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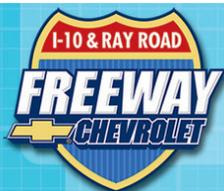
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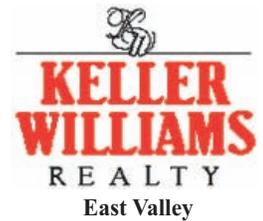
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Administrators race to implement changes before start of school

Kyrene studying strategies to deflect millions in anticipated cuts

By Mark Crudup

As Kyrene School District administrators work into the summer, the process of implementing a number of changes in response to the Governing Board's June 14 adoption of a 2011-12 budget already has begun.

Along with the changes they have now approved, board members also will be moving forward with program studies that they hope will allow the process of developing the budget next year to be less problematic.

"In the past, we didn't have a significant reduction like we did this year," Superintendent Dr. David Schauer said.

"It's harder to manage when you have multi-millions of dollars worth of reductions, as opposed to when we had a slightly declining enrollment, which would usually be under \$1 million that we would have to deal with."

Changes for the coming school year will include reduced time allocated to such so-called "special area" programs as music, library and physical educa-

tion, along with staffing reductions. Art will be the exception, with an extra five minutes added per week.

"Representative teams will take a look at existing curriculum and determine what needs to be adjusted," Schauer said.

"The amount of time available (for special-area programs) is less, so obviously there are going to have to be some changes."

In earlier board meetings, teachers and parents voiced concern over reducing physical education to 45 minutes per week, particularly because this would require elementary-grade students to be outside longer than in past years.

"I know that having indoor space available for the PE program was a big issue for people," Schauer said.

"We've been talking about tightening up the scheduling in the elementary schools so that the lunch hours are as tightly consecutive as possible, allowing the multi-purpose rooms to be available for the maximum amount of time."

Schauer said Assistant Superintendent Dr. Gina Taylor is also working with schools to establish an alternative space for physical education classes.

Class sizes will also slightly increase, with the exception of third, fourth and fifth-grade students.

"Obviously, with the class sizes, we just have to look at our staffing very closely," Schauer said.

"As we look at the grade levels at each specific school, which get monitored weekly, we figure out different strategies. For example, we'll close a grade level at a school to open enrollment if we are right on the cusp of allocating another staff member, until we really know we have enough kids to allocate that other teacher."

District board members are already discussing whether Kyrene will offer free full-day kindergarten for 2012-13. The board voted to fund the program for the 2011-12 school year, which costs the district approximately \$2.5 million.

"I think starting earlier in our planning process is going to make a difference next year," Schauer said.

"It's a combination of beginning to talk about these issues early on and engaging more people, and then acknowledging that it's just a difficult time and it won't be popular."

As the Governing Board moves forward with its discussions, Schauer said the district needs to develop strategies for engaging other community members.

"I would like to hear from people we don't normally hear from and implement more affective technological surveys for parents," Schauer said.

"During board meetings with the public this year, there was an element that surprised me; I thought we were doing a really good job of communicating, and obviously it wasn't as good as it should have been."

Schauer will also hold a retreat in August with board members to further discuss study projects and a timeline of changes that need to be implemented in advance of the 2012-13 school year.

"We're predicting that the challenge is going to remain pretty great (next year)," Schauer said.

"Depending on what happens with the state, it could be just as bad as it was this year."

SCHEDULE REMINDER

An extra week occurs between editions of Wrangler News during this time of year. Our offices, however, will remain open. Our next edition will be Saturday, July 15.

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Stephanie Norvell and Abbie during a visit to Chandler Regional Medical Center. — Photo courtesy Stephanie Norvell

Hospital therapy dog finds a new role in life

By Alison Stanton

Seven years ago, west Chandler resident Stephanie Norvell was stricken with Guillain Barre syndrome, a serious condition where the immune system goes haywire, attacking the nervous system.

Lying paralyzed in a hospital bed, Norvell said the bright spot of her days was when therapy dogs would come to visit her.

"I remember thinking, 'God, this is what I'd like to do, besides going back to teaching. I'd like to have my own therapy dog and go visit people in the hospital and share her with others.'"

After intensive therapy and treatment that involved learning to walk again and re-figuring out touch and balance, Norvell said she is "90 to 95 percent better."

She also got both of her wishes: Norvell is back to working as a special-education teacher at Kyrene de la Mirada Elementary School in Chandler, and she and her husband Bill are the proud human parents of Abbie, a 5-year-old goldendoodle that works as a therapy dog at Chandler Regional Medical Center.

Abbie is currently taking a break from her work and is getting a taste of

the limelight; in May she auditioned for the role of Sandy in the musical "Annie," which is being presented by Valley Youth Theatre through Sunday, June 26 at Herberger Theater Center in Phoenix.

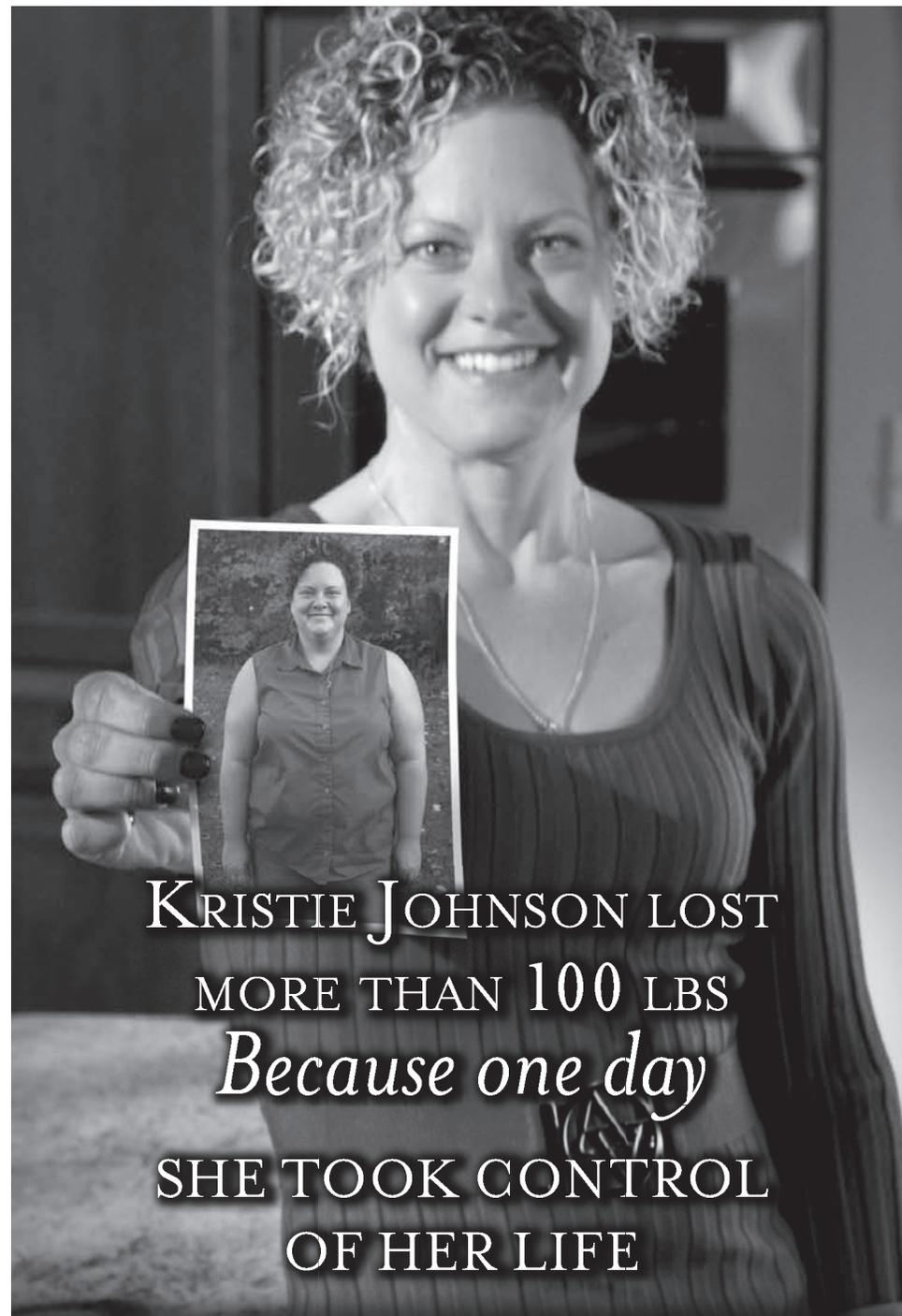
"It's a lot of work but I just love sharing her," she said.

Norvell said she and Abbie both enjoyed the rehearsals but are also looking forward to visiting patients again one day soon. She said it was clear from the start that the young puppy they adopted had the right personality and temperament to be a therapy dog.

"She was our baby; we brought her home at eight weeks and I trained her myself and got her ready to be a therapy dog," Norvell said, adding that Abbie is registered through the Delta Society, a therapy-animal organization.

Abbie worked as a therapy dog with Gabriel's Angels, visiting abused and at-risk children. Then, three years ago, she began volunteering at Chandler Regional Medical Center, donning a nurse's hat for a couple of hours at a time and visiting patients who, like Norvell, found visits from a therapy dog to be emotionally healing.

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Setting himself apart from the masses of baseball-career hopefuls, young athlete is determined to Beat the odds

Cover story

By Alex Zener

Pete Lelich has a dream. Like most young adults who have just finished high school, his ambition is to further his education, become a college graduate and ready himself for a world that's increasingly competitive.

And, oh yes, one more thing: He wants one day to find his name on the roster of a major league baseball team.

It's a dream many aspire to, of course, but Pete is determined that his vision will someday become reality.

The recent high school graduate from Grand Junction, Colo., now living in south Tempe, is clamoring for an opportunity to attend a post-high school institution where he will have a chance to gain a quality education and set a foundation for what lies ahead.

In order to fulfill his dream, Pete is pursuing an athletic scholarship that not only would shrink the cost of his college education but allow him to continue playing a sport he loves and in which he already has built a substantial name for himself.

Selected as the 3A Western Slope League's co-player of the year in May, the 6-foot, 180-pound pitcher-catcher helped his high school team, the Palisade Bulldogs, earn No. 1 ranking in the SWL's 2011 championships.

That, coupled with a passion for baseball that he started pursuing even before he was old enough to enroll in first grade, have given him both the focus and the momentum to follow his dream.

The numbers show he's not alone in his quest. Thousands of high school graduates apply for the roughly

138,000 athletic scholarships available for Division I and Division II sports every year, according to the National Collegiate Athletic Association.

The organization keeps statistics on the number of grants available in each sport and how difficult it can be to get one. Baseball, it turns out, is slightly tougher in terms of attaining a college scholarship than sports like football. Only one in 19 baseball applicants, or 5.6 percent of those who apply, receive some sort of assistance.

There's also some good news, though. A college baseball player has a better chance of being drafted into the pros than either a football or soccer player. One in 200, or 0.5 percent, are drafted. However, there are many more draftees in baseball than in any other sport, so the odds of making it into the major leagues are still stacked against any youngster.

Most of the student athletes hoping to get an athletic scholarship started participating in their sport at a young age and have spent years and endless hours in training camps or playing in leagues to not only prepare themselves physically and mentally for the collegiate level but to give them exposure to help assure their talents are noticed.

Pete, who has played baseball for 14 of his 18 years, is one of the many young athletes who are steadfastly determined to secure themselves an opportunity to gain an athletic

scholarship as a roadmap to the future.

In Pete's case, he's not just sitting by the phone waiting for a college coach to call him. His passion to beat the odds brought him here, primarily he says to prove this summer that he is willing to work hard for an opportunity to fulfill his dreams of attending college and playing collegiate baseball.

After graduating from Palisade High School in Grand Junction, he packed his bags and moved to south Tempe to stay with a friend's grandmother he'd never before met.

"Last December I came to a camp in Phoenix to get some publicity and to evaluate my playing skills with kids from Arizona," said Lelich.

"After I asked the camp coach about the possibility of joining a summer league, he quickly found me a team to play on this summer."

Pete plays on the AZ Pro 18-and-under team, part of the Connie Mack Wood Bat League. He feels that playing in the summer league here will help hone his baseball skills and give him exposure to college baseball programs.

"I think this summer will benefit me more than any other time in my life simply because of the competition in Arizona," said Lelich. "The talent level here is elevated due to the ability to play baseball year round."

"I'm happy and thankful I got the opportunity to play."

Despite the odds of hundreds of

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Baseball

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players vying for the limited number of baseball scholarship spots, Pete is confident in his abilities.

"Although it was a struggle in the beginning, I embraced the humiliation and competition and drew on my positive attitude and solid work ethic in practice, so now I'm playing the way I want to," he said.

"I believe the exposure and my way of playing will help me earn a scholarship or possibly a spot on a team."

Despite the odds faced by most players, Pete remains optimistic.

"I'd like to attend Central Arizona because of their outstanding baseball program and great coaching staff," he said.

While he exudes confidence about his future in baseball, Pete has a backup plan on which to base his college career just in case.

"I want to major in music production," he said. "I'd like to help artists make music, and produce my own, as well."

So far, Pete and Artie Pearson, a retired nurse who agreed to accommodate the aspiring young athlete sight-unseen on the recommendation of her grandson, seem to be getting along just fine. She raised a family of her own and says she enjoys having a little youthful exuberance around the house.

Nor does she deny that she likes the idea of someday being able to say of her young boarder, "I knew him when."



Pete Lelich, Artie Pearson: A grandmotherly welcome.
— Wrangler News photo by Alex Zener

Annual 'Cops on Top' hike pays tribute to Chandler officer slain in 2010 raid

Fallen Chandler police detective Carlos Ledesma will be paid a lofty tribute June 25 when a group of his fellow officers hike to the top of Humphrey's Peak in Flagstaff in his honor.

Ledesma was killed in the line of duty in July 2010 when he was shot by suspects during a narcotics investigation.

Chandler PD is coordinating Arizona's participation in this year's "Cops on Top" hiking expedition, comprised of a team of volunteers from law enforcement and public service agencies from each state who undertake mountain climbing expeditions to honor the memories of those who have lost their lives in the line of duty.



Carlos Ledesma

Every year participants from across the country hike to the highest point in their state to honor a specific officer killed in the line of duty.

In Arizona that point is the top of Humphrey's Peak, with an elevation of 12,633 feet. All of the hikers in each state will attempt to summit their respective mountains on the same day.

The Arizona team consists of 134 members representing 19 different law enforcement agencies throughout the state.

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Nerve center of state firefighting efforts is based at Papago Military Reservation.

Story and photo by Mark Crudup

This summer, Arizona has already lost, and continues to lose, some of the state's most pristine wilderness and natural beauty.

Even with local fire departments in full force, insufficient resources have been available to fight the recent outbreaks, most notably the Wallow Fire in northeastern Arizona and the Monument Fire near Sierra Vista.

On June 7, the Arizona Department of Emergency Management opened its Emergency Operation Center in Phoenix to help coordinate statewide efforts to combat the wildfires.

Key to those efforts is a new task force formed earlier this month under the Arizona All-Hazard Incident Management Team, made up of firefighting personnel from all over the U.S.

"We are the number-one priority in the United States right now," said Mike Reichling, public information officer for the Tempe Police Department and a south Tempe resident.

Reichling is a key member of the combined operation.

"The Monument Fire, the Wallow Fire and the Horseshoe II Fire are number one in the country."

Six task force crews were organized to help with initial firefighting efforts.

"We have depleted all of our local resources; this was the main reason for creating the task force crews," Reichling said. "We came up with a brand new strategy the state wanted to employ."

Reichling is senior fire inspector and investigator for Tempe and works with the broader state effort under the Arizona Division of Emergency Management and Arizona State Forestry.

Each task force team consists of a firefighter crew, at least five engines,

initial-attack hand crews and a water tender that holds an average of 3,500 gallons of water, Reichling said.

Their main goal: moving in fast on the fire, employing rapid-action suppression methods and then quickly turning the effort over to a full crew of firefighters.

"We go in, stomp out the fire and come back (to our command post)," Reichling said.

Task force personnel are stationed across the state, ready to be dispatched by the Forestry Department and staff working around the clock at the Emergency Operations Center at 52nd Street and McDowell, which also houses the Arizona National Guard.

"We have task forces in the east Valley, Payson, Wickenburg and right here in Phoenix," Reichling said.

"We can send them out within a moment's notice through our dispatch system."

As of June 21, two task force crews were helping to battle the Monument Fire, with one crew in Payson to fill in behind Forest Service crews combating the Willow Fire that started June 19.

The task force teams will be implemented throughout the summer, Reichling said.

"We have burned 1.4 million acres just in the Southwest region, which includes half of Texas, New Mexico and Arizona," he said.

"The highest we've ever had was 1.2 million (acres), and we're just beginning this year. We haven't even gotten into the monsoon season."

With the Fourth of July weekend coming up, the risk for more fires is only going to increase.

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— Wrangler News photo by Mark Crudup

Chandler installs pedestrian signals at pair of Western Canal crossings

Two new pedestrian signals along west Chandler's recently completed Western Canal Multi-Use Path were turned on for the first time June 22.

The crossings are located on Dobson Road and Alma School Road where they intersect with the Western Canal just north of Elliot Road.

The signals will serve pedestrians and cyclists using the concrete path.

The new signals were placed in "flash mode" June 20 to alert drivers of their presence and pending activation.

Temporary warning signs also have been installed to give drivers advance notice.

A third pedestrian signal on the Western Canal at Arizona Avenue will be installed by mid-July.

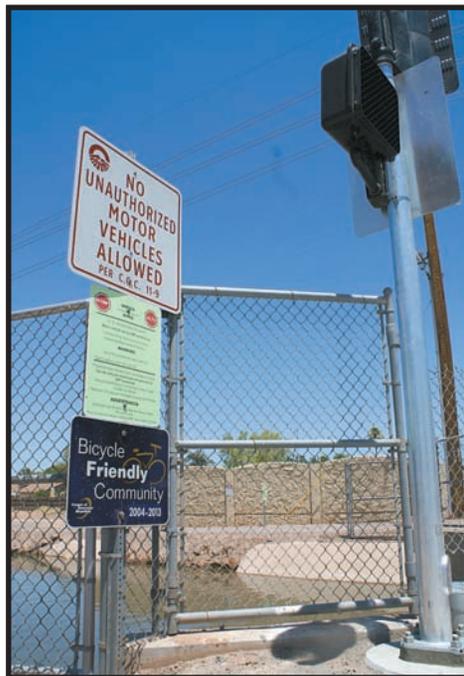
These signals are not the same as Tempe's pedestrian beacons installed last year on Rural Road and McClintock Drive, along the Western Canal Multi-Use Path.

Chandler opted for signals that are push-button actuated with traditional red-yellow-green indications for vehicular traffic.

Funding for the \$300,000 project came from the Congestion Management Air Quality program that is administered by the Federal Highway Administration and the Arizona Department of Transportation.

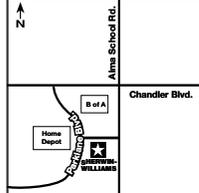
City planners worked with Salt River Project to make the canal's maintenance road available for multi-use and completed the bicycle and pedestrian path last year.

The project extends for 3.5 miles from the Loop 101 Price Freeway east past Arizona Avenue to the Hamilton Street alignment at the Southern Pacific Railroad tracks.



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Kyrene Adventure Week, July 11-15, lets campers pair critical thinking skills and teamwork with fun for a challenging week of creative thinking. Students can master cooperation, teamwork, trust, decision making and problem solving.

The camp keeps kids thinking and moving non-stop. Kyrene Adventure initiatives conclude with a high ropes course experience in Prescott.

The camp is for incoming 6-8th graders.

Kyrene Town, July 18-21, teaches students to become leaders. Based on the concepts of the Kyrene MiniTown program, the program is designed to build self-awareness, communication skills, ethics and responsibility.

Parents will receive tips for supporting camp concepts at home. Participants receive a KyreneTown T-shirt and certificate of participation in leadership training.

Camps, which are held at Centennial Middle School, are open to all Kyrene district students.

Information: 480-783-4044.

Corona scout earns Eagle badge

Alexander Bernal, who graduated from Corona del Sol High School in May, has earned his Eagle Scout badge.

Bernal was a member of Boy Scouts Troop 697 in south Tempe. He organized a project to collect blankets and monetary donations for residents of Navajo land near Monument Valley. Money donations were used to purchase gift cards from a local Bashas' store.

Bernal spend a total of 328 hours working with more than 20 volunteers to ensure the project's success.

Bernal said the work brought him an appreciation for helping those in need. "Everyone should be grateful for what they have," he said.

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Mark Moorehead is scoutmaster of Troop 697.

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KC Rotary Club's international program enables area girl to have a summer adventure in Brazil

By Mark Crudup

Helen Oberuch, a senior at Corona del Sol High School, had a vision of being immersed in the sights and culture of another country. This summer, that dream will come true as she travels to Brazil through an exchange program with the Kyrene Corridor Rotary Club.

"I wanted to do a gap year from high school to college," Oberuch said. "The exchange program is for a year, so it was a perfect fit."

After applying through Tempe Sister Cities for a traveling opportunity, she said she made it to the final round but wasn't picked as a delegate. Soon after, Oberuch began looking for other opportunities to visit another culture.

After learning that her aunt joined a Kyrene Corridor Rotary exchange program, she reached out to the organization for the same opportunity. Oberuch lives with her aunt and uncle in Tempe.

"My aunt went to Chile through the club, and my uncle lived in Germany before," Oberuch said. "They really encouraged me to join the program."

Oberuch recently completed her third year of Spanish at Corona, and said she is looking forward to learning Portuguese while she's in Brazil.

"I heard Portuguese is totally different from Spanish, so I think it's going to be difficult," she said. "It's just going to take some time."

Oberuch will be living with three host families during her time there, and is looking forward to visiting the "Cristo Redentor" ("Christ the Redeemer") on the peak of Corcovado Mountain. The large statue representing Christ is among the largest statues in the world, standing 135 feet tall above the city of Rio de Janeiro.

"I also want to take an Amazon tour if I have the opportunity," Oberuch said. "I don't have any set plans, but I'm looking forward to visiting the beaches and other places."

Though she said she's not sure what cities she's going to be living in, Oberuch is looking forward traveling while there to experience different aspects of Brazil's culture.

"It takes a strong person to be flexible enough to live abroad for a whole year," she said. "It's going to make me stronger just knowing that I can do that."

While she graduated this year from Corona, Oberuch said she will have to take another year of high school in Brazil to correspond with their school year.

Also, she noted, "They are much more formal there. I'll have to wear a uniform, so that will be different; but it's going to be an English school."

Oberuch said she plans on bringing pictures of her home in south Tempe, along with photos of her family members, to show her host families, as well as bring back a collage of photos from her experience. The Kyrene Corridor Rotary Club will learn second-hand from Oberuch about Brazil's diversity, culture and history when Oberuch gives her report to the club upon her return.

"The great thing about Rotary is my host families...participate voluntarily, and do not receive pay," Oberuch said. "I think the whole purpose of the program is to become immersed in another culture and learn a new language."

To learn more about the Kyrene Corridor Rotary Club, as well as its exchange program, visit www.clubrunner.ca/CPrg/home/homeD.asp?cid=4017.



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"The doctors started calling her their 'four-legged nurse,'" Norvell said, laughing. "At Chandler Regional they just fell in love with her. She would do her tricks and then take a bow before leaving the room."

Norvell said Abbie's affinity for children has helped make her the ideal dog to play Sandy in "Annie." But even more importantly, this personality trait has helped make her a beloved therapy dog that is making a difference in the lives of others.

"She's wonderful. She just loves kids. It has been great watching how she has an effect on the patients, especially when they don't get too many visitors."

Workshop to provide hints for homebuyers, investors

Carol Royse, of Keller Williams Realty in south Tempe, will hold a free homebuyer informational event Saturday, June 25, for residents looking to invest in or purchase a new home.

"This is the worst crisis in real estate since 1999," Royse said. "It's an astonishing market for new buyers or investors."

The event will feature real estate experts who will discuss the process of purchasing a home. "We were finding that there were so many misunderstandings about what it really takes to buy a house right now," said Caryn Shannon of Royse's office.

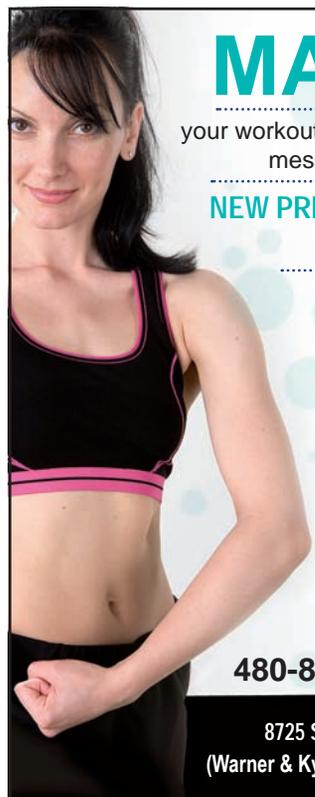
"We're trying to address the common questions people have about the changes that have taken place in the mortgage industry."

A wide range of topics will be included, she said. "People can ask questions about title loans, mortgages, how to find a home and what makes a good agent," she said. "We're trying to let them know why short sales are something not to be feared, or why they shouldn't be intimidated by the bank-owned process."

With a vastly different real estate market, Shannon said many residents have misconceptions about the purchasing process.

"I think some of the most common questions are around financing, because there is this memory from back in the day that you can just use fog-and-mirror tactics," Shannon said. "There are payment requirements."

The event will be held from 10 to 11:30 a.m. June 25 at Keller Williams East Valley, 2077 E. Warner Road, Suite 110. Information: 480-776-5231.



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Literature competition draws 70,000 kids; 3 from Aprende top list

By Mark Crudup

Three students from Kyrene Aprende Middle School ranked first, second and third for grades 7-8 in this year's Letter About Literature contest for the state of Arizona.

The national competition promotes reading through the program of the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress. Young readers write a personal letter to an author of their choice, explaining how the author's work impacted their life.

Approximately 70,000 students across the country participated in this year's event, with over 500 coming from Arizona alone.

Aprende student Kathleen Click took first place for the Level II (grades 7 and 8) winners, Austin Hornbaker was awarded second place and Luke Nero tied with Mia Scholink, from Bios Christian Academy, for third place.

Aprende teacher Amy Furman had all three students in her classes this past year, and encouraged all of her students to send letters to authors as one of her assignments.

"I was so excited to hear they were picked as winners this year," Furman said. "I think these opportunities are great for the students; I think it allows them to see a meaning that their reading can make a difference."



Accepting literature honors were, from left, front, Kathleen Click, Luke Nero, teacher Amy Furman; back, Arizona Secretary of State Ken Bennett, Austin Hornbaker. — Photo courtesy Amy Furman



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• Chandler's Fourth of July Fireworks Spectacular, 4 to 10:30 p.m.

Information: www.chandleraz.gov. The event, presented by the Chandler Lions Club and the city of Chandler, will be held at Tumbleweed Park and includes fireworks shows on a main stage.

Heart Failure Management Classes

Wednesdays 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., Chandler Regional Medical Center. Register at www.resourcelink@chw.edu. For patients and caregivers

Seussical the Musical Jr.

June 28-29, 7 p.m. The Kyrene Summer Community Theater will present *Seussical the Musical Jr.*, at Kyrene Middle School featuring Kyrene fourth- through ninth-grade students. Information: 480-783-4044 or www.kyrene.org/

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Alzheimer's Disease Caregiver Support Group

Thursdays, July 7 and 21, from 1:30 to 3 p.m., at the Medical Office Building of Tempe St. Luke's Hospital, room 208. Join the support group to discuss challenges, successes and information about being a caregiver for someone with Alzheimer's. Information: 1-877-351-WELL (9355).

Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program

Thursdays, July 7, 21 and 28, from 9 to 10 a.m., at the Medical Office Building of Tempe St. Luke's Hospital, room 207. This program is designed for older adults who want to improve their muscular strength, flexibility and coordination. Information: 1-877-351-WELL (9355).

Send calendar requests to editor@wranglernews.com

Briefs

Corona grad among Cronkite winners

Corona del Sol graduate Lauren Gambino is among students at ASU's Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication named winners of this year's Hearst Journalism Awards.

Gambino placed second in the competition's in-depth reporting category.

More than 100 accredited journalism schools compete in the annual competition, whose categories include multimedia, writing, radio, television and photojournalism. Professional journalists judge the students' work.

Top state spellers include six from Aprende Middle School

Six of the top 10 students in the Arizona State Algebra Contest were from Kyrene Aprende Middle School in west Chandler. Winners were Austin Hornbaker, Hannah Miah, Melody Yeh, Andrew Xi, Nate Marshall and Cindy Wu.

Second-place ranking went to Aprende students Bronson Wu, Liam Stills, Justin Lee, Avishek Maitra, Dylan Polo, Katherine David, Troy Randall, Sheena Kalagara, Madison DesMaisons, Darlena Le, Adam Huang and Thomas Lopez.

The competition was held May 16.



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Enjoy a getaway in the cool, relaxing pines

By Mark Crudup

Kyrene Corridor residents are getting a punch from summer temperatures this month, marking the season to head north to beat the sweltering heat.

Fortunately, by taking just an hour and a half of their time for a scenic drive up to Prescott, local residents can enjoy cooler weather and some of Arizona's finest outdoor views. With a variety of bed-and-breakfast locations offering reasonable rates, guests can relax in Arizona's natural beauty with comforting service that will get your mind of the busy city life.

From hiking trails and golf courses to lakes and museums, visitors can spend a day, night or weekend enjoying some of the state's history and most pristine wilderness.

Check out these bed and breakfast locations for a weekend getaway.

Prescott Pines Inn

This bed and breakfast spot allows visitors to sit under centuries-old trees in the backdrop of Prescott National Forest. Innkeepers Dawn and Lisa provide guests with a luxurious atmosphere of home-cooked meals and room settings that are sure to relieve stress from visitors.

Prescott Pines Inn is located near outdoor sites where nature enthusiasts can spend their day fishing, hiking or kayaking. And, instead of roughin' it at a campsite, guests return to the Inn to enjoy refreshing accommodations. Breakfast is served in a family-style fashion with fresh juice and coffee. For information on availability, rooms and rates, visit www.prescottpinesinn.com.

Gurley Street Lodge

Gurley Street Hotel is marked by a host who's enthusiastic about serving visitors with the utmost respect. Breakfast is always freshly cooked and includes a full-course meal of fruit, juice and omelets, in addition to a variety of other tasty morning treats like his

home-made muffins. The pine lodge is located just minutes away from historic downtown attractions on Whiskey Row. To reserve a room, visit www.gurleystreetlodge.com.

Pleasant Street Inn

Also located near Whiskey Row, Pleasant Street Inn offers guests a stay at a 1906 Victorian home. Renovated and recently redecorated, the inn includes two bedrooms and two suites with comfortable amenities that give visitors a sense of Prescott's history. Guests will wake to the smell of a hot breakfast prepared by Innkeeper Jeanne Watkins. Plan on spending part of the day walking along Whiskey Row, where you will find a variety of shops, historic galleries and restaurants. For reservations and more information, visit www.pleasantbandb.com.

For a cool July 4th weekend: Head for historic Prescott



'World's Oldest Rodeo' reins in plenty of summertime fun

By Mark Crudup

Arizona is home to one of our country's most notable Western traditions: The World's Oldest Rodeo.

And, when June comes around, J.C. Trujillo is making last-minute preparations for the rompin' good time that brings professional cowboys and visitors to Prescott, eager to get a taste of what began the rodeo business throughout the U.S.

"I've been in the rodeo business for my whole life," said Trujillo, the general manager for the annual event. "This rodeo planted the seed that became what the modern rodeo is today, and I have a lot of appreciation for it."

Prescott held the first professional rodeo July 4, 1888, and the annual event hasn't missed a year since.

Now, 124 years later, the rodeo business has grown into a multimillion-dollar enterprise with more than 700 professional rodeos in 50 states.

Trujillo, who was born and raised in Prescott, said he was a national contestant in rodeos before becoming the general manager for the World's Oldest Rodeo and the Prescott Frontier Days.

"I was a contestant in rodeos for 27 years, and went to nationals 12 times," he said. "I come from a long line of rodeo history."

Starting June 28, Prescott residents and visitors will swarm into Prescott's Rodeo Grounds for the first presentation at 7:30 p.m.

Every performance features Bareback Bronc Riding, Saddle Bronc Riding, Tie-Down Roping, Steer Wrestling, Team Roping, Barrel Racing, Bull Riding and featured Specialty Acts.

During the following evenings, through July 4, a total of eight presentations will be held.

"Every performance starts at 7:30, and each includes all seven major rodeo events," Trujillo said.

"We also have a big parade Saturday, July 3, that's the second largest in the state; the SuperBowl is the largest."

Trujillo said the World's Oldest Rodeo is run by a large group of dedicated volunteers from the Prescott area, reaching up to 700 members during the events.

"It takes me about 13 months to get ready for this event," Trujillo said. "We've done some research in the past, and there's about \$10 to \$12 million that gets brought into Prescott every year during the week of the event."

Visitors from all over the world, state and county come out for rodeo presentations.

"We get visitors from everywhere," Trujillo said. "It's the world's oldest rodeo, and many out-of-country visitors look forward to experiencing it."

Prescott will also hold its annual fireworks show the night of July 4, marking Independence Day and ending the celebration of the World's Oldest Rodeo.

For more information on special events and tickets, visit www.worldsoldestrodeo.com.

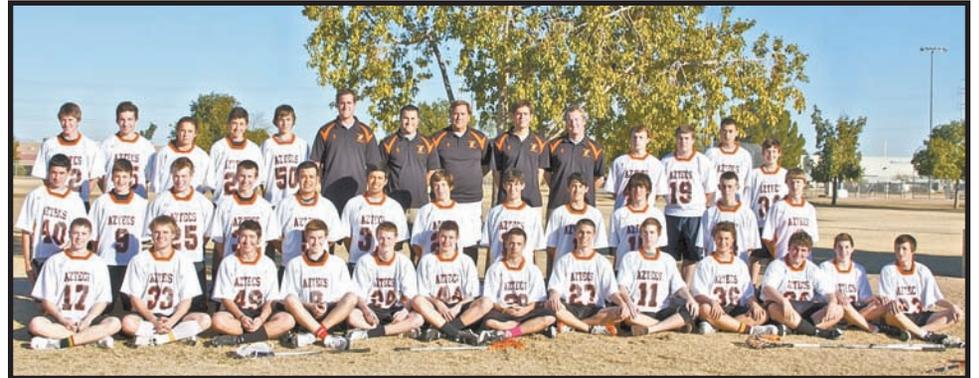
Sports Notebook . . . with Alex Zener



Corona's 4x400 boys relay team of Matt Hayhurst, Michael Seall, Cody Jackson and Dominique Branscrumb set a school record and took fourth place at the Division I state track meet May 14 at Mesa Community College.

— Photo contributed by Chris Huch

Aztecs' lacrosse season ends with state finals



With 14 returning players, nine of them starters, on the 2011 team, the Corona boys lacrosse team once again successfully attained its standing goal of a winning season (8-6) and competing in the 2011 state championship playoffs, according to coach **Craig Fertelmes**.

Coach Fertelmes had several players he could count on for leadership almost any place on the field after

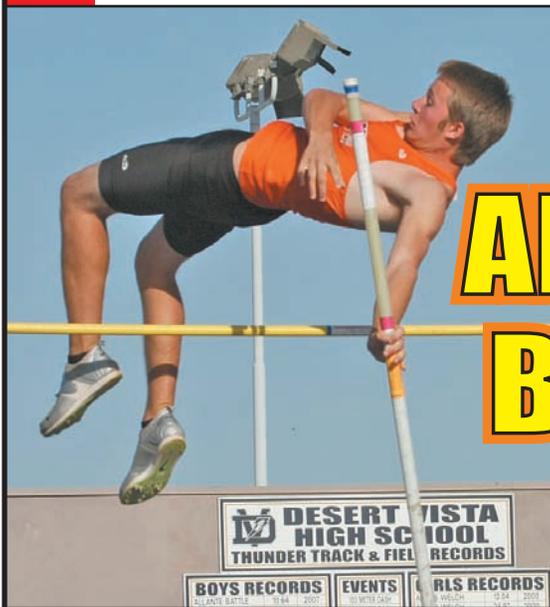
returning over two-thirds of the previous season's team.

"**Ryan Berns** displayed a strong mental aptitude for the game and constantly assisted in keeping the defense in the right position," said Fertelmes. "**Jeff Smith, Hunter Wall and Neal Ortiz** led by example, always giving their best effort in games and in practice."

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"Cody Wagner was a leader for the midfielders and could often rally the team's momentum at critical moments."

The Aztecs played some close, highly contested regular season games against Saguaro and Mesa, two teams they have developed a healthy rivalry with over the last two years. But their greatest win may have been against Catalina Foothills this season.

"Catalina Foothills had beaten us badly in a pre-season tournament," said Fertelmes. "But thanks to a strong defensive effort from seniors **Ryan Berns** and **Hunter Wall**, as well as opportune scoring from offensive leaders **Cody Wagner** and **Jeff Smith**, we were able to defeat them in the regular season."

In the state playoffs, teams such as Brophy and Chaparral have always been major roadblocks that prevented the Aztecs from going deep into the playoffs. This year was no exception.

The Aztecs put forth a great effort April 30 against the eventual state championship team, Chaparral, and actually tied the score leading after the first half in the first round of the Division I state championship.

"The Aztecs fought their way to a 3-3 tie at half-time and we felt we had the momentum," said coach Fertelmes.

"However, Chaparral made a few adjustments in the second half that allowed them to maintain the ball and put us back on our heels. We were never able to regain the momentum eventually losing."

The team lost eight seniors to graduation in May but had some younger players gain valuable experience on offense, defense and at the goal during the 2011 season.

"Senior **Cody Wagner** was our playmaker, initiating most of our scoring opportunities from the mid-field position," said Fertelmes. "Another senior, **Richard MacQueen**, along with freshman **Garret Howell**, contributed heavily to the team's success on attack, each averaging nearly three points per game."

"**Jeff Smith**, as a junior, was a consistent headache for most teams. His foot and shot speed allowed him to become the team's leading scorer, averaging 3.87 points a game."

Corona next season will miss one of their key players on defense. "Senior **Ryan Berns**, the central figure in our defensive schemes, was usually matched up against and took care of the leading scorer on our opponent's team," said Fertelmes. "He has an understanding of the game that is well ahead of most players his age."

Berns will be playing lacrosse at ASU next season.

In addition to Berns, the Aztecs had other strong defensive players on the field and at the net this season.

"Another ASU-bound player, senior **Hunter Wall**, was also a key figure on defense," said Fertelmes. "His size and strength presented a formidable challenge to any opponent looking to attack the goal."

"Sophomores **Will Morgan** and **Zac Cope** both stepped up big this year on defense and were vital to our success," said Fertelmes.

"Defensively, **EJ Burkholder** was ready to provide quality help when called upon and **Brandon Moreno**, our senior goalie, was steadfast and a key reason why we won games."

Backup goalie **Alexander Tunberg**, a fresh-



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man, saw action in five games, saving 33 out of 58 shots at goal.

One of the toughest positions to play in lacrosse is the midfield because players are required to perform at both ends of the field, according to Fertelmes. "Our midfielders who were essential for our success this season included seniors **Cesar Diaz** and **Neal Ortiz**, juniors **Ivan Hunter** and **Sean Mayall**, and sophomore **Paul Sion**," said Fertelmes.

"These players were usually assigned a specific role in each game. All of them did what was asked of them and often much more."

Other players contributing to the success of the team on and off the field were freshman players **Ben Fitzhugh**, **Matt Hoh** and **Patrick Surcouf**.

More information about Aztec Lacrosse can be found at <http://www.azlax.com> or by contacting **Cliff Prausa** at tempelacrosse@aol.com.

Corona Track and Field Wrap-Up — This spring's track and field season was one of the more successful in recent history. The Aztecs won the Paradise Valley and Basha Re-

lays, took second in the City Meet, third for the girls and fourth for the boys in the ASU Classic, and finished in the top six in all other tournaments they entered.

Corona's boys team also won four dual meets while the girls won three.

In addition, Corona qualified 25 athletes in 33 Division I events at the AIA State Track and Field Championship Meet May 11-14 at Mesa Community College.

"In the state meet we broke several school records for both the boys and girls 4x800 relay teams," said head coach **Tim Kelly**. "Additionally, the girls team made an impressive sixth place finish out of 67 teams, while the boys finished 11th, just seven points shy of a fourth place finish at the state meet."

Corona top 10 finishers included **Lakevia Stormer** taking third in the 400 meter run, **Dana McKenzie** third in the high jump, **Cody Jackson** fourth in the 800 meter run, **Megan Benson** fifth in the 100 hurdles and 10th in the 300 hurdles, **Nick Siefker** seventh in the 110 hurdles, and **Hallie Swenson** ninth in the 800 meter.

The boys 4x800 relay team of **Dillon Baker**, **Michael Seall**, **Cody Jackson** and **Jarred Hirschl** fin-

ished an impressive second while the girls 4x800 relay team of **Dani Lemieux**, **Ellen Dunn**, **Hallie Swenson** and **Sarah Williams** came in fifth.

The girls 4x100 relay team of **Taylor Johnson**, **Benson**, **Gabrielle Dotson** and **Stormer** came in fourth as did the boys 4x400 relay team of **Matt Hayhurst**, **Dominique Branscum**, **Jackson** and **Seall**.

Although Corona will miss the seniors who helped build Corona's program such as **Branscum**, **Matt Hayhurst**, **Seall**, **Baker**, **Jared Hirschl**, **Daniel Wrapp**, **Alex Bernal**, **William Lee**, **Cutler Nance**, **Paul Rosendahl**, **Conrad Laboy** and **Seifker** on the boys team and **Stormer**, **Lauren Milovich**, **Williams**, **Dunn**, **Hanna Snyder**, **Alyssa Ramsland**, **Kaylyn McGowan** and **Leanne Wittlles** on the girls team, coach Kelly is optimistic about the future of Corona track and field.

"We will miss the seniors' leadership and dedication. They leave our program in a better place than when they entered it," said Kelly. "They have helped us continue a rich Aztec tradition that will be followed by the underclassmen in years to come."

"Our outlook for the next season is to be better than this past year. We're not facing a rebuilding season but one where our current athletes should all improve over the summer and come back next spring stronger and faster than ever."

Season-Ending Awards —

Corona's **Kyle Jorgenson**, third base, and **Aaron Siple**, outfielder, were named to the first team 5A Central All-Region Baseball team. Jorgenson, who batted .474 with seven home runs and slugging .897, was placed on the All-Tribune Second Team while senior Siple received honorable mention.

Corona's softball team had several members on the Central All-Region team. First team selections included **Katie Tripp** for catcher and **Abby Spiel** for outfielder.

Selected to the second team were pitcher **McKenna Isenberg**, outfielder **Eno** and utility **Paige Vallejos**. Honorable mention went to **Taylor Tometich** and **Nicole Gianohatti**.

Corona track star **Dana McKenzie** was named to the All-Tribune Second Team after placing third in the Division I state track meet with a personal best 5 foot 6 inch high jump.

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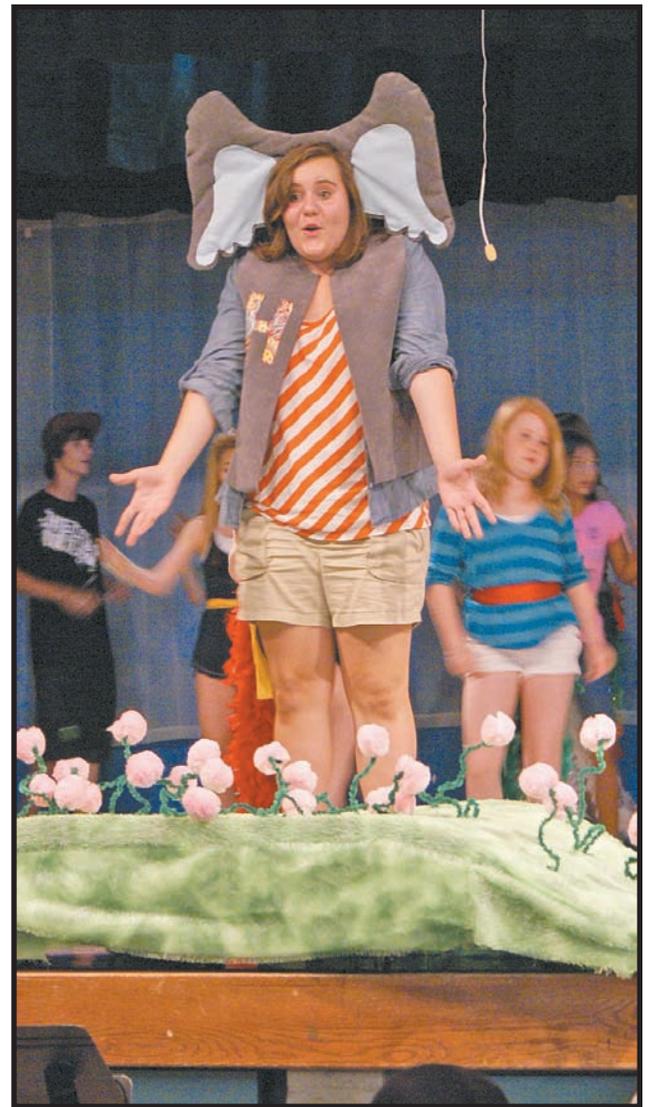
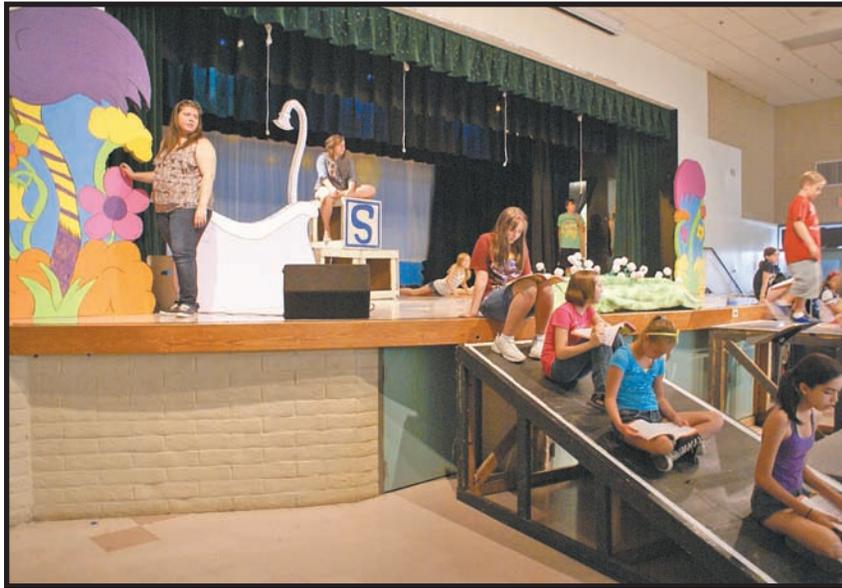
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Is there a doctor in the house?

Kyrene Summer Community Theater kids prepare for this summer's presentation, *Seussical the Musical Jr.*, at Kyrene Middle School. The fourth- through ninth-grade students will present their first show Tuesday, June 28.

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Attempt at first novel ends with arrival of a remarkable look-alike

A little over 10 years ago, mostly at the urging of a friend, I wrote my first novel. It took me about a year, including some lengthy interruptions, and though it was challenging at times, I greatly enjoyed the process.

When the book was (more or less) done, I gave it to read to a few friends and family members, who told me, in some cases enthusiastically, that they liked it.

And then...I did nothing with it.

Through some neurotic combination of laziness, fear of possible success and general perverseness that has characterized much of my adult life, I made next to no effort to market the manuscript to agents or publishers.

You'd think the hard part would be writing a book, not offering it up for public consumption. Not for me, apparently. Maybe I had received the gratification I was looking for simply from

the response I got from the acquaintances who had read it, and felt no need for further affirmation. I'm not sure.

All I know is that, after a few years, I had almost forgotten I wrote it. Now and then I'd remember, reread a few chapters, and decide that I really ought to do something with it.

I thought occasionally of turning it into a screenplay.

But then I'd get busy with something else, and neglect it for two or three more years.

My novel was called *Super Eight Days*, and it was about a group of teenagers in small-town Pennsylvania in the late '70s making their own scary pictures with a Super 8mm movie camera.

That was then. It wasn't until earlier this year that I became aware of the J.J. Abrams film *Super 8*, now in theaters, which is about a group of teenage

kids in small-town Ohio of the late '70s making *their* own scary pictures with a Super 8mm movie camera.

As far as I tell that's roughly where the similarities end.

The Abrams movie turns into some sort of sci-fi thriller, as the kids encounter an alien menace, whereas my book was an attempt at a classic American form, the coming-of-age story, the Summer That Changed Everything.

I haven't gotten to see the movie yet, though the TV ads make it look like fun. I should add that I was a little dismayed at the news of Abrams' movie because I thought that, if I ever did get

around to doing something with my original *Super Eight Days*, I'd probably need to change the title, just to avoid confusion.

But as *Super 8's* release got closer, I thought, why? The titles aren't identical, and in any case I loved my title, and I thought of it independently, and probably first.

I didn't mean for this to become such a confessional on the follies of my psychology.

I really just wanted to say that I decided to make my *Super Eight Days* available as an e-book on Amazon Kindle. It costs just 99 cents—less than even a matinee ticket to J.J.'s *Super 8*.

Mark Moorhead is a former long-time film critic for Phoenix New Times. In addition to Wrangler News he writes regularly for weekly and daily newspapers around the country.



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Tempe Police Sgt. Aimee Willcoxson shows how easy it can be for a burglar to gain entry to a back yard from an alley, especially when the gate is unlocked. Police have warned about a recent rash of thefts of pool pumps, filters and other equipment.

— Wrangler News photos by Mark Crudup

Police issue new warning about thefts of back yard pool devices

South Tempe residents and their neighbors citywide are being warned about an increase in crime resulting from thieves who jump back yard fences or enter through unlocked gates.

The most common incidents involve alleys and result in crimes with no signs of forced entry, according to the Tempe Police Department's public information officer, Molly Enright.

Officers and crime analysts are reporting an increase in the theft of pool pumps and vacuums.

Thirty-five reported incidents have occurred between February and May 26, said Enright.

Thefts have occurred across Tempe, but the majority of thefts have occurred south of Baseline Road.

The majority of thefts have occurred during the weekends between 11 p.m. and 6 a.m.

Enright offers these tips:

- Secure your property.
- Call 9-1-1 for emergencies or crimes-in-progress. (Call 480-350-8311 for non-emergencies).
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"We are thrilled with the program. Our daughter has already learned so much. We look forward to seeing her fluency improve."

"What an opportunity! Our 6 year old has absorbed so much in this program. We have given her a great advantage by enrolling her in the Dual Language Academy."

"Hearing you child speak and read a foreign language is priceless. Learning Spanish so young will offer positive life-long effects for our daughter."

"For us, the Dual Language program supports exactly what we encourage in our home and emphasizes the importance of developing skills for a second language in conjunction with their education. We are very excited that this type of learning environment is not short term but will continue on for six years!"

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Additionally at Kyrene de los Niños, 3-5 year-olds can attend Bienvenidos Kids Club, A foreign language immersion program. This tuition-based program is designed for children already proficient in English. Using instruction in both English and Spanish, this unique early learning center supports the individual discovery and learning styles of young students through hands-on activities.

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Landlords, tenants to get update on state's new bedbug law at June 27 session

By Mark Crudup

Bedbugs have infested more and more bedrooms this year, making national headlines and triggering a new law that will go into effect this September.

Based on the new law, Senate Bill 1306, both rental owners and their tenants will be required to notify one another about any bedbug infestation occurring in the single-family homes, condos or apartments, and action must be taken within seven days, a local bug and pest control professional said.

Mary Contreras, a State Farm Insurance agent in south Tempe, said she is informing all of her homeowner and tenant clients on the new law, which is designed to limit the liabilities for both landlords and tenants.

"It's a big deal for my clients who either own a rental property and for any tenant to be aware of how the law works," Contreras said. "My team has gone out and we've met with all the apartment complexes in the area to make managers aware of the new law."

Keith Birkemeyer, a technical services manager for ProBest Services, held a public seminar earlier this month on the new law. On Monday, June 27, he'll hold another bedbug awareness forum to inform landlords and renters about the new bill.

"It's kind of a neat law, because there's an obligation for both the tenant and the landlord," Birkemeyer said.

Based on the new law, the state can impose a \$500 fine if the tenant or landlord is notified of a bedbug infestation and the recipient of the notification does not take action to correct the problem.

Said Contreras:

"I was impressed from a legal standpoint, because now they aren't going to tie up the court system (with residents suing for large sums of money over bedbug issues)."

According to Birkemeyer, the frequency of bedbug infestations is continuing to increase in Tempe and Chandler, and it's often hard to tell where the bugs come from.

"Even places like libraries can have bedbugs," he said. "When people travel more, there's probably more of a chance to spread bedbugs or pick them up in hotels."

Birkemeyer still advises landlords to have professionals thoroughly check the property for any signs of bedbugs, notifying the tenant of the inspection to prevent potential lawsuits.

"Now, we can even bring in bedbug-sniffing dogs," he said. "So, after an inspection, a landlord can certify the house as bedbug free...and if there are any bedbug issues we know they probably didn't exist to begin with."

With SB1306, Congress limits liabilities to a \$500 fine if the tenant develops a bedbug problem and attempts to sue the landlord.

"One of the aspects of the law is you can actually be fined by the state for \$500, and it stops the litigation," Birkemeyer said.

"You (the tenant) can't just walk out and say 'I don't know where these came from; I'm going to sue for half a million dollars.' I think that's kind of nice."

Birkemeyer's workshop will be 9-11 a.m. Monday, June 27, at Univar, a pest control company, at 2090 E. University Drive, Suite 111, Tempe.

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Thefts

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motion-sensor lights in the backyard.

• Register cleaners and pumps with the manufacturers and know there is a risk when buying these types of items from individuals who don't have proof of purchase. If a contracted pool cleaner offers to replace pool equipment at your residence, request to see documentation for purchase of the equipment.

Traffickers in illegally obtained equipment and stolen goods move back

and forth across local boundaries.

To deter and apprehend such criminals, Tempe patrol officers and detectives work closely with investigators from neighboring law enforcement agencies as well as partner with salvage yard management and, in this case, pool supply stores.

Enright also reminds residents about the value of forming Neighborhood Block Watch groups where they don't already exist.

For information on how to establish such groups, visit the Tempe Police Department's Crime Prevention weblink at www.tempe.gov/cpu/

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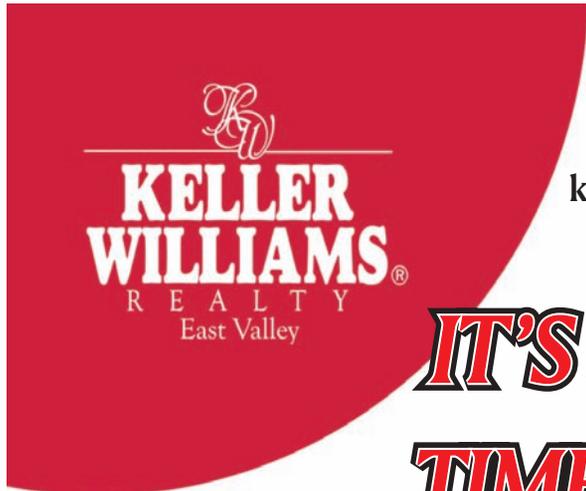
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