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Commentary

Public education a cornerstone of the Founding Fathers

By Dick Foreman

The Founding Fathers certainly didn't agree on everything, but when it came to a public education, a seriously radical idea at the time, they were of one mind.

Jefferson tried in vain to get the state of Virginia to institute a free, public education system and after initial failures stated:

"If a nation expects to be ignorant and free, in a state of civilization, it expects what never was and never will be."

James Madison, in a letter supporting the state of Kentucky's public education system wrote:

"A popular Government, without popular information, or the means of acquiring it, is but a Prologue to a Farce or a Tragedy, or perhaps both."

Some who quote the Founding Fathers seem to conveniently forget the passion for public education.

On one Facebook page, I found this quote: "How did we end up in a nation where reactionary lunatics were in charge of running our 'public' schools?"

The answer is that our schools were captured by the left, a process that started with the subversion

of our teachers colleges to leftist dogma, and was completed with the capture of teachers unions by adherents of this same malignant ideology."

If the public education system has been taken over by leftists and even Marxists, we have a solution that is as foundational as the U.S. Constitution: public school governing boards are elected bodies.

Elect those that represent our views.

Instead, we apparently employ a blame game where the classroom has become the target.

For shame. Those aren't just little chairs, those seats are our children.

How dare anyone use my child's educational needs as expendable collateral for your political agenda, left or right. I don't care which. How dare you!

I have served on school governing boards for nearly 30 years. I have yet to meet my first Marxist. I have met a number of leftists. We had tea. We had coffee. We occasionally shared an adult beverage. Yes, we actually spoke to one another. Sometimes we would agree, sometimes we did not.

But we voted in open public meeting. That's where we can affect change, by working together.

And while the strategy of "defunding" public education is not unique it is heartless, cold and shamelessly arrogant.

Nor does casting stones at school finances without engaging governance rid us of the evils of progressive, leftist leaning school districts if that be the malady of choice.

Defeating classroom budgets leaves us with educationally undernourished children, their brains starved for food.

And that, my friends, is the real travesty. Shame on us all if we make our children and their education the victim of our political agenda, left or right.

No, the "lunatics" are not running the asylum. But they might just be running in the streets of Tempe and its neighbors, opposing school finances by the absorption of ignorance, where the light of education should instead be allowed to shine.

And if they are successful, that's something we should all very much fear.

Dick Foreman is the co-chair of the Yes Yes Support Our School Campaign for the Tempe Union High School District.

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Chandler's strong local economy and financial practices have provided city taxpayers with an economic windfall.

The three major U.S. credit rating agencies reaffirmed their favorable view of Excise Tax Revenue Obligations, which will be used to fund various water and wastewater capital projects.

Chandler officials had requested the rating review in anticipation of an upcoming sale of approximately \$110 million in ETROs.

Both Fitch Ratings and Standard & Poor's Ratings Services announced that they affirmed their highest AAA long-term rating for Chandler's 2013 ETROs. The third service, Moody's Investors Service, assigned an Aa1 rating, its second highest rating. All three agencies assigned a "Stable" outlook to Chandler's financial position.

Two of the agencies also reviewed the city's ratings for outstanding general obligation bonds. Both Fitch and Moody's reaffirmed their respective ratings of AAA and Aaa.

"By reaffirming our high ratings, these agencies are reinforcing our reputation as a well-managed city with strong fiscal policies and a balanced and flexible financial plan for the

future," said Mayor Jay Tibshraeny.

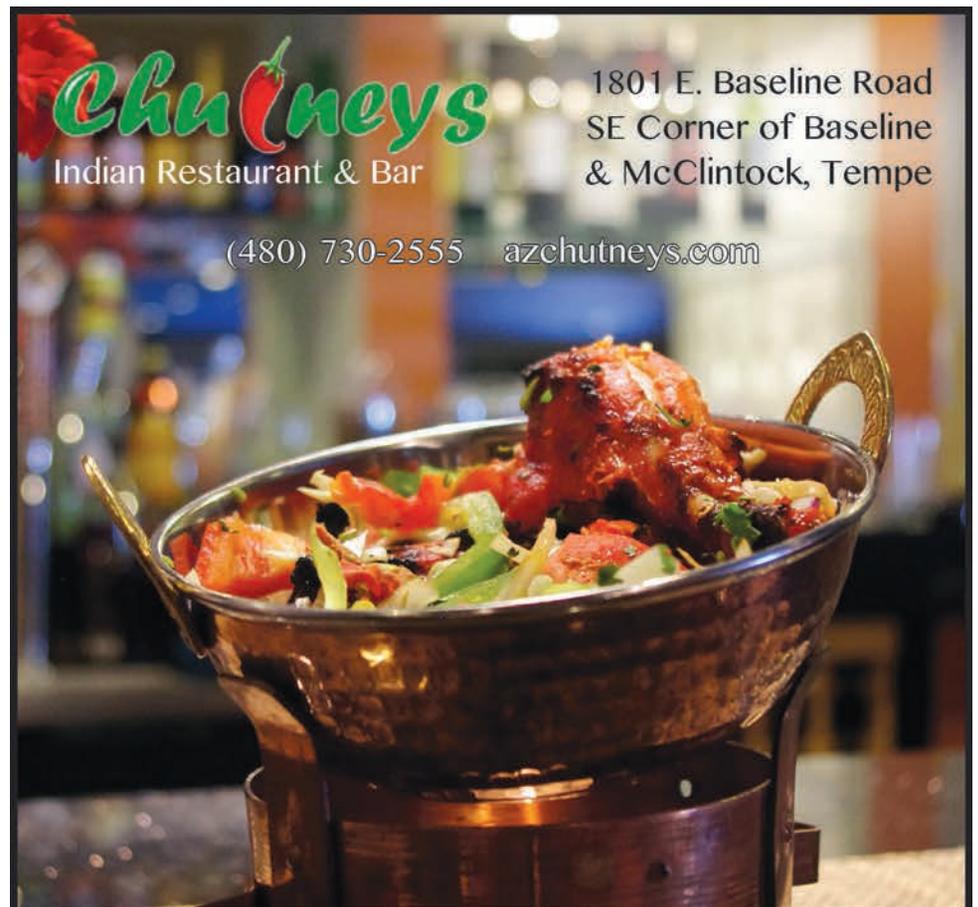
"We are committed to maintaining fiscal discipline, and that breeds confidence among investors and business leaders who see Chandler as a place of opportunity. Our focus remains on continued economic growth for years to come."

The ratings measure the city's financial management and position, as well as the ability to repay outstanding debt, according to Dawn Lang, the city of Chandler's management services director. The higher ratings represent a lower investment risk for potential bond buyers and lower debt costs for the city and its residents, she noted.

In their reports, the agencies praised Chandler's economy and its management, with residents having good access to strong local employers, and the "expectation that management will continue to maintain favorable financial operations and healthy coverage of all parity debt obligations."

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Niños staff unveils plan to boost student achievement

By Diana Whittle

Student achievement in Kyrene schools is closely aligned with the performance of a school's administrator and teachers, with both increasingly required to work as a team.

"We've adopted a cultural change in Kyrene that shapes the way we do business in our schools. We expect principals and teachers to work together to form (what we call) a Professional Learning Community, which will be evaluated by their students' achievements," said Gina Taylor, assistant superintendent of educational services, for the Kyrene District.

Every one of the district's 25 schools is required to develop a school improvement plan, said Taylor. That is the document that provides specific and measurable goals for students in the school.

"Teachers are responsible for the students' learning and for communicating the high expectations required of each student," explained Taylor.

"We track the progress of all students to meet goals that are focused on college and career-ready standards."

One of schools that made major strides over the past year in student achievement is Kyrene de los Niños in south Tempe. With a new principal, Tonya Yalung, in place a year ago, the school improved its letter grade with the Arizona Board of Education.

"Niños was chosen to showcase our hard work to the board," said Yalung, "because we were the only school in our district last year to receive a C rating, and we have moved to being a B school for this year by increasing our AIMS scores."

On the school's website is the slogan: "No Excuses University," designed to promote college readiness. The school's intention is to provide an education that will prepare students for college should they choose to attend. Niños offers a dual language program, so that students learn Spanish and English equally throughout the entire school year.

"The school's enrollment includes many students who are considered at risk," said Yalung, "so we have to be very focused and achievement-oriented."

Niños is also one of four schools in the Kyrene district that receives Title 1 federal funding, which is partially due to the number of students who

qualify for free or a reduced-fee lunch program. These federal funds must be used for at-risk youth, homeless services, the professional development of teachers and parental improvement programs.

At a recent Kyrene board meeting, Yalung spoke about her staff scrutinizing their efforts and meeting weekly to discuss the school's performance plan.

"Through everyone's hard work, we have achieved several accomplishments," said Yalung. "This year we enrolled 100 more kindergarten students into our dual language program, and the program now has expanded to our third grade.

"Also, due to the tax credit dollars brought in by our community, we were able to provide a DRUM club for our fifth-grade students, free of charge to our families. We will be showcasing them Nov. 7 at Barnes and Noble on Ray Road in Ahwatukee."

Taylor complimented the Niños staff for their commitment to their improvement plan and their diligence in meeting regularly to review performance.

"I am impressed with the journey Niños has taken to better students' achievement," said Taylor.

"It's a wonderful example of our learning goal in Kyrene, which is to make sure all students make continuous progress and to close the gap so students who are struggling to achieve are not left behind."

Hospital hosts landmark study

Chandler Regional Medical Center is hosting a landmark new research study by the American Cancer Society, which has announced plans to recruit men and women for a cancer-prevention study.

An exploratory meeting is scheduled from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 14, in the hospital's lower level conference rooms.

Dignity Health affiliates Chandler Regional and Mercy Gilbert medical centers are serving as enrollment sites for the study.

Individuals may choose to participate if they are willing to make a long-term commitment to the study, which involves completing follow-up surveys periodically over the next 20-30 years. Participants must be between the ages of 30 and 65 and never been diagnosed with cancer.

Information: cps3phoenix.org or e-mail cps3phoenix@cancer.org.



Revving up the future

SRP execs Kathy Knoop, John Hetrick: A power boost for 'great technology.'

— Wrangler News photo by Billy Hardiman

By Chelsea Martin

In today's society, there are many who express concerns about global warming and the up-and-down cost of gasoline. Not only are individual consumers catching on to the electric-car buzz, but major companies are finding themselves embracing the concept of green, environmentally friendly vehicles.

Although Salt River Project certainly is not new to the electricity scene, it's recently found itself moving enthusiastically toward a movement whose goal is to minimize the growth of energy costs: electric plug-in vehicles.

SRP introduced Chevy Volt electric cars to its fleet back in March.

The initial five Volts were added to SRP's fleet as part of a demonstration project with the Electric Power

Research Institute to help determine the impact of electric vehicles on the Valley grid," said Jim Wood, SRP's director of transportation.

Although the electric cars are still in a research stage of being integrated efficiently and broadly into the company's daily operations, there is plenty of optimism and excitement circulating.

"We think it's a really great technology," said Kathy Knoop, senior policy analyst. "SRP has always been interested in new technology, especially new technology that involves electricity. These electric cars consume electricity as their fuel and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Especially the Chevy Volt because it can go about 36 to 40 miles on a charge, and it plugs into a standard household 120-volt outlet."

The Volt is part of an alternative effort in the electric car industry where it acts as a hybrid.

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Sports . . . with Alex Zener

New hope for Aztec football season

After all the upheaval the football program has undergone this season—really the past three years—the Aztec team has a tremendous opportunity to finish the season with three wins in its last four games.

This scenario was made possible when the 39 Aztec players defeated arch rival Desert Vista's 69-player squad, 41-28, Oct. 24 in front of Corona's home crowd—one that cheered from the moment the Thunder kicked off to the Aztecs to start the game until Corona's student section ran onto the field as the final seconds ticked off the game clock, celebrating the team's second win of the season.

The fans had plenty to cheer about the first quarter, when Corona put up 21 unanswered points, starting with a rushing touchdown by senior running back **George Wright** about nine minutes into the quarter. **Chris Baker's** point-after kick made it 7-0.

Corona stopped Desert Vista and regained possession, marching up the field to score another touchdown with about five minutes left in the quarter. This time it was a 7-yard pass from senior quarterback **RJ Rhiner** to junior tight end **Cassius Peat**. Another point-after kick by Baker put the Aztecs up 14-0.

Corona would finish the first quarter 21-to-0 after junior running back **Colin Freeland** ran in the ball from eight yards out to score the Aztecs' third unanswered touchdown of the game and Baker's point-after kick went through the uprights.

Corona continued to move the ball in the second quarter, but the Thunder's defense stopped the Aztecs in the red zone, where Baker's kicking abilities would prove to be beneficial when he first kicked a 30-yard field goal and

then a 41-yard field goal just before the half.

Corona's defense held the Thunder to one touchdown in the first half, which occurred about halfway through the second quarter, and the Aztecs were up 27-7 to start the second half.

The Thunder came out fighting in the third quarter, scoring 15 points on two touchdowns, one point-after kick and a safety. The Aztecs continued to record points in each quarter, putting up seven more when senior **Grant Fishburn** broke through Desert Vista's defense to score a 41-yard rushing touchdown. Baker's point-after kick kept Corona in front, 34-22, to finish the third quarter.

The Aztecs, who started the fourth quarter with the ball, continued to sustain that drive and run time off the clock before scoring their last touchdown, a 3-yard run by quarterback Rhiner. Baker's point-after kick put Corona up 41-22.

Corona's offense not only scored points, they had the ball in their possession almost 35 minutes compared to less than 14 minutes for the Thunder's offense. The Aztec defense held Desert Vista to only eight first downs compared to 25 for Corona.

The Thunder would go on to score another touchdown but fail on their second 2-point conversion attempt of the game, giving Corona its second win of the season with a 41-28 victory.

After losing the week before to Mountain Pointe, 63-0, most fans may have been a little surprised to see the Aztecs not only bounce back but win only their fourth game

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against the Thunder in the last eight tries. Their last win against Desert Vista was a 27-13 victory in 2009.

"Our kids worked hard all week and were able to refocus on the task at hand, beating Desert Vista, after our big loss last week to Mountain Pointe," said interim coach **Tim Kelly**. "They came out and played from the opening snap."

"Although the score did not reflect it against Mountain Pointe, we have put together three weeks in a row the effort needed to play an entire game," said Kelly. "It is a real tribute to our team, especially the great group of seniors we have. They are what made this happen."

Several offensive players, including the seniors Kelly talks about, continue to play on both sides of the ball and giving it their all, including **Tevin Mayfield**, Corona's leading receiver, who had three solo tackles and four assists.

Others include **Jacob Reidell** with four solo and six total tackles; **Blake Jones**, four solo and five total tackles; **Travis Longacre**, **Donnivin Moraca**, **Blake Silberschlag**, **Jordan Somerville**, **Thomas Turley** and **Vegas Trujillo**.

Fishburn, also a senior, not only scored a touchdown while playing offense, as did juniors Freeland and Peat, but all played significant roles on the defensive side of the ball.

None bigger, though, than junior linebacker **Elijah Hassell**, who led the team in defensive statistics with six solo tackles, two for a loss, and one interception.

The Aztecs, 2-7, were due to have their final game—and their last chance to win a game this season—when they play at home, in a non-conference game, against Notre Dame Prep on Nov. 1. Notre Dame Prep, ranked 15th in Division II, is 6-3 this season.

Corona Swim and Dive Team

Corona's swim and dive team has qualified two divers, three swimmers and potentially four relay teams for the state meet this year, to be held Nov. 8-9 at Skyline Aquatic Center, 845 S. Crismon Road, Mesa.

Chloe Hacker and **Andrew Tate** qualified for the meet, which is scheduled Nov. 9 at 1:30 p.m. Hacker, a senior, will be going for her third state championship title. She was injured heading into the state meet last season, otherwise she might have been going for her fourth straight title.

The swimming prelims are on Friday, Nov. 8 starting at 2:30 p.m. while the finals will be Saturday, Nov. 9, starting at the same time.

"**Karilyn Quon** accomplished an amazing feat by qualifying for state in four events," said coach **Ron Musgrave**. "Karilyn, only a sophomore, has qualified in the 200 Free, 200 IM, 100 Back and 500 Free."

Karilyn's brother, **Nick Quon**, qualified in the 100 Back and 200 IM while **Nicole Holly** qualified for 100 Fly. Corona's girls team has two relay teams ranked and is planning on competing at state, according to Musgrave.

Amy Hong, Karilyn Quon, Nicole Holly and **Ericka Boeger** swim the 200 Medley relay while **Tessa Martinson**, Hong, Quon and Boeger swim the 200 Free relay.

"In addition to Karilyn and Holly, **Ericka Boeger**, a freshman on our team, has had a great year as a freestyler in her individual events and as part of these two relay teams," said Musgrave. "Our senior captains **Amy Hong** and **Maddie Szajna** have done a great job providing motivational speeches and supporting our 'team unity' theme this year."

The boys team has qualified in the 200 Medley relay and the 200 Free relay for the state meet according to Musgrave. Both teams are looking to improve their times and secure their qualifications at the

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All City meet

Normand and Marcus Wheeler. Teammates

Corona's boys team also won the Open section,

scheduled on Oct. 30.

Nick Quon, Andy Zhou, Travis Bodine and Brad Barmore regularly swim the 200 Medley relay while Quon, Barmore, **Axel Floyd** and **Bryce Arrington** swim the 200 Free relay.

"**Bryce Arrington**, as a sophomore this season, has had a terrific year due to his tireless work ethic which helped him recently earn a spot on our 200 freestyle relay team," said Musgrave. "He has made some drastic improvements in his flip turns making him a force to be reckoned with in relays and his individual events."

Corona's swim and dive team will have one more meet, the Tempe City Invitational held at McClintock Oct. 30, to qualify swimmers and divers for the state meet.

Cross Country

Corona's boys team continued its undefeated season with a win at the Tempe All City Cross Country meet Oct. 26. It is the sixth straight championship trophy the team has taken back to Corona's trophy case. All that is left was the sectional meet scheduled Nov. 1 before the Aztecs get their shot at bringing home the 2013 Division I State Championship trophy.

Finishing first, second and third were Corona's top three runners, **Nate Rodriguez, Ryan**



Corona's boys cross country team kept its undefeated season alive by capturing its sixth straight championship after winning the Tempe City meet Oct. 26. Team includes, from left, Blake Fisher; coach Pat Smith; Ryan Normand; Marcus Wheeler; Slade Sumner; Patrick Cullings; Nate Rodriguez; and Nick Creasman.

— Photo courtesy Chris Huch

Patrick Cullings was fifth and **Blake Fischer** seventh to give the team its low winning score of 18 points. Desert Vista was second with 40 points.

beating out Desert Vista by only three points, 29-32.

Alex Hart finished second; **Johnathan Lopez**

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Crossing the Mill Avenue bridge in Tempe.

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20,000 walkers generate \$1.5 mil for autism research

By Lyndsey Waugh

A record-setting 20,000 walkers – including individuals with autism, their families and friends – joined forces at Tempe Beach Park Oct. 27 for the annual Arizona Walk Now for Autism Speaks, resulting in what planners say was increased awareness for the disorder and, happily, more than \$1.5 million in donations.

The event is part of Autism Speaks' national walk program that includes more than 90 events in North America each year. In Arizona, the organization partners with the Southwest Autism Research & Resource Center, and proceeds from the event benefit both organizations.

"The partnership between Autism Speaks and SARRC is unique because there's a real value in knowing that half of the dollars raised contribute to the good work Autism Speaks is doing nationally," said Derek Greene, 2013 Arizona walk chairman and owner of Tempe-based moving company Get Your Move On.

"The other half remains, local helping families here in our community."

"Through Autism Speaks, dollars from the walk fund research, advocacy and a variety of programs under the nonprofit's Family Services designed to support families and individuals living with autism," said Amy Hummell, senior director with Autism Speaks.

At SARRC, dollars raised from this year's walk will fund existing programs for children with autism, including scholarships for SARRC's early intervention programs, as well as programs for

adults with autism that teach skills for independent living and employment, and clinical research, according to Hummell.

Sprouts Farmers Market, which sponsors the event, announced on walk day that the company raised over \$1.15 million for the walk with the help of its vendors. In addition to fundraising, Sprouts also played a role on-site by featuring dozens of booths where walkers could sample products, pick up fresh, healthy snacks and experience an on-site "neighborhood market", complete with recyclable grocery bags.

Valley Honda Dealers' Helpful Guys in Blue were also at the walk with a volunteer team to assist and greet walkers with complimentary sunscreen, provide race directions along the route, and lend a hand at the finish line and in the kids' zone.

For the second year, Valley Honda Dealers served as the walk's official Start/Finish Line Sponsor.

The walk, which is free to attend, also featured more than 50 autism resource organizations, providing families with a one-stop shop for information about autism; a kids' activity zone; and live music and entertainment.

Autism is a developmental disorder commonly diagnosed by age 3, and characterized by varying degrees of impairment in communication, social interaction and behavior.

Nationally, one in 88 children are affected. In Arizona, autism affects one in 64 children.

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seriously minimizing the range anxiety often felt by owners of vehicles that are strictly electric.

"This kind of car is very versatile because it has an electric hybrid engine similar to the Prius," Knoop said. "Once you consume all the battery power it switches over to hybrid mode, which allows the regenerative braking to continue to feed into the battery power, resulting in great gas mileage."

Currently, the hybrid Volts are being rotated throughout the company's departments to get a variety of driving distances and habits. As part of the system, data such as drive time, state of charge, charging details, trip routes and charging locations

will be collected.

SRP also is increasing its line of new-technology vehicles with the addition of five new Ford plug-in hybrid vehicles, three Fusion Energi and two C-MAX Energi sometime this month. The hybrid Ford's battery power range is a little over 20 miles and 450 miles on gasoline.

By 2014, 15 green vehicles are expected to be released.

SRP invited its employees to engage in the experiment by allowing them to vote for their favorite design wrap for the new Ford hybrids. The top five employee-voted designs will be announced Nov. 7.

While the hybrid cars seem to be gladly accepted within the SRP community, ongoing

research and review are being conducted on the other end. Not only is there a team of representatives from departments throughout SRP collecting and analyzing data collected from the performance of the technology; Ford's Myford mobile app will be simultaneously collecting rich data for the company on employee driving and charging habits.

The Myford mobile app also provides drivers and fleet managers with real time battery charge status, a vehicle locator and value charging, a process that allows a car to automatically recharge during lower cost off peak electricity rates when there is less strain on the electrical grid.

The goal is to improve electric driving and charging stations and to advance steadily into the future of electric hybrid vehicles.

"We approached this to learn more about the technology and to see that as more and more people acquire these, how it will possibly impact our operation," said John Hetrick, SRP's manager of sustainability policy and programs.

"By having both variations of the electric hybrid cars, it gives us a chance to determine which driving behaviors will work best with which type of hybrid car. We want to know how the cars behave and impact our system by us having a first-hand experience. We want to be prepared."

Kyrene Rotarian named PD's Volunteer of Year

Longtime community volunteer and Kyrene Corridor Rotary Club member Ken Pollock has been named Volunteer of the Year for 2013 by the Phoenix Police Department.

Pollock has worked with the department's cold-case homicide unit for more than five years. He helped design a website, developed training materials for interns and volunteers, and developed a tracking system for DNA information taken from crime scenes.

He regularly reviews closed cold cases and has worked closely with detectives on several difficult high-profile cases.

Pollock recently traveled to Philadelphia with Phoenix officers to present a cold case to the Vidocq Society, a forensic professional group of current and former FBI profilers, homicide investigators, scientists, psychologists, prosecutors and coroners who use their experience to provide justice for investigations that have gone cold.

He is the only volunteer ever invited to do so. Pollock is a longtime community volunteer, including many years working with CASA, or Court Appointed Special Advocates, for foster children. He also has trained and mentored other CASA volunteers.

His wife also trains similar volunteers statewide. A video of Pollock's work is available at www.youtube.com/watch?v=1AQYOL13b2M



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How to bring a new look to Valley communities: recycle historic structures

By Diana Whittle

If the concept known as adaptive reuse is unfamiliar to you, think of it as a new twist on recycling. It's when an old building outlives its original purpose and is remodeled for new uses, all the while retaining its rich historic features.

In comparison to cities back east, Arizona may be a bit short in historic preservation. However, the trend is reversing, and vacant buildings are turning into new places to shop, dine or enrich one's vision of art.

For example, in downtown Phoenix, a previous department store now is an upscale restaurant called Hanny's. The onetime Monroe Elementary School has been transformed into a reborn Children's Museum.

Nearby, along Grand Avenue, a surge of development is yielding new destinations out of long-forgotten structures, which are showcased on a self-guided, adaptive-reuse tour sponsored by the Grand Avenue Arts and Small Business District.

Adaptive reuse is also a way to save a unique or historic building that might otherwise be demolished. The practice benefits the environment by conserving natural resources and minimizing the need for new materials.

In Phoenix, city planners established a program in 2008 that encourages adaptive re-use of buildings that are structurally sound but no longer economically viable in their current condition.

Some Phoenix success stories include restaurants in a former beauty parlor at 20th Street and Camelback Road; a former residence along Seventh Street that now serves Vietnamese food; and Postino, at 40th Street and Camelback Road, a onetime post office delivered from the ravages of time.

Owners of the Tempe-based restaurant House of Tricks chose to renovate a home in 1987 because the price was right, says the owners' Website, rather than open on Mill Avenue.

Still located at 114 E. Seventh St., the restaurant is an early example of

adaptive reuse in the east Valley.

Every neighborhood does not have commercial zoning and the residents might resist the extra traffic and signage that comes with a business.

Still the city is open to working with businesses that might be looking for an appropriate building to remodel, said Dave Nakagawara, Tempe's director of community development

"Currently, the city of Tempe is planning to revisit its strategic policies to make sure that such opportunities for re-use are encouraged by its policies, rules and regulations."

Community Development staff are responsible for planning the long-term future of the city, which includes both job attraction and historic preservation.

Recently, the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors announced that they, too, revised their policies to encourage more adaptive reuse by restaurants.

"The county now allows a six-month trial period for restaurant owners wanting to use a non-traditional space for their business," said Johnny Dilone, media and community relations manager with the county's Environmental Services Department.

"The intent of the trial permit period is to allow (the department) to help restaurant owners follow through on innovative concepts, which may inspire local entrepreneurs in their business plans, while at the same time streamlining the county's regulatory process," said Dilone.

During the six-month trial permit period, the restaurants would be subjected to at least two county health inspections. When the trial permit expires, if the restaurant qualifies, it will transition into a regular 12-month permit.

In addition to the cities and the county, ASU is considering several projects, including a restaurant on Farmer Avenue and another in downtown Tempe.

Both are still in the planning stages, so details are not yet available, said Nikki Ripley, spokesperson for Tempe.

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Pre-enrollment Q&A sessions planned at six Tempe Union high schools

Open houses have been scheduled to assist parents and students as they make plans for upcoming enrollment in Tempe Union high schools.

Campus faculty, guidance counselors, club sponsors and administrators will be available to answer questions about the schools, their academic and extra-curricular programs and the registration process.

Sessions are scheduled according to the following schedule:

Tempe High School – Thursday, Nov. 14, 6 p.m.

Desert Vista High School – Monday, Nov. 18, 6 p.m.

Corona del Sol High School – Monday, Nov. 25, 6:30 p.m.

McClintock High School – Monday, Dec. 2, 6 p.m.

Mountain Pointe High School – Monday, Dec. 2, 6 p.m.

Marcos de Niza High School – Monday, Dec. 9, 7 p.m.

Solar energy metering is session topic

Longtime business owner, advocate and community volunteer Vic Linoff will moderate a forum featuring a discussion regarding proposed changes to solar-energy metering at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 5, in the Tempe City Council Chambers.

Tempe is hosting the session to provide an opportunity for residents to learn a policy that determines how utilities compensate customers for the power their rooftop solar panels produce.

The current net metering rules, approved in 2007, allow rooftop solar customers to subtract the power they

produce from the power they consume and pay their electric bill based only on the difference.

Tempe is not advocating a position about the proposed change.

APS recently asked the Arizona Corporation Commission for permission to change the company's net-metering policy, and a hearing before the commission is expected later this month.

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'Christmas Child' aims at record 17,000 gift boxes

By Chelsea Martin

What is so special about a shoebox? Forget the box itself—it merely serves as a vessel in which the true gift arrives. The contents cradled inside that box can provoke a sense of hope for the less-fortunate children in countries all over the world.

Samaritan's Purse, a nondenominational evangelical Christian humanitarian organization, has been working with local churches and ministry partners since 1970 to deliver the shoebox gifts to spread implacable hope to children in the darkest corners of the world.

Since the official establishment of Operation Christmas Child in 1993, more than 100 million boys and girls in over 130 countries have experienced hope through the power of a simple shoebox gift. OCC reaches out to hurting children and allows them to be exposed to Christianity through the shoe box program.

Last year nearly 8.6 million children received such an opportunity.

Items that are packed in the boxes include school supplies, toiletries, small toys, candy, shirts, caps, underwear and socks.

Grace Community Church in Tempe is helping to locally coordinate Operation Christmas Child this year. The team serves Tempe, Chandler, Mesa, Gilbert, Apache Junction, Gold Canyon, Queen Creek, Florence, Casa Grande and other areas of southeast Phoenix.

For the Tempe OCC operation, the goal is to reach 17,000 boxes compared to last year's 15,855—then declared an exceptional result. National collection week will be Nov. 18-25 at Grace.

The church hosted the OCC season kick off event Oct. 3 with a touching celebration. The evening consisted of informative tips and details regarding the project and a memorable monologue from Yuri (Judy) Lopez, a Honduran orphan who once was a shoebox recipient in her youth.

Lopez and her twin sister were abandoned by her parents when they

were just babies. At the age of two, she was separated from her sister and other siblings when she arrived at a Honduran orphanage where she stayed until the age of 16.

At one point, in order not to be thrown out on the streets due to her age, she became the orphanage's sole cook for 140 children, using any small amount of her spare time to play soccer.

Lopez was six years old and in second grade when she received her first gift ever.

Some of the treasures inside the box were a blue radio, school supplies, a notebook, candy, a tube of tasty toothpaste, a towel, soap, a picture of the shoebox sender (a young American girl), and a note with an inspirational message.

"I was so excited when I first got the shoebox gift. I never had candy before and I thought the toothpaste tasted so delicious I ate the entire thing," Lopez said.

Although Lopez and the rest of the children were beyond grateful for the shoebox gifts, it was hard at such a young age to truly appreciate the act itself.

"I was too young at the time, but when I was 13, it really changed my life," Lopez said. "I was really

depressed, the orphanage couldn't afford schooling for us anymore, I was told that soccer was only for boys and I was separated from my twin sister.

"But then I looked over the letters from my friends and the picture of the American girl and the note. It all meant so much to me and I finally realized that even though the girl did not know me or my story she took her time to find the things in the shoebox for me. She loved me."

Lopez was offered the opportunity of a lifetime when her future adopted parents came to visit the orphanage on a mission, eventually returning for her. She arrived in America in 2008 when she was 18.

Her love for soccer earned her an opportunity to graduate and play soccer for Bryan College in Tennessee. Lopez is now a fulltime sports missionary for fellowship Christian athletes. She provides hope and endless possibilities to many youth.

The gift she received gives credence to a now well-established movement: One shoebox can truly change a life.

For those interested in packing a shoebox or volunteering at the collection center, visit www.samaritanspurse.org or contact Shannon Greany at slgreany@gmail.com.



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1. Lock up your liquor
2. Do not serve alcohol to anyone under 21
3. Send a clear message to your youth that alcohol use is not acceptable
4. Help your youth practice refusing alcohol
5. Be a role model



The Tempe Coalition, a partnership between the City of Tempe and Tempe Community Council, works to reduce underage drinking and youth drug use in Tempe. For more information, please visit www.tempecoalition.org.

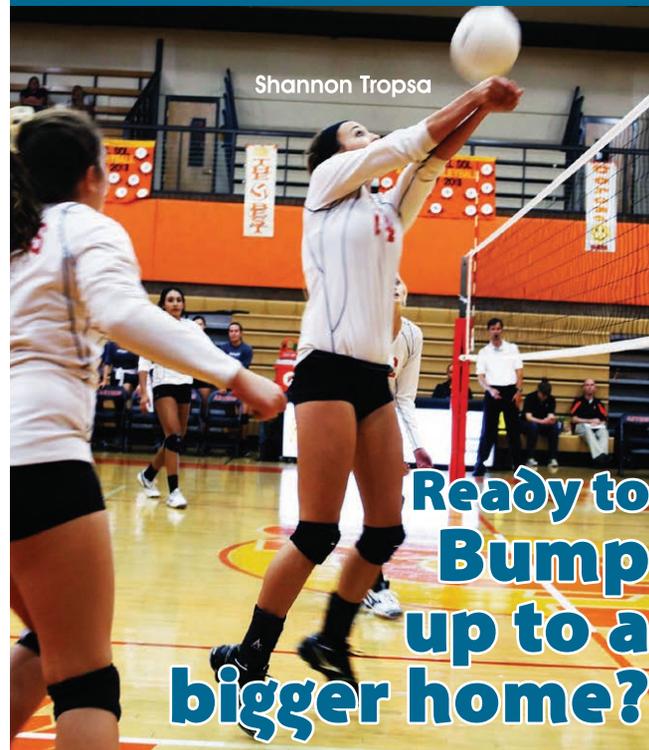
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Plenty to see at local theaters as holiday season nears

Last Vegas—Robert DeNiro, Michael Douglas, Morgan Freeman and Kevin Kline are friends from the old neighborhood—Flatbush, Brooklyn, that is.

They're scattered around the country now, but when the most financially successful of them, Douglas, finally gets around to getting engaged, the quartet meets in Vegas for a wild bachelor-party weekend.

One of them, DeNiro, is there under protest; a depressed widower, he bears Douglas an angry grudge. Freeman recently suffered a mild stroke and

is being kept on a short leash by his son. Kline's wife (Joanna Gleason), fed up with his crankiness, has given him a condom and a Viagra tablet and told him to improve his attitude in Sin City.

Douglas, whose trophy-wife-to-be is half his age, simply hasn't come to terms with being old.

What ensues in this comedy, directed by Jon Turteltaub from a script by Dan Fogelman, is just what you'd imagine—corny, heavy-handed gags about geriatrics drinking, gambling and flirting with scantily-clad nymphs young enough to be their granddaughters.

Mary Steenburgen charmingly plays a slightly more appropriately-aged lounge singer who gets drawn into the gang and stirs up a bit of romantic conflict, but nothing very serious.

The movie is shamelessly fluffy, and more enjoyable than it has any real right to be.

These guys are the real thing—movie stars—and

there's a reason that each of them has an acting Oscar. Even clowning around, they can effortlessly command an audience.

Oddly, though, the standout is the one that, if you were ranking them, would probably have to be considered the acting lightweight of the four—Douglas.

Toward the end, he has a short monologue in which his feelings about aging finally pour out, and this amusing old-guys-behaving-badly smirk-fest turns, for one scene, into a real drama.

Man of Tai Chi—The title sounds like an SCTV sketch, but it's not meant as a joke—this Hong Kong action melodrama wants to make the case for Tai Chi not as a great exercise for old ladies in the park, but as a badass martial art.

The hero (Tiger Hu Chen) is a young delivery

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boy who studies under a Tai Chi master and competes in tournaments. He gets sucked into the world of a to-the-death spectator fight club run by an odious gangster, and soon finds he can only get out when he dies.

The gangster is played by Keanu Reeves, and the movie also represents the directorial debut of Reeves. Turns out that Matrix Boy makes a pretty good director.

Man of Tai Chi is a flamboyant, highly entertaining piece of showmanship. Young Chen makes a sympathetic hapless hero—he has some of the passive, guileless charm of the young Reeves—and a thrilling performer; his Tai Chi moves have a riveting, dancerlike beauty.

And Reeves shows, for my money, a better eye for martial arts sequences than most current action directors. He gives us less frenetic cutting, and lets us watch the fighters do their thing.

About all that Reeves the director isn't able to do here is get a good, non-wooden performance out of Reeves the actor.

But that puts him on a long list of filmmakers.

Underdogs—This indie football yarn, which played at the Phoenix Film Festival last year, is set in North Canton, Ohio, at a Catholic high school with an abysmal record.

A tough, my-way-or-the-highway new coach (D.B. Sweeney) is brought in, and turns things



around with his demanding work ethic.

For a brief time in the '80s and '90s, it looked like Sweeney might become a big star.

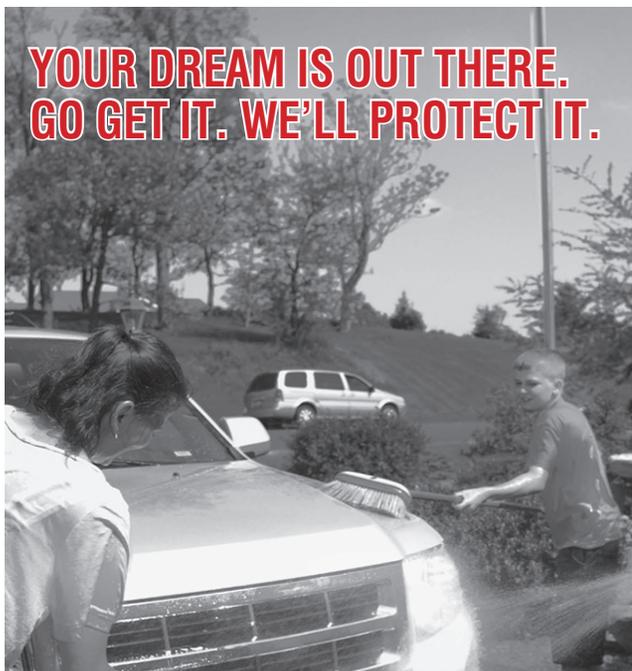
That didn't happen, but he remains an interesting presence.

His performance here is good, but there isn't one football scene in this competently-made but banal debut effort by director Doug Dearth that doesn't feel derived from earlier, better sports movies like *Rudy*, *The Rookie*, *The Blind Side* and others—the final sideline scene here is virtually a remake of the same scene in *Hoosiers*.

The movie has a subplot about a different kind of underdog—the quarterback's Dad, Bill Burkett—that is based on the story of the real North Canton resident Bill Burkett, developer of the EdenPure heater.

According to *Underdogs*, Burkett faced a legal struggle with his then-employer over the intellectual property rights to the device which he had invented at home in his spare time.

This is an intriguing story, and it's hard not to suspect that the football stuff was grafted on to make *Underdogs* more commercial.



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History Museum exhibition spotlights companies that helped build city to what it is today 'Made in Tempe' tracks city's entrepreneurial past, present

By Kris Baxter-Ging

Most think of Tempe as the home of Arizona State University, Tempe Town Lake and Mill Avenue, but it's also a base for hundreds of manufacturing companies, ranging from hot sauce to heart defibrillators.

Starting this month, Tempe History Museum wants to honor these entrepreneurial companies' role in the city's growth and progress.

Museum staff plan to launch Made in Tempe, a new exhibition chronicling the accomplishments of these companies, from the earliest manufacturing at the Hayden Flour Mill to the night-vision systems at Nivisys.

The event opens at 5:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 8, featuring music by Tempe-based band Bears of Manitou.

Visitors will get to sample products, such as DeCio Pasta, made by participating companies and attend a ribbon cutting by the Tempe Chamber of

Commerce at about 6 p.m.

The exhibition features items from about 40 companies that were manufactured, constructed or formed in Tempe, either now or historically.

Tempe was once a farm town that relied primarily on agricultural products. Today, the city produces a well-rounded inventory of products, ranging from foods to high tech gear.

The approximately 1,000-square-foot exhibition runs through next August.

"Researching and interviewing and photographing the more than 30 modern vendors for this exhibit has been delightful," museum exhibit coordinator Dan Miller said.

"From rhubarb jam to prosthetic feet, Tempe makes a bit of everything. Comparing this to the first manufacturers shows just how far the city has progressed."

Tempe Historic Society will provide light refreshments to go with the product sampling at the

opening.

Exhibiting companies include:

Foods — Sun Orchard, Cortez Coffee, 4 Peaks, Laura's Gourmet, DeCio Pasta, Sting N Linger Salsa, Carolyn's Classics, Great Harvest Bread Co., Crockett Honey, Hayden Flour Mills and United Dairymen of Arizona.

High Tech — Walter's Precision Service, Inc., PADT (Phoenix Analysis and Design Technologies), Nivisys (Night Vision Systems), Ability Dynamics, KC Wirefree and Medtronic.

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Sports

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was fourth; **Lucas Ykema** was fifth; **Kairash Ferozepurwalla** was sixth; and **Sam Rodriguez** was 12th to earn a total of 29 points.

"It was great that the varsity won relatively easily, but it was definitely a highlight that our open team won, too, in a close finish with Desert Vista," said coach **Pat Smith**.

"We have never won the Tempe All City Open trophy as long as I've been at Corona."

The girls team finished second behind Desert Vista with a total of 49 points. **Kelly Naumann** crossed the finish line in third place, followed by **Mason Swenson** in fifth; **Sammie Moore** in 10th; **Renee Clary** in 13th; and **Mackenzie Harder** in 16th.

"I knew we had a pretty good chance of getting second but I like to have the girls see their hard work pay off," said coach **Ari Rodriguez**.

"I tell them anything can happen on any given day so let's go for the blue!"

The top three runners on the girls

team has been quite consistent now that they have Swenson back in the mix after suffering an injury earlier in the season, but Corona has several young girls who have been improving over the season.

"**Renee Clary**, just a freshman, has slowly moved up every race," said Rodriguez.

"She started on the JV team at the beginning of the year and just placed fourth at the City meet for us, for instance."

Both teams will be challenged at the sectional meet by Desert Vista but Ironwood and Hamilton have good squads and could move ahead of Corona if both teams don't run their best.

Sectionals are Nov. 1 at Crossroads Park, 2155 E Knox Rd. in Gilbert while the state meet is the following week, Nov. 9, at Cave Creek Golf Course, 15202 N. 19th Ave, Phoenix.

Division I is scheduled to start at 12:30 p.m. but everything is subject to change. Sectionals have free admission while the state meet is \$10 for adults and \$6 for students with school ID cards.

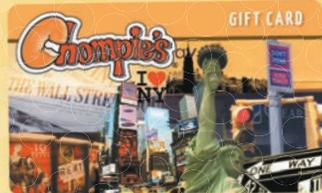


Marcus Wheeler, competing at the Tempe City meet, has steadily increased his speed and endurance to consistently cross the finish line as one of Corona's top three cross country runners helping them win six straight championships and go undefeated this season.

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Signs of fall were everywhere when the Contreras Insurance Agency of State Farm held its annual Pumpkin Patch celebration. More than 100 visitors turned out for windshield repair, free pumpkins and a presentation by ProBest Pest Control owner Keith Birkemeyer.

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First Person . . . by Chase Kamp

BART strike, bridge closure: 'Welcome to San Francisco'

Editor's note: Regular Wrangler News contributor Chase Kamp, a longtime Tempe resident and graduate of both Corona del Sol High School and the Walter Cronkite School at Arizona State University, packed his bags for the Bay Area this past summer to launch a career with a San Francisco entertainment weekly. Here's a report on the first weeks of his new adventure.



When I moved to the San Francisco Bay area this summer, I was thrilled with the prospect of hopping on my bike, catching public transit and not being obligated to take my beat-up car everywhere like I had back in the desert.

That is, until the city completed the new Bay Bridge, the largest public works project in U.S. history—and I got stuck on a dead bus during a strike.

The Labor Day weekend closing of the Bay Bridge, the main vein over the water from Oakland to San Francisco, is difficult to put into Arizona terms. Even if the U.S. 60, Loop 101 and Loop 202 were all closed off, folks from the south Valley headed to Phoenix could still manage on side streets.

While the city took a few days to put the finishing touches on the new bridge, my roommate Alexis Morgan, a 26-year-old manager at a coffee shop in a hip San Francisco neighborhood, had to reorient her life.

Her usual one-hour commute from Oakland to the city involves riding a bike shuttle van over the water. Morgan had to do whatever it took to get to work that weekend.

"I had planned to sleep over with friends in the city for four days," she said. Friends of hers in competitive retail jobs cried when getting in to work late after two-hour plus commutes, fearful they would get fired.

A few months earlier, I struggled with similar decisions in the midst of the Bay Area Rapid Transit employee strike. The BART train system, which thousands of people ride everyday to and from San Francisco/Oakland and the outlying suburbs, is a major organ of the delicate Bay Area public transit ecosystem.

I had hopped on one of the few buses that would take me from downtown San Francisco across the Bay Bridge to my new home in Oakland. Now, the bus driver could not

turn the engine over. There was some understandable grumbling among my fellow commuters as they shuffled us in line to wait for the next one, but no one was outraged: the BART strike had gotten the transit system sick.

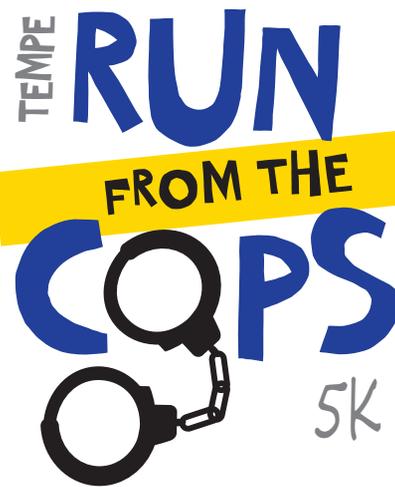
The trains stopped running for more than a week in July until the California governor had to step in and issue a cool-down period while the labor unions and top brass worked it out. The trains shut down once again for four days in October until a deal was reached on Oct. 22.

Though expansions are in the works, the Valley Metro Light Rail is merely a convenience for urbanites in Tempe and Phoenix at the moment. The BART rail, however, is a critical transit hub for all the Bay Area suburbs.

I've realized in comparison, transportation in rugged-individualist Arizona is relatively painless if you are fortunate enough to own a car. When the state installed speed cameras on the major freeways during the harshest dip of the recession, their unpopularity was certainly sown by the Big Brother-type presence of tall camera stalks on the side of the road. Yet it cut deeper than just punishing drivers for speeding: those cameras were encroaching on the open ease of the Phoenix freeway, something I've only now discovered to be a rarity.

Still, I'm coming around to the Bay's complex but curious ways of getting around. Last weekend, I was riding the BART to the city to meet with friends. A few colorful characters in the back of the train were loudly reading from a book of Santeria magic spells, discussing what kind of sorcery they'd like to perform at the party they were headed to.

It's the kind of bizarre stuff one is forced to overhear while commuting in a city like this, and I realized how much I'd missed it.



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On the run

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Caroline Liddy finished in first place, representing the Aprende girls, and Graham C. Eversden took first place in the boys division, also representing the Jaguars.

— Photos by Jackson Doren



Around town

A camera's-eye view of what's going on in our community

Wrangler News photos by Billy Hardiman



Local police and officers from DEA joined forces in a drug-takeback event at the Tempe South Police Substation, providing a convenient way for residents to empty their shelves of unwanted medicines.



THIS ISSUE'S COVER (See Page 1): Kyrene Middle School's production of 'Schoolhouse Rock' featured, clockwise from upper left, Sam Joseph, Nora Baier, Jordan Moore, Sydney Holly, Sarah Kinsey, Cassie Rector and Conner Erickson. Photo above, Samiyah Smiley and Matthew Novis. Julie Hackmann directed.

1,000 turn out to learn about preparing an emergency plan — in advance ‘When disaster strikes, it’s too late’

By Lynn Johnson

How would you fare in a disaster? Would you panic or would you be able to think logically and make informed decisions? Helping you to consider various emergency scenarios was the focus of a community preparedness fair on Oct. 19 that featured 56 booths and had more than 1,000 attendees.

Sponsored by the Tempe South Stake, located at 1111 E. Knox Road, Tempe, and the neighboring Mesa Alma Stake of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, the fair provided education and demonstrations on everything from soup to nuts—or, in this case, from dutch oven soup to how to store nuts.

“There were no vendors selling products,” noted Co-chair Joyce Jones. “Each booth was staffed by volunteers with expertise in a particular area. This was all about educating the public.”

Craig Brown, of Chandler, had a booth showing alternative methods of cooking if without power. “I heard several times from attendees that they had purchased a solar oven, or a pressure cooker or a dutch oven several years ago, but they had never really used it yet.

“Part of the education and excitement of the fair was for us to encourage and teach them how to get started and gain the commitment that they would go home and do so!”

Tempe resident Cindy Lines enjoyed talking with people about creating a “Family Emergency Plan.” This is a plan every family should have in case

of fire or any other emergency. Such a plan might include how to evacuate your home, safe meeting places, what to take with you, emergency contact numbers, etc.

“The number of families with young children attending the fair was especially encouraging,” observed Lines. “Most of them had never thought about enacting a Family Emergency Plan. I hope seeds were planted to have the tools to stay safe in an emergency. It was time very well spent for all of us.”

If there was a theme to the fair, it was that preparation and planning now can make a huge difference later.

“When a disaster strikes, it’s too late,” cautioned Jones. “You are either ready or your aren’t. The good news is that every individual and family can take small steps to be better prepared.”

But it wasn’t just two-legged creatures that need to prepare for life’s what-ifs. There was even a booth on how to care for pets in an emergency situation.

During the fair, booth experts enjoyed milling around to learn from other experts. Tempe CERT volunteer Gail Majors enjoyed teaching proper fire suppression—with real fire and a fire hose. But she also enjoyed going over to the solar oven booth where her friend was cooking pumpkin bread using only the rays of the sun.

“This is awesome,” laughed Gail. “I’ve got to get me a solar oven.”

Fair organizers partnered with Tempe Fire Department, and kids enjoyed being up close to

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Fair

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the big ladder firetruck in the morning and seeing the pumper truck in the afternoon. Tempe police officers also turned a few heads with their Camaro squad car, which was located next to a Boy Scout troop demonstrating emergency shelters.

Attendees were also encouraged to bring canned goods for St. Mary's Food Bank, and over 410 meals were collected during the fair.

So to save paper, handouts were not given out at the fair, but were made available online. So even if you missed the event, you can get the educational handouts by going to <http://emergencyprepworkshop.blogspot.com/>

Kids got a special treat from participating police and fire agencies, including a chance to sit behind the wheel of one of the big firefighting rigs.

— Wrangler News photo by Billy Hardiman



Briefly . . .

Kyrene teachers gathering accolades

Kyrene teachers seem to be racking up their share of accolades recently, with at least six being selected for a variety of honors.

Debbie Striker from Kyrene de la Paloma was named Arizona Health and Physical Education Teacher of the Year, and Jama Nacke, principal of Kyrene Middle School, was recognized as Administrator of the Year.

At an Arizona Cardinals game in mid-October, Deon Quintero Powell was recognized by the Arizona Cardinals as an MVP in the Classroom, which recognizes outstanding teachers in the state of Arizona.

The announcement came from Jan Evans, director of the Arizona Health and Physical Education Association, honored two tireless advocates for health and fitness at the group's annual state convention.

Earlier last month, Centennial Middle School teacher Matt Penland was awarded the Century Link/Diamondback All Star Teacher honors.

And in September, Therese Niesen, from Kyrene de los Lagos elementary school, received the Teacher of the Year award from Junior Achievement at the 2013 Junior Achievement annual awards celebration.

Entrants sought for Rock the Block talent show

There's still time for west Chandler residents and their citywide neighbors to display their talents in the fourth annual Chandler's Got Talent variety show that's part of this year's fun-for-the-whole-family Rock the Block! party.

Prospective performers can submit their entry via YouTube or Vimeo, and the top acts will be chosen to compete on the day of the event, Saturday, Nov. 9.

The fourth annual Achen-Gardner Construction event, presented by Mark-Taylor, will be held on Arizona Avenue between Chandler Boulevard and Frye Road in downtown Chandler from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Rock the Block! is a free family-friendly block party organized by the Downtown Chandler Community Partnership and Steve LeVine Entertainment & Public Relations.

It features live entertainment on multiple stages; a 50,000-square-foot Kids Zone with interactive games and rides, face painting, inflatables and a zip-line; more than 150 retail and arts and crafts vendors; food trucks; a beer and wine garden; a Veterans Day celebration; a Red Bull triple-set skate park and more.

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Holiday family fun event at Edward Jones

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Mill Avenue music scene gets revival with free performances

This November, the nightlife on Mill Avenue will be even more energized when local bands take the stage at a series of performances called Tempe Music Revival.

On four Fridays and one Wednesday, from 5-8 p.m., on Sixth Street east of Mill Avenue, crowds will rock out to the sounds of local musicians doing what they love.

The series started Nov. 1 with Jared & The Mill and wraps up Nov. 27 with Chuck E. Baby and The Union All-Stars.

These free, family friendly performances are aimed at invigorating the live music scene downtown. Attendees are welcome to bring blankets and lawn chairs, and make a night of it on Mill Avenue by grabbing dinner, ice cream or coffee in one of the area's many eateries.

Visit www.downtowntempe.com for parking and public transit options.



Tempe Music Revival is the brainchild of a group of partners that includes Councilmember Joel Navarro, C.A.S.A. Sunba owner Scott Price, the Downtown Tempe Community (DTC), local musicians and others.

The series is being supported by many local sponsors, including SRP, APS, Phoenix New Times, DTC, Local First Arizona, the International Association of Fire Fighters, First Transit,

CenturyLink, Southwest Gas, the Professional Musicians of Arizona Local 586, C.A.S.A. Sunba Patio Café & Lounge, and the City of Tempe.

Navarro said the group wanted to inspire the same type of vibe that ruled Mill Avenue's music scene in the 1980s and 1990s, when bands like the Gin Blossoms, Jimmy Eat Word and Roger Clyne & the Peacemakers got their starts in downtown Tempe.

They hope to host another series in late winter or early spring.

Performances are all from 5-8 p.m.:

Nov. 1: Jared & the Mill

Nov. 8: Chuck E. Baby and The All-Stars

Nov. 15: Rock Lobster

Nov. 22: Elvis Before Noon

Nov. 27: Chuck E. Baby and The Union Allstars

To stay connected with the series, visit Tempe Music Revival Group on Facebook or look for #TempeMusicRevival on Twitter.

Residents have options for bulk waste disposal

Most of us have material throughout the year that is just too bulky to fit in our regular trash or recycling bins – material such as yard waste, furniture and old appliances. Tempe used to pick up this material on a monthly basis. Recently the city made changes that will increase our efficiency and sustainability – and help keep rates as low as possible for customers.

Tempe now collects bulk waste six times per year, with four collections dedicated to green waste only and two for mixed waste (bulk trash and green waste). For residents whose bulk waste needs exceed the scope of Tempe's collection schedule, here are some options:

Public dump – Residents can dispose of bulk materials twice per month per residence, up to 2,000 pounds, for no charge at two convenient transfer stations (utility bill and driver's license with Tempe address required for proof of residency):

• **Sky Harbor Regional Transfer Station**, 2425 S. 40th Street, Phoenix, 602-454-2050. Mon.-Fri. 6 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sat. 6 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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On-call collection – Tempe offers on-call collection services starting at \$31. Call 480-350-4311 to schedule a free estimate.

Appliance pick-up – Visit www.tempe.gov/recycling or call 480-350-4311 for appliance pick-up options.

Household Products Collection Center – Residents can deliver household hazardous waste (including motor oil, paint, cleaning products, lawn and pool chemicals) to Tempe's HPCC, 1320 E. University Drive. Open Friday from 7 a.m. to noon and Saturday 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Zero Waste Events – Tempe holds multi-purpose recycling events twice each year, in April and November, where residents can bring many materials for recycling and safe disposal. The next Zero Waste Day is Nov. 16 from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Tempe Fire Training Facility, 1340 E. University Drive.

Visit www.tempe.gov/zerowaste for more information.

Circle K New Year's Eve Block Party on Mill Ave.

A few days after the big game, it'll be time for a big party in downtown Tempe!

Join thousands of revelers at the Circle K New Year's Eve Block Party on Mill Avenue, on Tuesday, Dec. 31, from 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. Tickets are on sale online and at all Circle K stores. Tempe residents can buy discounted tickets.

See the voucher on Page 30 for details. For more information, visit www.blockpartyonmill.com.

25th Annual Buffalo Wild Wings Bowl

Teams from the Big 12 and Big Ten will face each other on Saturday, Dec. 28, at 8:15 p.m. at Sun Devil Stadium for the 25th Annual Buffalo Wild Wings Bowl.

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The Last Word Obamacare: The sky is still not falling

By Gil Holland, M.D.

You cannot turn to the news, be it print, radio, television or Internet, without being exposed to heavy debate about the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, better known as



“Obamacare.”

But why all the hysteria and what’s behind it?

The Affordable Care Act, passed by Congress and

signed by President Obama in March 2010, has been the most significant regulatory healthcare change since the passage of Medicare and Medicaid in 1965.

ACA’s focus is to improve access to medical care for all Americans by making everyone, with few exemptions, obtain health insurance.

In turn, health insurance

companies have to offer the same insurance premium prices to all applicants of the same age, regardless of past medical history and preexisting conditions. The theory is that by having all people obtain health insurance, the cost of coverage for all would go down.

The way this is supposed to work is simple. It is more expensive to provide coverage for a person with many chronic medical problems, as this person would have many medical expenses. A healthy person, however, would not cost as much to cover because expenses would be minimal. Having a much higher number of healthy people obtain insurance would offset the costs of having the much smaller number of chronically ill in the system.

Opponents of ACA argue that the funding plan will simply not work. They also take issue with the universal mandate component of the law, requiring virtually all Americans to

obtain health insurance or be subject to a penalty fine. However, the ACA’s constitutionality was upheld by the Supreme Court in 2012 despite legal challenges.

Still, argument exists that health-insurance coverage does not equate with health care itself, and having insurance coverage dictate the delivery of health care in a “cookie cutter” manner will be damaging to the most high-risk patients, in the long run.

For example, 76-year-old Joe is admitted to the hospital because he is having difficulty with breathing due congestive heart failure. From the moment he lands in his bed, the clock starts ticking; his insurance company wants him discharged as soon as possible.

Simple concept: The longer he is in the hospital, the more it costs the insurance company. There are only so many days that the insurer will allow him to be treated at the hospital, which puts pressure on his attending doctors and hospital staff to discharge him quickly.

However, due to many recent changes, if Joe were to become seriously ill and need to be re-hospitalized within 30 days, not only would the hospital not get paid for taking care of him but it would have to pay penalty fines because of his readmission.

Scenarios like this one could eventually lead to reduced health care resources for the very ill, as hospital systems will be forced to scramble to find ways to keep sick patients from being readmitted.

Many of the issues that have come about in today’s heated healthcare debate climate are a result of failing to identify the root of the problem. Too much energy is spent addressing only the cost of taking care of patients and very little on the costs associated in

giving medical care.

There needs to be a focus on what it would take to lower the price tag of medications, the amount of liability, which gives rise to defensive-medicine practices, and institutional overhead.

So what does this all mean? The old system was clearly unsustainable and something new was necessary. The new system, however, is far from perfect. Certainly there will be challenges with implementation, as already seen with the Website crisis.

Yet, there may be a lot of good things we can learn from a different modality of caring for patients. Change is often something difficult for many and can create discomfort departing from the status quo. As with any change, the key will be to adapt carefully, keep calm and confront challenges wisely.

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