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Plenty of smiles were in evidence when Corona del Sol High School's senior varsity basketball players were honored at the Aztecs' Jan. 8 game vs. San Luis H.S. / Story, Pages 8-9.

— Photo by Kris Cartwright

Beth Hill leaving Kyrene del Cielo after 30 years in education 'This school is going to be just fine'

By Georgia Rogers

any jobs come with big responsibilities. Few, however, come with the charge of seeing to the safety, nurturing and growth of more than 700 young lives.

School principals are a breed apart, which is why **Beth Hill** will be sorely missed at Kyrene del Cielo Elementary School. Since 1988, Hill has devoted much of her life to that school community as principal.

On Jan. 18, Hill will be stepping down from that role to enter retirement after more than 30 years in education.

"This school is going to be just fine," Hill said as she looked back on her years at Cielo's helm.

"That's because we have a united team here of many dedicated, caring teachers and involved parents. Everyone in this school community is very supportive of one another, which is what's helped us adapt and grow."

Hill jokes that there were many times when she felt like she actually lived at the school because of her long workdays.

"The hours and energy that the job of principal requires are tremendous," she said. "Sometimes

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The classrooms at Kyrene del Cielo school have been Beth Hill's home away from home for 20 years, so she's spending as much time in them as possible there before she retires later this month.





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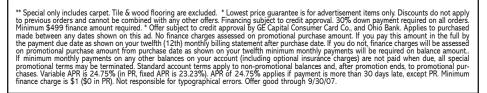
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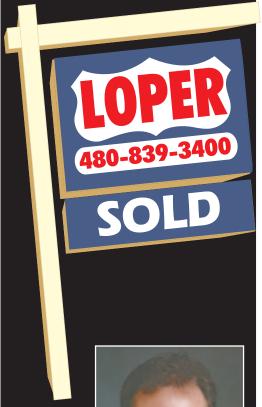
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Applications from Bill Donaldson, Lysa (Elyse) Fitzhugh, Glenn Goins, Dwayne Klien and **Bruce Read** will be among those reviewed by

the City Council on Jan. 14, with nine expected to be scheduled for a public interview Jan. 17.

Council members will make their final determination and announce their appointee later

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The East Valley Chapter of Mothers & More will host its fourth annual Preschool Open House from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 15, at Arizona Community Church.

Last year's event had almost 40 preschools represented and more than 100 attendees looking for a preschool match, according to spokesman **Stefanie Brown.**

The free event will give parents an opportunity to easily find the right school for their child while introducing mothers to a network of support and camaraderie.

Mothers & More is a national non-profit organization designed to help improve the lives of mothers through support, education and advocacy.

The organization addresses mothers' needs as individuals and members of society, and promotes the value of the work they do.

The East Valley chapter meets the first and third Mondays of each month.

Member benefits include fun and thought-

provoking meetings, moms' nights out and a book club, as well as activities for children and families.

Arizona Community Church is at 9325 S. Rural Road (on Rural between Ray and Warner in Tempe).

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Sports Notebook . . . with Alex Zener

Corona honors its basketball seniors; Aztecs score huge win over San Luis

seven senior players and their parents before the game against San Luis on Jan. 8. In addition to team captains Nick Timpone and Alex Zener, the seniors credited for their hard work and dedication to Corona basketball were Aaron Foshie, Louis Feinberg, Nikhil Kulkarni, Mike McCoy and Logan Roberts.

The CdS boys basketball program honored

The easy win for the Aztecs, 108-5, was like icing on the cake after the team had some impressive wins over the winter break, finishing second in the McClintock Holiday Shoot-out.

The Aztecs had a difficult schedule in the

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preseason, losing several games by three or fewer points. Instead of throwing in the towel, competing against some of the best teams in the state has helped this Aztec team get better.

We have been consistently improving, said Coach **Sam Duane Jr**. "We have proven that we are a very good team. Finishing second in the McClintock Tournament was a great accomplishment.'

Corona easily won its first game in the McClintock Shootout against Canyon del Oro. Everyone on the team, including **David** Whitmore, Tory Gomez and Grant Walton, had productive minutes on the court, with



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Mike Stahl scoring 7 big points and getting an impressive steal for the 6'6", 250-pound junior.

The second highly competitive game was against cross-town rival Marcos de Niza. Several of the players had been teammates in middle school so both teams came out ready to play ball. The Aztecs pulled out a win with a 2-point put-back by Zener at the buzzer for a 65-63 score.

The third game was against Loyola, a Southern California team that showed up in the desert with an impressive roster expecting to take back the championship trophy.

The Aztecs were not impressed, as McCoy put up 12 first-half points and Leland Devlin added 17 on several back-to-back threes that had CdS going into the locker room leading 43-28 at the half.

Loyola made several runs in the second half but never was able get any closer than 3 points, especially after **Tarik Smith** came off the bench to go coast-to-coast for a lay-up that had the hometown crowd on their feet.

Devlin ended up with a season-high 34 points and **Timpone** made several clutch free-throws at

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Confessions of a Financia Advisor by Kevin A. Kaesberg

My friends and I often feel discouraged to start/increase our retirement savings. At 50-60 years old, is it realistic to think we can build up a savings large enough to continue our current middle to upper-income lifestyle? -B.K., Phoenix, AZ

This is a very loaded question. There is a lot of information needed to accurately answer that question for you, but I can address your question generally.

You are not alone in your concerns. A recent study of Boomers found that, while they are "wealthier" than previous generations, almost 1/3 do not have retirement accounts. Almost 40% of Boomers have no life insurance. Many of the respondents feel unsure of reaching their often lofty financial goals for retirement and feel they don't have the control they wish they had financially.

Ultimately, it rarely hurts to save more and spend a little less, unless you don't want to. But what do you do with the extra savings? Are your current investments appropriate for your goals? Do you have a risk management plan in place?

In order to help ascertain the extent of your current situation and develop a plan to achieve your goals, a financial professional can help. A financial professional can provide an outsiders view of your life and values, and bring their professional knowledge to the table to get you headed in the right direction. It is difficult, though not impossible, to handle such an important task yourself when the results are so impactful emotionally and financially.

I have a life insurance policy I bought quite a few years ago. I ■ was told by the salesperson it will last until I am age 100 if I continue to pay the premiums, and I have. I am concerned about interest rate levels over the past few years. How will interest rates affect my policy and will it remain in good standing as I get older? -M.D., Chandler, AZ

Life insurance policies can have many different purposes. Every situation is different, but it sounds like you wish to have life coverage for the rest of your life. It is important that you have the appropriate type of policy and that it be monitored regularly to ensure your wishes are fulfilled.

Fixed cash-value life policies, such as whole life and universal life, are in many cases credited with interest annually based upon the general account of the insurance company providing coverage. The insurance company invests the premium they receive in their general account each year. If the general account of the insurance company does not perform as planned, this will impact the interest rate you earn, possibly reducing it to a level lower than that provided in your original illustration. This in turn will cause your policy to perform differently than originally illustrated at the time of sale. This is why it is important to monitor the policy regularly to make sure it is performing appropriately for your needs.

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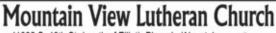
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the end to seal the 87-80 win.

Corona was not able to beat St. Mary's in the championship game, losing 59-66 despite a big game from **Kulkarni**, who scored 6 points and had several steals. Even though the Aztecs lost in the finals, several positive highlights came out of the tournament.

Devlin and **Timpone** made the all-tournament team and Coach **Duane** said he was pleased with the progress his team had made.

"Our bench and depth was a big plus and a key for our success," said Duane. "Our scoring was also much more balanced throughout the tournament which we really need," he said.

CdS finds itself over 50 percent for the first time with 6 wins and only 2 losses in the last 8 games for an overall 8-7 record after soundly beating Brophy 63-47 on Jan. 7, with **Andrew Fox** scoring a season-high 12 points.

The Aztecs had a game schedule that included Jan. 10 against Boulder Creek

at home; Tuesday, Jan. 15, at St. Mary's; and Thursday, Jan. 17, at Red Mountain before entering the always highly competitive Central Region play Jan. 22 against Mt. Pointe at home.

"I believe our team is as prepared as anyone as we approach region play," said Duane. "The team has made rebounding and defending a priority, and we've tried to get teams into an up-tempo game which better suits the style we play and want.

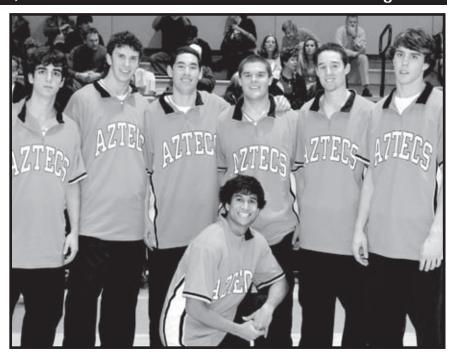
"Additionally, we will have to continue to get better and will have to raise our intensity defensively on a consistent basis every game to be successful in the Central Region."

Duane is also counting on the Aztecs' depth, which has allowed the team to develop a strong bench and match-up better with opposing teams.

"Our bench has come into games and we have not missed a beat," he said.

"Our depth will be another key in determining how successful we will be down the stretch."

The Aztecs game schedule, results and other information at the team's website: http://cdsboysbasketball.com/



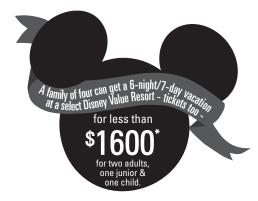
Senior members of Corona del Sol varsity basketball team were honored Jan. 8 before the team's game with San Luis. Honorees included Nikhil Kulkami (front) and (rear, from left) Nick Timpone, Alex Zener, Louis Feinberg, Aaron Foshie, Logan Roberts and Mike McCoy. The Aztecs won the San Luis game by a score of 108-5, which allowed Coach Duane to bring in players who don't regularly see many minutes of play.

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you don't sleep at night because of the accountability and responsibility you have for your students."

She recalls the first day of school at Cielo in 1993 when a major remodeling project had just been completed.

Hill arrived on campus at 5:30 a.m. to make sure everything was in good order for that first day of the

new school year, only to find that none of the toilets would flush.

She notified Kyrene's district superintendent immediately, and somehow port-a-johns got installed on campus by the time the morning bell rang. The plumbing problem was fixed that same day.

Having the know-how and resiliency to deal with dilemmas like that make the job of principal a most challenging one. Perhaps Hill's ability to shine in the role for nearly 20 years comes from the experience in education she already had when she took the top job at Cielo.

A solid foundation

Hill has spent her entire education career with the Kyrene district, working with seven different superintendents.

She began in 1976 by working for four years at Waggoner Elementary, then joined the staff at Kyrene del Cielo as a special-education teacher when it was a brand new school.

Then, until 1988, she did "lots of different jobs" at the Kyrene district office. Those jobs included curriculum and staff development work for the fast-growing school district. Her knowledge of and experience in various facets of education grew, preparing her to take the principal's job at Cielo.

Memories and changes

The voices of young students and what she calls "knee hugs" from the kindergarteners are examples of the cherished memories that Hill will take with her from Kyrene del Cielo.

There's nothing like having a child run up to you and talk excitedly about something he or she learned that day. That's what makes working in education so rewarding - meeting a child's needs and motivating children to use their potential to the fullest.

"One of the things I'm proudest of is the very low staff turnover we have at this school," Hill said.

"We work hard but we play hard, too. I run a tight ship and have high expectations about the teachers' professionalism. But I've also done

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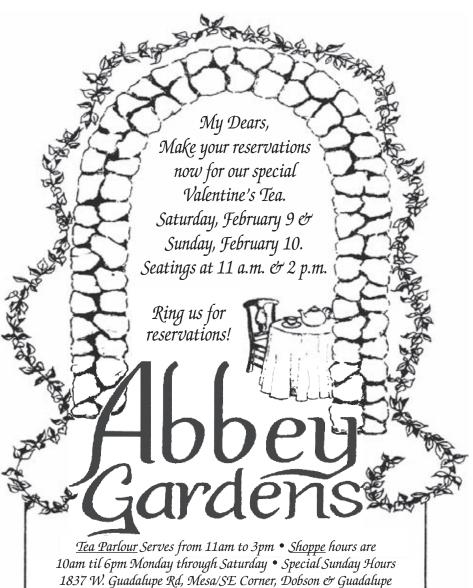


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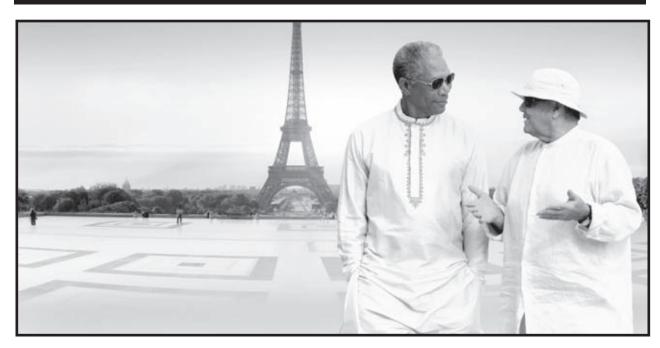
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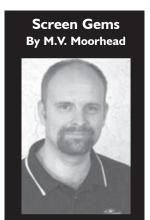


'Bucket' comes up empty of real drama

he bucket referred to in the title *The Bucket List*, is, well, *that* bucket, the Big Bucket, the one that Jimmy Durante kicks at the beginning of *It's Mad Mad Mad Mad World*.

The film, directed by Rob Reiner from a script by Justin Zackham, dramatizes a recent genre of self-help and travel literature—the many books and articles cataloging "things to do before you die."

When two aging gents, filthy-rich Edward (Jack Nicholson) and blue-collar Carter (Morgan



Freeman) find themselves faced with the prospect of making that Final Earthly Punt, they compile a list of stuff they'd like to do with the time they have left.

Then, using Edward's money, they set about checking items off.

Maybe the most admirable bit of invention in Zackham's script is how the two men happen to become friends.

Turns out Edward made his millions as a

skinflint health-care magnate, always insisting on two patients to a room in his hospitals.

Now that he's sick he's forced to get a dose of his own medicine to avoid a PR nightmare. Thus he finds himself sharing a room with Carter, a reflective, curious-minded sort who gave up his academic ambitions to support his family as an auto mechanic.

As a shameless meet-cute, it's almost worthy of '30s-era screwball comedy. The guys promptly hit it off, and when they both get a terminal diagnosis, they take off together in a private jet—for Carter,

this means leaving his wife (Beverly Todd) behind.

So, what do they do? Say, work to reform American health care? Nah. Somehow Edward neglected to jot that one down.

Instead, they do just what the books suggest: They see the pyramids along the Nile, the Taj Mahal, the Himalayas. They skydive and drive racecars. The official moral of the movie is good old "Carpe Diem," but the subtextual moral is that money trumps death.

Neither the banality of their choices nor the fact that they're not open to most people need have rendered *The Bucket List* so bland, if Nicholson and Freeman had gotten to meet anybody interesting, or even to have any interesting conversations.

But the scraps of chitchat about God, love and the meaning of life that Zackham has provided them are embarrassingly basic, and the rest of the cast consists of bit players—Sean Hayes and Rob Morrow among them—that Reiner shoos past the camera now and then in an attempt to convince us that this is something other than a two—star love-fest.

Admittedly, these are two lovable stars, and their styles—the princely poise of Freeman, the sardonic knavery of Nicholson—mesh agreeably and make the film tolerable.

But it attains true drama only once: Nicholson, having heard his prognosis, rolls on his side and gazes at Freeman, and suddenly he's no longer Jack the Star; he's just a scared, perplexed old man, looking to another human being in hopes he might have something to offer.

It's the sole honest whiff of mortality in the movie.

M.V. Moorhead is a former movie critic for Phoenix New Times. He writes regularly for Wrangler News.

Orbison memorabilia to go on display at Tempe Arts Center

allas Entrepreneur Glen Agritelley shares the world's largest private collection of Roy Orbison memorabilia, spanning four decades of the development of Orbison's music, persona and influence on other musicians.

From concert posters and tickets to signed guitars, costumes and personalized photographs, the exhibition is a must-see for every rock 'n roll fan.

The collection will be on display Jan. 25 through April 18 at Tempe Center for the Arts. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Friday; 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursdays; and

11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays (open during most special events and performances).

The exhibition will close during Super Bowl activities. Admission is free. Tempe Center for the Arts is at 700 W. Rio Salado Parkway.

Changing Hands stages 'Go Green' fashion event

hanging Hands Bookstore in Tempe will hold an eco-friendly fashion show as part of its Go Green for the New Year theme in 2008.

The celebration highlights sustainable, recycled and organic fashions as the bookstore rolls out the red carpet for the one-night only event starting at 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 19.

The evening will get under way with a quaint cocktail party, including eco-tini samplers and appetizers sponsored by That's A Wrap.

Following the pre-show party, Changing Hands promises an unprecedented runway show featuring eco-friendly clothing and sustainable fashions from Armour Sans Anguish, Hippy Tree and Preloved.

Models will also present B. Happy reusable environmentally friendly shopping bags.

In addition to the fashion show, Chapman Chevrolet Isuzu will be on hand to present Chevy's latest line of hybrid vehicles for 2008.

Hosted by Valley television personality Carey Peña, Go Fashionably Green is designed to provide an opportunity to focus on ways to celebrate the earth and encourage a fashion revolution.

Changing Hands Bookstore is at 6428 S. McClintock Drive, Tempe.

A look at Chandler's history

West Chandler residents who would like to become better informed about their city's historical roots are invited to attend one of several free, hourlong guided walking tours of the historic downtown area.

The tours are being offered in January and February by the city's Public History Program. Tour participants will step back in time to the mid-1920s as a living history character shows off the town of Chandler

The first tour will be from 1 to 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 19, during the annual Multicultural Festival across the street at the downtown library.

Information: (480) 782-2751.

Cielo

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this job with compassion for the staff and students. They know I'm very approachable."

Hill said one of her proudest memories came in 2006 when Cielo earned the Arizona Educational Foundation's A+ designation.

Although she put together the school's application for that prestigious award, Hill credits the teachers' hard work for making the A+ distinction possible.

She said many things besides strong academic achievement factored into that award.

Some examples are the school's student recognition programs, along with special events

like Generation Days involving grandparents, and Halloween parades.

Hill also is proud of the parents who've been involved in things like Cielo's PTO over the years.

She noted that keeping parents involved has become a challenge over time, with so many families now having two working parents.

As far as big changes in education, Hill points to today's increasing dependence on technology in the classroom to help students move forward and succeed

Ensuring students' safety and security on campus also demands more attention and resources in the wake of events like 2001's Sept. 11 terrorist attacks and the on-campus shooting tragedies at Colorado's Columbine High School and Virginia

Tech.

"There's definitely heightened parent concern these days about their child's security at school, and for good reason," Hill said.

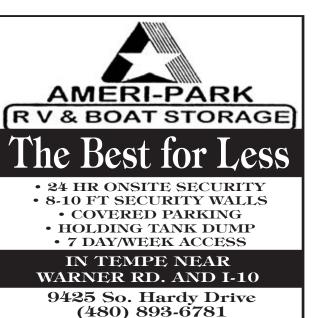
"We have to take extra precautions now to keep our students safe."

As of Jan. 18, Hill will leave behind her "school family" at Cielo to focus more attention on her own family, including her husband Perry and their aging parents.

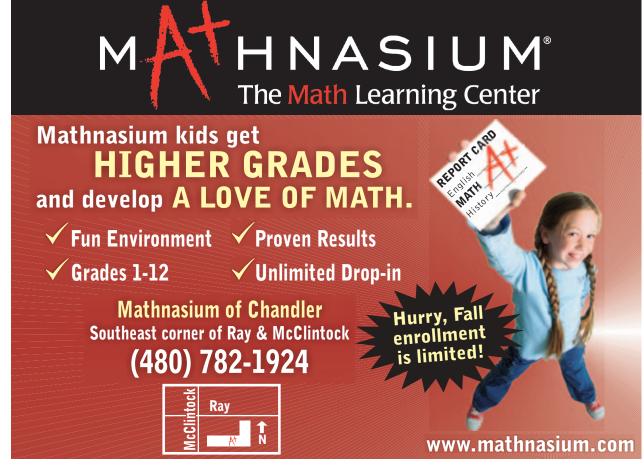
She said their retirement plans include spending more time at their cabin in Heber and traveling, maybe even to Antarctica.

But no matter what Beth Hill does in retirement, you can be sure she'll do it with plenty of dedication and love.











'Got to go, got to do'

How volunteering helped beat the retirement blahs

By P.J. Standlee

ust like a politician, retired Scottsdale school administrator Ira King keeps returning to the answer he always gives when people ask about his whirlwind schedule:

"I keep it up because I need to be involved." King, who in 1998 ended a long career as teacher, assistant principal, principal and, ultimately, assistant to the superintendent for human resources, had gotten bored shortly after retiring to Corona del Sol Estates and had stayed that way for several years.

In fact, he says, he was going stir crazy. And that's what launched him into a volunteer career that seems to be as hectic—sometimes even more so—as his years in education.

'I'm not someone to sit around the house and not do anything. Involvement is very important. I need to be active. There is something about feeling really alive when you are involved."

It was a small epiphany that got him started.

"There was a guy I used to work with who retired; he had been a coach, a PE teacher, and we were discussing retirement.

"He said, 'Ira, before you retire, think about the only thing you have to do after you retire is pull up your socks in the morning, and you don't have to think about doing any more than that.'

"I'll never forget that he mentioned that. His advice was good. I got to go, got to do."

King, who had unexpectedly gone through a divorce and then remarried after retiring, began to find things to do, such as rebuilding his 1949 Dodge as a hobby, but he didn't start his second career, his volunteering career, until 2003 when he met Mary Anna Bastin, coordinator of volunteer resources for the city of Tempe.

King visited an orientation on volunteering, which was being given by Bastin. Before the session was over, King decided to leave, and Bastin stopped him on the way out.

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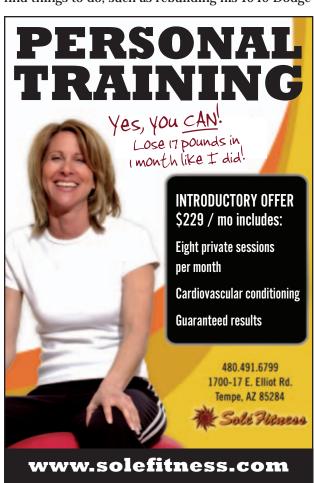
"I was leaving when Mary Anna stopped me and asked why I was leaving. I said that I thought that I wasn't in the right place. People were less active," said King.

"I suggested that he come talk to me," said Bastin. "We found something that he was interested in. And he found that he really enjoyed it."

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Pet Project

Girls Scouts from Troop 399 worked to 'raise some dough' for pet treats during the winter break. As a part of earning their Bronze Awards, the girls decided to adopt the cause of homeless animals. By selling homemade dog and cat treats, they raised \$232 to purchase needed items for animal shelters, such as food, bleach, leashes, toys and other supplies. To earn the award, a junior scout must dedicate at least 15 hours each to the selected cause. To do this they not only baked treats but

walked dogs, performed pet-sitting duties, sewed cat beds, socialized foster kittens and educated others about animals and their care. The group also earned cooking and sewing badges. The scouts are led by Doreen Garlid and Peg Consoer in the Shooting Stars neighborhood. Group, including parent advisers, includes, from left, Samantha McNeil, Abby Romero, Caroline Lull, Sarah Holditch, Emma Martin, Gabrielle Petersen, Mikaela Martin, Micky Martin, Jamie Zahn, Samantha Golden and Katy Holditch.

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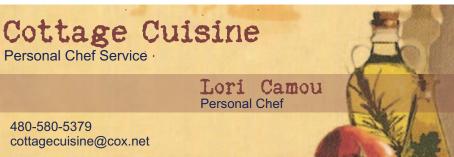
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Parents of children who will be five by Sept. 1 have been invited to their local Kyrene school at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 24, to get information on the upcoming school year.

Registration forms will be available and there will be adequate time for questions to be answered.

Classroom assignments will not be made until Meet the Teacher Night the first week of August.

Any child who turns five between Sept. 1 and Dec. 31 may apply for an age exception to enter kindergarten early.

The first step in that process is to attend an informational meeting.

Dates for those meetings are Feb. 7, March 26, May 1 and July 22.

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Program staff will explain testing requirements and admission criteria. The program is for sixth-, seventh- and eighth-graders, during which students are introduced to rigorous, advanced curriculum.

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King was a good example of someone who wanted to volunteer, but didn't know where to start, she says.

"When he came in and met with me, I realized that he was a retired Scottsdale administrator. I thought, here is a very educated man struggling with what to do with himself in retirement and how to get connected," Bastin said.

King, who had never volunteered before in his life, started out as a docent for Petersen House, then volunteered at the Tempe Historical Museum, which he said he particularly enjoyed because he could reconnect with children during school

His enthusiasm for volunteering escaladed from there.

He became a volunteer committee member for the Tempe Library Advisory Board, then he joined the Tempe Police Citizens Review Board, in which he and others followed up on controversial police decisions and reported their findings to the chief of police.

King also devoted a great deal of his time to a committee called Connections at the Tempe Library, which was the planning committee that created the popular Connections Café inside the Tempe library.

King now serves his local neighborhood on the Tempe Neighborhood Advisory Commission, whose members are appointed by the mayor and advises the city council on the events and opinions from local residents.

Finally, King is a member of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program, or RSVP, in which he volunteers at hospitals and delivers meals.

"Before you retire you have friends and people you associate with, and they are your professional gang. When you retired you don't have one. So when you retire, you create a new one, the gang of volunteers," King said.

The credit, he added, goes to Bastin, who helped set him on the path of his career in volunteering.

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"Mary Anna said that I need to find something fun to do, and I find volunteering is fun," King said.

"He sets a really example because even though he is retired, he hasn't retired from life. He cares a lot about his neighborhood," Bastin said of King.

Knowing what you want to do isn't always as easy as it sounds, which is why Bastin leads an orientation on how and why to volunteer every fall and spring. The next orientation will be held Jan. 23 at 10 a.m. at the Tempe Public Library, followed by a volunteer expo.

According to Bastin, more than 4,000 people from every walk of life volunteer annually through the city of Tempe, with the highest number appearing during youth programs in June and July.

Volunteers help the city stretch public resources

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There are a number of programs seeking volunteers, including Tempe Public Library, Tempe Historical Museum, Youth Sports Coaching, Tempe Center for the Arts, and a new program called Experience Core, which trains volunteers to go to Tempe schools to improve students reading scores.

Some volunteer organizations use their volunteers in creative or unusual ways.

For example, volunteers at Pyle Adult Recreation Center participate in a yearly special event called the Cinderella Affair, where they gather used prom dresses and tailor them to the customers' needs on the spot.

Volunteers with the Tempe Police Department can even dress up in an attack dog suit and help take a bite out of crime, literally.

Volunteers with the Care 7 Crisis Response

Team receive 30 hours of training to respond to traumatic events, such as suicide attempts, family deaths or domestic abuse situations.

Volunteering means giving without the expectation of receiving anything in return, but Bastin gives five good reasons to volunteer:

- To give back to one's community. We are blessed in the U.S. to have so much;
- To stay involved or get involved in one's community; really be a part of it and learn what's going on;
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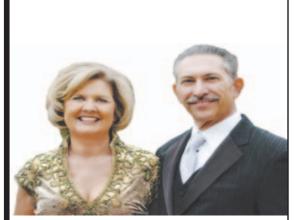
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by Ray Johnson

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League of Women Voters will moderate the session.

All council candidates have been invited. Sponsors are North Tempe Neighborhood Association, QualiTe (Quality of Life for Everyone in Tempe) and the League of Women Voters.

A meet-and-greet opportunity will be available from 6:30 to 6:45 p.m, with light refreshments.

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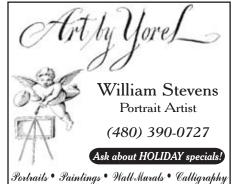
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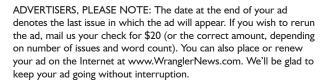








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Tempe City Page News, notices and events January-February 2008

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Charlie Meyer welcomed as new Tempe City Manager

empe's Mayor and City Council welcomed Charlie Meyer to the position of City Manager on Monday, Dec. 10.

Meyer is pleased and excited to begin serving as Tempe's City Manager, as well as to become one of Tempe's newest residents, along with his wife, Deb.

Meyer joins us after serving the last four years as Chief Operating Officer in the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, with a population of 435,000.

Prior to that, he was City Manager of St Louis Park, Minnesota for 11 years and County Manager of Genesee County, New York for 12 years. Meyer is a graduate of New York University, with a Master of Public Administration.

"I look forward to working for a vibrant, progressive community," Meyer said. "Tempe has so much to offer to its residents, visitors and employees, and I am enthusiastic about working with the Mayor and Council to further improve our city."

The City Manager is a paid position under contract. The City Manager reports directly to the Mayor and Council and is responsible for professionally implementing all City Council policy decisions, efficiently directing the city's operations, and creating an organizational culture that results in the delivery of excellent municipal services to the residents of Tempe.

Neuter Scooter

Maricopa County Animal Care & Control offers a service to Valley residents, the Neuter Scooter, a self-contained surgical unit that offers spay and neuter procedures, low-cost vaccines, response to animal cruelty and neglect, triage for disasters, and other medical services.

The Neuter Scooter will be in Tempe on Saturday, Jan. 26

from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the south parking lot of the Tempe Public Library, 3500 S. Rural Rd.

The Neuter Scooter will offer low-cost vaccines and licensing services on-site.

No-cost spay and neuter vouchers will be available to those who qualify.

For more information, visit www.maricopa.gov/pets.

City Hall parking changes

Beginning mid-January, the East City Hall parking lot will be closed to allow construction of a parking garage, which will include public parking for City Hall, Marriott Hotel and the general public. Parking for City Council meetings and other City Hall business is available along Sixth Street, in the Brickyard parking garage, Hayden Square parking garage and Centerpoint surface lot. For more information, visit www.tempe.gov. The city also has more than 15 bus routes that serve the downtown Tempe area. For bus route and schedule information, visit www.valleymetro.org or call 602-253-5000.

METRO and city invite residents to discuss possible north-south high capacity transit

METRO, in coordination with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), is conducting a 24-month study to analyze potential high capacity transit improvements in the cities of Tempe and Chandler. This study will evaluate a range of high capacity transit technologies (e.g., bus rapid transit, light rail and modern streetcar), as well as potential north-south alignments (e.g., Mill Avenue/Kyrene Road, Rural Road and McClintock Drive).

Public meetings will be held to provide project information and obtain community comments regarding high capacity transit service improvements in the study area. Public input will help METRO identify the route and transit

technology that will provide the best transportation choices for Tempe and Chandler residents. Citizens, agencies, and community organizations are encouraged to attend the meetings.

• Tuesday, Jan. 29, 6-8 p.m., Corona del Sol High School Cafeteria, 1001 E. Knox Rd.

• Wednesday, Jan. 30, 6-8 p.m., Tempe Public Library Program Room, 3500 S. Rural Rd.

For more information or to make reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities, contact Pamela Cecere at 602-385-1622 or pcecere@metrolightrail.org.

New Hearing Times for Development Review Commission and Board of Adjustment Both the Development Review Commission (DRC) and the Board of Adjustment (BofA) have changed their hearing times to 6 p.m. from the current 7 p.m. start time, effective Jan. 1, 2008.

The DRC is regularly scheduled for the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month. The BofA is regularly scheduled for the fourth Wednesday of each month.



Protecting HOAs topic of meeting by neighborhood group

The Neighborhood Link, a community group launched last year by two west Chandler residents, will be holding its first meeting of the year at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 16, in room 205 of Chandler **Community Center.**

Detective **Bob**Lenz of the Chandler
Police Department
will be guest speaker,
discussing ways to
protect community
HOAs from fraudulent
management groups,
vendors and contractors.

Lenz was a keynote speaker at an HOA Summit staged by The Leadership Centre in October.

For questions regarding the event contact **Frank Nechtaval**

at (480) 883-9262 or flnap@msn.com, or **Chris Teel** at christeel@hotmail.com.

Traffic advisory

Rural Road at Warner Road is restricted to one lane in each direction daily from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. until Jan. 18 to install traffic cameras.

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You don't want to miss this popular Fulton basement plan! 5 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, apx. 3,213 sq.ft. basement home with dual master floorplan. Plantation shutters on main level. Backyard was remodeled in 2004! Pebble sheen pool w/water feature & removable fence. Flagstone covered patio & kool decking. Island kitchen w/maple cabinets. New lighting and new faucets. Tile in all the right places. Basement has 2 bedrooms, full bath and a large family room/game room. Surround sound in basement, speakers on outdoor covered patio and speakers in main floor family room. Great location, great schools! \$700,000.



PRESTIGIOUS RAY RANCH ESTATES!

You won't be disappointed in this 4 bedroom, 2 bath, 3 car garage home. Granite slab counters along with new stove/oven, dishwasher and microwave. Oversized tile floors in entry, halls, kitchen, laundry and baths. New light fixtures, door hardware and faucets. Gas fireplace and speaker for surround sound in Family room. Heated pebble tech spool. Flagstone patio and walk way from and back. N/S exposure. \$485,000.



GREAT LOCATION - NO HOA!!

Enjoy this 4 bedroom 3 bath, apx, 1,725 sq. ft home. New raised panel hickory cabinets, microwave, dishwasher, disposal, stove/oven, sink faucet and granite counter tops. Hardwood floors, interior recently painted and newer heat pump! In-ground heated spa, built in BBQ and brick patio in backyard. Nice Neighborhood! \$274,900.



HUGE LOT IN LUXURY GATED COMMUNITY!!

This home sits on a HUGE lot! 4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, 2,475 sq.ft. split floorplan. New laminate wood floors in kitchen, family room, master bath, hall, dining & entry. N/S exposure, jacuzzi tub in master with separate entrance to the backyard! Recently repainted in and out. Great location, near schools and freeway access. \$665,000

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Great Tempe Location 2 master bedrooms, 2.5 BA, private patio, 2G





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