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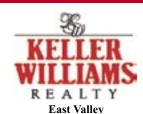
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# Battling the big-boxes and winning: A small-business success story

hen you're the number two guy in the neighborhood, knowing how to find your niche and fill it can spell the difference between success and failure. That's a challenge Ace Hardware faces around the nation.

It's also what Kyrene Corridor resident **Jan Blanco** sees as a wide-open window of opportunity.

Blanco is one of only nine Ace Hardware owners nationwide participating in a year-long project to find out how the stores' merchandising mix might be modified to lure away some of the numberone guy's customers.

The study got under way last October and is due to wrap up in October this year.

Even though there's still more to learn, Blanco says some changes that already have been implemented at her Baseline & McClintock store are proving the study's worth.

For example:

"We found out that we were able to give the customer more variety of products in the same, existing space," said Blanco.

The first new idea to take form was an equipment-rental area, an idea she says

she'd had in the back of her mind for some time. "We'd always wanted to have the rental capability because the rental place down the street had closed," she said.

Early results of the merchandising study also enabled the store to add

lawnmowers, tillers, fans, evaporative coolers, tile saws, tables and chairs..."a little bit of everything," she says, noting that the store also carries a respectable supply of equipment repair parts.

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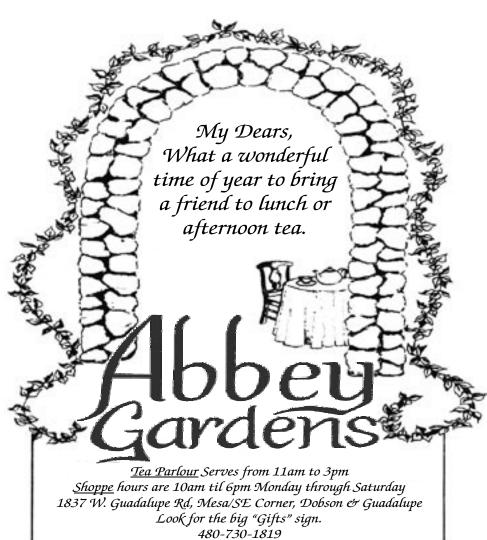


Jan Blanco at her south Tempe Ace Hardware. An year-long merchandising study already has produced positive results.

— David Stone / Wrangler News







### Ace

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While the other stores involved in the study—two more in the Valley, six in the Chicago area-are uncovering their own individual differences, most already have made changes to their merchandising mix.

More than 3,000 products have been added to each store, says Blanco, including a number of new items in the lawn-andgarden and paint departments.

It is in the latter category where Ace seems to have found success by emphasizing its partnership with Benjamin Moore paints, at the same time maintaining the focus on Ace's own proprietary label.

"Every neighborhood is different, and it's hard to make a determination for each one at a national level," said Blanco.

Thus, she says, each store carries different products, depending on what each owner is able to identify as a local priority.

As to price differentials among Ace and the big-box stores, Blanco says that, thanks to carefully crafted advertising by Home Depot and Lowe's, customers tend "to have the idea in their heads that (the bigger stores') prices are always lower."

In fact, the dominant chains will lowball the price of a high-volume product like PVC pipe, but then sell the required connectors, which the average customer doesn't think about, "for two or three times



Ace Hardware staffer Kellie Garrison rings up purchases for store regular Philip Patten.

- David Stone / Wrangler News

more."

Not waiting for the study's results to be completed, Blanco says her store continues to strengthen its commitment to customer service.

"If we can't find an item (in our store), we special order it at no charge or we drive to another store and get it for them," she

"I was in Casa Grande and a customer wanted some paint we don't carry, so I stopped at Frazee on the way back and picked it up.'

It wasn't, Blanco insists, a one-time occurrence.

"We do that sort of thing every day." Location: 1805 E. Baseline Road, Tempe

Information: (480) 839-2623.

# Workshop addresses neighborhood issues

Residents interested in learning how to sustain and enhance their communities in today's tough economy still have time to learn how.

Neighborhoods Arizona! runs 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 17, at Chandler Center for the Arts, 250 N. Arizona Ave.

With bankruptcies and foreclosures affecting neighborhoods, this conference addresses how to minimize the impact to HOAs and traditional neighborhoods.

Keynote speakers include Sam Wercinski, commissioner of the Arizona Department of Real Estate; Carl Kinney, administrator, Arizona Housing Finance Authority; Bart Parks, CEO of Capital Consultants Management Corporation; and Augustus Shaw, attorney, Shaw & Lines LLC.

The event also includes opening remarks by Chandler Mayor Boyd **Dunn**, and breakout sessions on neighbor conflicts, communication tips and preserving neighborhoods through community events.

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When residents of the Scudder Park **West Neighborhood Association** replied in a Citizen Satisfaction Survey that they'd like to see the area's alleys improved, Tempe's **Deputy Public Works Manager** John Osgood got busy. City crews gathered for 'The Big Sweep,' a massive Saturday-morning cleanup effort that had city workers and area residents sharing shovels, rakes, ladders and saws to give the neighborhood a bright, new look. Said Osgood: 'It was a launching point for better communication; it was a big success.'

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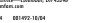
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Edward Jones

### Waggoner fence issue closed . . . for now

# Principal, parents pursuing alternative solutions

ecurity fencing on the east side of Waggoner Park appears to be a dead issue, at least until proponents come up with a plan that can gain wider parent and neighborhood support.

A group of Waggoner Elementary School parents had asked Principal Ken Helling to request the installation of a fence along the Lakeshore Drive perimeter of the park, which the city of Tempe allows the school to use as an adjunct playground.

Some parents have expressed concern over public accessibility to the area, which they say increases the possibility of abduction or children running into the street; they say fencing would help alleviate those concerns.

Some neighborhood residents who were not included in the survey have said, however, that they oppose any efforts that might cut off the public's use of the park, which is paid for by taxpayer funds, and have suggested that the parent group's concerns may be exaggerated.

After tabulating returns of a questionnaire distributed to Waggoner parents, Helling decided that the 57 percent "yes" votes among 212 respondents was not enough to justify pursuing the matter further.

He had said he wanted a 65 percent favorable response from parents before asking the city and other neighborhood residents for their thoughts on the proposal.

The Kyrene district's director of community education and outreach services, Kelly Alexander, confirmed that no funds have been earmarked for Waggoner fencing in this year's capital improvement budget, but that the district would consider it should the idea win wider approval.

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We would cooperate, but we don't have any specific plan right now," she said.

Alexander also noted that fences at other Kyrene schools are referred to as "safety fencing," not as the heavier security fencing she said is desired by the group of Waggoner parents.

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'Some have indicated they want it to be impenetrable, which it wouldn't be," she said.

'Our fencing is not the Ft. Knox kind."

In the meantime, Helling continues to work with a school fence committee, which tentatively has scheduled a meeting with Tempe Parks & Recreation Manager Mark **Richwine** to explore possible alternatives.

### Summer, year-round staff sought to assist at Maggie's Place shelter

Maggie's Place, a haven for pregnant and parenting women and their children who are living on the street, has launched a recruitment drive for summer staffers, as well as year-long staff to start in mid-July.

Staff members live in the community with the clients, provide mothers with support and guidance, assume administrative duties and provide regular house coverage.

Room and board, monthly stipends, health-insurance benefits and eligibility for AmeriCorps Education Awards are provided.

While most staff members are women who live in the not for profit organization's homes, others are needed to support those homes from the main office.

Assignments include facilities and vehicle maintenance, business operations, communications, alumni-mom outreach, technical support and development.

Positions are open to men and women, who can discuss the opportunities by calling Mary at (602) 262-5555.





# 'Arcade on wheels' garnering lots of attention

By Adam Schifter

Rising interest rates, falling stocks and an ailing housing market seem to be on lots of peoples' minds these days. But they're not much of a worry to Scott Novis.

Novis is owner and founder of Game Truck, a local enterprise that he says is doing just fine, thank you.

Since launching the business two years ago, Novis has been experiencing a steady increase in bookings and the unfolding of what amounts to a modern-times success story.

"We incorporated on May 5th, 2006, and did our first Game Truck party that August. We ran one trailer for about a year; then last fall it all went nuts. We started building more trailers last October and haven't stopped."

Asked about people's reactions to the idea, Novis' replies without hesitation: 'They're blown away.'

Recently, Novis completed franchise documentation to expand Game Truck to a new national level.

"I had no intention of opening shop in California but we've gotten so many calls (from there) we felt we had to meet demand. We sent our first

trailer out there two weeks ago.

The concept behind Game Truck is simple but ingenious: a complete multiplayer gaming experience made portable. Simply said, a state-of-the-art arcade on wheels.

The beauty of it comes in the details, though.

"We bring everything 16 people would need to play. Multiple copies of the most popular games, extra controllers. We even bring our own power. All you need to do is give us a place to park, people to play and we'll help you throw a great party."

Designed for the Valley's seasons, Game Trucks are amply air-conditioned, making them a great entertainment solution for people of all ages and interests. They are available for parties at a flat price, with no hidden fees or 'nasty surprises,' says Novis.

Asked about people's reactions to the idea, Novis' replies without hesitation. "They're blown away."

The written word, unfortunately, can't do justice to the concept.  $\,$ 

"For the gamer, you really have to be in it to experience it. The environment really is ideal for social video gaming. For the parents, they all tell us it is the easiest party they have ever thrown. The kids and the parents love it."

There is no doubt that Game Truck will continue to grow as it enters the national stage, expanding into something greater than Novis' could have ever expected.

"We started with one trailer in 2006 and I hoped it would do four parties a week. Today we could easily do 40 in a weekend."



Game Truck driver Josh Cochrun and the company's state-of-the-art mobile unit.

— David Stone / Wrangler News



### INTERIORS by Decorating Den

Question: We want to enjoy our patio, but we can't find durable furniture that is also beautiful. We love sitting outdoors and we want to be comfortable. How do we obtain beauty and comfort outdoors?

The line between indoors and outdoors continues to blur as many of us want to take outdoors the comforts and solitude of indoors. This concept is becoming more realistic as many manufacturers of home products develop more and more appliances, furniture, lighting and accessories that can be used indoors or out.

People are driven to find peaceful sanctuaries as a prescription for our stressful lives. Outdoor patios and porches are becoming more sophisticated and refined, and are becoming a living extension of the indoor spaces.

Outdoor furniture has greatly evolved from

the folding, vinyl strap versions of the past, to beautiful pieces made of teak, steel, rattan, and wicker.

Many pieces look just like indoor furniture but are constructed and designed to take the outdoor elements. There are countless outdoor fabrics in the industry today as well, perfect for seat cushions, pillows, even drapery outdoors.

Lighting is also a very important aspect to creating an inviting outdoor space. Be sure you incorporate various types of lighting in your outdoor space just as you would in your indoor spaces. Landscape lighting, overhead lighting, ceiling fans or decorative side lighting are good ideas. Developing a creative lighting plan can help you create a space with increased

ambiance and functionality.

Remember to create a space that is "perfect" for you and your needs and then sit back and enjoy it! —*Peg* 



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# **Sports Notebook...** with Alex Zener

# Corona ladies capture state's Division II lacrosse title

acrosse has taken off as a competitive, fast-paced sport for high school boys in Arizona. It also has turned the heads of a group of high school girls who find the sport that combines basketball, soccer and hockey skills right up their alley.

Arizona currently has girls lacrosse club teams at the JV, Division I and Division II levels.

The Lady Aztec team, in its third year, played this season in the Division II league against the Desert Vista Thunder, Mountain Pointe Pride, Dobson Mustangs, PCDS Eagles and Notre Dame Prep Saints.

The Lady Aztec team won the Division II championship on April 25, besting the No. 2-ranked Dobson Mustangs 12-4. The No. 1-ranked Aztecs made it to the finals by beating the No. 4-ranked Mountain Pointe Pride 11-4.

With an 11-1 record, the Lady Aztecs scored a total of 157 goals to 68 goals combined by the other Division II teams.

The team counts 24 players on its roster, but it was senior teammates **Sarah Klopatek**, **Crystal Frost** and **Stephanie Albee** who led their team to the championship title.

In addition, all three led their team in several statistical categories. For instance, Klopatek took 64 shots at the goal this season, making 56 percent or 40 goals while Frost took 63 while making 55 percent or 37 goals.

Klopatek and Frost play the midfielder position, which means they play both offense and defense while on the field. Only Albee, who plays the attack position, has a higher goal percentage, scoring a goal 60 percent of the time she takes a shot at the opponent's goal.

Klopatek won the prestigious Division II Best Attack Player Award this season beating out hundreds of players.

"I am notorious for playing aggressive offense and vicious defense," Klopatek said.

"I was and still am passionately in love with lacrosse," Klopatek says.

"I plan on attending the University of Arizona Honors College on an academic scholarship, but I can't wait to play on the U of A's women's lacrosse team." The Lady Aztec team also had a topnotch goalie in third-year player **Rebecca Magine**. Magine not only had the highest save percentage among Division II goalies, but recently received the Best Division II Goalie Award. Magine saved over 60 percent of the shots taken against her during the season.

In addition, Lady Aztec coaches **Emily Miller** and **Bill Magine** won the Division II coaching award.

Starting next February, the Lady Aztecs will move up to Division I and most likely play against the Chaparral Firebirds, Desert Mountain Wolves, Gilbert Tigers, Horizon Huskies, Pinnacle Pioneers and Xavier Gators.

More information about Arizona girls lacrosse teams in general and specifically, the Lady Aztec Lacrosse team, can be found on the Arizona Girls Lacrosse Association website at http://azgla.com

# Corona softball's red-hot hitting doused by Basha Bears in title game

Corona's red-hot hitting streak was cooled off by the Basha Bears in the bottom of the sixth inning May 9 at the Rose Mofford Sports Complex in Phoenix.

The Lady Aztecs were not able to rekindle their fire in the seventh inning and ended up losing the 5A State Division I championship game 9-5 to the Basha Bears.

The Lady Aztecs were peaking at the right time with a five game winning streak going into the championship game.

They had not only won their last five games but had done it with outstanding defense and offense, utilizing their sizzling bats to outscore their opponents 45 runs to 15.

Against the Bears, CdS took an early 5-2 lead on a three-run homer by sophomore center-fielder **Mary Spiel**.

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Ladies lacrosse has proved a winner for Corona del Sol club team.

Stephen Denton / Wrangler News



Ashley Hansen: No championship, but happy team made it to this year's finals.

— Stephen Denton / Wrangler News







### **Notebook**

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Regrettably, Corona was able to get only three hits, with no runs the rest of the game.

"I'm sad we didn't finish the season bringing home the championship trophy," said CdS senior catcher **Ashley Hansen**.

"But we did accomplish our goal of making it into the finals and giving ourselves a chance to win the title game."

This is the second time in three years and the third time in six seasons that the Lady Aztecs have made it into the 5A Division I championship title game.

CdS blazed through the state tournament, scoring 39 runs in wins over Mesa Mountain View, Scottsdale Desert Mountain, Sierra Vista Buena and Xavier.

The Lady Aztecs knew they had to play stellar softball against the Bears because Basha had beaten them two out of three games in the regular season.

Time was running out for the Bears in the bottom of the sixth inning, down 2-5 with 2 outs, when Basha rallied to tie the game at 5-5.

Corona intentionally walked one of Basha's best hitters loading the bases to force a third out at any base.

Facing a do-or-die situation, the Bears were able to capitalize on the situation when Basha outfielder **Darlene Valles** hit CdS pitcher **Marina Carroll's** first pitch over the fence for a grand slam to end the sixth inning leading 9-5.

The Lady Aztecs had a chance in the seventh and final inning when Catcher Ashley Hansen led off with a triple. Hansen entered the title game hitting .667.

Unfortunately Corona was not able to make the most of Hansen's triple, striking out to end the game at 9-5.

'It was a great season," Hansen said.

"I'm proud of our team. I can now look forward to a new chapter in my life playing collegiate softball at Stanford after four amazing years at Corona."

# Strong finish for CdS track at State

By Adam Schifter

orona del Sol's track team came away with a strong finish at the 5A-1 State Track and Field meet May 10, ending the competition with a number of top-eight finishers and personal records.

On the boys side of the events, the relay teams put out strong times, with the 4x100 meter and 4x400 meter teams finishing in fifth and sixth places, respectively.

The 4x800 meter relay team was seconds away from securing eighth place, but instead finished in 10th.

They produced equally strong results in the individual events, as well. Senior

**Tanner Wear** finished fifth overall in the 200 meter dash with a time of 22.31 seconds. Senior **Josh Walker** also finished fifth overall in the 800 meter run.

"It wasn't the time or place I was looking for, but it was a good race and overall I'm proud of my performance," said Walker, who was the team's leading point scorer for the entire season.

Walker will continue to compete at the Meet of Champions and Great Southwest Meet, then again in the fall when he runs for ASU.

Off the track, senior **Austin Cartwright** took fourth in the discus

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# **Our Neighborhood** . . . with Tracy Doren

# From schools to art to familiar faces, a good-news roundup

The "Secret" or, more accurately, "The Law of Attraction," was the theme of a recent **Kyrene Schools Foundation** mixer at 56th East at Casa Paloma. The evening was designed to bring attention to the foundation from local business owners and members of the community.

**Nicholas Tutora**, a motivational speaker, inspired the guests to use The Law of Attraction to bring good into their lives and, in turn, to add good to the endeavors they support, including, not surprisingly, the Kyrene Schools Foundation.

Tutora suggestsed that by putting positive thoughts and energy into the universe, positive outcomes will be the result

Hopefully, the Law of Attraction will serve the foundation well and it can boost the impact it has had on the community in decades past.

The foundation is an organization dedicated to making the world brighter for families in need that attend Kyrene schools.

Among many other services, the foundation supports a district-wide resource center headquartered at Kyrene de los Niños Elementary School. The center focuses its efforts on homeless and at-risk students and their families, providing access to food, clothing, medical and legal support, as well as shelter resources.

If you have donations, they can be dropped off at the center during regular school hours.

Rachel Hiser, a Kyrene Corridor resident, is using The Law of Attraction in her favor. She has approached the owners of P. Croissant Bakery about a sponsorship that would enable her to participate in

the National Student Leadership Conference at Fordham University in New York.

Nathan and Obed Giles, the brothers who own P. Croissant, have agreed to help Rachel by hosting an art show and raffle of her artwork from 5 to 7 p.m. Sunday, May 18. The public is invited to see Rachel's work first hand and, if they like, purchase pieces. There will also be a drawing for some of Rachel's artwork.

In addition to having expanded P. Croissant this year, Nathan also owns a successful software company based in Tempe.

He feels strongly about giving back to the community that supports him, including helping young people realize their dreams.

That, he says, brings benefits to the community as a whole.

The National Student Leadership Conference had been operating since 1989, hosting accomplished high school students from around the world. Students get the opportunity to explore the qualities of great leaders and to gain insight into some important professions.

To support Rachel in her dream, stop by P. Croissant to see her endeavors, wish her well—and maybe even buy a piece to fill that spot on a wall that's been waiting for a unique masterpiece.

P.Croissant is in the commercial center on the northwest corner of Eliot and Rural roads, facing Eliot.

n 1989, **Our Gang Preschool** opened its doors to serve the neighborhood surrounding Mission del Sol Presbyterian Church, near Warner and McClintock.

While the neighborhood has grown up over the past 20 years, many fortunate children are still getting a great

introduction to the world of education, just as kids have for almost 20 years.  $\,$ 

Founder **Jacki Oelze** remains involved in the day-today operations at Our Gang, providing the inspiration that has given a generation the ability to become successful students through their elementary years and beyond.

She attributes the small class sizes and the loving care she personally provides each family with the long lasting success of Our Gang Preschool.

There are a limited number of spaces available for the fall program that begins in August.

### CdS grad gets a head start on med school

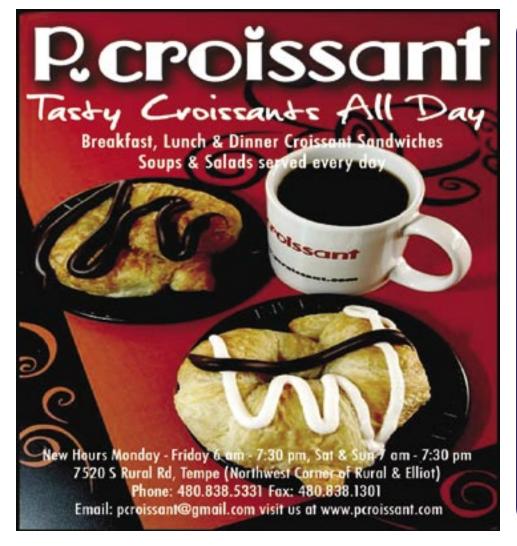
Corona del Sol senior **Paige Kroeger** has been accepted into the Baylor Squared program at Baylor University in Waco, Texas.

Admittance into the program guarantees Kroeger a spot in the Baylor College of Medicine's class of 2016, saving her the stress of applying after four years of undergraduate studies.

Baylor Squared is one of the few programs across the nation that allows high school students to apply directly to medical school. Admittance involves an extensive application process that terminates with two rigorous interviews.

On top of being a National Merit Scholar and class valedictorian, Kroeger was involved in many extracurricular activities throughout her four years at Corona.

She was a volunteer at Chandler Regional Hospital and an active member of National Charity League.





# Wal-Mart may be testing 'c-store' concept

# Rural/Eliot Osco store being converted

A former Osco Drug on the northeast corner of Eliot and Rural roads is being converted to a downsized Wal-Mart, likely one of the giant retailer's new-concept convenience stores.

The store has been vacant since Osco standalones were absorbed by CVS about two years ago. It was reopened under the CVS banner on the southwest corner of the same intersection. Although no official announcement has been made, the limited amount of square footage available at the site suggests it might be more like a convenience store than one of the retailer's food-only stores, which themselves have typically been smaller than full-size Wal-Marts.

The chain's rumored entry into the convenience-store market was reported on the online site of Convenience Store News, which insists that c-store retailers see the potential entry the same way they view the arrival last year of Tesco's Fresh & Easy stores.

According to CSN's editor-in-chief Don Longo, any such move by Wal-Mart would represent more of a threat to grocery retailers than c-stores.

He also noted that Wal-Mart tried and abandoned a nine-store convenience market test elsewhere in the country in the early 1990s.

# 2 new sites for Tempe voting

Registered voters in Tempe may cast ballots for the city's May 20 general election at their district polling location. Hours at all locations are 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Two voting locations have been changed.

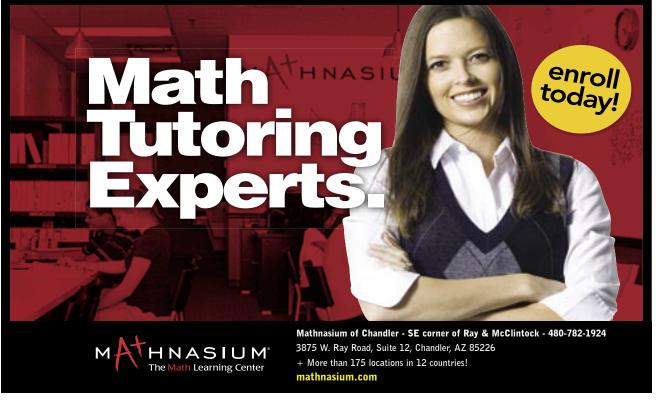
District 15 voters will now go to Westchester Villa, 6415 S. Lakeshore Drive, instead of the Lakes Community Center.

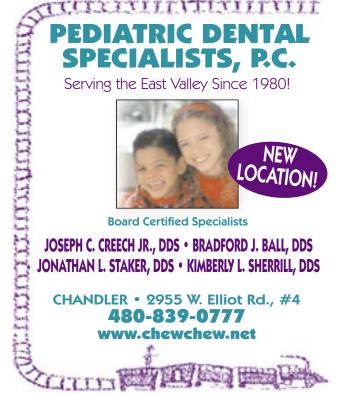
District 16 voters will now go to Gethsemane East Valley Lutheran Church, 1035 E. Guadalupe Road, instead of the Lakeshore Bible Church of God.

For more information on the general election and a complete list of voting locations, call the City Clerk's Office at (480) 350-8241 or visit www.tempe.gov/clerk/election.











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# New charter school puts math, science under an academic microscope

# Paragon Science Academy wins state's coveted 'excelling' label

By Mark Moorehead

harter schools fill a niche in the educational landscape for parents eager for a more challenging academic program or smaller teacher-tostudent ratios.

However, not all charter schools are created equal. Some charters fail and close, while others flourish.

How do parents determine which charter school is right for their child and whether the school will still be around a year or two from now?

Answer: A little homework is required.

Paragon Science Academy is a charter school that just opened in Chandler at the southeast corner of the Price/101 and Ray Road at 2975 W. Linda Lane (the street backs up to the new Whole Foods Market).

The non-profit corporation that runs Paragon is not new to Arizona, however. Paragon's sister school, Sonoran Science Academy, has operated in Tucson since 2000 and, judging from its success, will be around a lot longer.

Since announcing its plans, Sonoran Science Academy has grown to an enrollment of 600 students in grades K-12.

Although a rigorous math and science curriculum is central to the school's focus. it also boasts an equally rigorous and enriching liberal arts education.

The school has been labeled "excelling" by the Arizona Department of Education four years in a row. It also won distinction from US News and World Report as one of the nation's best high

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Dr. Melmet Argin, principal of Paragon Science Academy, new occupant of the former University of Phoenix building.

— David Stone / Wrangler News



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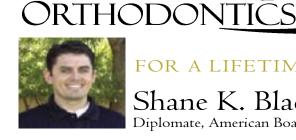
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### Charter

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Critics of charter schools often cite a lack of extracurricular programs, sports and clubs as a reason not to send their child to one.

While this may be true for some charters, it doesn't appear to be the case for Sonoran or Paragon. Paragon, like it sister school in Tucson, will have clubs for drama, art, band and chess among others.

In addition, the school will offer a variety of sports, depending on student interest.

**Dr. Melmet Argin**, principal of Paragon Science Academy, likes to brag about his students' accomplishments.

"Out of four students comprising the state of Arizona Math Counts Team, three of them are from our school and attending the national finals in Denver." And, participating in academic competitions is not the only fun students have. Argin says students go on field trips to places like Sixth Flags (8th grade), Sea World (7th grade) and the Grand Canyon (6th grade).

Unlike Sonoran, Paragon is a K-8 school. One common denominator for all grade levels is the imposition of high standards.

Children in kindergarten are expected to know how to read, says Argin. The school provides free tutoring to all students after school, and Argin says children will master subjects such as Algebra I by the time they're in sixth grade.

"What parents find most attractive about our school is that it is academically challenging, safe, provides more one-on-one individual learning with tutoring and smaller classes," says Argin.

He invites parents interested more in the Paragon Science Academy to attend an information session at the school between 10 a.m. and noon Saturday, May 31.

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# Lette? from Wrangler News readers

Editor:

Our Gang Preschool has been operating at Mission del Sol Presbyterian Church in South Tempe for two decades. Jacki Oelze, the Director of the preschool, has been a model tenant during that time.

She was just informed that her school was no longer welcome to operate at the church and that she must close the school at the end of this month.

This was done in a callous manner with complete disregard for the fact that it is much too late to find an

alternate location for the preschool in time for the summer session which starts next month.

The actions of this church are a disgrace and I am appalled that they should be permitted to treat a valuable member of the community in this way. It is also too late for the families whose children were enrolled for the summer session to find a substitute summer activity for their children. She is a wonderful dedicated teacher who really cares about the children and their families.

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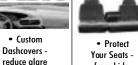
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Miscellaneous — Copier Center of Arizona. Serving the Valley since 1979. We offer service and supplies for most copiers and printers. 602-274-6460. See our display ad on these pages.

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Childcare — Our Gang Preschool Celebrating Our 20th Year At Mcclintock And Warner In South Tempe!! Call Or Visit By May 15 And Receive \$20 Cash Back On Registration! Small Classes, Certified Teachers, A Loving, Nurturing Environment For 3 And 4 Year Olds. References Available. Ask For Jacki Or Julie 480 820-0115 8/16

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The program, developed by the National Rifle Association, promotes awareness and prevention of criminal attack.

Topics include home, automobile, phone, technological, travel and personal security.

The meeting will be held in room 101 of Chandler Community Center.

Information: Ian Arnott at (480) 421-8999.

Summer time is camp time, and Kiwanis Recreation Center is ready for the seasonal influx of kids. Camps will be held at Corona del Sol and

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As a deacon in the Anglican Church, Erickson will help mobilize the church to minister to people whose needs are overlooked. This often includes the poor, the sick and the bereaved.

Previously, Erickson has served largely through mission work in Africa in Kenya and Rwanda. She also completed her Master of Theology studies from Fuller Theological Seminary.

Living Faith Anglican Church is at 1945 E. Guadalupe Road, Tempe.

o smooth the recent change in the first-class letter rate, **Lesley Baran** is offering free one-cent stamps through May 31 at her Pack & Ship Plus store.

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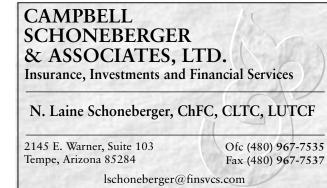


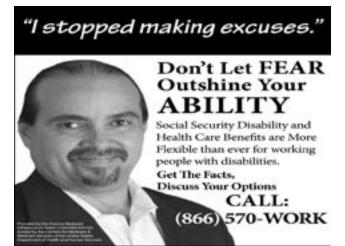
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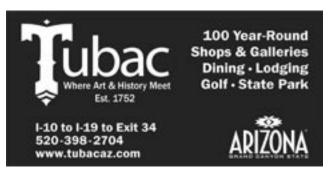
Students took the 2006 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test as juniors, which provided initial screening results.

Finalists include:

Gregor Grossman, Florence Williams and June Yoon (Marcos de Niza High School); Wendy W. Cai, Howard W. Cheng, Joshua S. Choi, Barbara B. Gao, Kristoffer D. Guiang, Colin Ho, Jonathan Hu, Helen G. Jing, Paige M. Kroeger, Dimuth M. Kulasinghe, Frank W. Li, Ilina Mitra, Anjali Muralidhar, Priya Parikh and Melissa K. Wrapp (CdS).











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### Track

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throw, while junior Mike Stahl and sophomore JP **Dyament** took sixth and eighth in the shot put.

Overall, the boys team finished seventh in state.

In the girls events, results were likewise gratifying. The relay teams took fifth and ninth in the respective 4x100 meter and 4x800 meter races.

Individually, senior Emily Whitney finished ninth in the 300 meter hurdles.

Off the track, senior **Tiffany Summers** secured ninth place in the triple jump and 11th place in the high jump. Freshman Lauren Milovich also finished eleventh in the high jump, matching Summers with a jump of five feet.

Overall, the girls finished 14th in state.

### **Record breakers**

On both sides of the meet, many of the athletes finished the season by breaking personal records. Among these were sophomore Matt Whitlatch, who attained a personal best time of 10:04.35 in the 3,200 meter run, and senior Sam **Hooke**, who ran a personal best of 2:00.72 while finishing 13th in the 800 meter run.

'It was really satisfying to have all my hard work



Lucas Starkey, Brendon Tunstall, Michael Lang, Tanner

— Photo by Kris Cartwright



Whitnet Miller, Precious Woods, Nicole Either, Quincy

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pay off," said Hooke. "And a 'P.R.' [personal record] is a great way to finish off the season."

Marcos de Niza also competed this weekend, at the 5A-2 meet. The boysfinished 11th overall,

while the girls finished seventh.

Notable performances included first place finishes by both the girls 4x800 meter relay team and senior **Seth Compton** in the boys pole vault.

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# 'Found:' Don't dismiss it as a superficial 'chick flick'... by M.V. Moorhead

rustrated motherhood is the theme of *Then*She Found Me. April (Helen Hunt), a Brooklyn
elementary schoolteacher in her late 30s, is desperate
to be a mother—specifically, she's desperate to be a
biological mother.

An adoptee herself, she's certain that her adoptive mother Trudy (Lynn Cohen) had a stronger bond with her younger brother (Ben Shenkman), Trudy's biological child, than with her.

April's husband Ben (Matthew Broderick), a dullard stuck in emotional childhood, abruptly leaves her one evening, and while she's still walking around dazed from this shock, she meets Frank (Colin Firth) a single father, similarly poleaxed when his wife abandoned him with two children (one of them is April's student).

As if all this weren't rattling enough, she's suddenly contacted by her biological mother—a bustling, beaming talk show host named Bernice (Bette Midler) who wants to reconnect with her.

Then a still bigger jolt:

Just as she's finding solace with Frank, she discovers she's pregnant after all, with Ben's child. The story that ensues involves her romance with the wary, short-fused Frank, her attempt to let Ben participate in her pregnancy without screwing up said romance, and her tentative bonding with Bernice, who's willing to spin a good yarn—she initially claims, for instance, that April was her love child with Steve McQueen—to avoid a drab or mundane or unflattering reality.

Hunt certainly can't be accused of that sin. *Then She Found Me*, based on Elinor Lipman's novel, is her feature directorial debut—she previously directed a few episodes of *Mad About You*—and she takes pains to present herself as haggard, and to offset the film's wistful comedy with a forlorn, almost bleak atmosphere.

The only indulgence she allows herself—or us—is Midler, who sashays onscreen periodically to remind us what smiling looks like.

But while I admit that it has a more dour tone than I expected going in, and while I wouldn't call it a masterpiece, I thought *Then She Found Me* was pretty good. I'm not sure why it's met with such generally dismissive, even hostile reviews.

Some of it clearly has to do with the elaborate dislike of Helen Hunt that has been a fashionable pose for a few years now, and which I also don't understand—her combination of skill and heart seems somehow to offend some commentators, many of whom also seem revolted by her willingness to look her age.

But Hunt the director doesn't ask you to love Hunt's character, and she gets good performances out of Colin Firth, who's almost become a shorthand for The Grumpy Good Man, and from Broderick, who's sadly convincing as this recessive dolt.

And while the movie has the visual grammar of chickflick, writing it off as a failed chick-flick seems superficial. Even though April is working toward happiness,



the movie isn't about fantasy wish-fulfillment. It has an austerity that feels original and honest—I've seen movies that looked like this before, but I haven't quite seen this movie before.

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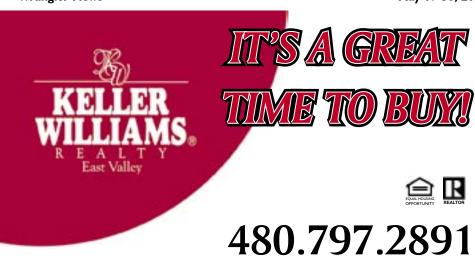
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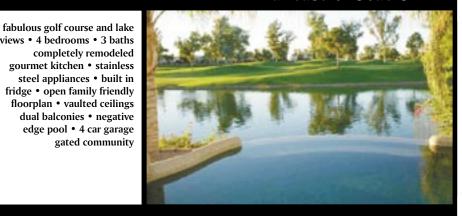


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