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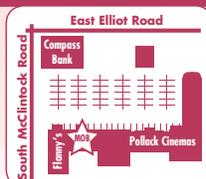
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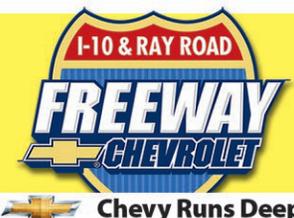
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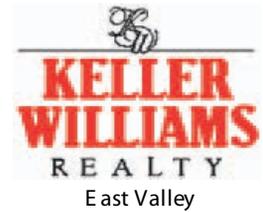


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New data-gathering system heralded as advance in war against terrorism

But some say **'cyber-cop'** technology could raise privacy questions

New skills developed in west Chandler may win worldwide acclaim for preventing acts of crime and terrorism. But if the technology generates privacy concerns, it very well could end up on the radar of civil libertarians.

Cummings Engineering, a startup housed in the city's Innovation Incubator west of the Price/101 Freeway, has announced receipt of a patent for its so-called Grass Roots Intelligence Program, known by the acronym GRIP.

Chief Executive Officer Darren Cummings said the patent involves the method by which his company's technology can sort and assess the credibility of disparate data tips that might otherwise seem unrelated or inconsequential, and then create "actionable intelligence" for crime prevention at local, state and federal levels.

"It will serve as a cyber-cop, if you will," said Cummings.

As to any possible downside, observers say privacy advocates could view the system as an intrusion into the lives of people whose activities can be recorded by potentially millions of digital eyes that could forward the data indiscriminately to a massive, centralized source for analysis.

Cummings told Chandler public-information officer Jane Poston that the technology was developed as part of an effort to improve the nation's ability to minimize the likelihood of future attacks on U.S. targets.

With the new technology, Cummings said, residents can play a role in protecting their neighborhoods by providing a simple means to report activity through a free app on cell phones and other mobile devices.

Such resident reports can be filtered through the GRIP system and analyzed against other information in that same database, using artificial intelligence to determine relationships, and takes action that it considers appropriate based on its findings, Cummings told Poston.

Incoming data is constantly analyzed, predicting threats and transforming the findings into actionable intelligence, according to Cummings.

"Often those in the best position to report potential crime and even terrorist activity are individual civilians who

might notice suspicious activity during their daily routine," said Cummings.

"Unfortunately, right now people are limited to calling 911," he said.

"GRIP serves as a highly intelligent 'cyber-detective' system that leverages state-of-the-art information technology and innovation and is a perfect fit with next-generation 911 ambitions."

The technology will be widely available as a software application for today's popular smartphones such as Android-, iPhone- and Blackberry-enabled devices, Cummings said.

"Commercial smartphones are ubiquitous and their capabilities are constantly expanding," he said.

"This technology will serve as a force multiplier for our budget-strapped law enforcement communities. Bringing it to fruition will be expedited by leveraging our existing technology."

Some, however, have suggested that more needs to be known about the system.

John Burger, a retired Kyrene Corridor attorney and West Point graduate who follows privacy issues, says questions may arise, depending on how the GRIP system works, about what data it collects or retains and what protocols are built into its "artificial intelligence."

"People tend to be wary of blanket, indiscriminate data collection not related to any specific threat or crime," said Burger, at the same time noting that threat-assessment laws and methodology have changed since 9/11.

"In the wake of those attacks, federal legislation was passed giving the government wider powers to track and investigate suspicious activity so that crime prevention would be easier."

A number of cases related to that legislation are just now making it to the appellate courts for opinions, Burger said.

But, added Burger:

"How that information is used, kept, disseminated and disposed of is the question. Preventing terrorist attacks or crimes may be accomplished; using the system to obtain a criminal conviction in court could be much harder."

In a telephone interview with

At Kyrene del Cielo Elementary School Keeping kids healthy means keeping kids **ACTIVE**



Story by Clayton Klapper

Photos by Mark Crudup

Keeping kids active and engaged in physical challenges at a young age is vital to their development. Gavin Martin, program supervisor for the Kyrene School District, knows this. He has been working to get kids more involved while making sure to maintain safety.

Martin is working with Kyrene del Cielo Elementary School in west Chandler to implement a new program to get children active. The program was used last year at Kyrene de los Niños Elementary and is dedicated to keeping kids safe while offering opportunities for them to participate.

"Instead of the kids going out for just free play, this provides them the chance to participate in activities coordinated by a staff member designed to prevent behavior issues and conflicts that keep kids from having fun," Martin said.

The issues he is talking about are bullying, unfair play and injuries. Most parents are concerned about their child participating in athletics at school because of these reasons, Martin said, and now parents at Cielo can breathe a sigh of relief.

Planning for the program started two years ago when then-Principal Mike Deignan approached the district about activities that the

children could participate in that were more than just free play.

Current Principal Tina Nicks has continued the work at Cielo, and the program hasn't lost momentum. Martin was put in charge and used his experience at Waggoner Elementary monitoring a lunchtime sports program to start over, first at Niños and now Cielo.

He brought in staff from Kyrene Kids Club to help run the program. Their duties include setting up eight to 10 stations for the kids, including hula hoops, jump ropes and tetherball.

"One staff member stays in the station area to supervise and engage with those children. Another staff member provides an active game for the kids to participate in, like tag, kickball or football. Whatever it may be, they provide staff-led games to keep the kids entertained."

The new program is set up for kindergarten through fifth-grade children, while another is in place to offer fourth and fifth graders the opportunity to play more organized sports.

For the most part, the kids set everything up, picking captains and teams, as well as deciding what sports they play. They compete against each other's classes, and the teachers are there only to observe and step in if needed.

"We help the children learn how to be active and healthy while having fun. The lunchtime-sports staff members are also there to help children with conflict resolution, if necessary. The staff is able to guide the children to solve problems with one another during lunch recess. This helps the teacher by providing more learning time in the classroom instead of resolving the issues that occur on the playground," Martin said.

With America's schools being hit with budget cuts, many of which affect athletics in a negative way, it is promising to see that plans like Cielo's lunch activities are still being implemented, say observers of the initiative.

The objective in the long run is to have the program spread across the school district—a realistic goal once parents and the community get word of how affordable and helpful it can be.

Letting the kids experience recess and free time is vital, but another important aspect is getting kids outside and active at a young age, planners say.

In an era where diabetes and obesity are prevalent, teaching kids to be active and outgoing is more important than ever, according to experts. Understanding the importance of an active lifestyle starts early, and the people that children look up to most are parents and teachers.

Seeing Cielo Elementary take a step in the right direction is a promising beginning in an effort to set a trend for the rest of the schools around the Kyrene district.

Reflecting on 50 years . . . a history of 'people who care' Chandler Regional celebrates its past with a view to the future

By Alison Stanton

On July 17, 1961, Chandler Community Hospital opened for business. The facility had just 25 employees and 91 volunteers.

Fifty years later, the hospital—now called Chandler Regional Medical Center—has grown in both size and staff, with more than 2,000 employees, 800-plus doctors and more than 300 volunteers, all working in a 225-bed facility.

Although the hospital has changed physically over the years, its core values are exactly what they were half a century ago, according to Patty White, president and chief executive officer.

"Our goal was to provide a hospital for local residents that they could go to when they were sick," White said. "We wanted to be known as the hospital for the community of Chandler."

"We still have that level of commitment of caring for the community, the commitment to our staff, and the commitment to our patients."

What has changed the most over time, White said, is the technology that doctors and nurses now use to treat the many patients who come to the hospital every day.

"When they are at a patient's bedside, everything—from the equipment to the medications to the sophistication of diagnostic testing—is night and day from where it was 50 years ago," she said.

"Another difference is that there has been an increase in the focus on patient safety. Fifty years ago that was still important, but now we have more measures and processes in place than even 10 to 15 years ago. Chandler Regional excels in all quality metrics and setting up safe practices."

Although White said it is mind boggling to consider what the next 50 years may bring in terms of technology, especially when she thinks about how far medical science has come since Chandler Regional opened its doors, she is confident that more and more strides will be made in areas like genetic testing and specialized therapies.

As for the hospital building itself, it is easier for White to visualize the way it will change in just the next few years: plans are already in place to build a new patient tower that will house 100 more beds.

"We really need to grow to continue to provide quality healthcare to the community," she said, adding that the new tower should be finished in 2014.

No matter what technological advancements come about in the next 50 years, or how the building and staff may grow in size, White is confident that at its heart the hospital will be just as it was back in the summer of 1961—a place where Chandler residents know they can go to get high quality health care from people who care.

"The culture is strong here; that is consistent,"

White said.

"We are still as loyal and committed to the organization as we were 50 years ago."

\$9.9 million cath lab expansion due to open

Chandler Regional Medical Center will serve its first patients in the newly completed \$9.9 million expansion of its cardiac catheterization laboratory on Tuesday, Sept. 6.

"We started with a blank piece of paper; we didn't have any existing building," said William Orłowski, director of the hospital's cardiovascular service line. "There will never be a piece of equipment that cannot fit in that room."

As part of the Heart and Vascular Center's invasive-cardiology program, expanded lab positions Chandler Regional to meet the growing need for cardiac services in the community, said Orłowski.

Since its inception in 2001, the lab has grown exponentially—from treating 147 patients in the first year to nearly 4,000 in 2010.

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Lab

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angioplasties to alleviate coronary blockages; another 300 were identified as requiring open heart surgery.

"Heart disease is the leading cause of death in the United States, killing a half million people each year," said Patty White, president and CEO of Chandler Regional.

"Cardiology is one of our key services lines, and we're addressing the community's critical need for additional capacity in this area."

The expanded lab is housed in a two-story addition on the southwest corner of the hospital, contiguous with the existing lab. It includes two new catheterization labs, an additional private-bed pre- and post- holding unit, an enhanced central monitoring station and other ancillary support infrastructure.

Nine private rooms provide overnight stays for cardiac patients, and medical staff can monitor all rooms at the same time via a computer network, Orlowski said.

"With these new rooms, we do the pre-, the post- and you can also stay longer," he said.

"The beauty of that is, the nurses that care for you here overnight are (cardiac catheter trained); their only job is cath."

Such care outside the main hospital is an important advancement, Orlowski said.

There are obviously a lot of sick people at hospitals, he noted, and naturally it's better to keep healthier patients out of traditional hospital beds.

"Why take a bed at a hospital for someone else who is really sick and needs it," he said. "The hospitals really put their money into the education and patient satisfaction, and quality of the procedure and care; we're doing that with the creation of the shortstay units."

And with the shortstay rooms, there are no designated visiting hours, allowing family members to visit at any time, Orlowski said.

"It's all private families, and they are worried," he said. "We try to remind ourselves to be a caring facility, where we want to incorporate family into the wellness of the patient, so we allow those family members to come in."

Orlowski added that the expansion also directly impacts the city's economy.

"The construction phase created 80 jobs while the expanded lab now adds 14 highly technical jobs."



William Orlowski, director of Chandler Regional Medical Center's cardiovascular services, says expansion will address a critical need for additional cardio-patient capacity.

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A message to our readers

Although his identity is now widely known, Wrangler News has elected not to publish the name of the 13-year-old who took his life in a park recently near Aprende Middle School.

The parents made their son's name available shortly after the tragedy occurred, and it has appeared widely in media coverage since then.

Our decision, therefore, is based not on the specifics of this particular case but on what we recognize may be an outmoded view of the media's responsibilities—or, more to the point, our responsibilities.

For as far back as we can remember, the names of suicide victims went unpublished unless the individual was a public figure. In one Southern California city I covered as a young reporter, the city manager's two sons came home from school to find their father dead in the garage, and understandably it made headlines.

As for those with lesser public identities, the no-name policy generally was shared by news media around the country. It seemed to respect the privacy of families dealing with their moment of heartbreak without the added glare of media-generated attention.

Somehow the humanity of that seemed right to me, and it has been a policy I've stuck with for many years now.

That's why, in an accompanying article that outlines the Kyrene School District's efforts to deal with what appears to be a significant—and alarming—increase in teen suicides nationwide, the name of the local boy is not mentioned.

It's a small matter, but one that we think represents a more civilized response to the sadness parents must face at such an awful time in their lives.

Final note: We hope you'll take time to review the suggestions that have been provided by the Kyrene district's psychologists, and that you'll share them with parents you know who have teenagers at home.

If just one young life is saved as a result, it will have been worth the effort.

— Don Kirkland

Death of a child especially traumatic The warning signs of suicide

By Mark Crudup

For relatives, friends and others close by, there's nothing more devastating than the death of a child. The pain and frustration seem to worsen when death results from a suicide, particularly when the young victim could have lived a fulfilling, talented life.

Tim Kigin, supervising psychologist for the Kyrene School District, said the rare occurrence of an elementary-school student suicide is always a shocking, traumatic incident that affects family, friends, students and staff.

There are, however, prevention strategies that can help save a life.

"As parents and teachers, we always want to be aware of changes in behavior or appearance," Kigin said. "Anything from changes in sleeping habits, eating habits or if they are isolating themselves more—those can all point to depression and other issues."

For kids at young ages, communication is vital between parents, teachers and peers, Kigin said. Having comfort in discussing personal issues is a significant step toward helping elementary students

lead healthy lives and cope with depression or other self-destructive methods.

"Don't be afraid to talk to your kids," Kigin said.

"If you notice some of those changes in your kids, please don't be afraid to talk to them."

Kigin said Kyrene has psychologists on staff trained to help students deal with issues and seek professional help when it's needed.

"The outcome of any situation could be anything," he said. "It could be a joke, but we always contact a parent," he said.

"If we have any concerns at all that there are suicidal ideations going on, staff monitors the student closely."

Students' peers are often more aware of their friends' problems, and Kigin said kids who have concerns about a friend should contact a school official immediately.

"We more often hear from peers, and what we do is follow through immediately. That would include conversation with the school psychologist,

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Suicide

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an administrator and the student," Kigin said.

If a child is experiencing suicidal thoughts, whether in connection with bullying at school, home problems or other psychological issues, contacting a professional therapist or psychiatrist should always be of the utmost priority.

"The key is not being afraid to consult with a professional or a school staff member or psychologist," Kigin said. "Don't wait until something tragic happens, or until you see changes taking place."

As far as the spot chosen for a suicide is concerned, each incident is a separate case, and it's hard to tell what a person's reasons might have been.

"Each person has their own motivation to commit the act, anything from wanting to make a statement or this is just the place that's isolated enough," he said. "It would be unwise to make a general statement about what it means."

For help in dealing with the grieving process involving a family member's or friend's death, help is available at www.naspoline.org/resources/principals/nasp_griefparents.pdf.

For tips on talking to kids about suicide, visit www.ndsu.edu/pubs/yf/famsci/fs637w.htm. A "Teen Lifeline" offering 24-hour crisis support is also open to teenagers at 602-248-8336.

And counselors and school psychologists are available at school if you or your children need additional assistance.

Award recognizes pursuit of music

On March 23, 2007, Mckell Keeney got a phone call from a mother that changed her life. Her nephew, Damon Russell Fawcett, had died unexpectedly.

"It just broke my heart," Keeney recalls. Damon had lived with the Keeney family and graduated from Corona del Sol High School in 1994, heading off to ASU after graduation.

Keeney and her husband Dave followed Damon's progress during his enlistment with the Marines' Special Forces and later when he was accepted into medical school at the University of California, Davis.

"He died too young, that's all there is to it," says Keeney. Her whole family was devastated, she says.

Christie Rainey, Damon's mother, remembered how he had loved music, how singing and dancing had always enriched his life.

"Music is a healer," she'd say. So Keeney, a longtime south Tempe resident, decided that she wanted to do something to honor Damon's memory and support the music and arts that Damon loved.

She reached out to her extended family and the Arts Council for Youth to create the Damon Russell Fawcett Memorial Music Scholarship. It is an annual award of \$1,000 for a Tempe Union High School District graduate who plans to study music or a music-related field.

Since that difficult time, the Damon Russell Fawcett Memorial Scholarship and the Arts Council for Youth have made financial awards to Alyssa Ethington and Emily Freed from Corona, as well as John Paschal and Andrew Sykes from McClintock (there was no award in 2008).

Only a month before she heard the news of Fawcett's death, Keeney had started taking steps to create a local Arts Council for Youth.

"At first, I was just trying to support area-wide music and arts programs. It seems like schools were always losing funding and support, and I wanted to help out. I never suspected it would become so important to me and to my whole family."

With the help of the Tempe Education Foundation, the Arts Council for Youth became an official 501c3 organization on Sept. 21, 2009.

Since then, the Board of Directors has grown to include Eduarda Schroder, Mitzi Epstein, Jennifer Doering, Moses Sanchez (currently serving in Afghanistan), Joy Fogarty of the Kyrene district and Derek Hoffland of the Tempe Union High School District.

"But we can always use more volunteers," Keeney said.

"If we want our school art and music programs to survive, parents have to get involved. Research shows that students who embrace art or school band or orchestra are more eager to go to school and, in fact, have better outcomes."

In the new school year, Arts Council is a partner with Kyrene de los Niños for its 21st Century grant and will return its annual Arts Jam (free arts and music festival) to the area.

The council also co-sponsors another scholarship, the Georgia Stewart Grant for teachers, as well as continuing to develop new programs.

"Damon was going to be a doctor, not a musician. But he always loved music and said it helped him through the toughest times of his life. If we can bring a little more music and art to the world, well, I think it's a legacy he'd be proud of."

Information: www.artsjam.org.

— Contributed by Jennifer Doering



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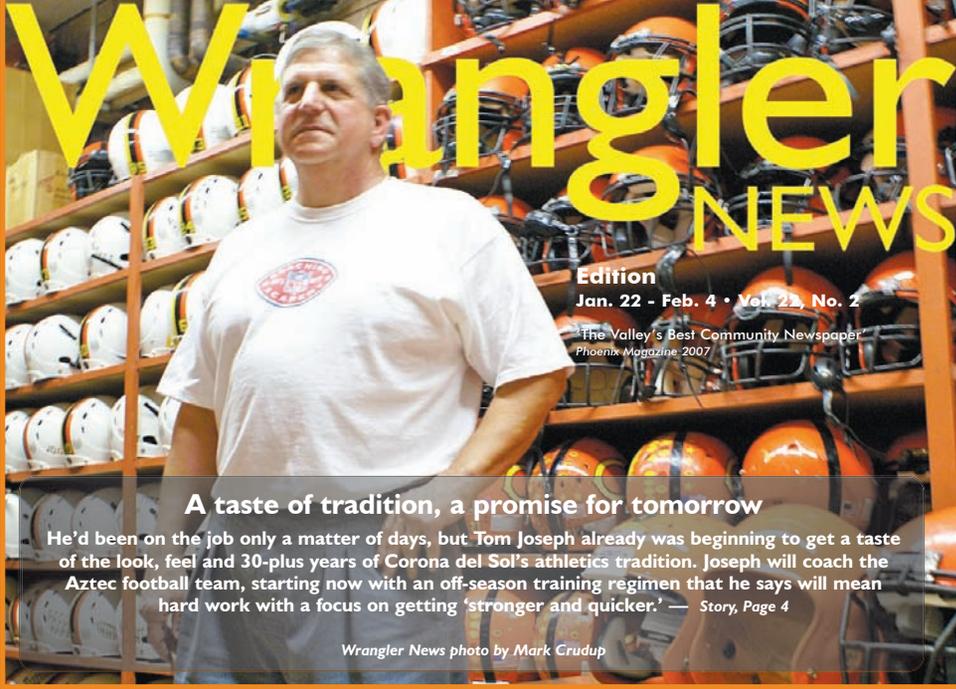



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A taste of tradition, a promise for tomorrow

He'd been on the job only a matter of days, but Tom Joseph already was beginning to get a taste of the look, feel and 30-plus years of Corona del Sol's athletics tradition. Joseph will coach the Aztec football team, starting now with an off-season training regimen that he says will mean hard work with a focus on getting "stronger and quicker." — Story, Page 4

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Changes in library habits giving planners a new vision

Story and photo by Mark Crudup

Even with Kindles and other electronic gadgetry becoming the medium of literature, libraries still remain a huge asset to the community and residents, whether for education, research or meetings.

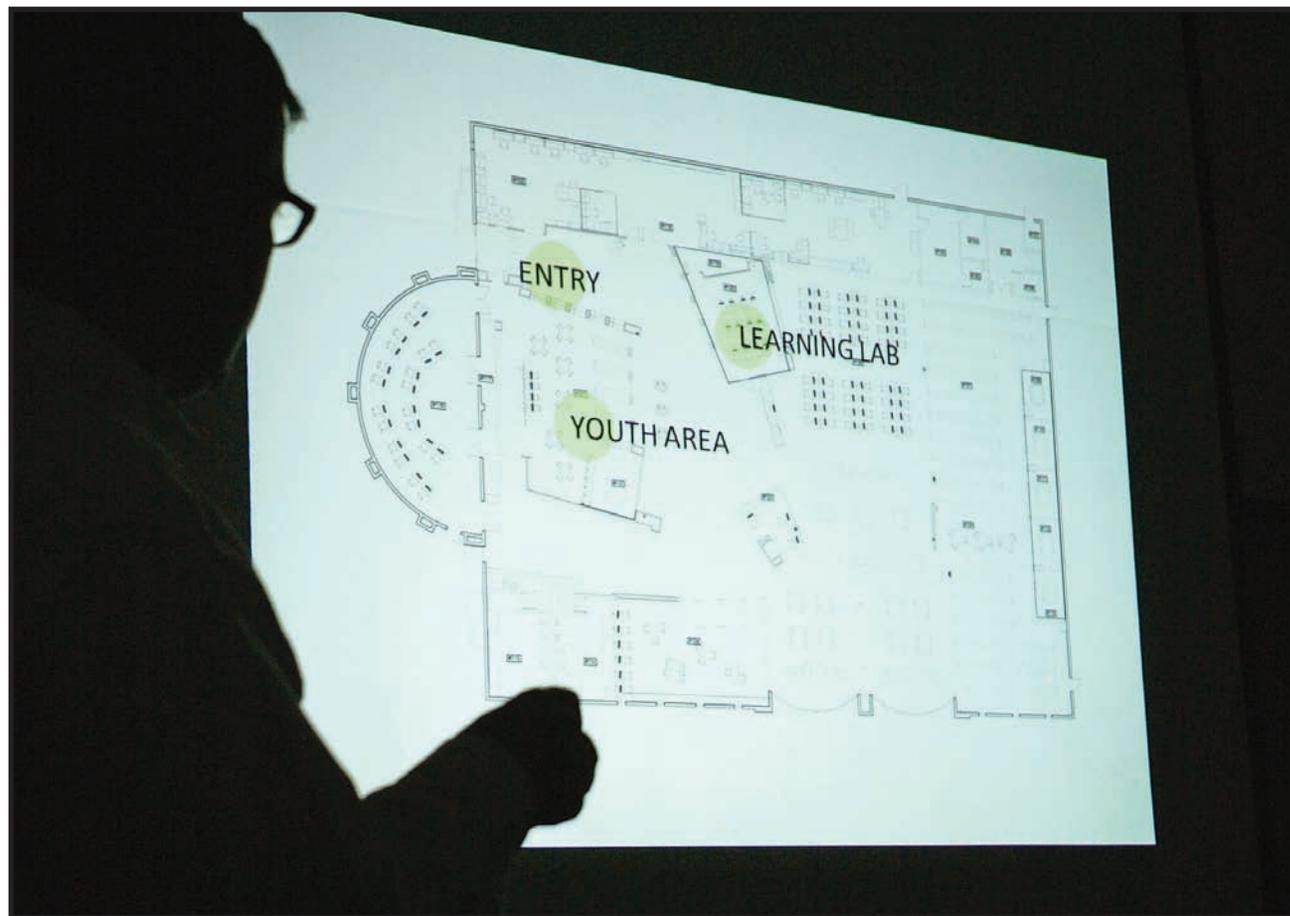
Chandler Sunset Library is keeping up with the times as it heads toward a new look with renovated equipment, tables, a new service desk and carpeting – not to mention an early learning center and a dedicated space for teens.

The library, located just east of Rural Road on Ray Road, will undergo interior renovations in December, closing it for approximately two weeks. At a public session earlier this month, library representatives and lead designers answered residents' questions about the project.

The construction will focus on improved, designated sections for computer labs, enclosed areas for study and a youth area with a more open workspace, said Tom Durkin, of Durkin and Durkin Architects.

"We've been planning on how we can finalize the lessons we've learned in the past 10 years, as well as understanding the building's potentials and limitations," he said.

Durkin said libraries have evolved throughout the years into public centers that bring residents together for group business meetings.



Interior architectural changes at Chandler's Sunset branch library near Ray and McClintock will add a number of new, user-friendly features to the facility, according to planners.

— LIBRARY, Page 31

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‘Hoodwinked Too!’ redux ready for girls (and boys, too)



The voice cast was good and the film certainly had its moments, but on the whole it felt second-tier.

Due in part to its modest budget, however, *Hoodwinked!* was nicely profitable, so sure enough, this spring a sequel arrived, about a year belated by Hollywood legal wrangling. It arrived on DVD on Aug. 16 and is also available now from stores and Net-

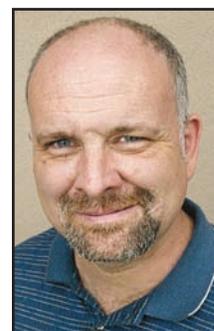
Made in a less-expensive, not-so-lush form of computer-generated animation, 2005's *Hoodwinked!* was a fractured retelling of the Little Red Riding Hood myth. It was filled with wacky references to other fairy tales, something like *Shrek* but without the same effortless wit.

flix.

In *Hoodwinked Too! Hood vs. Evil*, the plucky young Red (voiced by Hayden Panettiere, replacing the original's Anne Hathaway) must team up with the deadpan Big Bad Wolf (Patrick Warburton) in order to rescue Granny

(Glenn Close), who's been kidnapped by a masked, cackling witch (Joan Cusack).

Lots of other bizarre characters voiced by celebrities are woven into the complicated storyline, including Bill



Hader and Amy Poehler as Hansel and Gretel; Brad Garrett as a Scorsese-style Giant; Wayne Newton as an anthropomorphic harp; Cheech and Chong as two of the Three Little Pigs; and Andy Dick as a Hannibal

Lecter-ish bunny.

Martin Short, David Ogden Stiers, Heidi Klum and David Alan Grier all talked into microphones for this film, and co-writer Cory Edwards returned as the Wolf's chattering squirrel sidekick.

With actors like that riffing away diligently at their skewed lines, it's in-

evitable that *Hoodwinked Too!* would have some funny moments. I liked Grier's trash-talking, four-armed bridge troll; Warburton, with his slow, sardonic line readings, is always good for a few laughs.

Despite the cut-rate animation, the film isn't without visual amusement, either, as in the Charles Addams-like look of Hansel and Gretel.

The trouble is that while the film tries hard, it tries too hard. It's by no means awful, but it just doesn't build up enough zany momentum, especially in its homestretch.

The director, Mike Disa, wrote a column for Huffington Post in which he described how proud he was, after spending a decade working for Disney Feature Animation, to make a movie for little girls in which the heroine isn't a Princess looking for Her Prince. I wholeheartedly agree with his sentiments, and I think, on the whole, that little girls (and boys) will enjoy *Hoodwinked Too!* reasonably well. But positive gender roles do not, by themselves, a classic make.

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Passion keeps young rider pursuing U.S. title with her 'best friend'

By Mark Crudup

Catherine Chamberlain, a west Chandler 16-year-old, found her passion in life when she was only nine years old. And she's been following it ever since – intensely.

Last month, Catherine was in Kentucky for a champion horse competition, often referred to as the Junior Olympics of rider championships, with other dressage riders from around the world.

"My aunt is a professional horse trainer in Payson," Chamberlain said.

"I started going up there when I was five during the summers, and I just fell in love with it."

Dressage is a highly competitive Olympic sport that combines the elements of gymnastics and ballet – all on a champion horse and choreographed to music by the rider who follows a balancing act of precise coordination.

The horse makes distinct body and leg movements based on subtle indications by the rider, Catherine said, performing a variety of trots that resemble dancing motions.

"Dressage is described as a ballet of horses," said Catherine, who has been competing in equestrian



awards events.

"I really enjoy working with the horse – you build a really strong friendship and partnership with them," Catherine said. "They become your best friend."

Catherine joined her Arizona teammates, Taylor Lindsten and Brandi Roenick, during this year's competition. Taylor and Brandi both

have a received numerous awards in dressage.

The 2011 Adequan FEI North American Junior and Young Rider Championships were held from July 27 to 31, and included riders invited from the U.S., Mexico, Central America,

the Caribbean Islands and Bermuda.

"This is the biggest competition in North America for junior riders," Catherine said.

To be invited, contestants must meet a variety of qualifications, including awards in three competitions per year, she said.

"There are nine regions in the U.S. for junior horse riders," Catherine said.

"You have to be one of the top four riders in your region to make the team for this competition."

By working with professionals who compete in the Olympic discipline of dressage, Catherine is prepared for the competition. An injury in May, however, almost prevented her from entering the championship.

"I was working with a horse and got kicked in the elbow, shattering it," she said. "It made it a little bit of a last-minute thing to train for this championship, but we made it work."

Training for a junior Olympic championship is a rigorous schedule of weekly practices, in addition to the everyday care of the horses.

"My horse usually trains six days a week, spending anywhere from half an hour to an hour each day," Catherine said. "It can take more than six years to train a horse to top skill levels."

Catherine's horse and longtime companion, Verdicci (or Chance, as he is called around Catherine's barn), is a nine-year-old Dutch Warmblood gelding, and at the top of the training schedule,

she said.

"I got him as a five-year-old training-level horse and together we have moved up the levels to compete in the FEI Young Rider Division," Catherine said. "It takes a lot of patience working with animals – they have their own opinions about things and sometimes it can be frustrating."

As she accumulates more and more championship experiences under her belt, Catherine hopes to one day compete in the Summer Olympics.

"My goal is to represent the U.S. on an international team someday," she said.

"This is my passion; it's what I love doing."

To keep up on Catherine's riding, visit her blog at <http://catsyoungrideryears.wordpress.com>.

competitions for seven years. "It takes a lot of coordination, grace and skill."

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First Person: Bonnie Guzelf Negotiating for accessible bathroom achieves welcome success — finally

Editor's note: Longtime south Tempe resident Bonnie Guzelf contributed the following first-person description of the long but productive process she experienced while seeking help for a physical disability that has progressively impaired her mobility.

I never thought I would be so excited about getting a new toilet, sink and shower, but my new fully wheelchair accessible bathroom has made such a difference in my life, my attitude and my outlook that I believe this to be a life-changing event.

Let me go back to the beginning. I was diagnosed 10 years ago with neuromuscular disease. No treatment, no cure. It's progressive, and over the years I have gone from using a cane to a walker to a power wheelchair. I can no longer drive, work or walk.

The last few years, even though my husband put up grab bars in the bathroom, I began having trouble using the shower and toilet. This also became a safety issue. I needed help getting in and out and up and down—very depressing for a formerly active, independent woman.

I collect Social Security disability, and there is no way I could afford major renovations to my home. The outlook was dismal. Then I heard about a program through the state of Arizona's Independent Living Rehabilitation Services. It is designed to allow people with disabilities to stay in their home rather than have to go into a nursing home for care.

It sounded too good to be true, but I thought I would apply anyway.

In late 2009, I called and set up an appointment for an interview with a counselor. We spent a few hours with Susan, discussing my diagnoses, my needs and our financial situation.

She thought the program could help me. Several weeks later they called to set up an appointment for a social worker to come to my home and help decide what renovations would benefit me the most.

It was decided that the bathroom was the number-one priority. However, I have a minivan that had an old wheelchair lift in the back that had seen better days. It was also becoming more and more difficult for my husband to get me into the passenger seat of the van when we went out. So it was also recommended to provide me with a new lift and power seat. The seat

actually comes out of the van and lowers to the ground by a remote control, and then lifts me back up into the van. This is one of the most amazing things I've ever seen.

Of course, before any of this became a reality, they had to get approval. Before that happened, the economy crashed, and the program lost its funding.

To say I was upset is an understatement. But this is not the end of the story.

In April 2010 I received a letter from the agency saying they had gotten more funding, and I was on top of the list again. Joy! They were now going to send another social worker to the house to review my case again. The second social worker agreed with the first report that the priorities were making my bathroom wheelchair accessible, and adapting my van so that I could go out into the community.

Again, we had to wait for approval since the cost of this was going to be significant. I waited. I began to get discouraged and wondered if this was ever going to happen.

Then I received an e-mail saying that the van modifications were approved, and someone would contact me soon to schedule a time to make the modifications. Next they scheduled time for a contractor to come to the house and look at the bathroom and make his recommendations. Again, it had to go in for approval because of the high cost. Again, I waited.

Just before Thanksgiving, I was told that the bathroom modifications were approved and would start shortly.

Next thing I knew there were workmen, noise and dust all over my house.

The tub came out and a flat, wheelchair-accessible, roll-in shower went in. A fold-down seat was installed, the vanity cabinet came out and a pedestal-type sink was installed so my wheelchair could fit under it.

A new ADA-type toilet with wraparound grab bars was installed. Since this is also our guest bathroom.

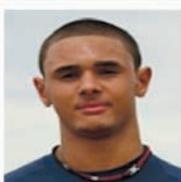
I really wanted it to look nice, so I bought a new shower curtain, a new light fixture, some pictures for the walls and new towels—my new bathroom looks like something out of House Beautiful.

It is functional and safe for me, and beautiful for guests. I could not be happier.

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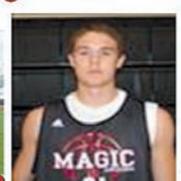
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Tempe Beach Park, 80 E. Rio Salado Parkway
5 a.m. to 11 p.m. each day

On Sept. 10, a memorial concert will be held in Tempe Beach Park at 6:30 p.m.

On Sept. 11, the event will open with a ceremony at 5:40 a.m., followed by the reading of the victims names at 7:15 a.m. and a candlelight vigil at 7 p.m.

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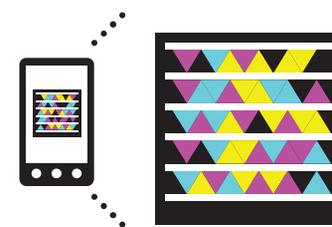
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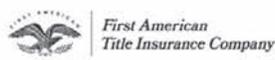
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- Saturday, Sept. 10 | 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. | Blood Drive**
- Sunday, Sept. 11 | 5:46 a.m. | Memorial Ceremony**
- Sunday, Sept. 11 | 7:15 a.m. | Reading of Victims' Names**
- Sunday, Sept. 11 | 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. | Blood Drive**
- Sunday, Sept. 11 | 7 p.m. | Candlelight Vigil**



Ten years ago this Sept. 11, in New York City, Pennsylvania and at the Pentagon, a typical Tuesday morning quickly became a national nightmare. A “faceless coward” attacked the United States, taking as its victims 2,977 civilians, military members and first responders.

In memory of those who perished, the Valley of the Sun Exchange Clubs Foundation and the City of Tempe will present the eighth annual Healing Field the weekend of Sept. 9-11 at Tempe Beach Park, Mill Ave. and Rio Salado Parkway.

Healing Field is the nation’s longest-running Sept. 11, 2001 tribute event, where one American flag is flown for every person who died as a result of the terrorist attacks on our nation. The public is invited to join neighbors, community leaders and public safety officers in a walk of remembrance through the flags.

“A decade may have passed since Sept. 11, 2001, but the events of that day and the loss of so many Americans remains indelibly inscribed on our minds and hearts,” said Mayor Hugh Hallman. “The City of Tempe is honored to once again work with the Valley of the Sun Exchange Clubs Foundation to uphold the memory of those who died by promoting a message of freedom, unity and a commitment to building a stronger nation.”

In addition to the field of flags, there will also be a brief commemoration ceremony that will include a presentation of colors, music, prayer and the reading of the names of the first responders who gave their lives. The ceremony will be held Sunday, Sept. 11, at 5:46 a.m., the same time that the first plane struck the World Trade Center. Then, beginning at 7:15 a.m. and lasting into the afternoon, the public is invited to join in the reading of all of the victims’ names. Finally, a candlelight vigil with music, prayer and guest speakers will occur at 7 p.m.

The United Blood Services bloodmobile will be on-site at Tempe Beach Park to conduct blood drives on Saturday, Sept. 10, and Sunday, Sept. 11, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. To make an appointment, register at www.bloodhero.com and enter “9/11” as the sponsor code. Walk-in donors are also welcome.

To see a special Tempe 11 segment on Healing Field, visit Tempe 11’s YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/tempe11video. For more information, visit www.tempe.gov/events/healingfield.



Kyrene Corridor Briefs

SMCC series addresses goals

Author Edward Aldama will visit South Mountain Community College to present the "21-Day Success Program" featured in his book, *The Success Habit Secret*, in a series of five non-credit classes. Kyrene Corridor residents participating in the class will learn the seven-step process for achieving lifetime goals.

During the interactive and abridged five-day program, Aldama will walk participants step-by-step through the process to help them create an action plan to achieve their dreams and ambitions.

Classes will be held Saturdays, Sept. 10-Oct. 8. Enrollment is \$40 for the first session, \$30 for each subsequent class.

Information: 602-305-5772.

Meet the superintendent

Kyrene Corridor students, teachers, parents and community members will be able to meet with Kenneth Baca, the new superintendent of the Tempe Union High School District to discuss any issues and concerns with TUHSD schools and policies.

The monthly events, called "open communications with the superintendent" will take place at Corona del Sol High School in room EO53, from 1 to 3 p.m., Nov. 22, and at Marcos de Niza High School in the FACS room, from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m., Feb. 24.

Recruiting Oktoberfest volunteers

West Chandler residents can join their citywide neighbors as volunteers for Downtown Chandler

Community Partnership's Oktoberfest and TASTE events, taking place in the downtown area from 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 24.

Ninety-five volunteers are needed for 3- to 4-hour shifts for event set-up and take-down, beverage service and box-office duty.

The festival will feature entertainment; German-food booths with more than 100 kegs of beer; themed games; arts and crafts; kid zone; and contests for all ages to enjoy.

Volunteers will receive a complimentary ticket to the event plus one guest ticket.

Information: 480-855-3539.

Save-a-Pet class at animal hospital

University Animal Hospital will host a Save-a-Pet class from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 27.



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The class, which will be taught by the hospital's staff veterinarians, will cover such topics as first aid for pets, injuries, poisoning, household and environmental hazards.

Tips on pet care and general health are included in the program, as well as hands-on CPR with the Resuscidog, a canine version of the human ResusciAnnie.

A question-and-answer segment as well as a tour of the animal hospital and boarding kennels will follow.

Class is designed for ages 15 years through adult. Cost is \$14.

Pre-registration, which is required, is available at www.tempe.gov (see Recreation Brochure); in person at the Parks and Recreation Office, 3500 S. Rural Road, in the Tempe Public Library; at University Animal Hospital during hospital hours; or by phone with a credit card.

Information: 480-968-9275.

The hospital is at 2500 S. Hardy Drive, Tempe.

Preschool, kindergarten sessions

Preschoolers and kindergarteners are ready to start their education at Dayspring United Methodist Church. The preschool and kindergarten programs have been a ministry of the church for 30 years, and teacher Linda Wiggs has been with each group of three- and four-year-olds throughout its successful history. Dayspring Preschool is a play-based program

offering a three-hour day for kids ages 3, 4 and pre-kindergarten students, as well as a Spanish class, Lunch Bunch and music enrichment classes after school. Kindergarteners spend a 5½-hour day of center-based activities, including Spanish, music, computers and movement.

Dayspring will be holding its 27th annual holiday boutique Nov. 3-5. Opening night includes a catered dinner and cake, provided by Robert's Catering, in addition to a silent auction.

Golf challenge donors sought

Chandler Chamber of Commerce planners are promising a fun day of golfing that also will help raise funds for worthwhile community programs.

The Chandler Chamber Golf Challenge is scheduled Tuesday, Sept. 13, at Ocotillo Golf Resort, with a shotgun start at 7:30.

The event features breakfast, goodie bags for golfers, raffles, a silent auction, team photos and an awards luncheon.

Tournament fees are \$150 for individuals, \$600 for foursomes. Corporate sponsorship foursomes can be also be purchased.

Donations for the raffle and auction, including such items as gift cards, hats, t-shirts, sporting goods, game or theater tickets, gift certificates, electronic items, toys, pet supplies, clothing, jewelry and gift baskets, also are being accepted.

Donors will be recognized in the event program and on signage, as well as on the chamber's web site and other media.

Proceeds will go back into to the community through business-development programs and events that are presented by the chamber throughout the year. Information: Karen Hall, 480-963-4571.

Knitted, handmade prostheses for cancer patients

Cancer patients at Chandler Regional Medical Center's Cancer Center are receiving free "knitted knockers, handmade prostheses for women who have had mastectomies but chose not to opt for reconstructive surgery.

The collaborative program with Tempe Yarn and Fiber provides patients with a softer and more comfortable alternative than silicone prostheses. They also tend to be less expensive.

If some women want a weighted prosthesis to feel more natural, they can choose one with a stone inside, according to a hospital spokesman. Some of them even have words of encouragement such as love and hope written on the stone.

Jennifer Backer, director of the Cancer Center, said the program was designed as a way to help cancer patients through the recovery process.

"We are delighted to offer additional support by providing these giveaways to our community," she said.

"We hope that anyone who has undergone a form of cancer treatment realizes that we are here to provide additional comfort during this difficult time."

Information: 480-728-3633 or Jane.Breitenfeld@chw.edu



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Ask the Expert: A primer on real estate short sales

Veteran Kyrene Corridor Realtor Carol Royse specializes in assisting homeowners with questions about short sales and how they work. Here in a Q&A format is Royse's primer on when short sale should be considered and what are the steps involved.

Question: What is a short sale?

Answer: A short sale is a technique to help homeowners avoid foreclosure on their home. It is an arrangement between the homeowner and the mortgage company in which the mortgage company agrees to accept less than the amount owed on the home.

With unemployment or under-employment, many homeowners cannot make their house payments. Divorce, job transfer and illness contribute to owners not being able to pay back or afford their mortgage payments. In some cases people who find themselves under financial hardship choose a short sale to help stabilize their financial situation.

One of the great things about a short sale, from the outside looking in, is that it appears to be a regular sale. A normal for sale sign, not a foreclosure or bank owned sign, is placed in the front yard. If you are living in the home at the time the short sale is initiated, you can usually remain in the home through the negotiations and closing. You move out of the home and the buyer moves in after the deed records. The closing costs and real estate commissions are paid by the lender who holds your mortgage. The homeowner pays nothing.

Q: How does it work?

A: Here are the steps to begin a short sale: The real estate agent does a market survey of what homes in the neighborhood are selling for. The home is priced at market value

regardless of the amount of the mortgage on the home. The home is listed for sale and a buyer submits an offer on the property, which is usually many thousands of dollars less than what would be required to pay off the loan.

In this process, the seller would sign the purchase contract accepting the price; the offer would then be presented to the bank. The bank would review the offer and make a determination to accept the offer, counter it or deny the short sale. In most cases through negotiation, the banks will accept the short sale.

Q: What information or documentation does my lender need from me?

A: You will need to fill out a so-called Short Sale Package, which will include but is not limited to a hardship letter outlining why you are requesting a short sale; three months of bank statements; and two years of tax returns, plus an authorization letter giving your Realtor permission to talk to your lender and negotiate the sale.

Q: If I am considering a short sale what should I do next?

A: It is always advised you seek legal advice from an attorney and a CPA. You will want to know how the short sale may impact your tax return and get any questions on deficiency issues with the short sale, if applicable, and what that could mean for you.

Your Realtor usually can provide referrals if you do not know of an attorney or CPA. Most financial experts agree a short sale is much better than a foreclosure on your credit report. It may lessen the time you will need from the short sale to being able to purchase another home. Many lenders will pay relocation fees to homeowners, if they qualify, to do a short sale over a foreclosure.

A short sale is a good way to decrease debt and get out from the burden of a mortgage that cannot be maintained month after month.

It is extremely important to work with a Realtor who is trained in the short sale process. It is time consuming and a great

deal of negotiation goes on between the Realtor and the bank on behalf of the homeowner. It takes time and skill to close a short sale transaction from beginning to end.

Contact Royse at 480-776-5231 for information.

Chandler academies cover wide range of neighborhood issues

West Chandler residents can take advantage of two new neighborhood academies being offered next month—one for traditional neighborhoods, another for residents living in neighborhoods with HOAs.

The free academies are designed to promote successful and sustainable neighborhoods by providing information, education, networking and leadership development opportunities.

HOA Academy — The city is partnering with the Mulcahy Law Firm to present four weekly classes being held Thursdays Sept. 8-29.

Classes will be held 6-8:30 p.m. at the Chandler Police Department main station, 250 E. Chicago St. Those who go through all four classes will receive a certificate of completion and will be recognized at a Chandler City Council meeting.

Class topics include What is a Community Association and Who is in Charge?; The Community Association is a

Business; Creating a Successful Community Through Documentation and Proper Enforcement; and The Legal Aspects.

Traditional Neighborhood Academy — Mayor Jay Tibshraeny will kick off this series of six weekly classes to be held 6-8:30 p.m. Wednesdays Sept. 7 through Oct. 12. The academy is one of the mayor's neighborhood initiatives with a goal of providing educational resources and tools for residents of traditional (non-HOA) neighborhoods.

The classes will be held in training rooms A and B at Chandler City Hall, 175 S. Arizona Ave.

The first class will discuss personal leadership styles and identify eight basic leadership characteristics. Subsequent classes will cover topics such as effective communication skills, neighborhood structure, strategic planning, accessing city resources and leadership development.

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Our Pets DNA testing can help you know more about your dog

By Mark Crudup

With science making significant improvements in DNA analysis over the last few years, genetic investigation has become an integral part of our criminal justice process, our healthcare delivery system—even our own interest in learning more about the subtle intricacies that make us who we are.

Now the ability to dig deep into the body's unique genetic markers has found a new following among pet owners.

Various DNA tests are now available that can provide insight into a dog's breed history and inherited predispositions to illnesses or disorders, behaviors and personality traits.

Dr. Thomas Gus, veterinarian at Tempe's University Animal Hospital, said there are scientific services that offer saliva swab tests to get myriad information on a dog's history.

"I think most people are just doing it out of a sense of curiosity," he said. "There are medical reasons, though, why it could produce useful information."

Knowing your pet's genetic history allows the owner to be aware of, and if they want, prepare for any hereditary illnesses.

"There are some breeds with predispositions that knowing what your pet genetically is made up of might give you a better sense of watching for certain

symptoms that could indicate issues that are passed down genetically," Gus said.

"Things like glaucoma in certain breeds, or heart disease — these are all things that can be treated if caught early on, and can be very breed-specific."

Additionally, DNA tests can provide information on mixed-breed pups, such as rescue dogs.

"There are some situations where you can't tell the predominant breed of the dog," Gus

said. "A test could provide an owner with more information on its lineage — sometimes it can be quite surprising what genetics went into the dog."

Even continuous barking, or digging holes throughout the backyard, can be traced down the family tree, Gus said.

"If you go back far enough, you see things that you never would have thought are part of its history," he said.

Gus said although veteri-

nary clinics usually don't provide DNA tests, it can be useful to have a licensed veterinarian analyze the results to help the owner interpret the data.

Resources are available online, such as at www.best-dogdnatest.com. According to this Web site, the swab test, averaging about \$70, can provide a more intimate bond between the owner and their four-legged companion by providing genetic information with answers ex-

plaining certain behaviors and personality traits. In doing so, the owner can have the opportunity to discover specific training techniques and nutrition that will provide the best health for their furry loved one.

Owners simply buy an online kit and send off the cheek swab test (in an envelope) to the company.

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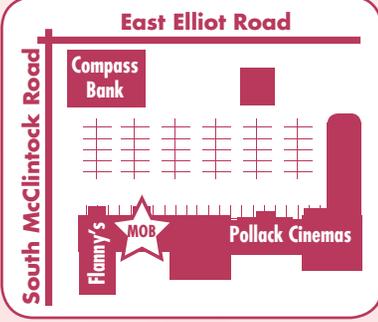
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Sports Notebook . . . with Alex Zener

Lady Aztec golfers face new-season challenges



Andrew Augustyniak developed a passion for golf while watching his dad practice in the backyard. Now he's on the road to a hopefully professional career.

— Photo courtesy Brittany Patchen

Wins fuel fire for game he loves Marcos grad living a dream as he pursues pro-golf career

By Jeremy Banks

Andrew Augustyniak is having the time of his life. The former Marcos de Niza golf star is one year removed from college and pursuing a successful professional golf career. He is doing what few have an opportunity to do: Live his dream.

For years, golf has been his passion. It all started as a child, watching his father swing his golf clubs in the backyard. When Dad would go to work, Augustyniak would go outside and swing golf clubs. It was there, in the backyard, that he developed a passion for golf.

"Ever since then it's always been just a part of my life," Augustyniak said.

Augustyniak took that passion and transformed

it into years of success on the golf course. At Marcos, he was a two-time state team selection. He would later become a regional champion and All-American at Mesa Community College. Augustyniak then moved on to the University of Nevada where he collected four NCAA top-25 finishes.

From 2008-2011 he recorded five wins and 21 top-10 finishes in amateur golf.

His collegiate success has helped fuel the fire for the game he loves.

"That first year in junior college made me realize that golf is something I really wanted to pursue. Ever since then it's been the only thing on my mind," he said.

After finishing as one of the top five teams in the Division I state tournament the last three years, Corona's coach Pat Reed is not sure what will happen this year.

"It will be an interesting season," said Reed. "We only have two solid returning golfers, senior **Brooke Taylor** and sophomore **Halie Carpenter**. Currently who will golf in the three, four and five positions is up for grabs."

Although nine girls went out for the team this season, only five get to play in each of the sanctioned events. The golfers can change from tournament to tournament, which is a good thing for the girls vying to play varsity golf.

"It's a day-to-day challenge to see who gets to be one of the five players in each tournament," said Reed. "Nothing is set in stone. The girls are going to have to step up their game during practice rounds every week to see who will play in those last three positions and even then it could change."

The Lady Aztecs suffered key losses to graduation last spring.

"**Dana Finkelstein**, who led our team most of her four years in high school and took sixth in the 5A-I tournament last spring, is now playing at the University of Nevada Las Vegas," said Reed. "We also lost **Alex Haun** (who is) now playing at Mesa Community College."

The Lady Aztecs do have returning golfers in addition to Taylor and Carpenter. **Heather Harry**, **Isabel Ramos** and **Heather Hittenberger** will be competing to play in one of the three open spots along with newcomers **Kelly Lebb**, **Kerry Lorenz** and **Katy Consoer**.

"**Kerry Lorenz** quit volleyball as a senior to play golf, so I'm hoping that turns out well for her and the golf team," said Reed.

Reed is expecting her returning players to have improved a lot over the summer but also realizes that the team has a lot of new players.

"We need the new players to drop 10 strokes each in the next month if we are going to reach our goal of finishing in the top five at state," said Reed. "One thing in our favor is that we all like each other."

Reed expects the top two teams in the state, Hamilton and Xavier, to continue their dominance, but Desert Vista and Basha may be fighting, along with Corona, for the next three places.

The Lady Aztecs had a busy week, playing Aug. 24 at Perry and Campo Verde, Aug. 29 with Desert Vista and Hamilton and Aug. 31 at Boulder Creek. Next they will compete against Mountain Pointe and Red Mountain on Sept. 7 and play in the Antiqua Tournament Sept. 9-10.



Ex-Aztec's Phillies signing due to 'relentless hard work'

By Alex Zener

Corona del Sol High School graduate Casey Barnes is getting a chance to fulfill the dream he envisioned as a youngster. A right-handed pitcher, Barnes signed Aug. 8 to play baseball with the Philadelphia Phillies.

He reported to and is currently playing with the Gulf Coast League Phillies out of Clearwater, Fla.

"I feel so lucky and fortunate to be able to play in the minor leagues," said Barnes, who graduated from Corona in 2006.



Casey Barnes was starting pitcher at the Frontier League All-Star game held this spring.

"I have dreamed of this since I was a little kid playing in Little League, and now I actually get the chance to live it."

It was not just luck and fortune that got Barnes the opportunity to play professional baseball. It had a lot more to do with hard work and his relentless pursuit of a dream that made it all possible, he says.

"I was rejected 10 times before I signed a professional contract," said Barnes. "After college, I did not get drafted. No one came calling and, to be honest, I didn't know if I would ever play baseball again."

Barnes tried out for 10 different baseball organizations around the country including the Minnesota Twins in the major league and the Gateway Grizzlies, part of a league of independent teams on the East Coast.

"At the Twins tryouts, I made the cut the first day. There were over 80 pitchers trying out, and I was one of 14 to come back the second day," said Barnes.

"After the second day of tryouts, I didn't make the cut because they said I didn't throw hard enough," he said. "Then the Grizzlies' pitching staff said I didn't have good accuracy," said Barnes. "Everywhere I went, no one thought I was good enough."

That is, until Barnes finally signed with Michigan's Traverse City Beach Bums, another team playing in the independent Frontier League, which is not associated with the minors or any major league team. He was released, though, after two weeks into spring training.

Did he hang his head and come back to Arizona. No, Barnes wasn't ready to give up on his mission to play professional ball.

"I contacted every team in the Frontier League telling them how I got released even though I did really well," said Barnes. "I got a response from Darin Everson, the Washington Wild Things manager, and he said he would give me a tryout if I could drive down to Washington, Penn."

Barnes drove nine hours, threw two innings in the rain, and was signed that very day.

"They signed me right then and there, and told me I was the fifth starter," said Barnes. "Darin took a chance on me, and so did the pitching coach, Mark Dewey. They saw something in me."

All Barnes wanted was an opportunity to fulfill his dream, and he got one with the Wild Things.

"I was determined I wasn't going to fail," said Barnes. "I ended up the first half of the season with a 1.5 league-leading ERA and was selected to the Frontier League All-star team where I was the starting pitcher and we won."

Three weeks after the All-star game, Barnes learned that the Phillies had been following him all season and his dream of playing in the big leagues was about to come true.

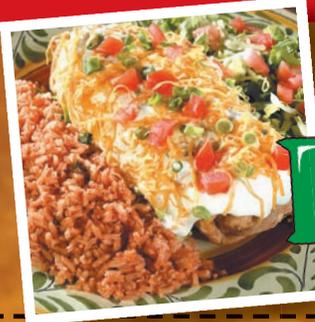
"The path I took to get here was not an easy one," said Barnes.

"That's why I am so appreciative of the things I have and the people who believed in me. Especially to Darin for giving me a chance to pitch and to my family, who have always supported me."

"The point is, I just wanted to play," said Barnes. "I wanted to get the chance to show people what I can do, especially when a lot of people said I wasn't good enough."

Barnes wasn't a slouch at Wesleyan either. Besides being a four-year starter with a 28-11 overall record and 3.97 ERA, holding his opponents to a .277 batting average, Barnes received his college degree with a major in computer science and minor in criminal justice.

After baseball, Barnes would like to coach and maybe get involved in law enforcement, but right now he is just enjoying living his dream.




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Notebook

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Corona Badminton — Corona's badminton coach Katie Chance, in her second year at the helm, is predicting a competitive but rewarding season for her squad.

"I have very high expectations for this season," said Chance. "We are a tough team and we will be playing tough competition, so it will be fun to see how it pans out. I know there is a lot of excitement from the team for this season to get under way."

The Lady Aztecs return four starters from last year's team. All are seniors with loads of experience.

"We are lucky to have four senior athletes, **Alexis Emerson, Rachel Gur Arie, Emma Reeve, and Haley Jackson**, who have competed at the top levels in state," said Chance. "We also have some very tough juniors to finish off our varsity roster. One junior, **Crystal Li**, has made big improvements from last season and will be a huge asset to the team this year."

Corona has an extremely tough regular season schedule set up to prepare the team for state, according to Chance. The Lady Aztecs have a much different schedule from past seasons, partly due to new regions and the new state tournament format.

Regardless of their schedule, Chance is looking to get the team back into the finals of the 5A state tournament and a chance to once again win the championship as Corona did in 2008. As defending 5A champions in 2009, Corona dropped to the No. 10 seed and lost in the first round to No. 7 Red Mountain.

Last season, Chance's first year as head coach, Corona made a move to get back into the top five by coming into the state tournament as the No. 4 seed before losing to No. 1 and eventual champion Xavier in the quarterfinals. Chance is expecting more this



Corona's girls golf team is striving to make it as one of the top ten 5A teams in the state. From left: Coach Reed, Katy Consoer, Heather Harry, Isabel Ramos, Heather Hittenberger, Kerry Lorenz, Brooke Taylor, Kelly Robb, Halie Carpenter.

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season from her team.

"Our main strength will be we have an older, more mature team this year," said Chance.

"We have strong leadership from our four seniors, who are excellent mentors. They are not only helping the younger girls prepare to compete at the varsity level this season but to take the reins for next year."

Having four seniors with loads of experience should give the Lady Aztecs an advantage, but the team's main weakness may be a lack of experience playing doubles together.

"We will have all new doubles teams this year, so we will have to make the transition of learning to play with different partners," said Chance. "Having said that, **Alexis Emerson** and **Rachel Gur Arie** are mentally prepared for the season and should be top placers in state," she said.

Chance is anticipating the Lady Aztecs' toughest competition in the region to come from Chandler and Mountain Pointe.

"Both of these teams have returning players, so we will have our work cut out for us," said Chance. "I still predict our team to finish ahead of these two teams, though."

As far as the state competition goes, Chance thinks Corona's main competition will likely come from the defending state champions, Xavier and then Chaparral, Mountain Pointe, Chandler and Millennium, all teams the Lady Aztecs play in the regular season.

The Lady Aztecs will get their first challenge of the season playing at Desert Vista on Aug. 30. They then have four matches at home: Sept. 1 against Combs; Sept. 7 against Dobson; Sept. 13 against Chaparral; and Sept. 14 against Desert Vista.

Corona Football — The Aztecs were on target to open a new football season Aug. 26. The good news is that Corona gets to start anew with a different coach after a dismal 10-1 finish last year. The bad news is that they will be playing a team that not only won nine games last season but is reputed to be faster and more physical than ever: Basha.

Add to the equation Basha's senior quarterback, who is said to be one of the best in the state, and numerous returning players at key positions.

Oh, and the Aztecs will be playing on the Bear's home field.

But wait, Corona has some weapons: a highly recruited offensive lineman, one of the state's best defensive linemen, two strong running backs, one of the top kickers and punters in the state and a coach who is a proven winner.

Senior **Andrus Peat**, the highly recruited 6-foot-7, 308-pound son of former Cardinal player **Todd Peat Sr.**, alleged to be one of the best offensive linemen in the nation, will also play on the defensive side of the ball to help stop Basha's running game.

Senior **Avery Moss**, the Corona basketball player who recently made headlines as another highly recruited football player out of Corona as a defensive lineman, has been designated by head coach **Tom Joseph** to play tight end also.

The Aztecs have two returning bright spots on offense from last season in **Dominic Mercurio** and **Zach Hamm**.

Playing both running back and receiver, Mercurio led the team in carries and touchdowns. He carried the ball 185 times for 532 yards and four touchdowns.

As a receiver, he had 28 receptions for 324 yards and three touchdowns. Altogether he scored 42 of the team's 119 points over the season.

Hamm, playing both running back and linebacker, was also the team's leading kickoff returner with 16 returns for 264 yards. Hamm led the team in total tackles with 92, or 8.4 per game.

Zac Von Allworden, the only punter and kicker for Corona last season, punted the ball 62 times over the season, averaging more than 30 yards per punt. He was the second leading scorer on the team, with 12 of his 27 points coming on point-after-kicks while the other 15 were from field goals.

The Aztecs also have a reputable coach in Joseph, who is probably best known for his career at Mesa Mountain View where he compiled a 70-28 record over the past seven years, averaging over 10 games a season. During his nine-year tenure his teams won a 5A state championship and appeared in three state title games.

Corona football players and fans may need to be patient, but Joseph is a step in the right direction to get Corona's program back on track.

Friday's game at Basha will be the first step on what may shape up to be a long but respectable season for Aztec football.



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Boys and Girls Cross Country: Sept. 10, 8:20 a.m., Chandler Invitational at Tumbleweed Park; TBA, 7:30 a.m., George Young Invitational at Sanctuary Golf Course; Sept. 24, 8:20 a.m., Ojo Rojo Invitational at Tumbleweed Park; Sept. 28, 4:00 p.m.,

Hamilton, Gilbert and Desert Ridge at Kiwanis Park; TBA, Queen Creek Twilight Invitational at Toka Sticks Golf Course; Oct. 5, 4:00 p.m. at Westwood, Gilbert and Basha; Oct. 15, TBA, Conley Invitational at Rolling Hills Golf Course; Oct. 19, TBA, Tempe City Meet at Kiwanis Park; TBA, Sectionals; TBA, State Tournament at Cave Creek Golf Course.

Varsity Football: Aug. 17, at Horizon High School (Scrimmage); Aug. 26, at Basha H.S.; Sept. 2, Westwood H.S.; Sept. 9, at Dobson H.S.; Sept. 16, Highland H.S.; Sept. 23, Desert Vista H.S.; Sept. 30, at Cibola H.S.; Oct. 6, at Mountain Pointe H.S.; Oct. 14, Chandler H.S.; Oct. 21, Mesquite H.S.; Oct. 28, at Hamilton H.S.; TBA, State Playoff Games;

Girls Golf: Aug. 24, at Perry and Campo Verde; Aug. 29, Desert Vista and Hamilton; Aug. 31, at Boulder Creek; Sept. 7, Mountain Pointe and Red Mountain; Sept. 9 and 10, Antiqua National Tournament; Sept. 12, at Mountain View and Dobson; Sept. 17, Tempe Invitational; Sept. 23, Aguila Invitational; Sept. 26, McClintock and Mesquite; Sept. 30 and Oct. 1, Prescott Invitational; Oct. 3, Xavier and Mountain View; Oct. 17-20, City Tournament; Oct. 28-29, State Tournament.

Boys Golf: Aug. 22-24, Ahwatukee Cup; Aug. 26-27, ASHS Fall Preview; Aug. 30, Perry and Marcos de Niza; Sept. 1, at Cactus Shadows and Notre Dame; Sept. 6-8, East Valley Invitational; Sept. 13, at Dobson and Mountain Pointe; Sept. 15, at Desert Ridge and Gilbert; Sept. 20, Mesa and Desert Ridge; Sept. 22, at

Westwood and Chandler; Sept. 23-24, Aguila Invitational; Oct. 4, at Red Mountain and Mountain Pointe; Oct. 14-15, Mountain Ridge Invitational; Oct. 18, Mountain Pointe and McClintock; Oct. 20, Mountain Pointe TBA, State Tournament.

Swim and Dive Team: Sept. 1, at Desert Vista High School; Sept. 8, at McClintock H.S.; Sept. 15, Mountain Pointe H.S.; Sept. 22, at Gilbert H.S.; Sept. 23, Brophy/Xavier Dive Invitational; Sept. 24, Brophy/Xavier Swim Invitational; Sept. 28, at Casa Grande H.S.; Oct. 5, Mountain View H.S.; Oct. 21, Mesa Last Chance Meet – Dive; Oct. 22, Mesa Last Chance Meet – Swim; Oct. 26, City Dive Meet at McClintock H.S.; Oct. 28, Brophy/Xavier Last Chance Meet – Dive; Oct. 29, Brophy/Xavier Last Chance Meet – Swim; Nov. 4-5, State Meet at Skyline H.S..

Girls Volleyball: Aug. 30, Dobson High School; Aug. 31, Chandler H.S.; Sept. 1, Perry H.S.; Sept. 6, Mountain View H.S.; Sept. 7, at Mountain Pointe H.S.; Sept. 9, Tournament of Champions; Sept. 13, at Chandler H.S.; Sept. 20, Desert Vista H.S.; Sept. 21, at Chaparral H.S.; Sept. 22, Hamilton H.S.; Sept. 27, Mesquite H.S.; Sept. 28, at Perry H.S.; Sept. 29, at Desert Vista H.S.; Oct. 4, at Dobson H.S.; Oct. 7, Goldwater Tournament; Oct. 18, Mountain Pointe H.S.; Oct. 19, at Mesquite H.S.; Oct. 25, at Hamilton H.S.; Oct. 27, at Desert Mountain H.S.; TBA, Nike Tournament of Champions at Chandler H.S.; TBA, State Tournament.

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This is what Augustyniak has been working toward for most of his life. His plan has always been to graduate college and then pursue his dream of playing professionally. So far he's off to a good start.

He finished fourth in the Championship Player's Event in Arizona and in the top 30 at the Rocky Mountain Open in Colorado.

"In the tournaments I have been pro; I've made two paychecks," he said. "A lot of people don't do that."

Every moment of success gives him more confidence and belief that he can make it as a professional golfer.

"Every single accomplishment is huge," he said. "It makes you realize you can keep going further."

"I can do better than (make fourth place). I can win."

Augustyniak has played other sports. Along with golf, he competed in baseball and basketball at Marcos de Niza. He liked baseball and basketball. He loves golf. He practices on his golf game four to eight hours a day. It's a lot of effort, but it never seems like work, he insists.

"It makes you feel alive," he said.

Augustyniak knows his professional career will take work, dedication and relationships with the right people.

If he is to take the next step in his career, he said he will need the help of sponsors and investors in order to play in bigger tournaments.

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Wrangler News, Cummings acknowledged possible privacy issues but emphasized that the philosophy regarding his company's system is little different from what is currently used to report suspicious activity.

Instead of calling 911, people observing what they consider unusual behavior could use Cummings' cell phone app that makes it possible to submit a photo or text to the system's database.

Once in the system, he said, the data could be linked to a specific zip code targeted by law enforcement, for example, to determine whether the information should be passed along to an agency that might find it useful.

As to how such information will be evaluated for possible transmission to such an agency, Cummings said the system includes a means to make that determination.

"The technology will be assessing whether the situation is a scam or not, because obviously some people will be sending a lot of junk," he said.

"(The technology) is what produces the credibility, the ability to triage and the ability to act in the appropriate manner."

Comparing his system to what already exists, Cummings countered possible privacy concerns by saying his method simply solves the problem of inefficient data sharing and doesn't change the way people pass along what they consider suspicious.

"My standard response (to privacy questions) is that I'm a citizen like you; I have privacy concerns like you and will follow all privacy guidelines that exist."

— Mark Crudup and Don Kirkland contributed to this story

Library

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"The library has transformed from a mass collection of books to interacting with residents through activities," he said. "Technology has vastly changed—how we understand, process, gather and decipher information is entirely different via technology."

During a previous public meeting, about 20 local residents presented their input on the renovations.

Library board member and west Chandler resident Rich Herrera, who attended the meeting, said after it adjourned:

"The Sunset Library is already a huge resource to the west Chandler schools, as well as the Tempe Union High School District. I look forward to the renovations."

A small group of other local residents were concerned over the library's anticipated two-week closure, particularly because residents can check out books for only three weeks at a time. To resolve the issue, Brenda Brown, manager of all four Chandler libraries, said the Sunset branch administration is considering allowing residents to retain books for a longer period during reconstruction.

Other residents recommended having drive-up book-drop boxes outside the library, which are not currently in place. Officials are pondering the option, but said they are concerned over vandalism, which occurred previously.

Durkin, who has been planning the renovations for six months, also plans on incorporating public art through a partnership between the Library Division and the Chandler Arts Commission.

Brown said she is encouraging all visitors to check out a books they want before construction, helping to relieve the employees' efforts to sort through thousands of novels and publications while moving shelves and equipment.

Chandler leased the Sunset Library facility when it opened in 2000, and purchased the building a year ago.

After the library was purchased, 78 percent of voters approved this year's renovations and services, said Brown.

"We want to create a place for everybody in the community to enjoy and use as a resource," Brown said. "We want to open up their view of the other aspects of the library."

Brown also said the library will incorporate "early childhood literacy" spaces during the reconstruction process, along with a teen area and an enclosed space for youth.

Although there is no date yet for renovation to start, construction is expected to begin around December, during the less busy month. Library employees will either help with organizing the renovated sections, or will temporarily work at other Chandler libraries.

Brown's and Hoffman's long-term vision won't just end with the interior renovation. As money

becomes available, they say they hope to continue additions, including benches in the adjacent public park for reading on those cool, cloudy days.

Information: www.chandlerlibrary.org.



Tom Durkin and Brenda Brown are leading a program to modernize and improve Chandler's Sunset branch library.

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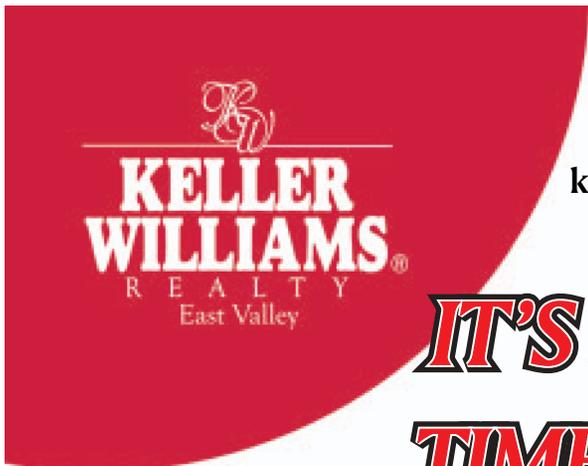
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