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Pat Little-Upah  
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U.S. Army



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2nd Lieutenant  
U.S. Army Nurse Corps



**On Memorial Day, an Army nurse pays tribute to those who lived — and died — defending their country.**

*Wrangler News photo by Mark Crudup  
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# A Memorial Day tribute Memories of wars' injured still haunt Army nurse

By Mark Crudup

“I think once you’ve been to something like Vietnam, and you’re a little bit older, you understand that you are not mortal.”

The words capture the sometimes painful memories of south Tempe resident Patricia Little-Upah who, as an Army nurse, treated injured soldiers during Vietnam and Desert Storm, and saw the conflicts’ effects on those soldiers and their families.

Although her memories never fade completely, they seem to take special focus on holidays like Memorial Day,

one of several that pay tribute to the sacrifices of this country’s fighting men and women.

Today, far from the battlefields of her early days, Little-Upah is chief executive officer of the Banner Behavioral Health Hospital in Scottsdale and a colonel in the U.S. Army Reserve.

After graduating from nursing school in the 1960s, Little-Upah went into basic training at Fort Sam Hood in Houston.

“My mom was an Army nurse, so I think it was in my genetics,” she said. “I knew that was the direction I was going to be heading.”

In addition to drafting men into the military during the Vietnam War, the U.S. government asked for volunteer nurses to enlist. After working with returning vets from Vietnam, Little-Upah decided to join the volunteer effort.

“It sounded like something I wanted to do,” she said. “It was a big decision, but at the time I was young.”

Little-Upah left for Vietnam in 1968, just days after the celebration of Tet, the Vietnamese New Year. Tet is now known for the beginning of the escalation of the Vietnam War.

“It was the year in the war when there were the most casualties,” Little-Upah said. “I saw a huge increase in the number of wounded men coming into the hospital; we went from working 8-hour days to working 16-hour days.”

A month later, the U.S. was looking for more volunteers to start a hospital farther north in Vietnam. Little-Upah jumped at the chance.

“We were in tents, and there was a lot of activity up there,” she said. “We built a tent hospital and took care of the wounded in tents for about three months, while others finished building additional hospitals.”

China Beach, a television series airing from 1988 to 1991, was loosely based on one of the hospitals Little-Upah set up, she said.

Throughout the year, Little-Upah would make friends with fellow nurses who would she would later meet at memorial services.

Just before the new year of 1969, Little-Upah was ordered back to the United States. Instead of taking her returning flight home, she ventured back into the Vietnam jungles in search of her younger brother, a private in the

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*Editor's note: The family of Cody Bishop, who died when his car was rammed by a drunken driver May 6, was so moved by the outpouring of support from Cody's friends that they asked that the following letter be published in Wrangler News.*

To our friends in our south Tempe community, I would like to thank you for all the love you have shown our family in memory of our son Cody Bishop.

This community will be praised and admired in many different parts of the country as members of our family, who came here to be with us, return home and tell about their experiences in south Tempe.

They will speak of the love and compassion that they witnessed for Cody during this tragedy. I could not be more proud to be a part of this community.

A special thanks to Paul Koury, owner of Little Creasers at Rural and Ray roads. You were a great mentor and friend to my son. He loved you and did not want to disappoint

you. Thank you for being a guiding light to my son. To the Arizona Community Church pastors Jeff and Dan, and to Karen Goetz, thanks for everything you have done for our family.

We hope to be a part of your family in the future. To the administrative staff at Corona del Sol High School: you are the best. You protected our family at all levels, and we will never forget this.

To the students and Cody's friends at Corona, we love you and thank you for the kindness and love you showed Cody. Our special thanks to Stephanie Bennett, who made sure Cody was honored and remembered. You worked so hard that week, and we admire and love you for that.

You will always be a part of our family.

And, of course, our special thanks to the wonderful folks at Momentum Salon, who came forward generously during these sad and tragic days.

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Top Tempe volunteer Jesse Forbes at awards banquet with Interim Fire Chief Mark Simmons. — Photo courtesy city of Tempe

## Rookie's first rescue launches him on an ambitious career path

### Corona grad is Tempe's 2010 Volunteer of the Year

By Mark Crudup

It's Halloween 2009, and a woman has just run into the middle of a Tempe street, stopped a Fire Department paramedic truck, and called out frantically for help for a friend who is about to have a baby in her car.

Jesse Forbes, a volunteer EMT with the Tempe Fire Department, grabs an emergency kit and races to help the pregnant mother give birth.

"It was an amazing experience," Forbes recalls. And, as it turned out, a life-changing one, as well.

From that moment on, he said, "I knew that was something I wanted to do."

The 25-year-old graduate of Corona del Sol High School was recognized as Tempe's 2010 Volunteer of the Year during the annual City Council Volunteer Recognition Event.

The recognition came as no surprise to those who know him. Forbes has spent the past year building a remarkable record of more than 2,000 hours as a fire department volunteer.

"It's a great feeling," he said. "It's nice to be recognized when you're working hard for something."

Tempe volunteer coordinator Mary Anna Bastin said Forbes had put in an extraordinary amount of work with the Tempe fire team.

In order to receive the Volunteer of the Year award, individuals must have been active Tempe volunteers in 2009, served at least 50 hours that year and be at least 18 years old, Bastin said. Forbes' initial volunteer work as a service aide included recovering valuable equipment and gear from fire scenes and hospitals, keeping vehicles cleaned and gassed, and stocking and delivering supplies, among other responsibilities, Bastin said.

His transition from newcomer to top volunteer came quickly.

"A few years ago, I just started riding along with Victor Garcia, the paramedic captain on Engine 7, because I had my days open between training hours," Forbes said.

Forbes is currently under contract with the Ultimate Fighting Championship, or UFC, and fights full-time.

"Then, I found out the fire department was going to fill a position, so I told them I was on board," he said.

Forbes said he took a semester-long class at Phoenix College to become an EMT before beginning his volunteer work.

"I volunteered just to get face-time with the department, but it turned into much more," Forbes said.

"I made a family there; everyone's great friends." Forbes hopes to seek permanent employment as a firefighter, he said.

He took his fire department written exam on May 19 and is waiting for the results. After being accepted into the department, potential firefighters go through an academy program lasting about 12 weeks.

Currently, Forbes is an intern at the Tempe fire center under Deputy Chief Greg Ruiz of the training department.

"The training department conducts drills two to three times a week," Forbes said. "We simulate scenarios using old cars, rigging a PVC pipe system to create smoke."

Forbes said he also played a large part in restoring the training center to create a better environment for drills. While helping set up weekly exercises, Forbes assists with radio traffic and actively participates in emergency calls to help fine-tune his EMT training.

"I've seen some real-life stuff happen in front of me," Forbes said. "It's been a growing-up experience."

Other Tempe volunteers who were recognized include Edward Smith for his work on the African-American Advisory Board of the Tempe History Museum, and Jeanne Adam, who has volunteered for more than 20 years with the Tempe Volunteers in Policing program.

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infantry just arriving in the country.

"I went AWOL for a while, looking for my brother," Little-Upah said. "I knew he might not make it back and I wanted to see him."

Returning home to relieved family members, Little-Upah dealt with the shock of acclimating herself back into a normal American life.

"I don't think you realized until you got back that you kind of missed this little piece of your life when everyone else was sort of learning how to socialize and what-not," she said. You were expected to transition into your life, and I think for a lot of men that didn't happen."

Little-Upah took a job working as a nurse in the emergency room at a county hospital in Ohio, and didn't talk much about her experiences in the war.

"It was an incredibly unpopular war," she said. "You didn't come back to a parade with people patting you on the back."

In 1985, Little-Upah became the first woman to join a group of Veterans organized by America West to go to Washington D.C. for a memorial service, and was reunited with her friend Chris, who worked as a nurse with her in Vietnam.

"Immediately, all the soldiers treated me like gold," Little-Upah said. "I was that nurse symbol who took care of all of them."

After being out of the military for nearly nine years, Little-Upah decided to join the Reserves again in 1980, serving in the 403rd combat hospital in Phoenix.

"I enjoyed being in the military – having that family again," she said. "But, I also needed the money."

Eventually, Phoenix's 403rd combat hospital was activated for Desert Storm at the end of 1990. Little-Upah boarded a plane to San Jose, Calif., where she would train for five weeks before being deployed to the Persian Gulf.

"It was much more difficult leaving, because I had a 14-year-old daughter with Down syndrome," Little-Upah said. "She didn't understand why her mom was going to be gone."

The training quickly became rigorous and exhausting, she said.

"Most of the training was preparing for the use of chemical and biological warfare – training on how to get in and out of your MOP suits and how to treat chemical casualties," Little-Upah said. "That was scary stuff."

On Jan. 4, Little-Upah and the nurses with whom she had been training left for Saudi Arabia. Leaving family and children behind, the fellow nurses vowed to be there for each other during the fearful nights to come. Little-Upah began to strongly feel the bond that occurs between soldiers at wartime.

"Those individuals who were really able to transition and be successful when they got over there were those that were just able to say, 'I have no control over my children or what happens to them at this point,'" she said. "You must leave that

behind."

Upon arriving in the Saudi Arabian desert, Little-Upah worked collectively with other nurses to build DepMeds, tent hospitals they were trained to construct.

"They were like huge Erector Sets," she said. "You're in the middle of blinding dust storms, trying to put up this framework with duct systems for air conditioning and electrical generators."

In four days, units of the DepMed constructed a 150-bed hospital, including a pharmacy, intensive care unit, a blood bank and more, Little-Upah said.

Although Desert Storm would only last 100 hours, Little-Upah spent long nights in full gear fearing a chemical warfare attack.

On Jan. 17, her biggest fear would become a reality.

"We were awakened and told to get into our chemical protective suits, keeping our masks to our sides," she said. "A short time later we were told to take our Pyridostigmine tablets, a medication only to be taken when they believe nerve gas will be used."

SCUD and Patriot missiles boomed in the background, as Little-Upah sat with her friends and joined in with others repeating the rosary of the Catholic faith. Chris, her friend she worked with in Vietnam, sat by her side with others. For nights afterwards, Little-Upah would remain in her heavy suit, making it difficult to breathe, she said. Fortunately, her unit took no direct hits.

"People in those suits end up panicking," Little-Upah said. "It's claustrophobic and incredibly hard to breathe."

Compared with the Vietnam War, Little-Upah said she treated a far smaller number of injured soldiers, most of whom were prisoners of war.

"I saw two types of prisoners of war," she said. "Some were just people who got caught up in this situation; others were the Republican Guard, which was Saddam Hussein's army."

Without MPs to guard the hospitals, Little-Upah said it was scary giving medical support to Hussein's soldiers.

"You separated those individuals and watched them closely," she said.

After six months as an Army nurse in Desert Storm, Little-Upah returned home. Now, she still treats soldiers returning from war in her career with the Banner Behavioral Health Hospital.

Reminiscing on both wars, Little-Upah said each was drastically different from the other.

"I think the hardest thing in Vietnam was not being able to save all of the men – just being overwhelmed by the number of casualties," she said. "In Operation Desert Storm, the hardest thing was being away from your children."

Through her experience with the other cultures during both wars, Little-Upah said she realized the amount of freedom we have in the U.S. and the respect that all military personnel deserve.

"It made you glad to be an American citizen," she said.

"No matter what the conflict or whether or not you agree with the war, we need to support the people in the military."



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# Sports Notebook . . . with Alex Zener

## Corona net squad proves its worth with back-to-back championships

Corona's tennis program had three players earn back-to-back championships in the 5A-I state individual tournament May 1 at Paseo Racket Center in Glendale.

Senior **Kelsey Lawson** took home the girls singles trophy while her brother, **Alex Lawson**, and his double partner **Kyle Ogren**, repeated as boys doubles champs.

Kelsey Lawson breezed through the singles championship tournament without losing a game until the semifinals when she easily defeat the No. 5 seed Demi Daniels from Mesa Mountain View, 6-2, 6-1, setting up a finals match against another Central region player, No. 2 seed Erica Medlin from Mesquite.

Lawson had easily defeated Medlin

earlier in the season, 6-3, 6-0, but the pressure and expectations as the No. 1 seed had her playing tentative the first set.

"I wasn't prepared for Erica to come out swinging and the first set went back and forth until the last game of the first set," said Lawson.

"Erica had a chance to send it into a tiebreaker serving 40-Love when I told myself I was not going to lose this game."

Lawson went on to eventually win that game and the first set 7-5.

"It was a huge turning point in the match," said Kelsey Lawson. I really needed to be mentally tough in that game, and since I was, the payoff was huge."

DePaul-bound Lawson remained strong the rest of the match winning her second consecutive state 5A-I singles championship 7-5, 6-1. But defending her title was even sweeter because her brother, Alex, also was able to repeat with Ogren as doubles champion.

"It was really special to share my last state high school tournament with my brother," said Kelsey Lawson.

This state tournament was the last one for Ogren who graduates in May but Lawson has two more years to play high school tennis.

"I thought about a second state double title after we won last year and Kyle and I worked towards that goal all year," said Alex Lawson. "It was an amazing feeling to reach that goal, especially with it being Kyle's last year to play for Corona. We knew our competition was going to be tough and we were prepared."

Ogren and Lawson have been playing doubles together for years developing almost a sixth sense on the court.

"When we are playing doubles together, we can read what each other is going to do and have great confident in how we play," said Ogren. "We just seem to know every move the other is going to make."

Ogren and Lawson went into the state tournament as the No. 2 seed and didn't lose a game until the semifinals when they defeated Salpointe's doubles team 6-2, 6-1. They then went on to defeat Brophy's No. 1 seeded doubles team, Lorenz Laurel and Nolan Bauer, 6-2, 6-2, in the finals.

Ogren will be playing tennis for Mesa Community College next year while Lawson has his sights set on a high school singles championship instead. Tennis players are restricted to one event in the individual

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state tournament, so this year Alex chose to play with his friend and partner, Ogren.

"Alex is, in my estimation, the best singles player in the 5A-I classification, but he unselfishly chose to defend his doubles title with Kyle, for which I commend him," said coach Rick Wanta. "Alex is confident he can still be the state singles champion as a junior and a senior and he looks forward to those challenges."

## Corona track

Corona's track program had a strong showing, improving over last year in both the girls and boys overall finishes, at the state 5A championship meet held May 12 and 14 at Mesa Community College.

"I was really impressed with the great strides our boys team made this season going from 12th place last year to fifth this year in the state championship meet," said coach **Tim Kelly**. "Our girls team also moved up from eighth to seventh place at the state meet this season."

Huge points were added to the Aztec team score with a first and second place finish in the 3200 meter run by **Matt Whitlatch** and **Garrett Baker-Slama**. Baker-Slama was leading the last two laps only to be passed by Whitlatch with 50 meters to go. Whitlatch seemed to find another gear with 300 meters left to sprint past the leaders to first place including his own team mate.

Seniors Baker-Slama and Whitlatch also came through for the Aztecs with a second and third place finish, respectively, in the 1600 meter run. Both boys were also part of the 4 X 800 relay team of **Michael Seall**, Baker-Slama, **Cody Jackson** and Whitlatch that took second at this 5A championship track meet.

The boys 4 X 400 relay team of **Nick Woods**, **Matt Hayhurst**, Whitlatch and **Conrad Laboy** placed seventh. Junior Seall placed ninth in the 800 meter run. **Marcel Towns** jumped 6-00 for 14th in the high jump and finished 22nd in the long jump.

The girls team received a boost in points when sophomore **Dana McKenzie** soared over the high jump bar at 5-04 to take home a second place medal. Junior **Lauren Milovich** tied for 15th in the same event.

**Briana Viafale** threw the discus 124-03 for third place while junior **Alyssa Woelful** took 16th in the pole vault.

Sophomore **Megan Benson** had a great state meet finishing fourth in the 100 meter hurdles, seventh in the 300 meter hurdles and 14th in long jump.

The girls 4 X 100 relay team of Benson, **Precious Woods**, **Kristen Mahler**, and **Kendal Flegenhier** crossed the finish line in fourth place while the relay team of **Hallie Swenson**, **Sydney Buck**, **Katie Huch** and **Dani LeMieux** finished 11th in the 4 X 800 state 5A relay.

Senior **Danica Ganje** took sixth in the 3200 meter run while Swenson also qualified to compete in the 800 meter run and Mahler in the 200 meter dash.

Corona had several track athletes ranked in the top 20 in the 2010 Arizona High School Track and Field Prep Rankings as of May 17.

**Lakevia Stormer** made it into the top 20 after running the 400 meter event in 58.60 at the Central region meet May 4. Baker-Slama's time of 4:22.28 in the 1600 meter run at the state meet placed him 12th on the list.

The Aztecs has three 3200 meter runners in the top 20. Whitlatch is 10th after his 9:36.22 run in the state meet followed by Baker-Slama's 9:37.55 state run. Danica Ganje's 11:23.72 run at state put at 13th on the list.

Sophomore **Megan Benson** has no where to go but up already ranked ninth in the 100 meter hurdles and 12th in the 300 meter hurdles. **Briana Vaifale** is ranked seventh in the discus throw and sophomore **Dana McKenzie** 12th after her second place finish at the state meet.

Also ranked sixth is Corona's girls 4 X 100 meter relay team record of 49.06 set at the Tempe City Meet April 30 by Flegheimer, Mahler, Benson and **Precious Woods**. The boys 4 X 800 relay team is ranked sixth in the state after crossing the finish line in 8:01.65 at the state 5A meet.

## Tempe All-City Association awards

Several Corona athletes were honored at the 27th Tempe All-City Association Awards Spring Banquet held May 10.

Receiving spring sports awards for softball were **Madison Edwards** for shortstop, **Taylor Tometich** for third base, **Mary Spiel** for outfield and **Katie Tripp** for utility player.

Baseball awards went to **Greg Ryan** for first base, **Kyle Jorgensen** for shortstop, and **Trever Allen** for utility player. **Riley Heywood** was the only Corona boys volleyball players to be awarded while the Aztecs took home all the awards for tennis.

**Alex Lawson** received the boys tennis singles award along with his partner **Kyle Ogren** for the doubles award. **Kelsey Lawson** also took home the singles and doubles award along with doubles partner **Maia Castiglione**.

Track awards went to **Matt Whitlatch** for the 800 meter run and **Garrett Baker-Slama** for the 1600 meter run. **Kristen Mahler** received the 100 meter dash award and **Danica Ganje** the 3200 meter run award. **Megan Benson** took home both the 100 meter and 300 meter hurdles awards.

## AIA adopts tournament reconfiguration

The Arizona Interscholastic Association's executive board approved the new state tournament reconfiguration

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# Notebook

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plan May 17 that will start this fall for individual sports and badminton and tennis. All other sports will use this new state tournament plan starting in 2011.

Basically, the plan keeps five conferences but eliminates dividing Class 5A and 4A into two divisions. The power ranking formula will also be adjusted because this plan eliminates some travel during region and tournament games which could impact power points for teams who can only travel to certain areas.

These new rules will have an impact Corona's golf, cross country, swim and dive, and badminton teams this fall. For instance, the AIA will hold five state championship golf tournaments, three boy and two girl, instead of the nine current tournaments. New qualification rules for both individual and teams will be put into place.

The AIA will hold eight cross country state meets, four boy and four girl, at one venue, all the same day, instead of the current 12 state championship meets. Badminton will be reduced from two singles, doubles and team state tournaments to one in each category.

Probably the most affected this fall will be Corona's swim and dive team. The AIA will reduce the current 10 state championship meets to only four this fall which would be two girl and two boy meets. Currently 123 school compete in the five meets for boys and 122 schools in the five girls meets. A new system will be put into place for qualifying for the state meet.

## Central Region awards

Corona athletes played against new foes this season in the highly competitive Central region but still managed to garner several All-Region awards in spring sports.

In boys volleyball, **Riley Heywood** received enough votes to be named to the 1st Team All Region. **Alex Davis** was named to the 2nd Team All Region while **Austin Peck** and **Jake Nuneviller** received Honorable Mention awards.

Corona's baseball team had **Kyle Jorgensen** and **Greg Ryan** received 1st Team All Region awards while **Trever Allen** was named to 2nd Team All Region.

Lady Aztec softball players named to All-Region teams included First Team awards to **Taylor Tometich**, infielder, **May Spiel**, outfielder, and **Abby Spiel**, utility player. Second team awards went to **Nicole Giannonatti**, infielder, **Katie Tripp**, outfielder and **McKenna Isenberg** for pitcher.

## Summer camps for Corona athletes

Corona has recently added an Aztec

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## Basketball camps

Corona's head basketball coach **Sammie Duane** and his father, legendary retired Corona coach **Sam Duane, Sr.**, will be holding their basketball camps again this summer. They are open to first through 10th graders and will feature one week camps on basketball fundamentals, shooting and offensive specialty from June 7 through July 12. Check out the dates of each camp and specifics at <http://www.tempe.gov/kiwanis/Classes/Summer%20Camps%202010.htm>

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# 'Sex & City 2' suffers same pitfall as No. 1: Its length

## Nothing succeeds in saving redux from a plodding, unsavory story line

# Diversions

with **M.V. Moorhead**  
 A guide to what's entertaining  
 in and around the Kyrene Corridor

Two years ago HBO's long-running sitcom *Sex and the City* was turned into a feature film of nearly 2½ hours length. It was enough of a hit to warrant a sequel, *Sex and the City 2*, which is within a minute or two of the same length.

I'm not sure why the first film had to be so long, and I'm very sure that the current film didn't have to be. A few months ago I grumbled about the length of *Avatar*, but in fairness to James Cameron's film, it's an epic about space travel, human identity and the exploitation of an indigenous race.

*Sex and the City 2*, only about 20 minutes shorter, is about four rich women from New York spending a few days on vacation at a luxury hotel in the United Arab Emirates.

The dramatic high point of *Avatar* is the destruction of a whole culture's ancestral home. The dramatic high point of *SATC2* is a dinner date between a married chick and her old boyfriend.

So what's with the length? My guess is that the writer-producer-director, Michael Patrick King, is trying to create

the sense of watching a whole season of the TV show crammed into one sitting, like a viewer laid up with the flu might do with a DVD box set.

This approach worked with the first film, sort of, but this one plods, and the complications piled on near the end are unwelcome.

The married woman in question is Carrie Bradshaw (Sarah Jessica Parker), who hitched her dream man "Mr. Big" (Chris Noth) in the earlier film and, of course, is now starting to squirm and fidget as the reality of married life's over-familiarity starts to set in.



M.V. Moorhead

She accepts the invitation of her ever-lascivious friend Samantha (Kim Cattrall) to join her for a PR trip to Abu Dhabi. So do the other two pals in the circle, no-nonsense lawyer Miranda (Cynthia Nixon) and harried stay-at-home Mom Charlotte (Kristen Davis).

Much lewd wackiness ensues when they get there, but the "serious" plot strand has Carrie coincidentally running into an earlier boyfriend (John Corbett) and feeling just unsettled enough about her marriage to take him up on dinner.

While no one would be likely to mistake the first film's script for a lost work by Oscar Wilde, King's dialogue relies even more heavily on wince-inducing puns this time out. He also ups the ante on celebrity cameos, some of

them, like Miley Cyrus and Tim Gunn, playing themselves. Liza Minelli appears early on, and performs a full-blown musical number. It all smells a bit desperate, really—the reek of a movie that doesn't have any urgent reason, other than commercial, to exist.

I don't wish to be ungallant, but it also struck me that all four of the stars, but especially Parker and Cattrall, were less flatteringly photographed this time, too, and far less flatteringly costumed. A couple of Parker's hats look like rejects from *Flash Gordon*.

None of this is really the 500-pound gorilla in the room with *SATC2*, however. The degree to which these characters indulge their narcissism and acquisitiveness, even proudly defend it as if it was a virtue, is remarkable even in the first film.

It's magnified quite a few times when it's played out against the backdrop of a culture in which women enjoy not even one-tenth of the freedoms that Carrie and her friends take for granted.

With certain sequences, as when the four stars perform a karaoke version of "I Am Woman" at an Abu Dhabi nightclub and the local women sing along in smiling approval, it's hard to know whether to feel offended, embarrassed, or touched at this childish gesture of "You Go Girl" uplift.

A little of all three, maybe. But it's a bit unsavory the way *SATC2* wants to swoon over Abu Dhabi's opulence and exoticism and luxury on the one hand, and wag its finger at the culture's oppression of women on the other.

This movie wants to have its falafel and eat it too.



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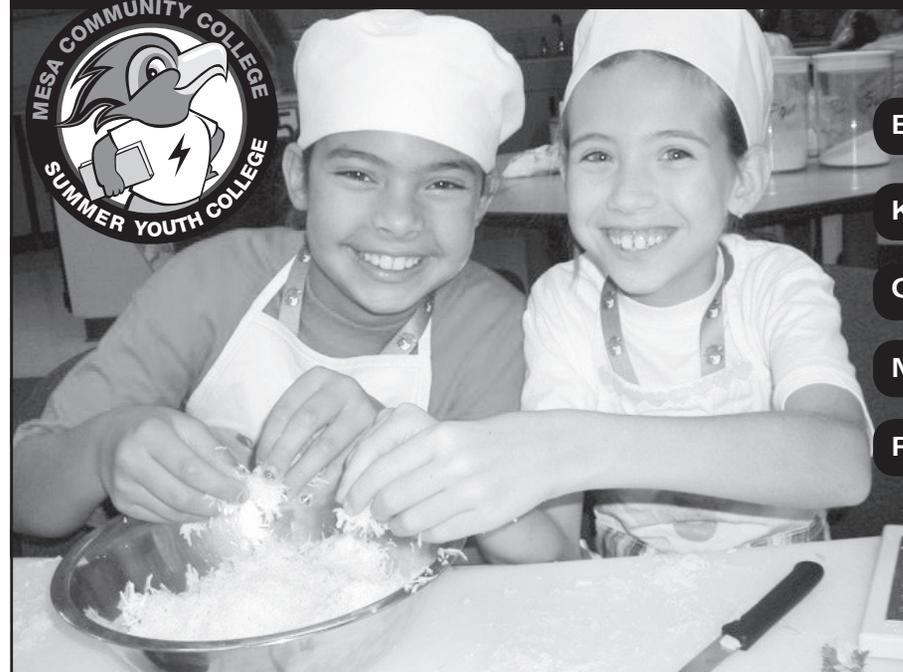
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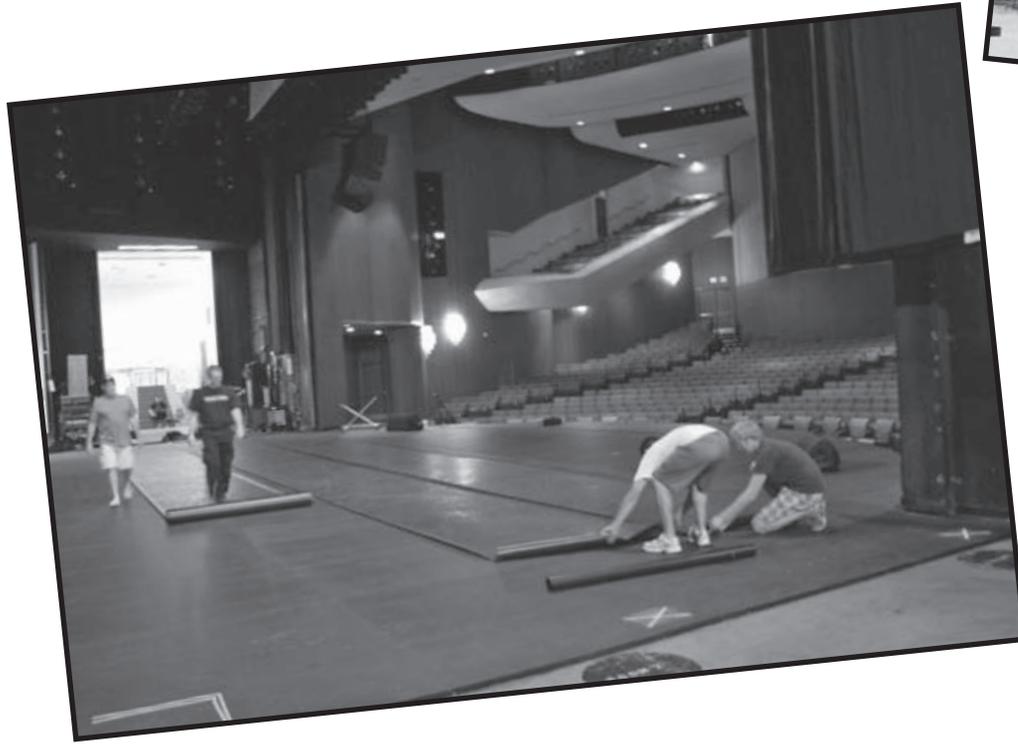
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# Bringing the 'art' of theater to Chandler Newest touches lure residents to recently renovated Center for the Arts

Wrangler News photos by Mark Crudup



# \$6.7 million renovation gives center a new feel of Broadway

More top-quality shows predicted as venue celebrates its 21st year

By Mark Crudup

Chandler Center for the Arts nears completion of an extensive \$6.7 million renovation, adding more inviting touches to the outside of the theater and architectural changes to the main stage.

"We've been doing a year-long renovation," Assistant Manager Michelle Mac Lennan said.

"During that time, we've been having performances in our smaller theaters, but it's been a very different year."

The center, the only large indoor cultural venue in Chandler, has been at its current location for 21 years.

Upgrades include improved lighting, a new stage floor, handrails, enhanced stage rigging, new signage, and ramps for patrons who require the use of wheelchairs.

Patrons saw the new changes on May 15, during a showing of *Cinderella*, the first production on the main stage since the renovation process began in May 2009.

Ballroom scenery moved quickly in and out of view during the show with the help of some special added touches.

"The major component of our renovation was a rigging system," Mac Lennan said. "About \$2.4 million went into the system; it gives us the opportunity to fly scenery in and out."

For those who feel they have to go to New York to see high-end performances, think again. With enhancements, the center will be able to present Broadway performances, Mac Lennan said.

The new rigging system allows background screens to fly in and out of view at up to 180 feet per minute, Senior Production Coordinator Jimmie Byrd said. Before, scenery could only be moved at 20 feet per minute.

"A 25-foot-tall piece of scenery would take one minute and 15 seconds to fly out of sight with the old system; the new system will be able to do that in about 10 seconds" Byrd said.

Many of the changes are "not glamorous," Mac Lennan said, and are focused on improving the

infrastructure of the theater.

"This was a very frugal renovation," she said. "It was about being able to present the newest shows in the future – keeping the theater state-of-the-art."

A new soundboard will allow for more sound options during performances.

"The new soundboard is the best of the best of analog soundboards," Byrd said.

"The XL-4 (soundboard) allows us to provide more options for 'monitor' sound for the performers without the need to bring in a separate monitor system."

Along with a completely new lighting system, the surface layer of the main stage was replaced with new flooring called Stagelam.

"The Stagelam is fire-resistant and exposure-resistant," Byrd said.

"It's much easier to maintain than the 'black death' flooring we had before."

Main stage seating will also be more accessible for patrons with wheelchairs, for whom ramps will provide a larger array of options, Mac Lennan said.

"No longer do all people with wheelchairs have to sit only in the front row," Mac Lennan said.

"We added alternate locations in the hall to accommodate wheelchairs and a lift to bring patrons who use a wheelchair from the auditorium level to the stage level."

Other additions include a new air conditioning system, new carpeting and refurbished chairs. Two dressing rooms were added that accommodate three performers each, and new offices for each production coordinator.

The grand reopening of the center is set for Sept. 10, Mac Lennan said. Michael Bolton will be performing that Friday night.

"We are doing three weeks of grand re-opening activities that will include local arts organizations, school and city public events and several national touring artists including Howie Mandel on Friday, Sept. 24 and Benise the Spanish Guitar on Sunday, Oct. 3," she said.

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Beginning this summer, students at any Maricopa community college will be able to have refunds, including financial aid, direct-deposited into their banking account, or they can enroll in a free Visa prepaid debit card program with Citi Prepaid Services.

The move to electronic payments, including direct deposit or the prepaid debit card, will provide significant benefits over paper checks to both students and college staffs, said Dr. Maria Harper-Marinick, vice chancellor for academic and student affairs for the colleges.

"Students will benefit from faster, convenient and secure access to their funds," Harper-Marinick said. "They will no longer have to wait for a check to arrive in the mail, or stand in line at the bank or check-cashing service to access their refunds."

Harper-Marinick also said the colleges will benefit from a streamlined process that reduces costs and simplifies administration of refunds.

The new service, called Maricopa Student Refund Program, will be available

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Students began receiving emails in their Maricopa Google email accounts in May alerting them to the new options for refunds. Frequently Asked Questions will also be available at [my.maricopa.edu](http://my.maricopa.edu), providing an overview of the program and answering common questions about the new prepaid card.

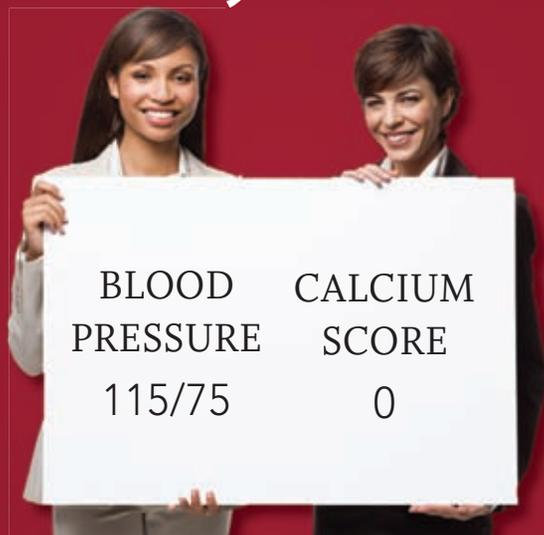
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## Childsplay's new season targets young audiences

Childsplay founder and artistic director David Saar says this year's production season will have a special appeal designed to attract a whole new generation of audiences.

The season opens in September with *A Year With Frog and Toad*, a revival of Childsplay's hit production of the Tony-nominated musical for young audiences.

Based on the books by Arnold Lobel, with music by Robert Reale, and book and lyrics by Willie Reale, this delightful family musical follows the adventures of two great friends, the cheerful Frog and his

grouchy friend, Toad through the four seasons of a year.

Directed by Saar, *A Year With Frog and Toad* features some of the ensemble's best loved actors reprising their favorite roles.

Later in the year, according to Saar, a new tradition will be born, giving families a chance to experience something different from the usual fare for the winter holiday.

"Sell-out crowds and clamoring fans left us no choice but to bring back *Junie B. in Jingle Bells, Batman Smells!*," said Saar.

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## Center

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### Renovating with style

A large part of the redesign process focused on the visual aspect of the center's outside, Mac Lennan said. All of the walls were removed, replaced by a mesh railing system still under construction.

"The Chandler Arts Commission decided they were going to turn this into an art project," she said. "So, we're actually going to be replacing the mesh panels with designed glass."

The thicker glass squares include a star design on the front.

More than \$70,000 went into adding new signage to the building, which will be lit at night.

"It's going to be very stunning," she said.

### Adjustable stages

The original design of the center includes two small theaters located behind the seating of the main stage. The stages, along with all theatrical equipment, can be spun around to face the main stage, providing another 560 seats for performances with bigger turnouts.

The two stages are used daily for smaller performances, including high school productions, Mac Lennan said.

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## Obituary: Leonard Copple remembered for his dedication, wit, service to Tempe

Funeral services have been held for Leonard (Len) Copple, 68, a former Tempe City Council member and longtime south Tempe resident, who died May 17 after a courageous battle with acute lymphocytic leukemia.

What will be long remembered are Copple's decades of service, the wit and the character of the man behind what some call the city's "velvet voice."

Copple, a retired Tempe lawyer, served two terms on the Tempe City Council, from 1998 to 2006. In 1994, he was appointed to a six-month council term for Don Cassano, who resigned to run for mayor.

Copple served on the city's Planning and Zoning

commission from 1984 to 1989. For many years, his commanding voice could be heard on the city of Tempe's on-hold messaging system describing various community amenities and services.

Copple's family said Monday that he was perhaps most proud of his role in bringing light rail and the P.F. Chang's Rock 'N' Roll Marathon to Tempe.

Tempe Community Council named Copple a "Tempe Treasure" after being nominated many times for that organization's Don Carlos Humanitarian Award. He was a front-desk receptionist for TCC's Earned Income Tax Credit program for eight of the last nine years. Copple also

had many years of involvement with Tempe Sister Cities and other community organizations.

"Len was not only a voice for those without; he was fiercely dedicated to improving Tempe through his charitable volunteer work," said TCC Executive Director Kate Hanley.

"He was a friend to everyone he met."

Copple is survived by his wife, Jean, three children, six grandchildren and a brother. The family asks that donations be made to the Friends of the Tempe Center for the Arts, 700 W. Rio Salado Parkway, Tempe 85281, or to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.



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## Longtime Lucas-family realty firm now affiliated with Keller Williams franchise

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"The affiliation of Jeff Lucas and The Lucas Group with this brokerage brings a group recognized among the 'top tier' of agents in the Valley in terms of expertise, service to the consumer and sales volume," said Stephanie Martini, CEO of K-W Arizona Realty.

As a local industry icon, Lucas is considered a "student and strategist of real estate data and market trends," said Martini.

"Jeff is regarded by his peers as one of the most innovative and knowledgeable real estate minds in the Phoenix real estate marketplace, and is in demand as a guest speaker at meetings of a number of prestigious industry organizations. He also serves on professional grievance committees and other community and civic organizations

"(Jeff's) integrity and contribution to our real estate community is the epitome of the talent and culture we continue to attract to our environment at Keller Williams Arizona Realty," Martini said.

Lucas is a founding member of two highly regarded membership-by-invitation-only groups: AZ Masterminds Top Realtors and Real Estate Masters International.

As founding member of The Lucas Group, Jeff Lucas managed the company from the mid-1990s through 2005, during which it was among the top-producing teams in metropolitan Phoenix. From 2005 through 2009, Lucas partnered with his daughter Erika Lucas-Goff; her husband Randy Goff; and Jeff's father Larry Goff to grow the company into a real estate brokerage with more than 70 agents.

With 25-plus years in the industry, Jeff also had been affiliated with Realty Executives, where he was No. 1 Agent in Arizona as well as a broker and agent at ReMax in Denver.

Regarding the move to Keller Williams, Lucas said current market conditions "offer a compelling opportunity to help buyers and sellers navigate the complexities and opportunities in the residential real estate marketplace."

Lucas said that The Lucas Group selected Keller Williams Arizona Realty because of its dynamic leadership, world-class training, consulting and coaching, innovative models, tools and systems, as well as the convenience of office locations in Tempe, Scottsdale and at the Arizona Biltmore.

The Lucas Group can be reached at (480) 598-8800, email [Jeff@TheLucasGroup.com](mailto:Jeff@TheLucasGroup.com), or online at [TheLucasGroup.com](http://TheLucasGroup.com).

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## Chandler, Tempe police continuing 'Click It or Ticket' seatbelt campaign through June 6

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Additional officers are patrolling streets in west Chandler and other portions of the city during the campaign designed to raise awareness through visibility and enforcement.

Officers will take a zero-tolerance stance on seatbelt usage, said a Chandler police spokesman. Arizona law requires the driver to make sure that all vehicle occupants under the age of 16 are buckled up.

Sgt. Dean LaVergne, Traffic Unit supervisor overseeing the enforcement program in Chandler, said, "We are making an effort to achieve voluntary compliance of Arizona's seatbelt law.

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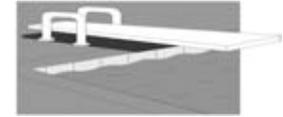
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*Editor's note: Molly Enright, a Tempe Police Department spokeswoman, has passed along the following update from South Tempe Commander Mark Perkovich on a burglary arrest in the Tempe 85284 area.*

*The arrest was among several made throughout the city recently as part of the department's Spring Crimes Operation, placing special emphasis on burglaries, which historically trend upward during this time of year.*

Dear South Tempe Neighbors,

On May 6, five suspects were arrested by Tempe officers during a burglary in progress in Beat 24, in the 1300 block of east Palomino.

Be assured that we consider any number of burglaries too many and have been actively working to prevent, respond to, investigate and make arrests related to crime in your neighborhoods.

Patrol officers, crime analysts, investigators, surveillance teams, dispatchers and all police employees work together to fight crime in your neighborhood.

We work to identify and monitor crime trends, and we work with neighboring law enforcement to share information and follow suspects who may cross municipal borders.

We count on our residents' support and partnership to keep these numbers down. We find that many burglaries are occurring with no sign of forced entry because the property was either unlocked or doors and windows were left open.

We emphasize the need for residents to lock doors, windows, gates and garages and to call our PD Communications Center at 480-350-8311 if you have information or see suspicious activity.

We strongly support the formation of neighborhood Block Watch programs.

If you and your neighbors are

interested in starting a Block Watch, members of our Crime Prevention Unit can attend a neighborhood meeting to discuss the process and help you get your program in place.

On behalf of the men and women of the Tempe Police Department, please know that we greatly value your partnership and support.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Crime Prevention Officer Dan Brown, dan\_brown@tempe.gov, 480-858-6343, or Community Affairs Specialist Charles Cobbs, charles\_cobbs@tempe.gov, 480-350-8691.

## Summer Splash volunteers needed on June 19

West Chandler residents who want to provide a community service and have fun at the same time are being invited to serve as volunteers at Downtown Chandler Community Partnership's Summer Splash Festival, a day of water-related activities on Saturday, June 19.

The free event, at Dr. A.J. Chandler Park in downtown Chandler, is open

to the public. Volunteers are needed for 1½- or 2-hour shifts between 9:45 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Volunteers will oversee the activities and make sure that children using the event's dunk tanks, water slides and wading pools are doing so safely.

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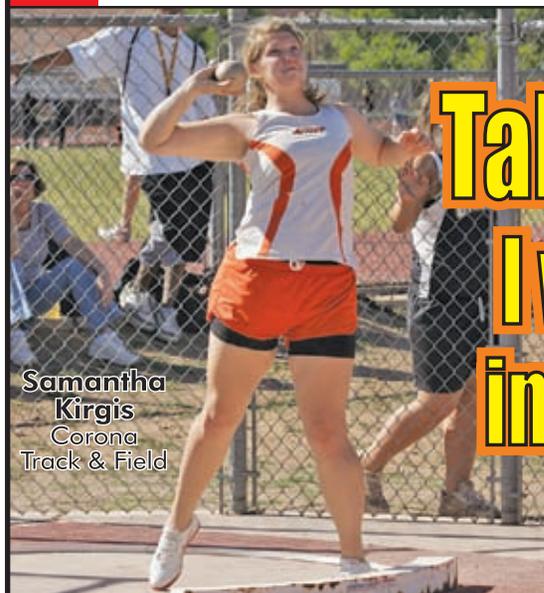


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## Brainstorming session to be part of June 8 economic forum

The city of Tempe wants your ideas on how to make our community more prosperous and efficient.

Join the June 8 Economic Community Forum, a session to get ideas about growing the local economy and local businesses.

Participants will be treated to a presentation on the state and future of the local and regional economy by Dr. Stephen Happel, a Professor of Economics at the Arizona State

University W.P. Carey School of Business.

Dr. Happel's research focuses on microeconomic issues and demographics.

He has written two textbooks along with articles in *The Wall Street Journal*, *The New York Times*, and *The Christian Science Monitor*.

Councilmember Onnie Shekerjian will lead a brainstorming



Onnie Shekerjian

effort to generate new ideas to help businesses succeed and streamline local, state and regional regulations.

Councilmember Corey Woods will review community accomplishments since last year's forum.

The forum is an initiative of the Technology, Economic and Community Development Council Committee, chaired by

Shekerjian and served by Woods.

*Details:* Tuesday, June 8, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m., Tempe Transportation Center, 200 E. Fifth St., Don Cassano Community Room (second floor). *Light Rail:* Veterans Way exit. *Parking:* City Hall Garage at Fifth St. and Farmer.

Those who can't attend may visit [www.tempe.gov/economicforum](http://www.tempe.gov/economicforum) to contribute thoughts.

Call 480-350-8812 for more details.

## Options considered to meet decreased capital-projects budget for 2010-11

The City of Tempe is evaluating its options for capital projects in 2010-11 and future years in the wake of an expected 35 percent reduction in secondary property tax revenue over the next three years because of decreased property values.

Preliminary numbers from the Maricopa County Assessor's Office show that properties in Tempe, as in many communities, are valued at significantly less than they had been in prior years and will continue to be at lower levels through 2012-13.

With declines projected for the next several years, Tempe will see a significant impact in its ability to finance capital projects with bonds that are repaid with secondary property tax revenue.

Tempe projects that it will have only \$6 million to spend in its Capital Improvements Program (CIP) on capital projects over the next five fiscal years. Many projects already completed or significantly under way are recommended by staff for funding. In addition, repayment of bonds must continue for projects that are now

completed, such as the Tempe History Museum.

There is a lag time of a year or more between when the Assessor's Office calculates a property's value and when a homeowner pays their property tax bill, so lower tax bills this year reflect a decline that began about two years ago. Property tax bills for the 2010-11 fiscal year are due on Oct. 1, 2010, and on May 1, 2011.

Other projects for which construction has not yet been started may temporarily be stalled. For example, design and preliminary engineering have been done on a plan to improve Daley, Clark and Evelyn Hallman parks but it is very likely the city will not have funds to move forward on the projects for now.

The three parks are among a series of park improvement projects planned by the city.

Other CIP-funded programs may not be funded.

For the past six months, the City Council and staff have been working through solutions to a significant deficit in Tempe's General Fund, which pays for employee salaries, benefits and anything else related to city operations.

That fund also is impacted by reduced property values because primary property taxes paid by residents go towards the General Fund.

The CIP is different because it is used only to improve or build new facilities and it is paid for exclusively by the secondary property taxes paid by city residents.

The amount of property tax residents pay is based on how the County Assessor values a property. Tempe's current rate is \$1.40 per \$100 of assessed value.

According to the latest Assessor's Office figures, a single family home in Tempe with a median value of \$203,300 in 2009-10 now has a median value of \$175,000 in 2010-11.

Looking even farther into the future, the Assessor's Office estimates that the median value of a single family home will be \$149,500 in 2011-12, so the problem in Tempe's CIP is likely to remain for a few fiscal years.

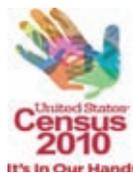
The sale price of a home is usually more than the assessed value. For detailed CIP information, visit [www.tempe.gov/budgetplan](http://www.tempe.gov/budgetplan).

An estimated 67 percent of Tempe households completed the 2010 U.S. Census by mail this spring and, this week, the Census Bureau begins a door-to-door effort to count the residents who did not reply or did not receive surveys.

To fulfill this task, the Census Bureau has hired thousands of local residents to knock on doors in Tempe and throughout the Valley. These Census employees will travel door-to-door through July 10 to help residents who did not return forms. Nationally, 635,000 workers will follow up at 48 million addresses.

## Census workers head door-to-door

Each Census taker is equipped with an identification badge featuring a Department of Commerce watermark and expiration date, and some may carry a black canvas bag or a laptop with the Census Bureau logo. They will be contacting households on weekdays, weeknights and weekends. If no one answers at a residence, a Census worker can return up to two more times, as well



as attempt to reach the household by phone three times. The Census worker will leave an English/Spanish "Notice of Visit" on the door that includes a phone number for the resident to schedule an appointment.

By law, individual Census responses must remain confidential and U.S. citizenship is not a consideration. Each Census taker is trained to make it easy and safe for you to answer questions.

They will only ask you the questions that appear on the 2010 Census form.

Ensuring all Tempe residents are counted – regardless of citizenship – is vitally important. Every person who responds means \$1,250 for community programs in Tempe.

Without an accurate count of the population, Tempe will miss out on federal funding for schools, roads, public safety and human services.

For more information on the door-to-door phase of the 2010 U.S. Census, visit [www.2010.census.gov](http://www.2010.census.gov).

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