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Is an AIMS scholarship in your child's future? These days, probably not

Recent changes in the AIMS scholarship program have drastically reduced the number of high school grads who will qualify for the popular financial-aid program. Jill Hoh, one of many parents potentially affected by the change, says new rules are 'a bummer' for high school students who had hoped to stay in Arizona for college. — *Cover story, Page 2 / Photo by Mark Crudup*

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AIMS college fund hit by massive cuts; Corona grads could lose popular grants

Cover story

By Mark Crudup

For local high school students, getting a university scholarship based on the statewide AIMS test will be harder—and their effort worth less money—due to changes adopted by the Arizona Board of Regents.

For this year's high school sophomores, scholarship money awarded for high scores on the AIMS test dropped from 100 percent to 25 percent of their freshman tuition, after the board voted 9-1 to cut back the scholarship funding.

Current high school juniors and seniors, however, are exempt from this year's changes.

"What is currently a popular scholarship option for Corona del Sol graduates planning to attend an in-state university tuition-free may fade into oblivion within the next two years," Dan Brugger, Corona's gifted-services and guidance counselor, said.

High school student counselors and parents are disappointed by the changes, saying that sophomores now face drastically greater requirements to gain smaller awards from the AIMS scholarship.

"Counselors have witnessed many students in the past few years retesting in AIMS, challenging more Advanced Placement exams and retaking core courses in order to attain eligibility for this full tuition waiver," Brugger said.

"It certainly seemed worth it."

But as Arizona universities find themselves pressured with increasing budget cuts, university officials said the AIMS scholarship costs too much money, according to Mark Denke, ASU assistant vice president for student academic affairs.

All regents voted for the proposed changes, except for State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Horne.

Originally, the scholarship covered four years of tuition, with students picking up the tab for tuition

— AIMS, Page 10

Golf supports kids' cancer research

The 16th annual Caitlin Robb Memorial Golf Tournament and Dinner will be held Friday, Oct. 22, at ASU Karsten Golf Course.

Participation in the golf event is not required to attend the dinner. The foundation has donated approximately $1.3 million to research and patient- and family- need programs while keeping the overhead and administrative costs to 3.3 percent of total revenues, according to south Tempe resident Jennifer Robb, the foundation's Arizona chairwoman.

Since its establishment in 1995, the foundation has helped children and families in their fight while also aiding in the identification of more effective treatments and eventually cures for pediatric cancer.

After accidents, the disease remains the number one killer of children, statistics show. Information about the tournament, the dinner or sponsorship opportunities are available at www.caitlinrobb.org

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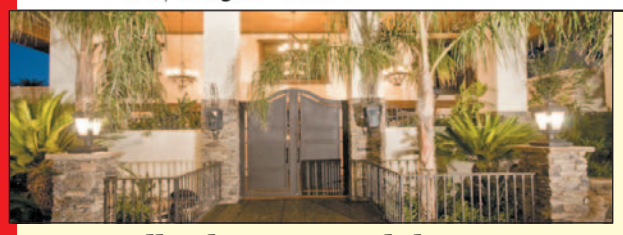

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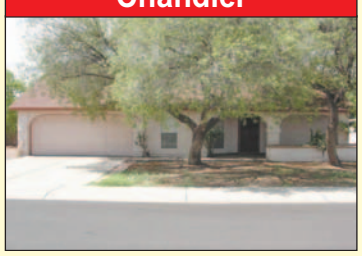

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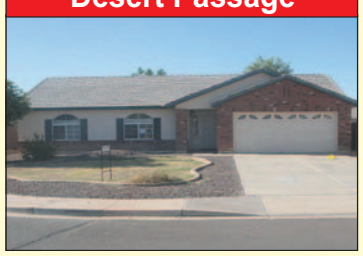

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Kyrene Corridor Briefs

Neighborhood anti-crime event Oct. 23

Chandler Police have scheduled this year's G.A.I.N. event (Getting Arizona Involved in Neighborhoods) from 1 to 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 23. About 40 neighborhoods have registered for the program so far.

Also known as National Night Out, G.A.I.N. encourages residents to get together in their communities to promote safety and neighborhood communication and to celebrate the successes of crime prevention through community involvement.

The Police Department's goal for G.A.I.N. is to strengthen communities by encouraging neighbors to meet each other and to promote safer neighborhoods by increasing crime prevention and safety awareness.

Officers from divisions including Patrol, Motor Enforcement, K-9, Special Assignments, Firearms and Community Services will attend the neighborhood parties and be available to answer residents' questions.

Department specialty equipment will be on display at various venues. For additional information regarding the G.A.I.N. event, contact Officer Gerard Ruhland at 480-782-4967 or Kathleen Smart at 480-782-4521 of the Chandler Police Department Crime Prevention Unit.

Fall festival at St. James Preschool

St. James Preschool will host a free fall festival from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 22, at the school, 975 E. Warner Road, Tempe.

Families of preschool-aged children are invited to participate in face painting, crafts and games.

Families are encouraged to carve a pumpkin together at home and enter it in a planned competition.

Tickets: 480-345-9417.

Auditions scheduled for 'Nutcracker'

Auditions will be held Sunday, Oct. 10, for approximately 70 children to dance in a performance of *The Great Russian Nutcracker*, to be held on Dec. 22 at The Dodge Theater. Site for the auditions will be Tempe Dance Academy, 1840 W. Warner Road.

More Briefs

Hospital CEO joins in salute

Chandler Regional Medical Center CEO Patty White will join sports mogul Jerry Colangelo in a Thursday, Oct. 14, program recognizing Chandler's most distinguished anchor businesses.

The Chandler 100 dinner reception, being held at 5:30 p.m. at Hilton Chandler, is sponsored by the medical center, along with Big Two Toyota and SRP.

Tickets are $50 per person or $600 for a corporate table of 10. The Chandler Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the event.

Information and registration: www.chandlerchamber.com

Transit report due at area meeting

The Valley's transportation-planning agency will acquaint south Tempe and west Chandler residents with the current status of its latest transit study at a meeting Monday, Oct. 11, in west Chandler.

The so-called Tempe South High-Capacity Transit Study, which includes Chandler, involves planning for a streetcar project in the Mill Avenue corridor from downtown Tempe to Southern Avenue.

Also to be discussed are plans for future bus rapid transit on Rural Road from downtown Tempe to the vicinity of Chandler Boulevard.

The meeting will be held at the Desert Breeze Police Substation, 251 N. Desert Breeze Blvd., Chandler. An open house is scheduled from 6:30 to 7 p.m., followed by a presentation from 7 to 8. Comments from the audience are being encouraged.

Information: Carla Kahn, 602-744-5552 or ckahn@metrolightrail.org

The latest project update is available on the METRO website atwww.metrolightrail.org

Fall break camps, clinics offered

Kyrene Community Education is offering camps, athletic clinics and Kyrene After Hours programs during fall break Oct. 10 through 15 and again on Monday, Oct. 18, when schools are closed for a staff development day.

Kids Club Camps will be offered 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. at Kyrene del Milenio and Kyrene del Sureño schools for grades K-5. Camps are available for 3- to 5-year-olds not yet in kindergarten at Kyrene del Milenio. Kyrene After Hours will be offered grades 6-8 at Centennial and Kyrene middle schools. Athletic Clinics will be at Kyrene and Centennial middle schools.

Information: 480-783-4044.

Financial workshop at ACC

Arizona Community Church financial planners David and Jen Basinger will conduct an informational meeting Sunday, Oct. 10, at the church.

Topics include developing a personal financial statement and detailed budget.

A $15 charge covers the cost of an accompanying workbook.

RSVP (required): 480-491-2210.

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METRO and the cities of Tempe and Chandler invite you to attend a public meeting to receive an update and provide input on the Tempe South High-Capacity Transit Study. Preliminary study recommendations will be reviewed and they include an initial modern streetcar project in the Mill Avenue corridor from downtown Tempe to Southern Avenue and future bus rapid transit on Rural Road from downtown Tempe to the vicinity of Chandler Boulevard.

Monday, October 11, 2010

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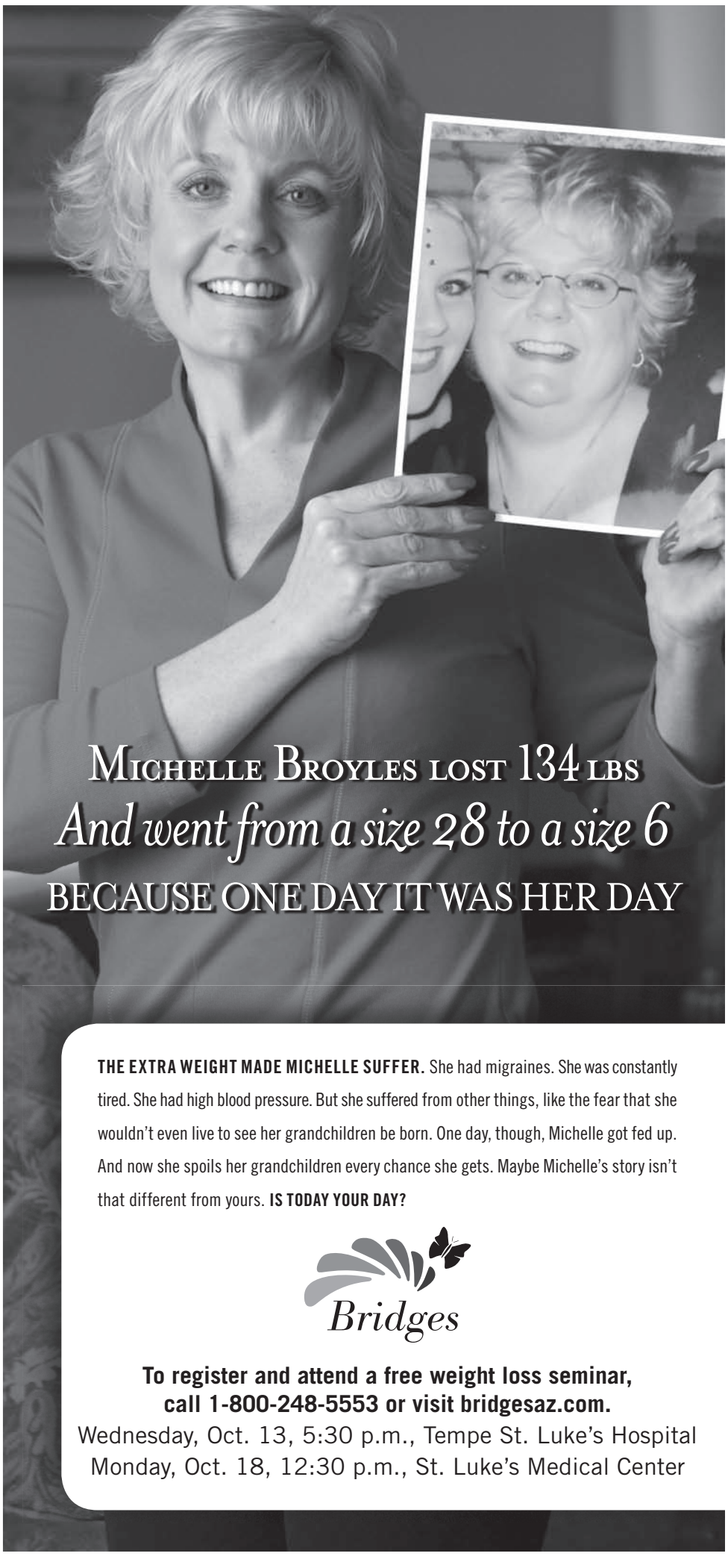
The latest project update is available on the METRO website at www.metrolightrail.org/tempesouth



Sports Notebook . . . with Alex Zener

Cross country teams on track to another great season

Corona's cross country teams, looking to build on last season's success, have already brought home more trophies midway through the 2010 season than they did in 2009, according to assistant coach Pat Smith.

The boys team has compiled two second place finishes, a third-, a fourth- and a fifth-place finish so far this season.

The girls team is hanging in there, too, with second-, third-, fourth- and fifth-place finishes.

"We lost our largest group of seniors to graduation last year that we needed to replace," said coach Smith. "Our strength on both teams this year is that we have great leadership and our work ethic has been great."

With only four boys and three girls returning who won varsity letters last season, Smith is expecting these runners to have a big impact on both teams.

"Jared Hirschl, who was ninth in the 5A-1 state meet last season, is our leader up front," said Smith. "Our other top guys are Daniel Wrapp, a two-time varsity letter winner, and sophomore Jake Whitney, who was the second best freshman at the state meet last year."

"In addition, we have Jim Hert, coming off a year of injuries, who is running with the lead group," said Smith.

"Then we have freshman Ryan Normand, who is a pleasant surprise, running in the top five." Other runners on the boys varsity team include seniors Michael Seall and Justin Yang. Runners in the boys open division include Cody Jackson, Jeff Morrison, Will Morgan, Alex Frantz, Grant Swenson, Jansen Colella, Scott Eidson and Matthew Ykema.

Returning on the varsity girls team are Ellen Dunn, Dani Lemieux and Hallie Swenson.

"Ellen is our top returnee from last year's state meet team. She had a great finish to the season last year and is looking even better this season," said Smith. "Lemieux, one of our letter winners from last season, had a great track season last spring and is our top runner so far this season."

"Swenson was our top freshman from last year and is also coming off a great spring track season," continue Smith.

Sarah Wright and Alyssa Ramsland make up the rest of the top five girls varsity runners.

"Sarah, as a senior in her first season of running cross country, is a great surprise as our second or third runner," said Smith. "Alyssa is another senior, who ran last year, but has really stepped up this season and is running in the top five."

Challenging these runners for a spot in the top five are junior Hannah Lewis and senior Hanna Snyder. Running for the girls team in the open competition are sophomores Kate Halligan and Kierstynn Wile, junior Cyndia Yu and senior Allison Mundine.

Corona competed Oct. 1 against 28 other high schools at the Desert Twilight Cross Country Festival held at the Toka Sticks Golf Course in Gilbert, where the boys team came in fifth. Hirschl came in 17th, Whitney 24th, Hert 43rd, Normand 63rd, Wrapp 88th, Seall 115th and Yang 156th out of 188 runners.

Crossing the finish line for the freshman team were Bridger Lewis, 53rd; Brandon Rezac, 78th; and Henry Eischen, 83rd out of 118 runners from large schools.

The girls team didn't finish as high but still had some quality runs from Lemieux, 32nd; Swenson, 48th; Dunn, 81st; Lewis, 88th; Wright, 96th; Ramsland, 113th; and Snyder, 128th out of 163 runners.

Freshman finishers for the girls team included Mason Kuluris in 11th; Hannah Dinell, 12th; Natalie Long, 68th; and Hannah Webber, 71st out of 102 competitors.

Team captains Hirschl, Wrapp, Seall for the boys team and Snyder and Dunn for the girls team will be pushing the runners

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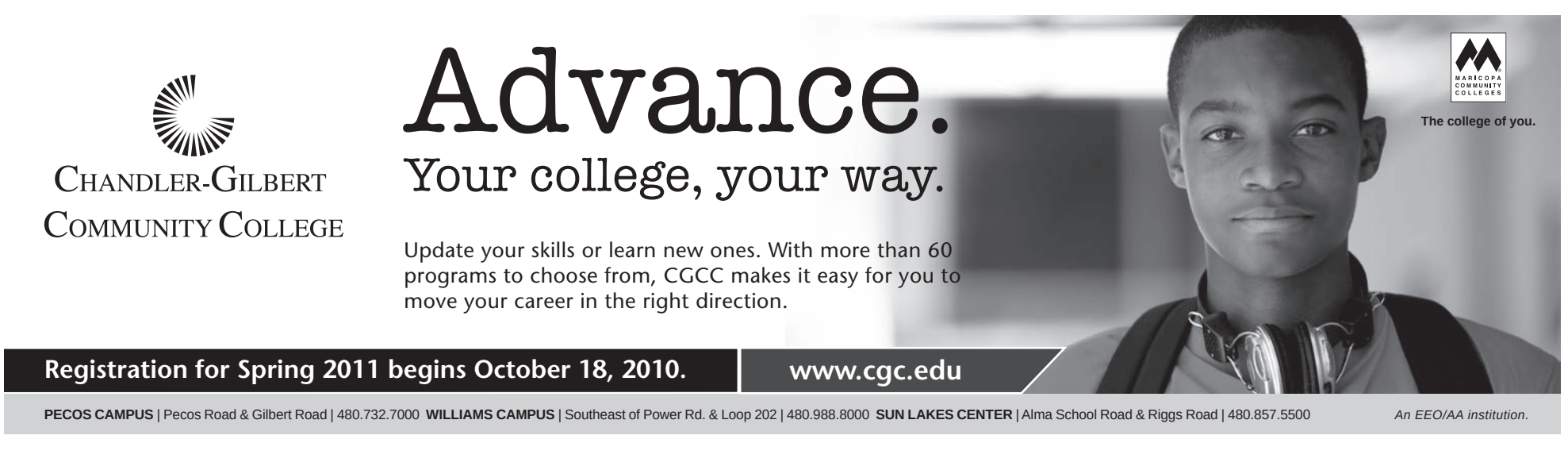

to finish the rest of the season strong in order to qualify for the state meet. The teams have only three meets left before sectionals Oct. 28-29 at Firestone Park.

The teams competed Oct. 6 against Highland and Mesa high schools. Coach Smith was predicting this meet to be a preview of the sectionals, with Gilbert Highland being the main competition for both the boys and girls teams.

Up next is the Conley Invitation Oct. 8 at the Rolling Hills Golf Course and then the Tempe City Meet Oct. 20-21 at Kiwanis Park. The state tournament is Nov. 6 at Cave Creek Golf Course.

Girls Golf

Corona's girls golf team set at team record in a tournament against Mesquite Sept. 27 at Greenfield Lakes Golf Course.

"We scored a team record of 131, which is the record for all the teams that have ever played at Greenfield Lakes," said coach Reed. "I don't know if Corona has ever scored lower than that as a team."

Dana Finkelstein scored 4 under par or 26. The rest of the team who helped set the course record included Alex Haun, Halie Carpenter, Brooke Taylor and Gabby Bochenek.

The team then went on to tie 169 with Hamilton at Ahwatukee Lakes Sept. 30. Finklestein shot a 1 under 35.

Corona's Swim/Dive Teams

Corona's girls diving team continues to rack up the points in the diving competition.

At the Brophy Xavier Invitational held Sept. 25, Chloe Hacker took second place and earned an automatic qualifying spot in the state meet with a score of 404.5 which was more than 100 points over the automatic qualifying score for girls of 303.6

The girls team also defeated Gilbert Highland in a dual meet held Sept. 29 by scoring 97 points to Highland's 89. Highlights included a first place finish in the 200 Medley relay for Taylor Thorn, Emily Lewandowski, Aubry Stitt and Heidi Liou.

Thorn also touched the wall first in the 100 Butterfly and the 100 Backstroke while Liou was first in the 100 Breaststroke. Hacker came in first in the diving competition and Lewandowski, Stitt, Amanda Watts and Thorn were first in the 400 Freestyle Relay.

The boys team didn't fare quite as well against Highland, losing 80-106, but not without some noteworthy finishes. Clay Meschke came in first in both the 200 Freestyle and the 100 Backstroke. Ryan Riley touched the wall first in the 50 Freestyle while Matt Hayhurst was first in the 100 Freestyle.

The boys team also took first in the 400 Freestyle Relay with the team of Hayhurst, Riley, Nick Wilson and Meschke.

Ryan Moore at K State

Ryan Moore, former Corona graduate and centerfield for the 2009 state champion Aztec baseball team, is adjusting to the weather, missing his family and life as a Division 1 baseball player at Kansas State.

Moore, who played in 47 of the 59 games, had a great freshman campaign with a .486 batting average and more.

"The best stat I had last year was for stealing bases. I was 10 for 10," said Moore. "I also broke the baseball school record when I ran a 6.4 in the 60 this preseason."

Moore found out that college ball is a bit different from high school and it does have a plus side.

"The competition at the college level is so much more competitive," said Moore. "The perks you get playing D1 are awesome, though". The Nike gear, the Big 12 atmosphere at all the stadiums, the dinners, and the traveling are so much fun."

Moore is looking forward to being something other than a freshman on the baseball diamond this spring, even though the expectations will be different. "My freshman year was a learning experience, but now as a sophomore I am expected to perform and contribute at a higher level," he said.

Mistakes down the stretch proving to be Aztecs' Achilles heel

By Jeremy Banks

If the Corona del Sol Aztecs football team is to reverse its fortunes, head coach Zane Zamenski says they'll have to work harder before they can experience a breakthrough.

After starting the season with a 1-0 record, the Aztecs lost five straight games, the worst a 50-0 loss to the Mountain View Toros Oct. 1 at Hascall Henshaw Stadium.

Mistakes down the stretch have been the Aztecs' Achilles heel. Locked in a scoreless tie, Corona opened the door for Mountain View by committing three second-quarter turnovers. The Aztecs were intercepted twice and lost a fumble.

All three turnovers were converted into Toro touchdowns. By halftime the Aztecs were behind 29-0 and all momentum had vanished.

Mountain View began the scoring with a 1-yard quarterback sneak by Jeremy Boatwright with 7:56 remaining in the second.

The Toros then collected two interceptions, resulting in a 10-yard touchdown run and a 31-yard touchdown pass from Boatwright.

With the score 23-0 with 1:40 remaining in the half, the Aztecs fumbled the football and the Toros extended their lead to 29 on a 40-yard touchdown pass by Boatwright right before the half.

"The second quarter was ultimately the story," Zamenski said. "And the turnovers were capitalized by the Toros. It just kind of snowballed."

Despite a 1-5 start, Zamenski remains confident the Aztecs can turn the season around and finish strong. The important thing, he said, is for Corona to concentrate harder and erase the mistakes.

"That's something you have to work on in practice," he said.

The team also has to study harder, according to Zamenski, watching film and seeing where they made mistakes and correct them.

The roster is young and for many of the players, this season has been a learning experience, with talent at key positions—Evan Kinney has been a solid quarterback and Dominic Mercurio is a tough runner in between the tackles.

Led by Todd Peat, Andrus Peat, CJ Anderson and Matthew Seall, the offensive line has become the team's strength.

The defensive line has been strong and the linebackers and defensive backs have play-making ability, according to Zamenski.

Now, said Zamenski, the team must work on finishing plays and find a way to put it all together. If Corona can do those things, he said it can receive the breakthrough it has been searching for.

"That's always how you feel. A break here can mean really neat things can happen," he said. "Hopefully, they're learning the lessons."

Zamenski said he wants to see his team improving each week, a challenge that can be met with one fundamental formula:

"The only thing I know how to do is just keep plugging," he said. "We're after that: getting better. They just have to stay after it."

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Diversions . . . with M.V. Moorhead

‘Buried’ frightens with primal terror

October at last! It’s my favorite month in the Valley because it’s the one in which summer begins to give up her stubbornness, and my favorite month anywhere because it’s the month of Halloween.

So if you want a scary movie to start your Autumn revels, you might consider *Buried*, now in theaters. It scared me, anyway.

The hero is Ryan Reynolds, as an American contractor in Iraq, a truck driver, who wakes up to find himself in a wooden coffin. The movie stays in this terrifyingly dreadful box with him for its entire length. He has a cell phone (with remarkable reception, apparently), and he soon learns that the kidnappers who have interred him are demanding a million dollars ransom.

This was hardship duty for me, the title state being a phobia of mine. For the first 20 heart-pounding minutes or so, I seriously considered leaving the theater.

I didn’t, but at one point I found I had to change seats. I had to exercise my liberty to move around.

So I doubt that this one will become a beloved favorite of mine, but I must say, it’s an impressive accomplishment.

The director, Rodrigo Cortes, doesn’t allow himself any flashbacks, he doesn’t cut to the people Reynolds talks to on the phone.

The closest he comes to a “cheat” are some cut-away views of the box, bordered by darkness, and one psychic image of Reynolds seemingly at the bottom of a very deep coffin, representing his sense of abandonment.

We also watch a video with Reynolds on his cell phone screen. Other than that, Cortes uses only the shifts in illumination from various sources (cell phone, lighter, etc) ingenious angling, and the sustained, moving performance of Reynolds to keep the film from visual monotony, and he succeeds entirely.

There’s a big scare scene about midpoint, an attempt to compound the horror by adding another classic phobia, that seemed contrived and corny to me.

Apart from that one arguable misstep, *Buried* strikes me as a triumph. The desire to see this man liberated becomes almost a physical sensation. The script, by Chris Sparling, manages one inventive gambit after another to keep the confined situation dynamic, and the dialogue is accomplished.

The hero’s conversation, near the end, with a representative (voiced by Stephen Tobolowsky) of his employer is a masterstroke of pitch-black comedy. *Buried* has a rich, Bernard Herrmann-style musical score by Victor Reyes, and a graphically flamboyant opening title sequence in the style of Saul Bass.

I’m guessing that Cortes meant these in homage to Hitchcock, who loved to challenge himself with proscribed situations like this, as in *Rope* or *Lifeboat*.

I would also guess that if Hitchcock could see this movie, he would nod with approval. Maybe even with a pang of envy.

Taste of Kyrene to benefit schools

The Taste of Kyrene scheduled in January and February offers a chance to mix and mingle with 300 Friends of the Foundation while tasting specialties from local chefs.

Funds raised by the event will benefit all 25 Kyrene schools through the Kyrene Family Resource Center, teacher mini-grants and student scholarships.

An Opportunity Drawing, with tickets priced at $10 each, will produce a grand prize, a Puerto Vallarta vacation, and a second prize, a vacation in Greer. A VIP Party, at $100 per person, includes a main event ticket.

The Main Event, at $40 per person, will be an adults-only event which will include chef stations, live entertainment, cash bar, silent auction and announcement of the opportunity drawing winners.

Volunteers can help the evening of the event; donate an item to the silent auction or baskets/supplies for the silent auction; be a corporate sponsor; or sponsor a corporate table at The Main Event.

Tickets and information: http://kyrenefoundation.org/gettinginvolved/

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AIMS

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increases, as well as all fees, in the second through fourth years.

Now, sophomores hoping to have at least 25 percent of their tuition paid via AIMS funding must graduate with all A's and B's, a 3.5 grade point average in their 16 core competency courses, and "exceed" (the AIMS vernacular for surpassing minimum levels) in AIMS reading, writing and math exams by the end of their junior year—either that or exceed in two of the three AIMS subtests in addition to earning a minimum of two scores of three or higher on any two AP exams, Brugger said.

Students graduating in the year 2013 or after must also score at least 28 on the ACT or 1,300 on the SAT1.

"We knew it was going to have to come to an end at some point, simply due to the economy," Corona del Sol Principal Susan Edwards said.

"It was a blessing for those students who were able to get the scholarship before. Now, we just have to start looking at other options."

Robin Jensen, a Kyrene parent and volunteer at Kyrene del Cielo Elementary School, said she is disappointed her kids (one in elementary, another in middle school) will not have the opportunity to get the AIMS scholarship. Jensen regularly volunteers at Cielo.

"I have not yet started worrying about college scholarships for my kids," Jensen said.

"But the changes made to the AIMS test made me think about future financial aid for my children."

Jill Hoh, a local parent with a freshman at Corona and two younger daughters, said it is a disappointment to have the scholarship cut.

"My kids really want to go to out-of-state universities, so the changes didn't make me too nervous. If that doesn't work out, though, it is definitely a bummer that this will not be available for them," she said.

"Mathew, my son, has always done well on the AIMS test, so there is no question in my mind he would have been eligible for the scholarship."

Although Brugger considers the changes to represent a setback, he said options remain for high school students to gain an extra financial push for their in-state college education.

"Merit-based scholarships at the in-state public universities now appear to be more valuable and more readily available than the (AIMS) scholarship," he said.

"Students should shift their focus accordingly."

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Kyrene Foundation cleans up with streets initiative

Warner Road is a little more beautiful since volunteers from the Kyrene Schools Community Foundation recently adopted the one-mile stretch between I-10 and Kyrene Road.

The city of Tempe Adopt-A-Street Program offers residents and organizations the opportunity to clean up and give back.

This Kyrene Foundation community service project was organized by foundation board member and Kyrene Corridor resident Mckell Keeney.

Keeney enlisted the help of 23 volunteers to pick up litter on a recent Saturday morning, filling trash bags with everything from hub caps and broken glass to food wrappers and hundreds of cigarette butts.

Road clean-up volunteers included fellow Kyrene Foundation board members Bryan Swindler and Michelle Hirsch; Keeney's husband Dave; their sons Trevin and Sean Keeney; and her neighbor Tawn Gale.

Other volunteers included a father and his two daughters from Altadena Middle School and several volunteers from Ahwatukee Foothills Baptist Church.

Residents and organizations (non-profit or for-profit) are encouraged to join the city's Adopt-A-Street program. The city will furnish and install signs crediting the volunteer or sponsor organization for its clean up efforts.

Participation requires a minimum two-year commitment of picking up litter at least four times a year along a one- to two-mile length of a major Tempe roadway. Volunteers must be over 12 years old; volunteers ages 12- 18 require adult supervision.

The city provides required safety vests and litter bags. More information is available at www.tempe.gov/tim/adoptastreet.htm

The Kyrene Schools Community Foundation is a non-profit group that advances the mission of the Kyrene School District and raises money to support teachers, student programs, projects, and scholarships that would otherwise be unfunded. Find out more about the Kyrene Foundation at www.kyrenefoundation.org.

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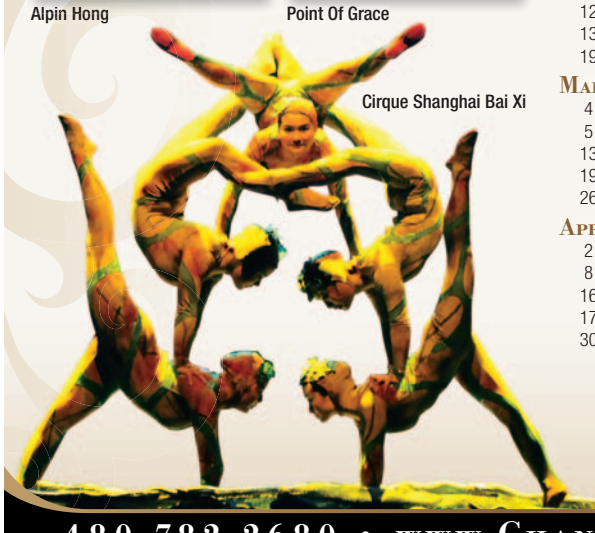
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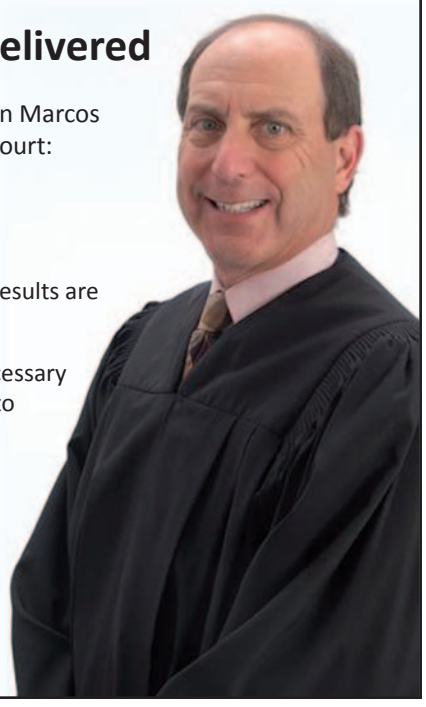

Tempe police roundup corrals expired drugs

Tempe police partnered with the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration to collect hundreds of pounds of unused and expired prescription medications at several drop-off locations in the city.

Residents anonymously dropped off bags full of expired medications at the Tempe Police substation on Hardy Drive and Warner Road, later to be disposed by the DEA.

"Medications end up sitting on bathroom shelves because people don't know how to dispose of them properly," Molly Enright, community affairs specialist for the city of Tempe, said.

"If you throw them in the garbage, you just never know where they are going to end up.

"Also, flushing medications down the toilet is a health hazard that adversely impacts our water supply."

The drop-off represented a combined effort to take action against prescription drug use, addiction, theft and re-sale trafficking.

Law enforcement officials oversaw residents as they placed bags inside a brown box, later wrapped up and sent to be incinerated.

"Kids are taking prescription medications found inside the parents' medicine cabinets," Enright said.

"It's a big problem."

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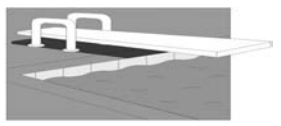
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Meet your Neighbors

Bernings' customers know tradition is all in the family

By Mark Crudup

Patricia Berning's father started his jewelry business in 1965, across the street from Arizona State University. Since moving the store to south Tempe two decades ago, the business is thriving, this month turning the corner to its 45th anniversary.

To help celebrate, Berning and her son, co-owner Zach Berning, have invited the community to join them for a weekend of classy fun the first weekend of November.

"Our actual 'birth' date is Oct. 15, but we're still working out the details with what we are going to do," Zach said.

"We want to give (our customers) an opportunity to revisit their initial contact with us, which could have been in 1965."

Celebratory events will take place Nov. 4, 5 and 6, with an outdoor cookout and small-scale community gathering, accompanied by wine tasting. Photos will also take residents through the store's history.

"It's really nice to have families come in and say hi," Patricia said. "Tempe is a very nice, tight community; we like to bring that feeling to our business."

Patricia's family has a history in the jewelry business dating back to the years after World War II, she said.

"My dad was a diamond cutter by trade, and he opened this retail business with Paul Johnson," she said. Johnson ended up becoming one of Phoenix's most notable citizens, including a term as mayor in the mid-1980s. Patricia's father's life took a different turn.

"Manufacturing is much different then retailing, so he had to quickly learn a different side of the industry, as well as gemology."

Longtime south Tempe jewelers Patricia and Zach Berning with Jewels, the store's official watchdog. Business celebrates its 45th anniversary this month.

— Wrangler News photo by Mark Crudup

Patricia found her passion while working for her father, and when he decided it was time to retire, she took on the adventure. She was the third family member to work in the business, after her brother left to attend college at the University of Arizona.

"I basically learned everything from cleaning up after my dad," Patricia Berning said. "He had a horrible habit of leaving things out, so I would have to go through all these gems and put them away."

Son Zach began working in the store when he was 18 and still studying business in college.

"I went to ASU, and with a degree in business, I had this idea of getting a Fortune 500 job," he said. "What I started to realize was that the experiences I enjoyed most were being here in the store and working with customers."

Patricia, along with Zach, moved their store to south Tempe, where they are currently located on the southwest corner of McClintock Drive and Warner Road, in July 1990.

When the business started, many ASU students were getting engaged, Patricia Berning said. Years later, people weren't getting married that early, so the store changed locations to in order to reach a new, growing market in south Tempe.

"The change was huge; I was floored with the difference," Patricia said. "We were losing one market and gaining another from the south Tempe community – it was no longer just connected to ASU."

Patricia said she became more involved with the Chamber of Commerce, going through Tempe's leadership program to make new connections and discover south Tempe's neighborhoods.

"People in our community like that personal feeling," she said. "If your name is on the door, you should be there. We have been in Tempe for 45 years, and I owe that to making my customers happy."

Even with the change in location, third-generation customers still return with stories about their grandparents buying from Patricia's father.

"A lot of people love to come in and tell me how my dad showed them an item under the gem scope when they were buying their engagement ring," she said. "It's also really nice when Zach's working with the third generation, and their grandparents bought from my dad."

Chandler Regional, Lifeline set Oct. 11 health screening series

Chandler Regional Medical Center and Life Line Screening are joining forces to provide testing for stroke, carotid artery disease, abdominal aortic aneurysm, atrial fibrillation, peripheral arterial disease, heart disease risk, osteoporosis risk, elevated c-reactive protein, high cholesterol, Type 2 diabetes and elevated liver enzymes.

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Screenings are community-based events staffed by trained healthcare professionals.

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