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Little gamers queued up for the big Spring Festival at Waggoner Elementary School, sponsored by the school's PTO. An obstacle course, bungee run, bouncer and other fun stuff maintained their usual appeal, but the big attraction was the Game Truck, a mobile van tricked out with enough high-tech video gadgetry to challenge even the most discerning mini-bot.

Among the players were, from left, Matthew Nouis, 7; Michael Garlid, 9; Ryan Novis, 10; and Erick Garlid, 8.

— David Stone / Wrangler News

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A Special Invitation to Parents of Children in Grades K-5

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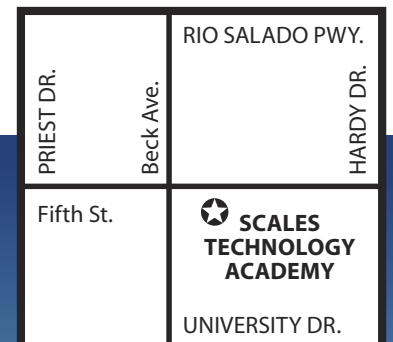
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\$16 mil tech school could be on CdS air-quality ballot

By Mark Moorehead

Funding for a \$16 million engineering technical school could end up on the November ballot as part of a \$42 million bond issue being considered to resolve air-quality problems at Corona del Sol High School.

Discussion regarding such a specialty campus came up at a March 27 meeting of the Citizens High School Financial Advisory Committee, which was formed to advise the Tempe Union High School District's governing board on approaches to win voter approval of a proposed bond measure.

In its final report, the committee will recommend the amount of the bonds and identify projects that would justify any attendant tax increase.

Pressure from staff and parents within the Corona boundary, who have attributed health problems to the faulty system, has been so great that the state's High School Facilities Board agreed last week to reconsider its previous refusal to fund the project.

Among officials attending the March 27 meeting were Steve Adolph, district superintendent; Diane Meulemans, TUHSD chief financial officer; Robin Arredondo-Savage, TUHSD board member; Susan Edwards, principal at Corona; Dr. Anna Battle, principal at Desert Vista High School; and Kim Hilgers, principal at McClintock.

Janis Merrill, in-house legal counsel for the district, outlined legal limitations that would be faced by committee members, public officials and PTO

members in promoting the November bond issue under the state's Open Meeting Law.

Merrill cautioned that any violations of the applicable statute could jeopardize the outcome of the vote.

The group also heard results of a recent survey of voters within the district by Paul Ulan of Primary Consultants. Of 28,000 parents of children registered to vote, only 8 percent turned out in the last election, the results showed.

Ulan also noted that 43,000 early ballots will be mailed, with an expected return of 80-85 percent.

Clearly, parents with children have not been among the majority of early-ballot voters, a population which often decides whether a bond proposal succeeds or fails.

Meulemans, the district's financial expert, answered two of the group's biggest questions:

How much will the bonds cost and what will they pay for?

The \$42 million estimate so far remains unchanged, according to Meulemans. As to how the proceeds would be spent, the answer is more controversial, based on reactions from audience members at the meeting.

Of the total, part would also be set aside for a new roof at Desert Vista High School; \$16 million would be earmarked for the proposed engineering school.

Harry Short, a Corona del Sol parent and member of the Kyrene Corridor Rotary Club, questioned why such an important bond would include so large an

amount for an engineering school.

Superintendent Adolph responded that the district's preliminary research indicates a need for such a school in the Valley, and that it would attract 500 local and out-of-district students, providing additional income the district desperately needs.

Adolph cited demographics projecting declining enrollment in the district in the near future, along with a corresponding decline in revenue from the state to pay teacher salaries, hire staff and support school programs.

Meulemans was quick to point out that any decision regarding which projects will be included in the bonds will not be finalized until the next meeting of the committee.

No one in the audience questioned the seriousness of the budget crunch or the district's need for additional funding, illustrated in part by a recent decision to cut \$1.3 million in benefits for retiring teachers.

Virtually all agreed that the district needs approval of the November bonds merely to keep up with basic maintenance of existing facilities; otherwise, they said, the cost to taxpayers would only increase as building costs go up, foul air continues to circulate at Corona and the roof keeps on leaking at Desert Vista.

Committee members are scheduled to present their recommendations to the governing board within the next few weeks.

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Early start date pushing Kyrene kindergarten signups

By Don Kirkland

Opening day is still five months away, but the rush is already on to get kids signed up for kindergarten.

Classes reconvene early this year in the Kyrene School District—Monday, Aug. 4—which has pushed pre-enrollment orientation sessions onto an accelerated schedule, parents into a fast-track mode and staff into virtual overdrive to accommodate an onslaught of pre-enrollment inquiries.

Although signups currently are below last year's pre-opening numbers, Kyrene officials say they're confident next year's kindergarten classrooms will be just as full as they are this year.

And while early registration helps the district plan for needed resources, officials admit the Aug. 4 start may come as a big surprise to many parents, especially those moving here from other parts of the country where classes sometimes don't begin until mid-September.

In terms of staffing, the district works hard to keep classroom size between 18 and 22 students, says spokeswoman **Nancy Dudenhoefer**. When capacity is reached at any of the 19 locations, she says, parents must look elsewhere.

Thus, even though enrollment continues well after the starting day of classes, signing up now helps ensure that the child will be able to attend a school of choice.

Also seen as a vital component of the pre-enrollment process is the annual recurrence of each school's Meet the Teacher Night, this year scheduled district-wide on Wednesday and Thursday, July 30 and 31.

"This is huge," says Dudenhoefer, noting that meet-the-teacher events are particularly important for kindergartners, most of whom will be attending school for the first time. It's also an important information-gathering opportunity for parents who weren't able to sign up during the early-registration period, she said.

Of the nearly 12,000 students enrolled in Kyrene schools, approximately 2,200 are kindergartners, Dudenhoefer says. The number remains high, she says, because of what Kyrene feels are advances in curriculum, program and technology, including multiple computers in every classroom.

"There are typically five laptops in each room, and the students use them to make electronic portfolios or work on a particular project," Dudenhoefer said. "It's what today's kids know—not the kindergarten class of mommy and daddy's days."

The district's adoption of a laptop program was one of the factors in its recent recognition by the National School Board Association, Dudenhoefer noted.

Considered strengths in addition to technology and class size are highly qualified teaching staff, individualized plans for student achievement, art curriculum, music and physical education taught by specialists, classroom help from instructional assistants and support for at-risk children.

In addition to regular full-day programming, half-day kindergarten classes are available at selected locations. Also offered are before- and after-school childcare via Kyrene Kids Club, which has earned recognition as the state's best multi-site program.

As word of the availability of early kindergarten registration filters out via school marquees and word of mouth, the district's **Bonny Dolinsek** says her phones hardly have stopped ringing.

Dolinsek succeeds **Gerry Ryan**, who retired several months ago after more than 20 years as a school secretary and Kyrene's open-enrollment specialist. Dolinsek says one thing evidently hasn't changed in recent years: the multiplicity of questions parents ask.

Here, according to Dolinsek, are the things parents seem most eager to know, and her answers to those questions:

Question: How old does my child need to be to enter Kyrene kindergarten?

Answer: We recommend your child be age five by Sept. 1 of the current school year. However, parents of children born between Sept. 1 and Dec. 31 may attend a kindergarten early-admissions information meeting to determine if they should fill out an application.

Q: I heard that in Arizona you pay for kindergarten.

A: Two years ago the state determined that all kindergarten would be free.

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Compounding Your Way to Wealth by Kevin A. Kaesberg

I believe that building wealth involves more than anticipating the direction of the markets, interest rates, inflation or the economy. It takes more than knowing the next big IPO or investing in your brother-in-law's new network marketing idea. Building

wealth usually requires discipline; possibly a financial plan, advisors and/or mentors to keep you focused on your goals and to help you make appropriate decisions when temptation starts to rear its ugly head. But ultimately, building wealth takes knowledge ...

One of the most important things you may need to know and understand is the power of compounding interest. Some of you are wondering if you should read the rest of this column because you already know how compounding works, but it takes more than KNOWING about compounding ... in my opinion, you must DO! You must make decisions with that knowledge to use the power of compounding interest in your favor.

Most of you have heard the story of investor Joe who started his IRA at the age of 19 and made \$2000 contributions for 7 years versus Bob who waited until age 26 to start his IRA, contributing \$2000 for 40 years, both at 10% compounded returns per year. Who retired with the most money? Joe did due to having 7 more years of compounding that more than made up for the 33 additional years of contributions of Bob.*

So, if everyone knows and understands the potential power of compounding, why do we have an extremely low, if not negative, savings rate? Why is the debt load for Americans so high? Why is savings for retirement so minimal compared to other countries? If the power of compounding interest is so good for investing, doesn't it mean it is equally as detrimental for borrowing?

There is an old adage "He who understands interest, earns it. He who doesn't understand interest, pays it." The way I see it, we

as a society and as individuals have forgotten this very important and timely maxim. If you truly understand compounding, why is so much interest being paid and so little of it being earned?

With the exponentially changing global economy and additional competitive pressures from abroad, I expect increased concerns in our economy, industries and markets. Whether you are an individual, family or business owner, if you are financial leveraged beyond your comfort or sleeping level, now may be the time to look at your financial picture and make some hard decisions to get you back to a level of comfort.

If you need a refresher course on compounding tables, I recommend you find a volume of compounding interest tables and spend some time reviewing it. It may also be a great tool to start teaching your children about money and compounding. Learning about compounding is something I doubt they are going to learn in school. Albert Einstein thought it was pretty miraculous, maybe your kids will, too! If you can't find a book of tables, contact me and I will point you in the right direction.

Trying to keep compounding real...

—Kevin

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Teens embark on lifesaving mission for starving children

By Alex Zener

Who would think one small bag of something that looks like Cream of Wheat and costs only 15 cents could help save a child's life?

Several Kyrene Corridor kids and their parents will be donating their time next week in an attempt to mix the right proportion of ingredients that will be used to feed thousands of starving children throughout the world.

These volunteers will be filling bags with a mixture of dry food that, when mixed with water, becomes a lifesaving meal.

Members of the Corona del Sol Key

Club and the East Valley Boys Service Club will be donating their time in 4-hour shifts to wear plastic caps and gloves on their hands to scoop up the right combination of dried food combined in bags that will be shipped to areas of need.

Feed My Starving Children is an organization dedicated to feeding starving children worldwide by having volunteers pack nutritious meals made up of rice, soy, vitamins and dehydrated vegetables in bags to be distributed through relief organizations to starving children.

Once the food reaches the children, water is added to make a nutritious meal. A single meal costs only 15 cents;

\$55 will feed one child for an entire year.

Last year alone, the group shipped FMSC depends on donations to purchase the supplies and volunteers to pack the bags at mobile packing events throughout the country. One of these is scheduled April 8-12 at Esperanza Lutheran Church, 2601 E. Thunderhill Place, Phoenix.

Although FMSC already has 1,200 volunteers signed up for the event and hopes to pack close to 250,000 meals, \$37,000 is needed to cover the cost of the meals. Ninety-five percent of the all donations go directly to the food program.

Checks—any amount, no matter

how small—should be made out to FMSC with "Esperanza Event" written on the memo line and dropped off at the church any time before April 15 or mailed to the Arizona Program Director, Janine Skinner. Information is available by sending email to azskinner@cox.net.

The Esperanza event is the second FMSC activity of its kind held in Arizona, with another scheduled for late August.

For more information about FMSC, visit the group's website at <http://www.fmsc.org/>.

For photos of recipients receiving food bags, visit the media section of the website at <http://fmsc.smugmug.com/>.

So. Tempe Sister City volunteers planning Hackett House festivities

Cinco de Mayo may be weeks off but Kyrene Corridor members of Tempe's Sister City organization have invited their neighbors to enjoy "Margaritas and Magic," which they're describing as "the spiciest event of the year," on Friday, April 18.

The event features six different stations of Mexican food, along

with bargain shopping, door prizes, a silent auction, margaritas and sangria, gourmet coffees and strolling magicians. Tickets are \$25 per person in advance, \$35 at the door.

The event will be held at the historic Hackett House in downtown Tempe, just west of Fourth Street and Mill Avenue. A parking garage is available

next door, with festivities kicking off at 5:30 p.m.

Money raised at the event will benefit the organization's children's programs, including a free field trip to Hackett House for Tempe sixth grade students, the award-winning Passport to the World program and new children's culinary classes.

South Tempe committee members include **Dolores Salhauna**, who will become director of Hackett House in May; **Nancy Henneberry**; **Virginia Cresswell**; **Dot Sisulak**; **Trish DeGraf**; **Doris Flurer**; **Karen Tromp**; **Matt, Gary and Chris Naderer**; **Beth Kroeger**; **Diane and John Casper**.



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For an independent store that was started on a budget of just \$500, 2008 marks Changing Hands' 34th year in business.

Now, with a staff numbering almost 50, the store continues to host recognized authors, contribute to the community and promote reading and literacy to residents Valleywide.

To celebrate its good fortune, Changing Hands will host a Customer Appreciation Celebration throughout the day April 12.

The schedule of events includes face painting with Joan Langdon; kids decorating bookmarks; chair massage by Michelle Buhman; Peter Rabbit costume storyteller; five-minute readings by James Betz; henna tattoos; edible book cakes by John Risseeuw; handwriting analysis with Sharon Thomas Downing; and a kids musical event with Jeff Jones.

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Massage franchise proves to be hands-on success story



Jon Brovitz says economic conditions haven't hindered growth of his enterprise. — David Stone/Wrangler News

Whether it's to reduce the agony of a strained muscle, minimize the effects of stress or simply give the body a relaxing treat, therapeutic massage has become today's treatment of choice for a growing throng of devotees.

Not to mention a thriving business enterprise for **Jon Brovitz**.

Brovitz and his wife **Bonnie** moved to the Valley from the San Francisco Bay Area in the aftermath of the dot-com fiasco. Finding the business opportunities here abundant and the cost of living more affordable, they decided to stay.

It wasn't long before the husband-and-wife team had connected with the Massage Envy franchise launched in Canada in 2001; by 2003, they had opened their first clinic in Chandler, followed the next year by one on Elliot Road in Tempe. Four more have been added since.

"Until learning more about it, I had viewed massage as a luxury you get when you're on vacation, staying at a resort," said Brovitz.

By making massage more affordable and offering it close to home on an easily arranged schedule, Brovitz says he not only has been able to grow the number of southeast Valley locations but start planning for more.

With the existing centers flourishing even during a downturn in the economy, Brovitz announced the opening of a new clinic this month in Chandler, with plans under way for two more in other southeast Valley locations in the near future.

While massage at one time was viewed by many as being affordable only to the elite few, it's seen by most today as a necessity, according to Brovitz.

"People who have chronic back or neck pain, fibromyalgia...something that won't go away...now find relief after just one visit," he said.

That word seems to be spreading, with Brovitz saying as many as 30 percent of his new customers have never had a massage before.

"People need to find an outlet, to take a vacation from all the stresses of their job. To just get away for an hour, to go back feeling relaxed...it becomes habit forming," he said.

Although he recognizes that economic conditions haven't been the best in recent months, he says he has confidence that his business will continue to thrive.

"I think people will spend money on massage, even during tough times, because they (recognize the) need to relieve stress.

It's also appealing, says Brovitz, to spend \$39 (the cost of a massage at Massage Envy) compared to the \$150 they could have spent at a resort.

If there was ever a sure sign that the concept is spreading to the masses, Brovitz notes that his father had his first massage just two years ago.

Not all that unusual until Brovitz mentions his dad his 83.

— By Don Kirkland

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Baseball Report

Aztecs boost record to 14-5, hold brief lead in 5A-1 polls

Corona del Sol High School's varsity baseball squad improved its record to an impressive 14-5 and briefly led the 5A-1 in power points and some newspaper polls.

Corona stacked up three more wins, but suffered two setbacks over the past two weeks. This column covers the period from March 17-31.

Mike Felton continues to lead the team in hitting with a .537 average, followed by **Trevor Allen** around .490. These two hitters along with **Kirby Pellant** tend to lead in virtually all of the offensive categories—hits, batting average, slugging percentage, on-base percentage, RBIs, steals and runs, to name a few. The team has 10 home runs and **Chris Lopez** still leads with three. **Justin Klett** leads in walks with 11.

The team is putting a high number of runners on base with seven starters and two utility players having a .450 or higher on-base percentage. That means that virtually the entire starting nine get on base (hit or walk) every other time they get to the plate (**Ryan Moore**, Pellant, Felton, **Tyler Giannonatti**, Allen, **Aaron Foshie**, Klett, **Alex Murietta** and Lopez).

Corona walloped three more non-conference opponents, outscoring Cibola, Central and North Canyon, 48 to 9. The contests really were not that close and reserves played many of the innings. In the two losses Corona was outscored 5-11.

Corona really needed to face some of this tougher pitching earlier in the season, but we think the bats will come around in the big games as the hitters adjust.

Kevin Collinge pitched another gem this week, holding Red Mountain to a 1-1 tie through 5. He has been the most consistent and solid performer for the Aztec's, but Corona has only managed 4 runs in three of his games (two losses and a no decision).

He really could easily be 6-0.

Corona also played Horizon under the Friday night lights, which proved troubling to Corona batters through four innings. Trailing 6-0, Corona staged a rally in the 5th with three runs, but a pitching change put a stop to that.

The Aztecs lost 3-6 in the last game before region play begins.

Sophomore **Austin Doll** is the Aztec ERA leader, but has logged just 11 innings. Collinge has thrown 30 innings and posts an impressive 1.37 ERA. Giannonatti has a 2.86 ERA in 22 innings. **Brock Abbadini** is the team strike out leader with 20 in 14 innings.

Only four weeks remain in the regular season. The Orange Men open region play against cross-town rival Mountain Pointe, followed by Desert Vista the next week.

The schedulers were good to Corona, with only two games in three of the last four weeks, before the state tournament begins.

— Contributed By Justin and Steve Klett



Corona ice hockey players include, from left, front row, Chris Suriano, Miguel Griffin; back row, Chris Stark, Shane Ellis, Ryan Greenspan and Greg Hunt. Not shown: Sam Geise.

Players recognized at State Hockey interest growing as Corona club wins No. 4 rank

By Alex Zener

Hockey competition goes on ice this month following selection of the local sport's top players.

This season, Corona del Sol team members participated in the "B" Division of the Arizona High School Hockey Association League against 10 other teams.

The Corona club provides a team environment for high school players enrolled in ninth through 12th grades interested in playing competitive ice hockey against other club teams at the high school level.

The season runs from September through the first weeks of April.

The Corona team finished the regular season ranked No. 4, with an 8/9/3 record, defeating No. 5-ranked Sunrise Mountain Mustangs 5-3 in the quarterfinals on March 31.

Corona was scheduled to play in the semifinals against No. 1-ranked Tucson Monsoon on April 4 at the Peoria South Pole Ice Rink.

Several Corona club hockey players received awards and were selected to state and all-star teams.

Kyrene Corridor Sports

Arizona All-State selections honored April 3 at the Phoenix Roadrunners Game at US Airways Arena included **Ryan Greenspan**, First Team Forward; **Chris Stark**, First Team Defense; and **Christopher Suriano**, First Team Defense (goalie).

In addition, **Shane Ellis** was selected as Second Team Forward; **Sam Geise** was named Honorable Mention Forward and **Greg Hunt** received Honorable Mention Defense.

Greenspan led the team in points at 43, goals at 33 and hat tricks with 5. **Anthony Vetrano** led the team in assists with 15.

Ellis led the team in playmakers, which is three assists in a game. He also was second in goals, points and assists.

Goalie **Miguel Griffin** received 315 shots at Corona's goal, saving 256 or 81 percent from scoring.

Corona players selected to participate in the All-Star game in January included Greenspan, Griffin, Ellis, Hunt and Stark.

Hunt won the fastest/hardest shot, a 78-mph effort, followed by an 85-mph shot. Griffin won the

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Undiscovered treasures, right in our own back yard

Exploring: Seems there isn't much out there to discover any more.

Every inch of the world has been mapped. As we travel deeper and deeper into space to conquer that final frontier, are there any unknowns remaining? Is there anything out there still undiscovered?

I'd be willing to bet there's plenty to find right in our own backyard. The Kyrene Corridor is rich with opportunity for an urban explorer.

I've lived in this area for the majority of my adult life, and only

recently realized how many undiscovered treasures lie right at my fingertips.

So many of our lives are packed full of the mundane tasks of day-to-day living that we fail to see the diversity and beauty surrounding us.

I think if we just slowed down and took off our blinders, we might really appreciate what we have right here at home.

Between racing to deposit one kid at soccer, one at choir, one at work



and one at basketball practice, it seems there hasn't been much time to look around and see what my community has to offer.

I've been so focused on getting all the kids to their designated drop-offs on time that I haven't

had (or made?) time to check out what has been happening around here in the past few years.

Recently, I've made a conscious effort to see what's going on around the Kyrene Corridor. If you have the time or inclination, there are many things to discover for yourself.

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— DOREN, Page 11

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Tempe budget hearings

Revised dates for budget review and approval sessions have been set by the Tempe City Council.

The new dates include:

Thursday, April 10, 3 p.m. — Budget review session (Capital Improvement Program)

Thursday, April 17, 6 p.m. — Budget review session (Capital Improvement Program if needed and operating budget)

Thursday, May 22, 1 p.m. — Adoption of tentative budget. Public hearing and final adoption of Capital Improvement Program.

Thursday, June 5, 7:30 p.m. — Final budget adoption. First public hearing for property tax ordinance

Thursday, June 19, 3 p.m. — Final property tax adoption

Public can view health curriculum

Members of the Kyrene Governing Board have voted to open for 60-day public review the eighth-grade lessons that support Strands 8 and 9 of the Kyrene Expanded Health Curriculum. The program to be reviewed is

“Choosing the Best Life,” described by district officials as an abstinence-focused curriculum.

Resources, including outlines of the lessons and videos used in instruction, are available for viewing and comment at the district office through Aug. 22.

Parents, teachers and community members can view the materials and provide feedback to the Health Steering Committee and the board.

It is recommended that all of the five lessons and accompanying video clips be viewed, which may take 1½ to 2 hours.

Viewing hours generally range from 8 to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, but because of interruptions to the schedule as classes draw to a close, anyone planning to visit the district offices is advised to call (480) 783-4175 to confirm.

Kyrene district offices are at 8700 S. Kyrene Road, Tempe.

Priest/Knox delays

Northbound Priest Drive at Knox Road is restricted to one lane daily from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. until April 10 to install curbs and gutters.

Doren

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scratched up CDs and DVDs that have been played on way too many trips in Mom’s Taxi.

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The final class in a series of workshops by the Leadership Centre will offer hands-on experience in reviewing contracts and selecting the best management company.

An Application of Selection Techniques class will review the request-for-proposal process through final selection of a contract and provide an opportunity to practice application of an evaluation matrix in decision-making.

Pre-requisite: Selecting a Management Company and Other Vendors.

The class will be held at 6 p.m. Thursday, April 24, at Chandler-Gilbert Community College, 2626 E. Pecos Road. Fee is \$25; registration is required. Members of registered neighborhoods in Chandler may

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CdS varsity boys tennis smashing its competition

By Alex Zener

Coach **Rick Wanta** may have one of his best varsity boys tennis teams ever this year. The team started the season strong, taking the championship trophy against 32 teams at the Kiwanis Invitational in February.

Last weekend, they continued their success by winning the 2008 City of Tempe Boys Tennis Tournament, compiling 57 total team points.

Next closest team was Desert Vista, which came in a whopping 21 under at 36 team points.

Mountain Pointe was third with 27 points, and Marcos finished fourth with 7. Corona had three singles champions

in the Tempe City tournament, with **Kyle Ogren** winning at the No. 4 position, **Daniel Larsson** at No. 5 and **Ben Duong** at No. 6.

CdS also had two doubles champion teams, with **Raghu Menon** and **Tanner Hatch** winning the No. 2 spot and, at No. 3, **Daniel Larsson** and **Ben Duong**.

In addition, **Garret Dunn** finished second in the No. 1 singles position and **Tanner Hatch** finished second at the No. 3 singles. The team of **Garret Dunn** and **Kyle Ogren** finished second in the No. 1 doubles spot.

The Aztecs have only lost one team match all season, and that was to

powerhouse Brophy early in February.

CdS has beaten teams 9-0 five times, and the closest anyone has gotten to defeating the Aztecs was Desert Vista in a close 5-4 team match.

Corona hoped to smash the ball against Desert Vista on April 1 to win the Central Region outright, according to Coach Wanta.

The team has only three regular season matches left before region and state tournaments start.

For more information, including schedules and results, visit Corona's athletic website at <http://www.aztecatletics.com/>.

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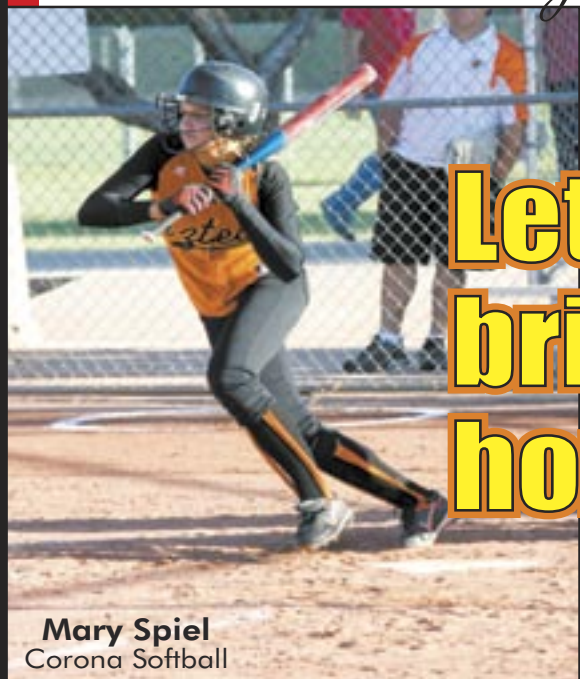
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Kindergarten

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Q: Will my child get to take a nap?

A: Most classrooms have a rest period.

Q: What can I do to help my child be as ready as possible for kindergarten in August?

A: It's legally required that your child have up-to-date immunizations, so that's a good thing to take care of over the summer. We also suggest you familiarize your child with the bus stop and the campus before school begins. As well, a couple weeks prior to the start of school, putting the child on a schedule that simulates the time they will have to awaken to get ready is helpful.

Q: When will I find out more about what my child will be doing next year?

A: School staffs start sending out letters the week of July 21; this usually includes the teacher's name and room number. Don't worry if for some reason you don't receive a letter. Simply plan to attend Meet the Teacher Night and someone at the event will give you that information.

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Hide your license plate? OK, but don't think it's the perfect solution

By Adam Schifter

Not long ago, my dad received a nondescript envelope from the city of Scottsdale containing a not-so-flattering photograph of himself and a traffic citation—he'd been nabbed for speeding by the cameras on Loop 101.

Then, a few days later, another envelope arrived, this one from a company claiming to have the solution to my dad's driving woes. What he needed, they suggested, was a license-plate cover.

How do these things work? we wondered.

Basically, they utilize a thin lens to bend the light emitted by the flash of photo-enforcement cameras, with the intent of rendering illegible the characters of your license plate.

For several weeks we pondered the legality of such a "solution." The letter stated that, "contrary to what you have heard, license plate covers are not illegal in Arizona."

Even then, the idea seemed debatable at best.

After some investigation, here are the facts:

License plate covers (and sprays that serve to accomplish similar ends) are not illegal. That is, it is *not illegal* to own a license plate cover. They are illegal, however, when they are used to render the plate illegible.

According to Arizona Revised Statutes 28-2354, "A person shall maintain each license plate so it is clearly legible."

Bringing the issue closer to home is the recent appearance of cameras at more and more area intersections. Back in November, Tempe decided to install 20 new cameras around the city, including one at Warner and Rural roads.

These cameras incorporate technology that not only allows them to detect and capture red-light offenses, but also speed violations. So, yes, *it is now possible to get a speeding ticket simply by going through a green light at camera-equipped intersection.*

So back to my dad's dilemma:

In the end, he ordered two covers before determining that they're illegal.

My complaints and my mom's advice, however, ultimately caused him to discard the covers (wisely, I thought) early one Thursday morning.

Some drivers no doubt will continue to use consider the use of covers to obscure their license plates, just as my dad did in the beginning.

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Hockey

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goalie competition with most blocked shots, and Greenspan won MVP honors for the South team.

The Corona club is seeking players for the upcoming summer and fall seasons.

You can get more information about the Arizona High School Hockey Association League and where the teams play by visiting the website at <http://www.thunderonice.com>

Tempe Arts Center ensemble program will celebrate cultural diversity

Students from Corona del Sol will join other area musicians in a Music Under the Stars performance at 7 p.m. Friday, April 18, at the Lakeside Amphitheater at Tempe Center for the Arts, 700 W. Rio Salado Parkway.

The unique gathering of ensembles celebrates diversity in arts and culture, and sets the tone for a broader community-wide appreciation for the arts and cultural diversity.

Participating ensembles, in addition to CdS, include the Arizona Wind Symphony, Academy Drum & Bugle Corps and Desert Vista High School.

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Five from South Tempe among recipients of Neighbor of Year awards

Exemplary neighbors, including five from south Tempe, will be honored at the city's 2008 Neighborhood Workshop and Neighbor of the Year program.

The event, from 7:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 5, begins with registration and a continental breakfast at 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.

South Tempe honorees are:

Jim Joy, Camelot Village Neighborhood Association (Guadalupe and Country Club Way);

Gail Majors, Raintree neighborhood (Carver and Rural);

Stanley Nicpon, Calle de Caballos Homeowners' Association (McClintock and Calle de Caballos);

Kristin Shaeffer, Neighbor in the area south of The Lakes (McClintock and Southshore); and

Mary Wolf Francis, Corona del Sol Neighborhood Association (McClintock and Warner).

The workshop program is designed to help participants learn about the tools and resources available to homeowners and neighborhood groups, formulate fresh outreach approaches, make new friends and get motivated.

Kiwanis swim classes start in April

Swimming safety begins with swimming knowledge. That's the reminder from staff at Kiwanis Recreation Center, where classes will start up again in mid-April.

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Kyrene schools are all labeled Excelling or Highly Performing. In order to maintain the top label or move up in the state labeling system, schools must

meet the requirements for Adequate Yearly Progress. In addition to meeting the learning goals of AYP, schools must test 95 percent of the students.

Parents are urged to be sure that children are on time for school each day during the testing period of April 7 through 17.

Students who are not present during this period will have to participate in a make-up session, which will interfere with the daily lessons prepared by the

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Parents with special circumstances during this period are urged to contact the child's teacher so that arrangements can be made for testing.

— Contributed by Nancy Dudenhoefer, community relations manager for the Kyrene School District



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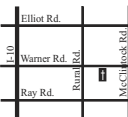


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Saturday, April 5

- 3-2-1 Blastoff! 10:30 am at Sunset Library, Kids come to Astronaut Training Camp. Make a moon helmet and learn about space exploration, register online at www.ChandlerLibrary.org
- Safety Splash Day at Gold Medal Swim School, 2:30 to 5:30, Celebrate April Pools Day and Water Safety Month. Enjoy games, food, CPR classes and water safety education from the Chandler Fire Department
- Changing Hands Bookstore Celebrates their 34th anniversary, 10 am to 5 pm, fun events for all, including Peter Rabbit at 11 am and professional story tellers.
- Also at Changing Hands Bookstore, Valerie Bertenelli signs copies of her memoir, Losing It, at 6 pm, purchase book at Changing Hands to receive a signing voucher.

Wednesday, April 9

- Author event at Changing Hands Bookstore, 7 pm. Lisa McMahon visits with her paranormal debut novel, Wake, about a girl who has the ability to help others through her dreams. Cassandra Clare joins in the discussion with her new book, City of Ashes.
- Whole Foods Market in Chandler hosts a bottle signing event for Arizona Wineries. Eric Gomski and Maynard Keenan sign bottles from Caduceus Cellars and Page Spring Cellars, 4pm to 9 pm.

Thursday, April 10

- Safety in the Desert at Sunset Library, kids and families learn tools and techniques that can make living in the desert a safer and more enjoyable experience. 4 pm to 5 pm, register by calling 480-782-2842.

Saturday, April 12

- Mad Scientist Day at Changing Hands Bookstore, 11 am to 1 pm. Come watch and learn as local science pros share the secrets of the science world from detective work to the magic of chemistry.
- Author event at Borders Books in Chandler, 2 pm to 4 pm, Kevin Herbst, a Chandler resident, will be signing copies of his award winning novel, The End of Heroes

Wednesday, April 16

- Author event at Changing Hands Bookstore, Andrew Pek and Jeannine McClade share their book, Stimulated: Spark the Creative Genius Inside at 7 pm. Listen to ideas about how to get out of the rut you may have fallen into and let out your inner genius.

Thursday, April 17

- Meet One Book AZ author Nancy E. Turner as she discusses her book, These Is My Words, at 3 pm at Connections Café inside the Tempe Public Library.

Friday, April 18

- Community Music Night at Changing Hands Bookstore, 8:30 to 10:30, come listen as both professional and amateur musicians play short music sets for the public.

— Please send items for calendar consideration to tracy.doren@wranglernews.com



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Comedy ends Tempe Little Theatre season

Tempe Little Theatre will close out its 37th season with a deliciously dark comedy that takes a journey into the world of five very different women, all bridesmaids, with performances of *Women Wearing the Same Dress*, running May 9 through 18.

During an ostentatious wedding reception, five reluctant, identically clad bridesmaids joyously discover they all share common bonds beyond their bridesmaid dresses.

Performances are 8 p.m. May 9, 10, 16, 17; 2 p.m. May 10, 11 and 17; and 7 p.m. May 15, all at the new Tempe Center for the Arts, 700 Rio Salado Parkway at Tempe Town Lake.

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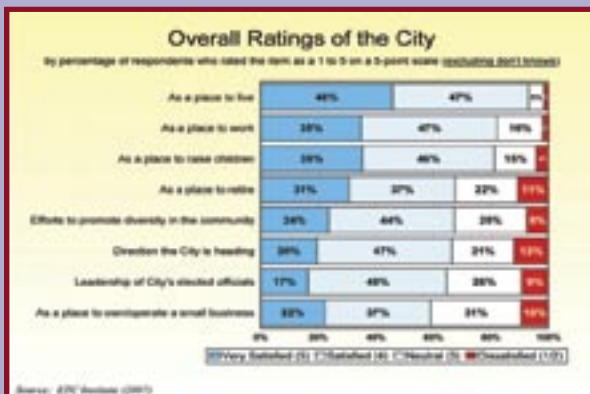
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Tempe gets high marks from residents; survey captures record satisfaction with city services, programs, facilities



Results are in from the City of Tempe's first comprehensive citizen satisfaction survey since 2000 and residents have expressed largely positive feedback on essential services and amenities provided by the city.

More than 1,000 residents weighed in on questions dealing with water service, parks, trash collection, public safety and more. Their ratings give the City of Tempe important information about how well it is providing services.

Kansas-based ETC Institute conducted the survey and compared Tempe to its database of cities across the country. Tempe ranked in the top five percent of cities nationally when it came to the satisfaction of residents.

Survey respondents expressed overall satisfaction levels of 88 percent — that's 35 percent above the national average.

Highlights include:

- Satisfaction with bulk item pickup and removal services rated 22 percent above the national average (82 percent in Tempe vs. 60 percent in U.S.)

- Satisfaction with the condition of streets in neighborhoods rated 16 percent above the national average (76 percent in Tempe vs. 60 percent in U.S.)

- Satisfaction with city water services rated 15 percent above the national average (88 percent in Tempe vs. 73 percent in U.S.)

Complete survey results are available at www.tempe.gov/news/2007satsurvey.htm.

Tempe events honor our planet

Celebrate Mother Nature during Earth Month in April and on Earth Day, which is April 26. Several activities are planned throughout Tempe in honor of our planet, and residents are invited to participate:

Earth Day 5K: The Tempe Earth Day 5K and Green Expo aims to raise awareness of environmentally-friendly practices. The event includes live music from 5-8 p.m., a free green expo, a costume contest and a kids' race. The 5K starts at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 22, at the Tempe Center for the Arts, 700 W. Rio Salado Parkway, and will follow the south bank of Tempe Town Lake. Environmentally-friendly companies are invited to participate in the expo — call 480-220-2019 or e-mail info@runningmasters.com for more information. The event will fund a scholarship to Arizona State University's School of Sustainability. For more information, visit www.tempe.gov/lake/earthday5k.htm. To register for the Earth Day 5K, visit www.active.com.

Recycle athletic shoes: Get your old shoes back in the game. The City of Tempe, in partnership with the Nike Reuse-A-Shoe program, collects and recycles any brand of used athletic shoes and keeps them out of landfills. The shoes are ground up and used to make new athletic surfaces like soccer fields, basketball courts and running tracks. Participants in the Earth Day 5K (above) will be able to donate old shoes at the event.

For information about Tempe's nine dropoff locations, call 480-350-8234 or visit www.tempe.gov/neighborhoods/shoes.htm.

Shred personal documents: Protect yourself from identity theft by shredding sensitive and personal documents during a free community Shred-A-Thon, sponsored by the City of Tempe's Public Works Solid Waste Division and Premier Document Shredding. Tempe residents can watch their documents being destroyed on Saturday, April 19, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at 2250 W. Broadway Rd., Suite 104, in Mesa. For more information, call 480-350-8224 or visit www.tempe.gov/recycling.

Annual Town Lake clean-up needs volunteers: Volunteer to revitalize Tempe Town Lake at the city's annual clean-up project, on Saturday, April 26, from 7-11 a.m. Help restore the lake habitat by picking up litter, weeding, raking and sprucing up the shores so the lake can continue to be an incredible setting for enjoyment and recreation. For more information or to sign up, call 480-350-8625.

Recycle household products: Tempe residents can help keep their community clean

and safe by using the Valley's first permanent Household Products Collection Center (HPCC).

The Tempe HPCC, located at 1320 E. University Drive, is open to Tempe residents and accepts any household paint, chemical or pesticide — even if it's old and has no label. Properly recycling these substances prevents them from being dumped down drains, dumped onto the ground or placed in the trash, all of which are harmful to ground water and urban lakes.

The Tempe HPCC cannot accept tires, appliances, needles, ammunition and radioactive waste. Use caution in transporting chemicals to the center by never mixing products and never putting containers in the same bag.

In celebration of Earth Day, the HPCC will hold tours of the facility and will host a swap area. From April 21-25, the HPCC will expand its hours and will be open to Tempe residents from 7 a.m. to noon.

Tours will be given daily at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. For more information, call 480-350-2818 or visit www.tempe.gov/HHW/.

The swap area offers recycled and useable household cleaners, stains, car care products, lawn care products, pesticides and home repair products. The HPCC also has gallon and quart-size containers of latex paint, as well as 5-gallon containers of exterior-use latex paint. The outdoor paint is available in white, grey and tan. All products are free and available as long as they last.

Free bus passes for youth: Starting May 12, the City of Tempe will be issuing free 2008-2009 bus passes for Tempe youth. In its fourth year, the Tempe Youth Free Bus program allows students ages six to 18, who are residents of Tempe, to ride all Valley Metro bus routes for free.

Current bus passes expire June 30. The new passes will be valid July 1 through June 30, 2009. To register, a parent or guardian must accompany the child and bring the child's birth certificate. Applicants must provide proof of current Tempe residency.

Free passes are available on May 31, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., on the lower level of the Tempe Public Library, 3500 S. Rural Rd. Passes are also available at the Tempe Transit Store, at College Avenue and Veterans Way, Monday-Saturday, from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information, call the Tempe Transit Store at 480-858-2350 or visit www.tempe.gov/tim. For bus routes and schedules, call 602-253-5000 or visit www.valleymetro.org.





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Spray pads at Desert Breeze Park have been turned on for kids to enjoy as spring temperatures rise. The pads have clever features that intermittently spray water. Amenities at Desert Breeze include three dolphins, ground sprays and an elephant. The park is at 660 N. Desert Breeze Blvd., Chandler. Information: (480) 782-2750.

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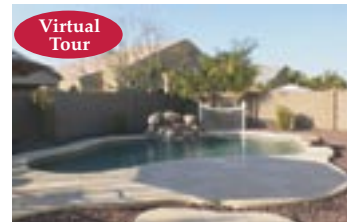
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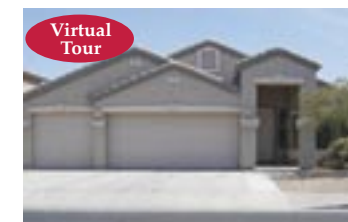
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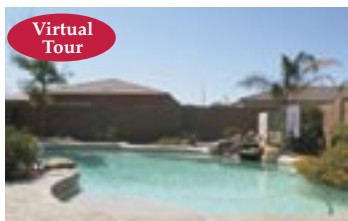
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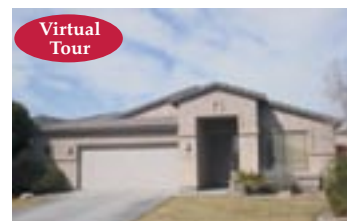
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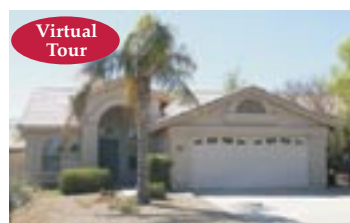
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