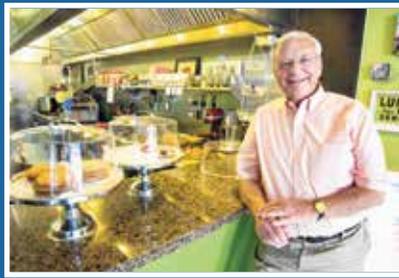


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Former U.S. Congressman and longtime Tempe mayor Harry Mitchell reflects on fatherhood and his new life as a caregiver to his Alzheimer's-afflicted wife. Story, Page 5.



A little bit of lovin' goes a long way, especially for the kids and animals who regularly share hugs at Tempe's Lost Our Home pet sanctuary. Page 18.

What's Inside



## Legend is reborn

### 'Time Machine' a roller coaster ride into history

By Daniel Ochoa

The cogs and wheels have started rolling again on Tempe's newest and possibly best-ever "Time Machine," a mind-expanding exhibit designed to keep kids engaged during what might otherwise be just another ho-hum summer.

Tempe History Museum's Legendary Summer creation harkens back to the 1960s, when kids celebrated vacations at the popular Legend City amusement park.

Legend City operated in Tempe from 1963-1983, giving children the opportunity to enjoy a variety of entertainment and performers, not the least of whom were the unforgettable duo of Wallace & Ladmo.

"It was basically Arizona's Disneyland," said Jared Smith, the museum's curator of

— LEGEND, Page 16



**GRAND ENTRANCE** — Josie Lagunas with grandson Adarius Gammage passes through the portals of a 'Time Machine' that opens doors to the Valley's past. — Wrangler News photo by Alex J. Walker

## Orlando bloodbath: Tragedy points to a never-ending need

### Mass casualties amplify So. Tempe man's determination to support blood-donor lifeline

By Don Kirkland & Joyce Coronel

As television coverage documented the horror of the Orlando mass shootings and the resulting urgent call for blood donors, Branden Lombardi couldn't help but remember his own crisis and how people responded to help save his life.

Lombardi's case was vastly different—no maniacal shooter, no throngs of wounded on the sidelines—

but his experience was nonetheless a life-altering moment, one that gave him the determination to motivate others to donate blood, even when the story didn't explode in headlines around the world.

Now the south Tempe's resident's voice joins a chorus of others issuing a reminder that the need for blood never goes away.

For Lombardi, now 32 and a healthy, happy

father, his was a much more personal crisis. A diagnosis of bone cancer during his teenage years required multiple transfusions, and only so much help was available from family and friends. That was when other generous blood donors came forward, after which Lombardi made a lifelong promise to give to others as they had given to him.

— BLOOD, Page 17



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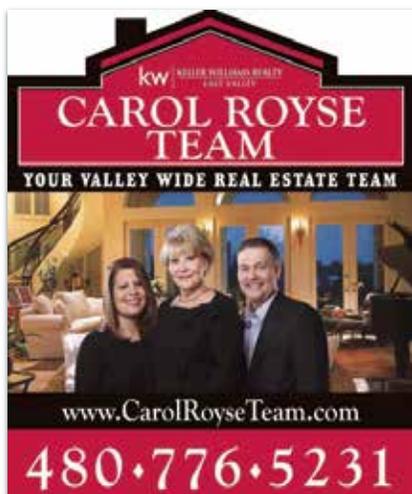
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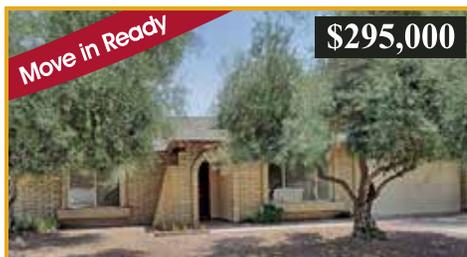


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**A:** Zika virus has become a public health emergency in Africa, Southeast Asia, Pacific islands, and the Caribbean after first detection in February 2014. The virus is an arthropod virus transmitted by mosquitos, similar to West Nile virus. Symptoms are

usually mild and include fever, rash, joint pain, and conjunctivitis. Concern regarding the virus is its effect on fetuses, causing neurologic complications including congenital microcephaly (abnormal brain development). There is no vaccine available to prevent Zika virus. Pregnant women and women within child bearing ages are advised NOT to travel to the affected areas for best prevention. Women that MUST travel are advised to prevent mosquito bites by wearing long shirts and pants as well as using insect repellent.



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## Now that Prop. 123 has passed, where do we go from here?

As expected, teachers should be biggest winners

By Diana Whittle

Although Proposition 123 passed with the slimmest margin possible—little more than one percent of the vote—officials in the three Tempe school districts say they're grateful for the win.

Through its adoption, educators agreed they felt a sense of reassurance that many Arizona residents understood the need for more funding in what has been called the state's sorely underfunded educational system.

Most also see this bill as a quick fix—a temporary solution that will provide a welcome infusion of cash.

Unfortunately, they add, approval of Proposition 123 still won't move Arizona up the tier on per-student funding in comparison to other states.

Dr. Kenneth Baca, superintendent for the Tempe Union High School District, says that, above all, he wants to thank the voters for considering — and favoring—the measure.

"The passage means schools will receive more money without an increase in taxes," said Baca, "even though it is not enough to completely change Arizona's educational climate."

"It's not a perfect bill and it certainly is not a complete fix to the larger problem with funding education in the state, but at least it's a step in the right direction."

The amount that will be available was also on Baca's mind.

"This is not a large fix," he said, noting that there won't be more money for schools, permanently, unless Arizona's taxation situation changes.

"Prior to Prop. 123, the state funded schools by taking an annual 2.5 percent withdrawal from the permanent trust fund, which usually grew by more than 2.5 percent every year," Baca said.

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Harry Mitchell relaxing at Cornucopia Café, one of his regular hangouts.

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## LESSONS FROM DAD

### A Father's Day salute to Mr. Tempe

By Joyce Coronel

Harry Mitchell spent 28 years teaching American government and economics at Tempe High School, but he insists it was the lessons he taught his own son and daughter that bring a smile to his face today.

Slipping coffee inside Cornucopia Café in West Chandler, the former mayor of Tempe, state senator and U.S. Congressman looked back on the years he and his wife Marianne spent raising their daughter Amy, a local teacher, and Mark, the current mayor of Tempe, and summed up the wisdom gleaned:

"It was important to support everything they did," Mitchell said. "We kept them involved in school activities and we attended everything. I still do that with my grandkids."

Of course, when the kids did well, that came with bragging rights. Then there were the times when they didn't score the winning goal.

"You still have to encourage them all the time. Whatever they're doing is great," Mitchell said. "You continually reinforce everything and try to keep them involved."

At one point, Amy wanted to join a softball team. After getting stuck in right field, she grew bored.

"I said, 'You can't quit,'" Mitchell recalled. "Whatever they started, they had to finish. They didn't have to do it the next year. Quitting is too easy—life's not that easy. Everything's not going to just fall in place."

Mitchell said he and his wife—they were both high school teachers—kept

the kids busy during the summer, often traveling to Disneyland or attending the U.S. Conference of Mayors' annual meeting. But summers weren't all fun and games.

"We would never let them sleep past 9 a.m. 'You've got to get up. You're not sleeping in. You have chores to do and things around the house to help,'" Mitchell would tell the kids. All those chores helped "pay their way" for the family trips, but he also wanted them to experience the real world of employment as they got older.

"I wanted them to have a summer job but not with a lot of other kids," Mitchell said. "I wanted them to be with adults so they would learn something." Mark worked in a cabinet shop and Amy was a volunteer teacher with a local organization.

"The other thing we did was we supported them in their activities. If they needed something, we took care of it," Mitchell said.

Fifty years later, he still lives in the same house near Rural and Broadway. "We never moved so I guess that's why we could afford to do things."

Both Amy and Mark spent a lot of time at Tempe High as they were growing up, accompanying Mitchell to school activities. As coach of the freshman and junior varsity football teams as well as the sponsor for student council, Mitchell said he would take his children to help decorate the gym for school dances. "They grew up at the school," he said.

Mark often accompanied his father

— MITCHELL, Page 17

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## Editorial

### Wrangler's content and our policy on political advertising

It will come as no surprise to this newspaper's regular readers that, for the past 25 or so years, our content has reflected a commitment to community values. We feel confident in our ability to do that because, like you, we live here, work here, raise our families here.

Even though our ability to publish Wrangler News is based entirely on advertising revenue, we reject advertising and other content that we believe could be morally or otherwise offensive to the majority of our readership. It was with that guiding principle, for example, that we turned down a prospective year-long advertising schedule with a company that specializes in adult clothing and paraphernalia.

We did the same with another business that used suggestive graphics and language as the focal point of its marketing campaign.

Just as we stand firmly behind our belief in the tenets of what some might call an old-fashioned approach to community-newspaper publishing, we sometimes also find ourselves facing challenges that, to us at least, are not so clearly defined. For example, where First Amendment and freedom of expression issues seem to be involved.

A case in point was our June 4 issue, in which a candidate for U.S. Senate paid to have his campaign's political publication inserted with our paper. Although the campaign met the required attribution statements on three separate pages, the content raised the ire of several readers who vehemently disagreed with the premise of some of the articles. Others, not surprisingly, felt exactly the opposite.

So, having set a tone of mostly non-controversial content for these many years and now finding ourselves in the midst of a debate, we asked ourselves what we felt were some important questions:

Did we err by accepting a political insert in our June 4 issue, even though we knew some might disagree with its conclusions? Can we restrict the flow of information because we may disagree with a contributor's politics? And if we do, is it fair for us to accept only content espousing principles we agree with?

The ensuing discussion was both enlightening and, we think, helpful for the future.

Of the several email or phone objections we received, one of the most eloquently stated exchanges of ideas we had was with reader Ken Willmott.

We are reprinting this exchange in its entirety because we feel it will help to clarify the complexities of an admittedly difficult challenge for the media in general and for this newspaper in particular.

**Ken Willmott** — I was little shocked at "The Arizona Statesman" insert in your paper. It looks like it is a political advertising piece for Alex Meluskey but is nowhere labeled as such. You should take care that inserts in your publication are labeled correctly because IF this is part of your paper I would be

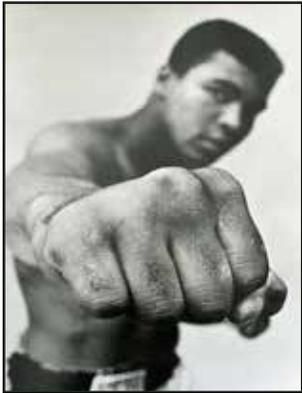
First Person . . . By M.V. Moorhead 🤔

## Recalling the time Ali punched me (but not very hard!)

**L**ots of people have come forward with stories about their encounters with Muhammed Ali over the years. Now it's my turn.

The setting for this encounter was a soup kitchen in South Phoenix somewhere—I don't remember when exactly, but it would have been in the late '90s or very early 2000s, when I was at *New Times*.

It was late on a Friday afternoon, and I think it was around the holidays, as Ali was there to put in some volunteer work and promote the place.



He showed up right on time, got out of the limo, hobbled over to the surprisingly few media people who had shown up, smiled, shook our hands, and mock-punched at a few of us, including me.

Then we followed him into the kitchen, where he was adorned in an apron

and toque, and started serving diners. That mock-jab seems to have been a favorite gesture of his — I suspect he wanted to give as many people as possible the right to say that Muhammad Ali once threw a punch at them.

Recently I heard from Wrangler News founder Don Kirkland his remembrance of Betty Bennett, a longtime Valley resident who revelled in her experience of spotting Ali in the lobby of a hotel in Chicago, walking up to him and saying:

"I want you to hit me," precisely so she could make that boast.

He obliged, tapping her gently on the shoulder with his fist and, as expected, making her the envy of dozens of coworkers as soon as she returned to her office and in the weeks thereafter. Like this lady, lots of people have great stories about Ali, who passed on this month at 74. Some of those recollections are likely better than mine of my fleeting encounter, especially here in the Valley where he became such a public part of the community (some years later I glanced up while walking across a parking lot and saw the words "HAPPY BIRTHDAY CHAMP" sky-written over Paradise Valley).

And my take-away from it isn't anything special, either—simply that the man had charisma. Even limited by his illness (he didn't speak at that event, at least not while I was within earshot of him) he had a riveting presence.

Inconsequential as this meeting was to anyone else, however, it meant something to me, because even though I've never been a boxing fan, I had been a fan of Ali since childhood.

I vividly remember the early '70s, when Ali's bouts with Joe Frazier were talked about constantly, and the boys I went to school with in mostly white and heavily racist rural Pennsylvania, undoubtedly following what their dads told them, rooted for Frazier, because Ali was seen as uppity.

I always preferred Ali, though, because he was funny. I was terribly disappointed when he lost the "Fight of the Century" in '71, and my classmates crowed triumphantly.

Lots of people are also far better equipped than I am to discuss Ali as athlete, activist and man. But in the ensuing decades, during which he became one of the most widely admired people in the world—one of the few people toward whom the Irony Generation seemed willing to show some reverence—I have also wondered at times if it's Ali we have to thank for the culture of "trash-talk" and braggadocio that in recent years has largely replaced modesty and civility as the ideal in sportsmanship, and now other spheres, notably the political.

Ali's boastful riffs are in the ancient Plautine tradition of the *Miles Gloriosus*, the Braggart Warrior, but Ali took this persona to a different level—he gave it validity and beauty.

He sometimes took his act too far, by his own admission. He apologized publicly, albeit years later, — ALI, Page 9



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## All in the family

June 22 marks the 72nd anniversary of the signing of the Serviceman's Readjustment Act, today known as the GI Bill. Ernest McFarland, an Arizona statesman who helped author the bill, is honored in a newly dedicated monument at the Arizona Capitol. On hand for the observance were McFarland's grandchildren, from left, Delbert R. Lewis Jr.; Kara L. Lewis; Leah L. Lewis; William C. Lewis; and John D. Lewis, a West Chandler resident.

## Ernest McFarland: 'Making a difference' New monument pays tribute to a monumental leader

By Joyce Coronel

**J**ohn D. Lewis was seven when his grandfather taught him a lesson about honesty that he's never forgotten.

The two were in a hospital waiting room when Lewis, now a West Chandler resident, said he shook a newspaper rack and hit the jackpot: A large pile of quarters rattled out.

"I scooped them up and went to show my grandfather the great find that I got out of that newspaper machine. And my grandad said, 'Let me see those.'"

Lewis followed his grandfather back to the machine and watched as the older man—an elder statesman and distinguished judge—fed all the quarters back into it, clicking to make sure they landed in the coin box.

"He didn't say a word...didn't scold me, didn't do anything, just 'that was

what we do.' And that was it," Lewis recalled.

Decades later, those who visit a new memorial to Lewis' grandfather at the Arizona State Capitol are able to get to know a bit of Ernest McFarland, a senior statesman who rose from humble beginnings and who is considered one of the fathers of the Serviceman's Readjustment Act, later known as the GI bill.

Wednesday, June 22, marks the 72nd anniversary of the signing of the historic legislation.

A farmer and educator who later became an attorney, McFarland came to Arizona with \$10 in his pocket after a bout with a bronchial infection that ended his naval career.

He saw how returning veterans of WWI came home to rampant unemployment, with former soldiers

— MCFARLAND Page 9

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## McFarland

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standing in long unemployment and soup-kitchen lines.

McFarland eventually rose to a career in Arizona politics, serving as a U.S. senator from 1941 to 1953 and later as governor. That job was followed by what was perhaps the most influential role of all: chief justice of the Arizona Supreme Court.

Although Lewis remembers him mainly as Grandpa, McFarland took on what became a lifelong role as mentor, emphasizing education and insisting on always “doing do the right thing” and obeying the law.

As a senator, McFarland sought to avoid a repeat of an infamous incident at Anacostia Flats, when 43,000 marchers comprising WW I veterans and families converged on Washington, D.C., to demand cash-payment redemption of their service certificates that had been awarded in 1924.

Most of the vets had been unemployed since returning after service.

The June 1932 gathering led to a clash with police, and two veterans were shot and killed in the confrontation.

In terms of his role in history, McFarland drafted the portions of the GI Bill that gave veterans access to education through tuition assistance, zero-down-payment home loans and low-interest business loans.

The resulting bill allowed millions of WWII

veterans to come back to a land of opportunity, where higher education, home ownership and business loans were not just entitlements for the privileged but realistic goals for the common man.

McFarland, who passed away in 1984, also is remembered for his role with the Arizona Television Company and his subsequent opening of KTVK, the state’s third television station, shortly after he became governor in 1955.

To commemorate McFarland’s contributions to his home state, a group of Arizona leaders financed the construction of a monument to celebrate his memory. The years took their toll, however, and the monument fell into disrepair until Lewis and other McFarland grandchildren raised money to pay for a new one, with no taxpayer funding involved.

That memorial, located at Wesley Bolin Plaza, features a 24-foot triumphal arch meant to symbolize the gateway to opportunity for all Americans.

Vincent Murray, a historian with Arizona Historical Research, said the new monument relates to McFarland’s legacy as a patriot.

“The GI Bill helped millions of people achieve the American dream,” he said. “The American Dream isn’t about owning a house or a car or anything like that. It’s being able to achieve what you are capable of achieving if you are given those opportunities. That’s what the GI Bill did.”

McFarland was not in any way pretentious, Murray noted, “So we created a memorial that was inspirational and educational as well to show people that if you try hard, you make it better for yourself but you also make it better for others which is what he was doing.”

“One of the reasons my grandfather is not well known today is that he didn’t go out seeking the spotlight like so many people do today,” Lewis said.

“He would get in behind the scenes, roll up his sleeves and make a difference.”

## Ali

From Page 7

for some of his taunts at Frazier, for instance.

But his routines, delivered in that mellow yet subtly provoking rasp, were always witty, playful and—most important—undergirded by a palpable love of humankind.

If contemporary athletes, celebrities and political figures imagine that their blustering self-aggrandizement and mindless insulting of rivals are somehow Ali-esque, they’re very much mistaken.

R.I.P., Champ.

### Onetime Circle K to be site of trendy café

Residents and business owners near Rural and Warner roads have learned about plans to locate a Tempe venue of the popular Phoenix Public Market Café on the site of a closed Circle K.

The restaurant describes itself as a casual urban hangout offering breakfast, lunch and dinner with fresh market cuisine crafted with seasonal ingredients.

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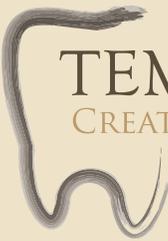
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# Sports

By Alex Zener

## Corona grad advances to All-American status after graduation from Notre Dame

Alex Lawson, a 2012 Corona graduate and two-time Arizona state Division I tennis champion in both single and doubles, has been selected as an All-American for his performances this season playing for the University of Notre Dame by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association on June 4.

“Being named an All-American is an incredible honor, and being able to represent my school in this way is an amazing feeling,” said Lawson. “It’s really the culmination of not just four years of hard work, but my whole life.”

Lawson, who recently graduated from Notre Dame with a degree in marketing, was a four-year starter for the Fighting Irish and team captain his senior year.

He is only the 19th Notre Dame men’s tennis player to be named an All-American in the school’s 93-year history.

During his tennis career at Notre Dame, Lawson, who played both singles and doubles, seemed to find his calling in the doubles game, where he was ranked as high as No. 4 nationally and was consistently in

the top 20.

He left his mark in the Fighting Irish’s records book with his doubles play, winning 94 of his 149 collegiate doubles matches with a different partner each year. His 63.1% winning record made him the second-winningest doubles player in school history.

In his final collegiate season, Lawson and his doubles partner, Quentin Monaghan, won 21 regular season collegiate matches qualifying for the NCAA Doubles Tennis tournament.

Lawson had qualified the previous two years as well with two different partners.

Lawson and Monaghan made it all the way to the NCAA semi-finals before losing to a doubles team from UCLA. They finished the season ranked No. 10 nationally.

“My senior season was full of career highlights,” said Lawson. “Finally achieving All-American status and making the final four in the individual NCAA tournament was great, but my favorite memory is winning the clinching singles match at



Alex Lawson: 19th All-American tennis player in Notre Dame's history at Tulsa match.

— Photo courtesy Slade Lawson

home on senior night against the No. 1 ranked team in the country, University of North Carolina.”

Lawson, who will turn professional this summer, plans to concentrate on doubles. No word on who his partner will be.

“I’m really looking forward to the whole experience of playing professionally,” said Lawson—“life on the road, competing

against world-class opponents, playing at world class events and competing in grand slams. I’m really excited about everything right now.”

Lawson’s professional career can be followed on his blog: [lawsonstennis.wordpress.com](http://lawsonstennis.wordpress.com).

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# Sports

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## McClintock Track & Field —

**Abdi Aden** competed in three events for the Chargers at the Division II state track meet held in May at Mesa Community College. Taking third in the 1600 meters was his best finish but he also placed 17th in both the 800 and 3200 meters.

Aden's time of 4:27.29 in the 1600 meters moved him up the ranks to No. 6 in the top 10 times in Division II in 2016.

McClintock's 4x100 relay team of **Jack White, Deiontay Dozier, Midhaga Gerado** and **Albertsons Lindor** crossed the finish line in seventh place with a time of 43.55.

Dozier ran at state in the 100 meters and 200 meters but did not make it into the finals. He did break McClintock school records in both events during the 2016 season with a time of 11.26 in the 100

meters and a time of 22.47 in the 200 meters. Lindor is second in the 200 meters for the 200 meters with a time of 22.75 and second in the 100 meters with a time of 11.30.

The McClintock girls team qualified athletes in four events at the state track meet.

**Linnique Carroll** took sixth place in the 100 meters with a time of 12.75 which was .14 slower than her fastest time of 12.61 that she ran at the 13th Annual Hohokam Invitational which gave her a No. 9 ranking in the Top 10 Division II for that event in 2016. It was at the Hohokam that Carroll also set a school record in the 100 meters.

Carroll ran the second leg of the 4x100 relay team of **Zy'Nique Simpson**, **Carroll**, **Kennidee Hill** and **Sophia Bruckner** who finished sixth at the state meet.

Their time of 50.06 in the prelims not only set a new school record but it bumped them up to No. 7 in the Top 10 Division II times in 2016.

Sophia Bruckner qualified for the 200 meters in the state meet. Her time of 27.01

in the prelims was not fast enough to qualify her for the finals. **Tianna Baker** placed 17th in the 800 meters.

## Tempe High Track & Field—

Tempe's girls team took 22 out of 34 Division II teams at the state track meet held May 4 at Mesa Community College.

Senior **Ryann Weathers** finished her high school career with a second place finish with a jump of 36-11.00 in the triple jump and a 12th place finish with a long jump of 16-08.50.

Weathers triple jump just one inch short of 37 feet propelled her into the No. 2 spot in the Top 10 2016 Division II rankings and gave her a spot on the All-Tribune Honorable Mention team.

**Danyella Miranda** took 12th place at the state meet in the 800 meters while **Joslyn Murrillo** qualified and ran in the 100-meter hurdles prelims.

Earlier in the season, Murrillo had broken a school record with a time of 16.57 in the same event.

**Morgan Boyd** competed in two field events at the DII state meet placing 17th in the Discus with a 90-00 throw and 22nd in the shotput with a 31-11.50 put.

The Buffaloes qualified five athletes for the DII state track meet.

**Elliott King** placed 18th in the discus with a throw of 127-01.

**Tony Tipton** was 20th in the 800 meters and Nate Manley qualified for and competed in the 400 meters.

**Ivory Williams, Anthony Steele**, Tipton and Manley competed in the 4x400

relay prelims but did not qualify for the finals.

One school was broken in 2016 when Williams ran the 300 meter hurdles with a time of 42.28. It broke the school record time of 42.59 held by **Chris Choppa** since 2009.

Tipton's time of 1:58.65 at the North East Valley Championships April 25 moved him up to No. 7 in the Top 10 Division II 2016 rankings.

**More track & Field** — Marcos de Niza all-around track and field athlete **Marcus Naisant** was selected to the Tribune Boys Track and Field first team for his performance this season in the triple jump event.

Naisant jumped 45-feet-10.5 inches at the Division II state championships and is ranked No. 6 among all-Arizona athletes in this even for 2016.

Corona's **Jacob Onofrio** was named to the same first team in the 1600 meter run event and **Mitchell Warnock** was selected to the second team for the pole vault.

**Josh Onwardi** received honorable mention.

Corona's girls team had two athletes and a relay selected to the second team.

**Jackie Martin** was chosen for the 400 meter run while **Renee Payne** for the 800 meter run.

Corona's 4x400 relay team of Martin, **Melissa Hayhurst**, Payne and **Isabelle Cartegena** was picked for the team as well.

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Andrew Weber says his new pursuit, coaching, brings him even greater rewards than being on the field.

## McClintock grad, former MLS pro, takes his passion to new heights through coaching kids

By Kody Acevedo

**A**ndrew Weber is adjusting to the cards he's been dealt. In that process, he's developed a negative into a huge positive.

The former Major League Soccer player is in the middle of his prime as a professional goal keeper, but a herniated disk in his back has forced him off the field and unable to play the game he loves.

"It's hard," Weber said as he watches the latest COPA America soccer game on TV. "It's hard to watch because I want to compete."

Weber, a McClintock High School graduate, is still partially recovering from his injury, but, in the meantime, he's fostering another passion: coaching.

In fact, he's weighing whether to give up playing altogether and continue to pass on his knowledge to the younger generation.

"It's nice to be your own boss," Weber said. "I've always wanted to continue my education in goal keeping, too."

To say Weber is a student of the game is an understatement. During his entire career, which extends from his youth club team, the 'Tempe Pros,' to being a member of the Portland Timbers last season, Weber has continuously studied the sport that has been at the center of his life.

**"I love having the pressure on my shoulders. It develops character. Being a goalie is all about momentum."**

"I've always really been passionate about coaching, but this is the first year I've really gotten into it," Weber said.

It's a passion that was engraved into him during his club soccer days in Arizona thanks, in part, to his former coach, Dr. Jeffrey Wilson.

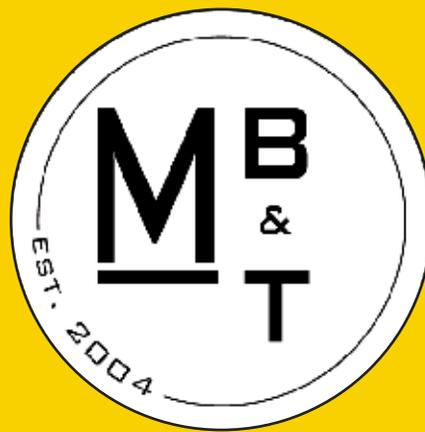
"He was my biggest influence," Weber said.

"I only hope I can influence as many kids as he did."

Dr. Wilson was part of Weber's life since he was about 10 years old. During that time, not only did he help Weber discover his passion but guided him through a difficult period at home. When he was 13, Weber's parents divorced.



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Two other parking garages just north of City Hall, behind the First Credit Union building and the Ports America building, also have free parking for visitors. Parking is available in these two parking garages after 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and all day during weekends. It's a short walk across the street to popular hot spots such as SanTan Brewery, Bourbon Jacks, Crust and more.

Also, the City wants to hear from you. Take a photo of your favorite hot "spot" to shop, dine and experience downtown Chandler. Feel free to share a parking tip, too. Use the hashtag #FindYourSpot and we'll be sure to highlight the best downtown Chandler "spots" on our social media sites.

To view the latest parking map or to see upcoming downtown activities, visit [chandleraz.gov/downtown](http://chandleraz.gov/downtown).

## Celebrate Independence Day

Mark your calendar for Monday, July 4, for the annual July 4th Fireworks Spectacular at Tumbleweed Park, 2250 S. McQueen Road, from 4-10:30 p.m. Attendees can enjoy food trucks, beer gardens, live music, game trucks and a 20-minute fireworks show that starts at 9 p.m. Entry is free and parking is \$5 per vehicle, cash only. For more information, call the Special Events Hotline at 480-782-2735.

## On Your Mark, Get Set... Read!

The 2016 Summer Reading Program at the Chandler Public Library started earlier this month, and runs through Aug. 1. The annual program is free and for all ages. By reading, playing games, going to library events and experiencing community activities, participants earn points they can redeem for some great prizes. The theme of this year's program – "On Your Mark, Get Set... READ!" – focuses on fitness, movement, sports, health and wellness, and the theme will be used in a variety of programs throughout the summer. There are three categories for all ages including children, teenagers and adults. Each participant, regardless of age, will be challenged to read 1,000 minutes and track it online through Maricopa County Library District's website – [maricopacountyreads.org](http://maricopacountyreads.org). For more information and to register, visit [chandlerlibrary.org](http://chandlerlibrary.org).

9 a.m. to noon Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday; 4-6 p.m. Wednesday

- Homewood Suites by Hilton Phoenix Chandler Fashion Center, 1221 S. Spectrum Blvd., open 24 hours

To view a complete list of school supplies needed (recommended wish list), volunteer opportunities or to make a donation online, visit [backtoschoolchandler.org](http://backtoschoolchandler.org).

## Operation Back to School

Preparation for Operation Back to School Chandler – the community's effort to provide



disadvantaged students with school supplies they'll need for the upcoming school year – is in full effect. This year, event organizers are partnering with Chandler Unified School District's Federal Programs. "By

making a donation to support this citywide school supply drive, money the District budgeted for those items can instead fund math and reading tutors for our program students," said Monica Romero, director of Federal programs and State initiatives with Chandler Unified School District.

Donated school supplies, shoes, socks or underwear from the recommended wish list can be

dropped off at the following sites until Wednesday, July 13:

- Chandler City Hall, 175 S. Arizona Ave., 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday
- Sunset Library, 4930 W. Ray Road, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday-Saturday; 1-5 p.m. Sunday
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- 20 City Council Study Session, Council Chambers, 782-2180
- 21 Get Reel Film Series: "All the Difference," Downtown Library, 782-2800
- 23 City Council Meeting, Council Chambers, 782-2180

### JULY

- 28 Get Reel Film Series: "My Way to Olympia," Downtown Library, 782-2800
- 2-Aug. 27 A Group Effort: An Exhibit with Arizona Art Alliance, Vision Gallery, 782-2695
- 4 Independence Day – City Offices Closed
- 4 July 4th Fireworks Spectacular, Tumbleweed Park, 782-2735
- 5 Get Reel Film Series: "Iris," Downtown Library, 782-2800

- 9 Super Saturday at TRC, 782-2900
- 8-21 Explore Your Roots: Genealogy for Kids, Chandler Public Library locations, 782-2783
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- 28 City Council Meeting, Council Chambers, 782-2180

For event details, visit [chandleraz.gov](http://chandleraz.gov) or call the Chandler Special Events Hotline at 782-2735.

# Prop 123

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offers could go beyond the fund's growth and cut into the capital," Baca explained.

As it stands, Prop. 123's shot in the arm for local education will expire after 10 years, at which time funding will go back to its pre-2012 levels. Still, during this decade-long time frame, supporters of the proposition estimate that an additional \$3.5 billion will flow into schools.

The proposition serves not only as a new method of funding for schools, but as a settlement to a statewide education lawsuit that came about after a lapse in funding for schools across the state. It settles just more than 70 percent of the money requested in that lawsuit.

All three local school districts, which serve families in Tempe and Chandler, will use the majority of the additional funds for salary increases, say officials.

The YesProp123.com website estimates that Tempe Elementary schools would gain more than \$2.4 million a year; Tempe Union high schools would benefit from about \$3 million.

Tempe Elementary's share will be used entirely on compensation, said Liz Yeskey, Tempe Elementary assistant superintendent of business and support services.

"Teachers will receive raises ranging from six to 10 percent. Other employee groups, including nurses, counselors, specialists and psychologists, will receive raises ranging from two to 10 percent; and administrators and classified employees will receive a two percent raise,"

said Yeskey. "Plus, in addition to the salary increases, all employees will receive a two-percent stipend."

Tempe Elementary, along with TUHSD and Kyrene, prepared two budget scenarios—one if the legislation passed, another if it failed.

All the districts indicate they feel fortunate that they will receive the money for employee compensation, although they have not been told specifically when some of those funds will be available. Barring unforeseen delays, funds for the new fiscal year are expected to become available in July.

Said Tempe Elementary's Yeskey:

"Passage of Prop. 123 is very significant to the district's upcoming budget cycle. It allows us to increase salaries to stay competitive with other districts."

The other local districts shared the same sentiment that, while Prop. 123 isn't perfect, it provides the funding to generate increased pay for teachers and district staff.

For that reason alone, they agree, it has turned out to be a winning piece of legislation.

Dr. Mark Knight, who has served as interim superintendent of the Kyrene district until Dr. Jan Vesely officially assumes the top job July 1, told Wrangler News prior to the vote:

"We appreciate the continued support of Arizona voters for increased funding for K-12 public schools. "This ballot measure represents a settlement of the education lawsuit on inflation funding for K-12 public schools and means that Kyrene will receive approximately \$3.4 million for fiscal year 2015-16 in June and \$3.4 million for fiscal 2016-17.

The Kyrene district has proposed to the Governing Board using the additional funds on:

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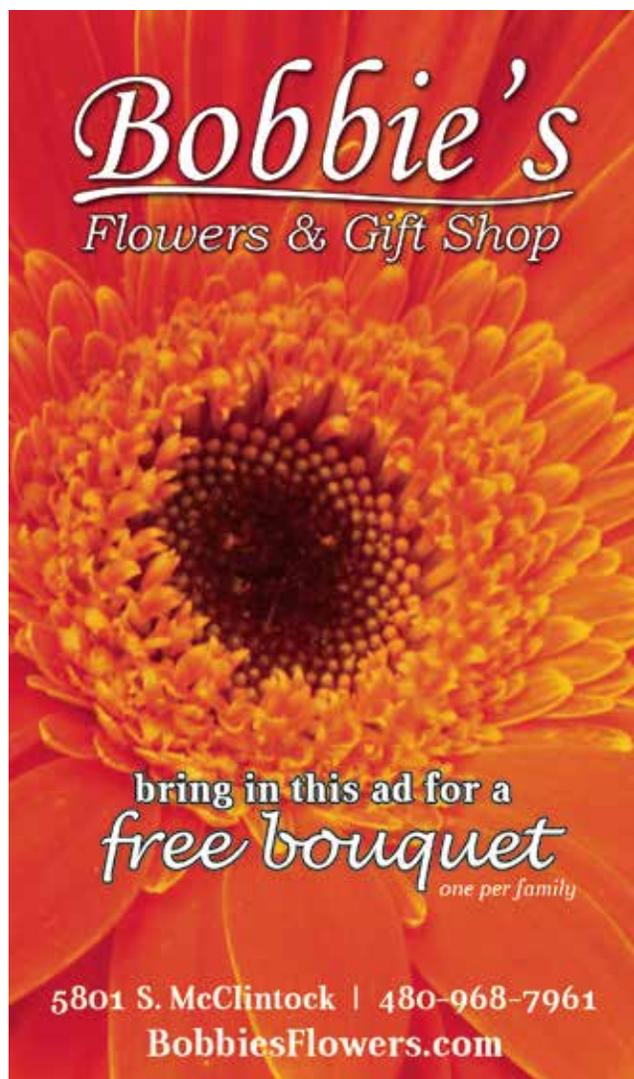
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## Legend

From Page 1

history.

"We've been wanting to do an exhibit on Legend City for some time now because it's a place that so many people have a common-shared experience about. It's one of those things that connect so many people around here."

Tempe Time Machine mirrors some of the activities that were available at Legend City, so children can learn more about Tempe's history.

Activities at the exhibition include arts and crafts, performances and demonstrations, musical activities, board games and history lessons.

Holly Nicolaisen, education assistant for the museum, said Tempe Time Machine offers a way for children in the Valley to stay engaged and hinders any "brain breaks" they might experience throughout the summer break.

"Sometimes the younger children don't enjoy coming to the museum because they associate it with it being boring, so this is a perfect opportunity to get them involved with the museum and the different programs we have to offer," she said.

"The fact that we have indoor programs during the summer months for young children is great." In addition, Tempe Time Machine offers volunteer opportunities for teens, which enables them to be involved with the museum and learn workforce skills.

"What the volunteers do here is something that they would have to do in a job, so it gives them the ability to learn those skills," Nicolaisen said.

Denise Rentschler, public information officer for the city of Tempe, said the exhibit gives working parents the opportunity to have fun with their children over the weekend and teach them the importance of the city's history.

"We wanted to offer working parents the opportunity to have that bonding experience with their children and that's what it's all about," she said.

Tempe Time Machine will occur throughout June and July every Wednesday and second Saturday at the Tempe History Museum, 809 E. Southern Ave. The program is free and open to the public.

For additional information about Tempe Time Machine and other summer programs being offered at the museum, call 480-350-5100.

## Editorial

From Page 6

concerned.

**Don Kirkland** — Hi, Ken, and thanks for being in touch. The attribution to the Melusky campaign can be found on three pages of this paid insert in our June 4 issue: A lengthy statement in a box at the bottom on Page 2; in a box on Page 6; and in a full-width attribution statement on Page 10.

While we may not always agree with a candidate's views, the First Amendment allows free expression of ideas, and we don't feel that we can control such content provided it does not violate laws nor incite overthrow of our government.

We welcome views from other candidates, provided they follow the previously mentioned parameters. We are alerting you that the Melusky committee has indicated its plans for another paid insertion in our publication later in the campaign.

Should you be connected to or in communication with any of the other candidates' campaign representatives, no matter which political party they may represent, feel free to let them know of our willingness to accept their viewpoints as well.

Again, we greatly appreciate you sharing your thoughts with us.

Best wishes...

**Ken** — Don, thank you for the response. When I read through this insert, I flipped through the paper and didn't see the attribution, but I honestly didn't not look that hard.

Typically when there is an advertising (i.e. purchased) piece,

even advertising a political campaign, the piece is clearly marked to avoid confusion from the content edited and screened by a paper.

I have since recycled the insert but my recollection was that the insert was rife with inaccuracies and I was concerned about what appeared to be misinformation.

I generally enjoy reading your paper and have not seen this type of thing in the Wrangler News before.

I teach Constitutional Law to law students and I agree with your policy of not censoring free speech and I would never ask you to do so.

In fact, if need be, I would defend Melusky's right to convey his message and your paper's constitutional rights as the press to publish your works.

I only have one request:

Can you make a somewhat conspicuous disclosure on the insert so we the readers know this is his message and not yours?

With the current state of media, including social media, I think it is important to not confuse whose message is being conveyed so citizens have a chance of distinguishing facts from opinion.

Regardless of what you do with my request, I will continue to read the Wrangler News.

**Don** — Thanks, Ken, for your insightful analysis of an admittedly complex issue.

It is greatly appreciated, and please know that we will keep your thoughts, and those of the readers who communicated with us, in mind as we face similar situations in the future.

*To our readers: If you have additional thoughts or comments, we hope you'll share them with us.*



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## Mitchell

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to Tempe City Council functions. Mitchell served on the council and then was mayor for 16 years. He went on to become a state senator, spending eight years at the Arizona legislature, and then four years as a U.S. Congressman.

Politics was in his blood, it seems.

“My grandfather lived a block away from us and he was in the legislature,” Mitchell noted. “He would get me out of school and I’d spend the day with him at the legislature.” As Mitchell got older, he helped put up campaign signs, and when his grandfather’s vision declined, he drove him to meetings around town.

“I was always hooked on politics and government. Even in high school, I took all the social science classes you could take.” At Arizona State University, he majored in political science. Mitchell said he also hopes to be remembered one day as a good politician, “the opposite of the stereotypes.”

Even though things are so much different now compared to when Amy and Mark were growing up, Mitchell insists the fundamentals are the same:

“You’ve got to support them. They may want to dress a certain way but just stick with them. They all go through phases and fads.”

That theme of being there for loved ones continues to this day for the grandfather of five. Mitchell’s beloved wife, Marianne, suffers from Alzheimer’s and needs round-the-clock care.

Ten months ago, she became a resident in a local care center. Every morning at 7:30 Mitchell is there by her side. He spends two hours visiting with her, having conversations which he said probably wouldn’t make sense to outsiders. But that’s not what matters, he emphasized. It’s being in the moment with her.

“I want to be known as a good caregiver,” Mitchell said. “And I want to set an example.” Like the oft-quoted “Everything I ever needed to know I learned in kindergarten” maxims, he’s created his own set of guiding principles, dubbed “Everything I need to get along with people I learned from being an Alzheimer’s caregiver.” Being positive, patient, supporting and encouraging figure high on the list.

Whether as a parent or a caregiver, he said, you’re going to make mistakes. You learn things along the way, he said.

“I’ve been blessed in my life. I’ve got no regrets.”

## Blood

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It’s a mission he has pursued untiringly for more than a decade through his Branden Lombardi Foundation, a nonprofit focused on improving the quality of life for cancer patients. But now, with the staggering loss of life in Orlando and the numbers of critically wounded who needed blood to survive, his message takes on even broader significance.

Lombardi remains grateful to those who have given blood regularly, not only because they provided him with a precious gift in his time of need but because their concern for others has helped many facing a similar crisis.

The story of his commitment dates back almost 20 years to the time when, as a high school senior, he played goalie on his school’s hockey team. But a left knee injury during practice, which initially was thought to be a torn knee ligament, landed him in the doctor’s office.

A follow-up visit to an orthopedic surgeon recommended a magnetic resonance imaging scan, or MRI, which showed a “hot spot” just below the knee. While Lombardi and his family remained unconcerned by this new information, the surgeon ordered additional tests. Then, less than two months after the initial injury, Lombardi and his family had the answer: osteogenic sarcoma, or bone cancer.

Treatment began the week after Christmas 1998, including three months of chemotherapy followed by surgery to remove the primary tumor and reconstruct his left leg, ultimately requiring a total knee replacement. It was during that period, after one of his early rounds of chemotherapy, that Lombardi received the first of more than 30 red blood cell transfusions.

Despite spending more time in the hospital than in the classroom, Lombardi graduated from high school in May 1999, joining his classmates in the celebration. Unfortunately, the celebration was short lived.

Routine follow-up tests revealed that the cancer had spread. More than 50 nodules subsequently were removed from his lungs during five surgeries, in between which Lombardi endured additional chemotherapy treatments.

After doctors determined that the disease was too aggressive to continue with conventional treatment and surgery, a stem cell transplant was recommended. Fortunately, Lombardi could use his

own cells for the procedure, which was performed in October 2001. For the first 30 days following the transplant, Lombardi required daily transfusions of red blood cells and platelets.

It was as a result of those herculean efforts to save his life—and while he was still undergoing treatment—that Lombardi launched his first fundraiser, a golf tournament he called “Chip In to Fight Cancer.”

The event raised \$20,000, which Lombardi used to purchase amenities that would help other patients escape the rigors of their treatments and regain a sense of normalcy, even if for only a short while.

A year later, while preparing for a stem cell transplant, Lombardi launched his foundation, to which he says he remains as committed as ever. Its mission: to serve thousands of cancer patients, survivors and their families through a variety of programs and partnerships with hospitals and cancer centers across Arizona.

Today, Lombardi’s day-to-day energies revolve around his work as co-founder and principal of a residential land investment and development company.

His greatest loves, he says, are being a father to his six-year-old daughter Sophie and, of course, being cancer free.

## Another Tempean joins the fight

The life-saving treatment Lombardi received is due in part to the numerous blood transfusions he received throughout his cancer treatment, he says. Those wouldn’t be possible, Lombardi notes, without the efforts of people like Bill Alexander, another Tempe resident.

Over the last 61 years, Alexander has donated blood 304 times, for a whopping 37 gallons of the lifesaving elixir.

“There’s no way we can replicate blood, so if you don’t take the time to give it and someone needs it, it’s going to be a real short life for that person,” Alexander said.

Of the eight types of blood humans have, Alexander’s is O negative, known as the highly prized “universal donor.” Only six percent of the population has it. Anyone, no matter which blood type, can receive Alexander’s blood.

“Over the years I’ve donated each time I was allowed. I always encourage people and tell them how much we need your blood no matter which one of the eight it is.”

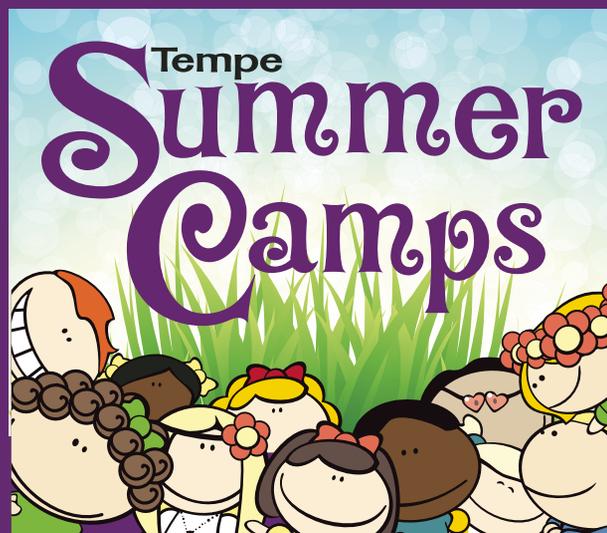
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# A little bit of lovin'



Got a little extra love to share this summer? Man's best friend (and woman's and kid's, too) needs loving caretakers who can sit for cuddles or even read to the assorted dogs and cats at Lost Our Homes pet refuge in Tempe. Volunteers must be age 5 years & up, 12 to walk small dogs. Those under 16 need an adult with them at all times. Information: 602-445-7387 or [LostOurHome.org](http://LostOurHome.org).

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## Soccer

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"He was somebody I could confide in," Weber said.

That influence has stuck with him throughout his career, beginning at the University of New Mexico, to stops professionally with D.C. United, the San Jose Earthquakes, the Seattle Sounders FC and the Portland Timbers.

With all that under his belt, Weber still felt motivated enough to return to his roots in Tempe and begin his coaching career.

"This has always been home," Weber said.

"This state gave me an opportunity to play."

Weber said he returned to help give back to the community that helped launch his career. Besides the support of those closest to him, his experiences here gave him the foundations to success, he said.

In school, he played multiple sports, including football. He didn't focus solely on goal keeping until he was 16.

From then on, no other position mattered. He even turned down a

football scholarship to focus on his soccer career.

Weber said watching other goalies make unbelievable plays inspired him to never lose sight of someday being in their shoes and performing at the professional level.

"I love having that pressure on my shoulders," Weber said. "It develops character. Being a goalie is all about momentum."

That's the attitude he presents to the young players he teaches. Right now, Weber currently works with kids ages 9-18.

"I care for [my students]. I want what's best for them. There's joys of playing, but there's joys of coaching as well," Weber said.

His business is private and only spreading through word-of-mouth, but he's in the planning stages of developing a website and expanding outside of Arizona.

For the time being, Weber is enjoying the path laid out in front of him.

"I learn as much as I can. I love what the game has given me and what it continues to give me. I'm ready to start giving back."

For information on lessons, Weber can be reached by email: [Netkingselite@gmail.com](mailto:Netkingselite@gmail.com)

# Briefly...

## \$6,000 pre-school grants now available

Through strategic partnerships with three noted social-service providers, Summit School of Ahwatukee is making eight \$6,000 pre-school scholarships available to area children.

The scholarships, covering costs of the school's nationally accredited five-day program, are for the academic school year which runs Aug. 3 this year through May 17 next year.

Recipients are selected on the basis of family income, with limits set by the state. Qualifying families are responsible for paying tuition not covered by the scholarship, as well as the cost of before- and after-school care or enrichment classes, if needed.

According to Summit's admissions and marketing director, Kathy Konrad, the school's curriculum is research-based, developmentally appropriate and taught by experienced teachers, who nurture cognitive, social and emotional growth.

The scholarships are being offered in partnership with Quality First, First Things First and Valley of the Sun United Way.

Summit is a private pre-school, elementary and middle school located just across the freeway from Tempe and Chandler, at 46th Street and Muirwood Drive, immediately south of Chandler Blvd.

Information: SummitSchoolaz.org or 480-403-9506.

## LGBT group meets with Islamic leaders

In a demonstration of mutual respect and unity, the city of Tempe Gay-Straight Alliance met June 15 for the first time with representatives of Tempe's two Islamic faith communities.

Formed in 2005 by city of Tempe employees, the mission of the Gay-Straight Alliance is "to create a more equitable and safe work environment for all employees through increased awareness and education about sexual orientation and gender identity."

The group meets quarterly and is joined by employees from the town of Gilbert, the cities of Mesa, Chandler and Scottsdale, and Tempe businesses and agencies.

Members often do community service work and mentoring of others.

Rosa Inchausti, director of Tempe's Office of Strategic Management and Diversity, worked with the alliance's two co-chairs to organize a meeting in the wake of the mass shooting in Orlando.

It was important to the group to invite guests from the two mosques in Tempe.

"In times of tragedy, people seek support and safety. This meeting helped reaffirm Tempe's commitment to creating a safe and supportive environment for everyone in our community, specifically at this time our LGBT and Muslim families," Inchausti said.

Tempe Police Chief Sylvia Moir and Tempe Fire Medical Rescue Chief Greg Ruiz also talked with the group about the proactive joint training the two departments have been engaged in over the past year.

## Tempe Union earns best finance honor

For the 26th year in a row, the Tempe Union High School District has earned the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada. It is the highest form of recognition in government accounting and financial reporting.

The award recognizes TUHSD's comprehensive annual financial report for the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2015. Assistant Superintendent for Business Services

Diane Meulemans and her team prepared the award-winning CAFR.

In a letter announcing the award, Technical Services Center Director Stephen J. Gauthier said: "We hope that your example will encourage other government officials in their efforts to achieve and maintain an appropriate standard of excellence in financial reporting."

The CAFR was judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program, including demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure," to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and user groups to read the CAFR.

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## Tempe Chamber seeks new top exec

A search committee at the Tempe Chamber of Commerce has announced it is undertaking a recruitment campaign to replace Mary Ann Miller, who has resigned as president/CEO effective Aug. 31.

Miller has held the post for more than two decades.

Brian Wood, the organization's chair-elect, will oversee the search.

"During her tenure Mary Ann has guided the chamber through diverse economies, from helping small businesses during the recession to assisting significant growth of key industries within our community," said Wood.

Miller joined the chamber in 1995 as public affairs director.

She transitioned into her current role in 1999. In comments following the announcement of her departure, Miller reported that the chamber will be moving to a new location and adopting "a new point of view."

"As we end our time at (our current) location, it seemed a fitting opportunity for me to guide us to our new home and then set the chamber off on its own," Miller said.

During her time at the chamber, Miller received an MBA from Arizona State University and a Certificate in Organization Management from the U.S. Chamber's Institute for Organization Management.

She also developed the first statewide legislative agenda for local chambers and spoke on policy development at state, regional and national conferences.

She served on the board of Arizona Chamber Executives and was named Local Chamber Executive of the Year in 2008 by the Arizona Chamber.

She received the Howard Pyle Vocational Service Award from Tempe South Rotary in 2011.

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**June 21st**

#### **Women In Business Luncheon**

Join Monica Villalobos to explore "Cross Cultural Marketing Techniques" and how to brand your business across the expanse of cultures in the valley. The Women in Business luncheon features a different program each month.

**June 23rd**

#### **Chamber 101**

Join us in the morning for our Chamber 101 breakfast. Learn more about the Chamber. We encourage you to bring business cards and brochures to share to network with other members.

**July 13th**

#### **Wake Up Chandler**

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*Costco hosted the May Wake Up Chandler Mixer where attendees made connections to grow their businesses*

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## Private Retreat in South Tempe



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## Custom Home, Gated Community

Beautifully updated family estate in charming, unique tree-lined area. Expansive new Island kitchen, granite, Viking fridge/freezer, walk-in pantry. Formal dining room w/ Venetian plaster, Alabaster lighting, library w/ fireplace & built in ladder, huge family room w/bar, lg. master suite, walk-in shower, closet and its own laundry room. Secondary bedrooms have own sink and shower. Walk out basement and much more!



## Premium Lot



4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bats, upgraded kitchen with granite and staggered cabinets, s/s appliances, walk-in pantry and island. Wood look tile flooring and neutral carpet throughout and large family room with entertainment center. Huge master suite with walk-in closet. Separate living/dining room combo and large upstairs loft. Professional landscaping front and back. Great community center with heated pool and spa as well as complete work out facilities. Catch and release lake and more!

## South Tempe Gem

Nestled off the beaten path this lovely single level is a perfect place to call home. Open Floor Plan with High Ceilings. Lots of Architectural Detail, Neutral Tones, Gourmet Island kitchen with Stainless Appliances. Lots of White Cabinets and Granite Slab Countertops. White Shutters, Neutral Tile Flooring, Great low maintenance back yard. Security Screen Doors Front and Back! 3 Car Garage Epoxy Flooring, Cabinets and Utility Sink! Great Corner in Oasis Lake Community!



## Buena Vista Ranchos



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