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Happy graduates of Honda's high-tech maintenance school, including fleet technician Joseph Ramirez, will maintain Chandler's new fleet of police motorcycles. Story, Page 14.

## Bonds seen as only solution to Corona air problem

**\$35-40 mil needed to retrofit system, cover repairs at other high schools**

By Mark Moorehead

Only one workable solution appears to have emerged as officials narrow their search for ways to repair the dangerously

antiquated heating and air conditioning system at Corona del Sol High School.

Since a widely reported meeting at the school 10 days ago, district officials have begun to focus more closely on recommendations that would place a \$35-40 million Class B bond proposal on the Nov. 8 ballot.

Such a measure would provide funding not only to replace Corona's ailing system, say officials, but ensure that enough money is left over to

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Forum at Corona del Sol High School drew a crowd that lined up to be heard, including community activist A.J. LaFaro (above).

— David Stone/Wrangler News

**Hanger Park bee attack prompts basic advice: Do Not Disturb**

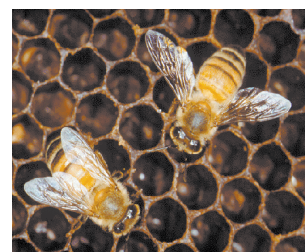
By P.J. Standlee

Rainy weather and warm temperatures mean the early arousal of local flowers and fauna, which may be one of the reasons a swarm of bees attacked a man and his wife at Hanger Park near Knox and south Rural roads in Tempe.

A Parks and Recreation Department employee observed the incident and called 911.

According to Tempe Parks and Recreation Deputy Manager Sam

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## Gimme some Green

Forget the Scotch — tap into your Irish roots at the St. Paddy's Day celebration Monday, March 17, at Tilted Kilt Pub and Eatery. More than 3,000 revelers are expected to attend this year's party, featuring a live band, 60 kegs of the golden foamy and, ah yes, lots of luscious lassies to serve it up. Among servers who'll be joining in the fun are, from left, Keegan Tonge, Marie Armstrong and Ashley Adams. You'll find the party at 660 W. Warner Road, Tempe, just west of Kyrene Road. Information: (480) 592-0102. Enjoy . . . but please do it responsibly!

— David Stone/Wrangler News





## Area activist energizes her campaign for SRP board

Story and photo by P.J. Standlee

A south Tempe woman who hopes to win a spot on the Salt River Project board of directors wants to spread the word that Valley residents do have a voice at SRP—and, yes, there are elections for people to fill the utility's vital decision-making positions.

**Amanda Ormond**, who is campaigning to represent the combined south Tempe and north Chandler areas on the SRP board, wants the utility to invest in more renewable and clean-energy resources and increase its energy-efficiency commitment

The election occurs April 1.

"SRP needs about one new power plant worth of energy every year to meet growth," Ormond said. "To meet future needs we should first reduce (energy requirements) as much as possible through energy efficiency."

"Next we can invest in wind energy, geothermal and solar thermal systems to provide much of the new electricity we need."

The biggest challenge in Ormond's campaign, however, hasn't been convincing voters of the benefits of energy efficiency or renewable energy; it has been educating the public that elections actually do occur for SRP board members.

"The first thing I found out from campaigning is

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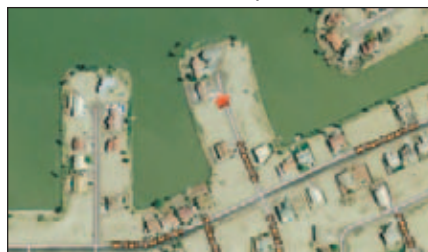
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# Dayspring Methodist Church to end its longtime daycare program

The longtime child care program offered by Dayspring United Methodist Church will be closing its doors May 31.

The decision was made at a church conference March 2.

The church's senior pastor, the Rev. Dr. Jane Tews, made the announcement in a letter mailed to church members last week.

In the letter, Tews cited what church officials determined was a

need to develop more programs and mission opportunities that would need space now occupied by the daycare program.

While the church will continue to operate the program until the end of May, Tews said, it could be reconfigured as parents find new placements for children who are currently enrolled.

"We have been proud of the quality of the program and of the

commitment of teachers and staff to ensure that children enrolled here have received the best care and education possible," said Tews.

However, she added, "Now it is time for Dayspring to move in another direction."

Tews said the church plans to issue updates on the closure as daycare staff members find new positions elsewhere and as enrollment numbers decrease.

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## Life's Little Gems

### Start the day with a roar? No thank you

By M.V. Moorhead

In common with many people, I'm not a huge fan of Monday mornings. But this past Monday morning promised to be better than usual, as Monday mornings go.

It came on the heels of an excellent Sunday—a day of loafing followed by a delightful evening out with The Wife—so I felt refreshed and reasonably optimistic as I climbed into my 2000 Toyota pickup truck and turned the key.

The engine started up with a frightening roar, like that of an Indy car.

I said something like "Awww, man," and turned off the engine. Something was wrong with the muffler. Annoying, to be sure, but still, I thought, how much could I complain? I'd had the little green truck for eight years, and this was, if memory served, the first significant engine trouble it had ever had.

Then, as I climbed out of the cab, my neighbor Carol called to me from her balcony:

"Did they get you, too?"

She and her son explained that my catalytic converter had been kyped. Sure enough, when I crouched down and looked under the Tacoma, I saw a roughly foot-long gap in the exhaust line beneath the cab on the passenger side, and a little pile of nuts and bolts on the pavement just below it.

The thieves had evidently been busy in the parking lot of our condo complex Sunday night, as Carol's minivan had started up with the same startling roar.

When her son examined the vehicle, however, he saw that the hoodlums had perhaps been scared off somehow—her "cat-con" had been disconnected from the line but was still hanging from the undercarriage.

Catalytic converters, as the name implies, employ catalysis to convert the carbon monoxide, hydrocarbons and other pollutants in engine exhaust into less-toxic compounds.

They've been a component of cars sold in the U.S. since 1975, in response to EPA requirements.

So why, you may ask—or maybe even "Why the hell?"—would somebody want to steal such a thing?

Neither the cop to whom I reported the theft nor the mechanic I called for advice on what to do next expressed the least surprise at what had happened.

Apparently I had been the victim of an increasingly common crime—so common, indeed, that the cop said he thought that the police department was starting a task force to look into it.

From some online articles I learned that Toyota trucks and SUVs are favorite targets, because their high ground-clearance makes them easy to slip under, and the bolted-in item is easily unscrewed.

It turns out, you see, that the catalysts in catalytic converters include small amounts of platinum and other precious metals for which scrap dealers are willing to pay good money—although far less, alas, than it takes to replace a cat-con with a dealer part.

My excellent mechanic—Steve at Noe Import Auto in Mesa—told me it would cost more than \$1,000 for him to replace it, and also that it would be unwise to drive the vehicle to the garage with the converter missing, since there was a slight chance of a fire from the exhaust's heat.

He advised me to take it to a muffler shop nearer to my place—an independent if possible—and have them put on an after-market replacement.

So that's what I did. With my fellow motorists gawking at me in alarm, and with headache-inducing exhaust rising into the cab, I drove the wailing, growling, grumbling vehicle a few short miles to a grungy muffler joint near my place.

The piratical-looking guy in charge told me that he would put on a new converter for \$185, and I agreed with alacrity.

While I waited, I noticed that against one wall of the garage there were stacks and stacks of after-market cat-cons, still in their boxes, waiting their turn to go on the vehicles of other schmucks like me. Never a dark cloud, as they say...

When I left the place, my Tacoma was purring like a

contented kitten. The new after-market item below the cab is welded into place, not bolted, so if the *banditti* should return they'll find it a bit harder to remove.

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## Eating too much broccoli — bad for your investments!

by **Kevin A. Kaesberg**

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Last week we discussed diversification of your investment portfolio and, while times have changed and "your father's diversification" may need some updating, appropriate diversification should still be used as a risk reduction tool. But can you have too much diversification? Is it possible that an abundance of diversification can actually hinder your portfolio performance? ABSOLUTELY!

While diversification provides many with comfort and security for their investments, if some is great, more must be better! Unfortunately, while many delude themselves into thinking this is true, I believe it is possible to miss out on considerable opportunities in the name of diversification.

Many managed investments have 100 or more positions, with most of those making up less than 1% of the portfolio. If any of those positions has a significant move, its affect on the portfolio is minimal, sometimes hardly noticeable. Now if your portfolio is comprised of, let's say, 10

mutual funds, imagine how many underlying positions you are invested in. You may have minimized your risk, if diversified appropriately, but you have also minimized much of your potential reward for wise investments.

I leave you by recommending that you work toward intelligent, relevant diversification (or find someone to do it for you), and don't forget to eat your broccoli! I have always found the following words from Richard Russell enlightening. He has been writing about the capital markets for over 50 years. Richard is very financially successful and sensible, commenting every day well into his 80s. He condones diversification but realizes what it takes to make an impact:

**"Now let's talk about intelligent investing — and when and how to do it. First, as I've always said, if you want to make real money in the market, you have to be willing and able to take a large position in any given item. The next consideration: In order to take a large position in any given item, first, I must have faith in that item as a great value. Second, I have to be able to judge the potential risk. If the risk is too high, I'll pass on the investment. The essence of good investing is the ability to appraise and deal with risk. The corollary—never take the big loss." - Richard Russell**

—Kevin

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# Bonds

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accommodate needed maintenance at other district schools.

At a public meeting held Feb. 26

at Corona, Superintendent **Steve Adolph** discussed a variety of options that were being considered now that a judge has upheld the state's ongoing refusal to provide funding.

Although Tempe schools recently joined both the Sierra Vista and Williams unified districts in their lawsuit against the state for overdue funding, attorneys for the districts say it could be five years or more before that suit is settled.

Even then, noted the plaintiffs' attorney, Spencer Smith, there is no assurance the schools would prevail.

Instead of floating a bond measure or awaiting the outcome of legal action, district planners also have considered placing a capital override on the same November ballot as the one that would be used for the bonds.

With an override, however, funding would be available only for the Corona work, likely depleting the district's spending capacity for its other high schools.

Clearly, observers predicted, such an approach would be heavily opposed, with minimal chance of approval, because the beneficiary would be only one school. Moreover, a similar override was rejected by voters four months ago.

While Corona's needs have attracted the most attention in recent months, it isn't the only school in need of repairs. District Facilities Manager **Bob Anderson** advised that Desert Vista High School, for example, needs \$1.8 million to replace a leaky roof.

Anderson, along with **Diane Meulemans**, the district's chief financial officer, noted that some preliminary work at Corona already has been completed, but not enough to solve the problem.

"Mold remediation and abatement was completed last year at a cost of \$84,000, of which the district's insurance company paid \$25,000," said Meulemans.

The district also has spent or will be spending approximately \$6 million to begin a four-phase replacement of the school's HVAC system.

**Phase I**, involving replacement of the chiller unit that produces cool air, is already finished, according to **Anderson**.

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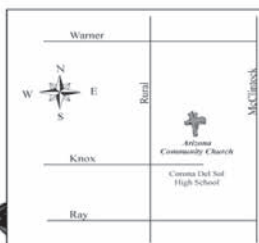
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## Bonds

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**Phases II and III**, covering replacement of new supply loops for chilled water and upgrades to the electrical system, are currently under way.

Both Anderson and Meuleman emphasize, however, that the remaining \$11 million cost of critical **Phase IV** work, which involves replacing the entire air distribution system, including the larger duct components and air handlers compatible with the new chiller and supply-loop infrastructure, is the portion that the state has refused to fund.

Left unresolved, therefore, is the issue of elevated carbon-dioxide levels in the air and the inability of the 30-year-old system to adequately circulate fresh air, Anderson said.

The cost of Phase IV is so high, say officials, because it requires new ductwork and air handlers, ceiling demolition and reconfiguration of ceiling cavities.

In answer to critics who have suggested that costs may seem excessive, officials point out that the project was put out to bid in accordance with the district's procurement code and Arizona Revised Statutes.

McCarthy Building Companies Inc., of St. Louis, Mo., was awarded the project.

As the problem continues to confront district planners, worries mount. Meulemans said her daughter will begin her freshman year at Corona in the fall, and that she shares the same concerns as other parents who expect their child to breathe fresh, clean air during the school day.

One teacher reportedly has asked students to bring live plants into the classroom to help absorb what might be considered toxic materials in the air.

Although local coverage has concentrated on Corona's air-quality problems in recent months, it's not the only district that has experienced maintenance problems.

McCarthy engineers recently completed \$16.7 million in renovations to high schools in Glendale and a new elementary school in Chandler.

As to what the future holds, the outcome of a bond election in November would determine whether Corona will be able to make the necessary replacements or be forced to explore scheduling or other alternatives to minimize the effects of fouled air.

Emphasized Meuleman:

"Without funding, the district will not be able to complete HVAC upgrades at Corona del Sol High School."

Should voters decide a Class B Bond is the best means to get the job done, it would be Meuleman's job to write the enabling legal documents.

But no decision on how or if to use the bond approach has yet been made, and district officials are pondering whether they can galvanize support from voters who believe safe and well-maintained public schools are important.

The November election is less than eight months away, and the ballot will be crowded, so a decision needs to be made, committees formed and the task of educating a predictably reluctant public launched soon.

In the meantime, district officials have uploaded information about Corona's air-quality problems to the schools' website, [www.tuhsd.k12.az.us](http://www.tuhsd.k12.az.us).

Parents also are being encouraged via an informally circulated email from another parent to submit a maximum 250-word essay to the producers of "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition," which reportedly is collaborating with Ford Motor Co. to award \$250,000 to one U.S. school.

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**SRP**

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that no one knows that they can vote for the SRP board," said Ormond.

"People I have spoken with in the community are interested (only) in where their energy comes from."

As a local resident, Ormond says she would give a voice to those in her area who support expanding renewable energy resources. In fact, the Valley, with its abundant sunshine, is a perfect fit for solar energy power, she says.

"Solar thermal technology is a good match for SRP and Phoenix residents," Ormond said.

"These plants, with storage, can provide the energy we need when we need it—on our hottest summer afternoons."

In the long run, clean energy will cost consumers less money, Ormond said.

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"SRP could offer a full complement of energy efficiency programs to its

business and residential customers such as lighting buy-downs, on-site audits, rebates for major energy-consuming products and energy-consuming tune-ups," she said.


Ormond is currently the president of her own energy consulting firm, Ormond LLC, and worked at the Arizona Department of Commerce for 13 years.

She became the youngest energy-office director in the country during her tenure and helped build policy, create legislation at the state level and act as a liaison between state and federal governments.

SRP is divided into two entities: Salt River Project Agricultural Improvement and Power District, which is public, and Salt River Valley Water Users' Association, which is a private company.

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CdS boys tennis team brought home the team winning trophy at Kiwanis High School Invitational. Team includes, from left, Kyle Ogren, Tanner Hatch, Ben Duong, Garret Dunn, Daniel Larsson and Raghu Menon.

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## Big win for CdS boys tennis

By Alex Zener

**R**ick Wanta, although not the first tennis coach at CdS, has been coaching tennis at Corona for 20 years, and it has been 19 of those since one of his teams has won the Kiwanis High School Invitational Tournament. I

This year represented a big win for the Corona team, which took home the first place trophy Feb. 23 over 32 high school teams competing from all over the Valley.

Junior **Garret Dunn** placed third in singles while senior doubles partners **Raghu Menon** and **Tanner Hatch** placed second in the gold bracket. Winning first in the silver doubles bracket were partners junior **Ben Duong** and sophomore **Kyle Ogren**.

It should not have been such a surprise because the team started the season strong, winning five out of its first six regular team matches and outscoring its opponents 41 points to 14.

The team's only loss came from the

racquet-heads of Brophy on Feb. 19, when CdS actually took three of the available nine match points from the notoriously hard-hitting Broncos.

Wanta attributes the team's strong start to the return of 10 players, with four of them last season's varsity starters. He says he also has high expectations for two of his younger team members, sophomores **Daniel Larsson** and **Ryan Skuse**.

"We have a strong team returning," said Wanta, "and can hopefully win the Central Region."

Desert Vista and Mountain Pointe usually have competitive boys tennis teams, but Wanta expects the 5A state competition to also include Brophy, always a contender, Salpointe, Red Mountain and, of course, Corona del Sol. Corona boys tennis matches usually start at 4 p.m., with six regular season matches still remaining after spring break. Match schedules and results for both the JV and Varsity teams can be found on CdS's athletic website at <http://www.aztecatletics.com/>.

## Aztec baseball primed for its best season since early 1990s

**C**orona's baseball team this season may be one of the best CdS has fielded since its 1991 predecessor was runner-up in the 5A state championship and the 1993 team won the championship trophy.

"I expect great things out of this team," said Coach **Dave Webb**, "and I think they honestly believe they can beat anybody on any given day."

The Aztecs (4-1) easily attained

victories over four opponents early in the season—Buena, O'Connor, Mountain Ridge, and Westwood—scoring 29 to 14 runs, losing only to Deer Valley 1-3. On March 1, CdS defeated Westwood 7-0 to win the Aztec/Warrior Classic championship game.

The Aztecs were ranked No. 3 in the Arizona Republic preseason poll and stayed in the same spot after the

# Kyrene Corridor Sports

## Volleyball: Upholding a tradition

**C**orona boys volleyball is starting a new 4A/5A Division I season with a completely new coaching staff—except for one familiar face, Coach **Brynne Evans**, who coached the boys JV team last season.

**Rayna Aguilar** is the new head varsity coach, with Evans taking on a new role as assistant varsity coach with the help of volunteer coach **Brian Long**.

The coaches may be different but the concept is the same. Corona has a tradition of strong volleyball programs for both girls and boys that these new coaches plan to uphold while attempting to add some of their own beliefs about coaching and team sports.

"It is important for players to

experience the enjoyment of athletic competition and also learn the value of team sports such as self-discipline, reliability, teamwork and commitment to personal and team goals," stressed head coach Aguilar.

"In addition, the focus of this season's team will be on learning what our team's strengths are and to focus on passing, defense, serving and strategy," said Coach Evans.

Corona has a strong core of eight returning varsity players on which to build this season's team—four of them starters from last year's team. A highly-competitive CdS team that made it into the second round of the 2007 4A/5A Division I state boys

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Volleyball players include, from left, bottom row, Sean Eddy, Sulton Demlong, Tres Kwilosz, Ben Goodwin, Austin Peck, Ryan Fitzgerald, Alex Zener. Top row, Steven Law, Sam Biniazan, Brandon Lake, Andrew Bryant, Drew Albert, Clay Gittus, Matt Austin, Alex Michaels.

— Wrangler News photo

first week. Part of this ranking may be because Coach Webb has 11 returning players and 6 starters from last season's team. Two of those returning starters are pitchers.

"I am very optimistic about the upcoming season," said Webb. "We have a great core of players returning and a terrific work ethic. We are still young with only four seniors."

These four seniors are expected

to provide not only leadership and stability for the young Aztecs team but all four players are projected to contribute at bat and out in the field as the season progresses.

For instance, senior **Aaron Foshie** has only played in two games because he was still playing basketball when the season started but already

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## SRP

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While Ormond is running for election as an SRP board member with both entities, she is also a busy wife and mother of two.

She attended the University of Mary Washington in Fredericksburg, Va., and moved to the East Valley in 1985.

Ormond enjoys hiking, gardening and traveling, and will visit Scotland this summer with her family.

“It has been a challenge to balance campaigning, managing my business and raising my two daughters, but I am passionate about energy issues and know that the choices we make today will affect us long into the future,” she said.



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# Bees

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**Thompson**, African Honey Bees, the variety most commonly known as killer bees, have been in Arizona since 1993 but are rarely seen except during this time of the year when the pollination of flowers causes them to migrate.

"This is the first incident that we've heard about," said Thompson. "In the spring, we'll get one or two calls from sightings because the flowers attract bees."

The attack occurred while the couple were walking their dog, evidently a result of the bees having been disturbed by machinery in the area.

The man, who was stung approximately 100 times, was hospitalized with what originally were thought to be critical injuries; the woman's injuries were said to be minor.

While there is no official way to monitor bees' activities, Park and Recreation employees watch for bee hives while servicing the parks.

**Nikki Ripley**, public information officer for the city of Tempe, said the city also depends on citizens to be vigilant for bee hives or swarms that might prove dangerous.

When a dangerous hive is found, trained beekeepers remove the queen bee to a safer environment for both bees and humans. Removing the queen effectively dissipates the bee swarm, say officials.

**Mike Reichling**, a spokesman for the Tempe Fire Department, said that unless provoked or aroused by disturbances from heavy equipment such as lawn mowers, African Honey Bees, which have heavily cross-bred with the more common European Honey Bee, will usually stay to themselves.

"Cutting the grass with a lawnmower will agitate them, or even someone swatting at them, but walking

by the nest won't—unless you've really agitate them," Reichling said.

In the case of the couple at Hanger Park, Reichling said, it might have been a case of being in the wrong place at the wrong time.

Because African Honey Bees in particular are highly mobile and move from to place to place depending on resources, it's difficult to monitor their movement.

Reichling recommends keeping an eye out for bees coming in and out of buildings or around flowers, and not to disturb them. Also, African Honey Bees tend to build their hives closer to the ground than European bees.

While bee attacks are rare, they can be serious depending upon a person's reaction to bee stings.

Because Africanized bees will pursue a target for up

to half a mile, experts suggest seeking shelter in a vehicle or building and covering your head; avoid wearing strong perfumes or aftershaves that might attract bees.

In the case that a nest is found, both Reichling and Thompson suggest calling a professional bee keeper in the yellow pages to remove the bees.

However, bees play an important part in nature by pollinating flowers and plants.

Learning more about bee behavior can reduce the risk of getting attacked and allow the bees to go about their important business.

"Bees are a part of nature and the environment, and if we leave them alone, they'll leave us alone. Be aware that they are there, and you do your thing and they'll do their thing," Reichling said.



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## Volleyball

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volleyball tournament before losing to Central Region rival, No. 1 seeded Mountain Pointe, in five strongly-contested games.

"This season's team has been working hard for us, no questions asked, and that is nice to see when you are a new coach," said Evans.

"The boys are highly motivated, hardworking and enthusiastic about this season," said coach Aguilar. "They are committed to doing their very best and are a group of athletes with lots of spirit, drive and dedication."

Returning setter **Sutton Demlong's** primary task is to read the defense and set his hitters where they have the best chance of being successful in killing the ball.

Returning left-handed opposite hitter **Andrew Bryant's** strategy is to persistently attack down the line or cross-court from the right side to keep the defensive players across the net guessing.

Also returning from last year's starting lineup is high-flying, hard ball-thumping outside hitter **Alex Zener** whose goal is to assertively attack any balls set primarily to the left side of the net.

**Ryan Fitzgerald**, playing the libero position this season, has the responsibility of digging up all the hard-hit spiked balls that get past Corona's blockers. His mission is to not let a ball drop to the court behind the 10 foot line in order to keep his team in the point.

In addition, Corona has two strong middle blockers in seniors **Matt Austin** and **Clay Gittus** who will do their best to "roof" their opponents hitters and hit

a few of their own. Returning varsity players also include dynamic setter/outside hitter **Drew Albert**, and unrelenting outside hitter **Steven Law**.

Talented new players to the varsity team this season include outside hitter **Austin Peck** and middle blockers **Sean Eddy** and **Alex Michaels**. **Sam Biniazan**, **Brandon Lake**, **Ben Goodwin**, and **Tres Kwilosz** will provide a defensive presence.

Corona (1-1) has a match at Dobson, March 6, and then will not play again until after spring break when they play at Centennial, March 18, and at home against Notre Dame, March 19. All matches are best three out of five games and are scheduled to start at 5:15. Information plus pictures of the JV and varsity teams can be found on the team's website at <http://cdsboysvolleyball.com>

— Alex Zener

## Freescale 'cleans up'

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# Baseball

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has a .5 batting average with 2 RBI's.

Another senior, **Justin Klette**, is tied for second in stolen bases and has played in all five games with a 2 RBI's. Senior **Alex Murrieta** leads the team in RBI's. Likewise, senior **Jason Fickett** has provided solid defense in the outfield and on offense with one RBI in two games.

Coach Webb also expects returning starters **Mike Felton** and **Tyler Giannonatti** to take on leadership roles while contributing both on offense and defense. Felton is second on the team in stolen bases right behind **Kirby Pellant**, who already has four SBs to his credit.

The team possesses other assets, as well, that promise to set it apart from the competition.

"The strength of our team would probably be our offense, speed and our intangibles," said Foshie. "Our team is very quick and makes a lot of contact with the ball so we really can put a lot of pressure on the defense."

"Our attitude also puts us above the competition because we play our hardest every single game and hustle on and off the field," said Foshie.

"We believe if you can keep putting pressure on your opponents then eventually they will crumble. We are a very positive team and we do many things right so we are able to feed off the positive things we achieve."

This CdS bunch also has excellent team chemistry, with the younger players fitting right in with the older members of the team. Some of Corona's players may be young, but they are talented and mentally tough. Sophomore **Greg Ryan** leads the team along with junior **Marshall Gottlieb** in batting with a 1.00 average. Outfielder **Ryan Moore** is a versatile player with .313 batting average, two stolen bases and two put-outs in five games.

Sophomore **Trevor Allen** has played in all five games with a RBI of 2 and a .5 batting average, as does junior **Erik Wanta**. Likewise, sophomore **Andy Nist** has played in three games with 1 RBI. Center fielder **Evan Ritchey** is responsible for 7 put outs and 1 RBI in 3 games. **Chris Lopez** leads the team in home runs, while sophomore **Austin Doll** has been at the mound pitching early in the season.

In addition to returning two starting pitchers, Corona has 11 players who can pitch—three who pitch left-handed, including **Ben Deem**. Junior **Brock Abbadini** is the strike-out leader with nine strikeouts in nine

innings. **Kevin Collinge** is close behind with seven in nine innings while Giannonatti is 5 for 5.

While Coach Webb has high expectations for this season's team, some of its main competition in the state will come from within the Central Region. Desert Vista is always a contender, as is Mountain Pointe.

Regardless of the competition, also expect Corona to be in the mix at the end.

"They are a spicy bunch with a whole lot of athleticism; they have always been pretty good, but they also have done everything we have asked of them to work on being good people as well," said Webb.

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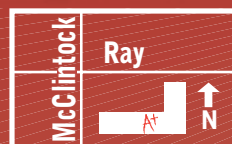
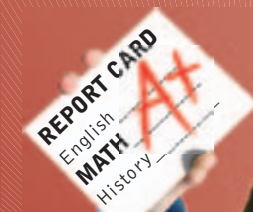
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## Police motorbike crew revs up its training, scores a worldwide 'first'

It may have been only a dot on the U.S. map to the folks at Honda headquarters in Japan, but a rare turn-about in the company's motorcycle-repair policy has prompted new awareness of Chandler—and helped the city save money.

Four city mechanics who perform ongoing maintenance of the Police Department's motorcycle fleet returned home recently after becoming the first non-Honda employees to graduate from the company's high-tech training facility in Torrance, Calif.

Thirteen of Chandler's 21 police motorcycles are the new Honda ST1300P model, which none of the mechanics in the city's Fleet Services Division was certified to service.

All repairs had to be farmed out to Honda dealers or certified repair

shops that typically charge \$80 an hour.

That all changed when Fleet Services Manager **Rob Coryea** talked Honda into accepting four fleet technicians into the week-long service training program in Torrance.

It was the first time the manufacturer allowed non-Honda employees to participate in its technical training program, according to Coryea.

In exchange for training Coryea's employees at no charge, Honda gained an "outsider's" perspective on its training program, he said.

The Chandler employees returned with the ability to service the city's Honda motorbikes, plus receiving hundreds of dollars worth of free service manuals.

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# No alien to luck, Skerritt adds 'Bonneville' to his working-with-the-best list

## Interview

By M.V. Moorhead

*Editor's note: Tom Skerritt was in town recently, and took time to share some conversation with Wrangler News film columnist M.V. Moorhead. This is Moorhead's report of that meeting.*

Asked how he got into acting, Tom Skerritt takes a conspiratorial tone.

"I had some secret desire, which I'll share with you," says the Detroit native, currently appearing in *Bonneville*.

"I wanted to be Frank Sinatra. But first of all, somebody already had the job, and second of all,

though I had a good singing voice back then, I could not get up in front of people in those days. So, I was an English major, but I started doing college plays to get over being shy."



The choice of therapy didn't make Skerritt into a pop crooner, but it was fortunate all the same. Encouraged to pursue a career in acting, he found his way to L.A., and by the early '60s was making appearances on TV, including episodes of *Combat* directed by the young Robert Altman.

Later Altman used Skerritt in a major role in his 1970 classic *M\*A\*S\*H*, and by the mid-'70s the

actor was established as a rugged leading man type, with occasional forays into suave villainy.

Although he never became a superstar, Skerritt is one of those actors whose authoritative bearing and virility lends class to productions both grand and modest.

Now in his mid-70s, he looks at least 10 years younger, and is the father of a five-week old daughter, Emmy.

As to his career, Skerritt cites luck as a significant contributor.

"I've been fortunate to be in several classics," he says. Of *Alien*, the film for which he is perhaps best known, he recalls:

"I had turned down *Alien* when it was budgeted at \$2 million. I had read the script, and I thought,

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## Arts & Entertainment Weekend

Art and music will meet in Tempe the weekend of March 28-30, which Mayor Hugh Hallman has formally declared Arts and Entertainment Weekend. Browse through more than 350 artists' original pieces at the 31st Spring Tempe Festival of the Arts, March 28-30, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., on Mill Avenue.

The diverse art ranges from woodwork and ceramics, to photography and wearable art, to paintings and jewelry. Enjoy street performances and live music, sample Arizona wines, and eat festival fare and

homemade goods. Children can create and explore art at the Kids Innovation Station. For more information, visit [www.tempefestivalofthearts.com](http://www.tempefestivalofthearts.com).

Fergie and My Chemical Romance will headline the Circle K Tempe Music Festival, March 28-29 at Tempe Beach Park, at Mill Avenue and Rio Salado Parkway. More than 30 national, regional and local bands will perform at the event.

Tickets start at \$35. For more information, call 480-970-3378 or visit [www.tempefestivalofthearts.com](http://www.tempefestivalofthearts.com).

## Tempe hosts free Movies in the Park

Bring your family to the free Spring Movies in the Park series, a Tempe tradition since 1979.

Showtimes begin at dusk (approximately 7-7:30 p.m.) every Friday from April 4 to May 23 by the fire pit on the west side of Kiwanis Lake, at Mill Avenue and Baseline Road.

The schedule includes:

- April 4 – Shrek the Third (PG)
  - April 11 – Happy Feet (PG)
  - April 18 – Chicken Run (G)
  - April 25 – We Are Marshall (PG)
  - May 2 – Apollo 13 (PG)
  - May 9 – Are We Done Yet? (PG)
  - May 16 – Charlotte's Web (G)
  - May 23 – Surf's Up (PG)
- For more information, call 480-350-5225 or visit [www.tempe.gov/events](http://www.tempe.gov/events).

## April is Tempe Bike Month

This April, the City of Tempe is celebrating the 17th Annual Bike Month to encourage people to use bikes as an alternative mode of transportation.

More than 1,000 people are expected to participate in Bike Month activities. Bike-A-Palooza, formerly known as the Valley Bike Expo, takes place April 6, from 7 a.m. to noon, at Kiwanis Park, 5500 S. Mill Ave.

The free event features a bicycle swap meet, bike rodeo,

helmet fittings, giveaways, a 13-mile community bike ride and bike tune-ups.

The first 300 community ride participants will receive free T-shirts.

Bike to Work and School Day, on Wednesday, April 16, from 6-8 a.m., includes free breakfast and T-shirts.

For more information on Tempe Bike Month, call 480-858-2215, or visit [www.tempe.gov/tim](http://www.tempe.gov/tim).

## 2008 Neighborhood Workshop and Neighbor of the Year Awards

Honor Tempe's exemplary neighbors, learn about the tools and resources available to homeowners and neighborhood groups, formulate fresh outreach approaches and make new friends at the 2008 Neighborhood Workshop and Neighbor of the Year Awards.

The event, on Saturday, April 5, from 7:30 a.m. to noon, begins with registration and a continental breakfast at the Pyle Adult Recreation Center, 655

E. Southern Ave. Mayor Hugh Hallman and the City Council will present the Neighbor of the Year Awards, followed by keynote speaker Congressman Harry Mitchell.

To reserve a seat by the April 2 deadline, contact Tempe's Neighborhood Services Division at 480-350-8234 or by sending an e-mail to [neighborhoods@tempe.gov](mailto:neighborhoods@tempe.gov).

For more information, visit [www.tempe.gov/neighborhoods](http://www.tempe.gov/neighborhoods).

## Cinderella Affair makes dreams come true

Find your dream dress at the sixth annual Cinderella Affair prom dress giveaway on Friday, March 28, from 3-7 p.m. for Tempe Unified High School District students, and March 29, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. for all other high school students, at the Pyle Adult Recreation Center, 655 E. Southern Ave. Tuxedos also are available.

The Cinderella Affair is a

nonprofit program that makes attending prom affordable for hundreds of students each year. In 2007, volunteers collected 1,500 gently-used dresses and tuxedos and distributed them to students in need.

Dress donations are accepted year-round.

For more information, call 480-858-2300 or visit [www.cinderellaaffair.com](http://www.cinderellaaffair.com).





**Skerritt**

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this looks pretty complex technically for \$2 million, and it isn't a great actors' movie.

"Later they called me back and said that now it was budgeted at \$10 million and Ridley Scott was directing.

"I had just seen his film *The Duellists*—have you ever seen that? I thought it was incredible, and I knew I had to work for him. Sometimes you choose that way."

Skerritt offers similar examples from his career:

"I got to work with Herbert Ross, Shirley MacLaine and Anne Bancroft on *The Turning Point*. And Baryshnikov. That's *company*, man. Sometimes you pick the company over the material."

This was also the case with

*Bonneville*, a tragicomic road movie about a woman and her two best friends driving her late husband's ashes from Idaho to California in the man's beloved Bonneville convertible. Skerritt, who plays the sexy truck driver the ladies encounter on the trip, was thrilled to work with stars Jessica Lange, Kathy Bates and Joan Allen.

"Each of them are unique, and each of them are strong, successful, bright. I didn't know any of them before this, but I've admired them for a long time...I compare this to *Steel Magnolias*," he says, recalling the 1989 female-ensemble piece in which he was likewise a supporting male.

"You're talking about being surrounded by strong, talented women, and man, it's wonderful!"



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# What's happening in the Corridor

Compiled by Tracy Doren

A sampling of activities and events occurring in south Tempe and west Chandler. To submit items for Calendar consideration, email them to tracy.doren@wranglernews.com.

Deadline: Noon Monday, March 17.

### Saturday, March 8

- Dr. Seuss Storytime at Sunset Library. Celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday with stories, games and crafts. 10:15 a.m.

- Great Arizona Beer Festival at Tempe Town Lake, 2 p.m. to 6 p.m., 21 and older only, tickets at AZBEER.com

- Hamilton Aquatic Center opens for Spring Break, Saturdays, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., weekdays, noon to 5 p.m.

### Sunday, March 9

- Great Arizona Beer Festival, Tempe Town Lake, 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

### Monday, March 10

- Young adult author event at Changing Hands Bookstore, Loren Long and Phil Bildner visit and discuss their series, The Barnstormers: Tales of the Travelin' Nine. 4 p.m.

### Wednesday, March 12

- Chandler Chamber of Commerce hosts Wake Up Chandler, 7:30 - 9 a.m. at Costco Wholesale

(595 S. Galleria Way - south of Chandler Fashion Center). Wake Up Chandler is a morning mixer; guests have the chance to give a 30-second commercial about their business. Cost to attend is \$5 for chamber members, \$15 for non-members. Register online at www.chandlerchamber.com and click events calendar.

- Kiwanis Wave Pool opens for spring break. Hours 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. through Saturday, March 15.

### Saturday, March 15

- Rhythm and Rhyme Time at Sunset Library, ages 2-5, 10:15 a.m.

- Tempe Sister Cities Enchanting Spring Tea at Hackett House in Tempe, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., prepaid reservations are required. Information: 480-350-8181

### Sunday, March 16

- St. Paddy's Day 8K and 1 mile Fun Run/Walk, Kiwanis Park. Registration 6:30 a.m. race at 7:30 a.m. www.arizonarunningeventsco.com for more information.



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## Film Fare . . . with Mark Moorehead

# 'Bank Job' overkill shoots it down for kids

English films of a certain genre like to mimic their American counterparts, proving that imitation is not always the best flattery. *The Bank Job* of the gangster genre is a case in point.

*American Gangster*, starring Denzel Washington, was based on the life of Black New York gangster Frank Lucas and his rags-to-riches story.

A bit of background: The film's makers have been accused by real world ex-FBI agents and New York City police detectives of misrepresenting actual events, such as its depiction of Denzel Washington's character being a hero of sorts for his efforts to clean up corruption in N.Y.P.D.

Current Hollywood movie trend setters require directors to glamorize bad guys by making them good looking, likeable characters who appear to have merely taken the wrong path in life through no fault of their own and forgive them for their sins by pointing out their pivotal role in identifying bad guys wearing badges or occupying high public office.

Denzel Washington's charming, polite, soft-spoken character seems out of sync for a ruthless hoodlum who

guns down a rival between bites of a sandwich and sees nothing wrong with selling a more lethal grade of heroin to addicts in Harlem.

*The Bank Job* is based on a true story of a London small-time shady used-car dealer, Terry Leather (Jason Statham), who is down on his luck when an old flame suddenly pops back into his life with the proverbial offer of a "foolproof one last big bank job" that will pay for blissful retirement.

Statham's character is also good looking, charming, polite, soft-spoken and kind to animals and children.

And, in spite of committing a serious crime, he too achieves sainthood by fingering corrupt police officers and perverts in the highest echelons of the British government.

However, unlike Washington's role, Statham's character lacks common sense.

Terry is willing to risk the loss of his loving wife and kids and go to prison for the rest of his life by agreeing to rob a high-security bank simply on the reassurance from his long lost ex-girlfriend that her new beau has inside information.

Nothing suspicious here: Ex-girlfriend suddenly appears out of nowhere, buys dinner, flirts, reminisces about the good old days and then suggests breaking into a bank by tunneling 40 feet underneath a fast-food chicken restaurant.

Both films are similar in that they include a lot of violence, nudity and entrenched police corruption.

But Aussie Director Donaldson (*No Way Out*), with a mostly British cast, tries to outdo American counterparts by breaking some British film taboos, such as depicting a royal princess nude and engaged in an orgy, showing high-level government politicians engaged in sado-masochism and a pornographer torturing one of the bank heist members. Clearly, the overkill can only be described as, well, overkill.

Since redemption is the central theme of both films, it must be said that *The Bank Job* does have its redeeming qualities—a solid story that is intriguing and engaging, dialogue that is often amusing, and a fast-paced, a tension-filled plot that ends with few surprises.



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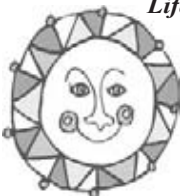
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# Second-hand treasures, first-rate gifts

## Donations reborn as children's Easter baskets

By P.J. Standlee

Many of the donations sent to the Kyrene Family Resource Center are second-hand items: used toys, books with bent pages and frayed edges, once-treasured stuffed animals.

But placed under the care of **Robin Jensen**, a local volunteer, such items can become children's treasures.

These discarded treasures are all ingredients of Jensen's popular Easter basket creations that look like expensive luxury items at Nordstrom's.

Jensen worked as a volunteer at the center, located next to Kyrene de los Niños Elementary School, for three years while her children were

at school. While there, she set out to make Easter baskets from the hodgepodge of donations left over from holiday season.

This year, Jensen handmade 45 Easter baskets and 30 gift bags, a rare treat for children and parents who usual visit the center for essential school and living supplies.

The baskets are handed out every Thursday and have become so popular that the center reluctantly decided to set an age limit of 10 and under for those who could receive a basket.

"I enjoy doing the special projects because I know it means a lot to the kids. It's about giving something back because they don't always get what they need."

The Kyrene Family Resource Center, a non-profit organization,

supports families and students enrolled in the Kyrene School District by providing donated living and school supplies.

**Roxanne Richardson**, the center's director, said Jensen faithfully volunteers every week and brings creative ideas for utilizing resources at the center.

"The things that we have lying around in bins, she uses and makes it look it came from the store. It's really special for the families who come and are surprised to see something like these Easter baskets," Richardson said.

Jensen insists she's only a small part of a larger volunteer team, but her ideas in combining resources, such as creating toiletry packages—a much-desired resource for families—

book packages for summer reading and treasure chests of toys, have become important services to the center.

Asked why she volunteers so much of own time and resources, Jensen said it was her parents who instilled social responsibility in her at a young age, which she in turn encourages in her own children.

"Sometime the kids help, or I do it [make baskets] on the kitchen table while they do their homework," Jensen said.

"It's important to learn to help other. I grew up in that environment, and it had an influence on me."

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# Briefs

## Insiders' look at Washington

Two Kyrene Corridor students are among 55 Valley high school students who just completed a weeklong stay at a Washington, D.C., program designed to help inspire the next generation to pursue careers in science, technology, engineering and math.

The students, whose participation was funded by a scholarship from Honeywell, attended the annual Presidential Classroom program March 2 through 8.

Attending from here were **S. M. Bukola Obayomi** and **Siddesh Gopalakrishnan**, both students at Corona del Sol High School.

Honeywell awards the scholarships through a rigorous application and review process based on academic

achievement and community involvement.

The two are among 428 students from 31 countries and 31 U.S. states to get a behind-the-scenes look at the interrelationships between science, technology and public policy by interacting with members of Congress, presidential appointees and senior military officers, as well as top business leaders.

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Purim, the celebration of Queen Esther saving her people from the evil decrees of Haman as told in the biblical Book of Esther, is traditionally a time for costumes, laughter and carnivals.

It's also traditionally the time for hamantaschen, the dessert shaped like evil Haman's tri-cornered hat, and there'll be plenty available to sample.

The carnival is co-sponsored by Temple Emanuel, Temple Beth

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Owners and their best teddy-bear friends can march in a Teddy Bear Parade, play games, create arts and crafts and enjoy a picnic together.

Extra bears can be donated to the Tempe Fire Department's Teddy Bear Drive. Donated bears are used to help

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Each participant will receive a free admission to the Kiwanis Park indoor wave pool from 1 to 5 p.m. Children under 8 must have an adult with them at all times.

Fee for the picnic is \$6 per child between one and 10 years old, and \$4 for adults, chaperones and siblings. Registration is available in advance or at the event, but space is limited and early registration is suggested.

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# Pit stops

The following street work has been announced by Tempe transportation officials:

Westbound Grove Parkway at Priest Drive and at Carmen Street will be restricted to one lane daily from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 10 to 21 for communication work.

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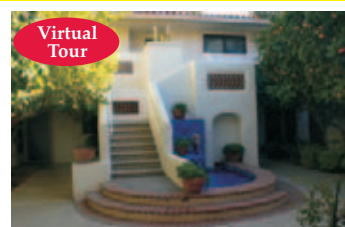
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