronwyn** crossed the finish line first. The 4x400 Meter relay team of **Erin Wochner, Swenson-Kamani, Vicky Sanford** and **Olivia Van Vleet** were second and the 4x800 meter relay team of **Cynthia Hernandez, Jordan Blitz, Abby Leaf** and **Abby Romero** were third.

Ashu was third in the 400 Meter Dash and **Swenson-Kamani** fourth in the 300 Meter Hurdles while **Leaf** took fifth in the 1600 Meter Run.

The highest finish for the girls team was a fifth place for **Michaela Yelland** in the Girls Shot Put.

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Aztec freshman track team includes, from left, Row 1: **Trevor Jackson, Tevin Mayfield, Blake Fischer** (on knee); Row 2: **Michael Nguyen, Mike Clare, George Wright, John Osgood, Nick Martinez, Patrick Cullings, Blake Jones, Khalile Santiago, Nick Creasman**; Row 3: **Jameson Langlois, Ryan Everhart, David Arce, Grant Fishburn, Jordan Sumerville, Matt Eckles, Abas Kamzi, Tim Snelling, Toni Dlorenzi, Andrew Trusswell, Bryce Manning, Nick Gentry.**

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2011 Tempe City Meet Junior Varsity Results

Corona's girls varsity, junior varsity and freshman teams all took second place in the 2011 Tempe City Meet held April 15 at Desert Vista High School. The following includes highlights of the junior varsity team only.

The girls junior varsity team had several first place finishes including **Kelsey Cartwright** in the 100 Meter and 300 Meter Hurdles, **Jordan Chapman** in the 400 Meter Dash and the 4X400 Meter relay team of Cartwright, **Mariah Austin**, Chapman and **Anna Lee**.

Carrie Tate was second in the 800 Meter Run, Austin third in the 400 Meter Dash, and Lee fourth in both the 100 and 300 Meter Hurdles

Chapman had the best finish in the field events with a first in the Triple Jump. **Zoya Oyzerovich** was third in the Discus Throw while **Geneva Heinkel** and **Coral Tribble** tied for fourth in the Pole Vault. Another fourth place finish went to **Laura Truswell** in the Shot Put. **Sammi Gurule**



Corona track athletes, from left, **Michael Nguyen, John Osgood, Tevin Mayfield and George Wright** set a new freshman meet record in the 4x100 relay at the Freshman Showcase April 21.

— Photo contributed by Chris Huch

was fifth in the Discus Throw.

The varsity boys team finished second at the 2011 Tempe City Meet, the junior varsity third and the freshman team second on April 15. *The following contains the highlights of the junior varsity team only.*

The boys junior varsity team had six first place finishes at the Tempe City Meet with three of them coming off of strong runs by the relay teams.

Stephen Hill was first in the 100 Meter Dash while **Alex Smith** was first in both the 200 Meter and 400 Meter Dashes. The 4x100 Meter relay team of **Carter Colton, Hill, Dylan Huch and Leland Roach** took first place as did the 4x400 relay team of **Alex Frantz, Smith, Huch and Hill**.

The final first place for a junior varsity relay team was the 4x800 team of Frantz, **Grant Swenson, Jansen Colella and Matt Hurst**.

Huch also placed fourth in the 100 Meter Dash, Hill fourth in the 200 Meter Dash and Frantz fourth in the 800 Meter Run while Hurst was fifth in the same 800 Meter Run.

The best finish for the boys junior varsity team in the field events was a third for **Tyler Price** and fourth for Roach in the Long Jump. **Ziming Dong** was fifth in the junior varsity Pole Vault. **Pat Carlson** was sixth in the Discus Throw and Price also took sixth in the Triple Jump.



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Discerning Diner: Yupha's brings new dimensions to Thai cuisine

By Nathan Scherotter

Using what friends tell me are my considerable sleuthing skills, I decided to dine inconspicuously at another one of Tempe's award-winning restaurants, Yupha's Thai Kitchen.

Tucked away on the southeast corner of McClintock and Elliot, Yupha's came to my attention after a number of friends dined there and rated it definitely worth a visit.

Seems that Yupha Dequenne, the owner, was determined to bring her vision of quality Thai food to Tempe. After being in a different spot on west Elliot for a while, the restaurant was relocated several years ago to its current location. Comfortable seating and a relaxing color scheme left me with a sense of tranquility that Yupha must have had in mind from the beginning.

Yupha's menu is complete, comparable in terms

of selection to what you'd find at most authentic Thai restaurants. A list of 10-plus appetizers includes some worthy choices, including the "Little Mermaid" appetizer, a fun twist to Thai-style food: shrimp and bacon wrapped inside a delicate spring roll.

Also on the menu are the traditional chicken, pork and beef or tofu entrees, as well as an abundance of curry, seafood and noodle options. It should be noted that Yupha's lunch and dinner menus are somewhat different. Lunch items represent slightly smaller portions; all are priced equally and include a light and flavorful broth plus garden salad with traditional hot peanut dressing.

During my excursion to Yupha's I started out with the spring rolls. What I really liked about these is that they reminded me of spring: fresh and simple. It was a great way to start the meal. This was followed by the Tom yum gai, a spicy Thai chicken soup, which

I also enjoyed. My main course was a green curry tofu dish.

At Yupha's you can choose just the amount of chili that's right for you: mild, medium, hot or Thai hot. Be forewarned: At Yupha's, when they say hot, they definitely mean it.

The presentation was very nice, and the portions were indeed plentiful. All in all I was extremely pleased with my meal, and it didn't hurt that it was quite affordable. Yupha's has received several awards for being among the best Thai restaurants in the Valley.

Based on the quality of food I experienced and overall good service, I can't argue with such recognition. I would highly recommend Yupha's for a casual lunch or for a nice dinner close to home.

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Trick-shot teen on his way to being *'The Happiest Person in the World'*



Salty Dog founder Connor Buckner, a student at Marcos de Niza High School, shows off one of the shots that have brought his group virtually overnight fame.

By Jeremy Banks

They're called the Salty Dogs, and they are becoming one of the most popular shows in Arizona. Armed with a hard-work ethic and an abundance of talent, the group has developed quite a following by executing creative trick basketball shots.

There are half-court shots, shots made from diving boards, shots from the top of buildings and other tricks that have left fans wanting more.

The group is two months old and it has already developed a large following. South Tempe resident and Marcos de Niza junior Connor Buckner founded the group.

In a short time, he has watched the group grow into something special. Their YouTube page, youtube.com/saltydogfilms, has become a hit.

"We had three subscribers (when we started)," Buckley said. "Right now we have 250, and we've been viewed over 12,000 times."

The subscribers and views are just the beginning. The group is gaining

popularity and attracting attention. But before there were admirers, before there were tricks—before there was even a group—there was a kitchen table.

Buckley and his friend Nick Palomares were sitting in the kitchen when they came up with the idea to form a trick-shot basketball team. They created a plan. The only thing they didn't have was a name.

"We kept going through names like 'Arizona's Amazing Trick Shots,' but nothing had a ring to it," Buckley said.

One day Buckley found the perfect solution. He was listening to a group of kids converse when he heard something that caught his ear. It was something that would stick.

"Someone got out and we heard them yell, 'You Salty Dog,'" Buckley recalled. "And we wanted that to be the name of our trick-shot group."

Everything took off from there. They formed the Salty Dogs group, added new members and quickly began

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filming their tricks. Before they knew it, they were catching the eyes of their peers. They were getting noticed on the street.

Buckley remembers being out, wearing his Salty Dogs hat, when someone approached him.

"They said, 'Wait, are you one of the kids that do those amazing shots?'" Buckley said.

The person said they really enjoyed their videos. It made Buckley feel great.

"It was really awesome," he said. "It made me feel like I was doing something right."

The group works on their shots three to four times a week. Some tricks take 10 minutes to execute. Others take up to an hour.

Buckley said some of his favorite accomplishments have been a half-court shot, a kick shot from the top of a hill that measured 100 feet, and a shot off the sixth story of a parking garage.

That shot, Buckley said, the best. "I was so excited," he said. "I was at the top and all these cars are driving by, and I was just screaming."

The group, comprised of Buckley, David Paderez, Alex Beaver and Chad and Taylor Ahrens Dorf, work hard just about every day to perfect their craft.

This is what they love to do. They love to entertain. They love to impress. They love to have fun.

The Salty Dogs would like to one-day do promotional videos around the city. Their ultimate goal, Buckley said, is to become partners at YouTube, where they are paid to execute their trick shots and film them for the world to see. Buckley said he doesn't want this to be a hobby. He wants it to be a lifestyle.

"This is what I plan to do with my life. This is what I love to do," he said.

"People tell me I'm dreaming, thinking I can make a living off of this. But that's why I put the time in every week. I just love doing this. If I could make a living doing this, I'd be the happiest person in the world."

W. Chandler police volunteers recognized for years of service

Three west Chandler residents have been recognized for their cumulative years of service as Chandler Police Department volunteers.

Jack Bessler was the recipient of a lifetime achievement award.

Recognition also went to Joe Askins and Richard Abbey.

The lifetime achievement award, presented annually, recognizes a volunteer for outstanding performance for achieving departmental goals and objectives through projects, programs or situations requiring exceptional dedication.

Feedback from volunteers and employees is used to recognize a volunteer for dedication to the mission of Chandler PD and its Volunteers in Policing program.

This year's Volunteer of the Year was Rea Dias.

To honor the dedication and the hours donated over the years, CPD presents the Copper, Silver, Gold and Lifetime Achievement Awards.

Volunteers received these awards

based on their hours of service to the Chandler Police Department Volunteer Program. These awards are given to volunteers for total hours of service throughout their time in the program.

Bronze recipients: For volunteers who have provided 1,000-plus hours of service. The 2010 recipients were Richard Abbey, Harold Grosboll and Eileen Rubenstein.

Silver recipients: For volunteers who have provided 2,000-plus hours of service. Recipients were Barbra Hedges, Michael Muller and William Brewer.

Gold Recipients: For volunteers who have provided 4,000-plus hours of service. There were no 2010 recipients.

The Life Time Achievement Award recognizes volunteers who have provided 6,000-plus hours of service and have made significant, long-standing contributions. In addition to Bessler, the 2010 recipients were Ken Hawkes and Dale Kline. Past recipients are Al Cote, Art Tucholski and Carl White.



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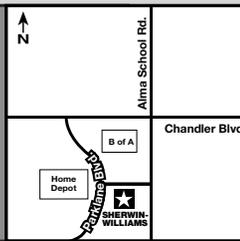
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Stroke Awareness gets a boost with tips from CRMC nursing specialist

Dizziness or problems with balance. Difficulty speaking. Numbness in the face, arm or leg.

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According to Karla Baning, a nurse practitioner and stroke program coordinator at Chandler Regional Medical Center, stroke is experienced by around 795,000 people every year, affecting those of all ages, including children.

In recognition of National Stroke Awareness Month, Chandler Regional Medical Center is offering a free online assessment that will help people learn if they are at risk of having a stroke. The assessment will be available until at least the end of the year.

Baning said participants are asked questions about things like age, race, smoking habits, weight, cholesterol levels and family history of certain health issues.

"It's really quite easy to do," she said. "At the end, the person can print it out to review it or take it to their physician. You can also get a follow-up

with a registered nurse at the hospital since there is a lot of information about what the results mean."

The goal of the assessment, Baning said, is to stop primary or secondary strokes from occurring through risk-factor management.

"One of the primary myths is that stroke is not preventable, but it certainly is," she said. "Eighty percent of strokes are preventable. When you consider that there are 795,000 strokes a year, and 600,000 of them are first-time strokes, 80 percent is a huge number."

Baning said it is vitally important that people are aware of not only the symptoms of a stroke but also their risk factors for having one, because from the moment a stroke happens, time is of the essence.

This, she said, relates to another common myth associated with stroke: that there is no treatment available.

"This used to be true, but now interventions can be performed," she said.

"There is one FDA-approved medication, and it has to be administered

within three hours. If someone you know is having symptoms of a stroke, write down to the minute when (the symptoms) started happening."

Another misconception related to stroke is that they only happen to older people.

"While it is true that the risk is greater after 65, anyone can have a stroke, including infants and young people," Baning said, adding that people also mistakenly believe that strokes happen inside the heart.

"Strokes can be thought of as a brain attack," she said.

"When you are having a heart attack, the blood supply to the heart is affected. When you are having a stroke, the blood supply to the brain is affected. Every minute that there is a loss of blood supply to the brain, a person

will lose two million nerve cells and 14 billion nerve synapses."

Baning hopes that everyone takes the seven or so minutes necessary to take the free online assessment. She understands that some people may be nervous to see their results and learn the truth about their stroke risk factors, but she stressed that it's better to know now and do something about it than end up at the hospital having symptoms.

"They think nothing can be done, but you are more likely to survive a stroke than die from it," she said. "There is hope."

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— By Alison Stanton



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On parade: Spring, summer fashion trends

By Mark Crudup

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"We wanted to showcase a local artist, Jules Gissler, who does some of our artwork and jewelry, as well as highlight summer trends coming up," said Gemma Wilson, co-owner of Ivy Boutique.

Models wore bright, colorful shirts with whimsical patterns, Wilson said.

"Black and white is really 'in' right now," she said.

"Paisleys are also popular, and orange is a big color for the summer."

The jewelry produced by Gissler includes versatile pieces that consist of interesting combinations of beads and hardware items, such as wing nuts.

"She makes a necklace called 'the leash,'" Wilson said. "It's 36 inches, but has two end clasps that allow fashion-lovers to wear the piece in a variety of ways and at different lengths; you can wear it as a necklace or bracelet."

The fashion show was a success, with many Tempe residents stopping by to get a preview of new fashion trends, she said.

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Project's greatest gift: 'A restoration of our senses'

YMCA kids join celebration of So. Tempe's neighborhood garden

Story & photo by Mark Crudup

Enthusiasts who have been laboring over a onetime vacant lot in south Tempe with their minds set on conceiving a lush community garden got a bit of welcome praise this month: they received praise for their efforts from Mayor Hugh Hallman and members of the Tempe City Council.

Nearby residents and community-garden volunteers gathered at the site of "Friends of Gasca Gardens," located on the southeast corner of Warner Road and Bonarden Lane, for a ribbon-cutting event that marked the official start-up of the already-growing garden plots.

Hallman, council members and representatives from organizations that partnered with volunteers to aid the garden's efforts attended the morning presentation.

"This is such an exciting project on so many levels for the city," said Tempe councilwoman Onnie Shekerjian, who chairs the council's committee on technology and community development. "It says something about our community and our city, and what we value here."

Shekerjian spoke of her own gardening experience with her grand-

daughter and said she was overwhelmed with Gasca Garden's growth.

"The garden's greatest gift is the restoration of our five senses," she said. "You get to smell the plants, smell the dirt, feel the sun on your back — you get to feel what is like to be human again."

By the last week of March, all of the 21 available plots had been leased to neighborhood residents, including one plot designated for children and two with

home-grown produce that will go to local food banks.

Community-garden organizers partnered with Tempe Community Action Agency to provide food banks with produce grown in those plots.

"I don't want my granddaughter Lily to grow up thinking lettuce comes from a plastic bag," Shekerjian said. "I want her to know where it comes from and what it takes in terms of effort and

resources."

All plots have sprouted with a variety of spring and summer crops, including squash, strawberries and lettuce, all surrounded by sunflowers. The land was donated by south Tempe resident Deena Gasca, who originally owned the property.

"Alex and I got up the courage to knock on Deena Gasca's door, and just pitched the idea of a community garden here," said Pam

Smyth, president of Friends in Gasca Gardens. "She was so enthusiastic and warm to the idea."

Alex Prescott, garden organizer and Tempe resident, addressed the history of the gardens to guests at the ribbon-cutting event, noting how the project brought neighboring residents together.

"I didn't know anyone when we started, and now we are close friends,"

he said. "We put our minds to it, and here we are now."

YMCA kids dig in

Ten kids from Tempe's YMCA dug into the garden's plots, shovels and water buckets in hand, to learn gardening techniques and enjoy the fruits of outdoor labor.

Amanda Schneider, organizer and financial manager for Friends in Gasca Gardens, said all of the kids were enthusiastic about learning gardening techniques.

"It's nice to see them having so much fun with this," Schneider said. "The kids rotated through three stations where they planted seeds and seedlings, created plant markers and learned to recognize the seeds of various plants."

Local volunteers with the garden helped the children with tasks, and demonstrated how to properly compost plant material and other organic waste to create healthy soil for plants.

Schneider said she looks forward to giving local kids more experience through Friends in Gasca Gardens.

"It was so enjoyable and satisfying to watch the kids so engrossed in their experience," she said.



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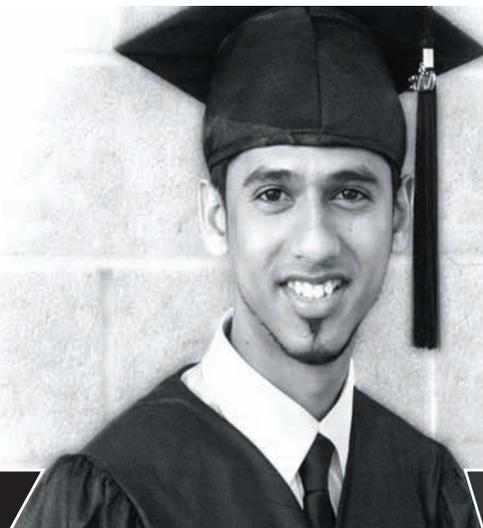
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Further, the board discussed a number of other areas of the district budget that members said they would like carefully reviewed for the 2012-13 year.

The budget process for what seems to be a long way away will begin very shortly after the Governing Board approves this year's budget in July. The board will be asked to consider an action item at its Tuesday, May 24, meeting to allow for communication and planning with the staff and community.

Because the proposed changes may affect each school differently, parents are being encouraged to attend public Governing Board meetings on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month or submit their comments and suggestions on the Kyrene website at www.kyrene.org/budget

— Don Kirkland

Rescue

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love, care or companionship, the dogs are happily getting used to things many other dogs take for granted—living inside a home, getting belly rubs, playing with toys, eating regular meals and drinking fresh, clean water.

Todd said she hopes people will think twice about buying a dog from a puppy mill. She wants to emphasize that not only do the puppies often come out with serious health issues, but the adult dogs that are left behind to breed over and over are also scarred emotionally and physically.

"It is great to know that we are helping these dogs, but heartbreaking to know that this is still going on throughout the country," she said.

"People need to know that when they get a dog from a breeder it could be someone like (the Texas mill operator); they have a public-facing location that is nice and clean and another location where they are warehousing dogs.

"If people could see the conditions that these dogs were living in, maybe they would think twice and consider a rescue instead."

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Ask the Doctor **Irritable Bowel Syndrome: What You Need to Know**

By **Rushda Mumtaz, M.D.**

According to the National Institute of Health, approximately one in six people have symptoms of irritable bowel syndrome (IBS).

Although IBS can be debilitating, most people with IBS find that symptoms improve when they learn how to manage their condition. Rushda Mumtaz, M.D., board-certified gastroenterologist on the medical staff at St. Luke's Medical Center and Tempe St. Luke's Hospital, explains IBS and its treatment.

Question: What is irritable bowel syndrome?

IBS affects the large intestine (colon) and can cause abdominal pain and cramping, as well as changes in bowel movements such as diarrhea and constipation. IBS can be uncomfortable – and even painful – however, it does not cause permanent harm or lead to serious diseases, such as cancer. The disorder is not the same as inflammatory bowel disease.

Q. What causes IBS?

A. IBS can occur at any age, but

typically begins prior to age 35. The disorder is more common in women than men. While there are many possible causes of IBS, it's not clear why certain patients develop the syndrome. Possible triggers include diet, hormones, intestinal infections and stress.

Q. What are the symptoms of IBS?

The symptoms of IBS can include bloating, flatulence (gas), cramping, severe abdominal pain, diarrhea, constipation and mucus in the stool. If you are experiencing these symptoms, it's important to seek medical attention in order to rule out other more serious conditions, such as colitis or cancer.

Q. How is IBS diagnosed?

A. There are no specific tests to confirm a diagnosis of IBS, however, your primary care physician may perform various tests to rule out other possible disorders. Tests could include blood tests, stool cultures or a colonoscopy.

Q. What can people with IBS do to improve their symptoms and quality of life?

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ple learn how to manage their IBS. Treatment can include medication, dietary changes and counseling for stress relief.

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Stress can also trigger IBS. The colon is connected to the brain through nerves of the autonomic nervous system. Stress causes these nerves to become more active which can cause the intestines to contract. People with IBS may have a colon that is overly responsive to these nerves which can exacerbate symptoms.

People with IBS sometimes change their lifestyle to cope with the symptoms. They may miss work days and avoid social engagements. However, engaging in social activities and reaching professional potential can help alle-

viate stress, which can also relieve symptoms. Regular exercise, yoga or massage can also help alleviate stress. Counseling is sometimes prescribed, as well.

Medication may also be recommended, but no one medication will work for everyone. Patients should consult with their physician before taking over-the-counter medications because fiber supplements and laxatives can exacerbate IBS. Physicians may prescribe medication to control colon muscle spasms, treat diarrhea, relieve intestinal pain, relieve constipation and relax the intestinal muscles.

For more information, visit stlukesmedcenter.com and search for "irritable bowel syndrome" in the Health Resources section, or call 1-877-351-WELL (9355).

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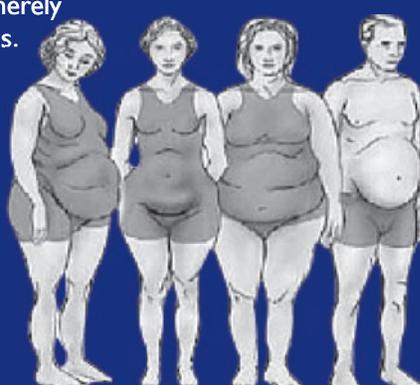
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- Tempe City Code prohibits weeds and tall grass (higher than 12 inches) in yards and alleys.

The city's code compliance team conducts inspections to encourage well-maintained neighborhoods.

- Tempe residents are responsible for maintaining their yards, as well as the alleys behind

their homes, including removing weeds.

- Weeds can be controlled by pulling them, using a pre-emergent and/or using a systemic herbicide.

A number of natural weed-control products are also available, as well as specialized hand tools to make pulling weeds easier.

- While city crews spray herbicide in rights-of-way and alleys during the spring, priority is placed on controlling weeds in the rights-of-way to prevent hazardous driving conditions.

- If you notice a neighbor's weeds getting out of control, you may want to remind them about

the City Code and/or offer to help remove the weeds.

In some cases, however, a home may be in foreclosure and it may be difficult to determine ownership.

- Tempe's Tool Box lends landscaping tools and supplies to Tempe residents and neighborhood groups to help you maintain your property.

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Kids stay active at summer camps

Tempe camps help kids stay active and entertained this summer

Valley kids are invited to keep their minds and bodies active this summer with Tempe's fun educational, sports and cultural day camps.

Camps begin in June and run through the beginning of August, with a range of starting and ending dates to fit every schedule.

Tempe offers a variety of sport camps to help young athletes of all ages and abilities improve their game in volleyball, softball, basketball, soccer, golf and tennis.

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A complete list of Tempe's summer camps, including fees and registration instructions, is available at www.tempe.gov/summercamps.

For more information, call 480-350-5200.

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The adult summer reading program kicks off this year on Saturday, May 21.

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The Tempe Public Library is located at 3500 S. Rural Rd.

Corona del Sol lists semi-finalists for prestigious Presidential Scholars program

By Mark Crudup

Corona del Sol senior Theodore (Ted) Lin has been nominated as a semifinalist for the 2011 Presidential Scholars award for his achievements in academics and music.

If selected in the final competition, he would take an expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C., where he would be honored in June, along with other Presidential Scholars.



The Presidential Scholars award remains one of the highest bestowed on graduating high school seniors.

Though Lin has been to the nation's capital with this father, he said there's much more to explore and he's looking forward to the experience if selected.

Lin said he was nominated for the Presidential Scholars award based on his academic achievements and high SAT scores. After being named a candidate, he said he applied for the nomination by submitting test scores and a teacher's recommendation.

During his time at Corona, Lin has not only excelled in numerous AP courses, but

has been honored for academic and musical achievements, including the title of National Merit Scholar, National AP Scholar for completing eight AP courses with high scores, and placing third in the Arizona State Math Contest.

His musical talents are equally as impressive as his academic conquests. Lin said he has performed at Banner Desert Medical Center with his club, Music-for-Cure, as well as placed first in the senior solo division at the Arizona Young Artist Piano Competition.

He's also principal cellist for the Phoenix Youth Symphony, and has auditioned for the Arizona All-State Honor Orchestra for the fourth year.

Lin said Corona has given him prestigious academic and artistic opportunities.

"The teachers have been very supportive and helpful in their teaching and advice," Lin said. "Some of my favorite classes that I have taken, or am taking, include AP chemistry, AP biology, AP English and orchestra."

Earlier this year, five graduating seniors at Corona were named among more than 30,000 Presidential Scholar candidates for 2011.

Other than Lin, candidates from Corona included Albert Chiu, Vikram Narayan, Vamsi Varra and Daniel Wrapp.

The names of final Presidential Scholars will be announced later this month.

Next issue: Flinn Scholar Eric Chang



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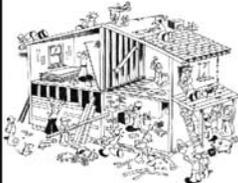
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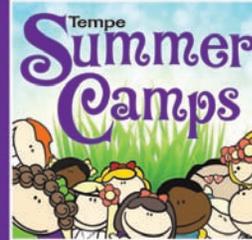


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