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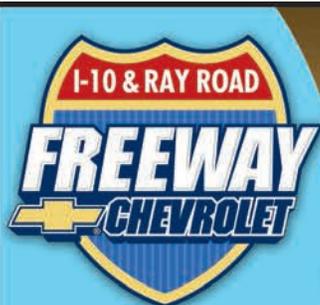
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Brandi DeLucia, stepdaughter Haley are working together to beat the genetic disease that has left Haley with an uncertain future. — Wrangler News photo by Billy Hardiman

Profile . . .

Kyrene receptionist faces rough road helping her stepdaughter fight potentially life-ending disease

By Diana Whittle

Central to Haley DeLucia's young life is her treatment—a seemingly never-ending process to battle the cystic fibrosis that is relentless in its attack on her body.

But at 13 years old, it's all she has ever known.

Diagnosed as an infant with the life-threatening genetic disorder that most critically affects the lungs and digestive system, Haley's medical care costs an average of \$15,000 a month and involves a team of medical specialists—as well as, within the last year, three stays in Phoenix Children's Hospital.

Still, Haley aspires to maintain a regular schedule and attendance at her junior high. She dutifully gets up extra early, before getting ready for school, to start the treatment process herself.

This involves wearing a vibrating vest to help clear the fluid in her

lungs, taking pills and receiving extra nourishment through an IV to supplement her nutrition.

In addition to the cystic fibrosis—referred to commonly as CF—Haley is diabetic.

CF is an incurable disease affecting about 30,000 children and adults, with nearly 75 percent of them diagnosed by the age of two. It can quickly wear down internal organs, such as the lungs, liver and digestive system.

Orchestrating Haley's care is stepmom Brandi DeLucia, who also works 30 hours a week as a receptionist at the administrative offices of the Kyrene School District in Tempe.

While her life with Haley is both challenging and rewarding, its progression was completely unexpected.

Brandi was married to Haley's father, Jim. Their household included

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Brandi's two sons from her first marriage; then, Haley came to live permanently with them at age eight.

For a time, life for the blended family was good. Brandi felt Jim was "the love of her life" and he directed much of Haley's care.

"As a family, we went on a cruise, and the salt water was great for Haley and beneficial to her lungs," recalls Brandi of the happy memory.

Sadly, Jim died not quite two years ago, leaving Brandi in what she calls "legal limbo," with no real standing as Haley's parent.

Since that time, she's gained custodial rights, but continues to struggle to find her way as a new widow with a stepdaughter who needs a great deal of medical care, in addition to her responsibilities for her two sons.

The household endured another blow when they lost their home recently and had to move.

"Some days it's overwhelming. The hardest part of becoming a widow is that there is no script for the role. You are thrust into a new way of life overnight and you have to adjust as best as you can," said Brandi.

"For me, the simple process of getting up each day and taking a shower and dressing was the first step to moving forward. I knew I had three

children to care for and I couldn't stay in bed all day."

One of the positives, says Brandi, is Haley's generous spirit.

When given an opportunity to be helped by the Make-A-Wish Foundation, she chose a trip that could include her stepbrothers. "We were all able to go swim with the dolphins and stay at a resort," said Brandi. "It was a wonderful trip."

As a true survivor, Brandi credits her religious faith, her family and friends for being a vital support system and a key component in her ability to forge ahead. The support brings her strength, and Haley's determination brings her hope for the future.

"Everyone who meets her falls in love with her," Brandi says. "She lives in constant pain, but she still manages to light up every room she enters."

In addition to brightening a difficult situation, Haley's reaction to her condition sends a message to those around her.

It's the same message Brandi relies on in her daily life, a philosophy she tries to keep in the forefront with the whole family.

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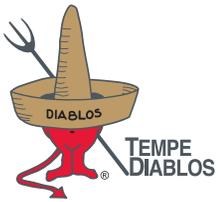
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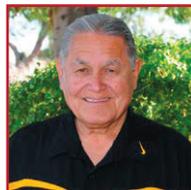
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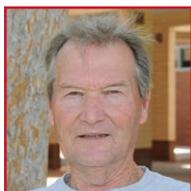
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Teacher of the Year recipients are, top, JoAnne Skoglund, Kyrene Altadeña; above, Adrianna Aragon, Nevitt Elementary, and Sergio Holguin, Mountain Pointe H.S.

Wrangler News photos by Billy Hardiman

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Sol Buddies pitch in to expand opportunities for special needs kids

Story & photo by Chelsea Martin

In an ongoing effort to promote awareness of those with special needs, the Corona del Sol High School girls softball team has taken a special group under its wing.

Their idea: to expand the team to members of the Sol Buddies group, which comprises students with special needs. The members are not only included in every game, but one Buddy is given the opportunity to throw the opening pitch.

“A lot of the girls have classes with the special needs kids but they don’t often see them in another environment,” said sponsor Jayelee Dorris.

“So bringing the kids into the team’s world is just as important to them. The girls are amazing with the kids, and they motivate each other. They have really bonded.”

The team enjoys the great company, and its players work hard to

set an example, said Dorris.

“The (Buddies) are such a cool group,” freshman Ruby Eversole said. “They go through so much, and for them to be happy makes everybody else happy. It’s awesome.”

This year, the Buddies were awarded medals for their contribution to the team. The medals were happily received by Dion Ramirez, Daniel Garcia, Lauren Graham, Demond Robinson and Warren Tripp.

The girls unanimously agree that the Buddies have strengthened the team. They wouldn’t have it any other way.

“We see them as a part of our team, we seriously do,” said freshman Isabel Nunez-Prieto. “They motivate us, cheer us up when we’re down and make it more fun overall for the whole team.”

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Top athletes ink Letters of Intent

Corona athletes showed off Letters of Intent from their colleges of choice at a ceremony May 14. Recipients included, from left, front, Sava Gulstad, Nathan Rodriguez, Grant Fishburn, Grace Ashu, Sarah Holditch, Tevin Mayfield; back, George Wright, Jarrett Givens, Ryan Normand, Andrew Truswell, Matt Eckles, Nicholas Creasman. Recipients of college scholarships competed on the basis of both athletic and academic achievement during their high school years.

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Sports Notebook . . .

Aztecs take state Division I track title first time since '83

Article by Alex Zener
Photos by Billy Hardiman

After years of being left in the dust by the likes of track powerhouses Brophy, Chandler and Desert Vista, Corona took steps six long years ago to reinvent and rebuild its track and field program. The effort paid off when the Aztecs were crowned Arizona State Division I State Champions at the state track meet held at Mesa Community College.

It was only the second time the Aztecs had brought home the championship trophy in the school's history. The first time, they were crowned the 1982 4A state champs under long-time head track coach **David Vibber**. After Vibber retired six years ago, new head coach **Tim Kelly** accepted the challenge of resurrecting Corona's track and field program to its heyday during the 1990s when it took second place three straight years.

It took not only an attitude adjustment but a new approach to kids to come out to the program but he and the athletes knew they were close last season but ended up second to eventual winner Phoenix Brophy Prep.

Not so in 2014. Riding on the backs of the seniors who were determined to win the championship their last year of high school, Corona amassed 89.5 points to defeat Desert Vista by 26.9 points and Brophy College Prep by 41.5 points.



Nathan Rodriguez before the 1600 meter run.

Leading the way was senior **Nathan Rodriguez**, who not only won a gold medal in his three individual races but also anchored the 4x800 boys relay team that took first place for the third straight year.

Rodriguez, who held the fastest times in both the 1600 meter and 800 meter run in the state heading into the first day of the state meet, was hoping to break a record or at least set a personal record in at least one of these races.

"My personal goal heading into the first day of the state meet was originally slightly different than what actually happened," said Rodriguez. "On Wednesday, the goal was to try to run for time and continue to better my PR (personal record) in the 1600. After winning the 1600, the fatigue started to hit me and my goal quickly became to win the 800 and score the 10 points for the team."

Rodriguez not only scored 10 points for the Aztecs but ended up running the 800 meter with fastest time in Arizona for 2014 at the state meet.

On Saturday, Rodriguez's plan, and his focus, were to score as many points for the team as possible, which meant running smart races and not making any unplanned moves. Thus, following his plan, Rodriguez strategically hung back and ran beside his teammate, **Ryan Normand**, in his first race of the day, the 3200 meter run. It was a familiar site to many who watched the two Aztecs during Corona's championship season last fall.

A runner from Hamilton led the pack until Mountain Ridge's Nick Dale made move in the third lap. Rodriguez chased him down, pulling Normand and Mesquite's Tyler Day with him. All four runners ran together until the last 600 meters, when Rodriguez kicked and pulled away to take first place. Normand fulfilled his goal to win points for the team with a fourth place finish.

Normand, who is expected to run at ASU next fall, had the sixth fastest time, which he accomplished when running at the

Arcadia Invitational in April.

"Nathan had a remarkable state meet this season, his senior year," said Kelly. "He did exactly what we knew he could do and went out on top in his high school track experience."

Corona's 4x800 relay team had been in contention the last three years, losing by just a half of a second in 2011 and winning the championship the past two years. They had raced all season with a target on their back. Rodriguez and **Nicholas Creasman** were the mainstays, having been on the winning the team the past two seasons.

"Coach Ari Rodriguez told me in February that we were going to win our third straight 4x800 state championship and he was right," said Kelly. "We had two new kids on this year's team, **Andrew Trusswell** and **Andrew Eversden**, and they really stepped up. Six kids had been vying for those two spots all season. It was a sense of pride to run on that relay team and make it into the championship race."

It's this same sense of pride and reputation for winning in the distance races and relay teams that is the kind of attitude Kelly was hoping to establish in Corona's track program when he took it over six years ago. Another senior helped establish the same attitude in the hurdles event.

Tevin Mayfield excelled in the hurdle events, setting a personal best time of 14.02 and a first place in the 110 meter high hurdles during the finals on Saturday and placing in the 330 meter hurdles and the 200 meter dash.

"Tevin had been steadily improving

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in the hurdles over the past four years and was getting better every week toward the end of the season," said Kelly. "He had such a determined look on his face after



Tevin Mayfield as he won the 110 meter high hurdles.

prelims, we had a feeling something special was going to happen, and he delivered a state championship in the 110 hurdles."

"Senior Nicholas Creasman, who had a great track season as

well, was part of four state championship relay teams and has been a pillar of our mid-distance program," said Kelly. "He plans to run at Dartmouth next year and will be missed in our program."

Other Aztecs who competed for the boys championship team at the state meet included **Tyler Stehr** (16th), 110 meter hurdles; **Patrick Cullings** (11th) and **Slade Sumners** (17th), 3200 meter run; **Grant Fishburn, Nicholas VanderKnoop, Creasman and Nilesh Bissessur**, 4x400 Meter Relay (5th); **Creasman**, 800 meter run (4th); **Sam Shoutlz** (3rd), **Colin Freeland** (6th), and **Josh Onwardi** (9th), high jump; **George Wright** (15th) long jump; **Matt Eckles** (3rd), pole

vault; **Thomas Turley** (11th), shot put; and **Dakota Summers** (20th) and **Wright** (21st), triple jump.

Corona's girls team did not place as high as its members had hoped due to some late-season injuries but had several bright spots, including a seventh place finish for freshman **Jackie Martin** in the 400 meter dash and a seventh place for **Renee Clary** and ninth for **Kelly Naumann** in the 800 meter run.

The biggest disappointment for the girls team may have been the sixth place finish for the 4x400 relay team of **Aery Ware, Isabelle Cartagena, Olivia VanVleet** and **Jackie Martin** who finished first in the preliminaries but sixth in the finals.

"Our 4x400 girls relay team has the fastest time in the state all year and broke the school record twice," said Kelly. "We had to change the order a little bit due to injury and they just didn't have the race they wanted in the finals. It was tough for the girls as they should have been state champs in that event."

Other athletes who competed for Corona's girls team included **Iffeatu Samuel** (8th) and **VanVleet** (20th), 100 meter hurdles; **Naumann** (10th), 1600 meter run; **VanVleet** (8th), **Samuel** (10th) 300 meter hurdles; **Sammie Moore** (21st), 3200 meter run; **Martin** (14th), 200 meter dash; **Marina Lay** (10th), discus; **Sarah Holdich** (16th), pole vault;

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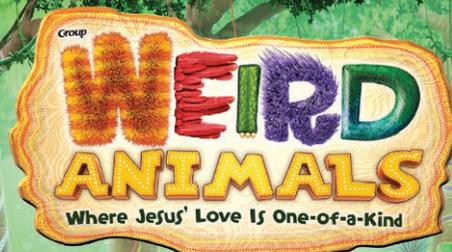
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A recipe to feed kids' appetites for summer fun Schools' leisure-time programs based on studies of needs, interests

By Diana Whittle

There's no excuse for bored kids this summer – not with the many course offerings and activities available through the Kyrene School District.

It's the goal of the Kyrene Community Education and Outreach Services Department to keep kids smiling and laughing all summer long, says staff member Peterson Flocken.

“Our Kyrene Community Education and Outreach Services department is made up of innovative staff, which has their finger on the pulse of the community. We work hand-in-hand with parents, teachers, administrators and students to really gauge what the needs and interests of our families are.

We strive to offer something for everyone and continue to come up with ideas that support student achievement.”

And, out of district students are welcome to enroll.

Flocken says that “students come from all over the state to our programs. Some of our offerings have weekly options so they can still participate even if

they are out of town for parts of the summer.”

Last year, the attendance of the Kyrene Summer Programs was more than 1,500 students. Some of the favorites have long-established track records and others are new programs designed to attract more families each year.

“Our flagship Kids Club and Summer Academy programs have been operating for more than 15 years, but we have made great efforts over the past three years to really expand the offerings so that families have more choices,” said Flocken.

“Kyrene Adventure Tours and our After-Hours program, which is a middle school summer experience, are our newer programs that families have really been enjoying.”

In fact, Flocken says, the Kyrene Adventure Tours were so popular last year that staff decided to offer the program on both sides of the freeway.

“This year, the program will be at Centennial and Aprende Middle Schools and are filling up quickly. Because we can only have a certain number of students on the buses, once we are full, we can't take any more registrants—so sign up today.”

Information on course offerings, cost and

registration forms are on-line at: www.kyrene.org

Or for questions, call the Community Relations Department at 480-541-1500.

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Locations: Brisas, Colina, Esperanza, Paloma

Dates: May 27 - July 25

Times: 6:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.

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Times: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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pick from classes including Lacrosse/Soccer, Mixed Media Art Studio, Cut it Up and Fantasy Baseball Stats. Kids Club and After Hours offer a wrap around program for families looking for extended day programs. NEW: Fun classes for three and four year olds including Alphabet Soup, Spanish and more!

Locations: Paloma, Colina, Centennial

Dates: June 2 - June 26 (Monday-Thursday)

Times: 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

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After Hours

Incoming 5th - 8th Grades

Locations: Centennial, Aprende

Dates: May 27 - July 25

Times: 7 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Each day will offer fun on-site events like cooking projects, dodgeball and other active games, Xbox/Wii games, On Deck card tournament and many more. NEW: Each week students will go on *two or three field trips* to exciting destinations such as Kiwanis Wave Pool, Main Event Entertainment, Swimming, Sun Splash and Wazee's World. Options include partial weeks, half days and a Summer Academy wrap around program.

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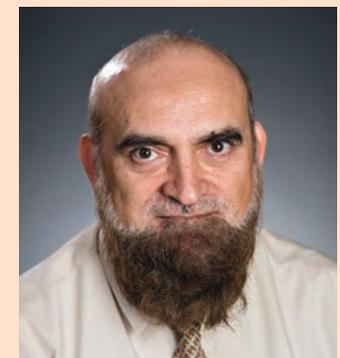
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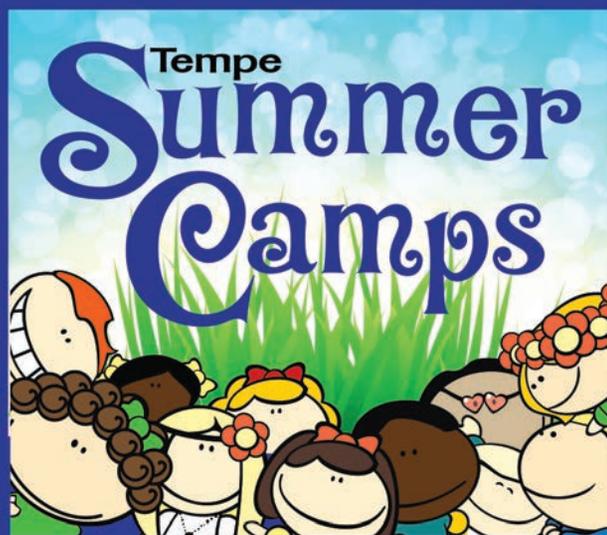
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Dr. Salim is board certified in Pulmonary, Critical Care, Sleep and Internal Medicine and completed his fellowship at Queens Hospital/Long Island Jewish Medical Center in New York. He has 35 years of experience treating advanced respiratory diseases such as asthma, COPD and lung cancers using minimally invasive techniques. He is a Fellow of the American College of Chest Physicians.

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Tempe nurse selected for outstanding patient care

Tempe resident Lisa Brack, a surgical nurse at St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center, has been recognized by a California-based professional organization for providing outstanding patient care.

Brack began working at St. Joseph's shortly after graduating from Wichita State University, according to the award's judges, quickly gravitating to the operating room and constantly working to further professionalize her role as a nurse when caring for surgical patients.

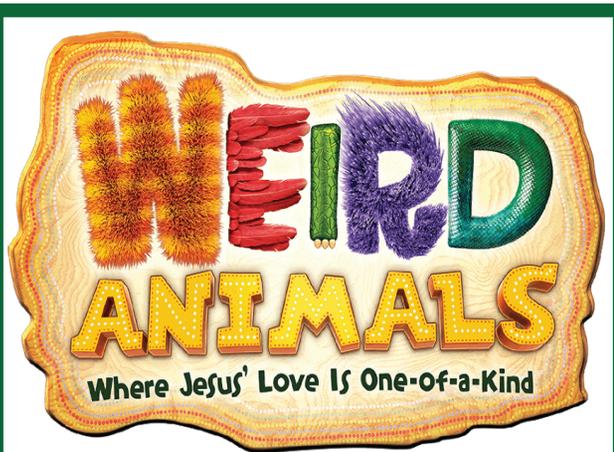
Throughout the course of her career, Brack has cared for patients with a wide scope of needs, from outpatient surgery to orthopedics to open heart surgery.

The award was presented by The DAISY (for Diseases Attacking the Immune System) Foundation, honoring those

who exemplify the "super-human" efforts made by nurses. Foundation officials said Brack was selected because of her knack for teaching, genuine kindness toward both patients and colleagues, and true commitment to the practice shines through on a daily basis.

"She was put on the earth to be a nurse and she treats every patient like a family member."

Said Patty White, president and CEO of St. Joseph's: "We are proud to be among the hospital systems participating in this program. Nurses are heroes every day. It's important that our nurses know their work is highly valued. The foundation provides another way for us to do that."



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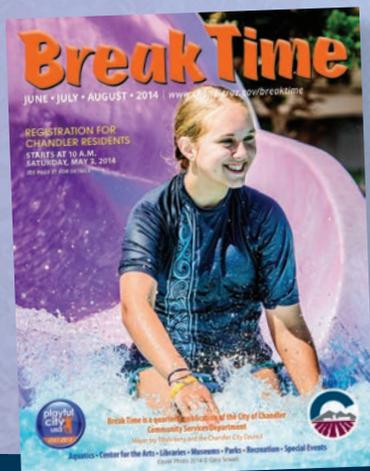


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2014 Seton grad writes her way to \$103k in scholarships

By Amy Wolff
Photo by Billy Hardiman

When Elise Goitia, a senior at Seton Catholic Prep and Tempe resident, submitted her young adult novel *Lark* to San Diego State University's National Writer's Conference, she had no idea she would beat adults from all over the country for the coveted Conference Choice Award.

In the SDSU competition, writers submit advance copies of their books to agents or editors for award consideration.

Then it's up to the agent or editor to determine who is worthy of the respected award. *Lark* was submitted for consideration without disclosing that Elise was still a high school student.

"Elise's book was measured against all the adult contestants; her age was not disclosed at any point during the review process," said her mother, Stacey Goitia.

"Many agents and editors don't give an award to anyone, even if they have received great submissions. It's really only the 'knock-your-socks-off' manuscript that gets them to bestow such a significant award and Elise won it with her first book submittal!"

New York literary agent Pam Gruber chose Elise's YA novel for the conference award out of the thousands of manuscripts

submitted.

In addition to this impressive writing award, Elise is a top scholarship recipient in Seton Catholic Prep's 2014 graduating class — earning \$103,500 in scholarships from multiple educational institutions.

With scholarship offers from Arizona State University, Northern Arizona University, Earlham College and George Washington College, Elise chose to attend Knox College, a private liberal arts college located in Galesburg, Ill.

Knox awarded Elise the Ellen Browning Scripps Scholarship. Named after the co-founder of Scripps Howard newspapers, the Ellen Browning recognition is awarded to first-year students who have excelled in a rigorous course of study.

Elise chose Knox based on its distinguished creative writing program that fits perfectly with her desire to pursue a career as an author.

In addition to focusing on her studies during her senior year at Seton and writing several YA book series, Elise also held two part-time jobs, added her mother.

"We are proud parents. Elise is a hard worker and I am grateful for that. I don't think there is a single more important thing to learn—you can't get very far with intelligence and talent without a lot of hard work."

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Michaela Yelland (23rd), shot put; and **Lauren Hightower** (22nd), triple jump.

“An injury to **Grace Ashu** at the end of the season hurt in her events and with some relays, but we think the girls team is where the boys team was a couple years ago,” said Kelly. “In the next two years they should be pushing for the top finish in the state. We see a lot of similarities in where the boys were 4 years ago and the youth and talent of the girls today.”

Coach Kelly, and the rest of the coaching staff, were extremely happy for the kids who had worked hard and been so committed this season but also wanted to say they felt for the kids last year who came up a little short and for those who helped the program get where it is today.

“The kids who came out for the program the last six years deserve just as much credit as the kids who participated this season,” said Kelly. “As do the kids who didn’t qualify for the state meet but who came out and supported us all day and night on Saturday. It was so great to see over 50 kids on the field at the end of the night having a great time and celebrating the boys team championship win.”

“We are really proud of these kids,” said Kelly. “There were a lot of expectations going into the season. We had an amazing year and it will be an experience we, as coaches, and the kids will never forget.”

Other schools’ results:

Marcos de Niza High School

— The Padres boys team finished tied for 15th and the girls team was 17th at the Division II state track meet held May 7 and May 10 at Mesa Community College.

The boys 4x100 meter relay team of **Malique Sharp**, **Carter Lindsay**, **Shaun Richards** and **Josh Eckley** won the Division II championship in this event and set a new 2014 Arizona record time of 41.70.

Eckley and Lindsay also ran in the 100 meter dash taking fourth place and eight place respectively. Sharp triple jumped 41-8 feet to place 16th in the triple jump.

The girls 4x100 meter relay team came in second just .14 off the championship time set by Deer Valley. Members included **Antoinette Ware**, **Teleya Bailey**, **Mariah Romero** and **Nastasia Peevy**

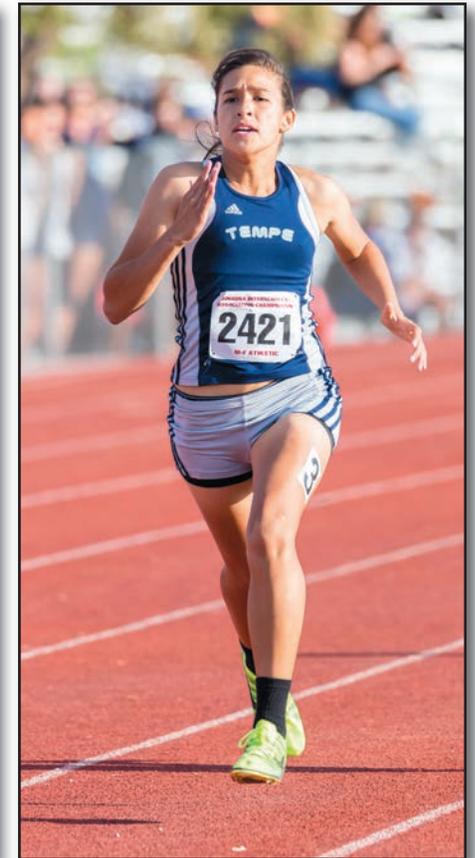
Peevy placed third in the 100 meter dash and 13th in the 200 meter dash



Josh Eckley
Marcos, 100 Meter Dash



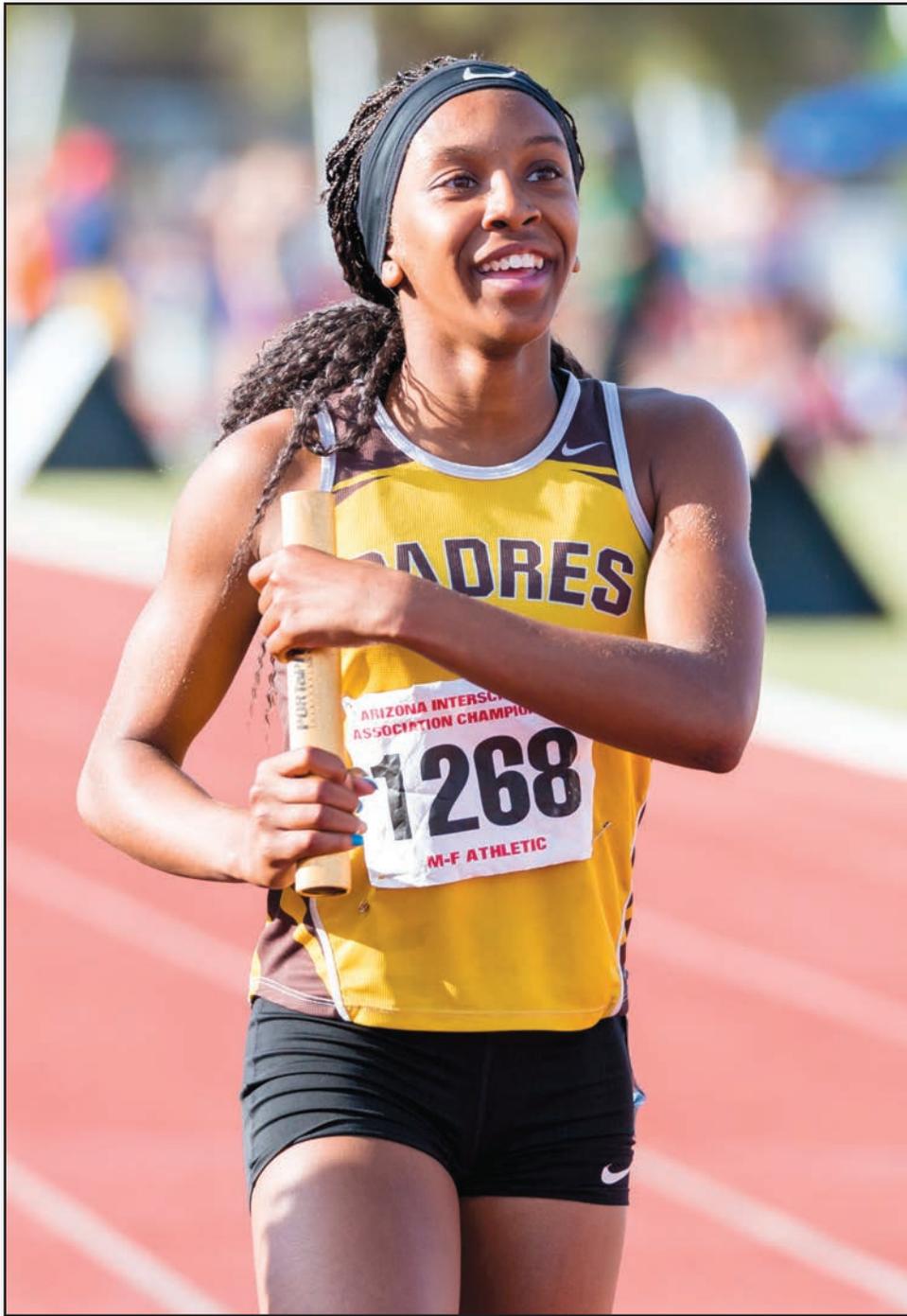
Michaela Yelland
Corona, Shotput



Victoria Lebario
Tempe High, 400 Meter Dash



Sam Schultz, Corona, High Jump



Nastasia Peevy Marcos, 4x100 Relay



Emmanuel Hidalgo, McClintock, 4x800 Relay

while Romero came in eighth in the 200 meter dash and 17th in the 100 meter dash.

Tempe High School — Tempe's girls team had a great state tournament taking home 11th place as a team while the boys team came in 23rd.

The girls team score was boosted by a first place 143-0 throw by **Kayla Melgar** in the discus to get a championship gold medal in this field event. Melgar set the 2014 Arizona record distance in this even with a 148-11 throw set at the Arcadia Invitational April 11.

Melgar was also third in the shot put with a throw of 37-8.5 just behind her team mate, **Lonnie Smith**, who won the second place medal with a throw of 38-6.5.

Ryann Weathers competed for the girls team as well, taking 10th place in the triple jump and 14th in the long jump.

Weathers also participated in the 400 meter

dash, taking 20th place as did her team mate **Victoria Lebario** who took 13th place.

The girls team had two relay teams qualify for state. The 4x400 team of Weathers, **Daisy Lopez**, Lebario and **Amy Bello** came in 16th overall while the 4x800 team of Bello, **Lizbeth Lopez**, Lebario and Daisy Lopez was 8th.

The boys team best state finish was a third place 44-5.75 triple jump for **Marcus Whitmore** and a sixth place finish for **Jason Marrufo** in the 800 meter run.

Marrufo was also a member of the 4x800 Buffalo relay team of **Jose Garcia**, Marrufo, **Ramiro Ortiz** and **Tony Tipton**, who finished eighth and a 4x400 relay team of Nojeem Adebule, Whitmore, Marrufo and Tipton who finished 17th.

Tipton also competed in the 1600 meter run (12th) and 3200 meter run (19th) for the Buffalos.

McClintock High School — The Chargers had track and field athletes compete at the Division II state track meet held at Mesa Community College May 7 and May 10. The top finisher was **Jolie Lobrutto** who long jumped 16-6.75 to take sixth place. Competing with her for the girls team was **Tatiana Bernard** who ran in the 800 meter run coming in in 17th place.

Representing the boys team was **Emmanuel Hidalgo** who was 13th in the 1600 meter run and 17th in the 3200 meter run. His team mate **Michael Rojas** was 18th in the 1600 meter run while another team mate **Abdi Aden** was 15th in the 3200 meter run.

Rojas, Hidalgo, Aden and **Husen Husen** were on the 4x800 meter relay team that crossed the finish line for a fifth place finish.



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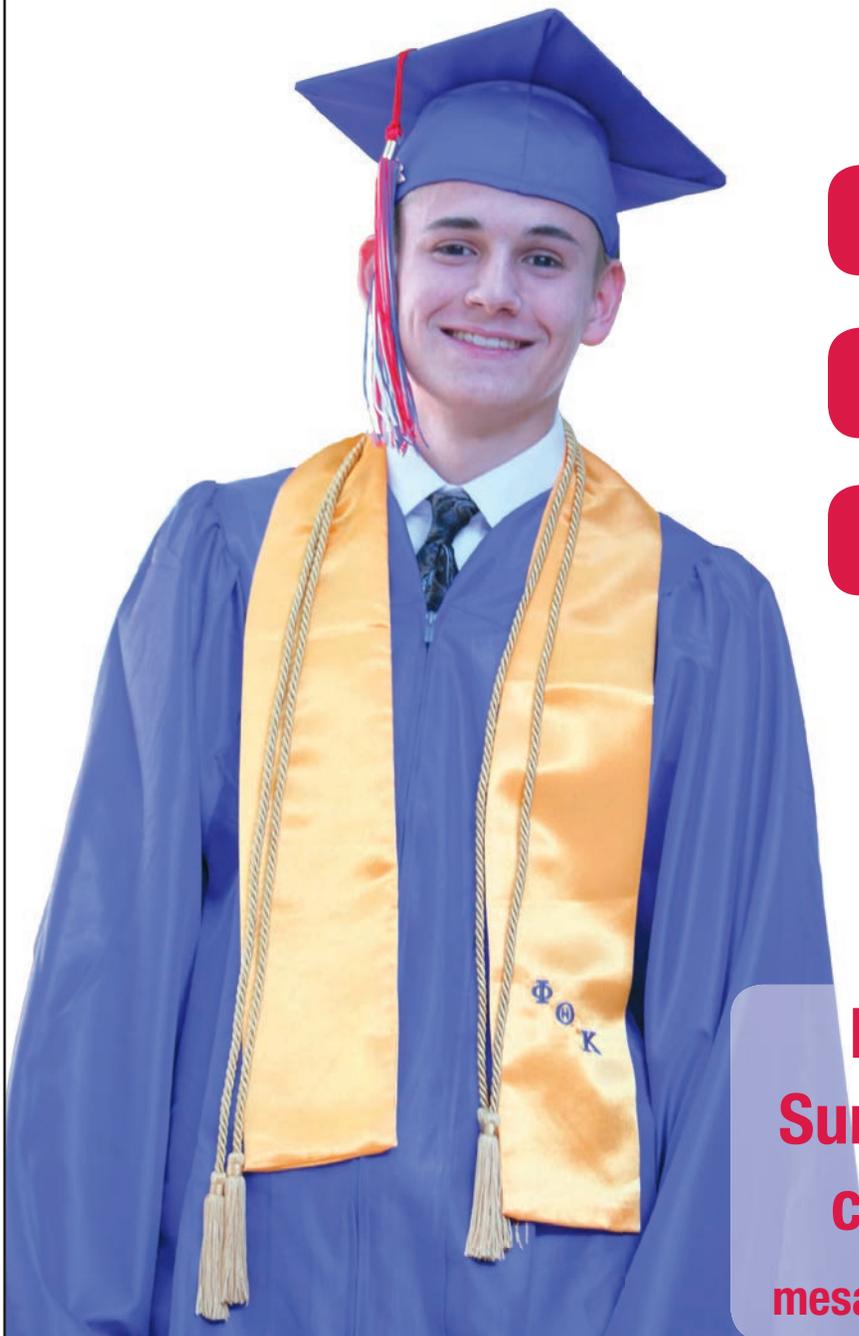
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Profiles

Park celebrates the life, times and achievements of Neil Giuliano as a 4-term Tempe mayor and planning visionary

By M.V. Moorhead

One of the signs you've had an impact on your community as an elected official is when the community names a landmark after you. Another is when you've played a part in literally changing the geographical features of the place.

This month, Neil Giuliano received formal acknowledgement of both.

The four-term mayor of Tempe was on hand May 10 for dedication of Neil G. Giuliano Park, which runs from Rural to Mill along the waterfront of Tempe Town Lake.

"It was great. People were very generous in their comments," he said of the event, which celebrated an important feature of the lake as a civic amenity—access not just for developers but for the public.

"One of the key components of the park is that the public would have access to the waterfront," says Giuliano.

"The design included a perimeter park all around the lake." Although, as he notes, the concept of the "Rio Salado Project" had been around for decades before he was elected, it was during his tenure as mayor that it came to fruition.

"I said, let's decide if we can do this, and if we can't, let's stop talking about it," Giuliano recalls. Along with Tempe Center for the Arts and Tempe's stretch of light rail service, the lake is highly regarded among the achievements of his administration.

The city council decided to name the park after him in 2004, the final year of his mayoral term, which started in 1994.

"I think the community really came together on Tempe Town Lake," Giuliano said. "It was a time when we pushed the envelope, and leaned into things. Times were good, and we had the resources to invest in the future, and I think we invested very well. And the payoff is now, with \$1.5 billion in investment. And more to come."

The Bloomfield, N.J., native, who came to the Valley in 1974 and earned a master's degree from ASU in 1983, doesn't claim to miss all aspects of being mayor.

"The myriad issues you have to manage: You have to work and do the policy, but there's also the politics, the neighborhood parties, and the parades, and all the things that keep you connected to the community.

"It's a hard job, it's 24-7, but it's a great job, and an honor."

Giuliano is currently CEO of the San Francisco AIDS Foundation, an agency founded more than 30



Well-wishers, top, gather for dedication of new Neil G. Giuliano Park. Former and current mayors on hand for the event, above, from left, Hugh Hallman; Rudy Campbell; Giuliano; Mark Mitchell; Harry Mitchell.
 — Photos for Wrangler News by Michael Ging

years ago in the early days of the AIDS crisis. "The work is very compelling," he says. "San Francisco was the first city where AIDS became an epidemic, but thanks to its fantastic outreach it will be the first city to end AIDS transmission."

Despite his Bay Area job, Giuliano

still calls Tempe home.

"My house is here, and I still come here on weekends," he said.

"It's where I vote and pay taxes."

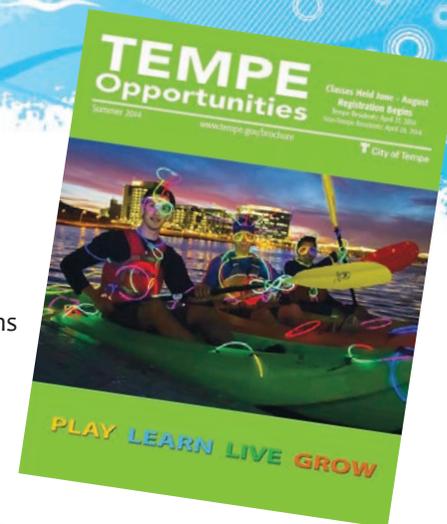
And, it seems, it's where the four-term mayor, entrepreneur and visionary will continue to have his heart.

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Choral 'Fun Fest' brings an end to spring season 90 members of Tempe vocal group to perform June 1

By Chelsea Martin

Members of Tempe Community Chorus are hosting their last performance of the season, a Spring Song Fun Fest, and it's one you won't want to miss. The vibrant, harmonic group will be performing with a few barbershop quartet subgroups directed by Cary Burns at Tempe Center for the Arts on June 1.

The 90 members will perform a high-energy medley called "Lost in the '50s," including classics such as *Mambo Italiano*, *in the Still of the Night*, *Sh-boom*, *the Book of Love*, *Morning has Broken*, *Time in a Bottle*, and *Sound of Music's Climb Ev'ry Mountain*, among other favorites.

The group is a community-based chorus dedicated to creating entertaining concerts filled with something for everyone.

"They fashion us as a no-pressure, fun group," Tempe native and chorus member John Burger said. "There is no audition. All you have to do is sing for the director, who then places you in the right group. If you need a bucket to carry a tune, then so be it."

"The sea of singers really pulls the music together."

The wide variety in musical skill and talent adds to the unique touch the group embodies.

"Every kind of singer you can think of is probably a member of our group. We have former pros, music majors, music teachers, church choir members, ASU students and retired folks," Burger said. "We also have the total novice who only sings in

the shower. Those people are always welcome, too. We really do learn a lot from each other."

The group's repertoire includes a variety of different styles, including Broadway, jazz, gospel, pop, folk, seasonal songs, choral classics and more. The chorus has two main seasons a year, and the repertoire changes for each.

Although the program currently demands a once-a-week rehearsal at University Presbyterian Church and three concerts per season, the group is always seeking more opportunities to perform.

"At first I was disappointed that we don't perform more often, but I realized just how much everyone enjoys rehearsing and singing together," Burger said. "The group really is mainly focused on fun."

Added Burger: "I really enjoy the great sound we make when it all comes together. We can really blow the roof off and inspire because a small group can't make the same echo-chamber sound we create. "It's something everyone can enjoy and it's great, affordable entertainment."

Tickets are \$10, with free admission for children under 12.

Note: On Tuesday, May 20 the group will be performing its second concert of the season at Kyrene de la Sierra Elementary School in Ahwatukee from 7-8 p.m. That concert is free and open to everyone in the community.

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Trauma I availability, 96-bed addition create expanded staffing opportunities Virtual career fair designed to help nurses apply for new jobs at Chandler Regional

By Alison Stanton

Professional-staff recruiters at Chandler Regional Medical Center will be going high tech the next time they reach out to fill a growing number of nursing positions. The openings will accompany recent launch of the hospital's new Trauma I emergency capabilities as well as other planned growth.

On Wednesday, May 21, and Thursday, May 22, the center will hold a virtual career fair for nurses, allowing those who are interested in working at the hospital—which is set to expand once more in the fall with the addition of a 96-bed tower—to chat online with the hospital's staffing professionals.

Anita Harger, director of human resources for Chandler Regional and Mercy Gilbert medical centers, said the fair will provide an opportunity for candidates from other states, as well as those in Arizona, to speak with a manager about careers in

nursing.

"People will get to talk live with a person, through either live chat or a live webcam if they have it," Harger said, adding that interested applicants may schedule a time to call during the job fair or call at their convenience.



"Our hope is that they can drop in and get in front of a manager," she said.

The timing is perfect for a virtual career fair, Harger noted. In addition to the hospital's expansion, the field of nursing is currently "pretty robust," she said.

"There are a lot of opportunities for nursing. It slowed down over the past year and a half, but it's picking up again."

Regarding salaries, Harger said Arizona offers exceptionally good wages, which helps to bring in

qualified nurses from all over the country.

"We tend to attract a lot of nurses from Colorado, Texas and New York," she said.

"I'm not sure if they are coming here for the weather or the wages, but our pay is definitely very competitive and our benefits are outstanding. Also, we want to stay competitive, because we don't want to lose nurses to other hospitals because of pay."

As hospitals increasingly turn their attention to patient satisfaction, nurses will play a more important role than ever, Harger noted.

"We have always focused on the quality of care; now we are focusing on the patient experience, too," she said.

"It's not just about the person coming in and getting well anymore—now we want it to be a whole mind/body experience. Nurses are definitely a part of that."

In addition, as hospitals are incentivized for not having patients return for additional care, Harger

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said nurses will play a key role in helping patients be proactive about their health and better understand what type of home life they will return to.

“Nurses will not only help to keep patients well, but also out of the hospital in the first place. This will be more important than ever.”

In addition to registered nursing careers, Harger said Chandler Regional offers other ways for people to be involved with patient care.

“We employ patient care technicians and CNAs, who provide a lot of care and help nurses get their duties done; for example, they help to bathe the patients or assist them in the bathroom, or if a patient needs to be shifted in bed,” she said.

“They play a vital role here, and there are lots of opportunities for those positions. In addition, jobs in the labs,

radiology and physical therapy are all expanding.”

Harger said there has already been a tremendous response to the upcoming career fair.

“(Our trauma center just received Level 1 designation), and I know a lot of nurses are excited about that.”

Details

What: Virtual Career Fair for Nurses at Dignity Health Chandler Regional Medical Center

When: 7 to 10 a.m. Wednesday, May 21, and 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday, May 22.

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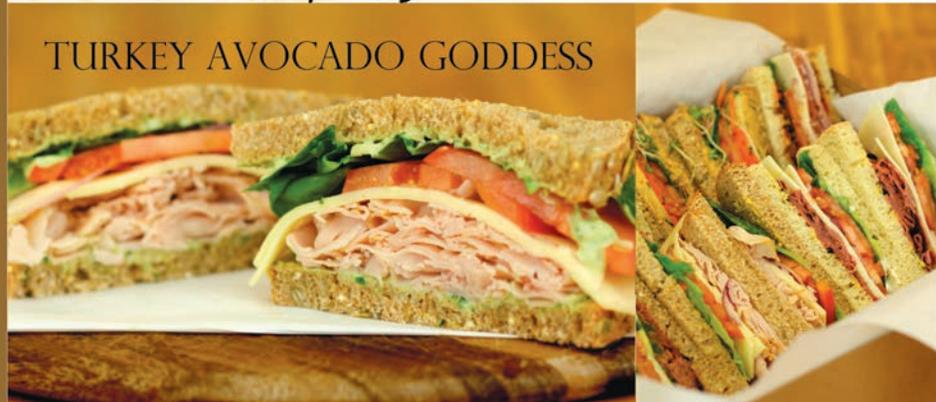
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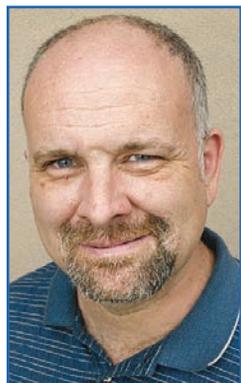
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Diversions . . . with M.V. Moorhead

'Godzilla,' 'Million Dollar Arm' among Valley's current film offerings

Godzilla — There's a fine melodramatic flourish near the beginning of this second American-made movie about the great beast. It involves Juliette Binoche and Bryan Cranston, and it allows



M.V. Moorhead

them both—but especially Cranston—to let it rip with some old-school emoting. It gets the picture off to a promising start.

Binoche and Cranston are two of the best things in the movie; one of its troubles is that there isn't nearly enough of them onscreen. Nor is there enough of Ken Watanabe, of Sally Hawkins, of David Strathairn, or of Elizabeth Olsen.

The focus is on the Navyman hero, played by the young Aaron Taylor-Johnson, who is serviceably stalwart but not as interesting as his costars.

More problematic still: there wasn't enough

of the title character here, for my taste. King Kong obviously excepted, no giant movie monster has as distinctive and oddly lovable a personality as Godzilla.

The filmmakers give him quite a buildup here before his big entrance, and unlike Roland Emmerich's 1998 Yankzilla, this one really does feel like an authentic incarnation of beast, with his blunt muzzle, his nettled expression and his irritable, rusty-hinge roar.

The monster scenes are fairly good—directed with an almost maddening sense of deliberation by Gareth Edwards, they have an uneasy ponderousness, a low-angle sense of peril, that many other films in this genre miss.

But only at the end do we get a heavy dose of rampaging-creature action, and by that time I was worn out by the banality of the plot and the dialogue. This *Godzilla* has its moments, but to assemble a fine cast around an iconic central presence and then not give any of them enough to do?

That's monstrous.

Million Dollar Arm — American sports agent J. B. Bernstein hits upon an idea to open India to baseball fandom: a reality TV show in which cricket "bowlers" compete to see who can throw fast enough, and accurately enough, that they might be a prospect as an MLB pitcher.

Neither of the first year's winners turns out to be a bowler; one specializes in the javelin. But both end up in Los Angeles, trying out for The Bigs.

At least in its broad outlines, it's a true story, though this sweet Disney movie doubtless makes it a little taller. Bernstein, played Jon Hamm, is depicted as a desperate, scheming hustler who starts by exploiting the two homesick boys, both of whom come from poor provincial backgrounds, and gradually finds his soul by becoming a surrogate father to them.

He's also a ladies' man who likes young models, and the boys see that his scrub-wearing, nurturing neighbor (the charming Lake Bell) is the better choice for him.

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is Thomas McCarthy of *The Station Agent* and *The Visitor*, that master of unlikely ad hoc families, and he wrings most of the potential condescension out of the dialogue.

Aided by a driving score by A. R. Rahman, the director, Craig Gillespie, keeps things crisp, as do the actors—Suraj Sharma and Madhur Mittal as the arms, Pitobash as an aspiring manager, and Bill Paxton as the earnest pitching coach Tom House.

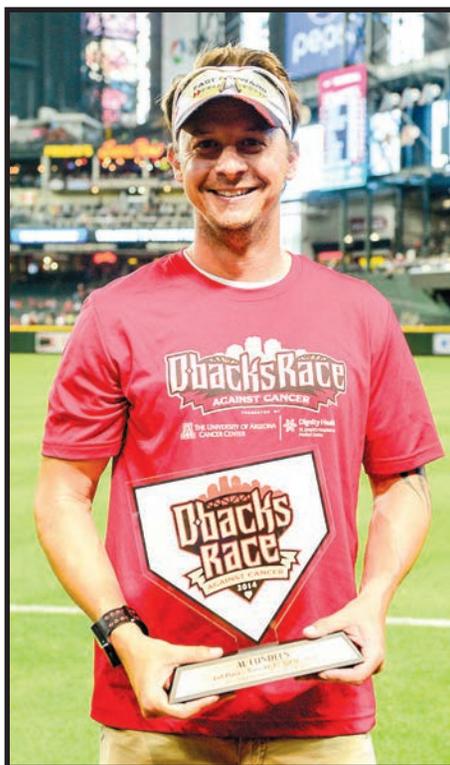
There's also Alan Arkin as a curmudgeonly scout who can keep his eyes closed throughout the tryouts, because he can judge the speed of a pitch by the sound it makes in the catcher's mitt.

And then there's Hamm. He shows a scarily flawless surface in his *Mad Men* role, but as soon as he steps out of that character he becomes strangely disheveled and nerdy.

This isn't always a bad thing—he used this quality to excellent effect, for instance, in his supporting role in Ben Affleck's *The Town*.

It works for him in *Million Dollar Arm*, too—he comes across believably as a nice guy trying hard to be heartless shark, and happily failing.

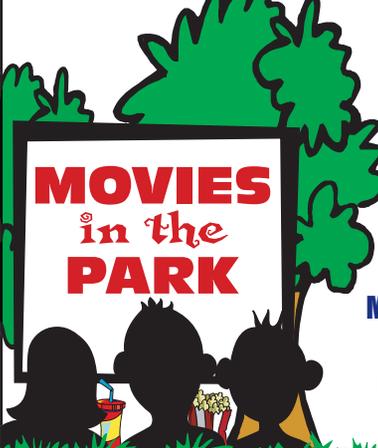
Godzilla is rated PG-13; *Million Dollar Arm* is rated PG. Both play at Harkins Arizona Mills, Tempe Marketplace and Chandler Fashion 20, and other multiplexes Valleywide.



Kyrene Corridor locals were abundant at the May 13 DBacks vs Washington Nationals game at Chase Field. Dr. Al Lundeen, left, took first place in his age category for participation in the DBacks' breast cancer run. Members of the Valley Christian High School choir, photo at right, performed the national anthem prior to the start of the game.

— Photo courtesy Jennifer Stewart, Arizona Diamondbacks

PLEASE NOTE that the next issue of Wrangler News will be June 7 through 20. (In case you're wondering, this is one of two times during the year when we take a break from our bi-weekly schedule so we can take a short break from our otherwise grueling routine.) However, the Wrangler News building will remain open from 9-5 M-F, except for May 22-23, and Memorial Day, Monday, May 26. Deadline for the June 7-20 issue will be 5 p.m. Monday, June 2.



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Briefly . . .

Sunset Library hosts program on history of Ocotillo area

A final program in the 2013 season of Sunset Library's Our Stories series will explore the roots of Ocotillo, a south Chandler community whose history dates to the early 1900s.

The west Chandler library, on Ray Road just east of Rural, will host the program from 10:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 17.

The free event will feature a documentary film and guest speakers who will offer first-hand accounts and historical insights into the area's unique development. Ocotillo began as its own town, known as Goodyear, in the early 20th century, when tire manufacturing and the cotton industry played a major role in developing large areas of the Salt River Valley.

The long-time Chandler company Bashas' traces its early history to this area, as well, along with a spring training home for the Milwaukee Brewers baseball team in the 1980s and '90s.

Through the decades, the original town of Goodyear and the surrounding farmland became Ocotillo, a Chandler development of homes, man-made lakes and golf courses.

Our Stories is hosted by the Chandler Museum, Chandler Historical Society and Chandler Public Library. The series, which ends its 2013 season with this program, will begin again in the fall.

For more information on these and other events, call 480-782-2751 or visit www.chandleraz.gov/museum.

Kyrene Rotary salutes area teachers of the month

Members of Kyrene Corridor Rotary Club recognized Corona del Sol social studies instructor Christine Wiley and math instructor Mark Rhiner with the club's Teacher of the Month award for April.

The award is presented by school administrators for outstanding performance. Emily Whitney, a member of the school staff, also was honored.

The club meets at noon Mondays at Kobi Japanese Steakhouse at Hardy and Elliot, Tempe. Machel Considine is the club president.

Tempe girl joins grads at University of Nebraska

Andrea Lee Thomas of Tempe is among more than 2,900 students who received degrees from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in ceremonies this month.

Thomas received a bachelor of science in education and human sciences from the College of Education and Human Sciences.

UNL awarded postgraduate degrees on May 9 and baccalaureate degrees on May 10 in ceremonies at Pinnacle Bank Arena.

Corona team places among winners of 'We the People'

Students at Corona del Sol High School placed ninth among a field of 56 teams around the country in the 27th annual We the People competition.

The school's 2014 team included Evan Anderson, Rohit Badia, Natalia Baker, Patric Cao, Halie Carpenter, Andy Chang, Elizabeth Cheney, Rajeev Chhetri, Lilian Engel, Sean Ewen, Sarah Galvin, Gabrielle Geenen, Kevin Grout and Amy Hong.

Others were Ben Imadali, Kyler Johnson, Hannah Kimball, Musashi Lowe, Bryce Manning, Manny Martinez, Nick Martinez, Laraib Mughal, Kanin Pruter, Nicki Redmond, Megan Rowland, Shimoli Shah, Vatsal Shah, Edward Shin, Julie Song and Brynn Wheeler.

Corona's team, under the direction of coach Tim Smith, represented Arizona at the national competition in Washington, D.C. The event was held April 26-28 at George Mason University.

The win by Corona students marked the 14th time the group has come home with a title since the inception of the program.

The *We the People, the Citizen and Constitution* program, which began in 1987, was created to help promote civic understanding and increase the level of civic engagement among the nation's youth.

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The students spend the rest of the semester preparing for a simulated congressional hearing, during which

they present a four-minute prepared statement that is followed by six minutes of follow-up questions from a panel of legal scholars.

In addition to Smith, coaches for this year's group were Justine Centanni and Ali Rund.

Area police officers attend D.C. memorial

At least one representative each of the Tempe and Chandler police departments were scheduled to be among 40 participants attending National Police Memorial Week in Washington, D.C., which was due to end May 17.

The Arizona chapter of Concerns of Police Survivors, or COPS, helped send approximately 40 survivors to the observance.

Phoenix Police Officer Darryl Raetz's and Department of Public Safety Officer Timothy Huffman's surviving families and co-workers were due to be on hand for the adding of the two officers' names to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Wall.

COPS Arizona was scheduled to assist survivors with comfort, grieving workshops and transportation to and from police week events. Based largely on the belief that a survivor's level of distress is directly correlated to a law enforcement agency's response to the crisis, CPIS Arizona, a state affiliate of the national COPS organization, works to aid the families and others directly affected by the more than 250 police officers lost in the line of duty each year.

Arizona has lost 257 officers since its statehood, and in 2013, two officers were killed in the line of duty. Already this year, Arizona has lost Phoenix Police Detective John Hobbs, whose name will be added to the Arizona and national memorial next year.

Chandler streamlining its job application system

The city of Chandler is streamlining its hiring process with a new job application system, NeoGov. City spokeswoman Jane Poston said the system is designed to make the process easier by reducing the time it takes to hire candidates, in turn decreasing hiring and advertising costs.

Applicants will be able to register to receive job notifications when new positions become available, and the system will maintain applicants' resume format. NeoGov is used by a number of city governments, which widens the recruitment pool, by

making it easier for job hunters to find available positions, according to Poston.

NeoGov is also expected to streamline the process internally, allowing hiring managers to screen applicants electronically rather than use printed copies.

The system goes into effect May 19. As the system is implemented, Poston said it will be important for job seekers to update their information with the city. Applicants who subscribe to the current job application system will need to establish a new applicant account within NeoGov to apply for any new positions beginning May 19 if they don't already have a NeoGov account established.

To register in the system, visit www.chandleraz.gov/jobs.

Tempe, Chandler police expand traffic enforcement

Tempe and Chandler police departments and the Governor's Office of Highway Safety are partnering to enforce Arizona's seat belt and child safety seat laws.

Although Arizona has a secondary seat belt law, the enforcement campaign is based on high visibility traffic enforcement with a zero-tolerance approach toward seat-belt and child safety-seat usage, according to Chandler PD spokesman Seth Tyler.

As a part of the national Click-it-or-Ticket seat belt enforcement campaign, officers from the department's Traffic Unit will step up and increase enforcement efforts to drive home the message "Buckle Up Arizona...It's the Law!"

Studies show that regular seat-belt use is the single most effective way to protect people and reduce fatalities in motor vehicle crashes. When worn correctly, seat belts have proven to reduce serious crash-related injuries and deaths by 50 percent, say experts.

Both Tempe and Chandler police departments received \$10,000 to fund the enforcement, which will run from Monday, May 19, through Sunday, June 1. Funding was provided by the Governor's Office of Highway Safety.

Tempe Chief of Police Tom Ryff said his department continues to make traffic safety and DUI enforcement a top priority.

"In addition to child seat and seat belt Enforcement, as always, Tempe police will be patrolling for impaired drivers, providing enforcement with the intent and hope to prevent fatalities and serious injuries caused by DUI."



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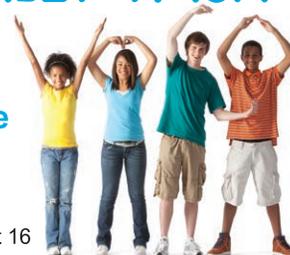
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1 acre horse property in south Tempe. Nestled on a county island. This unique property feels like the country with the convenience of the city. 3377 square foot home with mosaic tile entry way, wood floors, great room floorplan with brick fireplace,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



Private Putting Green



Live close to the Executive rated #1 Shalimar Golf Course. Close to ASU and MCC. 4-bedrooms with updated master bath, dual pane windows, plantation shutters. Very nice move-in ready. Over 2100 square feet with sparkling pool and back yard garden paradise. 5-hole putting course in back on oversized 1/4 acre lot with RV parking possibilities.

Warner Ranch on the Green Belt

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



85284 - Only \$185k!!!



Don't miss this 3-bedroom, 2.5-bathroom condo in south Tempe. Freshly painted with neutral tones, wood blinds, ceiling fans, plant shelves and beautiful architectural details throughout. Large master with view of the sparkling community pool, walk-in closet with mirrored doors. New plumbing fixtures in all baths. Secondary bedrooms feature Jack and Jill bath with double sink.

North Tempe Duplex

Great investment opportunity, 2 two-bedroom units that are currently rented. Low maintenance property, tile, newer kitchens and brand new roof in 2004. Looking for the right investor to jump on this great opportunity. Close to ASU, Scottsdale and the 202.

Bring an offer today!



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