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Kyrene classroom technology seen as a model for other U.S. schools

By David Schauer, Superintendent Kyrene School District

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Ana Gomez del Castillo, principal at Kyrene de los Niños Elementary School, shows how Kyrene District children can tap into leading-edge technology.

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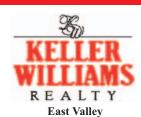
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Concrete barriers to replace Price/101 median cables

Work on HOV lanes to start in July; new Express bus route also announced

ong-awaited concrete barriers will replace existing median cables as part of an HOV-lane project scheduled to begin in July along an 11-mile stretch of the Price/101 Freeway from the Red Mountain Freeway in Scottsdale to

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the Santan Freeway in Chandler.

The start of work coincides with Valley Metro's launch of a new express-bus line from Chandler to Tempe, including a Park & Ride stop at ASU Research Park.

The limited-stop bus will utilize the Price Freeway's existing traffic lanes until the HOV project is completed.

The Arizona Department of Transportation, which is overseeing the freeway work, revealed details of its plans at a meeting held in Chandler on March 20.

When the express service starts in July, passengers will be able to leave their cars at an existing Park & Ride lot in downtown Chandler or at ASU Research Park on Elliot just west of the 101.

The downtown Chandler Park & Ride location eventually will be moved to a covered, 445-car lot at Tumbleweed Park near Hamilton and Germann road, according to Chandler spokesman Jim Phipps. Starting in December, the bus also will make a stop at Tempe's new transit center on Apache Boulevard.

The Chandler-Tempe service will enable riders to connect with another express bus that continues into downtown Phoenix, according to plans.

Chandler officials say the new express-bus service, coupled with new HOV lanes, should help ease traffic congestion and resulting delays along the Price/101 route.









Commentary

Are there bright spots in today's news?

Yes, and we set out to share those stories with 'Wrangler News' readers



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ardly a day goes by that we aren't painfully reminded of the state of our local, national and global economy.

We dread each new day's revelations and delight, at least momentarily, when a piece of good news creeps onto the front pages.

That's why we decided several weeks ago to begin looking for Kyrene Corridor businesses whose owners envision an inevitable return to economic stability, and have demonstrated their confidence in tangible

These are the people—many of whom are already investing in the future—that we'll be profiling in this and coming issues.

From such obvious enterprises as real estate

and automobile sales to the operators of small, independent businesses, a noticeable spark of optimism seems to be catching hold.

Chapman Automotive Group, owners of a number of successful dealerships Valley-wide, has announced plans to open a BMW sales center near Ray Road and 56th Street.

ReMax Achievers, one of the area's longtime real-estate brokerages, has opened a huge new office complex to house potentially hundreds of Realtors.

Small businesses like Bunna Coffee and Putsy's Chicken & Steak, have moved ahead aggressively with plans to add or expand—Bunna with a weekend brunch to accommodate a growing clientele, Putsy's

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The CHILLY Truth About Your Home Equity Line of Credit (HELOC).

by Kevin A. Kaesberg

here has been a lot of media attention lately regarding the potential accessibility of your home equity lines of credit (HELOC) in the future. Many major lending institutions have begun "freezing" any additional withdrawals from HELOCs due to the current residential real estate environment, economy and credit markets. Let's chat about how this may affect you...

Home equity is the difference between the current mortgage value on your home and the current market value of your home. If your home has a mortgage of \$100,000 and it has a market value of \$150,000, your home equity is \$50,000. This \$50,000 is an asset to you, but it is one of the more difficult assets to monetize, or turn into money/cash, due to the problems that occur should you try to sell it as we do other assets. (Problem being you would have to find another place to live...)

HELOCs have become very popular as the most efficient means of monetizing the equity in your home. HELOCs generally provide you with access, but not the obligation, to pull money from your home's equity. This can provide a sense of security and flexibility for many to do home improvements, purchase vehicles, fund businesses, pay for weddings and college, and many more. It can also be considered your 'safety net' cash should an emergency come your way, allowing you to put more of your actual cash to work in potentially higher reward investments.

Unfortunately, now the HELOCs many have become accustomed to may be closed to future withdrawals, either temporarily or permanently. There are many different factors each lender is using to ascertain whether an account will be frozen, but four of the main factors include the softness of the local residential housing market, the remaining equity in your home, the percentage of your home equity line being used and your credit score.

You may be asking yourself how this can happen if you signed a contract that they will provide you with this line of credit. I am not an attorney, but most of these contracts allow for a change of certain terms by the lending institution, one of which could be to limit credit line withdrawals due to changes in the market or your credit. Check your original paperwork.

If you are concerned about the status of your HELOC, contact your lender and ask if they are currently freezing certain HELOCs. If so, find out the criteria and ask the current status of your line of credit. You may want to stay in touch with them as their procedures may change in response to changes in the markets, economy, and your credit score. The best thing you can do to help yourself is keep your credit score high. This is really the only part of the equation you can have any control over.

-Kevin

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An open letter from Wrangler News

From Don Kirkland, Editor/President

ith our 20-year anniversary coming up soon, we thought you might like to know how things are going at Wrangler News.

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Although we're reminded daily about conditions confronting our nation's economy, the health of Wrangler News has never been better.

Even though we don't knock on doors to sell advertising (satisfied customers and readers who enjoy the paper are our best salespeople), our phones ring just as often as they always have.

Having said that, we wouldn't want you to think we're unaware of the problems affecting our economy or the impact those problems have had on our community. That's one of the reasons we've made a few minor changes to the layout and design of our paper — changes that take advantage of reduced newsprint prices and more cost-effective printing techniques.

By so doing, we've been able to keep the same low rates that our advertisers have enjoyed for almost two decades. We know how critical local advertising is to the success of many businesses, particularly small, independent ones, and we continue our commitment to helping these business owners utilize marketing that targets their best prospective customers — your neighbors and ours.

We have a couple of other ideas, as well. One of those is to seek out local

businesses that, like us, remain optimistic despite the seemingly unending reminders of current economic conditions.

There are a number of business owners who have positive stories to tell, and you'll be reading some of those in this and future editions. If you're a local businessperson with such a story, we encourage you to share it with us and our readers by calling or emailing us.

Another idea we're pursuing, as you'll also see in this issue, is to reintroduce south Tempe and west Chandler residents — neighbors in our sprawling Kyrene Corridor — to the multitude of attractions in the dynamic Mill Avenue District.

Once the perceived domain of ASU students and the party crowd, downtown Tempe has broadened its scope of shopping and dining destinations, with added appeal that we think will surprise and delight you.

You'll find news and features about some of these attractions as a pull-out section in the center of this and upcoming issues.

So that's the latest from Wrangler News. We hope you continue to enjoy receiving our paper, and remind you that we're always glad to hear from you. Thanks!



Electric rates to rise average of \$4 a month on May I

Kyrene Corridor residents will see their utility bill increase by about \$4 a month over what they paid last year as the result of a recent rate increase by Salt River Project.

SRP's board of directors approved the change and set May 1 as a starting date.

When fully implemented, the new rates will result in an overall average 3.9 percent increase in prices compared to 2007.

Of the increase, 2.1 percent is related to fuel and purchased-power expenses and 1.8 percent to changes in base prices, according to SRP spokesman Scott Harelson.

The new rate will mean that the monthly bill of a typical residential homeowner in SRP's service territory using an average of 1,285 kilowatt-hours of electricity per month will increase by about \$4.

Also approved was a new summer billing period during July and August for most price plans to reflect higher operating costs during those months.

For the typical customer, prices during these two summer peak months will increase by 6.7 percent, or about \$13.36, while the four remaining summer months (May, June, September and October) will increase by 1.7 percent, or approximately \$2.57.

Prices in the six winter months will increase by 2.3 percent, about \$1.85 more for each month.

In addition, electricity prices will be higher for usage above a monthly baseline amount (2,000kWh) from May through October for residential customers on the SRP Basic Price Plan.



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Approximately half of SRP residential customers on this plan meet this threshold at least once during the year.

The Board also approved a second residential Time of Use plan for customers that will be offered as an optional pilot program.

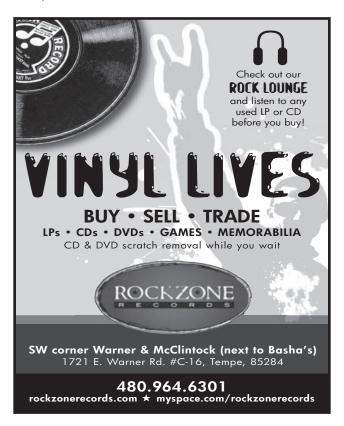
Customers who choose to participate in the plan will pay on-peak prices for energy from 3 to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday from May to October.

All other hours, including weekends and holidays, will be off-peak pricing. This pilot program is limited to 15,000 customers who must have a SRP "smart

meter" in order to participate in the program.

SRP officials say these cost-driven measures are necessary to support a six-year, \$7 billion capital expansion program and to align fuel and purchased-power prices with higher costs.

The capital expansion program will fund the replacement of aging infrastructure and the construction of new power plants and power lines needed to ensure continued reliability and to meet growing customer demand for electricity.







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Teens raise \$7,000 for aid to war-ravaged Darfur

Planners hope 'One Night Stand' will bring more dollars, awareness to their cause

By Alex Zener

The targeted genocide in Darfur presents a defining moral challenge to humanity. It is estimated that more than 60,000 men, women and children have died and over a million driven from their homes as a result of the conflict between government-backed Arab militias and Africans in western Sudan.

Although government leaders around the world have tried to end one of the world's worst humanitarian

crises to no avail, a group of students from Corona del Sol High School is taking a stand—a One Night STAND, as it were—in support of a solution.

On April 4, "Students Taking Action Now: Darfur," or STAND, will host a benefit dinner and silent auction from 6 to 9 p.m. to raise funds and

The students are out to prove that each and every person can make a difference in the life of someone else and to show what a group of individuals can achieve when they unite for a common goal.

"We hope to raise thousands of dollars for www.jewishworldwatch. org's Backpack Project, as well as continue to raise awareness of the plight of the people of Darfur," club president **Melissa Garcia** said.

"It will be a great evening for an important cause."

"The students and sponsors have dedicated hours of their personal time to make (the event), a reality, from soliciting donations and scheduling speakers, to hiring caterers and promoting the event," CdS faculty cosponsor **Kori Mandelbaum** said.

The school's STAND chapter, started a year and a half ago, has raised nearly \$7,000 toward the Darfur cause through a variety of fundraisers and projects, including Thankful Thoughts at Thanksgiving, a Guitar Hero competition at Corona's Bonfire and a variety of candy, cookie-dough, candle and dip-mix sales, among others.

"The Guitar Hero competition was one of our first ideas at the beginning of the year during brainstorming," said member **Jared Stenerson**.

"Our only problem was we couldn't find anyone to help us get actual guitars and PlayStations. Just before the competition, DeVry (University) donated the use of a videogame car with a Guitar Hero 3 in the back which had only been released two days earlier.

"DeVry also gave us three PlayStations. It was a great success, except we almost melted the equipment!"

"We have close to 30 members, but a handful of students deserve most of the credit for our success," Mandelbaum said.

STAND hopes to boost the Darfur

funds by \$3,000 at One Night STAND. Guest speakers at the dinner will include the Arizona Lost Boys of Sudan, who were orphaned during the civil war in Sudan in the 1980s.

A relatively large number of Sudan refugee boys have settled in Phoenix over the years. One of their main goals, after being educated and finding jobs, is to inform the public about the genocide in their country.

In addition, Congressman Harry Mitchell will speak, and a surprise local band has agreed to play a few songs to honor the refugees.

Several impressive items will also be auctioned at the dinner, scheduled to be held in the Corona cafeteria.

"The students have solicited from local vendors and received generous donations that will be available in the silent auction," faculty co-sponsor **Brandy Walker** said.

"Donations include a flight lesson, a signed copy of John Prendergast's Not on My Watch, a signed football by a member of the NFL Giants, golf lessons by a PGA professional, artwork, jewelry and much more."

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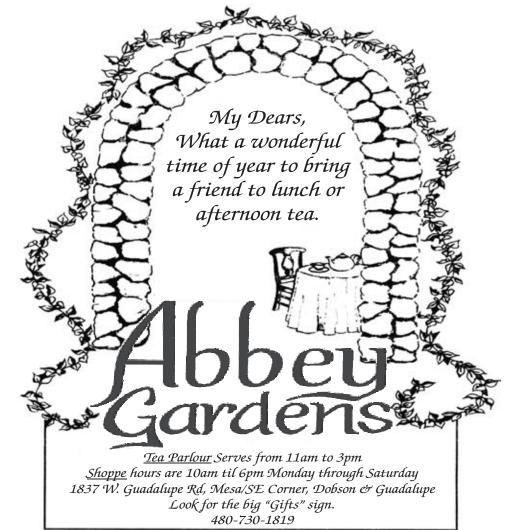
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Darfur

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way into hands that can put it to best use, say members of the group.

"We have sent most of the money to organizations that give direct aid to the people of Darfur," Mandelbaum said.

"Specifically, we have contributed to the Solar Cooker Project and the Backpack Project. Both of these are through jewishworldwatch.org. We keep a small amount of money in our account to cover some expenses, such as new T-shirts, but those costs are minimal and recouped."

"In addition to fundraising, student members have worked hard to raise community awareness about genocide in Darfur through activism," said Mandelbaum.

For 25 years, civil war has raged in the poor, arid country of Sudan, pitting the Arab ruling elite in the north against the African south.

In 2003, the fighting spread to Darfur, where a murderous militia backed by the central government has killed, raped and displaced farmers. Since then, Sudanese government forces and rebel groups have been fighting all over the country.

The war has killed hundreds of

thousands of people and displaced millions more from their homeland. These distraught and homeless millions seek refuge in camps where it is estimated several hundred die every day from hunger.

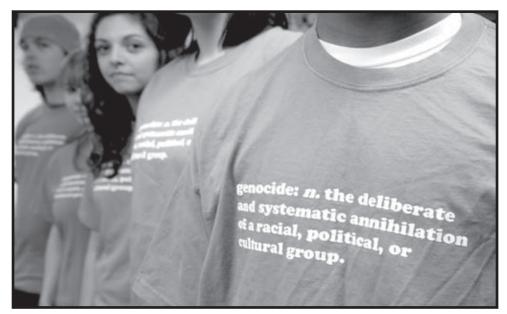
STAND began its effort to raise awareness by creating T-shirts that define genocide because, its members say, many teenagers are not aware of what genocide is.

"It is amazing how many people do not realize what is going on in Darfur," Garcia said. "Some students haven't even heard of genocide, but when we tell them and explain what is happening...they may pay more attention."

Corona students who belong to STAND and the Lost Boys of Sudan are not the only ones taking a stand against what is happening in Darfur.

Only recently, film director Steven Spielberg withdrew as an artistic adviser for the 2008 Olympics in Beijing, saying he felt that China should be doing more to pressure Sudan into ending the human suffering in western Darfur.

The One Night Stand silent auction and benefit dinner will be held in Corona's cafeteria from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, April 4. Cost of admission is \$30, and the benefit dinner will include a choice of chicken in roasted



STAND group is hoping for big turnout at its next major fundraiser on April 4.

— David Stone/Wrangler News

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red pepper sauce or vegetable lasagna.

A maximum of 250 tickets will be available for purchase in the Corona del Sol bookstore during regular bookstore hours through **Friday**, **March 28**.

For more information about One Night STAND or its student organization, contact co-sponsors Brandy Walker at bwalker.cds@tuhsd. k12.az.us or Kori Mandelbaum at kmandelbaum.cds@tuhsd.k12.az.us.



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Flash: Frowny bunnies banned from Walgreens

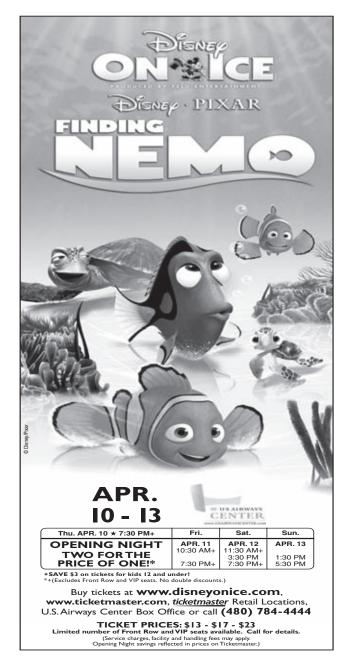
he Easter Season is upon us, so gather round, kiddies, and creepy old Uncle Mark will tell you another of his heartwarming holiday tales...

One spring day a few years ago The Wife and I were in Walgreens, me poking around aimlessly while she shopped for something specific, when I happened to come across a display of Easter-themed PEZ dispensers.

There was a lamb, and a chick, and a duckie, but it was the bunny that caught my eye.

He was, in a way, a perfectly ordinary Easter Bunny—a white head, with a faintly pink nose and long ears, faintly tinted pink inside, perched on a pale pink PEZ sleeve.

But the expression on his face was striking. The small, dark eyes were circumspect, even a little wary, and the mouth was an inverted V-shape. It looked like a frown.



I'm not sure that he—I use that gender, by the way, following the precedent of "Here Comes Peter Cottontail"—was supposed to look like he was frowning.

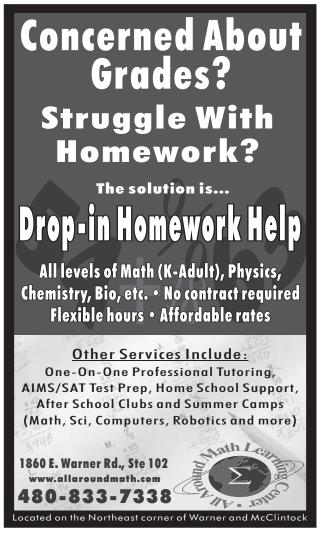
The designer may have intended the upsidedown V to realistically represent the tiny, pursed mouth of a rodent. But somehow it gave this bunny an arresting, serious countenance. He didn't look angry or unpleasant, but he looked somehow grave, uncertain, as if reserving judgment.

When The Wife walked up, I showed him to her. "Look at this bunny," I said. "This bunny is frowny." She fell in love with him on the spot. This was a bunny after her own heart.

In an uncharacteristic burst of consumer restraint, we left the store without the melancholy little PEZ bunny that day.

But at Easter time the following year, The Wife mentioned that she regretted this, and that she would like to have him for her very own. So as soon as I was able, I headed back to Walgreens—only to find that, this year, the frowny bunnies were gone.

Nothing so unusual about that, I thought. The store was simply sold out of bunnies. Except that they weren't. There were still bunnies there among the chicks and lambs. But they were *different*



ounnies.

These bunnies had big, wide, cartoony blue eyes, long vulgar whiskers and enormous, imbecilic grins. Compared to the frowny bunny, they looked like they had been drugged, or perhaps lobotomized.

Oh well, I thought, I'll just try another Walgreens. So I tried several, always to find the same result: No frowny bunnies, only insipid, mindless grinny-bunnies. It seemed, frankly, sort of sinister, like an Easter Bunny version of *The Stepford Wives*.

I went home to tell The Wife about this, and within minutes we were certain of it—Frowny Bunny, as he was now officially known, had been suppressed. Clearly there had been an outcry on the part of militantly cheerful parents to have his bad example removed from store shelves, and replaced with these glassy-eyed simps.

For The Wife, this was especially galling, as she has always resented it when some busybody, noting the somber aspect of her beautiful-yet-brooding face, gave her the bullying order "smile!"

Sometimes, she notes, you don't feel like smiling. It doesn't mean you're unhappy, it doesn't even necessarily mean that you aren't at that very moment overflowing with joy.

You just don't feel like smiling. And if you aren't feeling especially happy at that moment, pasting on a smile in response pushy social pressure isn't likely to get you there.

A year or so later, we discovered, to the detriment of our bank account, eBay and other forms of Internet shopping. We soon learned that PEZ dispensers are fanatically collected by buffs the world over—indeed, my sister-in-law has taken up the hobby—and that there are at least six different PEZ bunnies, not counting the versions of Bugs Bunny and the Energizer Bunny and who knows how many other lapine PEZ totems.

Thus, the very first item we ever bought in an online auction was Frowny Bunny. If I recall correctly, he cost less than five bucks, shipping included.

Now, as I write this, Frowny Bunny is gazing down from the top shelf of my computer deskand while I can't tell from looking at his face whether he's happy or not, I know that looking at him makes *me* smile

So—whether you feel like showing it or not—have a Happy Easter.



Neighborhood News & Notes

The Kyrene Corridor office of Adventure Travel is joining its international partners to offer free gas cards to clients who book vacation cruises.

The local office joins Carnival Cruise Lines, Vacation Express, Disney and Disney Cruise Lines, Royal Caribbean International, Norwegian Cruise Lines and Travel Impressions to provide gas cards in varying denominations based on the length of qualifying tours.

The promotion runs March 24 through April 30. The office is located at 1721 E. Warner Road, Suite C-6. Information: (480) 491-0122.

Ahwatukee are participating in a new program called Geo-Fitness, in which they receive training in hip hop dancing, geo-boxing, salsa and high-low combination movements on the mats.

The program is designed to teach number recognition, sequencing skills, problem solving and cross-lateral movement. Cheri Linden, master trainer for Geo-Fitness, is overseeing the program.

Summit is said to be the first school in Arizona to integrate Geo-Fitness into its physical education program, with the goal of helping develop the skills and tools young people need to be lifetime consumers of physical activity.

ne of the Kyrene Corridor's best-known coffee houses is among contenders for one of the Valley's notable distinctions: Best Sunday Brunch.

Customers who'd like to cast their vote for Bunna Coffee Tea and Market, located at 7520 S. Rural Road, Tempe, can visit the dining and food section at www.best.azcentral.com

The 7 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday brunch offering is new, and the store hopes this year to add to the Best Coffeehouse in the Southeast Valley recognition it received last year.

Votes can be cast once a day. Information: (480) 377-2886.



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Kyrene was proud of how the staff and children responded to this national attention

This honor is another example of what makes Kyrene such a great place for children to learn.

Contributed by Dr. David Schauer,
 Superintendent of the
 Kyrene School District





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Frustration grows over Corona air quality issues

Editor's note: The following message with an email address for Diane Burt was reported by a number of recipients on March 18, the night before a scheduled meeting at the Tempe Union High School District. It provides an overview of the current efforts by Corona del Sol parents to gain resolution of air-quality problems at the school. Follow-up coverage of the meeting was not available before this issue of Wrangler News went to print.

Hi everyone. Seems this air quality thing is trying to get pushed under the nasty-infested rug... again! People have asked for info, and it's not being delivered. If there's no problem, then I don't see the reason we can't get some very simple answers.

For the sake of our teachers and children—I truly believe we need to take action.

In addition to sending letters to the list of people I attached in the past emails, here's people views on some new thoughts and ideas.

1. IMPORTANT: There is a board meeting at the D.O. (district office) tomorrow night (March 19). Parents/students/staff are each allowed 3 minutes to voice their opinion, offer suggestions, make demands, etc. It would be nice if we could get as many people as possible at that meeting,

voicing their opinions—it would make a big statement to the board. I believe the meeting is at 6 pm. (those of you working on Aprende's 8th grade dance, see if someone can go to this meeting for you! :))

- 2. Contact the D.O. and obtain a copy of the Health Report that says all the mold is now gone. The D.O. has been telling staff/parents that the mold was taken care of. When asked to provide proof, however, the D.O. suddenly doesn't have access to it, or some other lame excuse. We want a new test. Shouldn't an air conditioning company be able to tell if a system has mold in it....that shouldn't even cost any money???
- 3. Conduct a new study from an independent, unbiased company—not Health Effects Group, which was hired by the D.O.

For some reason, the teachers/staff do not trust that the testing done by that company was reliable. The staff would like parents to e-mail (Superintendent) Steve Adolph and request a new test be completed as soon as possible.

- 4. Organize a protest—there may be something in the works—but if parents/students could organize a big protest with signs it could be a news maker.
- 5. This is just another thought....for community involvement overall. Possibly another approach is through the belief that we all want to keep our property valuable—even adults living in this community who have no children want to increase their equity, maintain their property values.

Get more people involved in the community as a whole—not just parents. A flyer placed at every house? A flyer on the mailboxes? Any ideas on how we can reach everyone? Possibly contact your neighborhood associations? I remember plenty of home owners at the Kyrene meetings. People live in these neighborhood's for a reason.

If we no longer have quality

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teachers....because they are afraid to come to work in an infested building....we won't have the academic standards we are so proud of.

Please pass this info on to as many people as possible. Corona is a place worth fighting for....but let's make sure they are not trying to 'tell us what they want us to hear'.

People's health and lives are at stake.... it could be your own child's! Thanks.



Taking a walk for unity

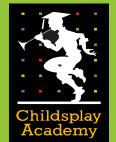
Tempe hosts a Unity Walk each year to promote diversity and acceptance of others. This year's walk ended at Tempe Public Library, with participants from Tempe, Chandler and Scottsdale. A group of Kyrene Corridor dads and daughters representing National Charity League were among the participants. At the end of the walk, members contributed to the city's Empty Bowls project, used each year to feed area homeless.

> — Photo contributed by Kris Cartwright





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Kyrene Corridor **Sports**

Returning talent helps Aztecs achieve No. 2 ranking in baseball season openers

By Justin and Steve Klett

The Corona del Sol varsity baseball team retained its No. 2 ranking, going 7-2 over the past two weeks, for an 11-3 record overall.

Coach Webb has a talented group this year and, despite being one of the youngest in 5A-1, the team has extensive experience.

Current starters include **Justin Klett** (1st), **Mike Felton** (2nd), **Kirby Pellant** (SS), **Tyler Giannonatti** (3rd), **Trevor Allen** (LF), **Ryan Moore** (CF), **Chris Lopez** (RF), **Aaron Foshie** (Utility) and catchers **Andy Nist** and **Evan**

Ritchey.

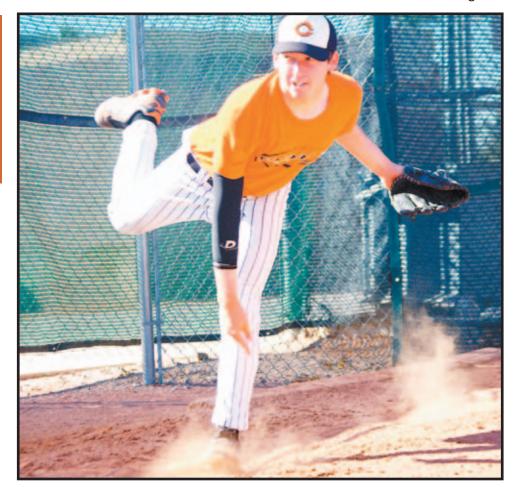
Starting pitchers include Alex Murrieta, Kevin Collinge, Brock Abbadini, Austin Doll, Greg Ryan and Giannonatti.

Mike Felton leads the team in hits, and Kevin Collinge in ERA (based on minimum at bats and innings). Chris Lopez has gone long three times and Evan Ritchey twice.

Moore and Pellant lead the team in steals.

After winning the Aztec Classic, Corona competed in the Saguaro-McClintock Spring Break tournament, losing just one game by a single run.

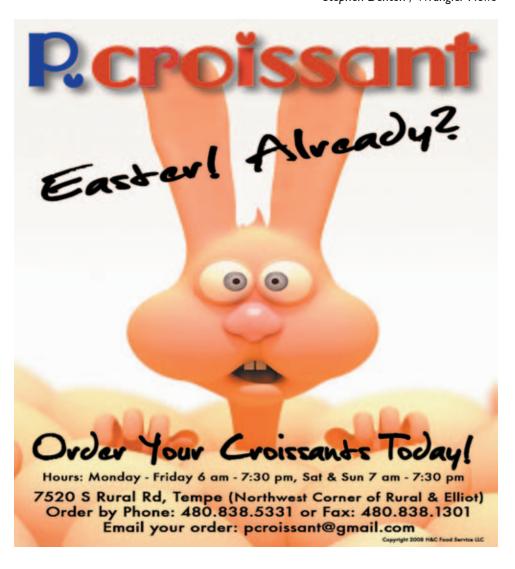
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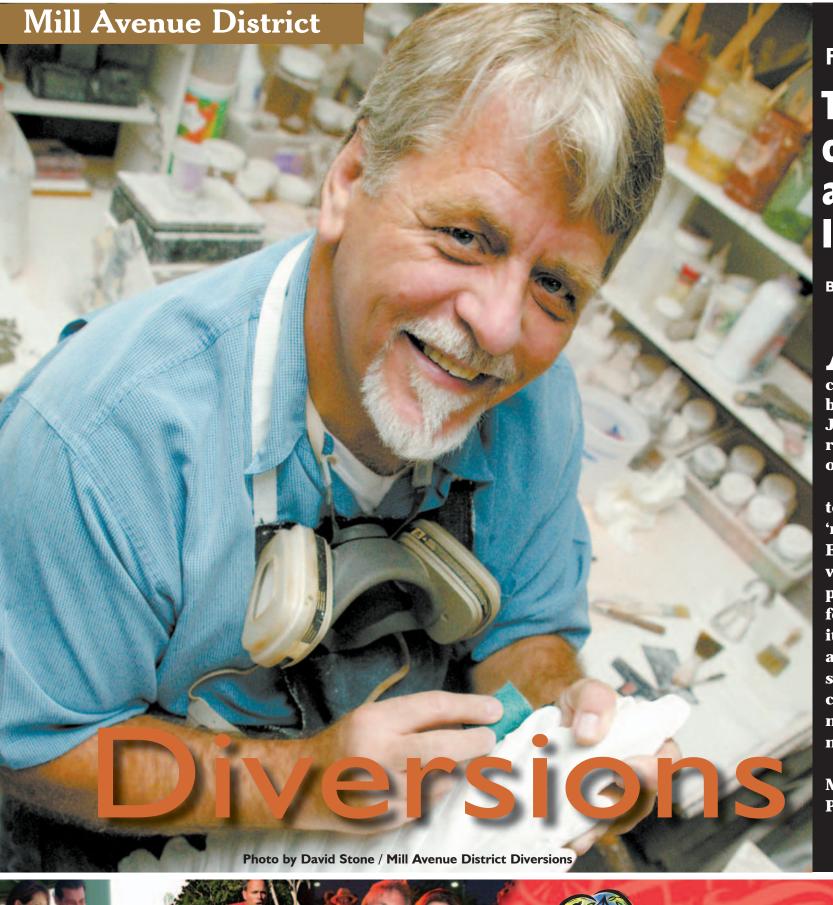


Kevin Collinge is among the Aztecs' starting pitchers this year.

— Stephen Denton / Wrangler News







Spring 2008 Festival of Arts

Turning over a 'new leaf'

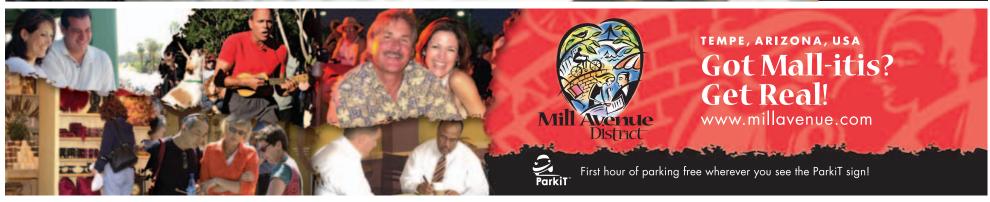
By M.V. Moorhead

new leaf—the phrase is common enough, but John Wayne Jackson says he's really invented one.

"In layman's terms, it's 'resinated earth.' Earth materials with resins and polymers and so forth, that bind it all together and make it stonelike. It's like ceramic, but it's not ceramic; it's not fired."

The Artistic Muse spoke to Phoenix native

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'New Leaf'

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Jackson right through proper channels:

"I saw something on Martha Stewart about nine years ago. She was making concrete frame mirrors with a casting of a leaf. And I thought, those would look cool big."

Jackson attempted two large leaf castings in concrete, but while the results pleased him visually, they cracked down the middle within a few weeks. So he set about to develop a new, sturdier medium that would hold the delicate designs, made from leaves Jackson has collected on rambles around the country, and also from boxes of leaves sent to him by fans.

Luckily, says Jackson of his wife Paige, "I have the most amazing partner.

Rather than saying 'You go get a job,' she said 'I'll get a job, you do this.'"

Not quite a decade after that fateful Martha Stewart show, Jackson's leaf sculptures can be found in nearly 200 galleries around the country.

"I didn't want to sell the stuff at Garden Center," says the former restaurateur and traveling salesman.

"I'm a businessman who does art. I didn't want my stuff to be something where people would say ooo and aaah, and then buy something else. So we decided to make stuff for high-end galleries. We've taken this backyard hobby to a fine art level."

Jackson's booth will be one of many at the annual street festivities, sponsored by Centerpoint Condominiums. The event is held downtown from 10 a.m. to dusk on the last Friday, Saturday and Sunday of March, and is free to the public.

The work of painters, jewelers, photographers, woodworkers and other artisans will be displayed and sold, and the weekend will also feature local musicians and other live performers on the Qwest Mainstage and the Arizona Wine Festival Jazz Stage.

Food and drink will be plentiful, of course, and a variety of activities for kids will be offered.

The Laguna Beach, California-based sculptor Michael Ezzell is the festival's Featured Artistthis spring.

Ezzell's Apocalyptic Gar Fish is the cool, ferocious-looking sea beast that serves the Fest's official image.

Visit www.tempefestivalofthearts.com for more information.

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Inspiration to share

Singer/songwriter/guitarist Walt Richardson performs Saturday, March 29, on the Qwest Main Stage as one of the featured acts at Tempe Festival of the Arts. Richardson's music is a mix of folk, rock and reggae. He says inspiration is a gift that can be shared, and his music allows him to share his own inspiration with a wide audience.

- Mill Avenue District Diversions / David Stone

Spring unfolds with a spectacular carpet of beauty — one of downtown Tempe's best kept secrets

actus League isn't the only harbinger of spring in the Valley, as walkers on A-Mountain in downtown Tempe can attest.

These trekkers are getting a pleasant surprise as they stroll amid thousands of colorful wildflowers that suddenly have bloomed, officially ushering in springtime on Hayden Butte.

The wildflowers were the brainchild of Downtown Tempe Community's executive director, **Pam Goronkin**, more than a year ago, as she envisioned the butte covered with a colorful carpet.

She sowed the seed of the idea with **Mark Richwine** with the city of Tempe, who worked with Desert Botanical Garden officials to assure that only indigenous Arizona wildflower seeds would be scattered.

City staff sprinkled thousands of seeds with a hand spreader, which included a mixture of Desert Bluebells, California Poppies, Fire Wheels, Tidy Tips, Bladder Pods, Five Spots, and Arroyo Lupine.

Hopes were high the seeds would bloom and enhance the popular hiking destination.

With the influx of heavy winter rainfall, followed by some welcomed warm weather, the wildflowers have flourished, creating a hiker's paradise.

"The rain we've had has really blessed us with a colorful display, which should last through April," said **Craig Hayton**, maintenance supervisor for Tempe Parks and Recreation.

The planting of the wildflowers is a small part of an overall initiative that Goronkin and the Downtown Tempe Community is working on to enliven the Mill Avenue District and create a welcoming environment for visitors, residents and employees.

Mill Avenue District, which encompasses A Mountain, is managed by the Downtown Tempe Community, Inc., a private, nonprofit organization.

— Casaundra Brown

31st Spring Festival of the Arts to run March 28-30 — and it's FREE!

Mill Avenue District hosts 'Best of the Best'

Tempe Festival of the Arts, Presented by Centerpoint Condominiums, announce the final lineup of 403 fine artists, crafts persons, and culinary artists who have been jury-selected for the **Friday, March 28 through Sunday, March 30** event in the Mill Avenue District.

The Tempe Festival of the Arts will open at 10:00 a.m. and close at 6:00 p.m., daily. Admission to the festival is free.

The fall festival caters to fine arts and crafts, while still offering a wide array of affordable masterpieces. Artists representing 17 categories of original art will display and sell their work in the event's street festival atmosphere.

For a complete list of artists, go to www. tempefestivalofthearts.com, which includes booth location listings.

Categories of fine art and craft include the following:

CLAY: Twenty-four artists will present their works in clay, ranging from terracotta vessels to fine raku and pottery.

DIGITAL ART: Fiveartists will showcase computer-generated images, using a modern take on photography, drawing, and fractals.

DRAWING: Five artists will present their original free-hand pictorials and compositions.

GLASS: Twenty-eight glassmakers, presenting everything from flame-

worked pieces to mouth blown, slumped glass, and original furnacemade art glass will be on hand. Glass jewelry is listed under jewelry, below.

JEWELRY: Sixty-five jewelers will present an array of jewelry that includes everything from inexpensive handmade costume jewelry to gold, silver, and platinum pieces studded with fancy-cut precious stones and flame-worked and cast glass.

LEATHER: Twelve artists who work with skins, feathers, fur, and other leathers will present original designs including hats, bags, wearables, and other delights.

METALWORK: Thirty-nine metalworkers will display and sell everything from geckos to garden art, sculptures to horseshoes, and fountains to gateways and wall art.

MIXED MEDIA – TWO DIMENSIONAL: Twenty-eight artists working in mixed media will present works including batik, woodcuts, decorative switch covers, and other originals.

MIXED MEDIA – THREE DIMENSIONAL: Twenty-two mixed-media artists will present three-dimensional works of art such as sculpture, mosaics, bamboo creations, butterfly art, and glass and metal spinners.

PAINTING: Forty painters will present everything from watercolors to oils, gouache to painting on silk, and represent an array of styles from whimsical animals to still life, landscapes, and bold graphics.

PHOTOGRAPHY: Twenty-nine fine photographers will display and sell their works from small to lobby-sized original prints. Images of Africa, the Grand Canyon, Venice, and the desert will join shots from the wild of migrations and elegant flowers, including vibrant color as well as black and white images.

PRINTMAKING: One printmaker will display his use of multiple impressions, each being original, and

put into many matrices, such as plates of metal, etching, stone, wood, and paper.

SCULPTURE: Thirteen sculptors will show their 3-dimensional works of art made of stone, metal, plastic or wood for display in your garden, office, or house!

WEARABLE ART: Twenty-four artists will present works created for wearing, such as hand-sewn jackets, woven shawls and vests, smart fashions, hats, and children's togs.

WOOD WORKING: Nineteen woodworkers will present their best, including furniture items, wood sculptures, walking sticks, inlayed wood art, and more.

OTHER ART: Twenty-two artists comprise the "other art" category, which includes such things as handmade puzzles, music, dog hats, potpourri, and miscellaneous original handmade art.

cottage crafts: Twenty-three vendors comprise the Cottage Edibles area, located along Maple, between Fifth and Seventh Streets, where original and home-made culinary delights are featured such as jams, seasonings, candies, soup mixes, salsas, and other tempting treats.

ncompassing nearly five city blocks, the event is held between 3rd Street and University on Mill Avenue, and surrounding streets also will be filled with arts and entertainment.

While many of the streets along Mill Avenue will be closed to traffic throughout the weekend, there will be ample parking available in the surrounding areas.

Free parking and a free shuttle that circulates
approximately every 15 minutes are
available at Rio Salado and Hardy.

Tempe Festival of the Arts is the largest festival of its kind in the state and in 2006 was named Arizona's best event (for events with more than 20,000 spectators) by the APS AZTec Awards, affiliated with the International Festivals & Events Association.

The Mill Avenue District expects to host as many as 250,000 festival visitors over the weekend, and to contribute more than \$11 million of economic impact to the City of Tempe.

Nearly one third of the festival's spectators come from outside the Phoenix metro area and outside Arizona.

The Tempe Festivals of the Arts occur semi-annually, with the **40th Anniversary** of the Fall Tempe Festival of the Arts scheduled for December 5-7, 2008.

Tempe Festival of the Arts is produced by the Downtown Tempe Community, Inc., the private, non-profit organization that manages the Mill Avenue District and is responsible for the vibrancy and excellence of the cultural, lifestyle, and commerce experience in the District.

Spring Tempe Festival of the Arts sponsors include APS, The Arizona Republic, Casino Arizona, Centerpoint Condominiums, Arizona State University, American Laser Centers, City of Tempe, Coca-Cola, Qwest, Renewal by Andersen, KMLE 107.9, KOOL 94.5, KTAR-AM, The Peak, First Impressions Security Doors, Hill's PetFit Tour, The Edge, Toyota Mobile Hybrid Experience, Town & Country Foods, Zone Perfect, SRP Earthwise Energy, Strategic Alliance Marketing, and Verde Canyon Railroad.

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The Color Purple

3/11/2008 - 3/23/2008 ASU Gammage Auditorium

Child's Play: A Tale of Two Cities

03/16/2008 - 4/06/2008

Saturdays 2:00 & 7:00 pm, Sundays 2:00p

Tempe Center for the Arts

Designer Night Event

3/18/2008

here on the corner

5 to 7pm

This Month we are happy to have Designs by Miss Jamie Heath on the evening of March 18th It will be a wonderful evening with wine, cheese and some fabulous jewelry.

"I Am Expressions" Open Mic Night

3/18/2008

Location: THE CENTER - 21 E. 6th St. Suite 114

7-9 pm, No Cover!

Visionary Readings

3/19/2008

Location: THE CENTER - 21 E. 6th St. Suite 114

7-9 pm, No Cover!

Hackett House Bakery Days Event

3/19/2008

Ladies Night Out

3/20/2008

Location: THE CENTER - 21 E. 6th St.

Suite 114

7pm Organic Martinis

7:30 - 8:30pm Exotic Dance FX Class

Kate Clinton Live

March 21 @ 7:30 pm Tempe Center for the Arts

A Tale of Two Cities

3/22/2008 - 4/6/2008

Location: Tempe Center for the Arts Saturdays at 2 and 7 pm and Sundays at 2

"Live Jazz" at Monti's Back Door

3/24/2008

Alice Tatum and her Quartet Shows are every Monday from 5:30 to 8 p.m.

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"I Am Expressions" Open Mic Night

3/25/2008

Location: THE CENTER - 21 E. 6th St. Suite 114

7-9 pm, No Cover!

Visionary Readings

3/26/2008

Location: THE CENTER - 21 E. 6th St. Suite 114

7-9 pm, No Cover!

Ladies Night Out

3/27/2008

THE CENTER - 21 E. 6th St. Suite 114 7pm Organic Martinis

7:30 - 8:30pm Exotic Dance FX Class

Tempe Festival of the Arts

3/28/2008 - 3/30/2008 Mill Avenue District

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Tempe Music Festival

3/28/2008 - 3/29/2008 Tempe Beach Park

SRP Dragon Boat Festival

3/29/2008 - 3/30/2008 Tempe Town Lake

Sunday: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM, Saturday: 9:00

AM - 4:00 PM

Uhuru Ascent: Into Thin Air

March 29 @ 7:00 pm Tempe Center for the Arts

"Live Jazz" at Monti's Back Door

3/31/2008

Guitar Summit featuring Chris Champion, Bill Moio and Jeff Libman and Dom Moio on drums and Mario Mendivil on bass Shows are every Monday from 5:30 to 8 p.m.

MDA Run Walk

4/5/2008

Tempe Beach Park

Ironman Arizona "Race"

4/11/2008

Tempe Beach Park

Sweeney Todd

4/15/2008 - 4/20/2008 ASU Gammage Auditorium

Hackett House Bakery Days Event

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April 2 @ 7:00 pm

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April 4 & 5 @ 8:00 pm and April 6 @ 2:00

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Poetry in April: Charles Jensen

April 9 @ 7:00pm

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April II @ 7:30 pm

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Reading the Best: Arizona Celebrates **Books & Writers**

April 12 @ 7:00 pm

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Tempe Symphonic Wind Ensemble

Musical Portraits

April 15 @ 7:30 pm

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Poetry in April: Hershman John

April 16 @ 7:00 pm

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Tempe Youth Wind Ensemble Concert

April 16 @ 7:30 pm

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Tempe Symphony Orchestra

April 21 @ 7:30 pm

Tempe Center for the Arts

Poetry in April: Patricia Colleen Murphy

April 23 @ 7:00 pm

Tempe Center for the Arts

Downtown (Great) Deal

'Dinner and a Show'

SU Gammage is teaming up with Downtown Tempe Community, Inc. to launch "Dinner & A Show," a special program that offers Gammage ticketholders discounts or free menu items from participating restaurants in the Mill Avenue District.

Four hours of free parking will also be provided by the DTC the night of a show. Dinner & A Show was launched March 11 with the run of *The Color Purple*.

Dinner & A Show caters to all events held at historic ASU Gammage, including the M&I Bank Broadway Across America-Arizona Series and the BEYOND series, as well as rental shows.

Thirteen Mill Avenue District restaurants are offering discounts or free menu items upon presentation of an ASU Gammage ticket stub on the day of each show.

Participating restaurants include Ruby Tuesday, The Bamboo Club, UNO **Chicago Grill, Gordon Bierch Brewery** Restaurant, Taco Del Mar, Macayo's Depot Cantina, The Library Bar & Grill, **Dragonfly Vietnamese Kitchen, Caffe** Boa, Grilled Expedition, My Big Fat Greek Restaurant, Bison Witches Bar and Deli and The Tavern on Mill.

Free parking is available for four hours at the Centerpoint surface lot, Brickyard garage and Hayden Square garage.

Patrons can catch the Orbit Jupiter shuttle, provided by the city of Tempe, at each bus stop along Mill Avenue to take them to and from ASU Gammage.

The Dinner & Show program will continue through the 2007/2008 season, ending June 29 with the close of High School Musical and restarting with the 2008/2009 show series, which begins in early September.

Ticket holders for the 2008/2009 season will receive VIP Cards that will provide special discounts at participating restaurants outside of show nights.

ASU Gammage's show schedule can be found at www.asugammage.com.



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Baseball

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Corona busted out the bats, scoring 68 runs in the first five games, before losing their final game 2-1 to rival Marcos.

Jake Morales (Marcos) and Collinge locked in a pitchers' duel, yielding just 4 hits and one earned run each.

Austin Doll pitched a gem against Queen Creek, taking a one-hit shut-out through 5 2/3 innings. Hitting well in the tournament were Felton, Foshie, Moore, Jason Fickett and Marshall Gottlieb.

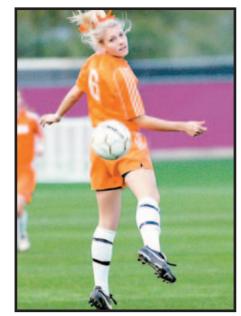
Alex Murrieta has

been sporting a haircut last popular during the Punk Rock revolution-the Mohawk. Rumor has it the entire team was considering the cuts, but Alex went first and, well, prom is coming.

Look for this team to improve as the big hitters get it going and the young pitchers learn how to throw their own game.

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Brittany Cole: Most Valuable Player

— Kris Cartwright

Corona girls soccer, coach garner post-season honors

By Alex Zener

everal Lady Aztec players and head coach **Matt Smith** won post-season awards, despite losing to No. 7-seeded Gilbert Highland in the quarterfinals,

CdS, seeded No. 2 and the two-time defending Class 5A Division I champions, had hoped to win its third consecutive championship this season. Instead, Central region foe Mountain Pointe took home the trophy.

Corona dominated the

Central Region during the regular season winning their third consecutive region championship.

Even though the Lady Aztecs did not make it to the championship match this season, they obviously impressed many people based on the number of post-season awards the team garnered.

Senior forward **Brittany Cole** was not only named Most Valuable Player in the Central Region but was honored as the Big Schools Player of the Year by the

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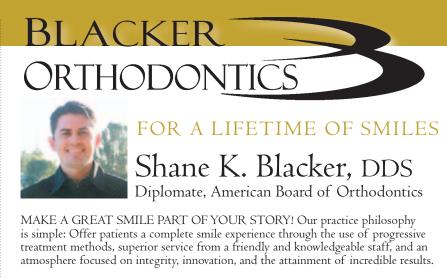
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Soccer

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Arizona Republic after scoring 22 goals and 19 assists her senior year.

Cole has been a force to be reckoned with from the minute she played her first match as a Corona freshman.

She has consistently scored goals and assists in double-digit all four years in addition to being selected to the All-Arizona team for the last three years. She earned the Gatorade State Player of the Year award as a junior. Cole has signed a letter of

intent to play soccer at the University of Arizona next

Coach Matt Smith was name the Central Region Coach of the Year. In addition, 13 Lady Aztecs were selected to all-region teams and 6 made it on the allstate teams.

All-region first team recipients were Megan Larsen, Angela Williamson, Ashley Kniffen, Alexis Burkhart, Lexie Schroeder, Courtnay Mayers and Este Rea.

Selected to the all-region second team were Hailey Hayes, Sammy Lloyd, Lindsay Dorweiler, Julie VandeBerg and Whitney Miller while Krista Hoffer made the honorable mention list.

All-State first team honors went to seniors Brittany Cole and Courtnay Mayers. All-State second team selections were senior Alexis Burkhart. Hailey Hayes, Este Rea; Lexie Schroeder made honorable mention.

The Lady Aztecs will return 15 players, including all-region selections keeper Hayes, defender Kniffen, midfielder Schroeder and defender Williamson next season to defend their Central Region title and go after another state championship.

Information about Corona girls soccer can be found at the team's website http://www. aztecathletics.com/.









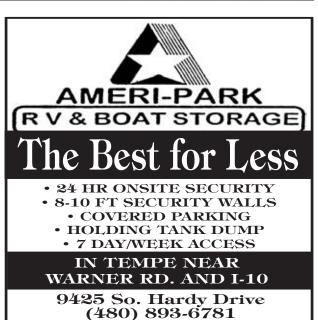














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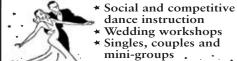
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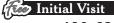
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with the plan to launch a third new location near the ASU campus (a second, spin-off site, Silver Mine Subs, opened two weeks ago in the Home Depot center at Warner and Kyrene roads).

Perhaps it is in real estate where economic conditions seem to be generating the greatest wave of new interest.

"Right now, there are exceptional buying opportunities for homebuyers," says **Jeff Lucas**, broker for the long-established Lucas Realty firm that recently linked its ERA affiliation with East Coast brokerage Hunt Realty.

Although sales are admittedly down and inventory is up, Lucas says the arrival of the traditionally active spring real estate season "should bring a bump in sales from March through mid- to the end of June."

Lucas also notes that, while homesellers typically are taking less for their properties than they did 2-3 years ago, they're getting substantial price reductions on the next home they buy.

"If the seller is moving up in price (for the next home), they're likely to get a better discount than what they gave up on the one they sold."

His view of the future is no less optimistic.

"The strength of our real estate market lies in a very balanced economy in terms of our vibrant business sector," he said.

"Additionally, we continue to have very strong net in-migration, which is building the population base and bringing homebuyers into the market.

"We're going to get through this (economic downturn) at a much more rapid pace than cities in other parts of the country that don't have all the assets and resources we do."

Kris Cartwright, one of the group of ReMax Achievers Realtors who has relocated to the new ReMax complex, says the sprawling facility just off Chandler Boulevard has created new excitement among those who have made the move.

"This market is again allowing first-time homebuyers the opportunity to get into an affordable home," said Cartwright.

"In Economics it's called the trickle-down theory but this is more of a 'trickle-up' theory, as the lowerend homes sell, which stimulates the market for larger homes.

"I'm very excited about the movement in the \$150,000-\$250,000 price range, and I'm starting to see movement in the next price level up as well.

"Today's home sellers cannot look at what things sold for 2-3 years ago; they have to compare what their home can sell for today and what a great deal they get when purchasing their new home."

Cartwright said the changing market requires real estate agents to be innovative in their use of technology and to look for ways to market themselves and the homes they have listed.

Marketing gets the client's property in front of potential buyers and motivates them to take action by using their computer to search for additional information, she said

"Today's buyers are doing a lot of research on their own, and we have to understand how to use the Internet to our advantage.

"Our new ReMax office has large, flat-screen monitors in each conference room that allow us to

showcase properties to our potential buyers prior to driving out to actually look at homes.

"It helps buyers to narrow down the properties they really want to spend time visiting in person," she said.

Like many others, **Cindy Dach** of Changing Hands Bookstore remains upbeat about Tempe.

"Google just moved here, Arizona State University is growing upward, young people are coming here because it's affordable and businesses see nothing but opportunity."

Dach added that Tempe is not a one-industry town, is well diversified and, unlike some other parts of the Valley, is in a unique position. Recent housing statistics support Dach's observation. Tempe has the lowest foreclosure rate in the Phoenix metropolitan area (2.8 per 1,000 people) and home values have remained relatively stable.

Tim Vasquez, owner of the Someburros restaurant chain, is so optimistic about the future he just opened another location in Chandler.

"People still like to eat out and don't have a lot of time. They make adjustments. We offer high quality fast Mexican food that is inexpensive. When people cut back on eating out, (it relates to) eating out at expensive restaurants."

Matt Henneberger, one of seven investorowners of Putsy's, shares the same positive outlook

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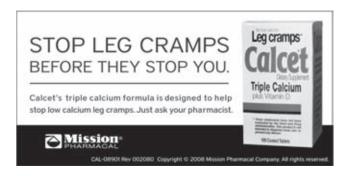
for the future.

He says his company's location on Warner Road next to Picazzo's has experienced five successful months following its opening by offering restaurant-quality food at a low price-point, noting that times require paying close attention to the issues of quality and affordability.

For business owners looking for guidance in the face of current economic conditions, noted author **Bill McKibben** will be at Changing Hands at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 25.

McKibben visualizes a future in which local businesses compete more effectively with big-box retailers, at the same time build strength of the local community and enable a greater potential for sustainability.

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Monday, March 24

• Preschool Story Time for 3 to 5 year olds at Sunset Library. II:15 to II:45 a.m.

Wednesday, March 26

- Toddler Time for 18 to 36 month olds at Sunset Library. 10:15-10:45a.m.
- Spring Choir Concert at Corona del Sol, 7 p.m.

Friday, March 28

- Festival of the Arts, Mill Avenue District, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. See the new Mill Avenue Diversions section for more information.
- Teens Only After Hours Movie Night, Sunset Library, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Popcorn, Lemonade and a teen movie on the big screen for ages 13-18.

Saturday, March 29

- Festival of the Arts, Mill Avenue District, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Annual Warner Ranch garage sale sponsored by Lucas/ Hunt ERARealty Group, starting at 7 a.m.
- Maureen Conlin of Happy Notes Music at Changing Hands Bookstore, a "Go Green" event for children, with dancing, singing and puppets. I I a.m.
- Ronnie Leach performs live music at Bunna Coffee 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

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Tuesday, April I

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Wednesday, April 2

• Vehicle Day at Dayspring Preschool, 1365 E. Elliot Road, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Vehicles of all shapes and sizes to explore for kids of all ages!

Thursday, April 3

• Sign Language Story Time for Preschoolers at Changing Hands Bookstore, 10:15 a.m

Friday, April 4

- Anne Frank: A History For Today Exhibit opens, runs April 4 – May I, located at the Barness Family Jewish Community Center in Chandler, more info visit www. evicc.org
- Waggoner Elementary School hosts the Annual Spring Carnival, 5 to 8:30 p.m., rides, games and food, fun for all ages!
- Mariposa Elementary Spring Festival, enjoy fun and games at the Hawaiian Luau.

Saturday, April 5

- \bullet Changing Hands Bookstore celebrates with a 34th Anniversary Party, 10 a.m. 5 p.m. Everyone is invited for tarot readings, face painting, live music, free treats and much more.
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Lucas/Warner Ranch garage sale scheduled March 29

The annual Warner Ranch community-wide garage sale, sponsored by the Lucas Group at Hunt Real Estate ERA, will be held Saturday, March 29, starting at 7 a.m.

More than 100 homes are expected to participate.

As in previous years, Lucas staff will coordinate promoting the event through advertising and signage.

For information on how to register, or sale details, call (480) 940-7100.

Pueblo Middle School stays open during power loss

A transformer fire on the street adjacent to Pueblo Middle School resulted in a temporary loss of power to the school on March 19. Classes, however, were not disrupted.

SRP crews were due to restore service to the school late Wednesday.

Honors to CdS scholars

Four Corona del Sol High School students have been honored for their achievements.

Wendy Cai and **Barbara Gao** are among semi-finalists in the Toyota Scholars Scholarship program.

Wendy is also a Coca-Cola scholar and is being interviewed for a national award of \$20,000. She is assured of \$10,000 as a regional winner.

Kaitlyn Mulhollan was one of two Arizona youth volunteers selected for a Prudential Spirit of Community Award. The nationwide program recognizes young people for outstanding acts of volunteerism.

Grace Do was also recognized as a distinguished finalist in the Prudential competition for her community service activities. She will receive an engraved bronze medallion.

Jazzfest features Dr. John

West Chandler residents are being invited to join their city's annual jazz

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festival April 4-6, with a promise of more than 40 bands performing at 20 downtown restaurants, bars, galleries and open spaces.

The event showcases some of Arizona's best homegrown musical talent, complemented by evening performances featuring nationally known jazz performers.

As in past years, straight-ahead modern jazz is the focus of the event, with additional performances highlighting the birthplace of jazz, New Orleans.

The highlight of the weekend is a special concert on Saturday night at the Center for the Arts by New Orleans native Dr. John, with an opening performance by the Kenny Garrett Quartet.

Tickets for the performance, at \$20, are available at the center box office or online at www.chandlercenter.org. Main stage performances in Dr. A.J. Chandler Park include Armand Boatman and the Be-Bop Revolution, and The Dirty Dozen Brass Band on Friday evening.

Saturday night's main stage performers include the East Valley Yamaha Music School, the Jack Radavich Trio with special guest Chuck Findley, and the 52nd St Jazz Band.

On Sunday, Jazz in Arizona will present the Battle of the Youth Jazz Bands on the main stage from 1-4:30 p.m.

There is no charge for admission to any of the event venues, except for the special engagement Saturday night at the Center for the Arts.

Free parking is available in the downtown area. Guests may want to bring a blanket or lawn chair to enjoy the outdoor performances.

A complete festival entertainment lineup is available online at www. chandleraz.gov/jazz or by calling (480) 782-2735.

The festival runs 4:45-9:15 p.m. Friday, April 4; 1-11 p.m. Saturday, April 5; and 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday, April 6.

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A honey of a bunny; great idea for Easter

Bunnies are everywhere at Tempe Great Harvest Bread Co. — in the mixing bowls, on the kneading table, hanging out on the bread racks, even coming out of the ovens.

The 100 percent fresh, cute, warm, whole wheat "Honey Bunnies" are being sold to benefit Tempe's Children's Cancer Network, a charity that offers assistance to Arizona families dealing with childhood cancer by providing financial support, patient and family education and self-esteem building activities...

The network fulfills a dream of **Jenny Luttrell**, who met a family during her brother's cancer treatment in Tucson that had just lost a daughter and did not have enough gasoline to make the drive home. Money was collected to benefit the family that night, and Children's Cancer Network was born.

After hearing about Luttrell's generosity last year, Great Harvest owner **Bill Holmes** decided to help. The bakery raised \$2,400 for gas cards to help needy families cover the cost of travel while their children receive cancer treatment. This year's goal is \$5,000.

For Easter this year, the bakery has been kneading its signature honey whole wheat bread into "Honey Bunnies," which have become popular centerpieces for the Easter dining table. They're also used as dipping bowls surrounded by fresh vegetables or as cute additions to Easter baskets.

There's still time to buy a Honey Bunny for \$14,99, \$3 of which is given to the cancer network. Other sizes and prices are also available.

The bakery is located at the northwest corner of Warner Road and McClintock Drive. Information: (480) 777-1141.



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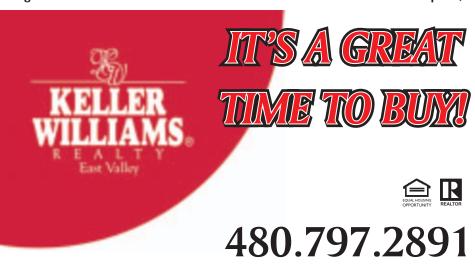
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