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## Foes, proponents weigh outcomes of pot initiative

By Joyce Coronel

As the nation gears up for one of the most contentious presidential elections in years, residents of Tempe and West Chandler are also keeping an eye on what's happening right here in Arizona.

That's because Proposition 205, an initiative that would legalize the recreational use of marijuana for adults, is on the ballot.

So far, the polling is close, with slightly more Arizona voters favoring the measure.

Four other states are also considering decriminalizing recreational pot and proponents say that if the initiative passes, marijuana will be taken off the black market.

J.P. Holyoak and Carlos Alfaro of the Campaign to Regulate Marijuana Like Alcohol, sponsored by the Marijuana Policy Project, wrote one of the eight arguments in favor of Proposition 205 for the 2016 general election publicity pamphlet published by the

— PROP. 205, Page 26

## Teen playwright scores a hit with first big stage production

By M.V. Moorhead

Briana Fleming never planned to be a playwright. But not only has her first attempt at writing a play already been produced—twice—it's scheduled to be published later this year. Not a bad way to start.

"I wrote it in my junior year," says the 17-year-old senior at Marcos de Niza of her one-act debut comedy *Wingman*. It was one of four student-created plays presented as part of the Advanced Acting and Directing Class taught by Marcos de Niza's director of theatre, Patrick McChesney. Students wrote, produced and directed their own plays, after which they even submitted them to

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Moms in childbirth at Tempe St. Luke's have more than one reason to smile since the staff instituted the use of 'laughing gas.'

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Polly Anna is all treat and no trick for a family willing to open its heart to her playful antics and warm cuddles.

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The roll of the dice and the sounds of laughter have echoed for 20 years for this Tempe ladies' bunco club.

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What's Inside

## Foster care kids find a mentor

### Retired shop teacher uses lifetime skills to guide boys' future

Faced with the heartbreaking knowledge that more than 17,000 children in Arizona are in foster care, most people might sigh and throw up their hands, discouraged by what seems an insurmountable challenge.

Not Mike Sublette.

The former shop teacher became a mentor for Arizonans for Children, a volunteer organization that assists kids who have been placed in the state's foster care system. As he learned about the various programs the organization runs, he noticed something.

"They have a multiplicity of programs for things like dance, cooking, that kind of stuff but they didn't really have anything for the most at-risk kids in my opinion, and that's teenage boys," Sublette

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## Orange crush

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Defense stepped up in second half to give Aztecs some positive aspects to take away from loss to Desert Ridge.

— Alex J. Walker / Wrangler News

## \$1.4 billion SRP project reclaims a Tempe 'Legend'

By Diana Whittle

The face of the East Valley is about to change again, thanks to a new development called "The Grand at Papago Park Center," which officials of the local utility provider the Salt River Project have announced.

Once constructed, the project will sit on the final developable parcel of 58 acres in Tempe, within one of the largest business

parks in the state.

SRP claims the project will involve a total investment of \$1.4 billion dollars and net the area an additional 17,000 jobs.

The Grand at Papago Park Center is planned to be a high-profile, urban, mixed-use development with two hotels, office space, 550 apartment units, restaurant and retail space—all within the 350-acre Papago Park

Center, in the heart of the Tempe-Phoenix metropolitan area, near the headquarters of SRP and Tempe Town Lake.

At build out, the ambitious project is predicted to substantially grow the business park, which is already home to more than 10,000 employees and residents. It is anticipated that the project will take between 15 and

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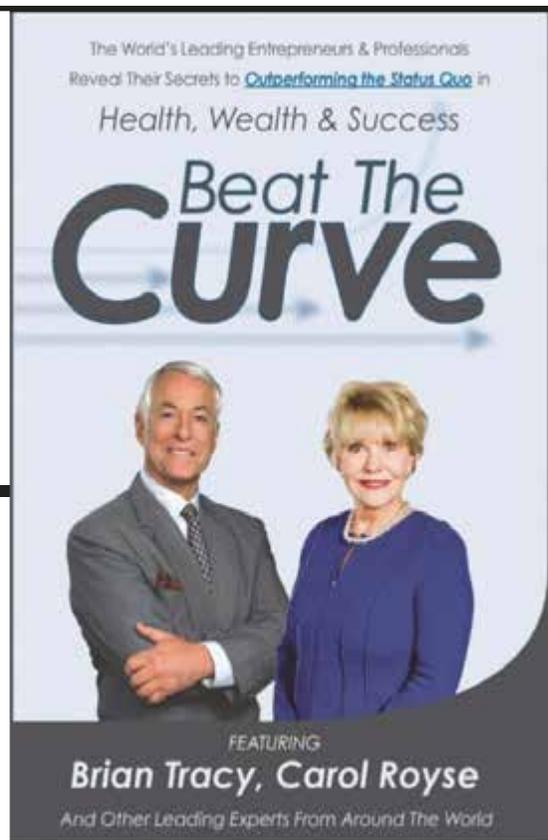
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# Carol Royse Awarded "Quilly Award" for Best Selling Author, Presented in Hollywood, California

Carol Royse, CEO of the **Carol Royse Team** and top producing agent at Keller Williams Realty East Valley was recently awarded the coveted "Quilly Award" by the National Academy of Best Selling Authors. Carol recently joined a select group of business experts and entrepreneurs from around the world, along with Brian Tracy to co-write the award winning book ***Beat the Curve: The World's Leading Entrepreneurs and Professionals Reveal Their Secrets*** to Outperforming the Status Quo in Health and Wealth and Success.

The award presentation was in Hollywood, California at the historic Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel, home to the first Academy Awards in 1929. "Standing on the Red Carpet and being interviewed by the press was both exhilarating and an honor," stated Royse.

Not only has Royse been honored by the National Academy of Best Selling Authors, but also by Real Trends as 2016 Best Real Estate Team in Arizona. Real Trends selects the best Real Estate performers based on homes sold and closed volume. Royse and her Team have been consistently ranked in the Real Trends Performance Results for many years.

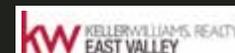
Today, Carol's team consists of eighteen plus Realtors with sales totaling over \$500 million. In addition, she's a sought out expert on real estate, having appeared on Fox News, ABC TV, and she even hosts her own weekly radio show, "***The Carol Royse Real Estate Show***" on iHeart Radio & 550 KFYI.

You can reach out to Carol Royse at: [Carol@CarolRoyse.com](mailto:Carol@CarolRoyse.com) or call: **480-797-2724** to learn more about how Carol's visionary approach to real estate can benefit your goals as a home seller, buyer or investor.



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**Tempe Chamber selects longtime organization exec as its new president, CEO**

The Tempe Chamber of Commerce has named the current president and chief executive officer of the Ahwatukee Foothills Chamber of Commerce as the successor to Mary Ann Miller, who retired effective Oct. 1.

Anne Gill will assume the role of president and CEO of the Tempe Chamber on Oct. 31.

Brian Wood, the Tempe Chamber’s board chairman, called Gill a skilled nonprofit leader with more than 25 years of business administration experience, excelling in corporate development, community outreach, fundraising and special-events management.

“This is an exciting time for our

organization,” said Wood. “Anne is an exceptional talent who epitomizes professionalism. She brings energy, inspiration, intelligence and business acumen to the president and CEO position. She is a proven and visionary leader—the perfect person to elevate the Tempe Chamber to the next level.”

Gill serves on the Arizona Chamber Executives Board of Directors as its legislative chair, sits on the South Mountain Community College President’s Community Advisory Council, co-chairs the Tempe Kyrene Business Advisory Council and is a member of the Western Association of Chamber Executives.

She holds a B.A. in International Business from Eckerd College in St. Petersburg, Fla.

Sean Donovan will continue to serve as the Tempe Chamber’s interim president until Gill officially takes over. Donovan has been with the chamber for 10 years and is concurrently holding the job of vice president of media and program development.

Terri Kimble, CEO and president of the Chandler Chamber of Commerce, said she sees a bright future for Tempe with Gill at the helm.

“I think Anne is in a great position to rely on her astute chamber and nonprofit leadership skills to grow the Tempe Chamber,” Kimble said.

“As with any new position, once she gets past the learning curve with a new board of directors and membership, I see nothing but good things happening in Tempe.”

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# Superintendent's 90-day game plan adds 2 key players

By Diana Whittle

There's a new administration in town and Superintendent Jan Vesely is becoming known as a change-agent in the Kyrene District. She's laid out a 90-day plan for the Governing Board and assembled a team of professional educators to help her implement these goals.

Key among the Vesely administration is a curriculum that supports academic achievement and measurable learning standards.



It's one of the reasons, Governing Board President Bernadette Coggins cited as the reason Vesely was selected for her position.

"The Board selected Dr. Vesely in part because she demonstrated the ability of being a strong leader, with the skills required to take us to the next level.

"We support her in her focus on teaching our students and preparing them for the future," said Coggins.

In turn, Vesely chose Dr. Christine McDougall in the newly created position of director of school effectiveness. She joins Kyrene administrators, Mark

Knight and Laura Toenjes, in providing support to schools to improve student achievement, to reduce behavioral incidents, and to close achievement gaps.

"Over the past 14 years, I have had the fortunate experience to work in multiple positions in all levels of the educational system from teacher, school administration, district administration, and state level support," said McDougall.

Most recently, she served as the director of mathematics and science in Sunnyside Unified School District in Tucson. For the current school year, McDougall is assigned to Kyrene's middle schools.

"The purpose of my position is not to be evaluative, but to be supportive to middle-school principals and to provide a direct line of communication with district leadership," said McDougall. "I believe that a combination of support and accountability are necessary to create engaging learning environments and systems where all students excel.

"The Director of School Effectiveness position acts as a liaison, communicating needs and mentorship advice between principals and the district executive leadership team."

To acclimate to Kyrene, McDougall undertook site visits so that she could visit classrooms and meet

face-to-face with principals.

"During site visits, I dialogue with principals about school needs and work alongside them in classroom observations, teacher meetings, and leadership meetings," said McDougall.

"I collaborate regularly with district leadership in Kyrene, our curriculum department, the student learning services department, and other departments to provide feedback, review needed supports, determine next steps, and coordinate services," said McDougall.

For this school year, a large area of focus in the district is to monitor the progress of the 90-day action plans, which were required to be developed by each principal for their school. McDougall collaborated with each middle-school principal on the plan and its action steps for student achievement.

"The goals are around achievement in mathematics and English Language Arts, and closing the achievement gap," said McDougall.

These are the same academic areas that are the basis of the state standardized tests called AZ Merit. Kyrene recently received the results of their test scores from the spring and both English Language Arts and mathematics scores report that more than

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## 90-Day

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50 percent of Kyrene kids are meeting or exceeding state standards.

### Peters to prioritize school safety

Another priority for the district is to maintain the schools' environment so that it is orderly and the safe. Charged with this function is Jeff Peters, a long-time Kryene administrator, who recently accepted the role of director of safe and orderly schools

"As the name suggests, the main focus of my position is to maintain safe and orderly schools, which includes supporting schools in the area of student discipline and district safety procedures, and to organize action in times of crisis," said Peters.

He also works with school administrators in providing appropriate consequences for student misconduct.

"I am responsible for preparing and presenting misconduct cases that rise to the level of a long-term suspension or expulsion. In these situations, which are rare, a due process hearing is required in front of a neutral hearing officer or the Governing Board," explained Peters.

"Proactively, I also coordinate professional development opportunities for staff in the areas of student behavior and discipline. I work cooperatively with other departments in offering teachers and staff strategies on positively managing and influencing student behavior through Positive Behavior Intervention Supports."

His expansive role for the district also includes serving as the incident commander and to lead the crisis team.



"This involves maintaining a plan and readiness in the case of fire, school lockdowns, school evacuations, and other events, which may impact the safety of students and staff," said Peters.

"As part of this role, I coordinate resources to best address the situations

as they occur and take proactive measures to ensure that the district is prepared to address situations in a manner most conducive to ensuring student and staff safety."

In summarizing his new and varied role in the district, Peters says that he hopes to support educators to allow Kyrene to provide the best learning environment for all students.

"My goal is to continue to support a positive learning environment that is safe for students, staff, and the community."

## Chandler moves forward to ensure a world-class economy

By Nora Ellen

The city of Chandler has long understood that a strong export economy is a critical component to the foundation of our local robust business economy.

With that in mind, the Chandler City Council unanimously approved an exciting new venture at a recent meeting, allowing the city to formally partner with the Export-Import Bank of the United States.

This move essentially empowers our West Chandler businesses and others citywide to increase export sales and compete in the global marketplace. This will also add jobs as sales revenues increase.

Chandler is the first community in Arizona to participate in the program, joining a roster of organizations representing states throughout the country.

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EXIM offers a number of financial vehicles for small businesses that include export credit insurance, working capital, direct loans and loan guarantees as well as project and structured finance arrangements.

These resources are a great asset for businesses looking to start exporting or expand into new markets.

For its part, Chandler will help to market this resource through free training materials, arranging for qualified finance experts to speak at events, assistance with

outreach and counseling and access to a network of lenders, insurance brokers and U.S. government export resources.

By taking this first step to help local businesses be globally prepared, the hope is the city will become the location of choice for like-minded companies.

Surveys of small- and medium-size firms in the region back that up. According to the Metro Phoenix Export Alliance, only four percent of businesses are exporting, and a lack of financing is one of the key reasons.

Our alliance with EXIM is just one component of a broader export assistance program currently being launched by the city.

There is more to come, so stay tuned. And if you would like more information on our EXIM products and services through the Regional Export Promotion Program, contact the Chandler Economic Development Division at 480-782-3030.

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# MCC among colleges laying out a welcome mat for newly displaced ITT students

Mesa Community College has joined its 10 sister campuses Valley-wide in responding to the recent closure of three ITT Technical Institute locations, offering help to the now displaced ITT students as they transition into a new educational environment.

An MCC spokeswoman said Maricopa Community Colleges are offering support, advice and academic counseling to the more than 1,000 affected students who are in various stages of academic degree or certificate completion.

Because the accreditation processes of the community colleges and ITT are distinctly different, former ITT Tech students are being encouraged to contact the Maricopa Community College nearest them to help them navigate their transition or to complete an online ITT Tech Student contact form.

Doing so will help ensure that each student will receive individual attention and academic advisement, said the spokeswoman. In this process, enrollment specialists will help students navigate academic program selection, transcript

review and financial aid needs.

As to how MCC might provide a resource for transitioning students, Michael Voss, the college's dean for career and technical education, offered guidance to help ease the shift to a new environment.

"MCC offers more than 30 career and technical programs and over 100 degrees and certificates," said Voss.

"We will work closely with the displaced students and others who will benefit from the breadth of programs and knowledgeable faculty at MCC, helping each to achieve their individual goals."

Community College Chancellor Maria Harper-Marinick was similarly supportive.

"Navigating a change in colleges and academic programs is complex and can be frustrating for students who don't know where to turn," she said.

"As community advocates for education, we feel the best service that we can provide at this time is individual attention so that each student can find a Maricopa Community College degree or certificate program that's right for them. What matters most is that we provide the support these students need in order to meet their academic goals."

Details of the

enrollment and advisement process for displaced students are in the process of being finalized.

Students who complete the ITT Tech Student contact form will be contacted within approximately seven business days.

The Maricopa Community College District includes 10 regionally accredited colleges: Mesa, Chandler-Gilbert, Estrella Mountain, GateWay, Glendale, Paradise Valley, Phoenix, Rio Salado, Scottsdale and South Mountain, as well as the Maricopa Corporate College, serving more than 100,000 students with two-year degree, certificate and university transfer programs.

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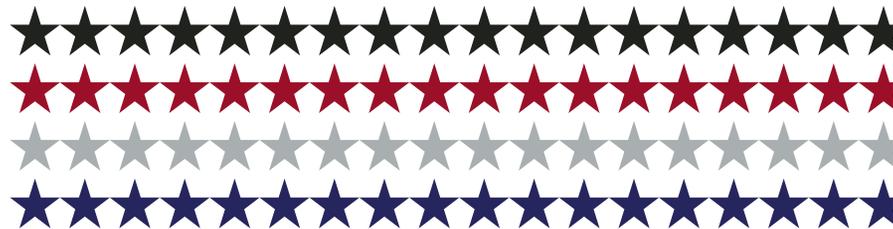
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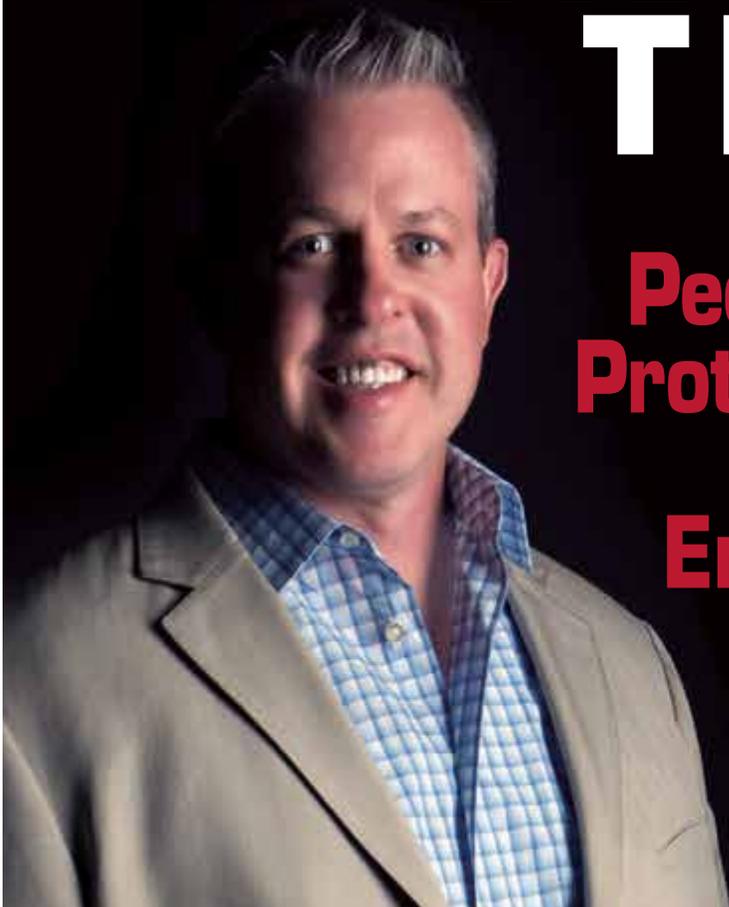
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# Playwright

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theatrical publishing companies for consideration.

"I owe a lot to Mr. McChesney," says Fleming. "He edited a lot of it."

McChesney is at least equally effusive in his enthusiasm for his student.

"She's amazing," he says. "She's got the belting singing voice of Ethel Merman, and she has moments where she's softer, and she has great comic timing. She's just going to go far, I know she is."

As for her play, McChesney says, "I wish it would have been longer. I usually try to limit [the student plays] to 15 to 20 minutes, but this one was just really, really smart."

Though Briana is the daughter of Marcos de Niza Athletic Director Brian Fleming—as he notes, her name is his, plus an "a"—she wasn't originally a student at the school.

"She actually went to Corona," recalls McChesney, "and she would come to see our shows."

Briana Fleming soon caught the bug, not just for theater but for Marcos de Niza theater. She transferred to the school her junior year, and quickly became a star of the department.

In November she's slated to play the Sally Field role in *Steel Magnolias*; she's also been cast as the Godmother in next year's production of *Cinderella*.

But *Wingman* found new life beyond Marcos de Niza this summer, when its author attended Stagedoor Manor, a theater camp in the Catskills of New York.

"It's a place you go to fine tune your skills in acting and drama," says Brian Fleming. As part of the camp's "Dramafest," five student one-acts were produced, and one of these, sure enough, was his daughter's *Wingman*.

"It was really fun seeing it come to fruition [at Marcos de Niza]," says Briana.

"But seeing it produced at Stagedoor was just insane. Three hundred of the most talented people I know, and they're watching my show. It was a weird feeling."

No less weird, perhaps, is the fact that it soon will be seen in print. The play is to be published, as part of a collection of the Dramafest plays, this coming December.

The plot of *Wingman*, according to its author, concerns two students who are madly in love, though they haven't ever talked to each other.

"They've just seen each other across campus, or across the classroom," explains Briana. Their respective "wingmen" (go-between agents in dating) help them to arrange a first date that goes painfully wrong.

"It's loosely based on a situation that happened to me," admits Briana. "I actually ended up dating the wingman of somebody who was being my wingman for somebody else."

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"It's confusing," she assures me. "But it makes sense."



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## SRP

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20 years to complete, though it could be shorter or longer based on market conditions.

### Remember Legend City?

However long you've lived in the Valley, you might observe that more development is really no big news—it seems that if you drive in any direction, you'll see that a new home, a new business or a new retail site is bound to be taking shape.

What's unique about The Grand's future location is that its near the site of the former, popular amusement park known as Legend City.

Without many historic buildings or businesses in the area, one mention of the name "Legend City" to long-time residents of the Valley—especially to those who were kids between its opening in 1963 to its closing in 1983—and you'll usually illicit a nostalgic and wistful sigh.

Originally conceived as an Old West theme park, in the mold of Disneyland, by Phoenix artist and advertising agency owner Louis E. Crandall, Legend City endured a series of

closings, bankruptcies and ownership changes throughout the 1960s and 1970s; and, unfortunately, was never a financial success.

But, Legend City did feature a number of popular and memorable attractions—none more beloved than the regular appearance of television-show hosts "Wallace and Ladmo."

The duo, well-known for their kids program, appeared at Legend City virtually every weekend for the entire run of the park.

Legend City opened to much public fanfare on June 29, 1963, but ultimately fell into financial difficulty.

After a series of owners and the closing of the park in 1983, the land was purchased by SRP, and became the site of their new corporate offices.

Legend City is gone, but certainly not forgotten.

A year-long exhibit at the Tempe Historic Museum winds down at the end of October and a website, devoted to all things about the amusement park, can be found at legend-city.com

### The past made way for the future

Fast forward to 2016 and the revelation that The Grand at Papago Park Center is named after the Grand Canal, a waterway developed in the

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1870s to bring water from the Salt and Verde rivers to the arid Salt River Valley region.

The Grand Canal is the oldest remaining pioneer canal on the north side of the Salt River.

Mitch Rosen, development manager of Papago Park Center Inc., said the Grand Canal was redirected as the focal point of the project, with construction plans including a legacy water feature that features a simulated water release in tribute to Roosevelt Dam and its significant place in Arizona history.

“The Grand Canal and Roosevelt Dam were vitally important to the initial growth of the Salt River Valley, just as they are to the sustainability today of our more than 4 million residents,” Rosen said.

“Without a reliable water supply that came from investments made more than a century ago, Phoenix would not have the kind of economic development that we enjoy today.”

Construction of The Grand actually started in 2014 with the relocation of the canal, creation of the water feature to run through the development,

which was followed by multi-use-path improvements along the north and south sides of the canal.

Papago Park Center Inc., The Grand project’s master developer and a subsidiary of SRP, selected Lincoln Property Co. and Goldman Sachs in 2015 after an extensive vetting process to develop the first four-story Class A office building.

SAP, a German multinational company with regional offices in 130 countries, makes enterprise software to manage business operations and will bring approximately 275 employees to The Grand.

The Grand is part of Papago Park Center, which was started in 1988, and is home to the corporate offices of SRP as well as First Solar, Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Towers Watson, Union Bank, Sonora Quest Labs, State Farm Insurance, Western Refining and Parsons Brinckerhoff, among others.

More information, including photos of the project, can be found online at [thegrandatpapagoparkcenter.com](http://thegrandatpapagoparkcenter.com).



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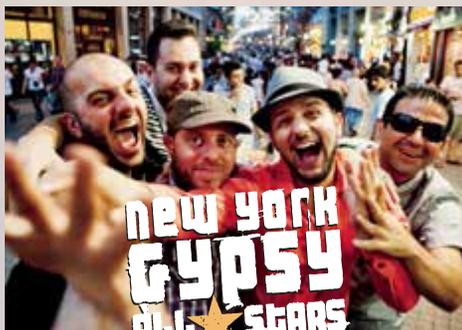
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# Diversions with M.V. Moorhead

## New Affleck action thriller is not the 'Accountant' we've all known

There's a degree of wit simply in naming an action thriller *The Accountant*. Even before the classic Monty Python sketches featuring Arthur Putey, accountants have traditionally been seen as comic dullards and drudges.

But, as with Jean Reno's "The Cleaner" in *La Femme Nikita*, the term "accountant" has an extra meaning here—it's moral as well financial books that get balanced.

Ben Affleck plays Christian Wolff, one of many aliases of a bean-counter who secretly works for vast criminal enterprises, and gets paid in cash or gold bullion or Renoir and Pollack originals. Chris is a high-functioning autistic man of remote, robotic affect, given to self-stimulation and other obsessive behaviors in private.

For quite a stretch, this thriller, directed by Gavin O'Connor from a script by Bill Dubuque, takes an intriguingly quiet, reserved approach, giving us peeks into the title character's life and backstory as he probes the seemingly cooked books of a prosthetics manufacturer (John Lithgow) and tentatively bonds with an amiably nerdy fellow accountant (Anna Kendrick). All the while, two Treasury operatives (J. K. Simmons and Cynthia Addai-Robinson) are zeroing in on him.

Then, about midpoint, *The Accountant* suddenly spins into a tense and violent actioner, with shootouts and martial arts brawls. It's quite effective on this level, too; the shift into Jason Bourne-style mayhem seems like an entirely natural turn for the movie to take.

Affleck keeps things admirably low-key as Chris, not letting more than a hint of loneliness or sly drollery slip out from behind the stony façade. All of the acting is strong, with Kendrick particularly endearing as the colleague, tirelessly friendly even as Chris keeps throwing her off-balance with his dogged literalism.

For its kind, the movie is really quite good. If it misses greatness, it's in the final third, when it takes yet another turn, this time for the verbose. The Treasury man abruptly spews a big lump of exposition, and even with illustrative flashbacks it still calls up Simon Oakland's explanatory lecture at the end of Hitchcock's *Psycho*. It's J. K. Simmons, so (as with Oakland) it's delivered with enjoyable panache.

But it still feels artificial, and O'Connor and Dubuque allow several other characters to launch into similarly wordy and heavy-handed long rambles.

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But this is less complaint than quibble. Considering the theme, and the impressive intricacy of the plot, it would be ungrateful to criticize O'Connor and Dubuque for making sure, perhaps overzealously, that all of the movie's details are accounted for.

#### The Birth of a Nation

The title is a pointed appropriation from D. W. Griffith's white supremacist epic of 1915. But this certainly isn't a remake; it's a historical melodrama based on the slave revolt led by Nat Turner in Virginia in August of 1831.

The historical Turner, enslaved on a plantation in Southhampton County, was a literate preacher who claimed to have been directed by God to organize his rebellion, which resulted in the killing of more than 50 whites over a couple of days. The reaction, unsurprisingly, was hysterical terror—hundreds of blacks were lynched or killed throughout the region in the weeks that followed, most of them not participants in the rebellion.

Turner is played (as an adult) in *Birth of a Nation* by Nate Parker, who also directed, from a script he wrote with Jean McGianni Celestin. Parker is a brawny, potent screen presence, and he plays Turner as a sincere visionary, used by the plantation owner (Armie Hammer) as a lucrative itinerant propagandist for meek obedience at neighboring plantations. In the course of this servile work, he witnesses one atrocity after another, and must preach patience to the victims, gradually concluding that Divine Wrath is in order.

There is a harsh satisfaction in seeing the tables turned on the slavers (the movie glosses over the murders of their families). But, as with *Anthropoid* earlier this year—about Czech partisans killing Nazis in Prague in the '40s—a grim fatalism hangs over the story, since we know the reprisals will cost many more lives on Turner's side.

This *Birth of a Nation*

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## Bullying Awareness campaign through October

Tempe Elementary, Kyrene schools actively monitor signs of bullying.

**Parents can do the same.**

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By Kerri Wright

In the high-tech age of texting and social media, children have become more susceptible to bullying than ever before – even for many talented individuals, like U.S. gold medalist Gabby Douglas, who recently reported being “devastated” by negative online comments about her performance in Rio.

It's a problem of particular concern to the Kyrene and Tempe Elementary school districts, which have launched comprehensive programs to detect bullying and address it before the effects produce serious or even tragic results.

In the Tempe Elementary district, Director of Student Support Tracy Harvester says a comprehensive social skills curriculum is in place to focus on teaching students self-advocacy skills and anti-bullying techniques.

The Tempe Elementary district has what Harvester describes as a user-friendly system for reporting bullying, and all bullying complaints must be addressed within 24 hours.

Students' rights are displayed in each classroom and common areas of all schools. All schools also implement a Positive Behavioral Intervention System, with a focus on praising and rewarding appropriate student behavior, Harvester added.

Kyrene district officials said that, while most people are familiar with the typical schoolyard bully, there is a new type of bully that isn't restricted to playgrounds but rather has a virtual key into your home. It's called cyberbullying and it, along with traditional bullying, is on the rise, according to researchers.

Unfortunately, the problem also is becoming increasingly difficult for parents to identify.



Statistics indicate more than half of young people have experienced cyberbullying, and when they are bullied, they don't confide in their parents. Just one in six parents is even aware of the scope and intensity of cyberbullying, according to NoBullying.com.

October's observance of Bullying Prevention Awareness Month provides a good time for some of the ways parents can spot many of the warning signs of possible bullying or cyberbullying.

Here are a few:

#### **Mood changes or trouble sleeping**

— While mood changes can be a normal part of adolescence, it's important to note if your child suddenly becomes sad, depressed, angry, frustrated, agitated or even stressed out, especially if there is no clear cause.

Subsequently, these issues can trigger sleep problems, including trouble falling asleep, getting up in the morning, nightmares and bedwetting for younger children.

#### **Behavior changes**

— Pay close attention to how they behave after school or immediately after other activities that involve their peers. Though the effects of bullying are long-lasting, they should be most notable right after the incident. This includes computer activities like social media or when they receive a text, instant message or email. If they appear nervous, seem agitated directly afterward, or are unwilling to share their online activity, they may be experiencing cyberbullying.

**Declining grades** — A child's attitude toward school can be one of the first signs of bullying. If they suddenly have a loss of interest or enthusiasm for school, this may be a sign of trouble. Some children who experience bullying may also see a decline

in their grades. This includes falling behind in school work and refusing to talk about the events of the school day.

**Sickness** — Children who are bullied may show a recurring pattern of physical ailments, such as headaches or stomachaches. Whether the sickness is real or fake, it can be a sign of being bullied.

**Socialization** — A child's friendships can change seemingly overnight, particularly during their teen years. However, parents should pay close attention if an overall pattern starts to emerge, like if your child becomes withdrawn and avoids peers, friends, family or social situations.

Many times, children aren't even aware that they are being bullied and may write it off as just being “picked on.”

That's why it is crucial to stay in close contact with school counselors as well as talk to your child about bullying prevention before you even suspect there's an issue. This includes making them aware of prevention strategies and helping them understand how they should treat others and how others should treat them.

There are a number of additional online resources to help families deal with this rising problem. Not sure where to start? I suggest visiting the National Bullying Prevention Center's teen website, *Teens Against Bullying*, which is filled with valuable information, videos and other resources on how to deal with the issues related to bullying.

Unfortunately, cyberbullying is here to stay. Let's do everything we can to help our children overcome it and succeed.

*Kerri Wright is principal of Arizona Connections Academy, an online public school that students attend from home.*

## Diversions

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is skillful enough but blunt, both cinematically and dramatically. It isn't dull—the action moves along grippingly.

But the characterizations aren't rich, although the actors are vivid, and the motivations aren't complex.

This is one of several movies of recent years—*12 Years a Slave* was another, better one—that graphically depict hideous torture, rape and other outrages against enslaved Americans.

This isn't mere exploitation; there are artistically and politically valid reasons for such depictions, the most obvious being that for decades, American movies simply ignored or softened these realities.

But valid or not, they aren't easy to watch. Coupled with the thinly-drawn characters and the unsubtle, functional dialogue, they leave Parker's *Birth of a Nation* sour and unsatisfying.

*The Accountant and The Birth of a Nation* are both rated R, and both play at Harkins Tempe Marketplace 16, Harkins Arizona Mills 25, and other multiplexes Valleywide.

## Crime briefs . . .

### Woman robbed in So. Tempe

Tempe police report that James Alexander Pryor Jr., 24, was arrested Oct. 7 for one count of robbery involving a theft with injuries to a female victim in the parking lot at the Crackers and Co. location on Elliot Road in west Tempe.

According to Tempe PD spokeswoman Det. Lily Duran, investigation revealed that at approximately 2:20 p.m. on Oct. 1, the victim was approached with a request to use her cell phone.

She let the suspect use her phone and the suspect unexpectedly reached over and tried to grab the victim's purse, which was hanging over her shoulder.

The suspect yanked the purse away, causing the victim to fall to the asphalt. She was then dragged through the parking lot by her arm and punched in the face, head and neck, Duran said. The suspect was able to get the purse and fled the scene on foot. The victim was transported to the hospital, where she was treated for her injuries.

Duran said that a canvass of the area revealed video surveillance of the suspect just prior to the assault.

Pryor is facing one count of robbery, one count of possession of marijuana and one count of drug paraphernalia.

### Chandler arson suspect jailed

Chandler police have made an arrest in connection with a series of eight suspicious fires on the city's west side dating back to April.

Detectives from Chandler PD's Property Crimes/Arson unit report that the fires, which continued into September, have been identified as arsons.

At approximately 7:30 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 6, 31-year-old Thomas S. Leeper Jr. was arrested for Arson of an Occupied Structure.

The arrest stems from a Sept. 2 investigation involving a fire at 3651 W. Carla Vista Drive.

Leeper was scheduled to be booked into the Maricopa County Jail on one count of Arson of an Occupied Structure, a class 2 felony.

Chandler Detective Seth Tyler said the investigation continues, with Leeper considered an investigative lead on seven other 2016 arsons.

The Chandler Fire, Health, & Medical Department, Tempe Police Department, Scottsdale Police Department and Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives assisted in the investigation.

## Neighbor Next Door David Carrera: A lifetime of caring

By Brenda Vanderbur

David Carrera has spent a lifetime volunteering to help the community. The Arizona native and Arizona State University grad began reaching out to others as far back as elementary and high school, something he says helped him make lots of friends along the way.

At ASU, where he majored in computer information systems, he was part of the Memorial Union activities board and was active in the Circle K International club, a service organization affiliated with Kiwanis International.

Somehow, he also managed to pack in time with the Hispanic Business Student Association as well as working on Neil Giuliano's successful campaign for student body president.

Years later, that segued into working on Giuliano's bid for a role in city leadership. Giuliano went on to become the 30th mayor of Tempe.

After his graduation from ASU, Carrera went to work for Motorola but also volunteered his time for the Make A Wish Foundation and the Hispanic Business Alumni.

During this time he was nominated for the

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National Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers award, and he and his wife were flown to Dallas for the awards banquet.

Although he didn't win, he said just being nominated was a great honor.

After 25 years at Motorola, Carrera switched to General Dynamics where he and some of his co-workers volunteer to help out at the Rock 'n Roll Marathon.

He's volunteered quite a bit of time at St. Benedict Church, and 10 years ago joined the Knights of Columbus, a Catholic service organization.

As a member of the group, he helps out at the Fiesta Bowl Block Party and Tempe Tardeada.

David and his wife DeAnna have two daughters, both of whom are students at University of Arizona. Throughout their school years, David volunteered



David Carrera and his dog Noah

at Mariposa Elementary, working at school carnivals as well as in the classroom.

When the girls bumped up to Pueblo Middle School, he volunteered as a track coach and also spent several years coordinating the volunteers for the annual choir trip to California.

Even after

his girls had moved on to high school, he was still helping to coordinate the Pueblo choir trips which included being at the school before dawn to load the buses for the road trip.

During his daughters' high school years at Corona, Carrera helped lead the community choir and didn't shy away from working numerous car washes with the pom line.

He also connected with other school fathers to help support the Corona dance program—all while simultaneously coordinating the “dance dads” at Tempe Dance Academy to help with set-up, props and the general running of the backstage during the Spirit of Christmas dance shows.

In 2012, David threw in his hat with the Tempe Sister Cities organization.

He started small, volunteering for one committee, gradually adding a few more. These days, he and his wife are the country coordinators for New Zealand as well as being in charge of the 2017 summer program.

In David's spare time—though with all his community efforts, one wonders how much of that there could be—Carrera said he enjoys going to the gym.

Earlier in life, he was a runner, but his interests later veered toward weightlifting as a way to stay fit. With his wife's encouragement, he found a trainer so that he could learn to lift properly.

It didn't take long before he was hooked on bodybuilding. He's been in competitions throughout the years but his most recent took place in 2014. In the Phoenix Europa, he placed first in both the masters and lightweight divisions.

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# Sports . . . With Alex Zener



An upswing in the Aztecs' performance in their third quarter vs Desert Ridge gave a welcome ray of hope for remaining matchups this season.

— Wrangler News photo by Alex J. Walker

## Loss won't overshadow Aztecs' goals for a winning season

The Aztecs started their first possession against Desert Ridge on Oct. 7 with a kickoff return by Brandon Gavel to the Aztecs' 37-yard line. The gain proved fruitless when they were unable to capitalize on this good field position to sustain a drive or score a point until the third quarter.

Corona was ultimately defeated at home by Desert Ridge, 27-14, falling to 3-4 on the season but did have some positive aspects to build on for the rest of the season in the third quarter.

After trailing the Jaguars 20-0 to start the second half, Corona's defense found more opportunities to slow down Desert Ridge's offense, and the Aztecs were able to score some points on offense in the third quarter.

Kobe Marion surprised the Desert Ridge offense and gave the Aztecs a boost of energy when he jumped in front of a Jaguar receiver early in the third quarter to intercept a pass. Marion never looked back, running 60 yards into the end zone for a pick-six, giving the Aztecs their first points midway through the third quarter. Austin Delany scored

the point-after kick.

Trailing 20-7, Corona's Jacob Clemons got into the action less than a minute later when he snagged the Aztecs' second interception of the night.

Quarterback Austin Helt wasted no time in hitting Ricky Pearsall for a 22-yard touchdown pass, cutting the lead to six points at 20-14.

The Jaguars' third turnover happened on their next possession when Corona's Cobe Allen recovered a fumble with less than five minutes to go in the third quarter.

The Aztecs were unable to capitalize on their latest takeaway and had to once again rely on junior kicker Kaden Riforgiate to punt the ball away, ending the quarter behind 20-14.

Although Corona's defense continued to play better in the fourth quarter, Desert Ridge managed to score another touchdown to defeat the Aztecs 27-14.

Corona has three games left, which they will most likely have to win in order to have a shot at playing in the post season.

The Aztecs should match up well against the Gilbert Tigers when they play at Gilbert on Oct. 14. The Tigers are 1-6 so far this season, only winning one game so far.

The Aztecs should have an uphill battle, though, when they were due to play at currently undefeated and No. 1 Arizona-ranked Mountain Pointe on Oct. 14. The Pumas are ranked No. 21 nationally by maxpreps.com and score an average of 48 points a game.

Corona's last regular season game is Oct. 21 at home against Desert Vista. The Thunder currently have the same season record as the Aztecs, 3-4, but score on average close to 10 more points per game.

### Marcos de Niza football

The Padres broke their two game losing streak, gave their coach an historic win and put themselves in position to have an opportunity to play to make it to the 4A state championship finals by defeating No. 9-ranked Cave Creek Cactus Shadows, 34-21, on Oct. 7.

A few weeks ago, with a 4-0 start to their season

defeating teams by an average of 27 points per game, Marcos seemed to be on the right track to fulfilling their goal of getting another chance at winning a state championship.

The then-No. 2 ranked Division 4A Padres looked to have all the necessary players and personnel to make it happen.

They had a star quarterback in Nazareth Greer, who was averaging over 350 yard a game passing the ball.

They had a new head coach, Paul Moro, who was one game away from his 331st career head coaching win—a win that would tie him with Vern Friedli for most career head-coaching wins in Arizona high school football history.

They had a balanced offense, with at least 8-10 receivers to catch Greer's passes, including Marcus Naisant, Jordan Johnson, Jesse Guzman, and Christian Trevino. They had at least one good running back to move the ball on the ground and keep their opponents' defense off balance in senior Zyayre Moss.

They had a swarming defense responsible for 13 quarterback sacks, 265 total tackles, three interceptions and four blocked field goals with the likes of Mario Gastelum, Marcus Green, Alex Torres, Anthony Gomez-Nicastro, Luis Alvarez, Luke Barnes, Rudy Balderamma, Joe Chavez, Anthony Steinpreis and Tyshawn Britton on the field.

Then, in week five of the regular season, the unexpected happened. The Padres lost to Casa Grande, a team that had not won more than two games in three of its last 10 seasons.

Marcos football fans are probably still shaking their heads wondering how Casa Grande not only managed to intercept Greer three times but outscore the Padres 27-13 to defeat their team in the fifth game of the season on Sept. 23.

Maybe the Padres just had an off night; maybe they were overlooking the Cougars, 2-2, with their minds on the upcoming game against Saguaro on Sept. 29.

The Sabercats, at that time 6-0, are ranked No. 1 in 4A and No. 2 in the state. They are the three-time defending state champions who defeated the Padres in the 2015 championship finals.

Regardless, the win Oct. 7 against Cactus Shadows not only gave the Padres momentum and a boost of confidence heading into their last three games of the regular season, but it gave Coach Moro his 331st career win and the record-breaking tie with Friedli.

The game was much closer than the score appeared throughout the first three quarters, but Greer had a good night, passing over 300 yards for two touchdowns.

Naisant, who caught five passes for close to 100 yards, scored two touchdowns. One was a 64-yard rushing touchdown in the first quarter; the other was a 36-yard reception from Greer to tie the game at 14, all in the third quarter.

Defensive back Chavez gave the Padres an energizing boost and the first lead of the game when he recovered a Falcon fumble on the very next play from scrimmage and ran it in for a touchdown.

Kicker Krysten Muir converted her third extra-point kick of the nights to put Marcos up 21-14.

The Falcons would tie the game again at 21-21 midway through the third quarter before Guzman caught a 17-yard pass from Greer to take the lead once again at 27-21.

Greer took over in the fourth quarter and the ultimate



Corona's girls volleyball team took second place at the prestigious Nike Tournament of Champions.

— Photograph for Wrangler News courtesy Ben Maxfield

win, after the Padres were pinned at their own 1-yard line, with a 99-yard time-consuming drive that culminated in Greer's 15-yard run into the end zone for a 34-21 victory.

If the currently ranked No. 4 Padres stay focused, they should be able to get a win at No. 21-ranked Seton Catholic on Oct. 14 but the next game, on Oct. 21 at No. 3 ranked Higley, looks to be more challenging.

The Padres finish off their regular season at home, Senior Day, Oct. 28 against Tempe.

The 4A state playoffs start Nov. 4 at the higher seed. As of Oct. 4, the Padres were the No. 5 seed behind Saguaro, Sunrise Mountain, Catalina Foothills and Higley.

### Corona girls volleyball

Corona's girls volleyball team brought home the second place trophy at the prestigious Nike Tournament of Champions held in Phoenix, Sept. 28-Oct. 1. The No. 2-ranked Aztecs were the top finisher among the over 20 Arizona schools that participated.

The Aztecs, now ranked No. 14 in the Xcellent 25 Writers Poll, defeated five teams, three from out of state, to make it into the finals against the No. 3-ranked team in the nation out of Louisville, Ken., Sacred Heart.

"We had a good tournament," said Coach Ben Maxfield. "We played consistently throughout but our solid passing enabled us to run a very efficient offense."

Senior Libero Camryn Tucker was partly responsible for the solid passing, with close to 50 digs at the tournament. She is leading her team with over 250 digs so far this season.

Taking advantage of the great passes by not only Tucker but Brooke Nuneviller, with 46 digs, and Erica Ronda, with 43 digs, were Corona setters Madi Ruem and Abby Meyer. Ruem and Meyer combined for 135 assists at the Tournament of Champions, which ultimately led to 182 kills.

Nuneviller, the kill leader on the team over the season, did not disappoint, tallying 61 kills during the tournament. Her highest total was 16 kills in a three-game match against Mater Dei from Santa Ana, Calif. She also had 11 aces and seven blocks.

Ronda had an all-around good tournament as well, with 43 kills, nine aces and two blocks.

"We have continued to steadily improve our blocking over the course of the season, which was an added bonus during the tournament," said Maxfield.

Combining solo and block assists, Corona had a combined 55 blocks at the tournament.

Middle blocker Lauren Forte was a force in the middle, accumulating 12 total blocks and 43 kills during the tournament. Forte leads the team in blocking, with close to 70 total blocks so far this season.

The Aztecs' steady improvement over the season and performance at the Nike Tournament of Champions may have them peaking at the right time.

Corona has only five remaining games after being scheduled to play at Desert Vista on Oct. 12 and at home against Mountain Pointe on Oct. 14.

"Our experience at the Nike Tournament of Champions will continue to give us confidence that we can do really well in the state tournament," said Maxfield.

Corona will have two home games next week—Desert Ridge on Oct. 18 and Gilbert on Oct. 19, before they are scheduled to complete the second of back-to-back matches against Gilbert in an away game Oct. 20.

The Aztecs will play at home the last two games of the season. First comes Highland on Oct. 24, then Mountain Pointe Oct. 25. The state tournament starts Nov. 2 at the higher seed.

## High school athlete success story: Jacob Stewart

# Swimmer triumphs despite battling physical, motivational challenges

Story and photo by Hannah Franklin

Hours before sunrise, Corona del Sol senior Jacob Stewart dove into the water for swim practice but something was different. He couldn't breathe.

Hunched over, as his chest shook violently during a coughing fit, it was hard to tell he stands 6 feet 4 inches tall.

Stewart is a team captain and one of the only state qualifiers on his team. But it's hasn't always been smooth sailing.

During his sophomore year, Stewart became ill with mycoplasma pneumonia—a contagious respiratory infection that causes a persistent fever, dry cough and chest pain.

MP usually lasts only a few weeks with antibiotics but Stewart suffered for over six months because of a secondary case of asthma caused by the infection.

"It affected my swimming so much because I couldn't breathe or practice at all," Stewart said. "I was getting so (ticked) off that it wouldn't go away that I almost quit swimming."

From January of his sophomore to November of his junior year, Stewart sat helplessly by as his team trained and competed without him.

Coach Ron Musgrave considers breathing and stroke technique the most important part of training

a swimmer. If a swimmer is coughing and can't breathe correctly, like Stewart, there's no way to compete.

"We had to coach (him) to swim more efficiently again in order to help him with distances and to regain strength," Musgrave said.

Stewart's eventual return was discouraging and caused motivational setbacks.

"I remember going to sectionals after I got better," Stewart said. "I added 17 seconds to my 200-meter breast stroke time. It was so devastating and hard to be back because I felt so slow, but ultimately I'm glad I didn't quit because this is what I love to do."

Even after his setback, Stewart qualified and competed in the 2015 state championship.

"When I went to the state championship last year, I still had three seconds on my 100-meter breast stroke but this year I'm looking to swim it in 58 seconds," Stewart said.

Stewart placed 23 out of 32, not making it past preliminaries in the 100 breast stroke with his time of 1:03.58. Getting 58 seconds would've placed him in the top five.

"Swimming can be stressful especially if you aren't doing well, but I've got four more years of it so I need to stay motivated," Stewart said.

Stewart wants to swim at the Colorado School of Mines, although his mother wishes he'd consider

attending Arizona State University.

"It would be awesome to swim with Michael Phelps but the team's times are too fast I'm just not so sure I'd make it. Plus Colorado is perfect for altitude training, which is beneficial for traveling meets because I'll swim faster," Stewart said.

Stewart is not only a top-notch athlete but also a seriously dedicated student.

He wants to major in mobile engineering, which involves composing mobile apps and phones. He is constructing a menu service app for a restaurant.

Stewart has mastered the difficult task of balancing school, practice, coaching youth swimmers, SAT prep classes, and his volunteer hours for National Honors Society and East Valley Boys Club.

"Sleep usually gets the short end of the stick," Stewart said. "I almost fell asleep on the benches at practice a couple times."

Stewart wakes up at 4 a.m., challenging his mind and his muscles to power through all the tasks of the day.

He's a leader in and out of the pool, aiming for a podium spot at this season's state championship on top of maintaining the high grades he needs to succeed after graduating this spring.

*Hannah Franklin attends ASU's Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Communication.*





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## Save the date for S.A.V.E.!

Mark your calendar for the upcoming inaugural Safety and Veterans Expo (S.A.V.E.) hosted by Chandler Mayor Jay Tibshraeny, the Chandler Police and Fire, Health & Medical departments, Cultural Affairs and an array of other organizations. The event will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 5, at Chandler City Hall courtyard, 175 S. Arizona Ave.

The S.A.V.E. Expo is a free event for the entire family and the Veterans community. Attendees can learn about personal and property safety, fire and crime prevention methods, how to obtain a city permit and sign up for services and programs provided by City of Chandler departments. Veterans will be able to receive claims assistance from the Veterans Health Administration and get information from other veterans' service organizations. Attendees also

are encouraged to bring any documents they want shredded onsite. The shredding service is being provided by ProShred and sponsored by local Home Depots. Public safety vehicles will be on display and food trucks also will be onsite selling a variety of culinary delights.

During the event, attendees can hear "Courageous Stories of Arizona Military Aviators," featuring helicopter pilots who served in Vietnam, Iraq and Afghanistan sharing some of their experiences. This presentation, the first in the America in Times of Conflict program series from Cultural Affairs, will be held in the Council Chambers, from 10 a.m. to noon.

Free event parking is available in the City Hall garage located on Washington Street, between Frye Road and Chicago Street. For more information, call 782-2243, or visit [chandleraz.gov/connect](http://chandleraz.gov/connect).



## Early voting available at City Hall



Registered voters interested in casting an early ballot for the Nov. 8 General Election may do so at the City Clerk's Office located at Chandler City Hall, 175 S. Arizona Ave., first floor. Early voting is available starting Monday, Oct. 17, and ends on Friday, Nov. 4. The City Clerk's Office is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday. For more

questions about the upcoming election, contact the City at 782-2181 or Maricopa County Recorder's Office and Elections Department at 602-506-1511, or visit [recorder.maricopa.gov](http://recorder.maricopa.gov).

## Tell us how we are doing

The City of Chandler is asking residents and businesses to identify news and information sources they find most useful to receive City information. A brief survey is being sent this month to 3,000 Chandler residents, 3,000 Chandler businesses and featured on the City's website to encourage community participation.

The survey asks people to indicate what sources they use for information about Chandler, including the City's website, social media and other media sources.

If you receive a survey in the mail, we thank you for taking the time to complete it. If you do not receive a survey in the mail, visit [chandleraz.gov](http://chandleraz.gov) to take the survey and offer your input. Your responses will ensure our communication sources remain effective and valuable.

## Show us Chandler's Top Spots



The City of Chandler and Arizona PBS have collaborated to launch a new photo challenge on [CaptureMyArizona.com](http://CaptureMyArizona.com). As part of this challenge, share with us what you see as Chandler's Top Spots. Capture for us the stunning images of families,

commerce, architecture, nature and all things that define Chandler's outstanding quality of life.

Participating is easy! Register on the website, [CaptureMyArizona.com](http://CaptureMyArizona.com), upload photos from your computer or import images from other Web-based photo services, then, add your photos to a category or a challenge. Challenges are themed photo competitions for prizes.

Submit your photos by 11:59 p.m., Monday, Oct. 31. The first-place winner will receive a \$50 gift card to the Original Chopshop in downtown Chandler. Second- and third-place winners will receive \$25 gift card to Bourbon Jack's Bar & Grill, also in downtown Chandler.

## EVENTS

### OCTOBER

- 15 Pat Blackburn Open BMX Event, Espee Park, 782-2746
- 20 Band, Veterans Oasis Park, 782-2890
- 20 Eco-Friendly Water Gardens (Walk on the Wild Side), Chandler TechShop, 782-3580
- 20, 27 Chandler Farmers Market, Dr. A.J. Chandler Park, 855-3539
- 21 Downtown Chandler Art Walk, Dr. A.J. Chandler Park, 855-3539
- 22 Mayor's Day of Play, Tumbleweed Park, 782-2735
- 22 For Our City/Make a Difference Day, Navarrete Park, 782-4354

- 22 Annual Getting Arizona Involved in Neighborhoods (G.A.I.N.) Night, 782-4967
- 28 Halloween Spooktacular, Downtown Library Plaza, 782-2665
- 29 Pumpkin Dunk, Mesquite Groves Aquatic Center, 782-2750

### NOVEMBER

- 3, 10, 17 Chandler Farmers Market, Dr. A.J. Chandler Park, 855-3539
- 5 Mayor's Safety and Veterans Expo (S.A.V.E.), Chandler City Hall, 782-2243
- 5 Urban Fishing Clinic & Outdoor Safety Event, Environmental Education Center, 782-2895
- 5 Arizona Harvest Fest, Dr. AJ Chandler Park, 602-276-2499

- 11 20th Annual Chandler Golf Challenge, Bear Creek Golf Complex, 782-2709
- 11, 12 7th Annual Chandler Chuck Wagon Cook-Off, Tumbleweed Ranch, 782-2717
- 18 Downtown Chandler Art Walk, Dr. A.J. Chandler Park, 855-3539
- 19 Woofstock, Tumbleweed Park, 782-2665
- 19 Achen-Gardner Construction presents Rock the Block!, Dr. A.J. Chandler Park, 284-6033
- 24 8th Annual Turkey Swim, Hamilton Aquatic Center, 782-2749

### DECEMBER

- 3 Tumbleweed Tree Lighting and Parade of Lights, Dr. A.J. Chandler Park, 782-2665

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Mayor Jay Tibshraeny & City Council



# Mentor

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With a garage full of power tools and other equipment, it dawned on him that he could offer boys in foster care a unique opportunity. That's how the Believe and Achieve program was born.

"I thought, you know what? I could teach these kids how to work with their hands, how to build something, how to plan and actually make something that they want to make," Sublette said. The kids attend with their mentors and each student starts out with a \$25 credit for supplies.

Once they've used up the \$25 credit, they have to buy the materials. "I do that for a reason," Sublette said. "I tell them, 'Look, sometimes things in life are free but eventually there's always a cost. What I'm trying to teach them is responsibility.'"

When a project is completed, the kids have the option to keep it, give it as a gift or sell it. To that end, Sublette is teaching them how to construct a board game known as Canoga or Shut the Box. The game originated in European pubs in the 18th century and involves dice and a series of tiles with numbers. "It's a fun, fun game. I've played it with like eight or nine people before and it's really a hoot," Sublette said.

He's put a twist on the game, hoping his students can sell their homemade wares to people with particular interests such as motorcycles, fishing, golf or hunting. A game aimed at bikers, for example, would be dubbed "Kick Stands Up."

The games will be a diversion for those who play them, but mostly it's about helping the foster kids Sublette mentors.

Laura Pahules, the tutor mentor outreach coordinator for Arizonans for Children, thinks Sublette is onto something with his idea.

"I think Mike's program would be a huge success and I think the kids can only benefit from that," Pahules said. "It will expose them to something new, something they may not have ever been around and also give them real life skills that they could potentially turn into a wage earning."

She should know. Pahules has worked with foster kids for years and knows how important it is for children to have role models who engage them in activities that promote development and just plain fun.

"Oftentimes they have zero parental figures in their lives. Our mentors become the one consistent thing in this child's life for at least a year. Even when they are out doing fun things, they are teaching life skills — how to order in a restaurant, how to interact with people, or what a healthy relationship looks like, things the kids may never have been exposed to," Pahules said.

And though the children in foster care reap the benefits of having a caring adult mentor in their lives, the adults are also rewarded for their efforts: they begin to see the world through a new set of eyes—those of a child in need.

Recently, Pahules was speaking with a 7-year-old boy in a foster care group home. She asked him about his favorite food. "He said blueberries, but then he said, 'I've never had one, but they look really good.' That killed me." Pahules made sure to stop by later with a flat of blueberries. "Think about that. These are basic things that these kids are not exposed to, the everyday things we all take for granted."



Mike Sublette, a mentor with Arizonans for Children, is a former shop teacher who has come up with the Believe and Achieve program to help foster children learn basic woodworking skills. At work in his garage with the boys and their mentors, he's walking them through the planning, layout and building of Canoga games. Sublette is currently funding the project out of his own pocket but is hoping to establish a Gofundme site to help with costs.

*Wrangler News photos by Alex J. Walker*

Things like a tool chest, screwdriver or hammer. Things that Mike Sublette is more than willing to share with foster children and their mentors.

Arizonans for Children currently has about 100 mentors but is hoping to gain more before the year is out. An interview, background check and training are required.

"Our mentors have such a positive experience," Pahules said. "We pair them with the youth that have the same likes and interests and are geographically in the same direction."

Tempe resident Kay McCarthy is president of Arizonans for Children. She's hoping Arizonans will consider helping the organization in its effort to assist children. "We're a qualifying foster care charitable organization," McCarthy said. "Donors are entitled to a tax credit of \$500 for individuals and \$1,000 for married couples filing jointly."

Information: [arizonansforchildre.org](http://arizonansforchildre.org) or call 602-252-2270.

— By Joyce Coronel

# New role for nitrous oxide, and it's no laughing matter

Tempe St. Luke's Hospital among nation's first employing method to reduce pain, anxiety during childbirth

There's a lot that new parents can do to prepare themselves for their little bundle of joy. But nothing can prepare a new mom, especially a first-time mom, for the labor and delivery.

That's why Tempe St. Luke's Hospital, part of IASIS Healthcare, is introducing a new pain management option for women in labor: nitrous oxide.

"The birth of a baby is a momentous event for mom and dad, as well as the entire family that will be cherished forever," said Marla Vogt-Roberts, CNM, on the medical staff at Tempe St. Luke's Hospital. "We are pleased to be able to offer another option to help moms manage pain during labor and childbirth without the concerns for side effects to themselves or their baby."

As one of two major hospitals in the state (second only to Phoenix Indian Medical Center) to offer nitrous oxide as an alternative and/or addition to traditional pain management medications, the blend of 50 percent nitrous gas and 50 percent oxygen allows women in labor to dull pain and decrease anxiety without dulling their senses or mobility.

"Relaxed women typically progress better during labor, deliver sooner, and feel more in control of their experience," said Manisha Purohit, M.D., FACOG, OB/GYN on the medical staff at Tempe St. Luke's.

Women have the opportunity to self-administer the nitrous oxide during labor to help not only with



pain, but with anxiety they may feel.

Typically, three deep breaths of the blend are enough to permeate oxygen levels, which helps to lessen the pain. As the nitrous oxide begins to clear from the system, it can be used over again, without risk to the mother or child.

Self-administration of the gas is a safety feature, as once a woman has physiologically reached her limit of nitrous oxide, she will no longer be able to hold the mask up to her face for more until the gas dissipates and pain becomes more apparent.

In addition to self-administering the gas and the ability to use it through the duration of labor, nitrous oxide leaves the system quickly.

Conversely, more potent medications can stay in the system for hours and have an impact on simple functions, including walking, talking, sleeping and even going to the bathroom.

In 2013, only 12 hospitals and birth centers in the U.S. actively offered nitrous oxide as a pain management alternative.

The addition of nitrous oxide as an option for expecting parents to manage pain complements Tempe St. Luke's ongoing commitment to supporting a mother's choices as they prepare for birth.

The hospital offers "gentle C-sections," which allow moms and partners to watch the surgery through a clear drape should they so choose.

Also, where once mom and baby may have been separated while mom recovered from the surgery, now they will stay together from operating room to recovery room, provided both are healthy enough to do so.

As well, to give moms more control over their in-hospital experience during labor and delivery, the new program offers a birth preference protocol.

That protocol includes determining her preferences during labor, the birth of the baby and post-birth care of the baby.

Expectant moms receive a special form, available in English and Spanish, from their medical team, which can be filled out and brought to the hospital when the time comes for baby to arrive.



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### HEALTHY FORESTS IMPROVE OUR WATER SUPPLY

By Dave Roberts

Water is precious in Arizona. Still, we turn on our faucets without much thought as to where it comes from: the forested areas of the Salt and Verde watershed. Snowmelt from these forests fills the reservoirs that provide water to the Valley.

Healthy forests are critical to protecting this supply. That's why SRP and its partners have been tackling forest health issues head on. We support plans to increase the scale of restoration and more quickly return these woodlands to "natural" conditions. Harvesting trees in overcrowded areas better equips forests to handle frequent low-intensity fires without catastrophic effects. In turn, these forests can better withstand drought, support native plants and animals and act as a healthy watershed.

In addition to helping accelerate restoration, we're exploring solutions to put the forest debris to use. This fall we'll be test burning the forest debris at our Coronado Generating Station to better understand its potential as a fuel supply.

Exploring and executing start-to-finish solutions such as these are part of SRP's commitment to protecting our forests and water supply — not just for today, but for generations to come.

*Dave Roberts is Associate General Manager and Chief Water Resources Executive at SRP.*



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## Prop. 205

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Arizona Secretary of State.

“It’s time to stop punishing adults who use marijuana responsibly,” Holyoak and Alfaro’s statement read in part. “This initiative will accomplish that goal in a manner that protects consumers, enhances public safety, provides for local control, generates tax revenue, and creates thousands of new jobs in the state.”

Sarah Mayhew of Arizona Attorneys for Criminal Justice also wrote an argument in favor of Prop. 205 in the publicity pamphlet, stating that the initiative would improve public safety, reduce government spending and provided much-needed revenue for public education and drug treatment.

Ed Gogek, an Arizona psychiatrist who has treated more than 10,000 addicts in his 30-year career, was having none of it. His was one of more than four dozen arguments against Prop. 205 in the publicity pamphlet and he discussed some of his reasons for opposing the measure.

He said Prop. 205 is built on deceptive claims.

“The tobacco industry always said, ‘We’re just doing this for adults,’ and they were lying. They were targeting kids and the marijuana industry is targeting kids too. If they don’t get kids started, there is no marijuana industry,” Gogek told Wrangler News.

“They have written right into Proposition 205 that they are allowed to sell edibles—candy, cookies and soda infused with marijuana. That stuff is just hugely attractive to teenagers.”

Proponents of 205 argue that the measure will be beneficial because 80 percent of the tax revenue generated by sales will go to schools. Gogek claims that’s deceptive too.

“All the money in taxes that comes in goes to cleaning up the messes that marijuana causes,” Gogek said.

Tasha Suhr knows all about the messes. Her sister has a drug problem and so Suhr was given custody of her two nieces. One of them now struggles with an addiction to marijuana and attends a support group in Tempe.

“It’s definitely not harmless,” Suhr said. Her niece once dreamed of becoming an orthopedic surgeon, but those dreams have been put on hold, Suhr said. Although her niece graduated high school early, “over the summer, her addiction spiraled out of control, so we wouldn’t let her go to NAU. Instead she was taking online classes through NAU and failed out of

those because she started using again. I’ve been fighting this addiction of hers for a couple of years now. When she does stop using, it takes a good month before she becomes a normal person again.”

Terri Kimble, CEO/president of the Chandler Chamber of Commerce, voiced the organization’s opposition to Prop. 205.

“The Chandler Chamber of Commerce believes that Prop 205, if passed, would do irrevocable harm to the business community of Chandler, restricting a business’s ability to effectively enforce existing substance abuse policies and manage their workforce; and create a climate which could affect business relocation and/or expansion into the region,” Kimble said.

“The chamber does not believe that the possible economic impact tax revenue generated from this measure would outweigh the loss of economic development the state could suffer from businesses deciding to locate elsewhere as a direct result of Prop 205 passing. We join a growing chorus of business interest groups, and Gov. Doug Ducey’s administration, in opposing this potentially harmful measure.”

Ducey has been sharp in his criticism of Prop. 205.

“Once you get past the enforcement and the bureaucracy and the social costs, this is a financial loser,” Ducey said. Like Gogek, he dismisses the argument about tax revenue going to schools. “If anything, this hurts education, this hurts schools. What student ever got smarter by being stoned in the classroom? That’s what you’re seeing all over Colorado,” Ducey said. The Rocky Mountain State legalized recreational pot in 2012.

A number of organizations oppose Prop. 205, including the Arizona Chamber of Commerce and Industry, the Arizona Association of Chiefs of Police, and the Arizona Association of County School Superintendents. Arizona’s Democratic Party and two members of its congressional delegation have endorsed the measure.

Gogek, who authored “Debunking Marijuana” in 2015, lays out the case against cannabis in his 330-page book (InnerQuestBooks.com). Perhaps one of his more compelling claims is the scientific research he points to that shows the impact on the brains of teens who use marijuana.

“People who use marijuana before age 17 or 18 can inflict permanent damage. And most marijuana users start before age 18,” Gogek writes. Other studies Gogek cites show an eight-point drop in IQ for heavy marijuana users.

## ‘Rally Point’ run honors veterans, sheds light on suicide crisis

Twenty-two veterans will march 22 miles across Tempe into West Chandler on Sunday, Nov. 13, to honor those who have served in the nation’s military and raise awareness of the 22 veteran suicides that officials say occur every day across America.

The observance, Rally Point Arizona, also is designed to generate financial support for the number of veterans in Arizona in crisis and in need of services.

An added dimension to the event, now in its

third year, will be half-marathon and 5K runs, both starting and ending at Rawhide Western Town.

Also featured will be festival activities for the family, including a Kids Zone, live music and wellness center. Proceeds will support Rally Point’s program that encourages volunteers to become “Navigators,” working with veterans and families in crisis who need help.

Navigators are trained veterans and family members who understand the challenges that

come with the transition to civilian life, assisting in obtaining services and resources such as food, housing, medical and behavioral-health services and employment.

The program promotes self-sufficiency and resiliency, and works to lessen the probability of future crises.

Rally Point Arizona also has a 24-hour hotline to support those in crisis.

Information: [www.rallypointaz.org](http://www.rallypointaz.org).

## Shoppers get chance to help Komen reduce breast cancer deaths

Tempe and West Chandler shoppers who support the Susan G. Komen campaign to combat breast cancer can lend their encouragement via selected stores at Arizona Mills and Phoenix Premium Outlets, which have launched the second year of a national engagement with the program.

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throughout October.

“Based on the success we experienced with the 2015 campaign, Simon is pleased to be increasing our pledge of support to Susan G. Komen in 2016,” said Krystal Zell, the company’s senior vice president of marketing.

“Through the More Than Pink movement, we are throwing our support behind Komen’s goal of reducing current breast cancer deaths in the U.S. by 50 percent in the next 10 years.”

Visitors to Arizona Mills and Phoenix Premium Outlets will notice the pink theme carried out at the Guest Services booths and staff will be honoring

National Breast Cancer Awareness Month by donning pink accessories.

Other planned activities include:

**Discount Card Program:** \$10 Discount Cards will be sold providing 25 percent off one item at participating retailers. Proceeds from the sale of Discount Cards go to Susan G. Komen.

Participating Arizona Mills retailers include Aéropostale, bebe, G by Guess, Gap Factory, Neiman Marcus Last Call, Nine West Outlet, Old Navy Outlet, O’Neill, Reebok, SEA LIFE Arizona Retail Store, Skechers, USA, Steve Madden and more.

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## Strategy helps Tempe grow partnerships, gain ground in education

Being a highly educated city holds enormous potential for the future of Tempe. That's because the connection between higher education and higher-wage jobs means that more residents prosper. When a community prospers, more investments are made in schools, neighborhoods and city amenities. In Tempe, we're trending upward.

The last census recorded that 41 percent of Tempe residents attained a bachelor's degree or higher. A remarkable 24 percentage points higher than the state's average of 17 percent and considering the national average is 33 percent, Tempe is well-positioned to capitalize on the future economy.

To maintain our focus towards the future, we needed a plan. Since my first term as a Councilmember, I advocated for a citywide education strategy to keep us on goal.

I understand that as a city, we have no jurisdiction over schools, but I recognized that we all value the importance of education.

So it's critical that the city be involved especially because of the interdependence of educational success and positive societal effects.

My mission was to design a plan and form an education partnership that included Arizona State University and our local school districts. With the support of Mayor and Council, we did.

ASU's participation was essential.

Their presence in our hometown brings tremendous benefits and their role in our community's education success has been significant. We collaborated with them, along with the Tempe Union High School District, the Tempe Elementary

School District and the Kyrene School District, to make progress in aligning the city with key educational objectives.

As equitable partners, we share a common purpose to support the growth of educated and skilled residents because we know that student success is vital to a strong and healthy community.

The partnership's roadmap has five aspirational goals for youth:

- Children live in a stable and nurturing families
- Children are mentally and physically healthy
- Children are ready to succeed in school
- Children live in safe and supportive neighborhoods

### Young people successfully transition to adulthood

Our city's Education Coordinator is leading efforts to achieve these goals and a number of projects are underway.

*Read On Tempe* is a program that aims to ensure that all local students are able to pass the state's third grade reading benchmark so they can promote to the fourth grade.

This is complemented by our cooperation with volunteers from the *AARP Experience Corps* who donate their time by pairing up with children from kindergarten to the third grade to improve reading skills.

For older students we have *College Connect*, a free college and career support service at the Tempe Public Library for Tempe high school students and their families.

Initially we partnered with ASU to launch the program. Now, joined by University of Arizona, Northern Arizona University, Grand Canyon University, University of Advancing Technology, and Rio Salado and Mesa community colleges, the program has assisted hundreds of students and parents through the rigorous college admissions process.

I also want to emphasize that any post-secondary education is important. It can be a college degree, specialized industry training, or skilled-trade certification. This is why Career Technical Education offered at our local schools is a good investment.

We need skilled employees to take the future jobs in advanced manufacturing, software development and healthcare.

Through our collective commitment as Tempe residents to support education strategies and investments, we will continue to ensure positive student outcomes that will make our community stronger.

That will lead to benefits like increased property values and a higher quality of life in neighborhoods. We're on our way to achieving this and more.

The abundance of our city's educational and career resources for children and adults will increase our college attainment levels and validate our claim as the knowledge capital of Arizona.

*Robin Arredondo-Savage is a member of the Tempe City Council.*

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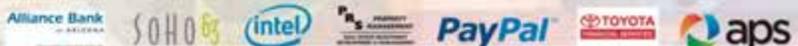
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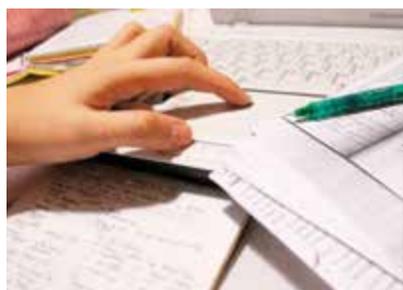
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# Editing pro helps college students get it 'write'

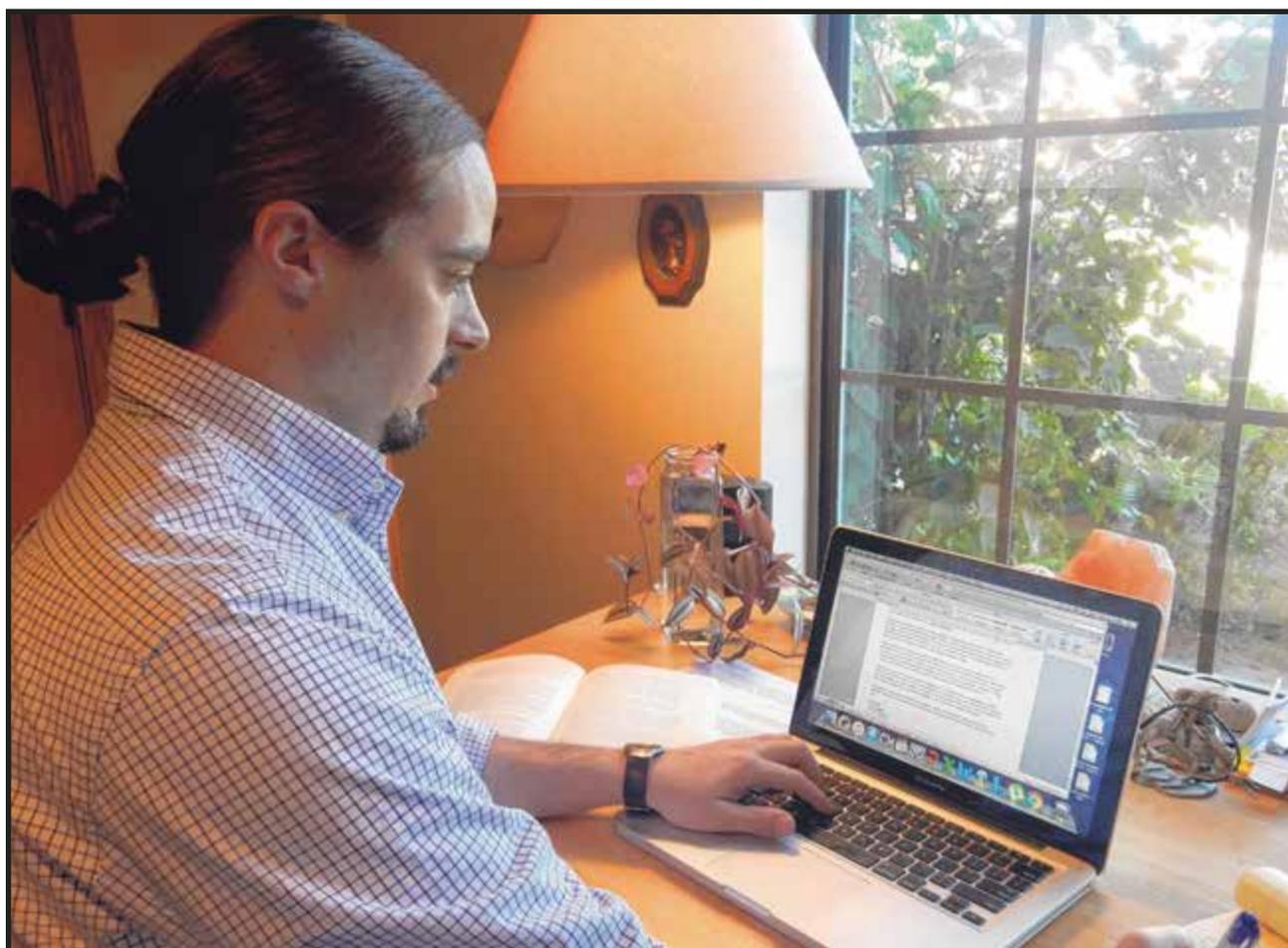
By Mark Crudup

**A**fter being on the job hunt again while having a part-time job at Farmers Insurance, I decided to essentially create my own business as an editor for college students. I have a bachelor's degree from Arizona State University's Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and was eager to get back into editing.

The introductory assignment I received, at 11 a.m. my first day on the job from an advanced-course psychology student, was a complete disaster. Worst of all, I had only until midnight to turn it into an A paper. Not only were there grammatical errors in each sentence; the paragraphs were not formatted correctly and everything was wrong in terms of the American Psychological Association's stylebook.

There were no headlines or subhead lines. The running head was incorrect. The sources weren't cited correctly, and the content sounded like it was quickly running out of my client's mouth. He was a college student trying to obtain his master's degree in psychology.

After four hours of editing and quick phone calls with my client, the paper was turned in at



Mark Crudup painstakingly reviews and edits college students' papers.

— Wrangler News photo by Alex J. Walker

approximately 11:30 p.m.

That was when I realized the amount of help college students need with their writing.

Writing is imperative for every subject, and in my opinion, high school seniors are entering universities lacking in the ability to write papers.

Thus, my job is to help those college-challenged young folks by editing and properly formatting their papers so the chance of them losing points due to grammatical errors and imprecise writing is very low.

This may not be the best option, compared to being tutored, however students still like to have a second pair of trained eyes review their final assignments, and will pay for this service.

Generally, I charge about \$15 to \$20 per hour of editing. I collect the money, usually in the form of an online payment, after the paper is turned in, relying on my trust in students to follow through with their word.

I haven't had any complications so far.

Getting the papers I'm contracted to edit into usable format is no walk in the linguistic park. I'm rigid when it comes to creating content for students. I will never write for a student, only

edit what words they provide and rearrange paragraphs into an easier-to-read format. This includes ensuring APA style is followed (I have a reference book for this and use online resources). Students will sometimes ask me to "ghost write" for them, but I've decided I do not feel morally comfortable taking assignments like these. This is made clear to any client who contacts me.

Advertising for my editing services was directly through Facebook and Craigslist. I'm fortunate to be involved in an online group that consists of residents living near the ASU Tempe campus.

After posting my service in the group, I received three calls the first day. Now, I have a few regular clients for whom I edit each week, with other students contacting me throughout the week.

Business is good, and you can always tell when it's finals time at the universities as business spikes.

I enjoy the flexibility of the job, other than the desperate messages I receive begging for my editing services the day the paper is due.

Contact: markjcrudup@gmail.com

# Want an extra copy of Wrangler News?

Here's a list of the community-minded merchants and service providers who invite you to drop by their location to pick up a current issue. And, as long as you're there, take a moment to look around, say hello and say thanks for being a part of being part of our efforts to bring neighbors — and neighborhoods — closer together.

**Kyrene School District**, lobby, Kyrene & Warner, Tempe

Guadalupe & McClintock, next to Rubio's

**Crackers**, outside rack, 1285 W. Elliot Road, Tempe

**Squarz**, countertop, Rural & Elliot, Pollock Center, southeast corner

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**BR Fitness**, countertop, Rural & Elliot, Pollock Center,

**Tempe Union HS District**, lobby, Guadalupe east of Kyrene

**Steves Espresso**, periodical rack to left of front door, 1801 E. Baseline at McClintock, east side of McClintock

**Mill Avenue rack** in front of Hippie Gypsy, Tempe

**Freeway Chevrolet**, Customer Lounge, 1150 N. 54th St., Chandler

**Tempe City Hall**, lobby, downtown Tempe

**Mill Avenue rack** just north of Rula Bulaz, Tempe

**Casa de Juana**, decorated bench, lobby, 1805 E. Elliot, Pollock Tempe Cinema complex

**Romancing the Bean**, gourmet coffee, 80 E. Rio Salado Pkwy, Tempe

**Dairy Queen**, top of rack, left of entry, Rural & Elliot, northwest corner

**Tempe Elementary School District**, Rural north of Southern, Lobby

**Sunset Library**, 4930 W. Ray, Rural & Ray, Chandler

**Tempe Public Library**, Connections Cafe, Rural south of Southern, Tempe

**Fractured Prune**, counter near front entry, 4910 W. Ray Road, southeast

**Pier 54/The Lakes**, On the Water, 5394 S. Lakeshore Drive, Tempe

**Arizona Central Credit Union**, rack at front entrance, 1805 W. Chandler Blvd., Chandler

**Marcos de Niza HS**, Main Office, Guadalupe & Lakeshore

**Chandler City Hall**, lobby, 175 S. Arizona Ave., Chandler

**Bogeys Sports Bar & Grill**, rack near front door, Guadalupe & Rural, Tempe

**Chandler Chamber of Commerce**, 2nd Floor, 25 S. Arizona Pl., Chandler

**Arizona Flooring & Interiors**, countertop in U.S. Post Office convenience station, 6483 S. Rural, Tempe

**Corona del Sol HS**, Main Office, 1001 E. Knox Road, Tempe

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## Wrangler NEWS

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### Shining light on the darkness of mental illness

By Joyce Coronel

We may be a modern society awash in digital technology and high-tech medicine, but there's still a pervasive stigma when it comes to mental illness.

Two Chandler police officers decided to do something about it. They organized a free, daylong event aimed at bringing issues like mental illness, addiction and suicide out of the shadows and into the light.

For those who've anguished over the struggles of a loved one's troubled life, it couldn't come soon enough.

Officers Melissa Lotz and Loranda Tibble, the driving force behind "A Focus on Understanding and Hope," held at Chandler Center for the Arts, said their goal was to create awareness and help individuals and their families find resources and support.

More than 45 organizations took part in the affair.

— STIGMA, Page 26

### Oct. 1 gig celebrates return of Tempe's own rock 'n roll legend

By Chase Kamp

Veteran songwriter Roger Clyne is one of Tempe's most enduring rock 'n roll exports and perhaps the city's best showman. Along with Robin Wilson of Gin Blossoms, he was a major figure in the city's '90s alt rock heyday, and as the leader of Roger Clyne & the Peacemakers, he's crafted clever desert-country narratives chased with rock bombast and south-of-the-border Mariachi accoutrements.

The band will return to the Valley to perform their distinctly southwestern jams at San Tan Brewery Oktoberfest in Chandler on Oct. 1, which, while not exactly resembling German polka, can still fit in nicely with suds and sausages.

Clyne, calling during a pit stop in Omaha,

— CLYNE, Page 11



Silver medalist Sam Dorman returned to Marcos de Niza, his high school alma mater, to keep a promise he made to share his experience with students and staff, who cheered him on at the 2016 Rio Olympics. More photos, Page 31

### 'No kids have been injured — ever' Tempe Elementary, Kyrene among top scorers for school-bus safety

Editor's note: An in-depth media investigation uncovered worrisome issues with Arizona school buses—a concern we felt might be shared by Wrangler News readers. Contributing writer Joyce Coronel took a look at the safety records of the Tempe Elementary and Kyrene school districts. Here is what she found:

In the wake of an Arizona Republic exposé that revealed shocking safety failures in some Arizona school buses, parents of students in the Tempe Elementary and Kyrene school districts can breathe easy.

"No kids have been injured, ever," said Jessica Palmer, director of transportation and safety for Tempe Elementary.

"Never, ever. Safety is our number one priority."

Eric Nethercutt, transportation director for Kyrene, offered similar counsel. He said that in the four years he's been at the helm, there have been no serious accidents and no students hurt.

The Republic provided a searchable data base with listings of school districts throughout the state. In South Phoenix, the Roosevelt district scored a 73 percent failure, the highest in Maricopa County.

By contrast, Tempe Elementary and Kyrene scored a stellar 1 and 2 percent respectively.

"When we do the driver refresher course every year, we really drive home that this is someone's precious cargo—this is someone's life, and treat these kids as if they are your own," Palmer said.

"I think that puts it in perspective when you're dealing with other people's children—it's the most

— BLISES, Page 12

# Tempe library provides a supportive 'Connection' for aspiring writers

By Deborah Hilcove

If you're a reader, you probably anticipate the ONEBOOKAZ winners each spring. Started in 2002 by the Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records, a division of the Secretary of State, these books are chosen by librarians and the books are free to download.

If you're a writer, you look forward to the announcement, hoping your book might have been chosen as the single book uniting all Arizona readers.

Secretary of State Michele Reagan recently announced the 2016 winners. Judith Rucker Coopey, Adult category winner, calls her book, *Looking for Jane*, "a girl's version of *Huckleberry Finn*." Nell, orphaned and left in a convent, runs away and happens to find a ten-cent novel about Calamity Jane. Convinced that Jane is her real mother, Nell takes off across country to find her. Along the way, she finds a dog and meets an English boy. The trio encounters great adventure and the young couple learns about the world, as well as themselves.

Coopey, born in Altoona, Pennsylvania, always knew she wanted to be "a lady that writes books," and after retiring from Mesa Public Schools as a history teacher, made her dream come true. She writes about "strong people facing the challenges life lays before them, following their inner light and living responsible lives."

The Teen category winner, Melinda Rucker Haynes wrote *The Haunting of Josh Weston*, a story that falls within the paranormal young adult (YA) category. Formerly an outstanding student, fifteen-year-old Josh Weston, finds his life turned upside-down after his father is killed and his mother moves the family to an isolated Arizona ranch. Josh loses his self-confidence and begins to fail his classes. Even worse, he is stalked by a psycho at the new school. Unable to find a solution, Josh decides to end his life, but the ghosts of an old prospector and his burro appear, challenging Josh to survive and deal with the



past.

Haynes, third generation of an Arizona pioneer family, grew up in Kingman and set the story on "a little ranch off old Route 66, between Kingman and Oatman. I lived there a short time and found it a very 'magical' place where impossible, even mystical, things could happen." The multi-award winner has authored six romance novels in the subgenres of YA and paranormal and three nonfiction books about educational research and assessment.

The Kids' eBook Winner also takes readers across country. *Buckaroo Buckeye*™ by Kristin Anderson Cetone tells about a buckeye nut that falls from a tree in Ohio. Although teased by other nuts because of his big dreams, he plans to travel and find his place in the world. This is a

"Parent Read-Aloud" book discussing determination, discovery and self-esteem. It was a 2013 "Mom's Choice" award winner and Cetone has included a curriculum guide with writing ideas, craft projects and discussion topics.

Born in Dayton, Ohio, Cetone travelled widely before putting down her own roots in Arizona, "just like Buckaroo Buckeye," she says.

A Reading Specialist in Scottsdale, "Mrs. C" believes nurturing the pathway for a successful reader begins when parents frequently read aloud to their children. Looking forward to sharing Buckaroo's story with kids and their parents, she quotes her character, "Buckaroo's my name, but literacy is my game!"

Although there is no cash award for ONEBOOKAZ winners, winners say the

experience is priceless. The program carries a great deal of prestige. It grants winners a travel stipend and the opportunity to travel throughout Arizona, meeting librarians and readers, engaging in a book tour they otherwise might not experience.

Author Haynes says, the travel "is a wonderful thing! I love talking to readers and writers. The librarians I've communicated with about my visits are fabulous! I'm so excited to meet them in person....I always enjoy hearing about what people are reading and writing."

A sampling of previous ONEBOOKAZ winners suggests the strength of the competition. Winners include Marcia Fine's *The Blind Eye*; Lisa Schnebley Heindinger's *Arizona: 100 Years Grand*; Jana Bommersbach's *The Trunk Murderess: Winnie Ruth Judd*; Alberto Rios's *Capirotada: A Nogales Memoir*; Conrad Storad and Lynda Exley's *Arizona Way Out West and Witty*; Barbara Kingsolver's *Animal Dreams*; Richard Shelton's *Going Back to Bisbee*; Nancy E. Turner's *These is My Words: The Diary of Sarah Agnes Prine, 1881-1901, Arizona Territories*; and Yann Martel's *Life of Pi: A Novel*.

Although planning for the ONEBOOKAZ competition generally begins in September, Donna Throckmorton of the Arizona State Library said there will not be a 2017 competition.

"We did it for three years and it was pretty successful," Throckmorton said. Apparently, the program was a victim of its own success. Throckmorton said the state library received so many submissions that it became impossible for staff to read and judge all of them.

Instead, they're working to continue promoting literature in other ways.

"One of the things we're doing is our Writers in Residence program," Throckmorton said. The program puts published authors in Arizona libraries so writers can speak with them in person.

So far, Tempe and Chandler don't have such a program, but Tempe does offer a meeting place for writers.

Writers Connection, an informal writers' critique group, meets at The Tempe Library, 3500 S. Rural Road, 2-4 p.m. Fridays.

Information: [Tempe.gov](http://Tempe.gov)



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# City of Tempe Page



## Neighborhood libraries grow love of reading

Tempe's new Neighborhood Libraries program was explored and recommended by Councilmembers Kolby Granville and David Schapira, and later approved by the full City Council. The program encourages residents to share their love of reading with neighbors by building book storage units on their properties. The city is offering rebates of up to \$300 to homeowners and non-profit organizations for the cost of purchasing, installing and registering a Neighborhood Library. Participants are responsible for stocking their own libraries, which must remain in place for a minimum of five years.

For information and an application, visit [www.tempe.gov/NeighborhoodLibraries](http://www.tempe.gov/NeighborhoodLibraries)

## All aboard!



The new Trains of Tempe exhibit rolls into the Tempe History Museum, 809 E. Southern Ave., from this November through September 2017.

The 1,200-square-foot exhibit examines the history of trains in Tempe and surrounding communities from the earliest efforts to bring rail service to the area, to modern endeavors in mass

transportation, including light rail and streetcar.

Train aficionados of all ages can enjoy this interactive experience created through the use of artifacts and archival materials, photographs and video.

The exhibit opens at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 10, with live music, activities and refreshments. Admission is free. For more information, visit [www.tempe.gov/museum](http://www.tempe.gov/museum).

## Zero Waste Day is Nov. 12

Still hanging onto that old TV? Recycle it for free at Tempe's Zero Waste Day. Residents can drop off the items that cannot go in their blue bins and the city will ensure they get properly recycled.

Free recycled paint will be available for residents, and the city will accept donations of non-perishable food items for the Tempe Community Action Agency.

It's all happening Saturday, Nov. 12, from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Tempe Fire Training Facility, 1340 E. University Dr.

Visit [www.tempe.gov/zerowaste](http://www.tempe.gov/zerowaste) for a list of acceptable items and to learn more about how these items are recycled at Tempe's Household Products Collection Center.

## College Connect helps students navigate path to success

Young people wondering what to do after high school, whether college is the right choice and wondering how to pay for it all are getting helpful answers from Tempe's ongoing College Connect program.

Join any of these free College Connect workshops from 10 a.m. to noon on upcoming Saturdays (Nov.

19, Feb. 4, April 8) to find answers.

These free workshops, focused on different topics each time, are held at the Tempe Public Library, 3500 S. Rural Road.

Day-of registration opens at 9:30 a.m.

Students attending the workshops will be entered in a drawing to win one of five \$250 scholarships.

For more information and to register for the workshops, visit [www.CollegeConnectTempe.com](http://www.CollegeConnectTempe.com).

## Veterans Day Parade is Nov. 11

All community members are invited to the annual Veterans Day Parade along Mill Avenue. The parade will begin at 10 a.m. at ASU Gammage and travel north to Tempe Beach Park. Join in the patriotic fun of this hometown tradition!





**In high school, Shana Ellis worked for the nonprofit Tempe Community Council, where she served on the worker-bee end of organizing the group's annual awards ceremony . . .**

**Profile by Delia Johnson**

**. . . Never in her dreams did she expect to be on the receiving end.**

Ellis was recently named the 33rd winner of the annual Don Carlos Humanitarian Award, one of Tempe's most prestigious honors.

"The first emotion that I had was shock," said Ellis. "This is probably the highest award that I'm ever going to get—I'm sure I'm not up for an Academy Award any time soon."

Currently CEO and president of The Centers for Habilitation and former Tempe City Council member, Ellis has made a lasting impact on her community.

Linda Spears, Don Carlos recipient of 2007, was one of the people who nominated Ellis because of what she called "her commitment the underserved in our community on a sustained basis through various activities, and just in general how she treats people."

The Centers for Habilitation allows Ellis and her staff to improve the quality of life for disabled people in the community. "I have an older brother who has a disability—that's kind of the household that we were raised in," said Ellis. "I know the systems as far as people accessing services and the kind of needs that they have, so that's one of the things that drew [The Centers for Habilitation] to me."

Through a day program assisting over 100 individuals at area group homes, along with a staff of 600-plus spanning the state, TCH is said to have made a huge change for disabled people in the area.

"The impact she's having here is that she gets to really tell our story, which helps bring resources to our organization," said Dawn Hocking, TCH's director of development and fundraising.

Said Ellis of the satisfaction she receives from her involvement:

"It a great job and I will say it puts my life in perspective every day because I have nothing to complain about."

Born and raised in Tempe, Ellis has been involved in the community since she was a kid. In middle school, her parents introduced her to volunteering and it became ingrained in her.

Ellis now has two children—a son who goes to ASU and a daughter in 8th grade. She's made it a priority to pass on to her children the value of charity work, just as her parents did for her.

"Shana would do anything in the world for anyone, and she's teaching her children to do that and to me that's really important," said Linda Spears, a previous Don Carlos honoree.

Looking at the award in hindsight, Spears said those who are honored don't volunteer their commitment in order to be thanked.

"First of all, no one does it for the recognition...and the fact that your peers recognize what you're doing and nominate you...it's a very humbling experience to be recognized for," said Spears.

Ellis' spot in the limelight is nothing new. She was elected to the Tempe City Council after a friend recommended that she run, putting her father to work as her campaign manager.

"It was a real grassroots effort," she joked. "Even in high school I was sitting in the council meetings in the audience, so it's kind of funny that I ended up on the other side of the table," Ellis said.

Having the tables turned on her seems to be a theme in her life, noting however that she's good at rolling with the punches and is "open to whatever opportunity comes next."

As to the future, said Ellis: "I still have a lot of work to do in this community; I'm by no means done."

*Delia Johnson is a student at ASU's Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication.*

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## After 20 or so years, it has become a sisterhood of **'The traveling bunco box'**

Story and photos by Joyce Coronel

**W**hen I was growing up in the Valley back in the 1960s and '70s, we knew the name of every family on the block. Heck, we knew the names of most of the *pets* in the neighborhood, too. Nobody had a garage either—there were carports.

Times change, and these days it's not uncommon for residents in our area to drive into the garage after a long day at work and immediately shut the door to their castle.

For a group of women in South Tempe, however, that's not the case at all. They've been gathering on the second Tuesday of each month for an evening of entertainment for the last 20 years. In the process, deep friendships and a sense of community have taken root and blossomed.

It all began when one of the ladies, Theresa Scholes, and her neighbor, Donna Johns, formed a bunco group in the area. For the uninitiated, bunco is a game of pure luck involving the roll of the dice. Forget developing a winning strategy or poker face. This is kismet.

A small bowl of snacks sits mostly untouched as a bell rings and the rolling of the dice commences.

As I thread my way between card tables, the ladies are engrossed in conversation. "Oh yeah, we need to get started," one of them says.

Laura Reisinger, an original member, remembers when the Oasis neighborhood near Elliot and McClintock was first taking shape.

"I look at this group as the sisterhood of the traveling bunco box," she said, garnering a laugh from the ladies seated inside Scholes' spacious family room. Members of the club take turns hosting the event each month and 12 ladies show up, including a substitute player if one of the regulars can't make it.

Dinner and prizes are part of the mix, too. And take heart, oh ye of scant luck: there's even a prize for the lowest

scorer. A poster depicting two decades of their friendship shows bunco champions mugging for the camera, adorned in tiaras.

"We are our little support system for good things, and also the serious events that happen," Reisinger said. "It's a really close bunch of ladies."

Every month, they celebrate the birthdays of their members. Like any group of close friends, they're also there when tragedy strikes.

"When someone needs you, you jump," Scholes says.

Reisinger said she never expected to experience this type of friendship during her senior years. "When you move to a new place, you make friends with people you have kids with—the kids are in common. None of us were in that situation," she said, looking around the room of ladies, nearly all of them senior citizens.

Not including Diane Petteruti, the youngest member, it should be noted, who started out as a sub.

"I just planned on going one night and I happened to win. They needed somebody else in their group and they said, 'Well, you won, so you can't leave! You're part of the group.' Now it's 20 years later." The monthly gatherings, she said, bring a smile to her face as the bunco bunch trades jokes and humorous stories.

"I enjoy listening to their perspective of things at their age—they are just a fun group. They're a very nice bunch of ladies."

Marilyn Smith grew up in Tempe and has known some of the members of the sisterhood for 50 years. "It gives us something to look forward to once a month," Smith said. "Some of our husbands are good friends too."

That's because 10 years ago the club began holding a Christmas bunco gathering that included husbands, some of whom wondered about all the fun their wives were having.



"They think we talk about them," Reisinger laughed. "No." Out of the holiday bash, the men's friendships have taken root, as well. A group of them goes to a local shooting range every Thursday morning; others play golf together.

Scholes, who's lived in Tempe since her 20s, has known many of the women for years, too. "I just love this group. We're all close," Scholes said.

Carol Stes, who started coming two years ago, agreed.

At a time when many in our midst suffer from loneliness and isolation, the bunco club shines as an example of what can happen when neighbors don't hide behind garage doors but walk along a common path of community.

"The best part is the friendliness," Stes breathes. "Everybody is so friendly and happy."

Laura Reisinger, top left, joins women from Tempe Oasis and nearby neighborhoods at one of the group's monthly bunco parties, where snacks, camaraderie and lifelong friendships abound amidst a ringing of the round-starting bell and the rolling of dice.



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