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ASU junior Konnor Rich tries out his wings on one of the Bird motorized scooters that have been swooping in to area neighborhoods.

— Wrangler News photo by Billy Hardiman

## Riders flock to scooter migration

**Z**ipping, zooming and zig-zagging through the streets of Tempe, a new flock of Birds has descended on our city—only these have wheels instead of wings.

If you've never taken one of these electric scooters by Santa Monica-based Bird Services for a spin, then

— BIRDS, Page 20

## Lakefront project pleases some, concerns others

*Developer sees condo-retail concept as a way to update community*

By Noah Kutz

Residents are deliberating over conceptualized changes being unveiled for the Tempe Lakes community, clouding the air with a mix of excitement and trepidation.

The Lakes community has long had a reputation for its desirable waterfront properties, friendly neighborhood atmosphere and exquisite California-esque style.

Needless to say, people who live in The Lakes have paid exceptional prices for the neighborhood's offerings and expect their concerns regarding the area's future to find resolution when they come up.

One particular sore spot for the neighborhood lies on Lakeshore Drive across from the community's Beach and Tennis Club. Lakeshore Village, the commercial development that has been a focal point of the community ever since its earliest days in the early 1970s, hasn't seen much renovation since then. John Rao, Lakeshore Village's owner and a fellow Lakes inhabitant, says he'd like to see some modernization considered.

Out of what he termed respect for his neighbors and the Lakes community as a whole, Rao took it upon himself to begin planning a major remodel of the properties located in the Village section.

"I'm doing this for you, not for me," said Rao.

Despite his optimism for the project, a significant number of Lakes residents were vocal in expressing concern about his proposed way of helping the neighborhood. Rao's plan involves building a three- to four-story condominium with retail shops occupying the ground floor and luxury suites above, and his depiction for the condos featured a modern-looking facade on the waterfront.

Some 150 or so residents were heard loud and clear on the night of the meeting.

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Fifth-grader Alexia LeSueur and her mom were some of the first ones to sign up for the Arredondo race team.

— Photo courtesy Tempe Elementary School District

## Teacher's passion: Lifting awareness among families battling cancer in kids

By Robyn Martinez

Each year, approximately 175,000 children ages 14 and under worldwide are diagnosed with cancer.

In an effort to bring awareness to the realities of childhood cancer, September is internationally recognized as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, and one Tempe Elementary teacher is doing everything she can to raise awareness and support for children and families battling the disease.

For the last two years, Nicole Roberts, first-grade teacher at Arredondo Elementary, has worked with her Arredondo community to raise over \$4,000 to support the mission of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Roberts' sister-in-

law was diagnosed with cancer at the age of 16, and her entire junior year of high school was spent in the hospital. Roberts' family credits St. Jude for saving her life, and she has been dedicated to their mission ever since.

St. Jude is dedicated to eradicating cancer from children, and their mission is that no child be denied treatment based on race, religion, or a family's ability to pay.

"The fact that no one sees a bill when they get to St. Jude is amazing. Parents and family can just focus on being there to help their child recover, which is what my family experienced," Roberts said.

In September, St. Jude's Walk/Run to End Childhood Cancer takes



## Kids

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place across the country. For the last two years, Roberts has taken the cause to her Arredondo Elementary family, and together they have formed a team and are raising money together. This year's race is Saturday, September 29 in Phoenix.

In addition to the race, Arredondo Elementary has made St. Jude's mission their service learning project for the year. One fundraiser they are planning to host is an art walk later this year. Parents will have the opportunity to purchase art created by the students, and proceeds will go to

St. Jude.

One unique thing that Roberts' class has done in the past to support St. Jude was create story books that parents were able to purchase, and one copy of the story was donated to St. Jude. Not only is it a good learning project for the students, but it helps support children battling cancer.

"I think more schools should consider supporting this cause because it's an amazing community builder! Parents, students, teachers, and staff can all get behind this mission. It's especially something that clicks with the kids, because they know how awful being sick is," Roberts said, and added, "Ultimately, this is showing our kids to give back to other kids."

## Summer days are over for now but protection still needed vs skin cancer

Families are officially back-to-school. Now that parents have caught up with buying school supplies, the product that many often forget to buy during this busy time of year is sunscreen.

Just because the kiddos aren't taking their daily swim anymore, parents should not be quick to take sunscreen off the shopping list just yet.

The sun's UV rays can damage skin in as little as 15 minutes—and yes, that especially applies to children during school recess times. Exposure to the sun can add up, and too much exposure on unprotected skin can lead to cancer.

That's the advice from Laura Way, a Tempe-based certified physician assistant who specializes in treating sun-damaged skin.

A few tips include:

**Turn it into a routine.** When sunscreen application becomes part of your own and your family's morning routine, just like washing your face or brushing your teeth, it lays the foundation for the skin's protection. Whether you are running errands or walking your children to school, your skin will be protected and it will minimize the chances of getting cancer.

**Protect everything.** Once you've applied sunscreen, there are places that you might not think to slather, such as the back of the neck, the tops of the ears, the eyelids and the arm holes around your shirt. Make sure you apply sunscreen (SPF 30 or higher) everywhere from your toes to your ears, and even your lips (SPF 15 or higher).

**Accessorize.** Wear lightweight clothing that covers your entire body. A wide-brimmed hat and sunglasses will

help minimize sun exposure, especially while walking to bus stops or headed out to pick up the kids in the late afternoon.

Way works at Desert Grove Family Medical, part of Steward Medical Group. The practice is at 1492 S. Mill Ave., Tempe.

### Babbo joins cancer battle with dining offer through October

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Babbo Italian Eatery, including the Tempe site at Ray Road and McClintock Drive, has launched a month-long fundraiser benefitting the local nonprofit Don't be a Chump! Check for a Lump!

The restaurant will donate a portion of proceeds from the sale of every Pasta Valducci, a popular dish that includes artichokes, Kalamata olives, sun dried tomatoes and garlic in a pink sauce served on penne pasta.

The Valley breast cancer nonprofit's mission is to make a difference through education, prevention and direct assistance, with free wigs, mammograms and treatment.

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Best-selling author Erin Jade Lange writes novels for young adults about sensitive topics like bullying and suicide.  
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## TV journalism inspired her entry into world of young-adult authors

By Deborah Hilcove

Award-winning author Erin Jade Lange writes young adult novels on contemporary issues.

Calling herself “a recovering journalist,” she believes her years as a television reporter honed her instinct for real-life stories. She is inspired by current issues and uses her writing to explore how these issues impact teenagers.

Lange, a best-selling author, often shares her expertise at conferences, taking part in panel discussions and workshops. After her local book launch, she’ll give several out-of-state presentations, before heading to Prescott for the Arizona Library Association Young Adult Summit in February.

She will also present a workshop at ASU’s “Desert Nights, Rising Stars” writing conference in Tempe. Her website, <http://erinjadelange.com>, lists upcoming appearances.

She writes in the young adult genre and emphasizes that the story is aimed at readers 14-18 years old, although more than half of YA sales are to adults older than 18.

The main character is a teenager, although the story is not necessarily about being a teen.

Lange says, “It’s a coming-of-age

story. Some element will be about growing up. My characters have the same vocabulary as adults. I tend to avoid slang, because it dates a story.” She adds that a YA story should have “a strong voice” and “a fast pace.” Although the books may deal with difficult topics, a YA book includes an element of hope, she says.

“It would be irresponsible to write about the topics I write about without also giving hope.” She mentions humor, too, explaining that “it cuts through the darkness.”

Says Lange:

“I was bullied in seventh grade, and that experience recurs in my books. However, when I’m speaking to teens, I don’t use the term ‘bullying.’ I think it’s overused and has lost meaning or impact. Instead, I refer to ‘kindness versus cruelty.’”

She’s been writing, she says, “since I was a little kid. My mom has a book I wrote in first grade, ‘Lisa and Gretel’ with one of the Care Bears as the villain.”

She laughs. “I borrowed quite a lot!”

“As I grew up, I wrote for my own amusement. With my first attempt at a book, I just started writing and

— AUTHOR, Page 15



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# Survivor's advice: When life throws you a curve, get on your Harley and ride

By Sammie Ann Wicks

If you haven't twisted down hard on the throttle and felt the punch a big motorbike can deliver, you might not understand Greg Venneberg's crazy passion for two-wheeled travel. But his reason for riding will still inspire you.

"No matter what problems I've had to face in this life,

just jumping on a bike and riding to wherever it took me always helped me solve them," Venneberg says. The local Harley enthusiast says riding out on the open road has been his solace on more than one occasion.

"When the world throws too much at you," he muses, "you can just go for a long, long ride and watch the sun come up."

It was Venneberg's philosophical nature, in tandem with his treasured bike, that first saw him through one of his life's major difficulties.

"I helped my wife all through a terminal illness," he recalls, lowering his voice almost to a whisper.

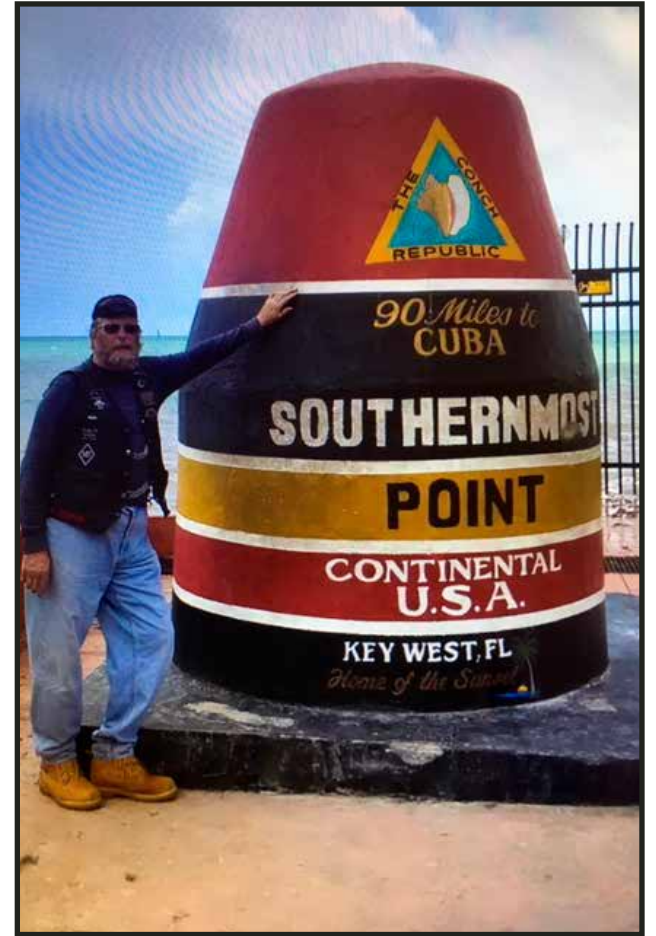
"She'd had polio when she was young, and was in a wheelchair for years anyway," Venneberg remembers, "and we handled that. But her getting cancer just blew the lid off."

Venneberg says he cared for his wheelchair-bound wife for 15 years after her cancer diagnosis, struggling through to the end, but learning life lessons in the process.

— HARLEY, Page 9



Greg Venneberg finds peace and clarity out on the road with his trusty Harley motorcycle.



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# Harley

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"A long and terminal illness takes its toll on the caregiver as much as the victim," Venneberg reflects. "But now, I know how to talk better to guys I ride with who are cancer survivors, and they're still fighting, still getting up on the bike."

It was the loss of his wife that first led Venneberg to use his motorcycle to begin to get over his grief.

"When my wife died in 2014, I just kept standing there and standing there, and finally, I said to myself, 'You know what? I've never ridden to Key West, and that's exactly where I'm going right now.' And I got on the bike and didn't look up again 'til I got there."

Since then, the veteran rider says he's taken his 1998 Harley Electra to 48 states, and logged well over a half-million miles, all the while forming long-standing friendships with fellow riders who also have learned to meet their life challenges while riding.

He quickly asserts that, whatever the association in the public mind, the majority of his fellow riders are responsible citizens and consummately law-abiding.

"Those crazy guys in the likes of movies like 'The Wild Hogs' are just a bunch of Hollywood hoakiness," he asserts. "We call that type 'The 1 Percent' . . . because it's only 1 percent--if that--that breaks the law and causes all the trouble."

Earning an associate's degree in criminal justice from Garden City, Kansas Community College, Venneberg pursued a career first as an MP in the U.S. Army stationed in El Paso, and then went on to serve as a police officer

with both the El Paso Police Department and the El Paso County Sheriff's Department.

On retirement, he operated his own local handyman business for over 25 years. But with the work day over, most of the remainder of his time was spent riding.

For Venneberg, part of the joy of motorcycling is not only the exhilaration of controlling a powerful machine—it's the almost primal connection to the natural world the experience entails.

"Riding a bike is so much more sensual, in terms of your senses, than riding in a car," he says, "because you feel the rain, the dust, on your face, you have the sky over you, you see and hear the other natural creatures.

"There's no better way to see the country."

After the long crisis period helping his ill wife, Venneberg says his life now is "less complicated," but adds he deeply misses aspects of his younger days.

"I still remember back to simpler times, when I was a kid in a small town in rural Kansas called Syracuse," he says.

"My dad was an engineer and installed and maintained a natural gas compressor station there. Most of our neighbors were farmers . . . Wheat everywhere . . . wheat being grown, cut, and delivered. Everybody there was like one big family, and it was a peaceful life.

"So I remember the old days and wish for them," Venneberg opines, his voice softening again.

"You can probably remember, too—those years when neighbors talked to each other, when a hamburger didn't come wrapped in styrofoam and cost \$15. That's what I miss."

And if problems do arise in his life again? Venneberg has a solution.

"I'll just get on the bike and ride."

## Chamber hosts State of City by Mitchell

The Tempe Chamber of Commerce will join the city of Tempe in hosting Tempe's 20th annual State of the City address with Mayor Mark Mitchell

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# Lakefront

From Page 1

“This complex you designed looks nothing like our neighborhood,” insisted one attendee. Another described it as “the most unaesthetically appealing piece of construction,” an opinion that resulted in an eruption of applause from the crowd.

People also voiced concerns regarding parking, an expected influx of traffic, security and whether or not Rao would take into consideration their questions and concerns voiced at a preliminary meeting in August.

Some Lakes residents who attended the meeting raised no opposition to the plan, but the general atmosphere suggested displeasure toward Rao’s ideas and his responses to their questions.

“Be open minded,” said Dan Birk, a longtime Lakes resident and Realtor in the area. “See what it’s going to look like, see the drawings...ask questions, and then give him your input. That’s the best way to do it.”

Birk described the meeting as



Group of homeowners gathered for a Q&A discussion with developer John Rao, who would like to move forward with his plan to add condominium/retail structures to the lakefront community

— Wrangler News photo by Noah Kutz

predictable overall and noted that its purpose was to give neighbors an opportunity to voice their concerns, which is exactly what occurred.

While the Lakes homeowners association isn’t involved directly in

zoning issues, the city’s Planning and Zoning board would need to act on any such request if Rao decides to proceed.

In a situation like that, the HOA could act in an advisory capacity based on its own board’s discussion.



In the meantime, Rao has indicated he’d like to hear more from Lakes residents before deciding if and when to proceed with his plan.

So far, no formal rezoning proposal has been submitted to city officials.

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Don Kirkland

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Well, my mindless undergraduates, I was hoping you would ask.

It's obvious you're not aware that 15 percent or more of our U.S. population age 18 or over—in round numbers, 37-plus million—have some degree of hearing loss. Or that about 18 percent of adults ages 20 to 69 have hearing loss in both ears.

These people, I hasten to point out, are among those who say they've had five or more years of exposure to very loud noise at work, as compared to the 5.5 percent who report no occupational clatter at all.

So, my little angels, with that bit of enlightenment, let's move forward. You may eventually recall the day professor Kirkland talked to you about hearing aids and, hopefully, enabled you to better understand, and deal with, the inexorable, frequently indiscernible slide into hearing malfunction.

Lesson 1: I'm not sure when my hearing began to decline. Maybe it was during my years of concert-

going in the '60s, many times in huge, outdoor venues where enormous, 50 million-decibel (or thereabouts) speakers must have been cranked up to full ear-splitting volume.

In that same era, I'm pretty sure I could hear just fine in the newsrooms where I worked, despite the rumble of those enormous Goss printing presses that did sometimes cause me to wonder if I should bring ear plugs from home.



Nor was it anyone whistling nearby, since Buck Lanier, one of the reporters with much more seniority than me, had strictly banned the practice under threat of shoving offenders down a dark and seldom-used stairwell just steps away from our newsroom.

Summarizing, I was never much aware during those early years of anything unusual going on within the fleshy megaphones attached to both sides of my head. The subtle realization of some degree of hearing loss crept up on me in a way similar to how I suspect cataracts sneak into one's life. Nothing particularly dramatic, just the realization that one of those

normal senses isn't working quite the way it used to.

As to my venture along the road to hearing loss, about 18 months ago I began to wonder if some changes were taking place. I went to a meeting, and the voices of those speaking at the lectern were drowned out by people talking in the room. At home, I got criticized for turning up the TV volume. At the office, I frequently had to ask Joyce to repeat what she had just said.

Then one day when I was taking Abby for a walk, a friend flashed her newly acquired hearing aids, tucked discreetly behind swatches of graying hair. No price tag was visible—likely, I thought, as a result of what she told me she had paid at one of the major hearing aid providers: \$7,500 minus a \$2,500 contribution from her insurance company. Adjusted total: \$5k. Whew!

Having had time by then to consider the diminishing quality of my own hearing, and having realized that my medical insurance doesn't cover such expenses, I began inquiring among family and friends about their hearing aid experiences, if any.

Some, as it turned out, had been hit by similar costs; others had visited the Tempe Costco hearing

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center and reported good results for less than half the price of other places.

Considering my longtime love affair with Costco, where I've been a member for 30-some years, I dropped in one weekday to check out their services, ending with a hearing evaluation and, ultimately, a pair of tiny, behind-the-ear, fully functioning hearing aids.

As of this writing, it's been four months (Costco provides a six-month refund guarantee if users are dissatisfied).

So far, so good.

Lesson 2: Putting foreign objects in your ears definitely takes some getting used to. There can be occasional disconcerting squeals, minor discomfort, the need for adjustments every so often and, apparently, some people who simply can't get acclimated to a new auditory experience.

Since my initial trip, I've made several visits to Costco to deal with minor pain in my left ear, but that's now gone and I've learned to adapt to my newly found (and newly welcome) ability to hear everything that's going on around me, including things like the alert sounds that come when I press the lever on my car's turn signals. And, of course, Joyce's proddings from her desk in our office are now loud and clear.

If only I had learned these lessons years ago, the transition would have been a lot easier.

## Recalling successes at 'Memory Cafe'

By Diana Nelson

Not so long ago, having a memory disorder or caring for someone who did often meant isolation.

Enter Memory Café, a weekly support group for people with a dementia-related illness and their caregivers. The meetings are offered by the city of Tempe along with Banner Alzheimer's Institute.

Each Monday, from 9:30 a.m. until noon, Tempe Public Library, 3500 S. Rural Road, hosts the meeting on the lower level in the TLC room.

Caregivers can take a break and, in a casual setting, visit with others who share their experiences and concerns. During the same time, those with dementia are kept occupied with activities.

"We want to encourage people to live well with these chronic conditions," said Jane Gerlica, Outreach Program Manager for Banner Alzheimer's Institute and coordinator of the Memory Café meetings, along with Jan Dougherty.

"Each Monday at the Memory Café, the community comes together to offer support, friendship and education in a relaxing atmosphere," said Gerlica. "The group is free and open to anyone, not just Tempe residents."

"Bring your care recipient and get connected with others who are also looking for assistance and support."

Gerlica, a professional social worker, says that it's a positive that finally the public is openly talking about memory illnesses.

"It was kind of a hidden disease in the past," said Gerlica. "Lots of people who had memory disorders were embarrassed to go out, and that kept their caregivers trapped at home as well. I think Memory Café is such an exciting program for the community because we can offer families hope and emotional support."

"And, while it's still a learning process on how to respond to someone affected with a memory disease, it's also important for society to seek solutions as the numbers of cases continue to grow

worldwide."

Estimates say as many as 5.7 million people in the U.S. suffer with some form of memory loss, and that number will nearly double in the next 30 years, according to the Alzheimer's Association.

Dementia-related illnesses claim more lives than breast and prostate cancer combined, and the condition is ranked as the sixth leading cause of death in the elderly.

Dougherty, from the Banner Institute, says Arizona statistics estimate that 80,000 Maricopa County residents have dementia with a total of 120,000 cases in Arizona.

State projections indicate that these numbers also will double in the next 10 years.

At Banner, the emphasis isn't on grief or fear. The focus is on the groundbreaking research and care that will get us to the goal of ending Alzheimer's before another generation is lost, Dougherty explained.

And, while there is no cure for

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# Memory

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dementia and memory-loss illness, Tempe chose to take a positive approach by looking to provide quality-of-life solutions to help residents cope with the condition.

It became designated as a Dementia Friendly City through a national organization, Dementia Friendly America.

The initiative is close to the heart of Mayor Mark Mitchell because in 2008 his mother, Marianne, was diagnosed with dementia.

A former schoolteacher in Tempe, she was cared for at home by her husband, Harry, until 2015 when the family moved her to a memory care facility.

"I've watched what this disease has done to our family and the toll being a caregiver took, particularly on my father," said Mitchell.

"We are the only Dementia Friendly city in the state, and I am proud to serve as a catalyst to developing solutions for people suffering from dementia and to have other cities follow our example."

The Dementia Friendly Tempe initiative launched in 2016 and the Memory Café support group began the same year.

"It was a slow start with only about six people in attendance, but in the next two years, we've grown to about 50 people who attend the meeting



Tempe is designated a Dementia Friendly city, and Dementia Friends Champions are trained to conduct training sessions which are free to the public.

— Photo courtesy City of Tempe

each week," recalls Gerlica.

The dementia initiative also led to training first responders on ways to best deal with the elderly.

Plans now are underway to train city staff members and

volunteers, said Gerlica.

In addition, on the second Wednesday of the month from 1 to 2:30 p.m., a free monthly lecture series is offered at the Tempe Public Library, which

focuses on various topics related to memory loss and care giving and is presented by a professional in the field.

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## Chandler HR chief promoted to assistant city manager post

Debra Stapleton, Chandler's human resources director and previously administrative services director, has been appointed assistant city manager, succeeding Nachie Marquez, who retired from the post in June.

The announcement was made Sept. 28 by Chandler City Manager Marsha Reed.



Said Reed:

"This is a critical leadership position, and I am excited for Debra to work with the mayor and Council and the city's executive team to ensure we continue to deliver outstanding service for Chandler residents."

In addition to her roles with Chandler, Stapleton worked at Olin Corporation for 19 years in human resource management positions.

Stapleton holds a master's degree in organizational management from the University of Phoenix and a bachelor's degree in business administration with an emphasis in human resources from Sacred Heart University in Connecticut. She also is a certified workplace mediator.

She started her new job Oct. 1.

## Author

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when I was finished, I looked on the internet and found everything needed to be fixed. I decided it was easier to start over. I still write a quick draft—to let the story *be* the story—but then I research things for accuracy.

"I start with just raw writing, but usually within a couple of pages, I begin to flesh out a story. From there, I lay out a very messy plot timeline to give myself at least a sense of the scaffolding of the story, so I can see where I'm headed.

"Then I go back to writing, and if the story takes a different direction than the outline, I allow that to happen and adjust the outline as needed. I don't let the planning be a barrier to creativity. I also dictate notes to myself when I'm on the go, in case I have a sudden inspiration for a scene or a line of dialog, so that I won't forget it."

Lange's next attempt at a novel, *Butter*, found great success. It's the story of an obese teen, nicknamed "Butter," who's the victim of cyberbullying. Announcing his plan to commit suicide online, he expects pity or insults. Instead, he finds morbid encouragement that becomes popularity, giving him a reason to live.

The manuscript was picked up by an agent who sold it to a publisher in the U.K. Lange's debut novel—described by *Publishers Weekly* as "dark, funny, painful and powerful"—was named a "2013 Teen's Top Ten Pick" and has been translated into German, French, Thai and Spanish, collecting

multinational prizes and accolades. Paul Kaufman, an independent film producer, has bought movie rights and plans to begin production this fall.

Her second novel, *Dead Ends*, also deals with cyberbullying. The main character is a bully whose neighbor has Down syndrome.

A friendship develops between them, suggesting that the biggest "dead ends" are stereotypes.

That book was followed by *Rebel Bully Geek Pariah*, a tale of three troubled teens and a recovering alcoholic mom.

While the boys are at a party in the woods, police crash the scene.

Choosing to run rather than be arrested, the boys hop into a nearby car and take off on an accidental crime spree. They must learn to trust one another or risk their lives.

Her most recent novel, *Chaos of Now*, launched in early October 2018, and tells about a high school teen, bullied into suicide. His grieving friends, who have expert hacking skills, create a vigilante website seeking justice for victims of bullying.

*Chaos of Now* received a "Starred Review" from *Kirkus Review*, one of the most prestigious awards in the book industry, deeming the book "morally complex" and "taut with tension."

When asked about her next book, she mentions her two-year-old twins and says, "As a mom, maybe they'll be my new inspiration." After a pause, she adds, "At the moment, I am writing just for the JOY of it!"

Lange's books are available at Barnes & Noble, online at IndieBound and Amazon, as well as by special order from bookstores.

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## Extension gives SRP customers a continuing break on utility rates

Tempe and West Chandler residents received some good news this week with the announcement that Salt River Project's board of directors has approved extending a six-month temporary decrease in electricity prices passed earlier this year to its customers and increasing the amount.

Under the six-month extension recommended by SRP management, prices will be reduced by an additional \$24.2 million, or approximately 2.3 percent, effective with the November 2018 through April 2019 billing cycles.

SRP's board in March approved an \$18.8 million temporary decrease in the Fuel and Purchased Power Adjustment Mechanism that is scheduled to end with the October 2018 billing cycle.

The newly approved price reduction extends the decrease by an additional six months and will save the typical SRP residential electric customer an average of about \$1.60 per month.

The empowering document, a component of overall prices, recovers fuel costs incurred to generate electricity as well as power purchases to serve customer needs.

According to General Manager and CEO Mike Hummel, the temporary decrease is possible because the cost of natural gas, a primary fuel in power plants, continues to trend lower. That gives SRP the opportunity to pass the savings directly to its customers, he said.



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# All the world's a stage, and this school proves no exception

By M.V. Moorhead

Shakespeare has been a lifelong fascination for me. I've acted in and directed his plays. Some of these stagings have been nontraditional, like a *Measure for Measure* in modern dress, or even a *Taming of the Shrew* set in the Wild West.

As an audience member, I've sought out and enjoyed versions of his work set on Iowa farms or gangland underworlds or hamburger joints or distant planets.

But I have to admit that even I hadn't seen a Shakespearean production in which Richard III was dragged off screaming by zombies, or in which the conflict between Othello, Iago and Desdemona was played out on the set of *The Jerry Springer Show*.

Not, that is, until I saw *I Hate Shakespeare!* at Kyrene Aprende Middle School a few days ago.

The 2008 play by Massachusetts-born youth theater veteran Steph DeFerie has received scores of productions, not just in the U.S. but around the world.

It opens with arguably Shakespeare's greatest protagonist, Hamlet himself (played at Aprende by Sean Geraghty), coming onstage with Yorick's skull in hand and declaiming grand poetry, only to be heckled by an "Unhappy Person" (Haley Ross) who proclaims that she hates Shakespeare, and challenges the Melancholy Dane to make a case for the Bard's relevance to her life.

What follows is a string of blackout sketches which both lampoon Shakespeare and demonstrate the relationship between his work and modern-day entertainment and pop culture. Hence we get a Juliet for the trellis age versus a Juliet for the cell phone age, or an As Seen On TV-type product designed to endow the user with the power of Shakespearean insults.

Directing the large cast of crew of more than 50 students was Marisa Brady, who says she chose the play "because I felt it was important to introduce my drama club to Shakespearean text, but because it can be a challenge for students, I wanted to approach it from more of a satirical point of view.

"I came across this script at the end of last year and thought it was the perfect blend of comedy and Shakespearean text that my middle school students would really enjoy."

The challenge remained of getting middle schoolers comfortable with this style of performing, however. "Every piece of theatre, whether it is classical or modern, comes down to storytelling," observes Brady.

"The Shakespearean plays that are recreated in our production are just stories with dynamic characters and universal themes. We started with getting our actors to understand the basic plot and the characters' motivations.

"Once they understood that, it made the language a little less intimidating. Also the script...does a great job of using modern day language to emphasize the meaning of some of the more challenging dialogue."

The logistics of the production were more daunting, perhaps, than the textual side.

"The biggest challenge for all of us is the timeline," says Brady. "We have put this production together in just six weeks.

"So not only are the 24 actors under a time crunch to memorize their parts, our crew of 32 students have been painting sets, acquiring props, making costumes and learning and designing lights and sound in this short amount of time.

"Thankfully, I have a team of three amazing teachers, Sharon Smith [Costumes], David Holdcraft [Technical Director] and Alyssa D'Andrea [Props] who manage our crews to get everything ready for opening night."

Despite this hard and hectic work, however, Brady says the process was fun:

"This play is very silly, so it has been so much fun finding the humor in every inch of the script. Everyone, including the actors, has been adding funny bits throughout the whole rehearsal process to make this as funny and ridiculous, in the best way, as possible.

"There has been so much laughter at every rehearsal! It had been a blast to see what crazy things we can come up with."



More than 50 students at Aprende Middle School took part in a lighthearted twist on Shakespearean drama. From Hamlet to Juliet and beyond, the satirical drama examined the relationship between Shakespeare's work and modern pop culture.

— Billy Hardiman for Wrangler News







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ICATION	Sean Bowie ran for the State Senate promising to restore education funding, but Sean Bowie has NOT kept that promise. Bowie <b>did not introduce a single piece of legislation to increase education</b> funding or increase teacher pay. In fact, Bowie voted against raising teacher pay in 2017, and opposed a \$300 million increase in education funding. <i>SB 1522 and HB 2537</i>
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# Birds

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your opinion on the matter is likely indifferent. But if you've had a jaunt on one, then you know exactly why an increasing number of people seem to be swooping onto the craze.

Companies such as Bird, Lime and Razor (just to name a few), have placed hundreds of these speedy scooters in cities all across America, and now they've landed right here in our town.

Love them? Hate them? Don't even know what to think about them? You aren't the only one. This new class of transportation has become one of the most popular trends in America, and it's still growing.

From my joy-rides on the boardwalk in Pacific Beach to navigating the national monuments in D.C., I can tell you that this brand of scooter-induced amusement doesn't fade easily—unless, of course, you're the one who's dodging the thrill- and convenience-seekers using them.

The resulting rider-pedestrian rivalry seems to be one that will perhaps never reach a settlement, and the influx of rushed travelers increases this tension greatly. "They're dangerous," I heard one friend say. "People don't follow the rules!"

Argued another: "I think they're fun."

Much like the Ofo or Lime bikes (which seem to have virtually disappeared), these two-wheeled speedsters are connected to a smart phone application, which is required to scan each scooter's bar coding and pay for each trip.

Once the app unlocks the scooter, the rider can hop on and zoom to his or her next destination. Then, when the ride is completed, the app gets reopened and the scooter automatically relocks, calculating the time spent on board and determining the final amount that will be charged to the user's credit card.

It also prevents the scooter from being moved until it is unlocked again.

Every evening, collectors round up each device and recharge the batteries, then place them back in locations across town to be ready for the next morning's glut of riders.

Despite what apparently observers say can be occasional careless behavior exhibited by some riders, each scooter company adamantly instructs app users to wear a helmet, be mindful of pedestrians and follow rules of the road.

How did the popularity of these wingless creatures seem to simply arrive out of the blue? It was the brainchild of a former Lyft and Uber exec who apparently thought zipping around town on an electric scooter would not only get people where they wanted to go but replace their boredom with a bit of hilarious absurdity.

Some of those converts evidently even use them as a primary method of transportation to and from work or school.

Love it or hate it, this may well be just one more step toward the future of transportation, and the way new businesses thrive in America. According to a few '80s movies, we were supposed to have flying cars several years ago. So give these scooters a chance—maybe we're finally on the right track.

— By Noah Kutz



## Scoot. It's a hoot!

Electric scooters accessed by a new smart phone app are all the rage in Tempe as young people take to the boards and conquer Tempe Beach

Park on a bright fall morning.

Known as Bird Scooters, the new form of transportation is popular with riders like Brendan Berry, left, who zoom through the air and fly down concrete pathways.

— Billy Hardiman for Wrangler News





# Sports

with Alex Zener

## 2018 football season winding down, with Pearsall, Helt leading Aztecs' TD efforts

With only three games left in the 2018 season, Corona's football team has some players who have stepped up to help ASU-bound wide-receiver **Ricky Pearsall** and senior quarterback **Ryan Helt** move the ball offensively. These include senior running back **Tim Luscombe**, junior wide-receiver **Eric Blackwell** and junior



Zener

running back **Sebastian Gutierrez**. Pearsall is the leading receiver with 46 receptions for 477 yards and three touchdowns after catching passes from Helt, who averages 180 passing yards per game,

tallying 1,250 yards in seven games.

Blackwell is steadily improving, with 21 receptions for 278 yards and four touchdowns in seven games, including a touchdown that tied the game 14-14 against Queen Creek in the second quarter.

Blackwell also caught a touchdown against Westview when the Aztecs scored back-to-back touchdowns in the fourth quarter. Pearsall scored the second touchdown to cut the Knights' lead to two scores at 21-35.

Luscombe has stepped up to be the leading rusher for the Aztecs, with over 70 carries for 275 yards, including 98 of the team's total 130 rushing yards he gained in the game against Westview.

Gutierrez is the second leading rusher, with 26 carries for 97 yards over seven games.

On defense, three seniors and a sophomore are leading the team in overall tackles. Senior **Ben Rafalski**, over seven games, has amassed 33 solo tackles and 40

assisted tackles for a total of 73 tackles to lead the Aztecs' defense.

Fellow senior **Jack Schobinger** has 21 solo and 40 assisted tackles for a total of 61 tackles, and senior **Collin Gavel** has 24 solo and 17 assisted tackles for a total of 41 tackles. Sophomore **Jake Schmitt** has 16 solo tackles with 26 assisted tackles for a total of 42 tackles.

Three seniors lead the team in quarterback sacks: **Enoch Johnson**, **Michael Hall** and **Jaron Reval**.

Johnson has three sacks with a total of 16 yards lost while Hall has three sacks with 31 yards lost. Reval has one sack in five games played.

The Aztecs have managed to intercept the ball seven times in seven games or one per game on average.

Leading the team in interceptions is Gavel, who has three of the team's seven interceptions, running the ball back for a total of 50 yards.

Pearsall has two interceptions while Rafalski has one interception, which he ran back for 33 yards.

**Jean Boyd III** has the seventh interception, which he ran back 42 yards.

Although Pearsall, as a wide receiver, has scored 48 points and Blackwell has 24, all from touchdowns, the second leading scorer on the team is senior kicker **Emilio Echerivel**, with 29 points.

Echerivel has scored on 14 out of 15 point-after-touchdown kicks and five out of eight three-point field goals.

The Aztecs, with a 1-7 record, have three

games left. Their last two home games include one scheduled against Highland on Oct. 5 and then Oct. 19 against Desert Vista.

On Oct. 19, the seniors will be honored.

Corona's last game will be at Mountain Pointe on Oct. 26.

## Marcos de Niza Football

The Padres, with a 1-5 record so far this season, had a chance to defeat No. 14 Seton Catholic on Sept. 28 after taking a 25-21 lead late in the third quarter, but fell short in the final few minutes of the game when interceptions and fumbles caused turnovers.

With seven minutes left in the second quarter, Seton had a one-point lead, 7-6, after the Padres' **Brock Young** scored the second of his two first-half field goals.

The Sentinels scored two touchdowns in the second quarter to lead 21-6 at halftime.

The Padres came out strong in the third quarter, scoring 19 unanswered points starting when **Yakeen Baylis** scored a 23-yard rushing touchdown and Young's point-after-kick was good.

Marcos trailed by eight points at 21-13 midway through the third quarter.

Baylis scored his second touchdown on an 89-yard breakaway run to get the Padres within two points at 21-19 with less than six minutes to go in the third quarter.

The Padres' two-point rushing

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conversion failed and Seton hung on to ITS two-point lead at 21-19.

On their next possession, the Sentinels had to punt the ball. The Padres started on their own 20-yard line and marched down the field to the two-yard line before Baylis scored his third rushing touchdown of the game, giving Marcos a four-point lead at 21-25.

The Padres tried another rushing two-point conversion that also failed.

The Padres had the momentum and a four-point lead of 21-25 when the Padres recovered a Seton fumble just before the third quarter ended.

Fourth quarter, the Padres had the possession of the ball on their own 43-yard line when Seton intercepted a Marcos pass and returned the ball to the 30-yard line. A personal foul tacked on 15 more yards, giving the Sentinels great field position at the Padres' 15-yard line.

Seton scored on a rushing touchdown to take a 27-25 lead over the Padres after the point-after kick missed the uprights.

The Padres had another chance to potentially score and win the game when they got the ball back after forcing a Seton fumble. Unfortunately, the Padres fumbled the ball, again giving it back to Seton who kept possession until the end to earn a 27-25 win.

Baylis was the rush leader with 32 carries for 242 yards, followed by junior **Martell Thompson** with six

carries and 80 yards.

The top receiver was Thompson, who had three receptions for 56 yards followed by senior **Torren Union** with three receptions for a total of 43 yards, both from quarterback **Bobby Perez**, who completed eight passes for a total of 109 yards.

The leading tackler on defense for Marcos was junior **Malaki Corella**, who had three solo and five assisted tackles for a total eight tackles, followed by junior **Matt Canada** with three solo and four assisted for a total of seven. Sophomore **Schofar Hill** had seven total tackles while senior **Ty Frazier** had two solo and four assisted tackles.

Junior **Dante Kircher-Myton** had one sack while Union, Kircher-Myton and **Eilye Hill** all caused one fumble.

Marcos had four games left of the 2018 season starting on Oct. 5 at Saguaro and then at Poston Butte on Oct. 12.

The last two games the Padres will play at home—first, Mesquite on Oct. 19 and then Arcadia on Oct. 26, which should be senior night.

### Tempe Football

The Buffaloes, coming off a 22-21 win over St. Mary's, has the best season record, 4-2, of the four Tempe high schools.

Trailing 6-21 at half time, after **Isaiah Williams** scored a rushing touchdown in the first quarter but the

point-after kick missed and Tempe came from behind to score 16 unanswered points to defeat the Knights, 22-21.

**Pharoah Williams** started the scoring with a thrilling 96-yard rushing touchdown followed by a two-point receiving conversion from quarterback **Nathan Clayton** to Isaiah Williams.

Tempe was down one touchdown, 14-21, at the end of the third quarter.

With seven minutes to go in the fourth quarter, the Buffaloes scored another rushing touchdown to only be down one point at 20-21.

**Bayyan Prince** scored on a two-point rushing conversion for Tempe to go up one point, 22-21.

The defense held on for the Buffaloes to win 22-21.

Altogether, Clayton completed five out of 19 passes for 69 yards while senior **Juwan Jefferson** had two receptions for 33 yards and **Omari Rogers** one reception for 23 yards.

Pharoah Williams carried the ball 14 times for 160 yards and one touchdown while Prince had eight carries for 31 yards and one touchdown. Isaiah Williams carried the ball five times for 28 yards and one touchdown.

On defense, junior **Joseph Near** was the leading tackler with 16 total tackles or nine solo and seven assisted tackles.

Junior **Diego Damage** was next with seven solo

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and two assisted tackles along with junior **Sione Tonga'uiha**, who had five solo and four assisted tackles. **Quevion Baker-McCaulay** had three solo and five assisted tackles.

Kickoff kicker **Manny Cervantes** had one kick for 60 yards and a touchback, while Baker-McCaulay punted the ball for 48 yards.

The Buffaloes have four games left in their 2018 schedule. First, they had a game scheduled at Moon Valley on Oct. 5.

Tempe then has two home games, March 12 against Thunderbird and next Oct. 19 against Greenway. The final game will be at Shadow Mountain on Oct. 26.

### McClintock Football

After starting the season winning the first three out of four games, the Chargers have lost three straight games and currently have a 3-4 season record with three games left in their 2018 schedule.

It could be quarterback problems since junior **Xavier Benitez**, who started the first four games and was on his way to have a great season with 45 completions out of 82 attempts for 722 yards and six touchdowns has disappeared from the stat sheets.

Junior **Estevan Fraijo** has played in six games however doesn't appear to be attempting many passes, but

must be handing off to running backs like **Jaleel Laffitte** and **JT Trujillo**, according to the stat sheets.

Senior Laffitte is the leading rusher on the team with 244 yards on 44 carries in just three games along with Trujillo who had 30 carries for 125 yards playing in just four games.

The leading receiver on the team is senior **William Rogers** who has 11 catches for 275 yards playing in six games.

Senior **Quincy Singleton** is the leading tackler for the

interception.

Tate is the leading scorer on the team with five touchdowns followed by William Roberts with 18 points from three touchdowns. Trujillo has two touchdowns for 12 points.

McClintock's last three games include a game at Paradise Valley on Oct. 12 and then two home games: North Canyon Oct. 19 and Cactus Shadows on Oct. 26.

chargers with 36 solo and 17 assisted tackles for a total of 53 tackles.

William Rogers and junior **Calub Bueno** are the next leading tacklers on defense with 34 and 33 total tackles respectively.

Junior **David Cisneros** is the quarterback sack leader on the team with two sacks followed by Bueno, Singleton, and senior **Luke Powell** who all have one sack each.

Seven Charger players have intercepted the ball including junior **Bryce Tate** who returned the ball 90 yards after his one interception, sophomore **Dominic Radick**, and **Mathias Sanders**, who has two interceptions.

The rest include Singleton, Laffitte, William Roberts, and Fraijo who each have one



Senior kicker Emilio Echerivel lines up to kick off the ball after Corona scores its first points of the game.

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# When desperation strikes, Tempe Community Action is ready to help

By Joyce Coronel

It's a tough world out there and for those experiencing homelessness, rising above those circumstances might seem to be a hopeless battle. That's where Tempe Community Action Agency steps in.

TCAA's Interfaith Homeless Emergency Lodging Program provides shelter as well as a means of gaining employment and self-sufficiency. The program relies on 11 churches in Tempe that take turns sheltering and feeding up to 40 men and women each night, every day of the year.

Deborah Arteaga, executive director of TCAA, said a mobile shower trailer and laundry trailer are driven to the host church to allow program participants to bathe and wash clothing. A Friday, Oct. 19 fundraiser to support TCAA's programming is one of the ways area residents can touch the lives of people like Ron.

Ron was living on the street and sleeping in a nearby field when he found his way to I-HELP, just one of TCAA's programs. With a physical disability and no income, Ron was also the victim of identity theft. Through TCAA, he found shelter, food and assistance with securing identification documents as well as public benefits and job coaching. While seeking employment, Ron volunteered at TCAA's food pantry.

Beyond those who are homeless, the agency also reaches out to other vulnerable individuals. Arteaga pointed to TCAA's



pantry and home-delivered meals as one of the ways the organization helps those who are struggling with hunger.

Volunteers take home-delivered meals to about 200 individuals in Tempe and South Scottsdale Monday through Friday with extra meals for the weekend are also delivered on Fridays. For some homebound recipients, it's the only human contact they have with another person all day. TCAA volunteers are not only brining food, they're performing a well-check.

"We couldn't do it without volunteers," Arteaga said. "It's what helps keep a low staff number and keeps the focus on services." Last year, TCAA had about 755

volunteers.

"We do need more volunteers for the home-delivered meals program," Arteaga said. "They use their own vehicle and can get mileage reimbursement from us."

Beyond the feeding, clothing, sheltering and job training programs, TCAA provides a whole host of other services that touch the lives of some of the more vulnerable members of the community. A pre-natal and post-natal program brings home visits to pregnant women and new mothers to help keep babies healthy. Services to seniors include recreational and exercise programs, referrals for benefits assistance, cooking demonstrations and social events.

TCAA also sponsors community gardens as well as emergency rent and utilities assistance.

About a quarter of the agency's \$4.6 million annual budget consists of in-kind donations, Arteaga said, and "93 cents of every dollar goes out to service."

"We're impacting a lot of people," Arteaga said. "That's one in eight Tempe residents—our largest volume ever."

TCAA's annual fundraiser, dubbed "Vicinity," helps fund some of the many services the organization offers. During the 2018 fiscal year, TCAA served more than 22,000 adults and children as well as provided 731,872 meals.

The 14th annual Vicinity event, honoring the community's culinary and cultural diversity while supporting the organization's mission, takes place 6:30-

9:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 19 at Big Surf Waterpark. The evening pays tribute to TCAA's 52-year history of service to economically vulnerable populations living in and around Tempe and includes offerings of wine, craft beer and edibles from area establishments. Food, drink, live music by local music celeb Walt Richardson plus a silent auction will be among highlights.

Electa Thompson has been attending TCAA's fundraiser for years. "From the very first time I went, I was in love with the event," Thompson. "What stood out to me most is that it was truly an event for catching up and meeting new people in the community that have the same passion around the work of TCAA."

Proceeds from the evening will provide support for TCAA programs designed to help adults and children overcome crises, reach their potential and contribute to their community. Beneficiaries include such programs as I-Help, Tempe's only homeless shelter program; Tempe's largest Food Pantry; Senior Independence Services, including a home-delivered meals program and senior center operations; two community gardens; health outreach services for pregnant and parenting families, and workforce development services designed to improve the economic status of individuals and families.

Big Surf Waterpark is at 1500 N. McClintock Drive, Tempe.

Information: [vicinitytempe.com](http://vicinitytempe.com)



# McKay's True Value Hardware due for grand opening sale, car show

When that minor household repair requires a quick trip to the nearby hardware store, good news has arrived for West Chandler/South Tempe homeowners.

McKay's True Value Hardware celebrates its grand opening at Ray and Rural Roads Oct. 18-21, and the neighborhood is invited to join in.

Opening festivities include a "green bag" sale where customers receive a free reusable bag plus 20 percent off all of the regular-priced items that can be fit inside.

Also, the first 60 customers each day get a free 5-gallon True Value bucket.

According to owner Gary McKay, the store

also will have special deals on paint, including the buy one get one free gallon of Easy Care Ultra-Premium interior or exterior paint or WeatherAll Ultra-Premium exterior paint.

Plus, customers can register to win items like a Weber gas grill, a pressure washer or a 20 volt cordless drill. On Saturday, Oct. 18, there will be an antique-car cruise show and a local charity will sell hotdogs and drinks for \$1.50.

All proceeds benefit charity.

The location is new to the Chandler community but McKay is not new to the hardware business, having worked in the industry for nearly a half century.

The store opened in June and has been receiving finishing touches since then.

McKay says he has enjoyed getting to know the community over the last few months and can't wait for customers to see the new store first-hand. McKay adds he is proud to serve the community with great service and advice customers expect from their local hardware store.

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# LETTERS . . .

## Supporting Margaret Pratt

In the almost two years since I retired from the Governing Board, with a few exceptions, I have chosen to remain mostly in the background as a concerned and informed Kyrene resident.

I have stayed out of day-to-day District affairs, leaving it to my former colleagues and my successors to carry on in accordance with prescribed duties and their beliefs and policies. Now, with an important Governing Board Election upon us, I have chosen to endorse a candidate that I have recently had the

pleasure to get to know—Margaret Pratt.

Based upon recent conversations and meetings with Margaret, I have concluded that she has the temperament, the judgment, the understanding of the role and duties of the Board and is ready to serve on the Governing Board.

She is fully aware of the level of commitment necessary to serve Kyrene very well as a future Governing Board Member.

Margaret, her husband, and her family are heavily invested in our community and in the Kyrene School District and I believe that she will work well with her fellow Board Members and with the Superintendent and District senior management at a time when open-mindedness and the ability to listen and to prioritize are critical to Kyrene's future governance

and its success.

I urge you to join me in supporting Margaret Pratt for election to the Kyrene Governing Board.

*Ross Robb, Kyrene Resident, Former Governing Board Member*

## Supporting David Hoyer, Kevin Walsh

With the #RedForEd Movement and teacher walkout last April, many have found themselves discussing the state of education in the parent pick-up line lately.

What does this all mean for our beloved Kyrene Community?

What can we do to retain our reputation as a Premiere District for students and teachers alike? Our Kyrene School Board election suddenly matters a lot. Four candidates are running for two open seats on the Kyrene School Board this fall. All four candidates have deep personal connections in Kyrene, but only two of those candidates are the most qualified to lead 'Day One' when elected in this year's race. Longtime Kyrene resident and father to two Kyrene grads, David Hoyer has 10 years experience as a Kyrene Teacher and 20 years experience as a journalist for the Arizona Republic among others.

Kevin Walsh is a current Kyrene PTO Dad, Business Attorney and Chairman for JAG Arizona, a mentoring program that has succeeded in closing the achievement gap.

The other candidates sincerely care about our community, but lack the immediate leadership experience Kyrene needs right now.

Kyrene is blessed to have four compassionate, civic minded nominees on the ballot Nov. 6.

But our choice is clear. David Hoyer and Kevin Walsh are the only two votes we need to cast to ensure that Kyrene remains strong.

They will address all issues facing our community with transparency, open mindedness and collaboration with all stakeholders.

If you have any doubt, please ask them directly, [www.hoyer4kyrene.com](http://www.hoyer4kyrene.com) and [www.walshforkyrene.com](http://www.walshforkyrene.com).

*Terri Becker, Kyrene Parent*

## Vote 'no' on Prop. 305

"School choice" has become a complicated term but the reality is simple: the majority of "school choice" in Arizona is within the public school system - open enrollment across and within districts, magnet schools, specialized academies and of course charters - all publicly funded but sometimes run for profit, other times run as non-profits. The ability to pick a science-focused school over an arts-focused school, a football school over a music school, these are all examples of "school choice." On top of all that, Arizona already has private school vouchers, private school tax credits and lenient homeschooling laws. Those in favor of Prop. 305 want to degrade ALL of our existing choices in order to prioritize - meaning, pour tax dollars into - a single choice that fewer than 5 percent of Arizona families make even though it degrades - meaning, defunds - all the other choices being made by more than 95 percent of families. Prop. 305 disrespects the choices made by 95 percent of families.

*Dawn Penich-Thacker, PhD, Tempe*

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## Tempe program aims to teach positive parenting skills at October-November series

Parents who may have questions about parenting issues but aren't sure where to turn for answers may want to consider a series of free parenting classes offered by the city of Tempe Human Services Department.

Aimed at parents who'd like to improve their skills in raising confident and healthy children, the Triple P, or Positive Parenting, program covers a variety of topics and offers a choice of simple strategies that fit individual family needs.

Class materials are provided by the program, and free

snacks, meals and childcare are provided at select sessions.

Parents of children from infants to 12 years old can learn about such topics as bedtime routines, hassle-free shopping, raising resilient and confident children, dealing with disobedience and handling aggression and fighting.

Triple T's founders call it "one of the few parenting programs in the world that's based on evidence from research. Over 30 years of testing has resulted in a program with simple strategies that has been shown to help families in all types of situations."

Registration is open for the October and November classes that involve weekly discussion groups, a short parenting series and an eight-week course for a small group.

Discussion groups are held at Thew Family Resource Center, 2130 E. Howe Ave. A seminar course will be at Tempe Church of the Nazarene, 3939 S. Rural Road.

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## Diversions

## Hudson Taylor rises from the streets of Dublin to Tempe's Marquee Theater

Hudson Taylor siblings will take the stage at Tempe's Marquee Theater on Sunday, Oct. 14.

By Chase Kamp

The songwriting duo Hudson Taylor are part of a wave of Irish songwriters making a splash in the United States similar to one that took hold in the 1990s, when idiosyncratic and compelling vocal acts like The Cranberries and Sinéad O'Connor won favor on American radio. The brothers Harry and Alfie, adopting their shared middle and surnames as their moniker, play anthemic acoustic pop that is studiously informed by Gaelic roots, working-class rock and contemporary folk, earning an audience from many corners.

They're currently serving as the support act for the meteoric Hozier, a fellow Irishman climbing the American charts, and will perform at Marquee Theater on Oct. 14.

"In Ireland, based on the success of bands like U2 or even Hozier, they absolutely nail it [in the U.S.] and set the bar high for young musicians," Harry told *Wrangler News* over the phone while stopped at a service station in Massachusetts. "There's a bit of

a glass ceiling in Ireland; you can get stuck. So you have to put yourself out there."

Hudson Taylor are succeeding where many imported acts don't, primarily because of their devotion to a range of pop songwriting practices.

Like bona fide troubadours, the brothers honed their craft as teenagers by busking on the streets of Dublin, a city that, like Paris or New Orleans, has a particularly rich street musician culture.

Earning the attention, and compensation, of passersby is no easy feat. After memorizing countless cover songs, street musicians have to quickly snare people with familiar melodies and coax the cash from their pockets with a spark of novelty.

Young musicians these days are most often learning in full public view by posting videos of themselves playing covers online, and a search for Hudson Taylor cover videos nets hundreds of results. Covering songs is still a part of Hudson Taylor's practice. "We have an easy go at making something different immediately because we play off the duo vocal thing," he said, which is evident on

the band's own cover videos. For one example, they take a frantic punk song by British pop-punks The Arctic Monkeys and fill it with melodic counterpoint without losing an ounce of the original's tense energy.

Now working as professionals, Harry says they make their cover selections carefully, but he finds it hard to lay out unimpeachable rules for choosing and executing the perfect cover tune.

"You do tend to stay clear of absolute classics," he said, seeing as most mortal beings cannot often approach the signature styles of the greats. "But every so often you hear someone's take on a song like that and it blows your mind. That's what you should aim for."

Among the musicians joining them on stage is their sister Holly, as well as friends they made busking together on the streets years ago. This not only lends musical depth, but gives Hudson Taylor the collective feel that many individualized, personality-driven pop acts don't possess. "If you



## Marquee

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saw us on this tour with seven people, you wouldn't necessarily know it was Alfie and I as the main

songwriters," he said.

He also says now that they're playing for thousands in large theaters on this tour, it's important to maintain gratitude.

A few folks in the band have never been to North America, "where everything is bigger and bolder," he says. Though he and his brother might be growing

accustomed to the spectacle of a life in music, seeing his friends and family awestruck has kept him grounded.

"It's nice to be on tour with some people who are experiencing that for the first time," he said.

"It gives you a reminder: 'Wow, what am I doing? Ten years ago I never would have expected this.'"

## Film Fare: Crossroads of faith, reason play out on screen

By M.V. Moorhead

The premise of this animated musical kiddie flick is that Yeti exist, high in the Himalayas, and that they regard us humans just as we regard them—as legendary.

These furry, not-at-all-abominable snow-people have a peaceful culture on a mountaintop above a cloudbank, based on a traditional creation story drawn on flat stones worn by the "Stonekeeper."

Questioning this mythology can lead to banishment.

This is what happens to our hero Migo (voiced by Channing Tatum) after he encounters a human "smallfoot" and tells his neighbors about it.

But he falls in with a secret society of other Yeti who question the literal veracity of the stones, among them Meechee (Zendaya), the daughter of the Stonekeeper (Common).

Migo has an adventure below the clouds with a smallfoot named Percy (James Corden), the egocentric, publicity-hungry host of an Animal-Planet-style TV show.

I didn't expect this film do go very far beyond its

clever, funny basic idea; I certainly didn't expect it to be a complex satire about skepticism and rational inquiry, and the forces that oppose it.

But that's what Smallfoot rather insistently is, even as it fulfills the obligatory demands of the kid movie, complete with slapstick and the occasional flatulence joke.

This conventional stuff is maybe what keeps the movie from being quite the instant classic that it wants to be.

There's one terrific rap number, performed by Common, in which the Stonekeeper explains how his orthodoxy arose, and what it does for his society.

Otherwise, the songs are pleasant but not really exciting.

Overall, though, Smallfoot is a very pleasant surprise, witty and generous-hearted and expansive. Also, one of the questioning Yeti—voiced by LeBron James—is named "Gwangi," presumably in homage to the allosaurus title character of 1969's The Valley of Gwangi, my childhood favorite movie. So I'd be disposed to like Smallfoot in any case.

### The Children Act

Here's another story about the negotiations between reason and faith. But this Brit drama, adapted from an Ian McEwan novel, is a little less lighthearted than Smallfoot.

Emma Thompson plays Fiona, a justice in London. Fiona is routinely charged with making godlike moral rulings on, say, whether a hospital can separate conjoined twins, at the expense of one twin's life and against the wishes of the parents. Her neglected professor husband (Stanley Tucci) announces his plan to have an affair, then leaves her.

While she's in the midst of this turmoil, she's assigned the case of a seventeen-year-old boy, Adam (Fionn Whitehead), who's dying of leukemia and refuses to accept a potentially lifesaving blood transfusion because it conflicts with the Jehovah's Witness faith in which he's been raised. Against her usual practice, Fiona decides to visit the boy in hospital, apparently to decide about the depth and seriousness of his commitment to refusing the

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treatment.

She finds Adam to be an ecstatic, flamboyantly self-dramatizing fellow, and the two bond at once, in part because of a shared passion for music. But it proves difficult to retreat back to her perch of legal abstraction after her short trip to the world of real humans that her decisions effect. Her connection with Adam continues after her ruling, in unexpected but painfully plausible ways.

Those of us who worship at the altar of Emma Thompson will get a potent dose of her brilliance here. It would be unfair to say that this is in spite of the material rather than because of it, but I think it's partially true, too. Although the quality and intelligence of the production is undeniable, there's something uneasily reductive about the story's approach to its central characters. The persistent suggestion is that Fiona is haunted by her failure to reproduce, and that this is what leaves her emotionally

unequipped to deal with the intensity of Adam's, or indeed of her husband's, feelings for her. This feels too thin and pat for the woman that Thompson shows us.

Richard Eyre's direction is tightly proficient, the dialogue is crisp and swift—the script is by McEwan—and the supporting players are all spot-on, especially Whitehead (the everyman soldier protagonist from Dunkirk). But the movie is built around Thompson's performance; it's one of those vehicles where a poised and self-controlled central character is set on a collision course with an Oscar-clip meltdown. Thompson's trademark arch, ironic tones that modulate into a mildly beseeching singsong at the ends of sentences bespeak a self-deprecating reserve that's ripe to be punctured, and Thompson deliver as usual, pushing her performance even past this movie's limits.

*Smallfoot is rated PG-13 and plays at Tempe Marketplace, Chandler Fashion 20, Arizona Mills and other multiplexes Valleywide; The Children Act is rated R and plays at Harkins Shea.*

## Olé: Tempe Tardeada Sunday, Oct. 7

**N**ow that summer temperatures are on the wane, venturing out for an afternoon party doesn't seem as formidable a notion as it was just a few weeks ago.

Maybe that's why our Hispanic ancestors picked this time of year for their annual Tardeada celebration, with a name that happily wraps itself around the Spanish word *tarde* (for afternoon) and the birth of, what else, an afternoon festival and social dance.

So what actually comprises a tardeada? In the local lexicon, it's a late-in-the-day festival—noon to 8 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 7—that showcases Tempe's Hispanic culture and community history.

Tempe's version of the merriment will take place at Tempe Community Complex, 3500 S. Rural Road, on the southwest corner of Southern Avenue and Rural

Road.

In conjunction with National Hispanic Heritage Month, the festival's goal is to offer traditional entertainment, music, dance, art, food and exhibits.

The entertainment stage will feature music, ranging from traditional mariachi and boleros to salsa and Latin dance music.

Free activities for children will include colorful crafts celebrating the Hispanic heritage, plus face painting, inflatables and other fun activities.

Between 12:30 and 2 p.m., the Tardeada Advisory Board will demonstrate the art of making fresh tortillas, with free tastings.

In addition, Tempe Mayor Mark Mitchell will present awards to the Tardeada coloring contest winners and introduce winners of the 16th annual Tempe Tardeada Scholarships.

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## Public Meetings

### North-South Rail Spur Multi-use Path—Oct. 13

Tempe wants feedback on plans for a new bicycle and pedestrian pathway. The North-South Rail Spur Multi-use Path is a seven-mile long, mixed-use path connecting Tempe Town Lake to Knox Road near the Chandler border, making it the longest continuous pathway in the community. A public meeting will be held Saturday, Oct. 13 from 9:30-11 a.m. at Landings Credit Union, 2800 S. Mill Ave.

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



### Music in Tempe—Oct. 15

Want to see more music in city parks? At local restaurants? At Tempe Town Lake? Only on Mill Avenue? Public meeting on Monday, Oct. 15 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. in Tempe City Council Chambers, 31 E. Fifth St., Tempe. If you can't attend the meeting, you may take an online survey at [www.tempe.gov/forum](http://www.tempe.gov/forum). Contact Sharon McKenna at 480-350-8545 for more information.

### Sell to City of Tempe—Oct. 17

The City of Tempe buys most of its products and services from businesses in Arizona, the Valley and right here in Tempe. The city is hosting a meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 17, to explore ways to increase contracting opportunities for local businesses.

The meeting will be held from 6-8 p.m. in the Community Room of the Tempe History Museum, 809 E. Southern Ave. If you have any questions regarding the forum, please contact either Lisa Goodman (480-350-8533) or Michael Greene (480-350-8516.)

## Early voting now for Tempe's Nov. 6 Special Election

Early voting for the Tempe Special Election begins Oct. 10.

A sales tax question (Proposition 417) and a City Charter amendment (Proposition 418) will appear on the city's portion of the statewide ballot.

Proposition 417 proposes a new sales tax and use tax of one-tenth of one percent to be implemented when an existing one-tenth of one percent tax expires in 2020. The funds would be used for arts and culture throughout Tempe, as guided by the city's 2015 Arts and Culture Plan.

Proposition 418 is a proposed amendment to the City Charter to provide the Tempe City Council with parameters for considering the removal from office of a Councilmember.

In-person early voting in Tempe will be available from Oct. 27 to Nov. 2 (closed Sunday) at the Tempe History Museum, 809 E. Southern Ave., and ASU Best C Building, 251 E. Lemon St.

Voters may drop off their voted early ballots at either the Tempe History Museum or ASU, or at the ballot drop-off box at Tempe City Hall, 31 E. Fifth St.

The last day to request an early ballot by mail is Oct. 26.

To request an early ballot or find out the status of your ballot, go to [www.maricopa.vote](http://www.maricopa.vote).

For details and questions about the election, call Tempe 311 at 480-350-4311 or visit [www.tempe.gov/election](http://www.tempe.gov/election).



## Job fair for those with disabilities

If you have a disability and are looking for a job, consider participating in the Tempe Presents: Deaf/Hard of Hearing/Disability Job Fair. It takes place on Oct. 30 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Tempe Public Library, 3500 S. Rural Road. Come prepared to interview with employers in Tempe and surrounding areas.

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

## Tempe first in state to train all first responders in dementia awareness

**T**hey are used to wearing heavy turnout gear to combat fires, but Tempe Fire Medical Rescue personnel recently wore a different type of gear that also proved challenging: headgear to muffle hearing; heavy mitts to limit motion; and eyewear to obstruction vision.

It's all about simulating how a person with dementia can experience the world with confusion and feelings of being overwhelmed.

The training included lessons on how to recognize and respond to the 10 signs of dementia.

Other Tempe first responders, including police and 9-1-1 dispatchers, are also trained in dementia awareness.

Tempe is the state's first and only dementia friendly city. More than 1,500 people over the age of 65 living in Tempe are estimated to have some form of memory loss.

If you and family caregivers need help to cope with some of the safety issues associated with the condition, Dementia Friendly Tempe lists free safety programs that may be of benefit. Go to Dementia Friendly Tempe at [www.tempe.gov/DFT](http://www.tempe.gov/DFT).



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# Shopping spree gives kids a joyful day of 'firsts'

Story & photo by Sarah Auffret

For some, it was a day of firsts: first pair of brand new shoes, first time to pick out a favorite superhero shirt. They were the 90 school children from Tempe Elementary and Kyrene Elementary school districts who wore big smiles on their faces during a recent shopping trip for new clothes at Target.

They came with their parents, selected by school resource officers to be part of Operation School Bell, an annual project of Assistance League of East Valley. Volunteers from Assistance League host a different group of families at a Target store every other week throughout the fall, helping each child select \$90 worth of school clothing.

Last year Assistance League of East Valley provided new clothing and uniforms for a record 9,831 children in Tempe, Chandler, Mesa, Gilbert, Higley and Queen Creek—a 40 percent increase over the year before. The group expects the number to be



even higher this year.

"Our families just can't believe someone would be willing to help them like this," said Nancy Griffin, social worker with Tempe Elementary district who stood at the door to welcome families. "When we tell them about it they are so surprised and grateful. The kids are really excited, and they come to school the next day and tell us, 'Look what I got, new shoes!' They even want to wear the new clothes on their way home from the store."

Tempe Elementary has been the beneficiary of the group's fund-raising for more than 25 years, Griffin said. She said few people realize how many low income families live in Tempe. One single mother came to the store with five children; another had just experienced a house fire that destroyed everything.

Assistance League raises money for philanthropic projects through its thrift shop at 2326 N. Alma School Rd., Chandler, and through fund-raising events through the year.

The biggest event of the year for the upscale shop is the group's Holiday Preview, coming up Nov. 12 from 1 to 6 p.m., when the shop will be filled with unique holiday decorations and housewares, many of them new items created by members.

Last year was the first time for the successful event, and this year the shop is filled with at least twice as many holiday items, with no admission charge for shoppers.

Included will be 11 lighted trees, wreaths and table decorations, holiday clothing for adults and children, linens, musical items, glassware and dishes, pillows, bakeware and children's holiday books. Shoppers will be entertained by the music of carolers, and free cookies, coffee and punch will be available.

A fall fund-raising event will be a "Ranglers and Rhinestones" Western dinner and silent auction at Rustler's Rooste Nov. 17, with dancing to the music of the Bayou Bandits.

Tickets are \$60, two for \$110.

Last year Assistance League of East Valley also provided clothing and hygiene kits to 5,115 victims of assault or crisis, 12 college scholarships, supplementary educational materials to 840 students from designated schools and birthday parties for 540 elderly and disabled adults.

Information:

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