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## Lead toxicity in Tempe, Chandler water supplies declared at safe levels

By Don Kirkland

**M**ounting concerns over lead in the water supplies of several U.S. cities have caused residents around the country to ask whether their water is safe.

In Tempe and Chandler, the answer is, fundamentally, yes.

While the numbers supporting the two cities' pronouncements are based on established federal standards, the discussion doesn't altogether take into account certain other variables, some of which suggest that additional study may be needed before more definitive U.S. protocols can be established.

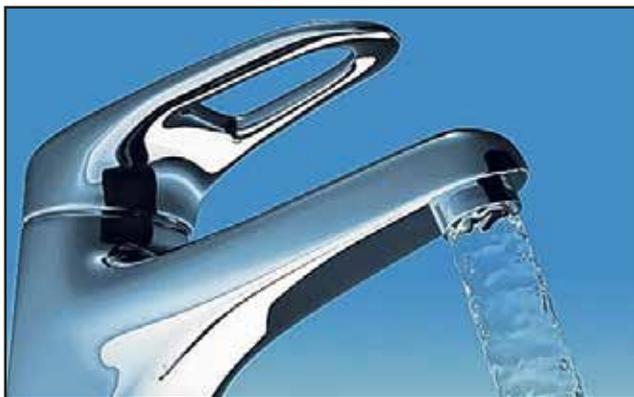
What seems not to have been resolved is the question about the degree to which federal standards accurately determine what should be the allowable levels of lead in water.

In other words, do the feds' established minimums address the full dangers of lead toxicity, no matter how compliant a city's water supply may be?

For example, a noted civil engineer who helped document studies in Flint, Mich., one of the most talked about water-supply trouble spots, pointed out that the federal government's minimum standard for acceptability is unsupported by a few recent medical studies.

The engineer's objections seem to be based, in part, on the possibility that lead can be toxic to human consumption even in what some might consider almost undetectable amounts.

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Got a hankerin' for a good read? You're in luck: 'Mini Libraries' are springing up around Tempe as part of an effort to build literacy and extend the reach of the Tempe Library. Pg. 9



Eleven years ago, he was cheering on the Aztecs at Corona del Sol High School. Today, Richard Ollarsaba travels the nation, lending his rich baritone bass to opera productions. Pg. 23



Olympics-mania prompted our Tracy Doren to recall days of wrangling her kids to athletic practices, always assuming that one day they'd be gold medalists. Her memories, Pg. 6

What's Inside

## Teen's thrill: 'Mom, I'm a changed person'

By Joyce Coronel

**C**ate Baskin was only in seventh grade when she uttered the words her mother will never forget.

"Mom, I'm a changed person."

That was after Mona Baskin and her daughter volunteered at the Foundation for the Blind as members of the National Charity League, an organization founded in 1925 and dedicated to philanthropy and building the mother-daughter relationship.

The 62,000-member league that spans 26 states has an East Valley chapter with Tempe and West Chandler members. Mona Baskin said she and her daughter are beginning their third year with the

group.

"My daughter started out kind of shy and quiet," Mona said, but the confidence and perspective she's gained through NCL have been a game-changer."

Members of the group are expected to engage in leadership and cultural activities as well as community service while working alongside their mothers.

"It's given her confidence and social awareness, and just humanity, that we're all in this community and we as women can be leaders; we can support each other and we can make our community a better place," Mona said.

Cate, 14, says her favorite philanthropic work so

— CHARITY, Page 8

## MOM-ENTUM

There were smiles all around as volunteers from the East Valley chapter of National Charity League packed food boxes for the elderly at St. Mary's Food Bank. Group included, from left, Mom Michele Nichols and daughter Jill with Cate Baskin and Mom Mona.

— Wrangler News photo by Alex J. Walker



## Middle Eastern culture gains momentum at new locale

By M.V. Moorhead

If you've been to Baiz Market Place in Phoenix, you know it's a well-stocked Mediterranean/Middle Eastern bakery, deli and market.

But it won't prepare you for the experience of the new East Valley Baiz, which opened late last month at Baseline and Dobson in Mesa.

The downtown Phoenix Baiz is a careworn building on an unprepossessing block of 20th Street, just north of Van Buren. It often bustles

with customers, most of them likely there for the selection, not for the charm of the drab building.

The Mesa Baiz, by contrast, is a bright, spacious, cheery emporium. It's housed in the shell of a former Basha's that required a lot of work to bring to its current state.

"We took the building a long time before we opened," says manager Sarah Soueidan. "If you saw the place before, you wouldn't believe it."

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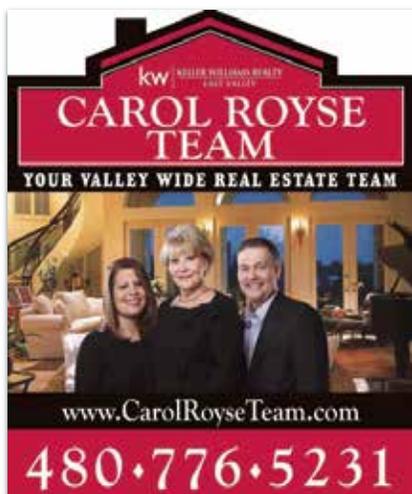
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## Who ya gonna call? Ombudsman, Kyrene's new problem solver

By Diana Whittle

**W**hen you've got an issue with your child's school or teacher, whom should you call? In the Kyrene School District, it's the district's newly anointed ombudsman, a full-time, staff resource for parents or community members who need a question answered, issue researched or problem solved.

As part of developing priorities for the first 90 days of her tenure, Dr. Jan Vesely, the district's new superintendent, determined that the position could offer a boost in customer service.

The role of ombudsman, or perhaps more correctly in this case ombuds-person, has been successfully offered in other school districts across the country and in government offices as well.

"The Governing Board and I felt it was important to provide our parents and community members with a dedicated resource for addressing their concerns," said Vesely.

"We want to make sure that this very important stakeholder group has a voice in how we run the district and has a fair opportunity to resolve any problems they may be experiencing."

Vesely realizes that the holder of the new position may not always be able respond with the preferred solution, but within the district, she wants to make sure questions are answered and voices are heard.

Vesely designated Rosalie Hirano, a district employee from the Community Relations group, to fill the new role.

"(In her position), Rosalie will be responsible for recording each contact and following up to make sure the issue is resolved or information provided," said Vesely.



Hirano will be responsible for tracking areas that generate frequent concerns and then report back to the superintendent for final resolution.

In addition to being the primary contact for individuals who contact the superintendent's office to voice a concern or complaint, Hirano will be working with Kyrene's Parent and Superintendent Council, which is made up of parent representatives from each of the district's 25 schools.

She also will serve as a conduit between the district and diverse organizations outside the district.

"I will serve as a liaison to local community groups, such as the Tempe/Kyrene Business Advisory Council; the chambers of commerce in Tempe, Ahwatukee and Chandler; the mayors and city council members of each of the cities/towns; Native American communities; and with our legislative delegation in District 18."

Although she is new to this role in Kyrene, Hirano says she is prepared with a specific procedure she plans to follow.

"The first step is to speak or meet with the parent or community member to gather as much information about their concern and determine what action they've already taken to resolve the issue.

"From there, I will then go back to the appropriate source for clarification and identify possible solutions," explained Hirano.

"If they have a problem related to their children, I will always emphasize the importance of trying to resolve the issue with the teacher or principal," said Hirano.

"It is so important for parents to establish a good rapport and open communication with their kids' teachers and principal because that's the best way to ensure a good



Architectural rendering of \$11.8 remodel to Arredondo Elementary, funded by voter-approved bonds.

## After 4 decades, a facelift

For more than 40 years, generations of students have passed through the doors at Arredondo Elementary School.

Now, thanks to the passage of a bond election, a badly needed \$11.8 million renovation is underway at the school.

Originally built in 1973, the campus will undergo extensive remodeling and construction, adding more than 66,000 square feet and additional classrooms, plus project and assessment labs. The McCarthy Building Companies and the Tempe Elementary School District recently broke ground on the project.

The newly designed structures will feature six common spaces within the classroom areas, an updated library, a renovated multipurpose room and a 3,500-square-foot cafeteria with a new kitchen and serving area.

Picking up the kids after school, or getting in early to go over lesson plans, promises to be a bit easier too, with increased parking for both parents and staff.

There will also be an enlarged and dedicated bus drop-off and pick-up location, security upgrades and outdoor learning spaces.

But that's not all. In an era in which school districts are looking for ways to cut energy costs, the renovation at

Arredondo will include day lighting within all classrooms as well as new building lighting and mechanical systems, all of which are designed to result in energy savings.

During the renovation, Arredondo students will be relocated to the Meyer Elementary School campus for the 2016-2017 school year.

Arredondo Elementary School's name honors longtime Tempe residents Alejandro and Josefa Arredondo.

Josefa worked in Tempe Elementary cafeterias and all of the Arredondo children have worked in education.

District Superintendent Chris Busch hailed voters' foresight in approving bonds to fund the project.

"Because of the overwhelming generosity of our Tempe taxpayers, we are able to provide an innovative and engaging 21st century learning environment for our Arredondo students," she said.

David Peterson, vice president of operations at McCarthy, added:

"The Education Services team at McCarthy is honored to be leading this school renovation project.

"The renovated school will pay homage to Arredondo's history while modernizing the facility for 21st century learning."

### A final tribute for Wade

A 2016 Corona del Sol graduate has been laid to rest after being struck by lightning atop Humphreys Peak near Flagstaff.

Wade Young, 17, an AP Scholar Award recipient and athlete, had planned to attend Arizona State University this fall.

A memorial service held at Arizona Community Church drew about 1,000 to mourn his passing. Grimaldi's Pizzeria at Casa Paloma donated 15 pepperoni pizzas for the



reception afterward.

David Lyons and Jaxson Baxter, two of Wade's friends who were with him on the hike, work at Grimaldi's and have returned to their jobs following the tragedy.

At press time, a GoFundMe campaign in Wade's memory had raised more than \$24,000.

"We can all help his family by raising funds for medical bills, time off work, etc. All donations will go directly to Robyn Young, Wade's mother," according to the GoFundMe page.

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# For parents, maybe child-rearing should be an Olympian sport

Commentary by Tracy Doren

Watching the Olympics is always entertaining, even if I'm not a big fan of whichever event presents itself on any given evening. I always find myself getting caught up in the action.

Having raised an aspiring Olympic swimmer almost 20 years ago, I can't help but think about the parents in the stands. Watching the years of dedication, hard work, sacrifices—not to mention money—it all comes down to a few minutes to finish in the top 3.



Let's face it: At the Olympics, no one ever remembers the fourth finisher.

My mind has a habit of wandering, so here go my thoughts: From Olympic parents to everyday-sport parents, having had four kids, all with varying degrees of commitment to their favorite sport, I have not only been that mom but have gotten to observe many others as well.

I can't say that I know any parents who have (so far, anyway) sent their child on to a career in professional athletics.

But I do know the trajectory of fame and fortune can sometimes have a quick and sharp decline. I speak of my own experience from when my superstar 6-year old won the state championship in butterfly.



— Wrangler News photo

All of her relatives (not to mention me) were pretty convinced that we were witnessing a miracle in water.

Scholarships were sure to be flowing in, with inquiries from top coaches in the country keeping us busy for months. But then she turned seven, and not only did she not finish first, I don't think she even went to the finals.

And you know what?

She didn't care one bit. She still loved to swim and we still loved to watch her. So the dream was dashed and fame and fortune could wait.

Years later, I have now watched all four of my kids try

their hand at various sports. So far I don't think I have a Michael Phelps or a Simone Biles, but I do have happy kids who enjoy the camaraderie and spirit of a good game.

Of course there have been ups and downs: some teams have been more positive than others, and that is almost always because of the behaviors of the parents that are involved.

The parents you say? Yep, it almost always seems to be that way. Parents have an inherent ability to foul up a really good thing when they get too involved in the game. I have sat next to and near people that I've made a mental note to distance myself from the next time around.

I don't want the umpire to be tempted to throw me out by association.

As the back stories of parent of Olympians were told, it's refreshing to know that the positivity still exists and sets a good example for all of us who dream big for our children.

A final note: As a huge Bruce Springsteen fan, I loved hearing the story of the relationship between U.S. Olympic swimmer and gold medalist Katie Ledecky and her father.

They listened to 'The Boss' (Springsteen) on their way to swim practice when she was young. I'm not sure how much of an impact that may have had on Katie's success but, if I could turn back the clock, I would certainly have cranked up Springsteen's Glory Days while driving my daughter to the pool those many years ago, just in case.



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# Why this job is easy to love

[Hint: It's  
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job, it's  
the people]

Commentary  
by Don Kirkland

I'll have to admit that I was happily surprised at the number of responses we received from our recent tribute to the many talented people I've had the privilege of working with and knowing these past years.

In fact, because so many readers said that they, like us, have been impressed with the caliber of those particular members of our staff—many of them still in college or high school at the time—I thought this might provide a good moment for a reminder that our doors are always open to new interests, new enthusiasm and, of course, new talent.

This is particularly the case right now because of our plans to extend Wrangler's scope of coverage, which will require reaching out for broadened capabilities and a willingness to help us grow.

We'll be recruiting for a couple of those kinds of positions in future issues of our paper, offering a little more detail about the kind of people we'd like to hear from—maybe even you or someone you know.

Which brings yet another thought to mind.

One of the reasons I've been able to stay in this business well beyond the time that most people do is that, simply said, I love it.

Being around people you look forward to seeing every day and to whom you feel a commitment toward helping achieve a happy, successful future — well, I'm sure you understand the satisfaction this brings.

No, it isn't always easy, for me at least. I had an employer once whose management style dictated that business dealings should never cross the line into anything more personal. I'm sure that's a commonly held precept and I don't disagree with those who practice it.

But what I've found over the years, particularly in working with the kinds of people who are attracted to a business like ours, is that creativity is a dynamic that isn't easily reined in to the corral of what an HR department has been trained to

believe it should be.

Which may in part explain why, by the way, after my last column appeared, some of those gone-but-never-forgotten employees called or emailed to reconnect.

In fact, a couple of them, Chelsea Martin and Kyle Maki, showed up at a little birthday celebration that Tracy Doren, our publisher, had cooked up for me earlier this month.

This, in addition to being a lot of fun, reinforced my commitment to not overlook the bond that exists with some of the young people we've employed at Wrangler News—a bond that, for the most part, holds up quite well, even when time, miles and circumstances would suggest otherwise.

There really isn't much that disappoints me more in my day-to-day interactions with friends than to hear how unhappy and, at the same time, unfulfilled they may feel in their jobs.

It's obvious that a lot of us, once having been young people ourselves, struggled with selecting a career field that we'd want to pursue.

The implied urgency of picking a college major has a tendency for some, and perhaps for many, to aim a young person in a direction that ultimately won't turn out to have been the best choice.

Fortunately, in my experience working with the young people who have seen their creative talent unfold in an environment like ours, the future seems to be much more secure.

In my case, it was a future that I saw as a child, my first published newspaper arriving at my neighbors' front door after having been printed, flat with some sort of indelible ink, in a gelatinized baking tin, a trick my sixth grade teacher taught us.

Luckily, publishing has changed dramatically since then.

But not so the pleasure I get from arriving at my office every day of the week, surrounded by people for whom I hold enormous regard and an unwavering determination to help them, like me, reach a productive, successful, happy future.



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far has been with the Foundation for the Blind. She remembers a young girl who asked her to explain the color purple.

"I had to explain how it looked—like butterflies, the sunset, with a green meadow. It really touched my heart and I grew so much spiritually from that," Cate said.

"I feel much more grateful now. I have been given so much and with all my many blessings, I can benefit this world in as positive way and not take all my blessings for granted."

Riya Kalara, a senior at Corona del Sol High School, has been involved with NCL since the seventh grade. "I think the best part of NCL is that it's opened my eyes to a lot different things," Kalara said.

"Every month I get to go because of NCL and visit all these different places. They're different each time which is so exciting."

She's particularly enjoyed volunteering at Paz de Cristo, a soup kitchen in Mesa. "You get out of your bubble and you really get to see what's out there," Kalara said.

"You find those things where you can help out and make a difference. That's what they teach you at NCL."

Volunteering at local immunization clinics exposed her to the medical field and Kalara said she's hoping for a career in health care administration. She said NCL has also had a positive effect on her relationship with her mother.

"I think it's brought me closer to my mom, just being able to see those things together and being able to enjoy volunteer organizations and opportunities

together," Kalara said. "There's more to talk about and interact with."

Ali Cohen, who's beginning her fourth year with NCL, has an older sister who graduated from Corona in 2016 and who was also involved with NCL. She said the group has helped her gain a larger perspective on life.

"It's nice to meet people outside of your normal sphere of friends. It's usually not an opportunity presented to a lot of high schoolers because you're in your own little high-school bubble," Cohen said. She called her experience with the philanthropic projects transformative and humbling.

"There are people with a plight so much more severe than you, people who struggle every single day," Cohen said. "It's a reminder of the constant blessings that I see every day in my life and how lucky I am to have such a supportive family and community."

NCL has monthly meetings and the girls are grouped by their future high school graduation year. Cate Baskin, for example, is with the class of 2020. The girls, who are in grades 7-12, learn about public speaking and leadership through the monthly board meetings.

There's a membership drive underway now with a prospective membership meeting slated for Oct. 16. The East Valley chapter is accepting applications for a limited number of openings from mothers with daughters who will be entering 7th through 10th grades in the fall of 2017 and who live in Tempe, Mesa and north Chandler.

Prospective members can apply for membership at [eastvalley.nationalcharityleague.org/](http://eastvalley.nationalcharityleague.org/) or contact Mona Baskin at [eastvalleync14@gmail.com](mailto:eastvalleync14@gmail.com)

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"Neighborhood Libraries extend the reach of the Tempe Public Library to encourage literacy, foster the love of reading and build a sense of community," said Tempe City

Councilmember Kolby Granville, who developed the program along with Councilmember David Shapira.

Starting Sept. 5, in exchange for participating in this program, Tempe is offering rebates to participating homeowners and non-profit organizations for the cost of purchasing, installing and registering a Neighborhood Library up to \$300.

Along with the application form, there's also an authorization form for Homeowners Associations.

Participants are responsible for stocking their own libraries, which must remain in place for a minimum of five years.

Although there will be no limit to the number of neighborhood libraries allowed in Tempe, the pilot program would fund up to 40 across the city with a maximum expense of \$10,000.

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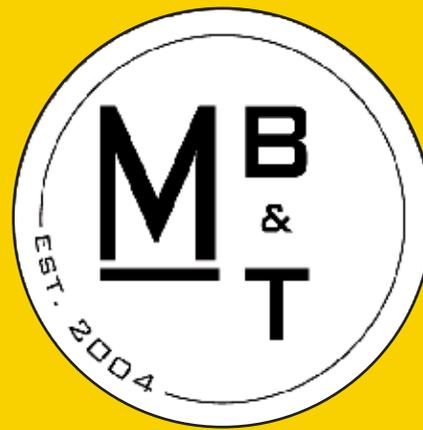
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Partnering with the city on the program are the Tempe Union High School District, Tempe Elementary District, ASU, Grand Canyon University, Mesa Community College, Northern Arizona University, Rio Salado College, South Mountain Community College, University of Advancing Technology and University of Arizona.

The first in the series of workshops will be held Saturday, Aug. 20, at the Tempe Public Library, 3500 S. Rural Road.

Presentations will explore such topics as post-high school opportunities, college admissions process, making the most out of the high school years and more.

Additionally, attendees will hear from a student panel sharing personal experiences from this time frame in their lives.

Parents and caregivers are encouraged to attend along with the student.

Registration can be completed in advance at [www.CollegeConnectTempe.org](http://www.CollegeConnectTempe.org) or in person at 9:30 a.m. on the day of the event.

The series is designed to help students better understand the college process, as well as to provide access to resources, financial guidance and individualized support.

Participants will learn about college and career choices, how to apply to and pay for college and more.

Participants will receive a raffle ticket for each workshop they attend.

At the end of the series, five winners will be drawn and each will receive a \$250 book scholarship provided by the Ramsey Social Justice Foundation.

Sessions will be held on the following Saturdays:

*Aug. 20: What Are My Options?* — Post-High School Opportunities; Student success panel.

*Sept. 24: It's All About You* — Making a great first impression; College Fair Prep.

*Nov. 19: It's All About the Money* — Funding your college education; FAFSA.

*Feb. 4: What's Next? Part 1* — Testing, Summer Opportunities; Scholarships searches.

*April 8: What's Next? Part 2* — Setting yourself up for success; Parent Workshop: Transitioning to high school; H.S. Seniors Workshop: Still undecided? It's not too late.

Throughout the year, students have the opportunity to attend a one-on-one appointment with a College Connect representative to learn more about the college process.

There is no charge for appointments. Office hours are 3-6 p.m. on Mondays; 2-6 p.m. on Wednesdays; and 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on Saturdays at the Tempe Public Library.

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# Wrangler NEWS

# Sports

By Alex Zener

## A Marcos alum strikes Gold

The Marcos de Niza family of students, alumni, teachers, staff and fans—in addition to a whole lot of people from Tempe and surrounding areas—can be proud of Marcos alum and new Olympian **Sam Dorman**, who recently won a silver medal with his diving partner, Mike Hixon, in the men's synchronized 3-meter springboard diving competition during the 2016 Olympic games in Rio.



Dorman and Hixon went from seventh to second place with a combined 450.21 points or 4.21 points behind the first place team from the United Kingdom.

China, which has dominated this sport for years and may have felt the pressure from United Kingdom and U.S. divers, ended up with the bronze medal after having problems in their last dive.

The 2016 Olympic trials and subsequent

Olympic competition may have been the first time he had competed with Hixon but it was not Dorman's first time to be recognized for his diving prowess.

Dorman, who graduated from Marcos in 2009, won the 5A DII state championship in the 1-meter diving event his last three years in high school after taking second place as a freshman.

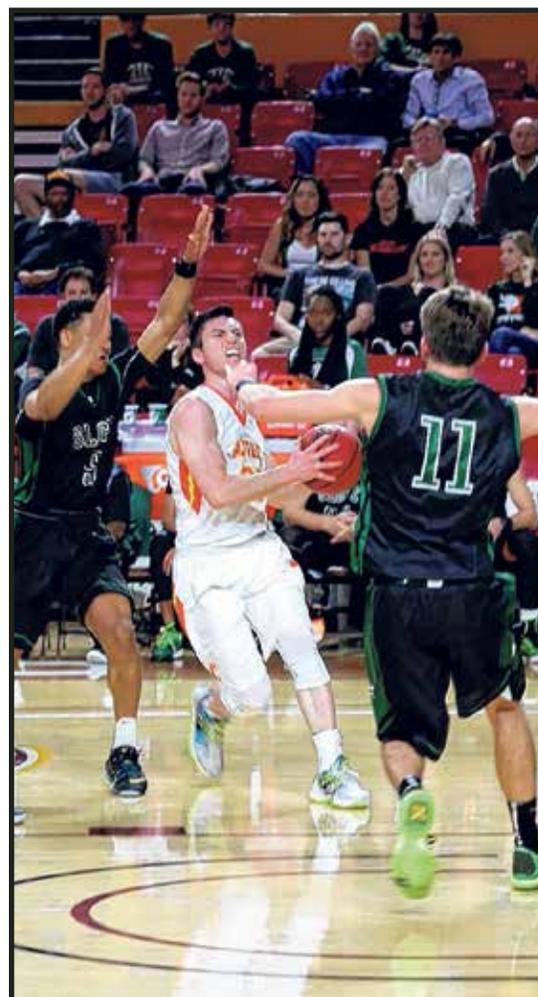
After graduation, Dorman attended University of Miami, where he had a very successful college career, especially his last two seasons, after sitting out the 2012-13 season with shoulder surgery.

Earning All-American status in 2014, Dorman won the three-meter diving event and placed second in the one-meter diving competition at the 2015 NCAA Championship where he was once again selected as an All-American.

Dorman graduated from the University of Miami with a degree in mechanical engineering. On Aug. 15, both Hixon and Dorman started competing in the preliminary round of the individual 3-meter springboard competition.

**Tempe High Football** — After a 6-5 season in 2015 the Buffaloes are looking to improve their record playing in the newly designated 4A division in the Desert Sky Region with Casa Grande, Higley, Seton Catholic Prep and

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Corona del Sol Aztecs' former standout Alex Barcello, who's now playing for a club team, the Oakland Soldiers. Details, Page 13.

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## Sports

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Marcos de Niza.

With four returning players named by azcentral.com as the top Arizona high school football prospects in the 2017 graduating class on the roster, Tempe has a good chance to improve their record in 2016.

Playing both the offensive running back and defensive back positions, **Deandre Hughes**, at 5-foot-9, 170 pounds, was the second leading receiver on the team last season with 15 receptions for 283 yards or almost 19 yards per catch and three touchdowns.

Playing defensive back, Hughes had 42 solo tackles and 30 assists for a total of 72 tackles or 6.5 tackles per game. Hughes also intercepted the ball twice in the Buffaloes 2015 game against McClintock returning the ball a total of 175 after the interceptions.

In addition, Hughes had a big role in special teams, where he returned kickoffs and punts leading the team with 445 yards in kickoff returns and 145 in punt returns.

With his ability to play both offensive and defensive positions, plus be a kick returner on special teams, Tempe's head coach, Brian Walker, thinks Hughes is one of the best athletes he has coached. He can run 40 yards in 4.5 seconds and has a 38-inch vertical leap, according to Walker.

Hughes is reported to be a good student with a 3.8 grade point average making him an attractive prospect for recruiters including South Dakota State, one of the schools who offered him a football scholarship.

Offensive lineman **Aureleo Flores**, at 6-foot-3 and 270 pounds, should give Tempe a strong presence as the anchor in the Buffaloes offensive line which is hoping to open up more rushing opportunities for Hughes this year.

Flores is starting to get some recognition for his

powerful body and lineman skills by college coaches, including an offer from Western New Mexico.

At 6-foot-2, 175 pounds, **Ivory Williams**, at the safety position, had 50 tackles last season and should be one of the key factors to the Buffaloes' success this season with his ability to play a strong safety who is not afraid to be aggressive when it comes to stopping opponents.

**My-King Johnson** has probably been the most highly recruited player from Tempe's 2017 class, with offers from Arizona, Arizona State, Oregon, Texas A&M, Nevada, UNLV and most recently USC after attending the Trojans' Rising Stars Camp in July.

Playing defensive end, Johnson led the team in sacks last season with 22 sacks or over two sacks a game, a trend he started in 2014 when he was credited with 13.5 sacks his sophomore year.

Johnson, at 6-foot-4, 235 pounds, has turned himself into a pass rush specialist who has the right physical build with the speed and athletic ability to rush the quarterback.

On top of Johnson's athletic abilities and football skills, he is a good student, with a 3.6 grade-point average giving him the academic qualification recruiters are looking for. Tempe will also be returning on offense **Dannell Card** who had 22 receptions for 199 yards and one touchdown last season, **Jaren Savage** with seven receptions and one touchdown and **Derrieon Wheaton** with one rushing touchdown.

On defense the Buffaloes have **Damian Triana** who had 43 total tackles in 2015, **Camari Mitchell** who had 39 tackles and **Kaiden Chong** with 24 tackles. Other players who played significant minutes last season who will be counted on to replace the large number of seniors who graduated will be **Isaiah Coburn**, **David Rivas**, **Chris Gonzalez** and **Johnathan Ramirez-Osorio**.

The Buffaloes should have an experienced kicker with the return of **Jonathan Ibarra**, who was responsible for 37 kickoffs where he averaged almost 50 yards a kick.



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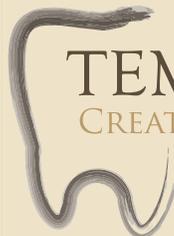
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# Sports

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Other returning players from last season's team expected to contribute to the Buffaloes overall success this season are **Moses Ruiz, Isaac Castro** and **Jesus Beltran**

Tempe's first game of the season was a non-conference home game against Estrella Aug. 19.

**New Season, New Coach at Marcos** — Marcos de Niza hired legendary coach **Paul Moro** to take over their football program after Sean Morin resigned.

Moro spent the last two seasons leading Poston Butte's football program but is recognized more readily for winning 318 games and 13 state championships in 30 years at Blue Ridge High School in Lakeside, Calif.

Moro, who grew up in Scottsdale before moving to California as a teenager, wanted to move back to Arizona for family reasons in 2013, is excited about the winning football tradition already established at Marcos and the talented squad he inherited when taking over the program last spring.

Adding in his Poston Butte victories, Moro is the second

winningest football coach in Arizona with 324 wins.

That's before the Padre football season even starts. He only needs seven wins to catch Vern Friedli, who has the most wins in Arizona history with 331.

The Padres' goal is to win enough games at the right time to once again play for the chance to bring home the championship trophy to Marcos de Niza.

Unless something unforeseen occurs, expect their new head coach to be at the top of the leader board by the end of November, as well.

**Corona Basketball** — Corona's basketball team had a good summer program where the Aztecs worked on skill development and chemistry with several new players after five seniors left the program, four of whom played significant minutes, according to head coach **Neil MacDonald**.

"We played three consecutive weekend tournaments including one at Grand Canyon University, Campo Verde High School and then the annual Primetime Tournament held at Sunnyslope this year," said MacDonald.

Summers, for the Corona basketball program, is mostly about skill improvement.

"During the summers we are about individual development, not wins and losses," said MacDonald.

"We took this time as an opportunity to look at a lot of guys. Daily workouts got better and more intense. We saw improvement across the board."

Now that school has started MacDonald and the players are looking forward to getting back on the court in Nov.

"We were happy with the progress we made overall this summer," said MacDonald. "We are excited and ready to get back to playing basketball in the fall."

Someone else who is probably excited to get back to playing basketball is **Alex Barcello**, who had one busy summer.

In July alone, playing on his club team the Oakland Soldiers, Barcello played in the Peach Jam in George then a week later in the 16-game Nike EYBL games, where he led his team in scoring with almost 19 points a game making 33 of 90 3-pointers and 84 percent of his free throws.

He then attended some high-octane basketball camps to further develop his skills on the court, such as the Nike

Elite 60 in Los Angeles, the NBPA Top 100 Camp in Virginia and the SC30 or Steph Curry Select camp in the Bay Area where only the top 20 high school guards are invited.

While he was traveling around the country playing basketball, the scholarship offers kept pouring in with offers from more than 25 programs including Arizona, Virginia, Memphis, Creighton, Colorado State, Washington State, DePaul, Indiana, New Mexico, Grand Canyon, Providence, Oregon, Arizona State, Utah, St. Mary's, USC, Marquette, Notre Dame, Oklahoma, Stanford, UCLA, Butler and Auburn to name a few.

In early August, Barcello narrowed his offers down to his top five choices in alphabetical order:

Arizona, Butler, Indiana, Stanford and Virginia.

He has no timetable for his final decision but his focus in November will no doubt be to help the Aztecs play highly competitive teams, win as many games as possible and once again get the chance to leave it all on the floor and win a state basketball championship his senior year.

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storm drain by picking up after your pets, using fertilizers and pesticides sparingly, washing vehicles at a commercial car wash and fixing leaking vehicles. Those are just a few ways you can "Be the Solution to Stormwater Pollution!" For more information on stormwater pollution prevention, visit [chandleraz.gov/stormwater](http://chandleraz.gov/stormwater).

## Applications being accepted for Chandler's HOA Academy

For residents who live in or are involved with a community or homeowners association, Chandler's free Homeowner's Association Academy is a great way to network and learn from experts knowledgeable about laws and HOA management. The academy features a series of four classes focused on a variety of topics. The free classes are held during the lunchtime hour from noon to 1:30 p.m. each Thursday from Sept. 1-22, at the Environmental Education Center, 4050 E. Chandler Heights Road. Lunch will be provided. Visit [chandleraz.gov/neighborhoods](http://chandleraz.gov/neighborhoods) to download an application, or call 480-782-4354 for more information. Applications are due Friday, Aug. 26.

## Curbside bulk recycling and trash collection



For those gearing up for fall cleaning, a reminder that residents paying for recycling and trash service provided by the City of Chandler can schedule a free recycling and/or trash

bulk pick up at their front curb every six weeks.

Call 782-3510 to make an appointment and to find out what is accepted and what is not. Some of the more common bulk items include household

trash and textiles, tree trimmings and yard clippings, broken furniture and toys.

Bulk recyclable items can include excess cardboard (emptied and flattened), electronics (no CRT TVs or monitors), metal items such as washers, dryers, water heaters, patio furniture and grills. (Note: A \$10 per unit fee applies for Freon removal for freezers, refrigerators, AC units, etc.).

Materials not accepted in the program include building and construction materials, such as sheet rock, wood paneling, cinder blocks, bricks and roofing materials. Other unacceptable waste includes dirt, gravel, propane tanks, tires, auto parts and liquids, hazardous or medical waste.

For more information, visit [chandleraz.gov/recycle](http://chandleraz.gov/recycle).

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## GENERAL PLAN UPDATE *a vision refined*

Chandler voters have the opportunity to make themselves heard on Tuesday, Aug. 30, when three positions on City Council will be up for election, along with Proposition 493, Chandler's updated General Plan. If approved, the Chandler General Plan 2016 Update will guide growth and development in the City for the next 10 years. Copies of the plan are available for review at the City's four public libraries and on the City's website, [chandleraz.gov/gpupdate](http://chandleraz.gov/gpupdate). Be sure to vote on Aug. 30!

## EVENTS

### AUGUST

- 20 FRANK Talk: You mean, there's RACE in my movie?, Hamilton Library, 782-2800
- 23 FRANK Talk: Race and Sports - How Sports Media Creates an Uneven Playing Field, Downtown Library, 782-2800
- 23 Basic Yard Makeovers Workshop, TechShop, 782-3580
- 24 FRANK Talk: Electing the President - The Constitutional Process and History, 782-2800
- 26 On the House Free Summer Concert: Cisco & The Racecars, Center for the Arts, 782-2680
- 30 PRIMARY ELECTION: Statewide and City Council Races and General Plan, 782-2180  
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### SEPTEMBER

- 5 Labor Day - City Offices Closed
- 8 Drip Irrigation Workshop, TechShop, 782-3580
- 9 Pops Concert - Favorite American Past Times, Center for the Arts, 782-2680
- 12 City Council Meeting & Study Session, Council Chambers, 782-2180
- 13 Mayor's Listening Tour, Hartford Sylvia Encinas Elementary School, 782-4354
- 13 Edible Gardening Workshop, TechShop, 782-3580
- 15 City Council Meeting, Council Chambers, 782-2180
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- 16 Chandler Art Walk, Downtown Chandler, 855-3589

- 17 Rockin' Taco Street Fest, A.J. Chandler Park East (Downtown Stage), 855-3589
- 17, 24 Create Your Own Oasis Workshop, Environmental Education Center, 782-3580
- 20 Trivia Night at the Ostrich, The Ostrich, 782-2717
- 24 Dragonfly & Butterfly Bash, Environmental Education Center, 782-2890
- 24 A Focus on Understanding and Hope, Center for the Arts, 782-2680
- 25 Get The Led Out, The American Led Zeppelin, Center for the Arts, 782-2680

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

# Four from Corona found camaraderie during years together in med program

By Joyce Coronel

**F**our Corona del Sol graduates have spread their wings and are ready to take flight as physician assistants this month. The four will be among 90 students who graduate from the Physician Assistant program at Midwestern University in Glendale Aug. 25.

The 27-month post-graduate program is rigorous and the students are in the midst of completing their final nine rotations through core areas of medicine.

Tres Kwilosz, Jessica Dang and Laura Bohning graduated from Corona in 2009, while Danae Cook received her diploma in 2010.

All four students have one thing in common beyond their Aztec roots: job security.

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment of physician assistants is projected to grow 30 percent through 2024, much faster than the average for all occupations.

Median pay for a PA in 2015 was \$98,180 annually.

Physician assistants perform much of what a physician normally does, though with some restrictions.

Kwilosz, who majored in neuroscience and cognitive science at University of Arizona, said he decided in grade school that he wanted a career in health care because he wanted to help people.

"It's actually funny because I didn't like school and so I would pretend that I was sick," Kwilosz said.

"I would visit the school nurse a lot. I found my passion for helping others because of that."

Danae Cook majored in nutritional science at University of Arizona. As a child, she struggled with severe eczema and spent a lot of time at the dermatologist's office. Those experiences led her to seek a career in health care.

"I picked PA for the lifestyle—it's a great career option.

You get into practice soon," Cook said. So is she hoping to specialize in dermatology?

"I am kind of still making that decision but I think I'll be in acute care and rehabilitation for neurologic and orthopedic injuries," Cook said.

Jessica Dang majored in biochemistry at Arizona State University and will be focused on pediatrics.

"I've always liked working with kids, even when I was growing up. Then there was exposure in my rotation—any rotation where I've come across kids has been pretty great."

Both Dang and Cook recommended that students who are interested in a career as a PA engage in volunteer work and shadowing. Dang volunteered at Chandler Regional Hospital.

"I worked at the front desk for a while and then in the ER for a while, too," Dang said.

"I was able to shadow a physician once a week for four or five hours, and that was good for me to get more experience in the health field—seeing how an everyday office operates."

Cook, who took AP classes at Corona, was able to finish her undergraduate degree in three years and thus join three fellow Aztecs who are a year older at Midwestern.

"I shadowed a ton when I was at Corona," Cook said.

"Even though I wasn't getting anything as far as classes or getting paid, I gained a lot getting prepared and knowing what to expect and what I wanted to do."

She said her best advice for students who might want to pursue a career as a PA was to "study hard and write down goals—have goals in mind always. That's the way to get things done."

Kwilosz said he hasn't decided which area of medicine he'd like to focus on yet, though he is leaning toward emergency care.

The day Wrangler interviewed him, however, he'd been

offered a job in neurology.

Kwilosz said his first rotation was in emergency medicine at Banner Ironwood in Queen Creek.

"I really liked the pace. I liked the kind of patients that I saw, and I liked the variety. It kept me on my toes."

His years at Corona, he said, were a boost.

"The faculty over there pushed me in the right direction—they were always so positive about anything I was interested in. Everybody just kind of believed that I could do whatever I wanted to do," Kwilosz said.

Laura Bohning, who majored in investigative and medical sciences at St. Louis University in Missouri, said she always planned for a career in the medical field. During college, she considered going to medical school but after learning about the PA option, opted to go that route instead.

"I decided it was better for my lifestyle — more flexibility if I want to move around or change specialties. It was very attractive overall," Bohning said.

She spent a year after college working as a scribe in an emergency room and the experience has led her to choose urgent care as her specialty.

So what was it like having three fellow Corona grads as her classmates in PA school?

"I wasn't necessarily close with any of the other three people (during high school) but when we started classes we kind of all bonded over that fact.

Everyone thought it was cool that we went to the same high school," Bohning said.

And she offered a bit of advice to students who might be considering a future as a physician assistant but find the road ahead a bit daunting:

"Don't give up. Keep good grades and work hard and persevere and follow your dreams."

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July's Women in Business event looked at "How to make roadblocks into positive pathways" with inspiring keynote speaker, Barbara McAllister Whye.



The August 12th Public Policy Series featured Representative Bob Robson, Representative Jill Norgaard, and Senator Jeff Dial.

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Bill Montgomery talks about Maricopa County criminal trends, fraud and identify theft, collecting delinquent payments and much more.

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### Economic Update Luncheon

The event will feature speakers from the Gila River Indian Community, the Wild Horse Pass Development Authority and the Lone Butte Development in the area.

Wednesday, September 28  
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### Coffee with Chandler Mayor Jay Tibshraeny

Join Mayor Tibshraeny for a cup of joe from Peixoto's Coffee while the Mayor gives an update on business in Chandler and answers your questions.

Tuesday, October 18  
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Above: Northwestern Mutual celebrated their Chandler membership with a ribbon cutting event. Below Office Depot hosted Wake Up Chandler in August.



## Kyrene

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educational experience for their child. For problems that concern district policies or administration, I will work with the appropriate department to see if there is any way to address them and consult with Dr. Vesely as appropriate.”

Hirano believes that people mostly want to be heard or to find a resolution to their issue. She comes by her empathy naturally, as she is a parent of two former Kyrene students herself. Her children are now enrolled at Corona del Sol High School, but both kids attended Cielo Elementary and Aprende Middle School in Kyrene.

“If a parent is frustrated, I try to remember that their passion is motivated

by their concern for their child,” said Hirano.

Probably the most efficient way for people to contact her is by email at [rhirano@kyrene.org](mailto:rhirano@kyrene.org)

She can also be reached by telephone through the Kyrene District Office at 480-541-1000.

“Be sure to provide me with as much information about the situation as possible—caller’s name, student’s name and school, a phone number and brief explanation of the concern, what action has been taken, and with whom they’ve spoken, and what outcome they seek.

“That way I can either do some research before contacting them or at least know a little bit about the situation before returning their call.”

## Sunset library talk explores election nuances

*Will it be 'Stronger Together' or 'Make America Great Again'?*

As the presidential election looms large, West Chandler’s Sunset branch library will host “Electing the President: the Constitutional Process and History,” at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 24.

It’s all part of the Chandler public libraries’ program dubbed FRANK Talks, a series of public conversations on issues of local and national importance, led by humanities scholars and experts on the talk topic. The goal of the talks is to inspire people to practice the skill of citizenship and to listen respectfully and engage

thoughtfully with one another on important issues that affect the community. FRANK Talks are free for the public, and no registration is required.

Presidential elections generate a lot of heat, but don’t shed much light on the indirect layered-election process that the U.S. Constitution’s framers created.

Dr. T.J. Davis from the School of Historical, Philosophical and Religious Studies at Arizona State University will address how and why the U.S. presidential election process works the way it does.

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# Water

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That particular controversy continues unresolved. Reporting by National Public Radio and other nationwide media outlets has been partly responsible for water-supply upgrades in various cities, particularly in places like Flint, where residents are said finally to be regaining their confidence in what's flowing from their taps.

Here at home, David McNeil, who heads Tempe's Environmental Services Department, said that while Tempe measures its water treatment facilities for 90 or more potential contaminants—and is consistently in line with the federal requirement of no more than 15 parts of lead per billion gallons—a greater possibility of danger to the water supply lies elsewhere.

"Lead is not in the water that's delivered by our treatment facilities," said McNeil. "It typically comes from lead in the house and is a product of corrosiveness."

Additionally, Lori McCallum, who is water quality program manager for the city of Chandler, noted that lead is most frequently found in home plumbing and in soldered connections.

It may dissolve into the water, generally overnight or during other times when the water supply is not used for several hours.

According to Tempe's McNeil, while the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency requires cities to monitor both lead and copper content in the water that is delivered to homes, including any degradation

that may occur (in city-maintained pipelines) along the way, responsibility transfers to homeowners for the pipes on their private property.

Because Tempe is much newer than many other cities, where the lead-content problem seems to have been magnified in recent months, residents here seem to have less to worry about.

"Flint's water system is very old," McNeil noted. "It's one of the cities that was built during a period where lead-based water lines were the norm."

In Tempe, no lead-based water lines are known to exist, meaning that potential risks are of less concern, according to McNeil.

Another factor in some older cities, he said, is the differing quality of the infrastructure of those other cities' systems.

"Other parts of the country have water supplies with characteristics that are either passive or aggressive; corrosive or noncorrosive.

"Flint had characteristics that were highly corrosive, and that condition wasn't monitored as well as it could have been."

Tempe's water, conversely, is highly non-corrosive with high mineral content, which is why residents occasionally see what's described as "white spots" on dishes and plumbing fixtures.

Tempe's sampling is done first thing in the morning, when any lead content would be most likely to be detected. So far, McNeil said, testing has produced results that are well within EPA requirements.

So while McNeil says Tempe residents should not be overly concerned about municipally provided water coming into their homes, he adds that the city does offer several suggestions to minimize possible

fears, even though he insists the city's water system is unlikely to have content that could present health risks.

"If you're truly concerned, use cold water, not hot water, for consumption. When turning on the tap in the morning, let it run for 30 seconds to two minutes. And if you come home from vacation, just let the water run for a little bit before you consume it."

In Chandler, water services manager McCallum's responses to the same questions about Chandler's water supply mirrored those of McNeil, her Tempe counterpart.

McCallum says the most recently completed round of lead sampling in Chandler's water distribution system, which was performed on schedule in summer 2013, produced results well within the EPA's requirements, as was the case in Tempe.

Currently, McCallum noted, city crews are conducting a new round of lead studies and are about 60 percent finished with the required number of samples to meet the quota.

So far, she added, all samples analyzed have been below the federal action level for lead.

Said McCallum:

"Chandler continuously monitors the corrosivity of the drinking water, and we can assure our consumers that Chandler's water is not corrosive... and not likely to cause lead from the plumbing to dissolve.

"Lead solder was banned for use in plumbing systems by the EPA in 1986," she added.

*More information is available online at [www.epa.gov/dwreginfo/lead-and-copper-rule](http://www.epa.gov/dwreginfo/lead-and-copper-rule).*

## Water 101: An SRP primer on Valley's vital resource

Diving into the intricacies of Tempe's and Chandler's water supply wouldn't be complete without including the Valley's No. 1 purveyor of the golden elixir of our Valley's existence, Salt River Project.

Thus, those interested in learning more about how SRP serves its statewide constituency will find a virtual font of information at the Tempe-based utility's 10th annual all-day water educational forum on Monday, Oct. 24 at SRP's PERA Club.

*SRP 101-Water* is designed to provide municipal and other external customers with a better understanding of SRP's history, organization, water rights associated with shareholder and other lands, water operations, water management and planning, as well as other issues that affect SRP's water business.

The program is free of charge, and expected to run from 8 a.m. to about 3:30 p.m. A continental breakfast and lunch will be provided.

Information Richard Siegel, 602-236-2277, or [Richard.Siegel@srpnet.com](mailto:Richard.Siegel@srpnet.com).

## Culture

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The effort paid off. Baiz on Baseline isn't just reliably utilitarian; it's a pleasure to walk around and browse, and also to sit down for a meal.

Transparency is a big feature of the new store's design—it offers visitors a clear view of areas that are, in most stores, behind the scenes.

"We tried to have it so the customers can watch the process," says Soueidan.

"You can see how the pita is made. With the store downtown, the bakery is way in the back... Same with the rest, people can be watching how we make the shawarma, or how we soak the chickpeas overnight for the falafel."

Said shawarma and falafel are available not only at the deli counters but at an in-store restaurant, Al-Hana, along with a mouth-watering menu of kababs, sandwiches and salads, and breads and exotic, elaborate sweets at the bakery.

All of the deli and restaurant products, notes Soueidan, are *Halal*, that is, prepared in such a way as to be permissible for Muslims (roughly equivalent to Kosher in Judaism).

Asked if she has a favorite among the restaurants offerings, Soueidan is equivocal:

"I like the falafel...the shawarma..." Then she chuckles, "I like everything."

In addition to tables near the Al-Hana counter, there is a seating area upstairs, commanding a nice bird's-eye view of the groceries. What you'll see from up there is a mix of East and West.

Shelf upon shelf is stocked not only with standard groceries but with stuff you'd probably have a hard time finding anywhere else in the Valley.

On one side of an aisle you can find Cheerios and Lucky Charms; on the other, *Mamoul* and *Gata Nazook* (and reduced sugar *Gata Nazook!*).

What, exactly, are *Mamoul* and *Gata Nazook*? I'm not sure, but they definitely look delicious.

As to the philosophy behind stocking BAIZ, Soueidan, a native of Lebanon who came to the business after working in car sales and pharmacy, states

it simply: "It's all based on whatever we want, as customers."

*Baiz Market Place is at 1858 W. Baseline Road, Mesa, at the northeast corner of Baseline and Dobson. Call 480-718-9227 or go to [baizmarket.com](http://baizmarket.com) for details.*



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## Town hall advises parents how to drug-proof their kids

By Joyce Coronel

As a new school year gets underway, the Tempe Coalition wants parents to know there's plenty they can do to help keep



their kids safe and drug-free. And they're not just talking about it—they're offering concrete assistance:

A "Keep Your Kids Safe" town hall meeting will

be held at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 12 at Corona del Sol High School, 1001 E. Knox Road.

Dara Gibson, Tempe Coalition Coordinator, spoke to Wrangler News about how the organization seeks to educate and inform parents.

"We are a group of 25 community-minded individuals that work to keep our youth safe," Gibson said.

"Our goal is to reduce underage drinking and drug abuse."

The town hall meeting at Corona will feature several presenters, including Stephanie Siete, director of community education for Community Bridges Inc., a behavioral health provider. Siete will address the use of drugs and alcohol by youth and how risky behaviors can affect brain development.

Gibson hammered home the point. "We try to work to educate parents about the current trends and the harm that drugs do to developing brains—the brain is still developing and will be until they're 25 years old."

Representatives from Drug Free Kids AZ, The Pathway Program, the Arizona Liquor Control Board and other organizations will also be on hand to answer questions.

Catherine Anaya, a local media personality and former TV news anchor, will moderate the event.

Topics such as recognizing the signs or symptoms of abuse, how to safeguard the home and where to drop off unused prescription drugs

will also be examined. The drug-drop-off information is crucial: 80 percent of heroin users report that they started out by using prescription pain relievers.

Another focus of the Tempe Coalition and the town hall meeting is to help parents develop guidelines for teens' social media use, a potential minefield.

Katey McPherson, executive director of Gurian Institute, will explain how to manage kids' social media and how to minimize their risk. Dr. Norman Saba, a pediatrician, will lend his expertise on peer pressure and mental health as it pertains to social media use.

According to the Megan Meir Foundation, named for a 13-year-old girl who committed suicide in 2006, 43 percent of students report experiencing cyber bullying during their lifetime and some 22 million students in grades 9-12 experienced cyber bullying in 2011.

According to her parents, she was a victim of cyber bullying through the social media website MySpace.

Bullying isn't the only social media pitfall, however. The town hall will address the apps teens use to hide

other apps, sexting, and what to do if a child is attracting the attention of a predator.

"What we hope for parents to gain is for them to understand that social media does influence kids, that drugs and alcohol can influence their grades, their future and have long-term consequences," Gibson said. "A lot of our messaging is around what we call positive community norms."

Rather than shaming and blaming, in other words, the coalition tells parents that 40 percent of kids who don't use drugs say their reason is that they wouldn't want to disappoint their parents.

"We tell parents, 'Keep talking to your kids,'" Gibson said. "We try to reinforce what they're doing positive so they know that they are taking steps to influence their children's lives."

Tempe Coalition works in partnership with the city of Tempe and the Tempe Community Council and is funded by a grant from the Drug Free Communities Support Program. To learn more about Tempe Coalition's substance abuse initiatives, visit [tempecoalition.org](http://tempecoalition.org) or email [Dara\\_Gibson@tempe.gov](mailto:Dara_Gibson@tempe.gov).

## Prestigious honor goes to Ellis

A longtime member of Tempe's leadership elite, Shana Ellis, has been named the 33rd recipient of Tempe Community Council's Don Carlos Humanitarian Award.

A former Tempe councilmember and current CEO/president of The Centers for Habilitation, Ellis will be among community awardees recognized at a ceremony and dinner Sept. 28 at the PERA Club in Tempe.

Presented in partnership with SRP, the award honors individuals who have given outstanding service to Tempe, benefitting the less fortunate in lasting ways and making Tempe a better place to live.



The award is named after Tempe's founder, Charles Trumbull Hayden, known affectionately by Spanish-speaking pioneers as Don Carlos.

"For 33 years, TCC has had the privilege of calling attention to the great works of people like Shana Ellis who serve tirelessly and gracefully to make our community better, stronger and healthier," said TCC Board President Kim Naig.

"She has been a tenacious advocate, providing a powerful voice and countless volunteer hours to address many of our city's human service needs," said Naig.

Among past honorees are former Tempe Mayor Neil G. Giuliano; former Arizona Representative Harry E. Mitchell; civic activist Pat Hatton; former Tempe Mayor Rudy Campbell; former vice mayor Don Cassano and his wife Bobbie Cassano; and Leonard Monti Sr.

In addition to Ellis, TCC will honor other outstanding citizens and community organizations at the Sept. 28 ceremony:

**East Valley Women's League:** *Guiding Light Lifetime Achievement in Philanthropy;*

**Edward Baker:** *Spirit of Tempe Karma Volunteer Award;* and

**Carter Tyler Lindsay:** *Young Humanitarian Scholar Award and Scholarship.*

The event, which is open to the public, is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 28. Tickets and sponsorships can be purchased online at [www.tempecommunitycouncil.org/don-carlos](http://www.tempecommunitycouncil.org/don-carlos) or by calling 480-858-2300 by Sept. 21.

## Veterinarians teach care, first aid for furry friends

Registration is underway for adult and children's classes offered at University Animal Hospital under auspices of the Tempe Parks and Recreation Department.

Classes available during the coming season include:

**Claws and Paws:** A one-session class offering

first-hand experience with various pet animals. Included will be a simple art project, a story, music and a tour of the animal hospital and kennels. Parents are welcome. For ages 4-6 years. Oct. 19, 6-7:30 p.m. Fee: \$15.

**Dogs, dogs and more dogs:** Class is designed to help children care for their dog friend. Feeding, grooming, bathing, exercising and being safe around dogs will be covered.

There will be games, fun "talk about handouts," videos and even a dog to interact with. A tour of the hospital and boarding facility is included. Parents are welcome. Sept. 12 and 14, 6:30-8 p.m. Fee: \$25.



**Save-A-Pet:** Taught by the veterinarians at University Animal Hospital, class covers such areas as first aid, injuries, poisoning, household and environmental hazards and CPR. Tips on pet care and general health are also included as well as hands on CPR with the Resusci-dog (a canine version of the human ResusciAnnie).

There will be a question-and-answer segment as well as a tour of the hospital and boarding facility. PowerPoint presentation and an informative booklet are also included. For ages 15 to adult. Oct. 25, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Fee: \$15.

Registration can be made online at [www.tempe.gov/city-hall/community-services/classes-leagues](http://www.tempe.gov/city-hall/community-services/classes-leagues) (scroll down to

"On line Registration" and type in barcode. Then hit "register for classes"); in person at Recreation Offices, 3500 S. Rural Road; or by phone with credit card at University Animal Hospital, 480-968-9275. Ask for Eva.

## Aug. 23 'Welcome Walk' planned by ASU, Tempe

There seems to be very little disagreement: Tempe can be an exciting and safe place to visit, live and get an education, due in part to a longstanding collaboration between Arizona State University and the city of Tempe.

Each fall and spring, Tempe plays host to an influx of young people beginning or resuming their experience at ASU, primed by the weather, special events, a welcoming downtown and an active Tempe Town Lake.

Just prior to the start of classes at ASU, two events will focus on the responsibilities of individuals to their neighborhoods and to each other, promoting positive community relations through an environment that supports student success, neighborhood appreciation and safety.

ASU-Tempe Community Welcome Walk events will take place 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 23 at locations near the campus.

With ASU and Tempe officials emphasizing that their top priority is the safety of everyone in the community, they note that collaboration and special attention to areas like public safety and transit are vital.

Representatives from the city of Tempe, Tempe Police Department, Tempe Fire Medical Rescue, ASU and ASU Police will knock on doors and visit with residents to talk about safety and how neighbors can support each other. Information about community resources and ASU contact information will be provided, in addition to a small gift for each household.

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Success may have taken this operatic singer away from home but not out of his heart

**R**ichard Ollarsaba has packed a lot of music, and a lot of mileage, into the 11 years since he graduated from Corona del Sol High School.

A graduate of the Cleveland Institute of Music with a Masters of Music and a post-graduate certificate from the University of North Carolina School of the Arts, Ollarsaba has taken his operatic baritone-bass all over the country, with gigs ranging from Minnesota Opera to Lyric Opera of Chicago.

“Currently I’m a recent grad of The Lyric Opera of Chicago, from the Ryan Opera Center Ensemble, their young artists program,” says Ollarsaba.

“It’s like a residency.” He’s soon to head back to the Windy City, where he’s under contract at the Lyric Opera as an understudy.

From Chicago he headed west, to the Intermountain Opera in Bozeman, Montana.

“In May, I did the title role in [Mozart’s] *Don Giovanni*.” Still more recently, this past July and August, “I was a Filene Young Artist at Wolf Trap Opera in Vienna.”

Vienna, Virginia, that is, not far from Washington D.C.

“All the productions at Wolf Trap are done by these young artists,” he explains. “It really gives us a chance to put our abilities to the test.”

In his time at Wolf Trap he performed a major role in a modern-dress production of *l’Opera Seria*, Florian Gassman’s rarely-performed 1769 comedy set behind the scenes in the world of opera.

“It’s only been performed a handful of times in Europe,” says Ollarsaba.

“This was really considered an American premiere.”

None of these represent the singer’s favorite role, however. “I would say to date my favorite role I’ve ever gotten to perform is that of Revered Hale in *The Crucible*,” Robert Ward’s operatic adaptation of Arthur Miller’s play.

Ollarsaba sang the part while in grad school, in a production by Piedmont Opera in North Carolina.

And as for a role to which he aspires? More Mozart, please: “Since *Don Giovanni* is something I have under my belt, I guess I’d say Figaro in *The Marriage of Figaro*.”

Most recently, Ollarsaba was able to take a non-opera related journey.

“After I finished up at Wolf Trap,” he says, “I took road trip from Vienna to Arizona to visit my family. It had been a year and a half since I had been in Arizona, much less in the Kyrene Corridor.

I try to get home as often as I can, at least until something becomes available at Arizona Opera. I’ve only given a small recital in Arizona, so I’d like to perform in my home state.”



Richard Ollarsaba in Tulsa Opera's performance of Bizet's 'Carmen'

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Streep reaches a high note in comedic '40s docu-singoff

**Florence Foster Jenkins**—The title character was a much-loved patron of the New York classical music scene who loved to sing.

She was a nice lady, and a rich lady, and thus nobody had the heart, or the nerve, to tell her that she sounded like an angry monkey defending its tree branch.

Besides, the carefully cherry-picked audiences for her recitals found her performances funny.

In the early '40s she cut some records which actually received some radio airplay, and in 1944 finally gave a performance at Carnegie Hall—which, alas, legitimate music critics were able to attend.

This interesting little story from Manhattan’s high-culture scene certainly seems irresistible as movie material (there have already been several stage versions of it). But it also had the potential to make a really ugly movie.

Many of us who love music and have no talent still indulge the fantasy of performing, and it could have been agonizingly embarrassing to see the consequences of someone living that fantasy out, especially in front of a smirking audience of musical heavy-hitters.

Happily, *Florence Foster Jenkins* was helmed by the masterly, old-school Stephen Frears, working from a script by Nicholas Martin. Three years ago Frears brought a gentle comic energy to *Philomena*, which could have been a drag for very different, more serious reasons, but instead was a delight.

With *Florence Foster Jenkins* his touch is more broad, even farcical, but the movie has the same generous-hearted tone and emotional maturity, not to mention a lush period atmosphere.

Of course, Frears would have been helpless without Meryl Streep, bringing Florence something of the same dotty lovability that she gave to Julia Child in *Julie & Julia*.

Simon Helberg, as Florence’s accompanist Cosme McMoon, turns his lines into a master class in effete dithering. And as St. Clair Bayfield, the failed Shakespearean and Broadway veteran who became Florence’s manager and common-law husband, Hugh Grant has rarely been better—suavely sheepish and witty in his tireless efforts to keep her reality pleasant, and deluded in his belief that he’s always successful.

**Anthropoid**—This historical thriller, which dramatizes the plot to assassinate Nazi leader Reinhard Heydrich in Prague in 1942, keeps us tense with murmured conversations in back rooms and furtive romance between bursts of violence.

We badly want Czech partisans Cillian Murphy and Jamie Dornan to succeed in killing “The Butcher of Prague”—an SS bigwig and Chairman of the Wannsee Conference—even though we know that if they do, the reprisals will be horrible, and director Sean Ellis, who co-scripted with Anthony Frewin, uses this ambiguity to give *Anthropoid* a brooding mix of tragedy and exhilaration.

As written, the characterizations aren’t deep (appropriately) but the actors—the cast includes Toby Jones, Charlotte Le Bon and Anna Geislerova—bring soul to their parts. Squeamish viewers should be forewarned: *Anthropoid* is gripping, but it’s also Jacobean.

There are hard-to-watch scenes of torture, and the movie’s sacrificial lambs can be spotted a mile away.

*Florence Foster Jenkins* is rated PG-13 and plays at Tempe Marketplace, Chandler Fashion 20, Arizona Mills and other multiplexes Valleywide. *Anthropoid* is rated R and plays at Arizona Mills.



## Private Retreat in South Tempe



Old world charm abounds in this one-of-a kind property made for entertaining! Soothing fountains, outdoor pizza oven, sunsets from the roof-top deck and the blue lagoon pool are just the beginning of the indoor/outdoor living this tastefully designed home offers. This peaceful retreat is located in a popular South Tempe equestrian community with horse stalls, riding arena, community pool, tennis courts. Every room in the home is rich in detail and quality finishes. 4 bd/3ba +office, RV parking. \$799,000

## Custom Home, Gated Community

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



## Warner Ranch Beauty



Freshly Painted and New Carpet installed this cutie, is move in ready! Courtyard Entry, Dramatic Vaulted Ceilings, 3 Bedrooms, 3 Baths, Spacious Eat In Kitchen with Stainless Appliances & Granite Countertops, Tons of Cabinets, Custom Light Fixtures, Plantation Shutters, Neutral Tile Flooring, Fireplace, Updated Master Shower, Low Maintenance Back Yard, Beautiful home in High Demand Warner Ranch. Community Pool & Spa

## Gorgeous Tempe Neighborhood

Stunning home situated on a sprawling lot in the heart of Tempe! Bright & open floor plan features wood flooring, new carpet, vaulted ceilings, & skylights. Upgraded kitchen, white glazed cabinets & granite counter tops. Master has access to private office/home gym with exterior entrance and private bath which can be converted to 5th bedroom/studio apartment. Pool & mature fruit trees. 3 air-conditioned storage areas including a basement with root cellar, perfect for wine/food storage.



## Buena Vista Ranchos



Charming home on over a 1/2 acre lot. Four Bedrooms 3 Baths, Formal Living, Dining, Family Room w/ Huge Game Room, Island Kitchen with new Quartz Countertops, Stainless Appliances, Wet Bar, Two Fireplaces, Huge Master Suite with Remodeled Master Bath, Newly Re-Done Pebble tec Pool, Vegetable Garden, Chicken Coop, Children's Playhouse, Workshop, Located on Corner lot across from the park. Don't miss this one! MLS #5456462

## Rare Find!

Nearly 1.5 acres in highly desirable South Tempe neighborhood!! Single level, 3 bed, 2 bath home with rock fireplace and galley kitchen. Shed/barn in back with stalls for horses. This is country living in the city! This is perfect for any animal lover, a home based business, or a fabulous new custom home! The possibilities are endless!!



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