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## GIRL POWER

From her childhood days, Haley Langille had a goal. It involved what many — her family included — saw as an unattainable dream. Today that dream is a reality, and Haley has become a well-accepted, if unique, member of Corona's Aztec football team. Story, Page 6

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## School, family-rearing challenges to be target of Kyrene parent workshop

By Diana Whittle

Raising children can be rewarding, but seemingly routine challenges can still become a family's most perplexing struggles.

The Kyrene School District is sponsoring a parent summit from 4:45 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 6, at Pueblo Middle School to support parents as they resolve such daily concerns as:

- Protecting kids from bullying and Internet predators;
- Learning new techniques to communicate effectively with their children;
- Discovering new strategies to help a struggling reader; and
- Planning for college and finding ways to pay for tuition.

Kyrene's Community Education Division is inviting families to the event, which includes parenting classes and features speakers who will address topical issues, which include:

- "Raising Great Girls: Four Crucial Parenting Tips to Help Girls Stay on Track";
- "What is STEM?";
- "Rx for Raising Drug-Free Kids"; and
- "What Are College and Career

Standards?"

Cost is \$5 per adult, which in addition to a choice of two information workshops includes dinner, childcare or enrichment sessions for children.

Some of the scheduled choices include:

- "Seven Habits of Happy Kids" for grades 3 - 5;
- "Girl Power" for grades 3 - 6;
- Kyrene Kids Club for grades 1 - 5;

and

- Basketball Fun for grades 1 - 5

"We know families have an abundance of activities and responsibilities on their plate," said Amanda Nosbisch, who is on staff in the Community Education and Outreach Department.

"This event offers a great value for a small investment of time and money."

Kyrene Parent Summit is supported by the Kyrene Foundation, Kyrene Community Education and Kyrene Prevention Services. All presenters and vendors for the Youth Enrichment sessions will donate their time.

Families can register online at [www.kyrene.org/parentsummit](http://www.kyrene.org/parentsummit) or by calling 480-541-1500. Pueblo Middle School is at 360 S. Twelve Oaks Blvd., Chandler.

## Pair of area schools receive SRP social studies grants

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Elementary School in Tempe and East Valley Jewish Day School in Chandler are among 13 Valley recipients of social studies grants from Salt River Project.

The grants provide Arizona teachers with funds designed to enrich and enhance classroom instruction in history, geography, civics, government and economics, and to support Arizona Social Studies Academic Standards.

The funding will enable the recipient schools to examine Native American cultural contributions to Arizona and its government; study the Holocaust; explore the dangers of contemporary problems of genocide; and consider strategies to rebuild a society after a "zombie attack."

For its share, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel received \$2,000 so students can participate in activities to learn about ancient Greek and Roman societies, and explore how those influences are still seen in politics, law, medicine, art, architecture and more. Grant funds will be utilized to purchase supplies for maps, create a Roman tunic, make clay Greek columns and build a model of a Roman villa.

East Valley Jewish Day School received \$1,565 to enable students to learn about the taxes King George III obligated the colonists to pay. A class economy will be created in which each student will get paid for providing services to the classroom.

Students will experience being taxed for things that they have no say about, which will correlate with taxes King George III pushed upon the colonists.

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## So. Tempe 'Character Area' details unveiled at session

By Michelle Hirsch

**I**t's been nearly a year in the planning, and now the city of Tempe is ready to present the final Character Area plans for Kiwanis/The Lakes and Corona/South Tempe areas.

Residents are being invited to review the final plan in a presentation at a Show Your Character Party, 5-7 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 2, at Ken McDonald Golf Course.

The family-friendly event will include a variety of food and beverage vendors, information booths, golf-swing practice at the driving range, pro tips and YMCA tours.

Copies of the plan will be available at the event and at City Hall, Tempe Public Library, as well as at several schools and businesses.

The initial research and planning for the began in January, followed by a kickoff meeting in March to highlight expectations and outcomes of the process.

Meetings and workshops were held in April, June, August and October, including surveying residents and businesses. Nearly 250 have participated so far.

Participants identified neighborhood strengths, needs, landmarks and gathering places. They also considered streetscapes, transportation patterns and commercial buildings, along with housing styles, retail, dining, open areas and various recreational experiences.

Character Area principles were

identified in the plans that include top ideas, desired projects and area priorities as outlined under the categories development, community and culture, connectivity and environment.

Corona/South Tempe area participants identified 11 character-defining terms that capture the elements of what they want to preserve or develop in the future: livable, friendly, limited density, energetic, social, refined, accessible, walkable/bikeable, sustainable, safe and peaceful.

The goal of the process was to engage area residents to define the elements that make their Character Area unique, to preserve the distinctive and appealing attributes of each, and to consider improvements, activities and amenities desired to best reflect the input of the people who live there. Character Area plans will also help guide the Design Review Commission's deliberations.

More than 70 residents attended the final meeting on Oct. 20, when Nancy Ryan, project management coordinator, presented the draft plan and answered questions.

Ryan thanked residents for their attendance and engagement at the meetings and workshops held so far, and several of those expressed appreciation for the process.

Some expressed concerns about the Character Area plan designating mixed-use areas in the Discovery Business Campus that could possibly

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Nancy Ryan, above, presided over a public meeting designed to update residents of the Corona/South Tempe Character Area on the plan and how it is progressing. A fold-out map and details of the draft plan was handed out to the 70-plus community members who attended the session at Arizona Community Church.

— Wrangler News photos by Billy Hardiman

be developed as high-density housing.

While Ryan confirmed the term "mixed-use" does include high-density housing, which could involve apartments, she said there are no current plans for apartments in the area.

Ryan reminded residents that the mixed-use designation is part of the voter-approved General Plan 2040, and while the intent of the Character Area plan is to reflect the input and desires of area residents, the General Plan takes precedence.

Residents requested the final Corona/South Tempe Character Area plan omit the possible development of high-density housing or apartments in the Discovery campus area to more accurately reflect the feedback from the majority of residents at the meeting.

A few of those noted that they approved of possible apartments, but didn't share their reasons.

Other attendees went on to express questions and concerns about such impacts as increased traffic, the transient nature of apartment residents and a negative effect on single-family home values as a perceived result of apartment development projects in that area.

Residents also suggested the term "mixed-use" should have been better defined in the earlier stages of the process.



Ryan said studies show residents often look to relocate to areas with active, urban living, which refers to a preference for luxury apartments located near employers, retail and dining.

Ryan assured residents their comments would be reviewed in consideration of the final Corona/South Tempe Character Area plan, which will be presented on Dec. 2 at the Ken McDonald meeting.

The draft plan is available online at [www.tempe.gov/home/showdocument?id=28698](http://www.tempe.gov/home/showdocument?id=28698)

The official review process is scheduled to go to the Development Review Commission in December, then to City Council for final consideration in January. Ryan reminded residents that the plan is just that—a draft that represents a community-driven effort to identify ideas and projects to preserve and enhance their area.

Specific projects or improvements illustrated in the plan haven't been budgeted or approved, and could take years to come to fruition through the established development process, she said.

Planners say they hope the Character Area process will provide residents and businesses an opportunity to collaborate to define priorities, desired preservation and enhancements, and then benefit as a community from the effort.

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# Cover Story

## Lady Aztec scores among male teammates

By Kristina Vicario

The laces on her fluorescent orange cleats meet the football with enough force to send it driving through the goalposts. Her ponytail hangs just below her orange shoulder pads as she lays out a threatening block on defense. Her mother sits in the stands, watching her daughter excel at a sport she envisioned would be her son's chance to shine.

Haley Langille, a senior on the Corona del Sol varsity football team, fell in love with the game at a young age. She grew up with boys who regularly played the game she aspired to play one day. For years her mother refused, fearing that Haley might outshine her brother when she was already successful at other sports.

"We would play pickup games with neighborhood kids, so I was always into it. But my mom never let me play because I was always faster and more athletic than my brother, and he's two years older than me," Haley said.

"I played other sports and I was good at them so she didn't want me to take his lightly," Haley said.

It was her brother however, who encouraged his sister to try out for the team, a team he knew she wished to be a part of despite the fact that she was a female walking onto a male-dominated field.

"When we got to high school my brother actually wanted me to play. My brother was taller, faster and stronger than me at that point so it wasn't a big deal, and my mom just let me do it."

Haley had finally gotten the approval of her mother but that did not mean her addition to the football team was by any means seamless. She had to work twice as hard to prove herself in what is normally seen as a man's game.

Freshman year was the hardest for Number 24 because Haley was challenged with the feat of proving why a 5-foot-8-inch female was a worthy addition among the 50-some, hard-hitting, large-statured male players. These guys were originally unsure how the equation would add up.

"Freshman year it was really hard just because I didn't know anyone coming in except for my brother and he wasn't even on the same team as me," Haley said.

"Going to practice kind of sucked because I didn't have very many people to talk to and I had to earn their respect."

Sophomore year was a little easier for the kicker-

turned-wide-receiver-turned-kick-returner turned-defensive-back. Her role was constantly changing, but she worked hard to learn any position she was placed in.

On the field, she stayed calm and kept her mind on target, "only focusing on the uprights" and never thinking about the possibility of missing a field goal or botching a tackle. Her mindset off the field sophomore year had yet to catch up to her fearless mentality during games.

"I would walk out of the locker room and be like 'who's judging me right now,'" Haley said. "But I knew you had to earn people's respect, it wasn't just gunna be given to you. Not that anyone did anything wrong to me, but I just didn't feel in the mix."

The one person she could talk to was the person she trusted for steady encouragement even if she did outshine him. Her brother, who serves in the Marines in Washington, D.C., cannot come to any games but still texts her encouragement beforehand.

"My brother helped me through really tough times freshman year," Haley said. "He actually texted me the first time I kicked. He was like 'I hate you, you're so much cooler than me,'" said Haley, trying to impersonate his joking tone. "I love him so much. It was just cool to hear your brother admitting you're better than him."

Senior year Haley made the transition from the "girl on the team" to a "member of the family." Haley did this solely on the field, summoning courage that proved her dedication to excel in the sport she loved was paramount to any effort to fit in. Somewhat inevitably, the

latter followed suit.

"Sure, she's part of the family," said teammate Jamaree Johnson. "We treat everybody the same, if you work hard and you play hard then you're part of the family."

The starting kicker went down at the beginning of the season and the replacement proved too inconsistent. Haley immediately implored the coach for a chance to "show him what I could do."

"I thought, 'Oh, this is my time to shine,'" Haley said. "I know I can kick. So I went out there and started kicking them and I kept on making them. I mean, they weren't pretty at first, but they were going through so he gave me the opportunity and eventually I earned a spot at kicking field goals for the team."

Unbeknownst to her, Haley was already earning the  
— HALEY, Page 7



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# Haley

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respect of her teammates as soon as she showed up to practice.

"The first day she came out I had a bunch of guys say, 'Coach, she's a football player; she's good.' And that proved definitely true," said Corona Head Coach Cory Nenaber. "I think she's a tremendous role model if you want something: You put your mind to it and you can do it with perseverance, drive and dedication."

Since then her kicking game has not only improved but the encouragement from teammates has been unwielding.

"I think it's good having a girl on our team, said teammate Isiah Bolden. "She always wants to be out there when we need her."

She runs onto the field with the level of confidence that is the motor behind any high-level athlete.

"She came out freshman year and I thought we were kind of awkward about it," said teammate Devon Nelson.

"But as time went on we kind of got used to it and she became part of the team. She's not afraid to hit. We hit her like we hit everyone else; we don't hold back on her and she's totally fine with it."

In fact, she thrives on those hits, earning a supportive legion of fans, some whom she has never met.

"This year, people who I don't even know, know about me and come up and support me, so I think that's really cool,"

Haley said. "I go out there and I feel like I belong."

In her fourth year on the team, Haley has played against half of the guys in the league. Occasionally she faces opponents who are "different about it" but Haley realizes this is usually a temporary, pregame thought.

"At the same time they're not about to be shown up by a girl, so they might as well dominate me," Haley said. "Or try to at least," she added.

The female football player's athletic strides have transcended beyond the field into a role-model position for girls who dream of playing a habitually male sport but are afraid of facing the adversity. This was manifested in a request to come to a practice where another girl was hoping to kick for a high school team.

"That was really cool to know that my little world here, as much as I feel like I'm just consumed in it, I'm affecting other people," Haley said.

Haley advises female football aspirants like herself to face the inevitable adversity with enough courage to avoid being tackled in the battle.

Concluded the young athlete, who admits her role on the team was somewhat of a challenge:

"It will be tough to earn people's respect, but if you stick with it there will be a certain point that you get to where you're just like, 'O.K., I know why I'm doing this' and then at that point you won't feel out of the ordinary, or ashamed or regret anything."

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Youth will work on special group projects, receive leadership coaching and participate in a mock city council meeting. The academy will be held March 9-13 during the Chandler Unified School District's spring break.

"This will be a great opportunity for

students to meet with elected officials, managers and staff while participating in activities to better understand how Arizona's fourth-largest city is run," Tibshraeny said.

Applications can be downloaded at [www.chandleraz.gov/connect](http://www.chandleraz.gov/connect). Completed applications can be emailed to [david.bigos@chandleraz.gov](mailto:david.bigos@chandleraz.gov) or mailed to Dave Bigos, Mayor and Council Assistant, Chandler City Hall, 175 S. Arizona Avenue, 5th Floor, Chandler, AZ 85225.

Academy graduates will receive a certificate and letter from the mayor detailing their achievements during the academy.

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Proceeds go to families in need and purchase of program materials.

Information: 480-838-9077, [www.dayspringpreschool.com/boutique](http://www.dayspringpreschool.com/boutique)

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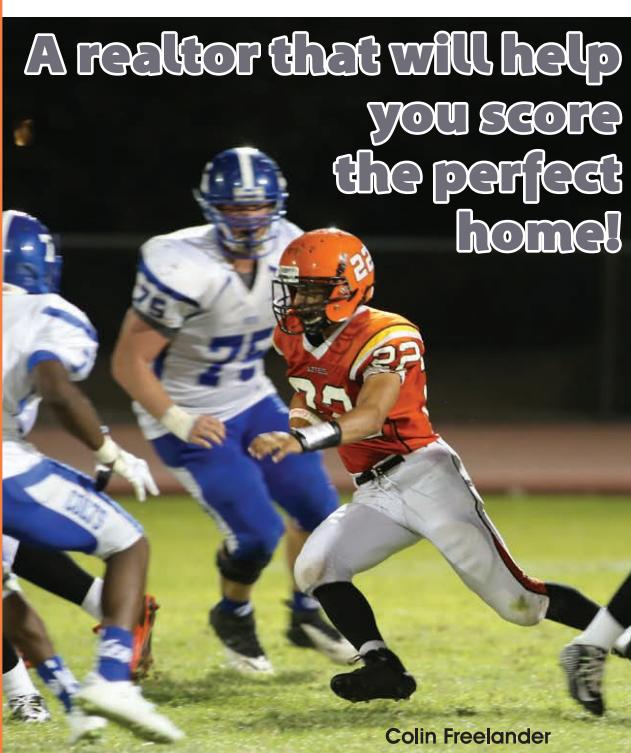
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Colin Freeland

# Diversions



Longtime Tempe musician Walt Richardson will be the inaugural recipient of the city's new Walk of Music recognition.

— Billy Hardiman / Wrangler News

## Tempe Walk of Music Longtime favorite 1st to be recognized among music greats

**M**usic is an important part of the Tempe vibe, and now it will be literally cemented into the city's culture with the induction of reggae artist Walt Richardson, an integral part of the Mill Avenue scene for more than three decades, into a newly unveiled Tempe Walk of Music.

Dedication ceremonies for the program are planned at 4 p.m. Friday, Nov. 7, at Mill Avenue and Fourth Street.

Beginning this year, the city of Tempe and Tempe Music Revival Group will select a band or musician to honor with a plaque embedded in the sidewalk on Mill Avenue, creating Tempe's Walk of Music. Planners say Tempe is the first Phoenix metropolitan area city to honor its musicians in this way.

Richardson will be the inaugural honoree. "It is appropriate that we honor our musical heritage with Tempe's Walk of Music," Councilmember Joel Navarro said.

"We are choosing musicians who have made a true difference in the culture of music, not only in Tempe but throughout Arizona and even the world," he said.



"Tempe's musicians have earned platinum albums, had their music included in the soundtracks of award-winning TV shows and movies. They have left their marks on many generations," Navarro added.

Richardson, with his funky reggae sound, has been a part of the Tempe music scene for more than 30 years. Many of his original tunes include Tempe locations, such as the song "Mill Avenue."

Richardson started out playing as a street musician with a hat that people would throw change

into. He's come a long way, with albums, world tours, an induction into the Arizona Music and Entertainment Hall of Fame and many other honors.

Richardson hosts a music show on Radio Phoenix that is nationally syndicated on the African American Radio Consortium. *My World of Music: A Peaceful Place in Quantum Space* airs from noon to 2 p.m. on Saturdays at [www.radiophoenix.org](http://www.radiophoenix.org).

Richardson has a true passion for helping musicians grow their talent, say those who know him. He is currently the host of Walk-in Wednesdays Open Mic Night at Tempe Center for the Arts, which gives singer-songwriters an opportunity to perform original music to an appreciative audience.

He also hosts Songwriters' Showcase at Tempe Center for the Arts, which airs on PBS Eight/KAET, on Tempe 11 and on many other stations as well as online. Richardson is so much a part of Tempe that the city of Tempe declared Jan. 18 to be Walt Richardson Day.

"I want to shine a light on the music and talent in Tempe and Arizona," Richardson said. "Music

## Music

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connects people, and local music is a reflection of our community. Our sound is different from Nashville and L.A. It's a homegrown sound, and people like it. It's organic."

As a special treat, Richardson will perform after his inauguration, as will Tempe's own Pistoleros. The free concert starts at 5 p.m. at Seventh Street and Mill Avenue.

Tempe's Walk of Music is part of the Tempe Music Revival. Each Friday in November, people will be invited to attend a free concert on Mill Avenue from 5-10 p.m. Guests can come and go as they please, have snacks or something to drink or eat on the patio of neighboring establishments while listening to the show.

It's all to keep the music going in Tempe. For information: [www.tempe.gov/tempemusicrevival](http://www.tempe.gov/tempemusicrevival).

Schedule is as follows:

**Nov. 7** — Walt Richardson and The Pistoleros. Concert

location: Mill Avenue and Sixth Street, west side;

**Nov. 14** — Chadwicks and The Black Moods. Concert location: Mill Ave. and Fourth Street, west side;

**Nov. 21** — Chuck Hall and Hans Olson. Concert Location: Mill Avenue and Seventh Street, west side ; and

**Nov. 28** — Japhy's Descent and Elvis Before Noon. Concert location: Mill Avenue and Sixth Street, west side.

Tempe Mayor Mark Mitchell proclaimed November as Tempe Music Revival Month in honor of the music-focused activities the city is hosting.

Beyond the concerts and the new walk, the Tempe Public Library will offer a large display of CDs and music-related items for patrons and a performance of *Worm Drive: The Musical*, a free program for kids on Saturday, Nov. 15.

Information: [www.tempe.gov/libraryevents](http://www.tempe.gov/libraryevents)

The Tempe History Museum will also open its hugely anticipated *The Tempe Sound* exhibition on Friday, Nov. 14.

**Valley's rock scene in perspective**

## Museum hosts year-long celebration of many who made musical history

Fans of music and its Valley history are being invited to break out that packed-away concert T-shirt and turn the dial on the Way-Back Machine to the Tempe Music Scene.

The Tempe Sound exhibition, which is about to unfold at the Tempe History Museum, will rock on for nearly a year.

From Nov. 14 to next Oct. 4, more than 2,500 square feet of museum exhibition space, as well as 25 concerts, lectures and gallery openings, will tell the story of music in Tempe. The exhibition is part of the Tempe Music Revival happening throughout the city.

The Gin Blossoms, Walt Richardson and the Morningstar Band, The Meat Puppets, Dead Hot Workshop and many more got their start in Tempe. Venues such as Long Wong's, Electric Ballroom, Chuy's, Gibson's and others launched some of the world's favorite bands.

Say city officials, it's the museum's privilege to display hundreds of pieces of music paraphernalia honoring those musical pioneers. Visitors can get a look at guitars used by Doug Hopkins of the Gin Blossoms, pieces of the Long Wong's building, heavy

metal costumes, platinum records and more. They can also jam out at the listening station and play the drums while making a visit.

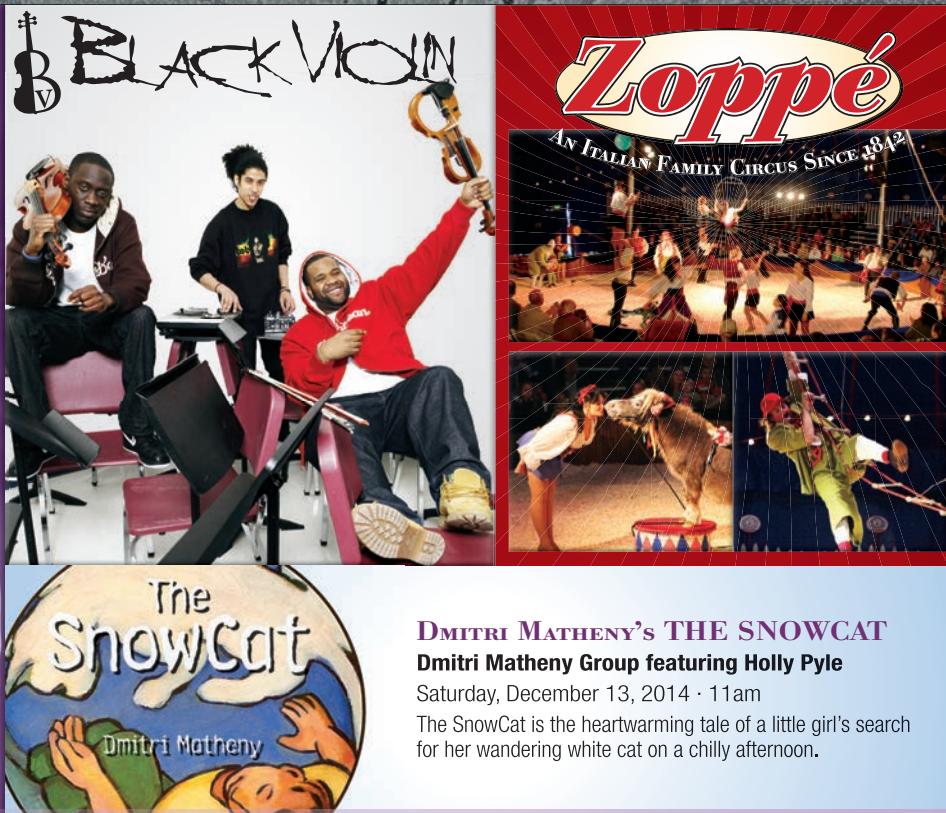
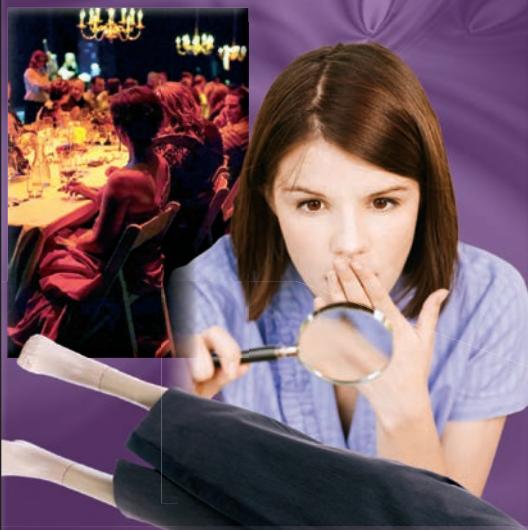
Opening night — The exhibition debuts with Dead Hot Workshop reuniting for a one-night-only performance. Hans Olson opens. Other Tempe musicians are expected to hop on the stage, too. Doors open at 5 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 14. There's no cover charge.

Artist Deon Doughty holds court in the Community Room with his AZ Rock Star Gold paintings. The Tempe Police Pipe Band will start the festivities off at 5:15 p.m. — not with Amazing Grace but with two awesome rock songs. Bagpipes will never sound quite the same again.

Community of givers — Dozens of members of the Tempe music community donated or loaned everything from concert T-shirts to pieces of music venues for this exhibition. Everyone who provided an item to the exhibition is invited to star in a group photo at 5:30 p.m. Those who wear their best concert T-shirt will be featured in

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- 1 Center Stage A Culinary Murder Mystery 7pm
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- 13 Snow Cat ..... 11am
- 26-31 Zoppe Italian Family Circus ..... Times Vary

#### JANUARY 2015

- 1-4 Zoppe Italian Family Circus ..... Times Vary
- 16 Alpin Hong ..... 7:30pm
- 18 African Children's Choir ..... 3pm
- 25 Travis Tritts ..... 7pm
- 31 Wine, Chocolate and Social Painting ..... 7pm

#### FEBRUARY 2015

- 7 The Midtown Men ..... 7:30pm
- 4 Stars From The Original Cast Of Jersey Boys
- 8 Of Legends and Lovers: Doc and Kate... 3pm
- 14 Flamenco Vivo Carlota Santana: The Soul of Flamenco ..... 7:30pm
- 21 An Evening of Classic Lily Tomlin ... 7:30pm
- 22 The World Famous Glenn Miller Orchestra ..... 7:30pm

#### MARCH 2015

- 1 Neil Berg's 100 Years of Broadway .. 2:30pm
- 7 Cesar Millan Live! ..... 7:30pm
- 8 Michael Londra's Celtic Fire ..... 2:30pm
- 20 Garibaldi ..... 7:30pm
- 28 Paul Williams. .... 7:30pm

## Music

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photos for Facebook and be eligible for prizes.

Performances at the museum — It's not often that the artists performing talk about their inspirations behind each song, share stories of how their band came together and discuss trends in music while on stage.

Visitors will hear memorable Tempe bands play, talk about their experiences and answer questions from the audience in the 200-seat community room at the Tempe History Museum.

The series is free and family-friendly. Kids activities are provided at each show.

Information: [www.tempe.gov/museumevents](http://www.tempe.gov/museumevents) for a schedule of shows and artists. The series runs through May, then starts again next September. Check [www.tempe.gov/museumevents](http://www.tempe.gov/museumevents) for additional concerts as they are confirmed.

*On the schedule:*  
**Nov. 14** — The Tempe Sound: Opening Night featuring Hans Olson and Dead Hot Workshop;

**Nov. 22** — Thanks for Songwriters: Carol Pacey and the Honeyshakers and other singer/songwriters;

**Dec. 5** — Holiday concert by Pick n' Holler;

**Dec. 13** — Japhy's Descent;

**March 14** — LOUD IV — an outdoor celebration of brass bands;

**March 20** — Waylon Jennings Tribute with Jeremy Manley; and

**April 4** — Walt Richardson.

Third Thursdays at the museum: The Tempe Sound.

The free series will bring Tempe music experts to talk about everything from radio shows to music venues. Refreshments are served.

The first lecture takes place at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 20. Check [www.tempe.gov/museumevents](http://www.tempe.gov/museumevents) for a schedule of speakers and topics.

Tempe History Museum is located at 809 E. Southern Ave., next to the Tempe Public Library.



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### The Clean Kings of Comedy

Nov. 1

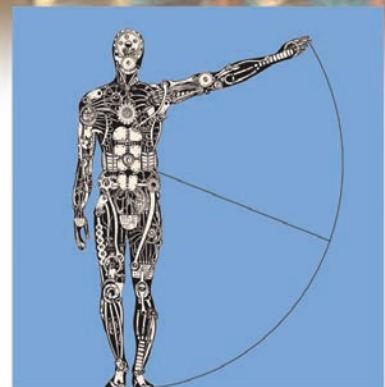
They're some of the funniest men in Arizona and they're cleaning up their acts just for you. Comedians Ken Kaz, Jon Jesmer, Bob Kubota and Jonathan Gregory bring a night of squeaky clean hilarity to Tempe Center for the Arts.



### Songwriters' Showcase XII Bring Your Own Band

Nov. 21

Walt Richardson hosts an evening with Songwriters' Showcase favorites Cali Rodi, Amanda Soares, Robby Roberson, Bob McCarroll, Jason Messer and Tom Bertling. This time, they're coming with their bands.



### Arts & Sciences Salons

Nov. 21

Join top artists, scholars and scientists for informal discussions surrounding the many aspects of copper, the focus of the current exhibition in the Gallery at TCA.

Get information and tickets for these and other events at [www.tempe.gov/tcaeevents](http://www.tempe.gov/tcaeevents)

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*The Scene . . . by Chase Kamp*

## 'All-ages' venues a growing niche among music set

The fortune teller had a female voice, but she enunciated certain words and vowel sounds with glitched detachment. She asked me about my favorite beverage, and when I said it was lemonade, she sagely replied that she already knew that.

The crowd laughed.

I recently completed a three-week tour playing drums for two Washington songwriters and friends: Stephen Steinbrink, a former Arizona resident, and Paul Benson of Ever Ending Kicks.

The majority of our shows were not in typical bars and clubs, instead having been hosted in all-ages performance spaces—art galleries, cafes, private garages—even living rooms.

These spaces are more accessible for artists that aren't represented by agencies, and often the crowds are there specifically to see music as opposed to merely drinking in public.

I encountered this odd mystic at our show in the basement of a Seattle home. After my bands performed, the last act of the night was a stand-up comedian/multimedia artist.

After performing a hilarious a-cappella rendition of "Who Let the Dogs Out," he unveiled a goofy fortune-teller computer program he had designed and invited volunteers from the audience to receive its wisdom.

I couldn't resist, so I received a reading from the

robot before a couple dozen strangers.

It's this kind of unorthodox performance that makes all-ages venues special. Artists are enabled to take chances and hone their craft in an intimate setting.

Attendees don't have to be of drinking age to participate in their local music scene.

Yet even with a significant underage population, Tempe is currently without a dedicated all-ages music venue.

There are occasional in-store performances at record shops like Double Nickels Collective or the Zia locations in south Tempe and Chandler, as well as infrequent all-ages events at south Tempe venue 51 West.

Clandestine house shows can pop up occasionally on the radar for those in the know. But the scant all-ages events at most bars include the dreaded "all-ages cage," a sequestered portion of the club for underage visitors that usually offers the worst possible vantage from somewhere in the nosebleeds.

The first order of business for most bars and clubs is to sell drinks, so there's not much incentive to let minors in the doors beyond added ticket revenue. Allowing under-agers at larger venues like Crescent Ballroom in Phoenix also requires additional security.

Removing liquor from the mix often means

a space must rely solely on cover charges and merchandise.

These economic conditions are making it harder for all-ages spaces to flourish.

The Che Café, located on the campus of the University of California-San Diego, had hosted numerous acts before they were big (among them Arizona's Jimmy Eat World) for nearly four decades.

The space is currently fighting for its existence after university officials and student groups denied renewal of the space's lease.

Even spaces in large cultural epicenters are struggling to stay afloat. Brooklyn venue Glasslands recently closed its doors after eight years.

Nonprofit Chicago space Pure Joy raised several thousand dollars online through a crowd-funding effort earlier this year to cover preliminary opening costs but is still fraught with obtaining permits and other red tape.

To increase latitude, the most successful all-ages spaces try to include multitudes of performance to attract various crowds: comedy, plays, poetry, even robot fortune tellers.

All-ages spaces are a community petri dish of ideas, and young people deserve access to a safer, more rewarding banquet of culture.

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## 40th anniversary celebration

# Tempe mounted police unit outlasts nationwide cuts

**C**elebrating 40 years and still going strong: that's the Tempe Police Mounted Unit, which boasts an impressive record of service from skilled officers and trained volunteers.

The unit was established in 1974 to patrol Kiwanis Park, and also covers Mill Avenue on Friday and Saturday nights.

The mounted unit is a unique way to patrol and interact with the community, according to Sgt. Heather Penner, who supervises the unit.

"We do regular patrol; we just use a different vehicle." The horses draw attention from residents, especially children, and mounted unit officers enjoy the positive interactions with the community.

"Being active for 40 years is incredible, especially when other parts of the country, and nearby cities, have disbanded their units due to funding," said volunteer Jill Clark. "So many people don't realize Tempe has a mounted unit."

Mounted units across the country and in neighboring cities have been disbanded due to funding and the challenge to maintain their units.

Volunteers are the backbone to maintaining the unit and do most of feeding the horses, cleaning stalls.

Unpaid staff also provide support and resources to the unit, including hosting training for new horses and officers in Tempe's Circle G Ranches arena.

The Tempe mounted unit consists of seven horses, two officers, and the volunteers.

The mounted unit's horses reside at Kiwanis Park, and can be seen training in soccer fields and on trails throughout the city. Mounted unit officers also visit schools.

Among events planned as part of the 40-year observance:

**Trail Ride with Tempe Mounted Unit** – 10 a.m., Wednesday, Nov. 12, meet at San Tan Mountain Regional Park, 6533 W. Phillips Road, Queen Creek.

Anyone with a horse is invited to join the mounted unit and several Mounted Officer Training

Association members on a 3-4 hour ride through the mountains.

Information: [facebook.com/MountedOfficerTrainingAssociation](http://facebook.com/MountedOfficerTrainingAssociation)

**Meet the people who train the Mounted Units**—Thursday, Nov. 13. Riding clinics start at 9 a.m. at the horse arena at Circle G Ranches, Warner Road/Fairfield, Tempe.

Toah Hatch will provide instruction in warm-up, equitation and basic jumping techniques; Stephanie Ames will cover "The Polished Rider," followed by lunch.

The afternoon schedule includes Kim Scoggin instructing in pattern riding; Stephanie Shearer teaching techniques of pole bending and barrels; and horse and rider games.

**Mounted Police Competition** – 9 a.m., Friday, Nov. 14. Watch the valley mounted police officers compete for the title of Arizona Mounted Unit Grand Champion.

Events for the day include individual walk/trot/canter events, progressing to an extreme obstacle-based event, followed by a timed challenge course.

The finale will be the Tempe, Scottsdale and MSCO mounted units competing against each other in a team event, demonstrating the competitive nature of both the horses and their riders.



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### Worm Drive: The Musical

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# *First Crush: A night on the town*

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## A comedic view of murder Truth or fiction? You decide

By M.V. Moorhead

**O**n the first day of November, Chandler Center for the Arts will host, according to its website, a visit from none other than Molly Sirus.

One of Chandler High's most famous, or perhaps most notorious, alumni, Ms. Sirus is the honorary chair of a gala fundraising dinner being held at the center that evening.

There's reason to

believe, however, that all will not go smoothly at this event—its title, after all, is "A Culinary Murder Mystery."

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Ms. Sirus may bear some resemblance, entirely coincidental of course, to a certain twerk-prone pop singer with a similar name.

But Chandler Center's Ms. Sirus has, it should be said, one distinctly preferable trait to Miley Cyrus: She's fictitious.

The actress playing Ms. Sirus is part of a cast of six who will lead the audience at the fundraiser, which starts at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 1, through an interactive theater experience at the center.

Word is that the boyfriend of Ms. Sirus, a plastic surgeon named Van Helsing, may have an especially bad night, and that guests at the gala dinner will be pressed into service trying to unmask those responsible.

"It starts in the Gallery," says Mac Lennan.

"What happens from there, I can't tell you, because there'll be some surprises."

"But there'll be many opportunities for the audience to participate. Everyone gets to vote

for who they think is the murderer, and there will be prizes."

And don't forget, the title includes the word "Culinary."

Mac Lennan is much less mysterious, much more forthcoming, when it comes to the menu.

"It's Italian food," she says, "with wine service by d'Vine Gourmet."

Entrée choices include Butternut Squash Ravioli, Penne Alfredo with Broccoli and Baked Lasagna.

"There will also be variety of appetizers, and desserts like Red Velvet Cake and Tiramisu," adds Mac Lennan.

Sounds yummy.

It's not hard to see how even a murder couldn't put a damper on a feast like that.

Tickets for the evening are \$125 for both the dinner and the show, and proceeds benefit Chandler Center for the Arts.

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A murder mystery is scrutinized under the magnifying glass.

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## Latest of Peat clan picks UCLA to continue notable linebacker talents

By Alex Zener

**C**assius Peat watched and learned from his two older brothers, Todd and Andrus, how to maneuver through the recruiting process and chose the place he thought was the best fit for him to play collegiate football.

On Oct. 13, just three days after his official visit to UCLA, Cassius, the 6-foot-4, 235-pound football and basketball star

from Corona, verbally committed to UCLA to play outside linebacker in the Bruins 3-4 defense.

"UCLA has outstanding academics, plus the campus and dorms were great," said Peat. "I felt comfortable with the coaches who are looking for me to bring my versatility, competitive nature, toughness and athleticism to the football field."

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some of the other schools he visited looking for the best fit for him: Texas A&M and Oregon unofficially this past summer; Oklahoma, Sept. 13; and Michigan, Oct. 3.

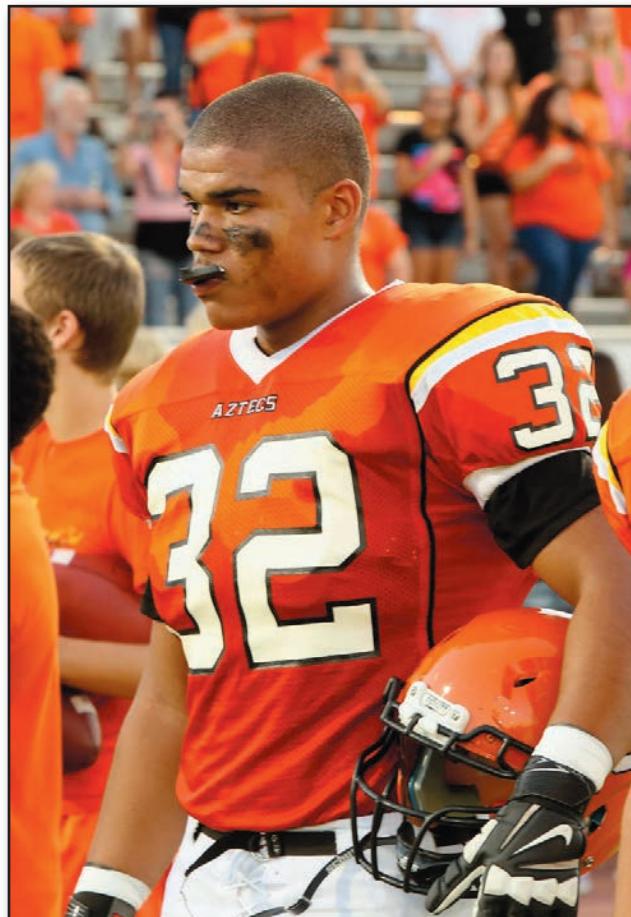
Peat sent a picture of himself through his Twitter account sporting a heavy jacket during his Michigan State visit saying, "Currently 40 degrees." That trip alone may have tipped the scale toward UCLA.

Watching ASU get thrashed by UCLA on Sept. 25, did not help sway his decision toward the Sun Devils, another one of his top five choices, either.

It could be a long shot, but playing at UCLA will also potentially give Cassius the opportunity to play against his brother Andrus, a successful offensive lineman at Stanford, who will be playing his last season next fall.

"It would be fun, a cool matchup, to play against Stanford while Andrus was still there," said Cassius. "He would obviously be more experienced than me but a lot of fun."

Don't worry. Cassius is expected to be playing his fourth season on Corona's varsity basketball team this winter. Like Andrus, who helped Corona win the first of three straight DI state basketball championships, Cassius has every intention of helping the Aztecs try to win another championship.



Cassius Peat

— Photo by Kris Cartwright

"Yes, the UCLA coaches are all for me playing basketball," said Cassius. "They said my basketball skills will transfer well to the football field."

### Corona football

When you have had the kind of season Corona's football team has had this year, you have to celebrate the small things such as fighting back and scoring 22 points against Desert Vista after losing the week before to defending state champion Mountain Point 56-0.

The Aztecs ultimately lost to Desert Vista, 22-36, but not before giving it their all, which kept the score close enough that the Thunder felt the pressure until the end.

For instance, Corona scored first

on a touchdown pass, less than four minutes into the first quarter, from **Gaige Carter** to fellow senior **Tyler Stehr**. Junior **Riley Burgmeirer** then caught the only pass every tossed his way all season, in game situations anyway, for the two-point conversion to put the Aztecs up 8-0.

Junior quarterback **Austin Freese** completed 10 of 17 pass attempts for 109 yards. Altogether, nine players caught 13 of the 22 pass attempts by Freese, Carter and kicker **Jacob Onofrio** for a total of 147 yards.

**Dylan Freese** led the team with three receptions for a total of 44 yards followed by Stehr and **Cameron Brice** with two each. **Jammaree Johnson**,

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## Sports

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**Hunter Olson, Burgmeirer, Elijah Hassell, Daunte McEwen and Isiah Bolden** are credited with one catch each on the stat sheet.

The Aztecs' two other scores were rushing touchdowns. Austin Freese ran in one touchdown late in the third quarter followed by another touchdown by **Cassius Peat** early in the fourth quarter to draw the Aztecs within six points at 22-28 after the two point-after-kicks by **Haley Langille** were successful.

Olson stepped up to become the rush leader on the team against Desert Vista, with 13 carries for 100 of the team's total 170 yards including one 55-yard breakaway.

Corona's defense showed up as well, with 12 players recording a total of 59 tackles. What's incredible is that 42 of those 59 were recorded as solo tackles spread over 11 players.

Bolden, alone, had nine solo tackles, two assists and two interceptions. Carter had six solos and three assists while McEwen and **Cade Kieffer** both had five solo tackles. Other Aztecs contributing to the defense effort included **Logan Hatton, Brice, Peat, Alex Sheppard, Hassell, Onofrio and Brix Kronborg**.

The Aztecs, 1-8 for the season, had a chance to win their last game Oct. 31 at Notre Dame Prep, a Division II school, in Scottsdale.

### Tempe Football

Tempe High School's football team only has to win one more game to finish the regular season undefeated after beating Moon Valley 38-26 in a closer game than the final score depicted on Oct. 24.

Both teams entered the game undefeated with potent offenses but it was the Buffaloes' defense that saved the day when their offense struggled early in the game.

After Moon Valley went up 8-0 midway through the first quarter with a touchdown and a successful two-point conversion, it wasn't until about four minutes to go in the half before Tempe was able to score any points.

**Joey Savage** intercepted a Moon Valley pass running it back five yards to bring Tempe within two points at 6-8 after the point-after kick failed.

**Emanuel Gant**, Tempe's 5-foot-4, 230 pound quarterback, took matters into his own hands just before the half when he plowed through Moon Valley's front line to score from one yard out. It was Gant's seventh rushing touchdown for the season.

**Daniel Taylor** rushed for the two-point conversion giving the Buffaloes a 14-8 lead heading into the half.

Tempe came out of the half-time locker room and scored two more touchdowns, one a six-yard rushing touchdown by **Davonte Williams Dorsey** and the other a pass reception by **Bilal Muhammad** from Gant. It was Muhammad's seventh receiving touchdown for the season and Dorsey's ninth rushing touchdown.

After two successful point-after-kicks by **Alex Gomez**, the Buffaloes were feeling more confident up 28-8 with a minute to go in the third quarter. That is until Moon Valley scored a touchdown to make it 28-14 after their two-point conversion attempt failed.

Tempe's **Isaac Cobb** kicked a 10-yard field goal at the beginning of the fourth quarter to make it 31-14 but Moon Valley would not go away.

The Rockets scored two more touchdowns in the final quarter only offset by the Buffaloes 25-yard rushing touchdown by **Treyveone Reed**. Both two point conversions by Moon Valley failed, though, making the final score 38-26.

The Buffaloes defense, which kept them in the game early on, was credited with 88 total tackles, 60 of them solos.

**Savage**, who was credited with 12 solo tackles, three assists, one sack for 20 yards and a fumble recovery, which he ran back for a touchdown, was named defensive player of the week.

**Daniel Taylor** was credited with eight solo and three assists for a total of 11 tackles, **Deandre Hughes** with six solo tackles and **My-King Johnson** and **Angel Landabazo**, both with four solo and two assists for a total of six tackles.

The Buffalo defense sacked the Rocket's quarterback a total of 6.5 times during the game. **Travis Kountz** is credited with 3.5 sacks, **Jordan Davis**, Savage, and Johnson with one sack each.

The Buffaloes hoped to have home field advantage when they faced off in a conference game against Alhambra (7-2) Oct. 31. It should be a battle

of opposites where both defenses will play a big role since Alhambra rushes the ball on average 377 yards a game but only passes for 107. The Buffaloes are more of a passing team, averaging over 250 yards a game throwing the ball.

## Marcos de Niza Football

Marcos de Niza sophomore quarterback, **Nazareth Greer**, along with the rest of the No. 5 ranked Division II team, were building momentum heading into the final week of the regular football season.

Greer completed 16 of 19 passes, the longest 47 yards, for five touchdowns and 281 yards, Oct. 24, when the Padres completely annihilated Mesquite in the air to win 52-15. Marcos put up 21 unanswered points in the first quarter alone. **Anthony Trujillo** caught two of the five touchdown passes thrown by Greer



while **Nick Sweet**, **Jackson Loney** and **Luke Nguyen** caught the other three. **Shaun Richards** and **Johnny Bernel** ran back an interception each to score while **Colton Ketterer** made six point-after-kicks and a field goal.

Marcos de Niza had 67 yards rushing on 14 carries compared to 246 by Mesquite. **Kylee Lawrence** led the Padres with six carries for 33 yards while **Avery Sanders** was second with 19 yards on three carries.

The Padre defense dominated Mesquite as well with 136 total tackles, four interceptions and one quarterback sack. **Jacob Hernandez** led the team with 23 total tackles followed by **Andrew Rodriguez** with 21, **Trysten**

**Griffith** with 11 and **John Van den einde** with 10.

**James Reynosa** sacked Mesquite's quarterback and **Jayquan Herron** intercepted him two of the four times which may be the reason Mesquite kept the ball on the ground passing for only 31 yards compared to the Padres 281 yards.

## Marcus Maldonado,

**Nguyen** and **Richards** were the Padres kickoff and punt returners. **Nguyen** returned a punt for 60 yards against Mesquite.

Marcos de Niza was to have an opportunity to spoil Saguaro's perfect season when the Padres played at the Scottsdale high school on Oct. 31. Saguaro has a 9-0 record heading into this non-conference game.

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## Enhanced Bulk Trash and Green Organics program coming in 2015

The city is ramping up its Bulk Trash and Green Organics program with a brand new schedule that goes into effect in January.

Bulk Trash pickup will transition to every other month with a total of six pickups a year.

Green Organics, which consists of tree trimmings, leaves, cactus clippings and other yard waste, will be collected seasonally in the spring, fall and winter to coincide with the growing and trimming seasons.

There will be three Green Organic pickups a year.

Ever wonder what happens to that green material once it's hauled away?

It's taken to Tempe's composting yard, where it is recycled and turned into nutrient-rich compost used at city parks, golf courses and community gardens.

That's why it's so important for your Bulk Trash and Green Organics piles to stay separate – if the green pile is contaminated in any way it ends up in the landfill instead.

It's also important to keep your green pile free of grass, palm fronds and oleanders because they don't compost well.

For a sneak peek at the 2015 schedule and to learn more about the Green Organics composting program, visit [www.tempe.gov/slashthewaste](http://www.tempe.gov/slashthewaste).

## HOA members: get informed and get involved

Ever wondered what goes on behind the scenes of your HOA?

Interested in taking part in the process but not sure how it all works?

Or maybe you're already a board member and want to learn more about your role. Tempe's Neighborhood Services Division is hosting two free classes for residents who belong to HOAs.

The classes will provide a closer look at the laws, requirements and responsibilities of HOAs and how residents can get involved.

**Wednesday, Nov. 12, 6 – 7:30 p.m.  
Tempe History Museum,  
Community Room  
(809 E. Southern Ave.)**

### Community Association Fundamentals

Learn the HOA basics – how home owners associations are established, what they are legally obligated to do, and how to host a top-notch board meeting.

**Wednesday, Nov. 19, 6 – 7:30 p.m.  
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### Board Responsibilities and the Top 10 Things a Board Should Know

Dive deeper into the board process and find out why getting involved is so important.

For planning purposes, RSVP to Neighborhood Services at [neighborhoods@tempe.gov](mailto:neighborhoods@tempe.gov) (provide your name, name of HOA and email) or call 480-350-8234.



Joel Navarro



Kolby Granville

## Conversations with Councilmembers

Two City Councilmembers are offering opportunities in November to chat about all aspects of life in Tempe:

- Councilmember Joel Navarro will connect with residents during "Java with Joel," on Saturday, Nov. 15, at 9 a.m., in the Tempe Public Library meeting room next to the library's Connections Café.

The library is located at 3500 S. Rural Road. The topic is rental housing; residents are encouraged to bring ideas, feedback and concerns about rental housing in Tempe.

Navarro has served on the City Council since 2008. For more information, visit [www.tempe.gov/navarro](http://www.tempe.gov/navarro).

- Councilmember Kolby Granville will host more "Community Conversations," to talk with residents about whatever is on their minds.

They will happen: 6-8 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 20, at Changing Hands Bookstore, 6428 S. McClintock Drive; 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Nov. 22, at Kolby's home, 2516 S. Jen Tilly Lane; and 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22, at the Tempe Farmers Market, 805 S. Farmer Ave.

Granville has served on the City Council since 2012. For more information, visit [www.tempe.gov/granville](http://www.tempe.gov/granville).

## Recycle just about anything at Tempe's Zero Waste Day

Still hanging on to that giant '60s-era TV? Got closets full of unused cleaning supplies? Not sure what to do about those boxes crammed with no-longer-needed paperwork?

Tempe residents can bring all of these, and more, to the city's Zero Waste Day at the Fire Training Facility, 1340 E. University Drive, from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 22, and they'll be recycled for free.

Eligible items include books and school supplies; electronic equipment (phones, computers, TVs, DVDs, etc.); personal

records for secure shredding; scrap metal; household hazardous waste (cleaning supplies, lawn and pool chemicals, paint, etc.); tires; building supplies; appliances (dishwashers, refrigerators, stoves, etc.); household textiles (clothing, linens, towels); tennis shoes (no cleats, spikes, hiking boots, sandals or dress shoes); paper, cardboard and other recyclables.

Residents can also pick up free compost and recycled paint at the event. Make sure items are clean and bring proof of Tempe residency, such as a driver's license or utility bill.

Information: [www.tempe.gov/slashthewaste](http://www.tempe.gov/slashthewaste) or 480-350-4311.

# For spry 90-year-old, life at the Tempe Y keeps on ticking

**I**t's never too late to get moving, and for Grace Ruby, at a sprightly 90, the motivation to keep active has earned her the national 2014 Richard L. Swanson Inspiration Award.

The award recognizes a member of the Healthways SilverSneakers Fitness program whose healthy behavior has made a difference in his or her own life while inspiring others.

SilverSneakers is a nationally acclaimed fitness program, designed with a focus on fitness, friends and fun.

Several fellow members nominated Ruby for the award, and she was selected from more than 250 nominees around the country. Ruby is the first Arizona finalist and winner in the 10-year history of the Swanson Award.

Ruby has been participating in the SilverSneakers program at the Tempe

YMCA for 10 years.

"Ruby is a delightful, extraordinary woman who inspires others with her great attitude," said Lisa Austin, group fitness coordinator at the Y.

A two-time cancer survivor, Ruby says she has a renewed zest for life since participating in the SilverSneakers classes.

At 7 a.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays, rain or shine, Ruby is the first to arrive each morning and greets everyone as they arrive, says SilverSneakers instructor Donna Horwitz.

The Tempe YMCA offers 80-plus classes a week for all ages and fitness levels.

Guest passes are available for those wanting to try something new at the Tempe Y.



Grace Ruby, 2014 Swanson Award winner, and Donna Horwitz, her fitness instructor at the Tempe YMCA.

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### **Harvest season has arrived; What better time to celebrate.**

At Kyrene Traditional Academy on the campus of Sureño Elementary School, kids, parents and teachers got together for an evening of fall fun. Among the offerings: games, music, bounce houses and slides, pony rides, food and a petting zoo. Costumes ran the gamut from little princesses to superheroes. And, of course, there were carved and decorated pumpkins every way one looked.

— Wrangler News Photos by Billy Hardiman

# Kids learn about future challenges from a noted authority on sustainability ASU prof shares his passion for the world's environment

By Diana Whittle

**A**pilot program, the "Engineering Adventure: The Urban Heat Island," is introducing middle-school students from Kyrene del Pueblo to the concepts of engineering, design and science.

Pueblo agreed to collaborate with ASU's School of Engineering and the Global Institute of Sustainability to offer the initial program to a small group of their 6th, 7th and 8th grade students, who registered in the nine-month course.

With any luck, these students will grow up to become the next generation of engineers, who may design new energy-efficient homes to better survive the Valley's scorching heat, says the program's designer Dr. Tirupalavanam Ganesh, the assistant dean of engineering education at the Ira A. Fulton School of Engineering at ASU.

In addition to being an engineer, he also earned several degrees in education and has a passion for teaching and sharing information with students about long-term employment opportunities.

"I believe it's very important for ASU to reach out to youth in the community and to encourage them to prepare for careers in science and technology.

"With this course, we aim to help students understand the engineering design process and to apply knowledge of science to solve problems, such as the urban heat island phenomenon in this area," said Ganesh.

Cities continue to grow and attract additional population due to their employment opportunities, but the additional buildings, parking lots and roads have raised the heat level in the Valley, says Ganesh. The assignments in the Engineering Adventure class

will challenge students to aspire to create livable environments for people, plants and animals.

"For instance when students learn more about energy transformation and its impact on materials, then they can begin to understand using design to mitigate the effects of urban heat," said Ganesh, who is also a senior sustainability scientist with the ASU Global Institute of Sustainability.

Classes began in June with 24 students and continue until February 2015, with a final evening event at ASU called the "Night of the Open Door," which will provide an opportunity for the students to showcase the physical models their designs for a thermally efficient house.

Kristen Kortman, is a second-year science teacher at Pueblo, who was asked to work with the students and ASU faculty in offering the Engineering Adventure class.

Kortman grew up in Tempe and graduated from ASU. "I always wanted to be a teacher and I always loved science. When I realized that I could combine the two, I decided on my career direction," says Kortman.

She will be leading the students in their in-classroom projects.

They will meet for three hours on Saturdays for five sessions and students will engage in a hands-on exploration of the effect of urban heat.

"For the Pueblo students this course is a great enrichment opportunity to teach students at a higher level of content during a more extended time frame.

"I hope to introduce the students to becoming problem-solvers by looking at a real-world situation like the urban heat island in Arizona," said Kortman.



Dr. Tirupalavanam Ganesh, top, holds forth on a Saturday morning at Pueblo Middle School, where students are learning how to confront future challenges of sustainability.

— Billy Hardiman for Wrangler News

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# Briefly . . .

## Teen leadership academy

Chandler teens have until Nov. 14 to apply for Mayor Jay Tibshraeny's inaugural Teen Leadership Academy.

The academy will engage up to 20 high school students in a five-day program that covering the inner workings of municipal government from the Mayor and Council Office to every city department.

Youth will work on special group projects, receive leadership coaching and participate in a mock city council meeting. The academy will be held March 9-13 during the Chandler Unified School District's spring break.

"This will be a great opportunity for students to meet with elected officials, managers and staff while participating in activities to better understand how Arizona's fourth-largest city is run," Tibshraeny said.

Applications can be downloaded at [www.chandleraz.gov/connect](http://www.chandleraz.gov/connect). Completed applications can be emailed to [david.bigos@chandleraz.gov](mailto:david.bigos@chandleraz.gov) or mailed to Dave Bigos, Mayor and Council Assistant, Chandler City

Hall, 175 S. Arizona Avenue, 5th Floor, Chandler, AZ 85225.

Academy graduates will receive a certificate and letter from the mayor detailing their achievements during the academy.

## Resale store opening Nov. 7

Uptown Cheapskate Chandler will hold a grand opening event 10 a.m. – 7 p.m., Friday, Nov. 7, and Saturday, Nov. 8, at its new fashion resale store, 3454 W. Chandler Blvd., Chandler.

The store has been stocking up on the latest fashions and accessories for teens and young adults, guys and girls. Grand opening activities will include an acoustic set with Laura Walsh, iPhone Instagram giveaway, shopping spree gift cards and a visit from the Waffle Crush Food Truck at 9:30 a.m. Friday. The first 50 customers get a free waffle.

Store hours and events can be viewed at [www.facebook.com/UptownChandler](http://www.facebook.com/UptownChandler) or at [www.uptowncheapskate.com/chandler](http://www.uptowncheapskate.com/chandler).



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## Tempe State of City address

On Friday, Nov. 14, Mayor Mark Mitchell will present the annual State of the City address at Tempe Mission Palms. Members of the community are invited to attend for Mitchell's presentation from 7:30 to 9 a.m.

The mayor will be sharing his thoughts on the local social and economic climate, as well as his vision for the growth and future of Tempe and Arizona.

The State of the City is sponsored by Edward Jones. To purchase individual tickets or a table, call 480-967-7891.

## Chandler DIY workshop

For the second year, Chandler Mayor Jay Tibshraeny is presenting Do-It-Yourself Connect, a workshop led by a team of city employees who answer questions from residents about anything DIY.

DIY Connect will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 12, at Chandler Center for the Arts.

The free event is designed to let homeowners who are undertaking home-improvement projects know how the city can help, and what issues might arise. Displays will be on view in the foyer of the center at 6:30 p.m.,

followed by a presentation in the Bogle Theater.

Chandler's Transportation and Development Department will discuss what home improvement projects need permits and, as importantly, those that do not.

Code Enforcement staff will review the most common violations that homeowners make, and Water Conservation staff will explain rebates that are available from the city as well as tips on desert adaptive plants and drip systems.

Stormwater Management will discuss storm drainage systems and the importance of maintaining drywells.

Solid Waste employees will relay information on how residents can best dispose of items they longer need or want, including construction debris. A Police Department representative will discuss alarms and provide tips on crime prevention.

DIY Connect is an extension of Tibshraeny's Listening Tours, which provide residents an opportunity to meet with city staff to discuss challenges facing their neighborhoods and to receive information on city resources and services.

Information: [www.chandleraz.gov/connect](http://www.chandleraz.gov/connect).



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# New mobile app unveiled by PD

Tempe Police Department has launched a mobile app to make it as easy as possible for residents to stay informed about current issues affecting public safety.

Residents will have enhanced opportunities online to communicate directly with the police.

Chief of Police Tom Ryff said that enhancing the use of social media has been an objective of the department's Strategic Plan.

"Police departments are constantly looking for ways to better serve the communities they are sworn to protect," said Ryff.

"A robust social media program is a critical component to any comprehensive public safety strategy."

"Our new mobile application, as well as the addition and utilization

of new social media platforms, will provide the means to truly connect with, inform, and engage our citizens on a daily basis.

In addition to the new smartphone app, developed by Cloudspace Mobile, the department has re-designed and re-launched its Facebook (Tempe Police Facebook) and Twitter (@tempepolice) pages, Ryff noted.

Public safety alerts, crime prevention tips, crime tip submission, sex-offender alerts, videos, police-officer and support-staff recruitments, upcoming community events and breaking news are among the information available on several technology platforms in addition to the website at [www.tempe.gov/city-hall/police](http://www.tempe.gov/city-hall/police).

## Cinderella gowns for little princesses

**By Michelle Hirsch**

Calling all ladies and lasses, prom queens and princesses:

Here's a chance to get beautiful dresses at bargain-basement prices—and you don't even have to go to a basement.

You'll find such deals at just \$5 per dress (six dresses for \$25) at the East Valley Women's League Dress Sale, 8 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 15. Proceeds go to a great cause: EVWL's Cinderella Affair.

Each year Cinderella Affair planners receive hundreds of new and gently used dress donations from which junior- and senior-high school girls can choose a free dress for prom.

Not all the dress donations are suitable prom styles, say EVWL

sponsors, but many are just right for special occasions, middle-school promotions and dances, dinners out and other nice social events.

Joan Johnson, EVWL's coordinator for the sale, says virtually everyone is welcome to buy dresses—moms, daughters, fashion divas, stores—even other charitable organizations.

Johnson says there are 500-600 dresses to choose from, in all sizes and various lengths and styles.

Princesses and aspiring royalty are assured of finding some great dress deals, says Johnson. Sorry, glass slippers not included.

The event will be held at Estenson Logistics, 411 N. McKemy Ave., Chandler (off Kyrene Road between Ray Road and Chandler Boulevard).

## Letters

**Editor:**

With 2 open seats on the Tempe Union High School District Governing Board, it is a critical time for electing the strongest candidates.

By Jan. 1, only 1 board member will remain on the Board who has more than 2 years experience.

DeeAnne McClenahan is by far the strongest of the 5 candidates. I spent 4 years serving with DeeAnne on the Governing Board.

She was then, and will be again, a hard working, competent and informed school board member.

Her experience is invaluable. DeeAnne has had a 30-year career

in finance and facilities and she understands buildings and budgets—a skill clearly needed on this School Board.

DeeAnne has studied, understood and supported the District Bond and Override measures.

She loves the Tempe Union High School District and is committed to maintaining its excellence.

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Please join me in re-electing DeeAnne McClenahan to the Tempe Union High School District Governing Board.

— Zita Johnson

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# On the run



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Young athletes from around Tempe, Chandler and Ahwatukee competed in Kyrene's annual Cross Country JV/Varsity meet. **And the winners are ...**

**Varsity Girls** — 1st: Akimel A-al (26); 2nd: Altadeña (49); 3rd: Centennial (76).

**Boys**: 1st- Altadena (29); 2nd: Akimel A-al (54); 3rd: Centennial (68).

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