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A story we'd rather not have to tell . . .

Lessons we learn during our formative years prepare us to expect the unexpected. And while life's unexpected moments seem mostly to involve good news, they also can be accompanied by tragic, future-altering updates for which no amount of expectation softens the shock and pain.

It was the latter of those circumstances that we at Wrangler News confronted three



Alex J. Walker

weeks ago when we learned that Alex J. Walker, one of our young photographers, had been involved in a motorcycle mishap on the southbound Price/101 freeway.

Alex sustained life-threatening injuries in that crash and remains in critical condition. His friend and companion motorcyclist Jeremy Finn died in the accident. Both were wearing helmets.



Jeremy Finn

We first heard the news shortly after 2 p.m. the next day, when Alex, who never before had missed or been late for a photo assignment, did not arrive at Corona del Sol High School to meet three military-academy-bound grads who had gathered for photos chronicling their achievement. A frantic call from Alex's mother alerted Editor Joyce Coronel, who in turn notified me.

Inexplicably, we thought, there was only sparse news coverage of the accident and seemingly no details about what had gone so wrong as to have left death and serious hurt in its aftermath.

The only information we were able to gather—from Alex's parents, from a brief TV news clip and from friends on Facebook—was that a white car had been traveling along the same southbound stretch of the freeway, and all three somehow collided.

After DPS units had wrapped up their

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Kids' classic hits a home run

By Kody Acevedo

While the Arizona Diamondbacks were gearing up to send Jake Lamb, Paul Goldschmidt, Zack Greinke and Robbie Ray to Miami for the 2017 MLB All-Star Game, the kids at Tempe South Little League were participating in a mid-summer classic of their own.

TSSL once again played host to the District 13 All-Star Tournament. This year, the games were played at Tempe Sports complex against teams from

Chandler, Tempe, Ahwatukee and Guadalupe.

It's the complete baseball package, with the smell of hot dogs, popcorn and pretzels, the 'hey batter-batter' cries coming from the surrounding fields, the proud parents braving the heat in hopes of witnessing their future big-league All-Stars.

"I'm a veteran," Bernadette Coggins said. "I've kind of seen it all with three kids."

All of Coggins' boys played in the All-Star

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Tyler Lelakowski, right, helped Tempe South's 11U team defeat Chandler North to make it to the championship game against Ahwatukee.

— Billy Hardiman for Wrangler News (more photos inside)

From cop to courtroom Bicycle crash shaped lawyer's future

By Joyce Coronel

Anthony Knowles relaxes in his law office and thinks back to the day in 1988 when he nearly lost his life.

He was a college student as well as a fulltime police officer,

off duty and riding his bike along a nearly deserted stretch of Ray Road.

"I was run over and almost killed," Knowles said. The experience definitely influenced his future as a

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Attorney Anthony Knowles, left, readies paperwork for a pending trial. — Wrangler News photo

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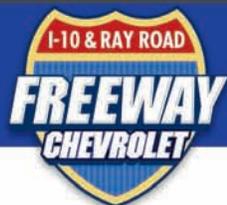
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Tempe joins global movement to deal with rise in dementia

By Joyce Coronel

Tempe is home to the largest university in America, but it's also home to 13,660 senior citizens. About 1,500 of them are living with dementia.

Dementia is a brain condition that causes problems with thinking and memory. Experts say that about 60 to 80 percent of people with dementia have Alzheimer's.

Tony Cani, a former aide to Tempe Mayor Mark Mitchell, spoke to Wrangler News during 2016 interview about an initiative to make the city more dementia friendly.

It's part of a worldwide movement that seeks to help communities understand and assist those living with dementia.

"The mayor's mother was diagnosed with dementia a couple of years ago," Cani said.

"He started to learn a lot more about this issue and discovered there was a movement in cities abroad to help prepare businesses, non-profits and police on how to deal with it."

London, England, became a

dementia-friendly city in 2013, and Tempe officials, residents and volunteers have been working steadily to make the growing East Valley city dementia-friendly.

According to Alzheimers.net, 5.3 million Americans are living with Alzheimer's and that number will continue to grow as the population ages. During 2015, Tempe was selected to test a pilot program from the White House Conference on Aging. Other cities involved in the project, part of Dementia Friendly America, include Denver and Knoxville.

Basically, it's a four-step process that begins with a kick-off in which the community gathers and hears from key leaders and citizens who discuss the issue.

In Tempe, the initial event was set as part of a public summit that took place during the spring of 2016.

The ambitious initiative to change people's perceptions of dementia also works by transforming the way the community thinks, talks and acts about the disease.

For many people who are living with dementia, ordinary activities

can become difficult to navigate. "For example, when they are in a store, they might start pocketing things," Cani said.

"You train people to know the warning signs and if you know them, you will be able to identify the person who is in need."

Tempe is partnering with Banner Alzheimer's Institute in the effort, Cani said. "Early screening makes a big difference; it helps families prepare."

One notable aspect of the initiative is a project known as Dementia Friends Arizona. The time commitment is small—one hour—but the results can be huge. Those who participate attend a 60-minute session taught by someone known as a Dementia Champion. These are local volunteers who have been trained to facilitate discussions about dementia with the public. There is no cost to attend and the public can choose from among multiple events, including one at Tempe Public Library, 3500 S. Rural Road at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 9.

Thomas Ballard, residence director at Westchester Senior Living, has been involved with the Dementia Friendly Initiative in Tempe since its inception.

"My assignment was to represent the private sector, those that provide housing and healthcare for people with memory impairment," Ballard

said. "Last year we sent out about 50 letters from Mayor Mitchell's office to all the licensed group homes and communities to let them know of this initiative."

Those who attend the upcoming information meetings being held by the city will learn more about dementia and the city-wide initiative, Ballard said. At Westchester Senior Living's Aug. 17 session, an expert in dementia and Alzheimer's care will be the featured speaker.

Information: Alec Thompson 480-350-8959; or dementiaFriendlyTempe.org.

Dementia info session scheduled in August at Westchester Senior Living

A Dementia Friends information session facilitated by Vicki L. McAllister will be held in the Fiesta Room at Westchester Senior Living, 6150 S. Rural Road, Tempe, 5-6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 17.

Look for a feature story about dementia and the session in the Aug. 5 edition of Wrangler News.



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Value of pre-schoolers' early learning prompts additional programs in Kyrene district

By Diana Whittle

The Kyrene district will offer more learning opportunities in the upcoming school year for pre-schoolers who are between the ages of 3 and 5.

For families who live east of I-10, the closest program sites will be Brisas, Cielo, Manitas, Mirada and Paloma schools. In addition, a Spanish-language immersion option is located at Niños.

The district is hosting an information meeting to explain all the class options to parents at 6 p.m. Tuesday, July 19 at the Kyrene School District office, 8700 S. Kyrene Rd., Tempe. Free childcare will be provided.

Typically, pre-school kids are bundles of energy and curiosity while they adapt to growing beyond the toddler stage. It's also a time of rapid social maturity—when children move away from the secure boundary of parents to a world that includes other adults and children.

A newly updated research study, the "Kids Count Data Book," coordinated in Arizona by the Morrison Institute at ASU, reports on trends in childhood development, including a greater national emphasis on educating toddlers.

The findings suggest that children who receive pre-school education will perform better in kindergarten and elementary school, which in turn reduces the need for grade repetition or special education placement.

Kyrene Superintendent Dr. Jan Vesely agrees with the study's recommendations.

"A quality pre-school experience will change a child's trajectory in the future. It's so important to provide a solid educational foundation for children," said Vesely.

Last year, Kyrene launched its early learning programs at Traditional Academy to give children exposure to classroom learning and allow them to more seamlessly transition to kindergarten.

During this stage, preschoolers

also learn more sophisticated ways to relate to others and to manage their emotions. Teachers develop age-appropriate learning activities to curb preschool aggression by teaching children about emotions, helping them learn the names for their feelings and giving them an outlet for expression.

But the early learning curriculum also allows time for the children to initiate experiences and to express emotions through play.

Structured play times allow children to experiment with and understand social roles, to develop social skills, to express and cope with feelings, relieve stress, exercise control over their surroundings and experiment with decision-making.

Vesely says that teachers will work with parents at all pre-school programs to deliver a personalized approach to meet the individual needs of each student, and their progress will be followed with portfolios and developmental assessments.

Kyrene's developmentally appropriate, peer-based curriculum is aligned with the Arizona Early Learning Standards, and emphasizes early literacy, math and communication. The goal is for children to learn to interact with others in appropriate ways; improve motor and self-help skills; encourage creativity and a love of learning.

Following the district's calendar, each class is three hours and taught by a certified early childhood teacher, with a teaching assistant and a speech/language pathologist providing service and support.

Classes are kept small, generally between 14 to 16 children, and comprised of typically developing children and those with disabilities.

Enrollment for preschool is ongoing throughout the school year. The morning session runs 8:20-11:20 a.m.; the afternoon session is 12:20-3:20 p.m., Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at all sites.

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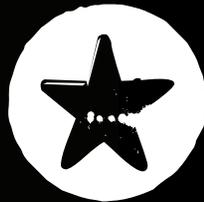
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Coding classes open a door to potentially lucrative careers.

In the dark about coding? Class sheds light on details

The craze for learning code seems to be growing exponentially, and now Mesa Community College is getting into the game. Coding, in case you're in the dark about it, is what makes it possible to create computer software, apps and websites. Your browser, your computer's operating system, the apps on your phone, Facebook and most websites are made with code.

Along comes one of the first Apple iOS app development courses, now being offered at MCC. The class has filled quickly, say officials, prompting the addition of an evening class, according to spokeswoman Dawn Zimmer.

Dr. Linda Collins, chair of the college's Business & Information Systems, said the evening session was dictated by the level of enthusiasm shown by enrollees.

"We added a Wednesday evening app development class using Swift/Xcode and Swift Playgrounds to the fall schedule to accommodate the outpouring of working professionals who expressed interest but could not attend during the daytime, hands-on, demonstration portion of the class," she said.

"Two of the 20 seats in the new evening class were claimed in the first week."

The classes are hybrid in design, meaning they combine regularly scheduled classroom meetings with online learning activities. Instruction includes an introduction to app development using Swift/Xcode and will be taught within an iOS classroom environment.

"There are a total of three introductory Apple iOS App Development classes scheduled for fall with two more advanced offerings for the spring," said Dr. Angeline Surber, MCC program director and one of the instructors.

As the evening class was being added to MCC's fall schedule, students filled the first Apple iOS app development course. One daytime, late-start session remains open.

"As one of only a few colleges in the nation to be selected to offer this curriculum for credit, we are prepared to offer these classes for Apple iOS in app development starting in the fall and continuing in the spring with additional introductory classes as well as the advanced offerings," Collins said.

The fall semester at MCC begins Aug. 19. A step-by-step guide to enrollment is at mesacc.edu/enroll.



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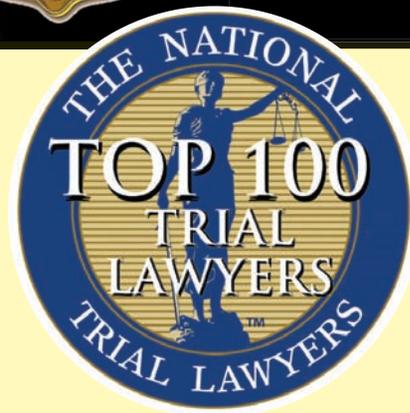
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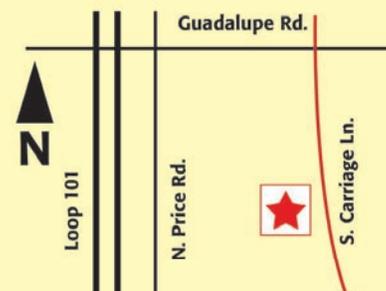
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Tempe tax adviser echoes IRS warning on 'spear phishing' scams

Tempe and West Chandler tax professionals are being warned to increase their computer security and to keep close watch on their inbox for email scams dubbed "spear phishing" that appear falsely to be from a friend, customer or company.

As part of a recently announced Security Summit effort, the IRS and Arizona's state tax agency have joined the tax industry by kicking off another series in the Protect Your Clients, Protect Yourself campaign called "Don't Take the Bait."

Accounting professionals in this area agree that such advice should be welcome, not only to those in the industry but to the public who rely on their service providers to make sure online computer loopholes and danger zones are adequately covered.

One such adviser, Cristy Beltz of Tempe, said she and other professionals with whom she works agree wholeheartedly, specifically about being alert to email scams.

"Some of the links that are included in your emails can expose you to a virus or malware," said Beltz. "Even if it's from people you know, you have to make sure that you look carefully at the link prior to opening it," she said.

"What happens is if someone opens a virus on their computer, that virus can then attach itself to your email contacts and send it out to every address

on your list.

"It can either destroy your database or cause you have to spend enormous amounts of money, as well as causing sensitive material on your computer to be compromised."

IRS officials say the provider's responsibility of awareness can go even further. Therefore, it's critical that tax professionals remember they have not just an obligation but a legal requirement under federal law to protect taxpayer information.

"We continue to see new and evolving threats involving data breaches, intrusions and various takeovers that put people's personal information at risk," said IRS Commissioner John Koskinen.

"These efforts are increasingly targeting tax professionals and businesses with tax information. Too many still overlook basic security steps needed to protect their data. As part of this, we urge the tax professional community: Beware your inbox. Don't take the bait from these phishing scams."

Phishing scams use bait or lures to trick preparers into opening an infected link or attachment or disclosing usernames and passwords to critical accounts. Falling for the phishing bait means exposing taxpayer data to theft.

Thieves also are interested in stealing preparers' e-Services passwords, Electronic Filing Identification Numbers, Centralized Authorization File numbers and Preparer Tax Identification Numbers.

From January through May, according to IRS reports, there were 177 tax professionals or firms who reported data thefts involving client information involving thousands of people.

The IRS currently is receiving three to five data theft reports a week from tax practitioners.

Not all data losses are due to phishing scams but stopping this commonly used tactic by cybercriminals would do much to lessen the current losses.

"We've been warning tax professionals that they are increasingly the targets of national and international cybercriminal rings. These syndicates are well-funded, knowledgeable and creative. It's going to take all of us working together to combat these identity thieves," Koskinen said. "But doing nothing or making a minimal effort is no longer an option. Anyone who handles taxpayer information has a legal responsibility to protect it."

The Security Summit is designed to focus on the "Don't Take the Bait" series on security awareness, emphasizing the various types of phishing scams, a common and successful tactic used in data breaches.

A 10-week series of news releases, which began July 11, also focuses on what steps tax professionals can take to protect their clients and their business from these attacks.

This effort is part of the Summit's "Protect Your Client, Protect Yourself" education series aimed at tax professionals.

The IRS and Summit partners also have been encouraging individual taxpayers to increase their security awareness through the "Taxes. Security. Together" campaign. In addition, the new series follows up on a recommendation made to the IRS last month by the Electronic Tax Administration Advisory Committee to raise awareness about the need for security among tax professionals.

The tax community and others with taxpayer

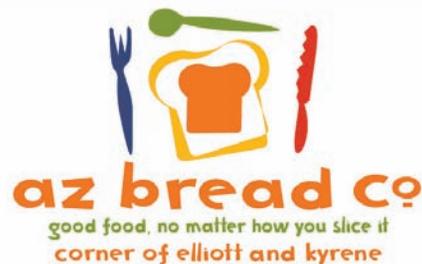
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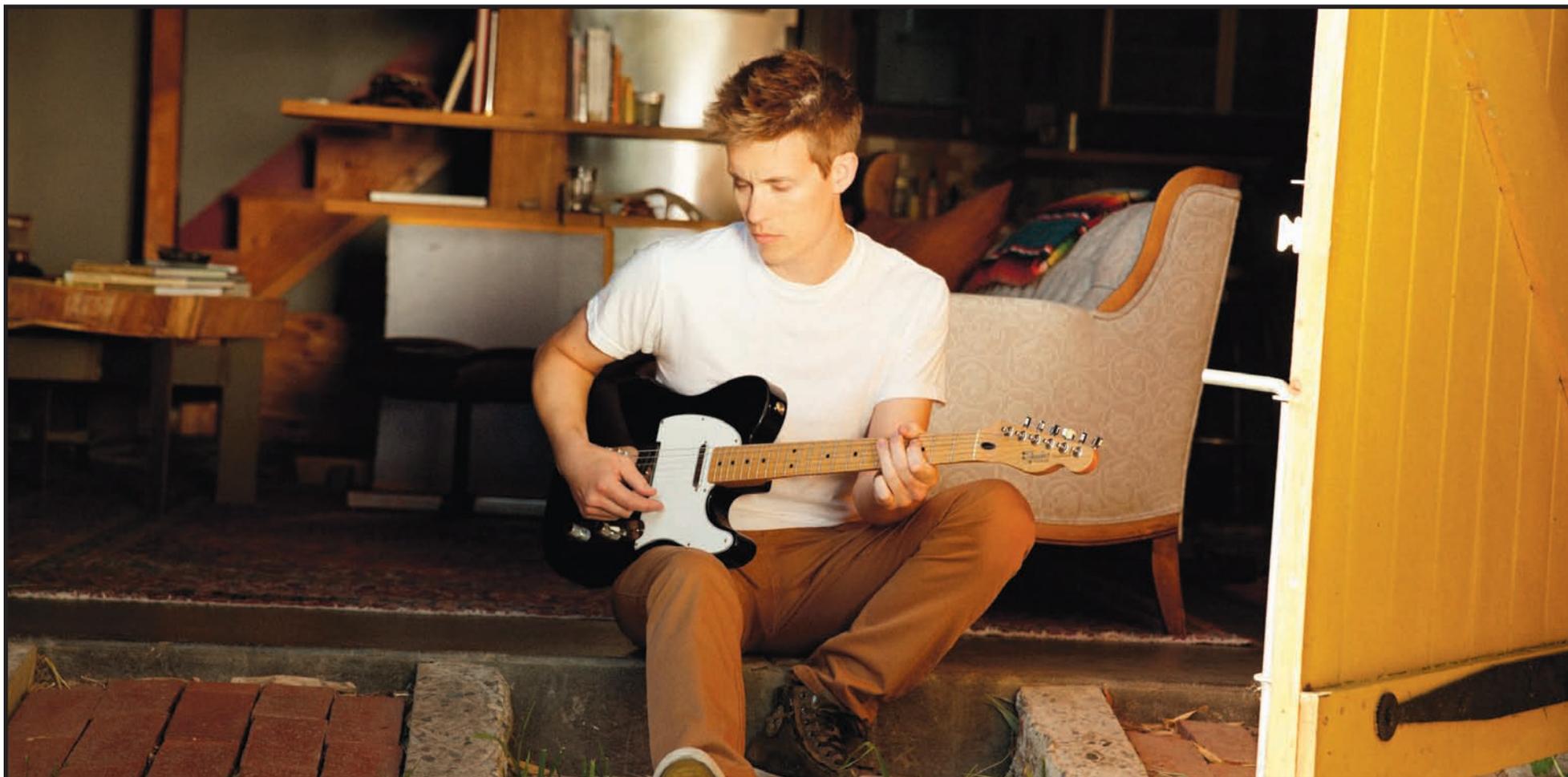


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Blues devotee Jonny Lang taps into the music of such influential masters as Eric Clapton and Howlin' Wolf.

— Piper Ferguson for Wrangler News

'Astounding' progression of youthful bluesman Jonny Lang sells out upcoming Chandler performance

In an era of information overload, the classic mythology and heresay of blues music likely wouldn't hold water for today's skeptical crowds, but its legends persist.

Most prominent is the fabled blues singer Robert Johnson, born in Mississippi in 1911, who was said to have sold his soul to the devil in exchange for his evocative, rumbling guitar style.

And like a magisterial rock star from any era, his flame burned out quickly: Johnson lived only to 27.

Jonny Lang, now a 33-year-old blues maven from Minnesota, cites such legends as Johnson and Howlin' Wolf as looming influences on *Signs*, his forthcoming album, which fans will hear him perform at a soldout concert July 21 at Chandler Center for the Arts.

A Grammy winner who counts Eric Clapton as a fan and collaborator, Lang's accomplished career in blues doesn't have quite the same fantastic mythos, but the story of his rise to blues royalty is a nonetheless compelling one.

He, like Johnson, picked up a guitar as a teenager while growing up in a small town (Fargo, North Dakota in Lang's case) and almost immediately drew attention for his astounding chops.

Only a few years later, the minor-aged Lang and his adult backing band drove to Minneapolis to play a label showcase.

Lang and his crew were given a record contract, and his highly praised debut *Lie to Me* landed him on the Billboard charts at age 16.

He's since released six more records to wide acclaim, and has moved beyond the blues genre to even higher guitar-god status. He has performed alongside Santana,

ZZ Top and Eric Johnson, and toured with Clapton's Crossroads Guitar Festival.

He has also found unexpected success in the Christian rock realm. Like many before him, his life on the road led to chemical excess and some regrettable choices.

He quickly found comfort in sobriety and the church, releasing a gospel record in 2006 called *Turn Around* that hit number 1 on the Billboard Christian album chart.

However, by no means has he eclipsed the style that made his career. Lang shows particular dexterity on *Signs*, hitting hard on a banquet of different songwriting styles tethered to a noticeably more raw take on his signatures blues.

The album's lead single, "Make It Move," is a literal foot-stomper with the big steady kick drum propelling muted guitar-string chucks.

Lang wails in a pained drawl with very little accompaniment, a welcome bit of vulnerability.

"What You're Made Of" has a soulful, funky rhythm, skewing closer to the B.B. King model of Rhythm & Blues.

And "Last Man Standing" is a straight-ahead radio rock machine reminiscent of the Foo Fighters' meaty approach. The album closes with "Singing Songs", a ballad that begins ornate and delicate, but later blooms to a full orchestral finish.

Though it's not full of smoke, mirrors and devils, the story of Jonny Lang's rise to the top still resonates in 2017. And though he has outlasted some of his peers, his talent is clearly primed for longevity.

**Exclusive for
Wrangler News
by Chase Kamp**

Law

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lawyer, he adds, noting that he now has “an affinity toward those types of cases.”

Knowles spent five years in law enforcement before attending Arizona State University. He graduated in 1998 and now practices personal injury law and criminal defense. Knowles said he always knew that at some point he would make the switch from law enforcement officer to officer of the court.

In some ways, the dye was cast early in life. “In 10th grade, my English teacher told me I should be a lawyer because I was so argumentative,” Knowles said with a chuckle. “When I went to the police academy in Arizona, they used to call me defense lawyer because I always argued the devil’s advocate position on things.”

His early years were spent in upstate New York, where he’d hoped to become a state trooper.

“At that time, you had to have perfect vision without glasses, so I unfortunately failed the vision test and could not meet the requirements,” Knowles said. Ultimately, he became an officer with the Arizona Department of Public Safety.

Having been that career, the two areas of law he now practices are could be said to be directly related to his experiences as a cop. In defending those accused of crimes, the connection is obvious. With personal injury, the link is a bit more subtle.

Police officers are on the scene at motor vehicle accidents, and they’re also responsible for



Anthony Knowles made the successful transition from state trooper to local attorney.

— Wrangler News photo

investigating and writing the reports.

In his work as a criminal defense lawyer, Knowles said he’s had his share of high-profile cases. Remember the “Dynamite Bandit” episodes that grabbed local headlines a few years ago? The robber cut holes in the roof of banks.

Then, some chicanery:

“He was accused of lowering what appeared to be dynamite into banks when they were closed. In the morning when people came in, they saw a bunch of dynamite and shortly afterward get a call demanding money,” Knowles said.

Fake bombs or not, the defendant, Alan Farber, was sentenced to 10 years in prison.

“We ended up taking a plea offer. It was five different banks that he was charged with,” Knowles said.

In his personal injury cases, Knowles said he’s represented many accident victims, including one who was rear-ended on US 60 by a hit-and-run driver. His client suffered severe injuries, was unable to work and required extensive surgeries.

“The police eventually did catch the driver,” Knowles said, adding that the settlement he secured for his client was enough to pay medical bills and compensate for lost income as well as pain and suffering.

Knowles said he represents a number of clients who have been injured in car-versus-bicycle accidents.

“I have an understanding of what they go through since I went through it myself,” Knowles said.

“When you are on a bicycle, you’re very unprotected. In my case, the driver was reading a book while he was driving. There are a lot of distracted drivers out there.”

And while many attorneys prefer to settle cases out of court, Knowles isn’t one to back down from a fight, he said.

“We do a lot of trials. We are ready, willing and able to go to trial, and I’ve done quite a few.

“The insurance companies and/or the prosecutor’s office—they know the attorneys that actually do the trials, and I think that gives us an advantage.”

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Taxes

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data – including human resource departments, small businesses and others – are among those targeted with increasingly sophisticated phishing schemes.

The Anti-Phishing Work Group, a not-for-profit industry association focused on eliminating the identity theft and fraud resulting from phishing, reported seeing a significant increase in phishing activities in 2016.

APWG reported that the total number of unique phishing attacks in 2016 was 1.2 million, a 65 percent increase over 2015. APWG now sees 92,564 unique phishing attacks per month, a 5,753 percent increase over the last 12 years.

Each phishing attack may involve millions of emails.

Phishing.org reports there are more than 100 billion spam emails sent each day; more than 85 percent of all organizations have been targeted by phishing attempts and phishing damages exceed \$1 billion.

Verizon, which publishes an annual data breach investigations report, warns that 1 in 14 users are tricked into opening a link or attachment from a phishing email. A quarter of the victims have been duped more than once.

Verizon's 2017 report found that 95 percent of successful phishing attacks include some sort of malware software installation that allows thieves to export data or take control of the systems. It found most hacking efforts – 81 percent – used either stolen passwords or accessed weak passwords.

The number one goal of phishing thieves is to monetize their stolen information. As the IRS, states and tax professionals have made inroads into tax-related identity theft, criminals need even more information to better impersonate taxpayers.

This is why tax professionals, who hold sensitive financial data, are critical targets.

Tax return information stolen from practitioners enables the thieves to better masquerade as legitimate taxpayers and make it harder for the IRS and states to identify a suspect return.

It is critical that tax professionals experiencing a data loss immediately notify the IRS and states so that they may take action that prevents fraudulent returns from being successfully filed in clients' names.

The "Don't Take the Bait" campaign will cover spearphishing emails, business identity theft, account takeovers, ransomware attacks, remote takeovers, business email compromises and EFIN thefts.

It also will offer tips recommended by the IRS, the FBI and the National Institute for Standards and Technology, which sets cybersecurity frameworks followed by government agencies, including the IRS.

The 10-week campaign began July 11, coinciding with the opening of the first IRS Nationwide Tax Forum at Orlando, Fla., and ends Sept. 12 with the final Nationwide Tax Forum at San Diego.

The IRS, working with its partners in the tax community, will focus on tax professional security issues as part of the five-city Tax Forum series.

Tax professionals are being encouraged to attend.

Tragedy

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investigation at the scene, still with very few details available, loved ones were left to wonder: How long had the boys lain, gravely injured, on the searingly hot roadway before help arrived?

Were they aware of what had happened in those final moments before the horrific impact threw them off their bikes?

Was anyone else on that dark, dangerous stretch of highway where the 101 and US 60 intersect aware of what had happened?

The answer to that final question came in the form of an online post from Tom Schwab, who explained his involvement this way:

"I did not know Jeremy personally. My wife and children were traveling home from an evening in Scottsdale and saw the accident in its entirety. My son and I were the first on the scene and I spent time with Jeremy in the moments after the crash. He was conscious and able to tell us his name. We are extremely sorry for the terrible incident and give our condolences to his family and beautiful little girl. Rest in peace. Tom & Lisa."

Just as the Schwabs did not know Jeremy Finn, neither did we. Nor likely did many of the others so directly involved in the terrible accident affecting these two young men.

None of us can ever have thought we would be so inextricably linked to tragedy. The unexpected injury to our photographer, and by extension, the death of his friend, remind us of the sobering realities that our lives are indeed fragile, our number of days indeterminate.

No matter how many times the admonition has been recited, we're never completely ready when the unexpected arrives. This time was no exception, and our hearts go out to these two young men – one whose place on earth is gone forever, the other for whom life hangs in the balance. And of course to their families and loved ones.

Our thoughts, even three weeks later, extend to all of those involved in this tragedy. To Jeremy, we're so sorry we couldn't have known you; if you were Alex's friend, you indeed had to have been one of the good guys. To Alex, get well. We look forward to having you back. Finally, to Tom and Lisa Schwab, our heartfelt appreciation for what you did in these extraordinary—and unexpected—circumstances. You went above and beyond, for which so many of us are deeply grateful. Thank you, many times over.

— Don Kirkland

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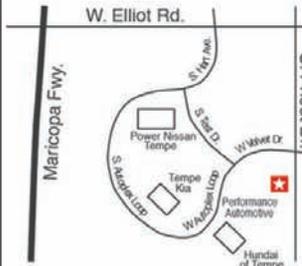
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Salt River Project has been working since 2004 to help combat the spread of mosquito-borne diseases by stocking its 131 miles of Valley canals, including in Tempe's Western Canal, with *Gambusia*

affinis fish.

About 200,000 each year have been eating mosquitos and thriving on larvae during the 13-year-old program.

Western Canal next to the Kyrene Generating Station and Kyrene Receiving Station were among those cited by SRP as being among the priority recipients of this year's supply of fish.

SRP, which also employs white amur fish in its canals to reduce the need for herbicides to control aquatic weeds, wrapped up its annual stocking for the year when bags of tiny mosquito fish were released into canals and laterals.

The expectation is that these fish will eventually make their way into culverts and ditches where standing water is more likely to occur.

Brian Moorhead, a senior scientist/engineer in SRP's Groundwater division who heads up the stocking program, said SRP's canals are not conducive to mosquito reproduction because the water is constantly moving.

"These fish are only 1 to 2 inches long, and they can move into our smaller laterals and ditches to help curb the mosquito populations there," said Moorhead.

"Much of the infrastructure that delivers SRP irrigation water connects to residential shareholders' privately owned irrigation facilities such as ditches, pipes and standboxes, which can have pools of water that last for several days. These fish can then use the pipelines as conduits to assist in removing mosquito larvae."

The small fish are purchased from fish farms in North Carolina and arrive via air freight in batches of approximately 15,000 per shipment. Upon arrival, the fish are distributed among several SRP canal sites from which they can make their way into the lateral system.

SRP is the largest raw water supplier in the greater Phoenix metropolitan area, delivering about 800,000 acre-feet annually to agricultural, urban and municipal water users.

Julie Keith, a senior scheduling coordinator in SRP's groundwater division, assists with the distribution of *Gambusia affinis* fish, which are recognized as an effective tool in the fight to prevent such viruses as West Nile and Zika.

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Tempe launching endeavor to encourage local artists

Tempe's artists are an important part of the community, say the folks who plan and oversee the city's cultural programs.

Not only do local artists create amazing work, say the planners, they help create a culture with businesses that can play a role in stimulating the city's economy.

That's also why, say Maja Aurora of the city's arts engagement program and Jill Buschbacher of the economic development department, Tempe wants to help its artists grow their entrepreneurial skills.

Artists are being invited to take a city-developed survey so planners can develop a new art entrepreneurship program. The results will guide in the planning of workshops, discussions and skill-building geared specifically towards artists.

The workshops will help artists grow their arts businesses and share opportunities for other artists in Tempe.

Responses will be taken through July 24. The survey is available at <https://goo.gl/XStiB2>

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Celestial navigation for kids

Celestial navigation and how it influenced today's satellite navigation technology will be explored at Homeschool Day Thursday, Aug. 10, at the Environmental Education Center at Chandler's Veterans Oasis Park.

The event will be held from 9:30-11:30 a.m. and is part of the EEC's Environmental Education Explorations program, which provides field trip experiences for students and other groups.

"Students will learn about the earth's formation and composition and how the solar system influences our daily lives," said Ariane Francis, a recreation coordinator at the center.

The programs are designed for children and youth ages 5 to 17 and offer grade-specific activities that allow students to experience the adventure of learning through hands-on, inquiry-based activities and investigations.

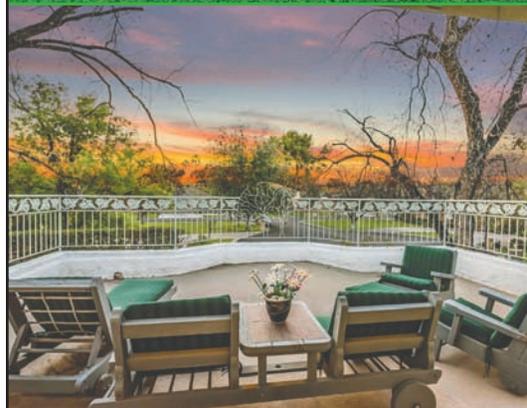
The cost is \$6 for homeschooled children living in Chandler and \$9 for non-residents. Accompanying parents, chaperones and spectators attend for free.

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Sports

With Alex Zener

At 100-plus degrees, not the summer camp many of us remember

Most local areas high school football players and their coaches will be able to start organized practices for the 2017 fall football season on July 31.

Until that authorized start date, most football programs had three weeks of spring ball in late April, set up a weightlifting schedule, put together football clinics and encouraged their players to attend individual skill development clinic or leagues during the off-season.

The culmination of this off-season development is typically the high school football summer camp, usually in the cooler North Country, where teams can further develop their football skills and knowledge, but most importantly get to know each other and bond as a team.

Corona football players will do the same by attending Aztec Football Camp July 17-21 at

Snowflake High School.

This camp is open to all sophomores through seniors interested in playing football at Corona.

Leading up to this camp, students could sign up and attend a football clinic held every Saturday in February, play in Corona's spring seven-on-seven football group for three weeks starting April 24 and participate in passing leagues like the one held at NAU or ASU during June.

Most football players, including incoming freshmen, participated in Corona's supervised summer weight-lifting program to improve their overall strength and conditioning that was held in the school's weight room. Athletes can come in for a preassigned workout starting at 5 a.m., convenient for students who work during the summers and of course those who simply want to avoid the peak heat of summer days.

For instance, incoming junior **Ricky Pearsall Jr.**, who played every game last season as a wide-receiver on varsity, works out at Corona's weight room during the summer.

Pearsall, who had 29 receptions for a total of 390 yards, scored three touchdowns or 18 points to make him the third leading scorer on the team as a sophomore. In addition, Pearsall was one of the team's kickoff returners.

Working out in the weight room at the same time as Pearsall was fellow junior **Collin Gavel**, who played on Corona's JV team last season.

Several sophomores from last season's freshman team hoping to improve their strength

and conditioning for varsity tryouts in late July by hitting the weight room this summer include **Cody Stuhmer**, who played outside linebacker on the Aztec freshman team last season.

Middle linebacker and receiver on Corona's 2016 freshman team, **Eric Brice** can be found at Corona lifting weights as can **Alec McQueen** and **Paul Perea**.

Although incoming freshmen cannot attend the Aztec summer camp in Snowflake, they could have attended a freshman football camp twice a week for three weeks in late April and are allowed to participate in the weight-lifting summer program.

Taking advantage of this opportunity to improve their chances of more playing time include incoming freshmen **Jake Schmitt**, **Tyler Talon**, **Scott Musgrave** and **Jacob Attridge**.

The varsity's first game will be at Highland on Aug. 18 and at home against La Joya on Aug. 25.

Marcos de Niza football players, meanwhile, have been spending the summer months also preparing for the upcoming fall season by lifting weights, attending mini-camps and clinics and participating in passing leagues.

The team is attempting to regroup and bond after the loss of so many seniors who played prominent roles on the team for most of their high school playing careers.

This year they will be led by seniors **Keandre Greer**, **Marcos Moreno**, **Joren David**, **Anthony Steinpreis**, **Anthony Cherry, Jr.**, **Luis Sanchez**, **Andrew Torres**, **Alex Torres**, **Carlan Naisant**,



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The JV team will play Aug. 24 at home against Tempe and Aug. 31 at home against Cactus, while the freshman team plays Aug. 23 at Tempe and Aug. 30 at Cactus.

Track & field standouts from Corona, Marcos, Tempe High

Josephina Wright was named to the Republic's All-Arizona girls track and field team for her 12-foot-10-inch pole-vault jump recorded at the Arcadia Invitational on April 8. It just so happens that Alexandria Goodson, a senior at Scottsdale Prep, was at the same meet and jumped the same height.

Both Wright and Goodson were named to the team and are tied for the No. 1 spot in the state in the pole vault event for 2017.

The good news is that Wright has not been participating in the pole vault for long and is getting better every week, according to head coach **Tim**

Kelly. Expect to hear more about her accomplishments when she returns to Corona her senior year.

Corona track and field athletes continued to participate in track meets after the AIA DI state track meet wrapped up in May.

At the AZ Meet of Champions held May 11 at Brophy Sports Campus, senior **Jalen Bryant** placed second in the 200 meters with a time of 22.29.

Bryant finished his high school career ranked No. 9 in the state for his personal best time of 21.82 in the 200 meters and No. 8 in the state for his personal best time of 49.15 in the 400 meters. Both times were recorded at the Tempe City Championships April 20.

Benjamin Miller placed fourth in the 400 meters at the Meet of Champions with a time of 50.23.

Miller, only a sophomore, along with seniors **Josh Onwardi**, Bryant and **Daniel Bish** were the 4x400 relay team who finished second at the AIA DI state meet. This finish gave Corona's team the No. 2 ranking in the state with their time of 3:30.32.

Another sophomore, **Joel Wadsworth**, finished eighth in the

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1600 meters at the Meet of Champions while junior **Dylan Waterhouse** finished on his heels in 10th place. Junior **Graham Eversden** was 13th in the same race.

Eversden is ranked No. 8 in the state for his time of 1:57.04 in the 800 meters recorded on March 25 at the NIKE Chandler Rotary Elite.

Eversden is also part of Corona's 4x800 relay team of Eversden, **Colt Sample**, Bish and **Liam Kovatch**, ranked No. 5 in the state with a time of 89:05.68 attained at the Arcadia Invitational April 8.

Senior **Carlos Parra-Cihak** took second place in the 110-meter hurdles at the Meet of Champions and fellow senior **Sean Neely** placed sixth.

One other member of the boys team is in the top 10 in the state. **Josh Onwardi** is tied at No. 7 for his 6-foot-6 high jump on March 10 at the Husky Invite. He is also tied for No. 8 for his 23-foot-4 jump in the long jump event recorded at the AIA DI state meet on May 3

On the girls team, senior **Jackie Martin** ran in both the 100 meter and 200 meters at the Meet of Champions finishing in fourth and fifth place respectively.

Renee Payne, another senior, ran the 800 meters at the Meet of Champions crossing the finish line in third place with a time of 2:17.87.

Payne is ranked No. 6 in the state in this same race for her time of 2:13.45 recorded at the AIA DI state meet on May 3.

Marcos de Niza senior **Marcus Naisant** is tied for No. 5 in the state after jumping 6-foot-7 at the Tempe City Champions April 20. He is also ranked No. 10 in the state for both his 23-foot-3.75 long jump and his 45-foot-9.5 triple jump recorded at the AIA DII state meet.

Tempe High School senior **DeAndre Hughes** ended up ranked No. 2 in the state after his 47-foot-5.75 triple jump recorded at the Tempe City Championships April 20.

Corona junior **Adam Knuff** took second place with a combined score of 2819 points at the VCHS Heptathlon/Decathlon held May 12 at Valley Christian High School.

Out of the 10 events, Knuff finished first in three events: the 100 meter, 400 meter and 110-meter hurdles.

He took second in the long jump and tied for second in the high jump

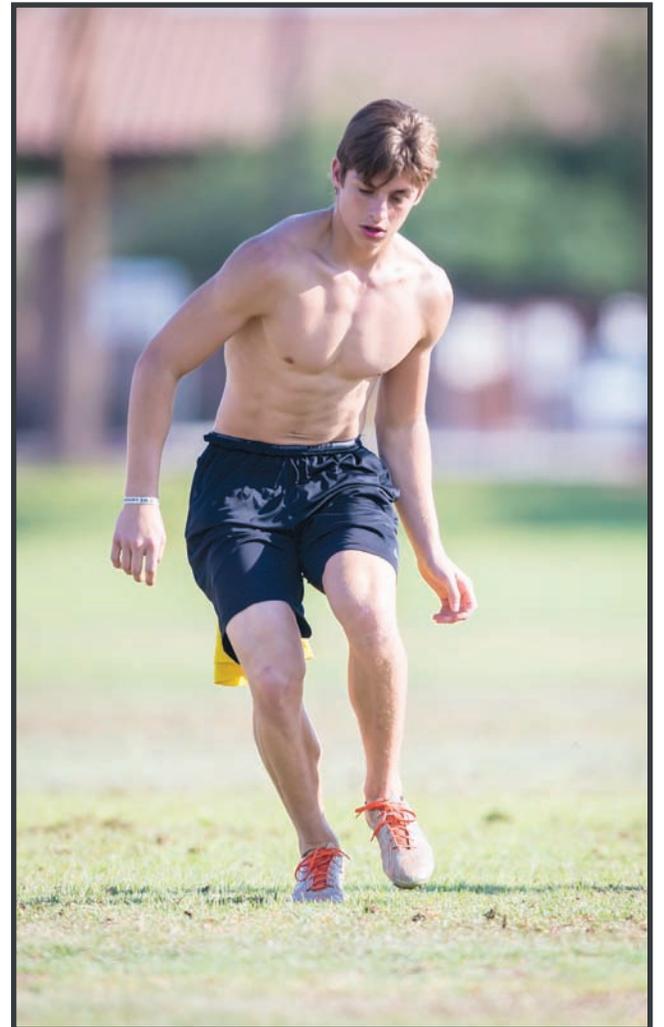
Placing in the top two in those five events may have offset his lower scores in the other events and helped him place second overall.

He finished fifth in discus, sixth in the 1400 meters, tied for sixth in pole vault, eighth in shot put and ninth in javelin.



Upcoming members of next season's Aztec football squad spent recent summer mornings getting into shape for competition that gets underway in August. Among the hardy trainees were, this page, sophomore Paul Perea (top) and freshman Scott Musgreve. Facing page, aspiring teammates (top), junior Ricky Pearsall Jr. (right) and sophomore Eric Brice.

— Photos by Billy Hardiman for Wrangler News



Tune in to this young achiever; her success story is music to our ears



Dana Brink, an alumna of Corona del Sol High School, graduated magna cum laude from the University of Rochester last spring and will begin graduate studies at Yale this fall.

By M.V. Moorhead

Graduating from the University of Rochester would be an impressive accomplishment by itself. But Dana May Brink didn't just graduate from the prestigious New York college. No, the Corona del Sol alumnus graduated with a B.A. in political science *and* a Bachelor of Music degree.

But the achievement doesn't even stop there. She graduated *magna cum laude* in political science, and *with distinction* in music.

So what can she do to top all this? Well, how about Yale for grad school?

"I was very fortunate to be accepted into a master's degree program at Yale University, in music."

Along with all her honors, Brink leaves Rochester with fond memories of campus life.

"It was wonderful" she says.

"The program I was in there, the Eastman School of Music, is a separate campus, a ten-minute bus ride from the main campus. I was in the dorm at Eastman, which is a whole school where everybody was doing music. It was very influential."

So influential, she says, that her musical studies ultimately took precedence over her political science studies. "The goal is my music

career," she admits, "since I chose it when it came to graduate school. But history and political science will always be important to me."

Brink can easily trace the start of her musical passion back to her days Corona, she says. "I play the bassoon. My band director [at Corona], David DuPlessis, introduced me to it. I was playing the clarinet, didn't really care about it. He wanted to program a piece for the band to play, and he said that it had a bassoon part. So I thought, why not? And I fell in love with it. Now, all these years later, here I am."

Where "here" will be in the long run, of course, Brink doesn't know. "That's the hardest thing about being a musician, especially a classical musician," she notes. "Of course I'd love to be back in Tempe, but the jobs are where the jobs are."

Anyway, in the short term, "here" is Yale, where Brink starts this fall. In addition to a new city, a new school and new set of musical challenges, there may be new culinary treats to explore.

Told that Louis' Lunch in New Haven is considered the birthplace of the hamburger, Brink also notes that "I've heard that New Haven is the number one city in the country for pizza. So I should eat very well there."

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'Planet of the Apes' trilogy offers satisfying but hard-earned ending

The war of the title, between apes and humans, has been going on for a few years as this, the third of the latter-day *Apes* movies, begins.

It's been long enough that human soldiers write sick jokes like "BEDTIME FOR BONZO" on their helmets, and that slang specific to the war has arisen, like "Donkey" for a turncoat ape who acts as a guide to the humans.

Caesar, still voiced and performed behind "motion capture" by Andy Serkis, remains in charge of the ape stronghold in what used to be Northern California. Initially a wise leader who acts only in defense of his fellow apes, he's turned bitter and vengeful by a particularly outrageous human attack led by an ape-loathing Colonel (Woody Harrelson).

Caesar leads a small band of apes, of diverse species, on a retaliatory mission.

Along the way, their band picks up another ape that talks and a human that doesn't. "Bad Ape" (Steve

Zahn), a zoo veteran, assumed that was his name because of how often he heard it. A little orphaned human girl (Amiah Miller) is given a name from a piece of Chevy wreckage: Nova.

She's been made mute by a virus that's starting to afflict the human population, which the Colonel fears is a sign of a downward evolutionary slide for his species.

Eventually, Caesar and his pals end up among the cruel Colonel's prisoners.

I appreciated the barely subtextual topical political undercurrent affecting the material—the Colonel actually forces the enslaved apes to build a wall!

There are religious overtones, too; Caesar seems overtly identified with Moses at times. Harrelson has a gleeful good time playing the spiteful maniac Colonel, and once again Serkis gives a grave, potent performance right through the CGI effects. Their big confrontation is the film's dramatic high point.

This turbulent, overcast movie seemed stronger to me than 2014's *Dawn of the Planet of the Apes*, but not as witty and exciting as 2011's initial "reboot," *Rise of the Planet of the Apes*.

Both of the two sequels are pretty somber affairs; they aren't without some humor, but neither had the sense of nasty, subversive fun at seeing humankind humbled by our downtrodden simian cousins as *Dawn* or, indeed, as the 1968 original.

The apes, Caesar included, are *really* downtrodden here. They suffer mightily in the single-minded Colonel's brutal captivity, and between this and the movie's wintry atmosphere and its austere moral scheme—everything gets worse for everybody

when Caesar becomes vengeful—it gets a bit grim and wearying.

Ultimately, after some POW-escape thriller suspense, the apes do make a stand, and it brings this mature, reflective trilogy to a satisfying, well-earned climax, but it doesn't give us this payoff easily. *War* is hell, you might say.

War for the Planet of the Apes is rated PG-13, and plays at Harkins Tempe Marketplace, Chandler Fashion 20, Arizona Mills and many other multiplexes Valleywide.

Keaton brings bite, originality to latest Spider-Man redux

The latest Marvel feature depicts the "Web-Head" still in high school in Queens. Peter Parker/Spider-Man (Tom Holland) has taken part in one quick adventure with The Avengers, which we saw in last year's *Captain America: Civil Wars*, and now has an "internship" with Stark Industries.

Tony Stark/Iron Man (Robert Downey Jr.) clearly sees that Peter is a good kid with superhero potential, but also that he's impetuous, impulsive, reckless—in short, a teenager.

He hasn't yet internalized the lesson that with great power comes...well, you know.

So Stark gives Peter a high-tech, interactive Spidey suit to replace the homemade costume he's been wearing, but encourages him to remain a "friendly neighborhood Spider-Man" for the time being, rather than a full-fledged Avenger.

Peter makes a pest of himself to Stark and his minions, but he also stumbles across a genuinely world-threatening criminal enterprise right in his own back yard, involving the sale of alien technology. Plus, there's the matter of his schoolwork, and the Academic Decathlon team, and the girl he has a crush on.

What ensues is a lively, fast-moving hybrid of superhero action saga and teenage angst comedy.

The two tones don't always gel perfectly, but this slight unevenness only adds to the film's loose, free-swinging feel.

After years of curmudgeonly grumbling about turgid, apocalyptic, buildings-crumbling-to-rubble superhero flicks, I'm glad to admit that I've wholeheartedly enjoyed the last three big releases in that line: Dr. Strange, DC's Wonder Woman, and this one.

Director Jon Watts, working from a script by a gaggle including Jonathan Goldstein and John Francis Daley, serves up some memorable grand-scale set-pieces, among them one at the Washington Monument and one on the Staten Island Ferry, that feel epic without losing a sense of playful, colorful wit. And the cast is good company.

Holland hits the right note as Peter, callow and heartfelt but light-footed. Downey has played

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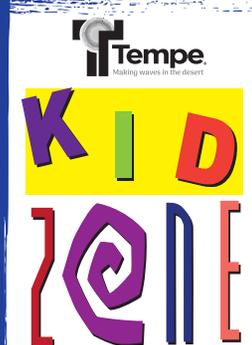
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Budding writers wax poetic in competition

By Diana Whittle

No one can dispute the crucial importance of STEM learning as it relates to current educational trends. Science, technology, engineering and math are without a doubt key in helping students learn the skills necessary for future careers.

And yet, an appreciation for poetry cannot be underestimated.

At Kyrene schools in Tempe and West Chandler, a creative program that draws students into the world of poetry has inspired creativity and an opportunity for recognition.

Dr. Karen Knight, the poetry coordinator for Kyrene Traditional Academy, lauded the benefits of teaching students about the writing form.

"I recently read an article that was talking about the benefits of reading poetry out loud to younger children so they will learn new vocabulary words, develop rhyme and rhythm, improve phonemic awareness, memorization skills, and self-expression," said Knight.

"I believe having our youngest Kyrene students listen to, read, and write poetry will give these children academic advantages in the future."

Kyrene kids earn the chance to become published poets through the annual "Poetry Celebration," a program designed to give voice to a student's emotions, build vocabulary skills and encourage an appreciation of descriptive language.

The poetry program is open to all Kyrene elementary and middle-school students. Each school selects a poetry coordinator who selects the top poets by grade and arranges for them to be recognized in May at the Governing Board meeting.

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By Elizabeth Craig, Kyrene del Cielo
First Grade, Mrs. Bryant's Class

Academy, Knight supplies teaching materials for use in the classroom.

"As the poetry coordinator, I support the teachers with timelines, types of poem samples, lesson plan ideas, poems and poetry books, and quality poetry websites," said Knight.

"Teachers promote the reading and writing of poetry throughout the year, and each school hosts a contest to choose one winner from each grade level to send onto the district-level contest."

Knight says that a team of teachers at KTA select the top three winning poems from each grade level and narrow the selection down to send to the district level.

"Meanwhile, at KTA, we celebrate all of the winners by displaying their poems on a prominent bulletin board,

and having them read their poems on the morning announcements with our principal, Dr. Lescher," said Knight.

"We also purchase medals for each of the students, and publish their names and photos in the Panther Press, which is our school's weekly newsletter that goes out to our parents and our community."

The poems chosen to go onto the district level are ultimately published in an anthology. But before, they are judged anonymously and ranked for their use of specific writing traits.

The judge's selections are sent to the district's Curriculum Department, with the strongest three winning poems at every grade level being selected as district winners.

Each student who participates in Poetry Celebration receives a copy of the anthology along with a certificate.

"District winners are celebrated at a Governing Board meeting with their families and recognized by Superintendent, Dr. Jan Vesely," said Knight.

Recently, the top three winners from the entire district were recognized at the Governing Board meeting. All of the poets live and attend Wrangler News-area schools, including:

Jayla King and Amalie Ochoa, who both just finished second grade at Kyrene de los Niños; Alexis Maroquin, who was most recently a fifth grader at Kyrene de la Mirada; and, Larysa Pagel, who graduated from the sixth grade at Kyrene del Pueblo.

In the upcoming school year, Knight hopes to add pre-school classes to the program by giving them the opportunity to write a class poem along with individual poems.

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'Wrangler News' editor's latest book aims to encourage; follows earlier interviews with victims of Iraq persecution



Joyce Coronel is longtime area journalist who began writing books in 2013. Her two novels won awards from the Catholic Press Association in 2014 and 2017. — Wrangler News photo

By Deborah Hilcove

Tempe journalist, author and *Wrangler News* editor Joyce Coronel enjoys a writer's dream—to be approached by a publisher and asked to write a book.

Daily Inspirations: Growing in Faith, due for August release, is the result.

"It belongs to a special niche market," says Coronel, and suggests it's ideal for daily prayer. She's gathered more than 180 inspirational quotes on topics like joy, courage and love, pairing them with scripture verses and insightful reflections.

The devotional followed book-signings over

the last several months for a novel published last November. Aquinas Press contracted Coronel in January to write a series of devotional essays.

"They knew my newspaper articles and previous two books," she explains.

Those novels, *A Martyr's Crown* and *Cry of Nineveh*, were sparked by interviews with Phoenix-area Christians who fled violence in their native Iraq. *Cry of Nineveh* tells how the persecution of a Christian in Mosul impacts one family and how an Iraq war veteran is haunted by the experience.

"Many in the Western world have forgotten that Christianity began in the Middle East. There were martyrs back then [in biblical times], and we owe

them a great debt. And today, there are martyrs, too. We've grown comfortable to be Christian here, but in the Middle East, it's not that way. It's difficult and it's dangerous."

A devout Roman Catholic, Coronel was influenced by those interviews to study Chaldean Catholicism—an Eastern rite church, founded in the time of the apostles and centered in Iraq, with more than 170,000 followers in the United States. Coronel has also learned some Aramaic, the ancient language of Jesus, to participate fully in the liturgy.

Describing her recent endeavor, she says, "This has been a totally different experience than my first two books. They were published through CreateSpace on Amazon. When you work with a publisher, you sell all your rights to them."

The projects differ in other ways, too. She says, "One novel is about 100,000 words and the other is close to 110,000 words. With a novel, you have to develop the plot and characters. *Daily Inspiration* is much shorter and I expected it to be easy. But it was more daunting than I thought.

"I was given a tight deadline by Aquinas Press, so I worked at least eight-hour days at my regular job, then worked another 3-4 hours a night, 5-6 days a week for nearly two months. I started with a spreadsheet and started writing out topics.

"It's not just surface writing. It required a lot of digging and praying my way through it. I had to go deep, contemplate and read a lot. I read a lot of Mother Teresa. It took a lot of time to find quotes, match them with scripture. It's fairly easy to find two or three quotes on a topic like friendship, but I set 12 as my goal.

"And I had to center myself and be in a place of peace. My heart, mind and soul go into the books I write. I found myself asking, 'What is hope? What does it mean to me?'"

A favorite section, she says, "comes from a quote my niece sent me, by Shel Silverstein. It goes,

'Listen....Anything can happen, child. Anything can be.' I teamed that with a quote from the Book of Mark, 'All things are possible for God,' followed with a personal reflection from an interview about 10 years ago with a physician in the Valley.

"He said the medical school dean told him to give it up; he'd never make a doctor. He took it as a challenge. I reflect on that. When we're told we can't do something, we can take it as a challenge and rely on God to help and strengthen us."

She continues, "We live in a time of growing secularism and many people have no affinity with faith. And a life without faith can prove difficult. A life with faith can be beautiful."

Daily Inspiration is set for release in August and can be pre-ordered from the website, catholic.cbcgroups.com/shop.jsp

"A Martyr's Crown" and "Cry of Nineveh" are available on Amazon and at Catholic book stores.

Kyrene teachers to receive salary boost

By Diana Whittle

Kyrene eligible teachers will receive an additional one-plus percent salary increase in the final adopted budget for the 2017-18 school year, funded by the state.

In an effort to increase teachers' salaries in the state, the Arizona Legislature approved a 1.06 percent pay increase for teachers.

This increase will be based on a teacher's earnings for the 2016-17 school year and is over and above the Kyrene approved range of compensation increases for 2017-18.

There are a number of eligibility requirements that are imposed in this legislation, including:

- The teacher must have taught in an Arizona public or charter school during the 2016-17 school year
 - The teacher must teach in an Arizona public or charter school during the 2017-18 school year
- The Arizona budget bill proposes to allocate \$34 million statewide for a "teacher salary increase"

next year.

It requires each school district or charter school to raise the salary of any teacher by one percent who taught at an Arizona public school during the 2016-17 school year and who also will teach in 2017-18.

This state money is not part of the automatic funding that schools get per student. The budget requires the Arizona Department of Education to give that funding separately to each school district or charter school.

In the Kyrene district, the approved budget includes more than \$3 million for compensation adjustments for employees, the majority of that for teachers, even though the next school year includes a revenue reduction due to Kyrene's demographer report, which anticipates a drop of enrollment by two percent, explained Superintendent Dr. Jan Vesely.

The final budget for the Kyrene district can be viewed on the Arizona Department of Education website at www.ade.az.gov/schoolfinance/Forms/Budgets/ProposedBudget/EntitySelection.aspx

Choose Kyrene School District from the dropdown menu and then click "Proposed Budget Summary" on the right hand side.

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a beleaguered, glamorous father figure already, opposite Anton Yelchin in 2007's *Charlie Bartlett*; he did it beautifully then, and he does it beautifully here.

Zendaya only gets a little to do as Peter's socially conscious classmate, but she's set up nicely for future films.

And Marisa Tomei is charmingly showcased as Aunt May, re-conceived as a sexy young "cool Aunt."

But the real reason that even somebody who wasn't particularly a fan of this sort of thing might consider *Spider-Man: Homecoming* is Michael Keaton.

Returning to comic book movies 28 years after *Batman*, he brings real bite and originality to the role of Adrian Toomes aka The Vulture, a startlingly no-nonsense, blue-collar mastermind who seems almost sheepish about the trappings of supervillainy.

Keaton plays the role quietly, with no zany, over-the-top antics, but with a clear-eyed intelligence and directness that makes his menace unusually authoritative.

When he levels a threat, he isn't gloating or grandstanding; he honestly wants Spider-Man to back off, but you never doubt that it's a final warning.

He makes pragmatism and sanity scary.

Spider-Man: Homecoming is rated PG-13, and plays at Harkins Tempe Marketplace, Harkins Chandler Fashion 20, Harkins Arizona Mills and many other multiplexes Valleywide.

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Five Tempe locations will host United Blood Service Bloodmobiles throughout the remainder of July in to help combat the fact that blood supplies across the country remain at dangerously low levels following a severe decline in donations leading up to and following the July 4 holiday.

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Thursday, July 27, 7 am-11 am, Brookline College, 1140 S. Priest Drive.

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Tempe mother, lawyer aims for city council seat

By Joyce Coronel

Growing up in Tempe, Sarah Kader learned early in life about giving back to the community. Now, she'd like to represent her hometown by serving on the City Council.

"I've been involved in the community for a long time," Kader said. "I loved growing up in Tempe and moved back to here after school."

A 2008 graduate of Syracuse University's College of Law, Kader now works for the Arizona Center for Disability Law, a non-profit law firm that assists Arizonans with disabilities.

"Helping people in need was always kind of instilled in me and so that led me to work for a non-profit organization after law school, which is fairly rare," Kader said, recalling how her family was involved in the Anti-Defamation League.

These days, Kader is the mother of a 15-month-old daughter. She's also a founding member of Arizona Jews for Justice, an advocacy group involved in social justice issues like immigration. The organization recently worked in collaboration with the NAACP on a petition to remove Confederate monuments in Arizona.

"We have been speaking out about the rise of anti-Semitism in Arizona in the past year. There was recently another swastika drawn on a home in Phoenix," Kader said. "Basically, we're trying to speak out on behalf of marginalized groups and be a Jewish voice in Arizona."

Among the marginalized she mentioned were Muslims, Latinos and refugees. Arizona Jews for Justice has worked to help Syrian refugees who have relocated to Arizona.

Kader said she decided to run for the Tempe City Council because she wanted to find more ways to contribute to the local community.

"Right now, nationally, we are in a divisive time and it feels hard to find a way to make positive change. I think one of the best ways is to look right into your local community," Kader said. "Tempe is my home, and given my skills and my advocacy experience, I thought it was a natural fit to run for local office."

Her vision for Tempe, she said, is a safer, smarter community. That includes embracing diversity.

"Nationally, there have been issues of racial profiling and issues of people of color being unfairly arrested and worse by police," Kader said. "I know the Tempe police do great work but also have had issues, so I want to make sure that they continue to do the right thing and protect everyone in Tempe adequately."

When it comes to making the city smarter, Kader said she's focused on education. The free preschool program for underprivileged children who reside in the city is something she applauds.

"I think that's an excellent program," Kader said. "The evidence shows that the better educated kids are in the early years, the more successful they'll be in life." She's also an advocate of helping Tempe residents pursue post-secondary education.

"I think that's really crucial too because we now know that high school degree isn't necessarily enough to be as successful in



'I'm a Charger,' says Sarah Kader. The McClintock High School grad and attorney is seeking election to the Tempe City Council.

society in terms of the standard of living that people now seek."

Kader said she's interested in helping local businesses thrive and in making sure there is more affordable housing in the city.

"Arizona State University is amazing and a super-important part of Tempe, but there is a lot more to Tempe than just ASU. There are pockets of Tempe that are in poverty and a lot of low-income families and neighborhoods," Kader said. "I want to, like, focus on those

areas that don't get a lot of attention."

As far as Tempe's ongoing McClintock bike lane debacle, Kader said she doesn't have an etched-in-stone position—yet. She said she needs more information as well as an idea of what it would cost to come up with a compromise solution.

"My general idea is that bike lanes are important but you don't want to make McClintock impossible."

Information: Kaderfortempe.com

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Baseball

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tournament at one point, but what still resonates with her is how connected she feels to the community.

“This is a tradition that kids work hard for.”

Beyond the game, Coggins noted the more important aspects are the friends and connections her sons made by playing Little League baseball.

“My older boys, who are at ASU—they are still best friends with the friends they played with in Tempe South Little League All-Stars,” Coggins said.

For TSSL President Jonathan Bodow, the tournament each year symbolizes the success of the hardworking volunteers that make everything possible all season long.

“Being here, this is gravy. For us running the league from February to May, that’s where the real joy is,” Bodow said in 2016.

Seven leagues in District 13 are represented in the All-Star tournament, with about 200 total kids suited up to play with either the 10U, 11U or 12U teams.

“This is our community, this is where we want to be,” Bodow said.

It’s an event TSSL looks forward to hosting every summer. The tournament has been played at Tempe Sports Complex eight of the past nine seasons.

It’s perhaps one of the nicer sports facilities around, which is the biggest reason the league chooses TSSL to host just about every year, Bodow said.

“Field availability is a big part of it. With the layout here, you can watch four games at once,” Bodow said, standing in the middle of the facility taking in the months of hard work.

“We start thinking of the All-Star planning around January, just to be ahead of the issues as everything comes up,” Bodow said.

From the chalk on the field to the lights in the sky and the food in hand, this event wouldn’t be possible without the dedication both on and off the field.

It as much a reward for the workers and families of the players as it is for the kids who suit up and chase their baseball dreams.

“This is why we volunteer, for all the friends we make in years spent with Little League,” Bodow said. “This is where I want to be at night time.”

The District 13 All-Star tournament ran through July 9.



Tempe South and Chandler American were among those who fared well in the District 13 tournament held at Tempe Sports Complex. The 10U and 12U Tempe South teams made it to the semi finals while Chandler American’s 12U team made it to the championship vs Chandler North. District 13 has been one of the most competitive Little League districts that has had two teams make it to Williamsport for the Little League World series within the past 10 years.

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