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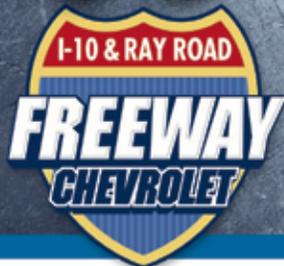
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## Dad/son partnership uses best of divergent specialties to pitch success



Jay Roundy, foreground, and son Joe utilize their combined athletic and professional skills to inspire a winning attitude among athletes.

Story by Kody Acevedo  
Photos by Tracy Doren

It's the bottom of the ninth. Two outs. The winning run stands 90 feet away as you dig into the batter's box. The crowd's roar echoes in the night. The pressure is on. But you're relaxed, focused and ready for this moment.

Mental strength is the key to a successful sports career. Anyone can build physical strength, but having a strong mental game gives athletes the ability to perform at their peak, according to Dr. Jay Roundy and his son Joe, founders of Performance Plus in Chandler.

Performance Plus is an organization that helps athletes improve their sports performance physically and mentally. The Roundys train athletes who play in a variety of sports, including baseball, softball, football, volleyball and gymnastics. Their mental strength training is led by Roundy, who played minor league baseball in the Angels

organization before beginning his coaching career. He has since gone on to receive a Masters Degree in Counseling Psychology and a Doctorate with a focus on performance behavior.

Roundy said he tailors the mental strength training sessions to the individual's needs.

"They are situational specific, like performance anxiety, or a person who, on the other end of the continuum, says, 'I'm doing everything I can physically, but I know to elevate my game, I've got to pay attention to the mental aspect of it,'" Roundy said.

Roundy calls it taking "control of their biology." He helps athletes achieve this through some of the basic techniques of sports and performance psychology.

"So it ranges in a whole array of different things that go in terms for sports psychology," Roundy said. "Confidence, trust and belief in your own ability to perform and resilience."

While these psychological tools can be beneficial to an athlete, Roundy said

it's a hard concept for people to wrap their head around (no pun intended).

"It's not a magic wand," he said. "But we take the same approach as a nutritionist who assesses your eating habits, looks at what you're doing, then puts a plan together. We take the same kind of approach to the mental aspect of performance."

While being mentally prepared is critical, so is having a sports I.Q. The Roundys train their athletes to be students of their respective games.

"You could be the best physical athlete and have all the athletic ability in the world, but if you're not right in your head, you're not going to perform as high as you possibly could," Joe said.

Joe was a three-sport athlete at Dobson High School in Mesa, excelling in football, basketball and baseball. He had multiple offers to play football upon graduation, but chose to pursue a baseball career.

He got a scholarship to play at Scottsdale Community College for two years where he was named an All-American. He then transferred to Kansas State University and led the Big-12 Conference in a number of hitting categories in 2006. He eventually signed with the San Francisco Giants. "That's how this all started," Joe said. "I would come home

in the off season and a family friend would ask for hitting lessons."

In the early days, Joe met his clients in a park to give his lessons. Eventually, the business snowballed and grew into what it is today; a 6,000-square foot building equipped with a full-sized gym and two full-sized batting cages.

"What separates us from other facilities is every single person who walks through the door, when they leave, they feel like they have more confidence," Joe said. "They know that they improved in some way, shape or form while they were here."

Joe said he sees his athletes not only improve their game, but also their lives. He said leading a good life determines how an athlete plays their game. Those improvements are what makes both coaches' jobs so rewarding.

"One of the most rewarding things is seeing a younger player, like a 10-13 year-old, who just loves the game and we make a minor tweak in their swing, lets say, but it works and they just get the biggest smile on their face," Roundy said. "That's huge."

"It's about seeing that light bulb go off," Joe said. "And hearing about their hard work paying off in their competition."

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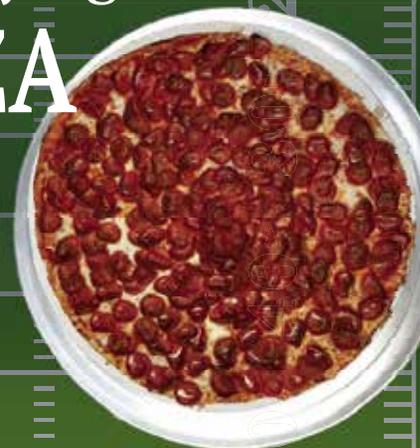
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# Focus on courage

*Middle-school pair launch workshops to help kids build skills in personal confidence*

By Diana Whittle

**K**ids live in a scary world today, says Scott Segerson, performing arts teacher at Kyrene del Pueblo Middle School in Tempe.

And so, he and a school counselor, Julie Jaskolski, developed the “Courage Conference” series for their students to help them build their skills in personal confidence.

“Kids have a lot to worry about and not much time or effort is spent helping them deal with these pressures and fears, so Mrs. Jaskolski and I took the initiative to address this need,” said Segerson.

This is the fourth year for Pueblo students to be able to attend the workshops. Students at Pueblo range between sixth and eighth grades, and so far about 300 have received the training.

The course was developed as a three-year series, with the initial class for sixth grade. Recently, an additional 300 middle schoolers received the training at Kyrene Middle School.

Segerson says that self-esteem is made up of the thoughts, feelings and opinions we have about ourselves, which means self-esteem isn’t fixed. Since self esteem in youth can change and develop, his course teaches valuable skills that can last a lifetime.

“We bring in high school kids and some mature, responsible eighth graders to be discussion-group

leaders and to provide positive influences for the sixth graders,” said Segerson.

“Teachers do not participate in the actual day, which promotes an atmosphere where kids feel free to talk and share.”

Then seventh-grade students take part in an Awareness Day, which is a chance for the kids to look outside themselves and move beyond personal pre-occupation, says Segerson.

Next, eighth graders go to Empower Camp outside Prescott for three days.

“During this session, kids are challenged to develop effective leadership skills, to promote cultural and social awareness, and to become empowered with strategies to handle stress and conflict, and to make positive decisions for both themselves and their community.

They also participate in community-building activities to foster stronger relationships, skills-building activities to enhance self and social awareness and, finally, large-group presentations to learn through the power of storytelling, explained Segerson.

“We want every child to be able to act with courage—to stand up for their beliefs, to develop confident body language and to overcome fears,” said Segerson.

“At the end of the day, they are asked to make a decision to engage in a specific personal act of courage, and we encourage them to act with purposeful kindness.”

Several fellow teachers at Pueblo have noticed new positive behaviors from the students.

Alex Ostrow, a sixth-grade teacher said:

“The students have so much fun and come back with a renewed confidence in themselves. They are given a card in which they write down an act of courage that they have created for themselves.

“It is great to see them cherish these cards — keeping them in their backpacks or putting them on the cover of their notebooks. Some even post them by their beds at home so they see it every night when they go to bed and every morning when they wake up. They seem happier and treat each other with more kindness and respect.”

Josh Jacobs, an eighth- grade social studies teacher who also helps lead whole-group activities for the Empower Camp concludes:

“By the time students are in eighth grade, we can see a significant difference in (those) who have attended the entire series: Courage Conference, the Awareness Day and the Empower Camp. They tend to be more respectful and carry themselves with more confidence.”

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## AzMERIT scores due in mid-month; new method utilizes higher standards

Parents of students in the Kyrene School District are awaiting results of the AzMERIT test given last spring.

According to the district, parents should receive the results approximately Nov. 16.

Arizona no longer administers the AIMS (Arizona Instrument to Measure Standards).

In a recent newsletter to parents at Kyrene de los Niños, administrators explained that the test results for AzMERIT might be lower than the AIMS test.

"AzMERIT tests students' knowledge and mastery of the new higher level educational standards, and is more academically rigorous than AIMS," the newsletter said.

Educators across the state anticipate that changing academic standards, the type of exam and the way the exam is taken will affect the results.

When *Wrangler News* reported about the Common Core standards last spring, the subject of the new testing

came up.

At the time, Lorah Neville, executive director for educational services for the Kyrene School District, said that the new standards require proficiency, not simply a minimum competency.

In other words, the bar is much higher from the get-go.

"We want to make sure that when kids leave, they are able to use their math and read and comprehend and all of those things at a level that they would be prepared, without remediation, to start college or to start in the work field," Neville said.

According to the Department of Education website:

"A lower score on AzMERIT does not necessarily mean that a student is performing below average in school.

"It also does not mean that teachers are doing a poor job of teaching.

"It is more likely the result of higher expectations for a passing score. As we saw with AIMS, we expect that the scores on AzMERIT will increase over time."

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Parishioners from Gethsemane Lutheran Church gather at Huss Brewing Co. for inspiration. — Photos by Jeff Heisner for Wrangler News

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Ecclesiastes 9:7

Some might call suds a lesser beverage — but evidently no less a way to instill God's word

By M.V. Moorhead

There's plenty of wine-drinking in the Bible, of course, but if there's any beer-drinking in The Good Book I'm not Biblical scholar enough to know about it.

Here in the East Valley, however, there lately has been some beer drinking as an *accompaniment* to the Bible.

Tempe's Gethsemane Lutheran Church has launched Bibles 'n Brew, a religious discussion held not at GLC but at area watering holes on the third Tuesday of every month.

"It's a monthly Bible Study that we do in local restaurants or breweries that specialize in craft beer," says Troy Schmidt, the GLC Pastor and craft beer enthusiast who started the program this past spring.

Says Schmidt, the concept

originated, not surprisingly, in "good conversation over craft beer" with friends from the church, including Jeff and Judy Heisner.

The idea has taken off.

"Response has been good," says Schmidt. "The idea is, let's try to get out in our community to talk about God's Word. Let's get out of the idea that you have to be in church, because it applies to all aspects of our lives."

Jeff Heisner agrees, and notes that "the Church has gained several new members/attendees since the event started in May and has some regular Bibles 'n Brew attendees that do not attend church. Both are a win in the Pastor's eyes."

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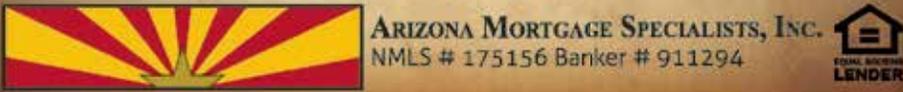
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dust. The lessons tend to be on practical, everyday-life subjects.

“The last one [at Huss Brewing Company in Tempe] was on patience,” says Schmidt.

“And we did one on Fun and Joy in All Things.” Beer has, indeed, been known to help with that.

Pastor Schmidt probably has a favorite Bible verse, but does he have a favorite craft beer?

“Hard to nail down,” he says, with an evasive chuckle. “I’m an IPA fan.”

I’m not a beer drinker myself, so the Pastor has to explain to me that this refers to India Pale Ale, a “really hoppy” style of beer.

“I like the local places,” Schmidt continues. “Huss Brewery and Wilderness [Arizona Wilderness Brewery in Gilbert] and of course Four Peaks and San Tan.”

I can’t help but wonder, though, if the theological ideas in these discussions swerve farther and farther into apostasy in proportion to the amount of brew that’s consumed over the course of the evening.

“It depends on who comes,” says Schmidt, without elaborating. “Of course, we suggest moderation.”



Well and good, but there are those in the Christian community who don’t really approve of drinking at all. Schmidt says they haven’t encountered any teetotaler objections.

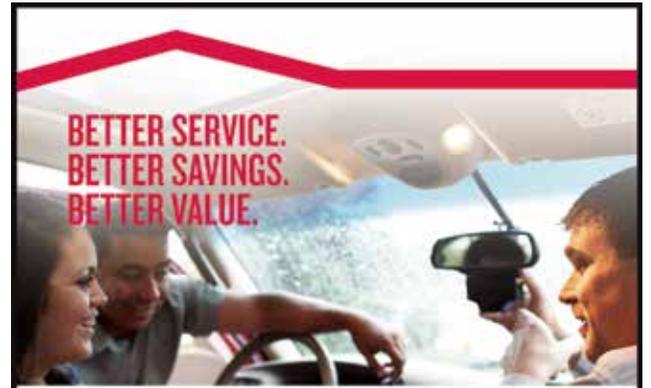
“We’re a Lutheran church,” says Schmidt, “so we don’t have any problem with it.”

Indeed, it’s not hard to picture old Martin L. himself joining in

for a stein or two.

Gethsemane Lutheran Church is located at 1035 E. Guadalupe Road in Tempe.

Those interested in attending a Bibles ‘n Brew are encouraged to check out the Bibles ‘n Brew event page on Facebook—if only to see a church event listing that includes the line “21 and up please.”



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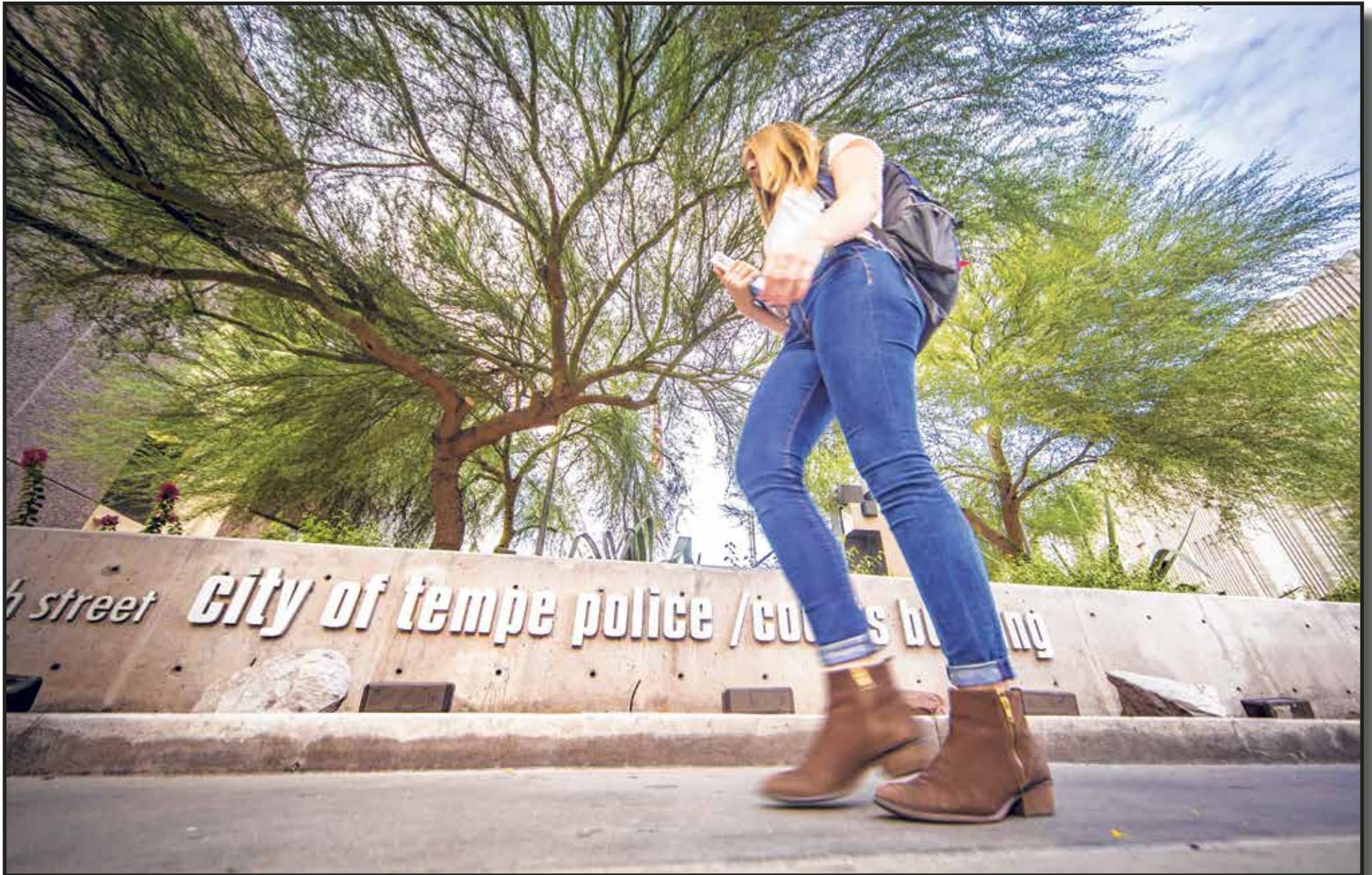
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The dilemma of deciding where victims of sexual assault on college campuses should go for help — college-based programs that in many cases are ill-equipped to handle such cases or law enforcement agencies where even the lowest standard of proof can destroy a wrongly convicted perpetrator's future — has become a topic of growing discussion.

— Wrangler News photo graphic by Billy Hardiman

Commentary . . . by Jonathan Coronel

## Campus sexual assault: Answers remain elusive

**T**hough studies hardly can agree on the precise number of women sexually assaulted on campuses each year—with a Bureau of Justice Statistics survey pegging the rate of college sexual assault at less than one percent and the Association of American Universities reporting 23 percent—most Americans can agree that sexual assault on college campuses is a problem that must be addressed.

Central to this issue is the apparent ineptitude of colleges in handling cases of rape as well as the need to empower both men and women in order to combat sexual assault.

Universities in recent years have shown themselves woefully inept in handling the issue of campus sexual assault.

Administrators at colleges across the nation

oversee kangaroo court hearings better suited for witch hunts in Salem, Mass., 300 years ago, than the serious issue of campus sexual assault in modern America.

In regard to these “courts” (a term used loosely here), universities are given wide procedural latitude, with just the vague rule that they must be “fair” according to the Department of Education.

This ambiguity has led to horrifying cases such as that of Sarah Tubbs at Stony Brook University, who recently had to serve as her own prosecutor in a campus rape trial.

Tubbs was forced to face and cross-examine her rapist as well as formulate her own defense with no legal counsel whatsoever.

Even more commonly, the accused have to serve

as their own lawyer and are at risk of being found guilty based on a preponderance of evidence, the lowest standard of proof.

This mockery of a court system is a slap in the face to any notions of due process and justice for both the victim and the accused.

Rape is a grave offense, and one that must be dealt with by courts equipped to prosecute it. It should be punishable with hard time in prison, not simply expulsion from a university. By the same token, because it is such a grave offense, it is absolutely crucial that both the victim and the accused are afforded their right to legal counsel.

The current system run by administrators and academics with no legal background or authority

delegitimizes the whole issue and is a gross affront to the rights of both parties.

Here in Tempe, ASU has taken a step in the right direction with the creation of a special victims unit to handle criminal investigations of sexual assault on campus. About four percent of all ASU students were sexually assaulted in the past year, which equates to well over 3,000 students, so establishing a special victims unit with two detectives focused on handling such matters is certainly a step in the right direction.

With detectives trained to handle these cases, ASU is now on the forefront of become one of the more proactive universities in the country, but it unfortunately is not an accomplishment that yet can be replicated everywhere.

Special victims units are only feasible at larger schools like ASU, and other large universities will likely follow suit as this issue gains more traction, however smaller schools simply do not have the resources to address the problem as ASU is

attempting to.

Just as important as any legal solution to addressing sexual assault after it has already occurred is the need to prevent it from occurring in the first place. This is probably a more difficult challenge, but it is absolutely essential.

Simply put, both men and women need to be empowered and educated. Boys need to be raised and taught that real men do not hurt; real men are protectors.

They protect their families, they protect the innocent. Real men cannot be cowards. By the same token, we must empower young girls to be assertive.

Girls should be able to confidently assert their wishes and know how to simply say no. Too often, bold and assertive girls are dismissed as bossy, or demanding. Such criticism tends to condition them to be passive and ill-equipped to voice their feelings.

From a young age, girls need to be encouraged that it's okay to say no, it's okay to be bold and it

doesn't make them mean or a tease or any other invective often hurled at women who exercise that option.

A complex issue such as sexual assault requires a multi-faceted response. Legal improvements would do a world of good for both the victims and the accused, but are shortsighted in that they only address the issue after the fact.

In order to solve this problem long term, parents and communities need to educate and empower their kids.

These solutions aren't simple, but they are certainly worth striving for.

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The free, family-friendly event promises to provide a taste of the fun that was Legend City, say planners.

Featured are hundreds of souvenirs, photos and memorabilia, including a gondola from the skyride, a car from the horseless carriage ride, costumes from featured shows, park-employee uniforms and more.

Visitors are invited to take a walk on the wild side in a re-creation of the Legend City Dutchman's Shack—the park's famous tilt house—or stare into the eyes of Kurley Q, the ventriloquist dummy used by Legend City performer and Miss America 1965 Vonda Kay Van Dyke.

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Beyond its role as a theme park, Legend City is remembered as a career-launching venue for such entertainers as Wallace & Ladmo, Mike Condello and The Spiders (Alice Cooper).

Legend City's Compton Terrace featured the best of the best in live music, including Stevie Nicks, AC/DC, The Grateful Dead, REO Speedwagon, Elton John, Moody Blues, The Police and more.

The exhibit, on display through October 2016, is at the Tempe Library campus, 809 E. Southern Ave.

# For Chandler Center for the Arts, a signature offering Group mixes it up at 'Plugged In' concert

By Joyce Coronel

**Y**oung people often dream of becoming rock stars. Sometimes, the dream becomes a reality — at least for a while.

Talented teenage musicians from Corona del Sol High School were honored last month when their band was chosen to perform at Chandler Center for the Arts during a “Plugged In” concert.

The band, known as Vice Versa, plays a mix of covers and original music.

Nikki Hinshaw, drummer for the group, said the auditions for a spot to perform in the concert were the band’s first encounter with an innovative local music program known as Rock n Roll High School.

Steve Berg, founder of the program, dreamed it up after he got tired of paying for music lessons for his son, only to be rewarded with a recital once or twice a year. His daughters were involved in organized sports, with regular practices and games the family could attend.

Why not create something similar for musically inclined kids who might not be drawn to orchestra or marching band? Something structured, with supervised rehearsals and performances in top-notch, public venues?

Rock n Roll High School was the fruit of those

musings, and kids have been the lucky beneficiaries ever since. Bands typically practice once or twice a week and students are free to choose — or compose — their own tunes.

Families and friends crowd into places like Hard Rock, the Crescent Ballroom or Alice Cooperstown regularly to hear the kids perform, enjoying the burgers and fries and maybe a beer or two.

They cheer on the performers, whistling or clapping as a young guitarist astounds them with a powerful solo or a pair of young girls’ voices soar in harmony. Or the Corona del Sol Vice Versa crew amazes them with its six-member band. Hinshaw said she enjoyed mixing it up with like-minded peers.

“The really cool thing about it is that it’s a group of kids my ages, teenagers, that are all in bands and they love playing music,” Hinshaw said.

“It was really cool to see how many other people are out there like us and just learn from their bands and get information about how they operate and also hear some really great music.”

“We’ve been trying to help bands and usher them up to the next level, so we partner with different record companies, like 80-20 Records, and organizations that help the kids get to that next level,” Berg said. For those who dream of a music

career, the program offers business and performance workshops.

Unlike many music education efforts, Rock n Roll High School’s instructors are themselves gigging musicians who know what it takes to make it as a performer.

“They bring a whole new angle to the kids. They really respond to them,” Berg said.

Savanah Johnston, a Corona del Sol student, plays bass and is a vocalist for Vice Versa. She’s among those who hope for a future career in music.

“My impression of Rock n Roll High School is that they are a great group. We are excited to be a part of it,” Johnston said.

Finalists in the August auditions received \$100 per band and played 20 minutes each. Soloists received \$50 and had 15 minutes. All received a compilation CD crafted at a local studio.

The September Plugged-In concert at Chandler Center for the Arts featured eight bands and two soloists who all had to compete in order to secure a spot in the lineup.

Michelle MacLennan, general manager of Chandler Center for the Arts, said the “Plugged-In” concert has become one of the center’s signature

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Vice Versa: 'Still going strong.'

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event.

"Partnering with Rock n Roll High School has been a great way to inspire and motivate the next generation of young aspiring musicians while also serving as an educational opportunity," MacLennan said.

As for Vice Versa, they're still going strong.

"We had gigs at the Arizona State Fair and the Mesa Music Festival," Hinshaw said.

"We're also planning on recording some of our original songs to better be able to get gigs around the Valley."

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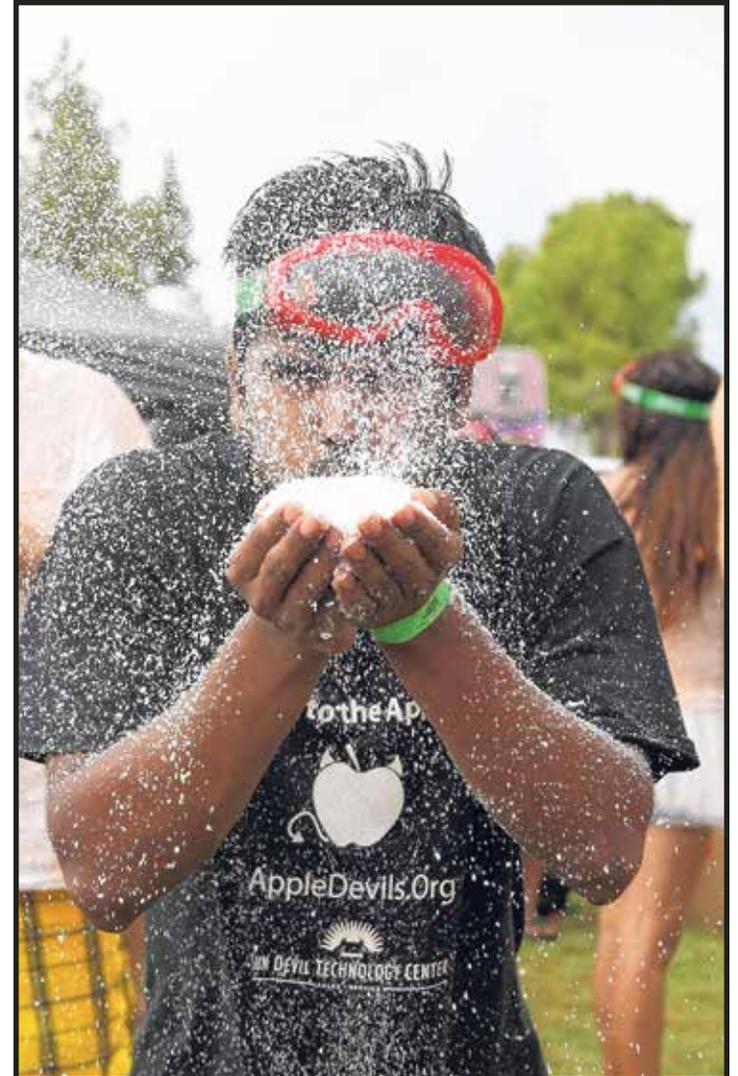
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— Wrangler News photo feature by Ana Ramirez





South Tempe resident Julie Schobert turned her kitchen into a virtual candy factory. The business has outgrown its home-based quarters, however, and is now hosted by a commercial site.

— Wrangler News photo by Ana Ramirez

## A CAREER CARVED IN CARAMEL? SWEET

By Joyce Coronel

A friendship that caramelized in South Tempe back in the 1990s has given rise to a business venture that's yielded tasty results. Just ask the "Caramel Ladies," Julie Schobert and Donna Croyle.

The two women had daughters who once attended Waggoner Elementary School and Kyrene Middle School together. The years went by and the girls grew up, but Julie and Donna's friendship never dimmed. You might say it grew sweeter, in fact.

"We both like to cook," Schobert said. "A couple years ago my youngest daughter and I took a cooking class that Donna had suggested." As fate would have it, the mother-daughter duo were tasked with making caramel.

"They were so delicious that I made them a couple times," Schobert said. She gave some to a friend who tasted them and remarked that she should think about selling them.

"I called Donna and said, 'You want to do this? You want to sell caramels? Wouldn't this be fun?'"

And so Twist Caramels was born.

Some of the ingredients in the tasty concoction hail from the Grand Canyon State, such as the Arizona unfiltered honey and fresh heavy whipping cream made from local dairies.

Add in some sugar, butter, corn syrup and sea salt and you've got an idea of what Schobert and Croyle have cooked up.

In the beginning — the business began in earnest in 2012 — the two women were doing it themselves entirely, from the measuring to the mixing, the cooking and the wrapping.

"We were making hundreds of pounds a year — we were probably making 500 to 800 pounds of caramel. We smelled like caramel all the time," Croyle said. "It was a fulltime job."

In the midst of all of it, they were also having a blast. "It's not like trying to knock on doors and tell your neighbor you're selling life insurance," Croyle said.

"It's fun. It's candy!"

Schobert agreed. "It's a happy pursuit. When you bring them to people, they love it. You get a great reception." Customers, she said, sometimes don't recognize her at first, but then they do a double take. "It's, 'Oh, my gosh! You're the caramel lady!'" Schobert laughed.

The duo sell a lot by word of mouth, but they've got an online presence and sell to a few stores around town as well as in Prescott, where Croyle now lives. Sibley's West in Chandler carries Twist Caramels as does Just for You, a nail salon in South Tempe.

After nearly round the clock mixing, cooking and wrapping during the holiday season — Croyle has been dubbed "Chief Stirring Officer" while Schobert is President of Tasting — they've since adapted their recipe for manufacture. These days, Cerreta Candy Company over in Glendale whips up batches.

"It took us 14 tries to get the recipe right," Schobert says. "We had to extrapolate it into a 40-pound batch." Still, during the Christmas season, the ladies make some of the caramels themselves. Both women are involved in marketing the product and getting it made.

The main ingredient for Schobert and Croyle's success revolves around the sweetness of friendship — the one the two women share and the ones they've built and continue to build throughout the community.

"We have such a good time," Schobert said. "We've got terrific customers."

"I love baking but I also like nurturing my friendships," Croyle agreed. "South Tempe is such a tremendous community."

"I love people," Schobert mused, "and you have all this contact with people. They pick up the caramels at the house, at the nail salon. There's a flight attendant friend all her friends. That's the most fun."

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# The 'Uncommon Core' of learning 'Pillars' of caring give kids a roadmap to future

Students at two Tempe schools are learning more than just the three R's. Character education is a vital part of the schools' overall effort to help students become lifelong learners and a positive influence in the school and the community. At both schools, character education is used in support of a behavior program.

At Kyrene de los Niños, staff members teach six character pillars: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship. Each is represented by a color.

Students were encouraged to wear the color green to school Oct. 30 in recognition of the character pillar of Responsibility that was taught during the month. During November, they're focusing on Caring, represented by red.

These aren't just nebulous concepts being bandied about either. Concrete behaviors that demonstrate caring, such as acting with compassion, forgiving and expressing gratitude are a few of the ways students can show they care.

Tonja Yalung, principal of Niños, said the school begins each year by using the six pillars to teach the rules and expectations on campus and then continues to point to those throughout the year. There are grade-level assemblies, too, where the pillars are reinforced.

"During the assembly, we talk to the students about how we can show the highlighted characteristic



Students in the program are observed by 'Ms. Manners,' a staff member who retains anonymity when she seeks out acts of kindness.

at school and at home," Yalung said. Students and staff act out short skits and then, afterward, there's a discussion about how the character trait was — or wasn't — demonstrated.

"Students love to be involved in the assemblies," Yalung noted. At the end of the month, teachers select two students from their class who have exemplified the characteristics and who then get to have lunch with the principal.

"I am lucky to have the opportunity to meet with each grade level group and enjoy a lunch with these specific students," Yalung said. "Since I meet during their lunch time, I must pace myself, as it takes two hours to meet with all six grade levels."

At Kyrene de la Mariposa, students are learning about positive behavior through the school's B.L.A.S.T. ticket system. The acronym represents: Be respectful, Lead with integrity, Act responsibly, Safety matters and Together we achieve.

All staff participate in distributing the tickets and when they receive them, students are entered in a drawing that's held every Friday during the morning announcements.

Spencer Fallgatter, principal of the school, said that when students' names are called, they're able to visit the office to choose from a treasure box. They can choose from items such as pencils or certificates entitling them to being on the morning announcements or reading to the principal. Students can also use these tickets to purchase from the school store as they accumulate them.

During November, Mariposa students will focus on such behaviors as being truthful, organized, cooperative and patient.

Then there's Ms. Manners, a staff member who catches Mariposa students in the act of being kind. She gives out tickets for that, too, and students relish the chance to have lunch with her.

— Joyce Coronel



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'What high school football is supposed to be like'

— Corona Coach Cory Nenaber

National TV coverage notwithstanding, Corona del Sol's Aztecs and Marcos de Niza's Padres proved that their cross-town rivalry truly wasn't skin deep.

— Kris Cartwright for Wrangler News

By Alex Zener

The Aztecs had not had a "Battle of Tempe" football game against Marcos de Niza in eight years until Oct. 23, when they lost 22-15 after taking a one-point lead with two minutes left in the fourth quarter.

The thrill of victory slipped through the Aztecs' fingers when Marcos quarterback **Nazareth Greer** hit the Padres' leading receiver, **Shaun Richards**, with a quick outlet pass. Richards broke away to outrun Corona's defense 61 yards to score the winning touchdown.

The Aztecs were due to get a second chance to stir up the rivalry when they play the No. 5-seeded Padres on Nov. 6 in the first round of the Division II state football playoffs, once again on the Padres' home field.

"I loved the atmosphere two weeks ago. It was an exciting environment to play in. It's what high school football is supposed to be like," said head coach **Cory Nenaber**.

"We're excited for the challenge and just want to play our best game of the year against Marcos."

Corona (7-3) made it into the playoffs as the No. 12 seed after defeating Gilbert 38-35 in a tight game that went

down to the wire when the Aztecs blocked a Tiger field-goal attempt in the final seconds.

"It was an exciting finish. There was, like, 13 seconds left, and Gilbert was attempting to score a 39-yard field goal to tie the game," said Nenaber. "Somehow we got a push up the middle and blocked the ball. It ended up in the end zone for a touchback."

It's the first time the Aztecs have played in the post season since 2008 when they lost to Mesa Mountain View in the second round.

On paper, the Padres seemed favored to win playing, with the likes of quarterback Greer averaging 242 passing yards a game, with leading receivers **Richards**, **Montre Williams**, **Marcos Naisant** and **Tanner Blankenship**.

Marcos also averages 148 rushing yards a game led by **Avery Sanders**, **Richards**, **Zyayre Moss** and **Erik Bolster**.

But you never know with rivalry games. Corona has learned as the season has progressed how to stand together and fight, especially when they have fallen behind. The Aztecs also played a great game earlier against Marcos and did several things right, according to Nenaber.

"We have been in playoff mode, especially since we

lost 14-13 in the second week of October to Campo Verde, a game we knew we should have won," said Nenaber. "We knew we had to win almost every game if we wanted to get into the playoffs."

"We have been playing playoff-caliber teams the last few weeks, especially some good defenses such as Marcos and Gilbert," said Nenaber. "We've had to make some adjustments but have come out and played well in the second half."

"I think we are in good shape and ready to play all four quarters against Marcos."

The Aztecs usually try to take what the defense gives them as far as an offensive strategy goes, but two players have emerged over the season who may be difference-makers on offense.

"**Cameron Brice** been great for us on the ground this season," said Nenaber. "He's played like a beast, averaging close to 100 yards a game."

"**Dylan Freese** is a very good receiver who really stepped up his game when his brother Austin needed a pass reception in crunch time," said Nenaber. "He caught some big passes for us this season."

Both Brice and Dylan Freese scored touchdowns

against Marcos in the regular season game.

**Mason Carroll** has also gained significant yards on the ground for the Aztecs, as has **Jamaree Johnson**, **Kaden Carter** and **Jacob Rose** through the air in pass receptions.

The atmosphere for this latest game was sure to represent rivalry at its best. The Nov. 6 game was scheduled to start at 7 p.m., with fans advised to plan on arriving early.

### State Swim Meet Qualifiers

Local high school swim and dive team members who met the minimum qualifying times will be competing this weekend in the state championships. The Division I meet was scheduled Nov. 6-7 at the Skyline Aquatic Center in Mesa.

### Corona Swim Team

The Aztec swim and dive team had one of its better seasons in recent years heading into the state meet. The boys team was undefeated at 8-0, the girls team 7-1, its only loss at Chandler earlier in the season.

“What a great season for us,” said coach **Ron Musgraves**, “all made possible because we had a talented balance of young and older swimmers and divers, very supportive parents, and dedicated coaches who helped us accomplish our goals and objectives.”

The team qualified six relay teams and 12 swimmers in 10 individual events in the Division I State Championship meet.

The girls and boys teams both qualified for the 200 Medley, 200 Freestyle and 400 Freestyle relays.

The swimmers who helped the girls team qualify for the 200 Medley relay in earlier meets and who could be among the four swimmers when the preliminaries and the finals take place at the state meet are **Karilyn Quon**, **Kalie Allen**, **Liliane Stewart**, **Taylor Devlin**, **Alana**



Cheer squads from both Marcos de Niza and Corona del Sol high schools took time prior to their teams' on-field competition to demonstrate the pride each shares in their collective dedication, spirit and commitment to diversity.

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## Corona basketball: Business as usual for coming season, says Coach MacDonald

By Kody Acevedo

The Corona del Sol Aztecs basketball team has a history of embracing and conquering challenges. This season, they'll attempt to tackle their biggest trial to date.

The Aztecs have been the Division I state champions the last four years under coach Sam Duane Jr. But when Duane resigned shortly after the 2014-2015 season, Corona found a comfortable replacement in assistant coach Neil MacDonald, who had been with the team for two years.

So far, they haven't missed a beat. MacDonald said the in-house transition from assistant to head coach has been easy.

"We all know each other already," MacDonald said. "The players and the staff know what to expect from me, and I know what to expect from them."

That easy change reflects a steady Aztecs program that seems cool, calm and collected while carrying the weight of defending its title for a fifth time.

"Corona is definitely an exciting place to be right now," MacDonald said. "We aren't focused on past success, as each season is different and each team is different. We are focused on preparing what we need to do for this team to be as good as they can be."

Coach Mac, as he's called, is an Arizona native who graduated from Mesa Westwood High School. In over 25 years in the coaching business, MacDonald has worked at the high school, college and professional levels. His career began as a graduate assistant at Arizona State University. Most recently, he was the coach at Campo Verde High School.

At the time of MacDonald's hiring, Corona principal Brent Brown said in a press release he was the best candidate to lead students in the classroom and on the court.

"He not only impressed our hiring team during his interviews for the opening in our English Department, but he is approachable, honest and connected with the basketball players and program, which are qualities our players and their parents told us they want in a new head coach. He will be a perfect fit for our school," Brown said.

MacDonald is tasked with continuing where Duane left off. The team is coming off a 33-1 season and a No. 13 ranking in the nation by MaxPreps. Under Duane, the Aztecs went 127-7 during their four-year championship stretch. They won 70 consecutive games against in-state opponents.

But MacDonald said he doesn't feel any added pressure to repeat those accomplishments under his tenure.

"If you are judging yourself on past accomplishments, you probably aren't using the right measure of success. Our success will be measured by our attitude and effort, and the rest will take care of itself."

It's MacDonald's attitude that has former players like Bryan Siefker feeling comfortable the program is in good hands. Siefker was a point guard for Corona

from 2009-2013. He played under Duane for three years and was part of the then back-to-back Division I champions in 2012 and 2013.

He said MacDonald will continue the program's tradition of breeding success.

"No matter the talent, Corona basketball teams have always found a way to win and that all starts with the team chemistry," Siefker said. "It's evident to see that will not change with the addition of coach MacDonald."

Tryouts for the 2015-2016 season are scheduled Nov. 2. That's when Coach Mac and his staff will finalize the roster for the season.

MacDonald said it'll be helpful to have veterans on the team this year.

There were five juniors and three sophomores on Corona's roster last season.

"We are returning quite a few varsity players from last year, so we feel we will be going into the season with an experienced team," MacDonald said. "We are looking for balanced contributions from a lot of players, which we believe will make us a strong threat all year."

Once the rosters have been finalized, it appears it will be business as usual for the Aztecs.

"I don't expect any major changes in style or approach," MacDonald said. "We hope to play an entertaining style of basketball each night and represent CdS in the best way possible."

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A newly enacted Tempe law, now in effect, applies a \$100 fine for those who violate the provision,

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Jan 21	6:30 pm	All Schools	www.kyrene.org/schools
<b>Traditional Academy Kindergarten</b>			
Nov 18	9:00 am	KTA - Sureño	3375 W. Galveston St., Chandler
Nov 23	5:00-6:00 pm	KTA - Sureño	3375 W. Galveston St., Chandler
<b>Dual Language Academy Kindergarten</b>			
Nov 16	1:00 pm	Lagos	17001 S. 34th Way, Phoenix
Nov 30	5:00 pm	Norte*	1331 E. Redfield Rd., Tempe
Dec 1	6:00 pm	Lagos	17001 S. 34th Way, Phoenix
Jan 5	9:00 am	Lagos	17001 S. 34th Way, Phoenix

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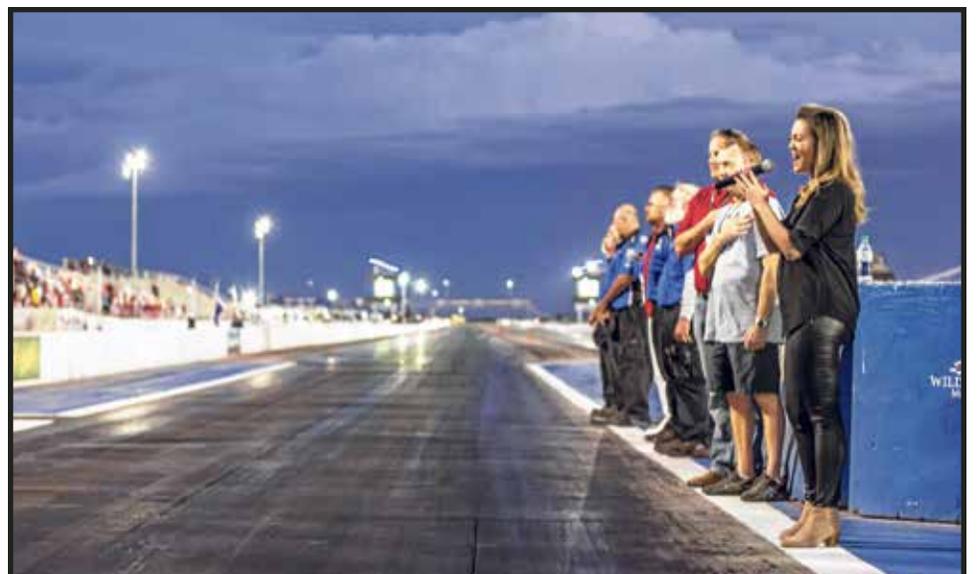
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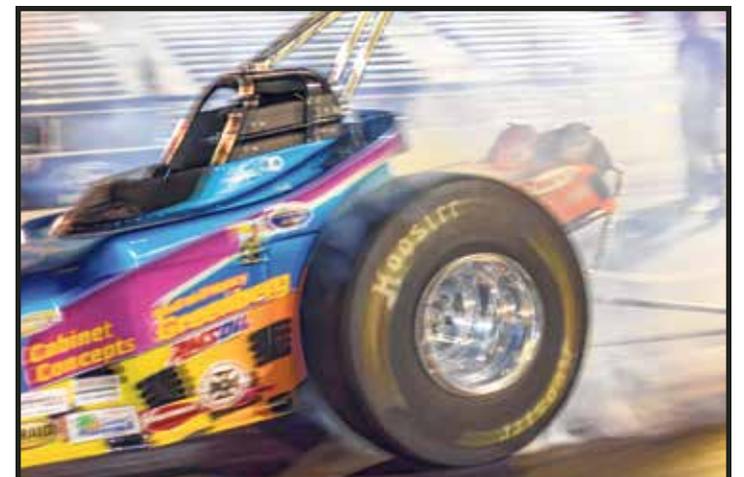
Wrangler News photographer Alex J. Walker couldn't pass up a chance to capture an entire trackload of his favorites—nitro funny cars, monster trucks, fantastic costumes and mind-bending speeds of 250 mph among some of the nation's top dragsters—when Wild Horse Pass unveiled its inaugural Halloween Havoc spectacular. Event spokeswoman Debra Stokes promised the fun will return next year, no doubt with even more thrill-a-minute surprises.



Chandler micro-factory Local Motors produced this specialty vehicle for Batman and Darth Vader (top)

Our national anthem provided the event with a patriotic start (center)

Smokin' it (bottom)



# Diversions . . . with M.V. Moorhead

## More miss than hit, says critic/fan of his lifelong hero Peanuts

Opening this weekend

**T**he Peanuts Movie—Charlie Brown is trying to fly a kite in winter, on the theory that the Kite-Eating Tree will be dormant.

The chaos that ensues is interrupted by the arrival of a new kid moving in across the street from his house.

This turns out to be a Little Red-Haired Girl, and once Our Hero gets a look at her, he's in love.

This feature version of the greatest American comic strip—and one of the great achievements in 20th-Century literature—is very cute.

It's visually inventive from beginning to end. It has good values at its core. And it doesn't vulgarize its source material, at least not too much—not nearly as much, certainly, as some of the terrible Peanuts TV cartoons that were made while Charles M. Schultz was alive, presumably with his blessing.

But The Peanuts Movie is still more miss than hit, or at least it was for me.

It could be that I'm too close to Peanuts—the strip is a big part of why I fell in love with reading, and I still take my volumes down from the shelf frequently.

I've been reading and rereading the best vintage Peanuts (roughly the late '50s to the mid '70s) all my life, and this movie, produced by Craig Schultz (son of Charles) from a story of his devising, doesn't feel like Peanuts to me. It's *almost* Peanuts.

There's too much rich texture—to Lucy's hair, to Charlie Brown's shoes, to the countryside over which Snoopy flies in search of the Red Baron.

Peanuts was an austere world of lines and dots and stock phrases from which Schultz wrung an astonishing half-century's worth of variations; this movie tries to fill in the details the original Schultz

let our minds fill in.

More disappointingly, The Peanuts Movie turns Charlie Brown from a mythic figure—a loser who strives mightily against his fate as a loser, and doesn't overcome it—into a standard kids-movie underdog who triumphs.

It's true that he triumphs for the best of reasons—his selflessness and honesty—but it robs him nonetheless of his neurotic complexity and his pained, unrecognized heroism.

This, maybe, is why the meandering story lacks tension and emotional weight. When the Charlie Brown of the strip or the earlier TV cartoons said "Rats!" or when the girls said "Boy, are you stupid, Charlie Brown!" it landed like a blow.

The Peanuts Movie isn't a disgrace, but it pulls its punches. It's offered in 3-D, but it has less depth than a line drawing.

**Spectre**—James Bond, it could be argued, is sort of the anti-Charlie Brown: confident, assured, decisive, in command—and always a winner with the ladies, Red-Haired and otherwise.

It's only since Daniel Craig took over the role that the Bond movies have begun to seriously explore the idea that he's no less neurotic or unhappy for all that.

This new one takes 007 from Mexico City to Rome to Austria to Tangier and back to London, chasing down a final tip from the late M (Judi Dench) that leads to an old enemy (Christoph Waltz).

Meanwhile the new M (Ralph Fiennes) is struggling to keep a bureaucrat from shutting down the Double-O program and, incidentally, turning the world into one big cyber-surveillance police state.

Q (Ben Wishaw) and Money Penny (charming Naomi Harris) get caught up in the intrigue this

time too.

Watching the old Bond pictures, with their excesses and chauvinisms, used to feel like a Paleolithic indulgence—like letting yourself enjoy something that was bad for you, and probably bad for the world.

The Bonds featuring Craig, with his wearily amused old-shoe face and his effortless poise, seemed to be trying for more emotional and moral depth.

Until this one, that is. Despite the relevance of the supposed theme to current civil rights concerns, these are old-fashioned Bond antics—preposterously overscaled set-piece action scenes, women succumbing to 007's charms, urbane courtesies between Bond and his enemies. It's also way overlong.

Having said that, I mostly enjoyed Spectre anyway. Director Sam Mendes doesn't ask us to take the proceedings too seriously—indeed, though it's less overtly facetious, it's not much less cheeky than the Roger Moore Bonds—so I just enjoyed it for its old-fashioned movie serial silliness. Also, the title sequence features a really cool octopus.

*The Peanuts Movie is rated G and Spectre is rated PG-13; both play at Harkins Tempe Marketplace, Arizona Mills and other multiplexes*

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Residents can recycle all of those items that can't go in the blue recycling bin, including household hazardous waste, pesticides, tires, batteries, e-waste and more.

The event takes place items from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Tempe Fire Training Facility located at 1340 E. University Drive.

Visit [www.tempe.gov/slashthetrash](http://www.tempe.gov/slashthetrash) for more information and for a complete list of acceptable items.

## Fantasy of Lights Boat Parade

On Saturday, Dec. 12, the Fantasy of Lights Boat Parade presented by SRP returns to Tempe Town Lake.

Activities at the free family event begin at 5 p.m., including a visit from Santa Claus.

The Boat Parade begins at sunset and will feature as many

as 50 festively lighted boats of all sizes.

Fireworks will light up the sky following the parade.

Additionally, more than a thousand luminaria will illuminate the sidewalks and paths of Tempe Beach Park, a special display provided by Tempe South Rotary.

## Recycle cooking grease

Whether you stuff, roast or deep-fry the bird, holiday cooking can create a significant amount of grease. You can help put that grease to good use — and keep it from ruining your pipes — by having it recycled.



Tempe residents can drop off used grease from Nov. 22 to Jan. 4 at four locations:

- Household Products Collection Center, 1320 E. University Dr.
- Fire Station #2,

3025 S. Hardy Dr.

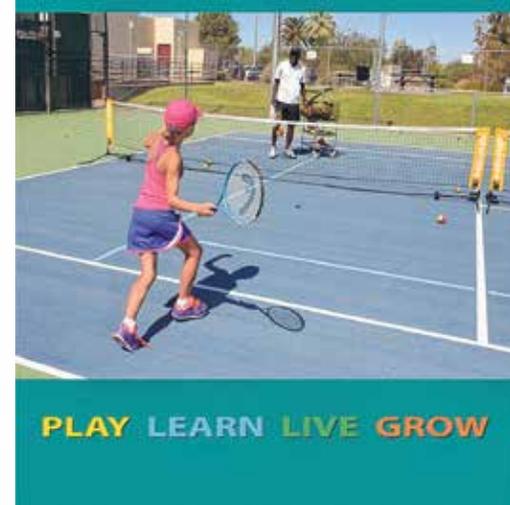
- Fire Station #3, 5440 S. McClintock Dr.
- Fire Station #4, 300 E. Elliot Rd.

Residents can pour fryer and cooking grease directly into barrels at the collection locations, or place containers of grease on a spill-proof surface next to the barrels. For more information, call 480-350-4311 or visit [www.tempe.gov/slashthetrash](http://www.tempe.gov/slashthetrash).

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The new brochure will be available in all City of Tempe facilities and online in early December.

The winter brochure is full of activities and classes occurring between January and March.

Registration begins in December and the first classes begin the first week of January.

For more information, visit [www.tempe.gov/brochure](http://www.tempe.gov/brochure) or call 480-350-5200.



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Wrangler News photos by Alex J. Walker



Dayspring Pre-school's Holiday Boutique will kick off this year with an off-site opening-night gala at Chateau de Vie in West Chandler. Guests will be able to meander through the spectacular mansion while sampling delicacies offered at a catered dinner, along with dessert, drinks, music and a silent auction.

Members of Dayspring Preschool's board say they're always looking for ways to attract more families to participate in their annual boutique — this year in its 31st run — and thought it would be fun to take the opening festivities to a special venue to encourage the parents to mix and mingle in a celebratory environment.

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## Kyrene attendance-boundary modifications move forward after no opposition heard

By Diana Whittle

Call it a sign of the public's acceptance, but a final public forum to gather comments on revisions to the attendance boundaries of the Kyrene School District did not attract any speakers.

Instead, the Kyrene Governing Board's members heard the proposed recommendations, which represent the results of a two-year effort including a community-based task force, a series of public meetings, and the ability to submit comments on-line.

All these opportunities for input helped to move forward the recommended changes, which will affect the boundaries for the 2016-17 school year.

Of the four major recommendations made, two will directly impact families in the Wrangler News coverage, distribution and readership area.

### Niños/Norte Super Boundary

The first recommendation proposes a "Super Boundary" for students living in the boundaries of Kyrene de los Niños, which currently offers the dual language program as one of its academic options.

But, due to the popularity of the program, Niños is at enrollment capacity, so the program is recommended to move to Kyrene del Norte in the upcoming school year.

Parents will have a choice of enrolling children in the dual-language choice program at Norte, provided they are in K-1st grade

or transferring from another dual language program, or attending the general academic program at Niños.

There is also an adjustment for students who live north of Elliot and east of Country Club to Price Road, and are currently assigned to Waggoner, to be part of the Niños/Norte "Super Boundary."

The district will provide a transition period of two years so that current students will still receive transportation to Waggoner if they choose to continue to attend that school.

Transportation also will be offered to the students' program of choice at either Niños or Norte. Approximately 30 students will be affected by this proposed change.

### Boundary shift for Kyrene de las Manitas

Kyrene de las Manitas, 1201 W. Courtney Lane, Chandler, is the only school in the district with an enrollment of families from both sides of I-10.

The second recommendation, impacting the Kyrene Corridor, proposes to shift students who are currently in the Manitas boundary and live west of I-10 to attend Colina, Esperanza and Lomas schools.

This proposed change to the Manitas boundary eliminates the need for these students to cross a major freeway to attend school, which was one of the specific goals of a Boundary Change Task Force.

All of the changes that are made will improve the district's limited resources, such as facilities and transportation, and

should yield a greater sense of community, said Jeremy Calles, chief financial officer for the district, who is leading the staff efforts on the boundary project.

"We hope to utilize our school facilities more efficiently by balancing enrollment among schools and also to have students at each elementary school only feed into one middle school," said Calles.

### Governing Board Member Recognized

In other Governing Board action, member Bernadette Coggins was singled out to receive a special certificate of achievement, the Master of Boardmanship, which was earned by attending a minimum of 86 hours in continuing education from the Arizona School Board Association over a three-year period.

The Arizona School Boards Association is a private, non-profit, non-partisan organization that promotes locally elected governance of public education and continuous improvement of student success by providing training, leadership and essential services to public school governing boards statewide.

Fellow board member Michelle Hirsch made the presentation. She is the only other board member also to complete the program, which is designed to help school board members to be more effective in their public service and to better understand the role and responsibilities of school board membership.

## Tempe Union voters approve high school override

Voters in the Tempe Union High School District have approved the provisions of a proposed Additional Assistance Override.

District officials said turnout was high for an off-year, mail-in-only election.

"Our students will reap the benefits of this override for years to come because each of our A-rated, comprehensive high schools will have the resources they require to continue to address our students' educational needs," said Political Action co-chair

David Schapira.

Affected in this area were Marcos de Niza, Corona del Sol, McClintock and Tempe high schools.

"We are ecstatic that our community has shown such profound support for our local high schools," said David Schapira.

"We achieved this win as a community. We paid no consultants and hired no staff. More than 100 volunteers, 105 generous donors and tens of thousands of voters made this happen for our kids." District

Board members said volunteers from across the district worked hard to ensure that voters had the information they needed to make an informed decision.

Beth Brizel, the PAC's other co-chair, said:

"Tempe Union voters know they are getting a great deal with our local high schools.

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Small businesses build community cohesiveness and relationships. Studies show that each dollar you spend at an independent business returns 3 times more money to your local economy than one spent at a chain and hundreds of times more than buying from an online retailer.

Here is how you can help. Check your naughty and nice list twice November 28th and visit [www.chandlerchamber.com](http://www.chandlerchamber.com) to find that perfect small business that could hold the key to your holiday shopping success. Then when all those gifts are purchased, don't forget to celebrate your success at one of your favorite local restaurants.

So when you are shopping locally November 28th, smile big when you take that selfie because you have not only found the perfect gift for that certain someone, you are strengthening your business community more than you realize. Tag #chandlerchamber and #shopsmall to spread holiday cheer and support local businesses.



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## Sports

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### Samuels, Aimee Liou, Devyn Brown and Ericka Boeger.

The same can be said for the girls 200 Freestyle relay. Boeger, **Margaret Rockwell**, Devlin, Quon, Steward, Liou, Brown and **Nicole Oberbillig** each qualified to be one of the four swimmers to compete at the state meet.

Boeger, **Marissa Lansing**, Rockwell, Steward, Brown, **Alana Samuels**, Liou and Oberbillig are in position to be one of the four who will swim in the 400 Freestyle relay.

The boys 200 Medley relay team has **Benjamin Quon**, **Simon Werkhoven**, **Bryce Arrington**, **Jacob Stewart**, **Dylan Edge**, **Andrew Zhou**, **Reese Latto** and **Zachary Burchi** able to swim in the preliminaries or finals for Corona.

Many of the same swimmers—Arrington, Werkhoven, Quon, Stewart, and Burchi—will swim in the 200 Freestyle relay along with **Drew Ketterman**, **Justin Caccamo** and **Matthew Gonyer**.

In the 400 Freestyle relay, the boys team qualified Latto, Ketterman, Burchi, Edge, **Dietrik Floyd**, **Nicholas Canney**, Gonyer and Caccamo.

Out of the 12 swimmers who qualified for the individual event, two siblings stand out: Senior Karilyn Quon on the girls team and sophomore Ben Quon for the boys.

“Karilyn and Ben are such talented swimmers they could most likely qualify for any event but instead get to choose which ones they want to compete in,” said Musgrave.

“Karilyn, who plans on swimming for St. Francis University in Pennsylvania next year, will be swimming in the 200 Individual Medley and the 500 Freestyle,” said Musgrave.

“Ben, who swims like someone well over six foot even though he’s around 5-foot-6, had an amazing sophomore season,” said



In a show of cross-town camaraderie, runners from six Tempe district high schools gathered prior to this year's cross country City Meet at Kiwanis Park.

Musgrave. “Although he qualified in every event except the 100 Breaststroke, which is an extremely rare feat, he has chosen to swim the 200 Freestyle and 100 Freestyle at state this year.”

Other individual qualifiers for the boys team include Stewart in the 50 Freestyle and 100 Breaststroke, Arrington in the 50 and 100 Freestyles, Edge in the 100 Backstroke, Latto in the 100 Breaststroke, Canney in the 50 Freestyle, Zhou in the 100 Breaststroke and senior captain Werkhoven in the 200 Individual Medley and 100 Breaststroke.

“On the girls team, Taylor Devlin had her best season this year and should only get better as a senior next year competing in the 50 and 100 Freestyle,” said Musgrave. “She will be competing at state with her close friend and training partner Ericka Boeger who qualified in the same events.”

“Kalie Allen came in at the beginning of the season in shape, had a great approach and ended up qualifying for two events, the 200 Individual Medley

and 100 Breaststroke,” said Musgrave.

### McClintock Swim Team

The Chargers qualified three girls and one boys relay teams plus swimmers in five individual events at the state meet.

**Natassia Gorzen**, **Kira Thomas**, **McKinley Becraft**, **Amanda Bley**, **Julia Reddie**, **Mariah Dreza**, **Lilyann Cavitt** and **Corynn Harris** qualified to swim in the 200 Medley relay at state while Gorzen, Becraft, Bley, Thomas, Harris, **Sarah French**, Cavitt and Reddie qualified for the 400 Freestyle Relay.

The same swimmers, Gorzen, Becraft, Bley, Thomas, Reddie, Harris, Dreza and French helped qualify McClintock’s 200 Freestyle relay team.

The boys team qualified to swim in the 200 Freestyle relay with **Mitchell Wenger**, **Jeremy Parker**, **Andrew Scheidecker**, **Jackson Hartgraves**, **Rider Griffin**, **Jake Leyba**,

**Timur Karamanov** and **Alex Thompson**.

The girls team had Thomas qualify in the 200 and 500 Freestyle, Gorzen in the 100 Freestyle and Becraft in the 500 Freestyle and 100 Butterfly.

### Marcos de Niza Swimming

The Padres qualified three relay teams and swimmers in three individual events for the Division I state meet.

**Jesse Arroyo**, **Jarod Jenkins**, **Michael Reyes**, **Andrew Gorman**, **Nathaniel Allen**, **Paul Wood** and **Thomas Pozsonyi** helped qualify and will have the ability to swim in the preliminaries and finals for Marcos in the boys 200 Medley relay event, while Gorman, Reyes, Jenkins, Arroyo, Allen, Pozsonyi, Wood and **Spencer Nelson** did the same for the 200 Freestyle relay team.

The boys team also qualified for the 400 Freestyle relay with swimmers Reyes, Gorman,

Jenkins, Arroyo, Allen, Wood, Pozsonyi and Nelson.

In the individual events, Arroyo qualified in the 200 Individual Medley while Reyes qualified for the 100 Butterfly.

### Tempe All City Cross Country Championships

Tempe area high school cross country teams competed Oct. 21 at Kiwanis Park in the Tempe All City Championships.

Corona’s boys team came in second to Desert Vista while Marcos de Niza was fourth.

The Aztecs were led by two junior runners, **Liam Kovatch** who came in fifth and **Slade Sumners** who was seventh. Rounding out the top five runners who count in the score were **Lucas Ykema** in ninth place, **Lincoln Johnson** in 10th place, and **Graham Eversden** in 11th place. Joshua Whitney and Tyler Thompson also finished the

5,000-meter varsity race for Corona.

Corona’s girls team also placed second to Desert Vista with junior **Renee Payne** crossing the finish line in eighth place followed by senior **Mackenzie Harder** in ninth place. Rounding out the top five runners was sophomore **Riley Wright** in 13th place, freshman **Mackenzie Burges** in 14th place, and **Taneaya Johnson** in 18th place. **Abigail Cordia** and **Cybelle Cozart** also crossed the finish line in 23rd and 27th place for Corona’s team.

### Marcos de Niza Cross Country

The Padres had five runners compete at the Tempe All City Championships. The lead runner was **Dante Arellano-Chavez** followed by **Dominic Martinez**, **Christian Martinez**, **Orion Hunter**, **Isaiah Matus**, **Jayden Pahona** and **Jack Hill**.

Representing the Marcos de Niza girls team in the same event was **Maureen Juarez** and **Katy Meyers**.

### McClintock Cross Country

**Jack Clulland**, **Elliot Nester** and **Liam Huggins** ran for the Chargers in the Tempe All City Championship Cross Country meet Oct. 21 at Kiwanis Park.

**Tianna Baker** and **Emilie Berthiaume** ran for McClintock’s girls cross country team in the same meet.

### Tempe Cross Country

Tempe had six girls represent the Buffaloes at the Tempe All City Championships. **Danyella Miranda** placed seventh, **Daisy Lopez** crossed the finish line in 16th place followed by **Ruth Linares** in 19th, **Alexis Blanc** in 24th, **Rubi Aguilera** in 26th and **Syantha Ramos** in 30th place.

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