



Drowning in plastics

ASU scientist dives into murky waters for answers to ocean pollution



Biologist Charles Rolsky says marine and aquatic microplastics have become a serious source of concern to scientists evaluating health of the world's oceans. Rolsky speaks at the April 24 session of Science Matters at West Chandler's Sunset branch library.

— ASU State Press photo

Looming ecological crisis to be focus of Sunset Library's April 24th forum

Staff Reports

Dumping of plastic bags and other man-made pollutants is raising heightened concerns among biologists, one of whom will seek to increase public awareness—and ask for help to forestall an ecological crisis—at a Wednesday, April 24 talk at West Chandler's Sunset Library.

The free 6:30 p.m. program, “Mo’ Plastics, Mo’ Problems,” will be led by Biologist Charles Rolsky as part of Chandler Library's ongoing Science Matters @CPL series.

Rolsky, who is associated with ASU's Biodesign Center for Environmental Health Engineering, is passionate about keeping the oceans clean, seafood edible and species protected from extinction. He will share his insight into the plastic pollution epidemic, from plastic bags to microplastics, with discussion of how plastics got into the world's oceans, how they behave in the environment, and what society can do to prevent ecological disaster.

Rolsky's work involved marine and aquatic microplastics, which have emerged as a major source of concern within many ecosystems and environments. Their identification, fate

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With big brown eyes and curly hair, Spencer brings joy and even an occasional bit of physical and emotional healing to patients and staff at Dignity Chandler Regional Medical Center. The regular houseguest of retired physician Dr. Michael Freed, Spencer, a goldendoodle, is one of the hospital's regular team of therapy dogs.

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The incredible, edible egg: All you wanted to know...and more

Editor's note: If you're a regular reader of Wrangler News, you know that we occasionally resurrect a column by our onetime food and modern-day-culture authority, who left our employ several years ago

to pursue some lofty globe-wandering ambitions. While we're sadly no longer in touch, we hear via a mutual friend that she's doing quite well, thank you. Here's one of the columns she wrote for us in 2013. It's always been one of our—and likely your—favorites.

Growing up, it never occurred to me that Easter eggs might serve some edible function. My family was (and is) what



I like to refer to as “germ-conscious,” a condition someone else might call borderline obsessive-compulsive.

Eggs were thought of as small grenades of salmonella. To eat an egg that was raw or undercooked (in mousses, mayonnaise or Caesar salad—even, alas, in cookie dough) was to play fast and loose with life itself.

To eat an egg that had been outside of refrigerated containment for more than an hour, nestled in grass that lodged microbes too numerous to conceive...well, that was anathema.

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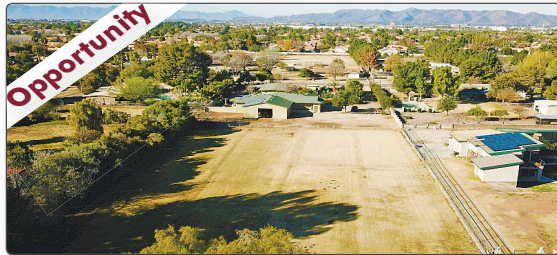
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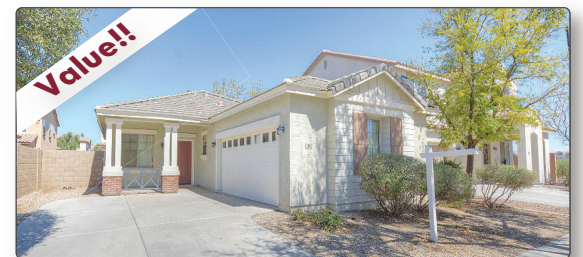
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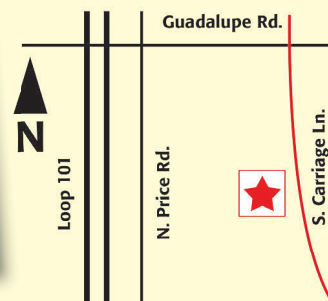
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Dist. 18 reps reveal their priorities for legislative action



Rep. Jennifer Jermaine and Rep. Mitzi Epstein of LD-18 discussed their legislative priorities with the Chandler Chamber of Commerce. — Wrangler News photo by Noah Kutz

By Noah Kutz

School funding and community college infrastructure headed the list of priorities outlined separately by two elected members of the Arizona State Legislature during a panel discussion sponsored by the Chandler Chamber of Commerce.

The pair, who represent Legislative District 18, answered broadly ranging questions and proposed solutions regarding the current state of finances and employment in the district.

Representatives Jennifer Jermaine and Mitzi Epstein are responsible for public policies and planning in large areas of West Chandler and South Tempe.

When elected to their positions, both representatives voiced their concerns for improving the schools in their community, shaping the overall budget in the district and refining the job economy to allow for more growth, particularly among younger employees in minimum wage jobs.

"Funding for schools is always number one for me," said Epstein, who disapproves of the decisions made by the State Finance Committee in its budget for public schools.

"However," she added, "there seems to be some bipartisan support for the idea of working in the interim on long term solutions for Arizona's revenue, especially for our schools."

In addition to more funding for schools, Epstein said she plans on utilizing the current budget surplus for improving government support for the disabled community, as well as the direct care workers involved.

"Let's give people not just a job, but a career," she said.

Jermaine, on the other hand, said she plans to implement policy on utilizing the government surplus for community colleges and infrastructure.

According to her studies, Pima and Maricopa community colleges lost approximately \$15 million in state funding during the great recession 10 years ago, which has yet to be restored.

On the topic of protecting the state's Highway User Revenue Fund, Jermaine said, "We have roads that are falling apart, and we have bridges and dams that are structurally unsound. These could be catastrophic events.

"If a dam breaks it could flood a city, or it could mean that we don't have the drinking water we need."

Both representatives touched

on several other policies, including bills for protecting Arizona's water resources and implementing more training for skilled workers.

Rep. Epstein remains passionate for the topic of creating careers in the community, rather than just more jobs.

"If we want to have more jobs then we need to make sure we have more

customers, which means we need to make sure we are providing livable wages..." she said.

"We want to make sure we are providing public policies that support a career path."

For more information regarding the Arizona budget surplus and public policy in LD18, visit www.azleg.gov.

Granville replacement sought

Tempe City Council members have authorized city staff to move forward to fill the vacancy left by former councilmember Kolby Granville, who was removed from office at a special meeting April 12.

As authorized by the city charter, the council will review applications, conduct interviews and select a new councilmember to complete Granville's term, which ends July 2020.

A City Council Vacancy Application is available at tempe.gov/clerk.

Applicants must be qualified electors in Tempe, at least 18 years of age on May 9, 2019, and have lived in Tempe for the last two years or longer. Additionally, applicants who

intend to run for a City Council seat in an upcoming election will not be considered.

Application selection timeline

April 22 – Applications, including a resume, due by 5 p.m. in the City Clerk's Office or to clerk@tempe.gov.

April 25 – City Council executive session discussion of applicants.

May 2 – Interviews will be held for up to three applicants; public comment will be taken. City Council executive session discussion of finalists.

May 9 – Appointment will be voted on and swearing in to take place at regular council meeting.

Seed library in bloom again

In two years, Tempe Public Library's Seed Library has checked out more than 4,000 seed packets, helping new gardens grow across the city.

The service features a variety of plant and herb seeds that can be checked out for free, then planted and grown at home.

The seeds, which are housed in a nostalgic card catalogue, are appropriate for all Arizona seasons and growing conditions. And it's simple to use—just check out seeds for free (up to three packets a month), start growing, then bring back the seeds of your harvest.

You need a library card to check out seeds, and donating seeds is optional.

The Seed Library is made possible through a partnership with Garden Pool, a non-profit dedicated to sustainable food growth.



New to gardening? Check out tempepubliclibrary/SeedLibrary for classes, online tutorials and more information.

Chandler employees recognized

City of Chandler Development Services employee David De La Torre has been recognized by Mayor Kevin Hartke and the

Chandler City Council for 20 years of service. Retiring employees Brenda Brown and Cecilia Martinez, who worked in

Community Services; Eugene Marquez from Buildings and Facilities; and Gary LaFleur from the City Court were also recognized.

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ASU biologist Charles Rolsky will address ocean pollution.

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and impact are only now starting to be understood and the group has developed several analytical tools to help improve upon this, noted Rolsky.

He said his group is collaborating with ASU's Fulton School of Engineering on several projects pertaining to microplastics as well as with many groups around the world.

He also has worked for several years on using non-invasive research methods to collect species health information, including fecal samples from wild species such as killer whales. Through this information, scientists can gather knowledge pertaining to hormonal activity in the realm of stress, reproduction and overall species health.

In addition to actively participating in science outreach programs aimed at empowering budding scientists from elementary to high school, Rolsky also runs a non-profit focused on designing and selling clothing featuring science-related designs. Proceeds from that work go to various charities, from groups that train therapy dogs for at-risk kids to plastic pollution advocacy.

About the series

Science Matters @ CPL is a series of monthly talks exploring the latest research or knowledge on various scientific topics.

Based on the global Science Café movement, the series aims to reveal the direct connections of science—in current research or in current practice—to people's everyday lives, while inspiring wonder and a greater understanding of the world and space around us.

The Science Matters talks, led by a scientist or researcher, are open to everyone and intended to foster open, easy-to-understand conversation.

Science Matters @ CPL programs generally run for an hour, with the speaker talking for 20-30 minutes to allow time for audience questions and discussion.

On Tuesday, May 7, the topic will be "Can the Zombie Apocalypse Really Happen?" a free 6:30 p.m. presentation by Epidemiologist Dave Engelthaler at the Downtown Chandler Library. The June 4 presentation, "Exploring the Moon Today," also will take place at 6:30 p.m. at the Downtown Library.

The Sunset branch library is at 4930 W. Ray Road; the Downtown library is at 22 S. Delaware St.

Schools receive A+ recognition

Five Kyrene schools and three in the Tempe Elementary district have earned 2019 A+ School of Excellence awards from the Arizona Educational Foundation.

Kyrene recipients included Waggoner, Aprende, Mariposa, Monte Vista and Kyrene Traditional Academy.

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Traditional Academy in the Tempe Elementary district also received the designations.

Schools applying for the recognition take part in a rigorous process that includes a written application, on-site visits by a team of judges and participation by faculty, students and families. Schools are evaluated in such areas as school culture, curriculum, leadership, assessment data and community involvement.

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Downtown Chandler business spotlight

Inner-city roots provided pathway to designer's success



Gil Sandoval, founder and creative director of Sandoval Design and Marketing located in downtown Chandler, says he got started designing while he was still a teenager.

— Photo courtesy Sandoval Design and Marketing

By Nicholas Johnsen

Every great product or brand has some form of designer behind it. These designers work with employers to develop their subject in unique and appealing ways. Whether it's cheap freelance work or massive studio projects, the world of design and marketing brings artists, technicians and marketing experts together under one banner — creativity.

One designer with a unique perspective on the world of graphic design offered some insight into how he got to where he is and some of the hidden truths he learned along the way.

Gil Sandoval, 36, is the founder and creative director of Sandoval Design and Marketing. Sandoval's studio has done work for Lionsgate, Sony Pictures, SanTan Brewing, and plenty other successful companies. They boast 17 team members and a state-of-the-art studio located in the heart of downtown Chandler on

Commonwealth Avenue.

Though Sandoval is clearly accomplished today, the story of his success is a long-fought and moving one. Growing up in the inner-city of Los Angeles, Sandoval learned quickly and worked resourcefully. When asked what initially got him interested in design, he explained it as a fortunate coincidence.

At the formative age of 16, his school program presented him with a fork in the road: he could focus in health, finance or technology.

"I'm the worst with needles and I'm not good at math, so I decided to go into tech," he explained. One of the first programs Sandoval learned was Photoshop 2.0, a fairly primitive form of the expert image manipulation tool widely used today. He fell in love, without any prior knowledge that graphic or advertising design could be turned into a business.

Despite that limitation, the teenaged designer got to work. While living in LA, Sandoval would



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approach businesses, restaurants and stores of all sorts and offer his services for free. Humble beginnings indeed— offering to redesign menus and logos without expecting anything, at least monetarily, in return.

“I knew that the more I did it, the better I would get at it. I wanted experience.” Sandoval realized that the more he worked at it, the better he would get. He also mentioned that he never got a college degree, so he had to figure these things out himself. The only thing that he knew was he wanted to be a great designer.

When asked about the origin story of Sandoval Design and Marketing, the now-established founder and creative director had a tale of equal interest to share.

“Immediately after I started freelancing, my brothers and I started a band,” Sandoval said. While he and the other members were busy landing gigs, Gil was maintaining his work as a freelance graphic designer.

Eventually, the gigs panned out and they secured a tour. He painted a picture of touring across the country in his 20s, playing venues and designing for extra cash in between.

“This was during the birth of social media,” he added. The guys in the band focused on connecting with their fans both in person and through ancient platforms like Dreambook and Yahoo Messenger.

“We started to build a community—our fans started advocating for us.” What Gil didn’t realize that he’s long come to now is that they were building a brand. Instead of focusing on sales or money, they set their sights on being good to the people—their people.

Eventually, a film studio reached out and offered him a position as an art/brand manager. After bringing his brothers on board at the new studio, the musician/designer got his first taste of the corporate world.

Two years after that, he quit the studio job to start the agency. It took Gil two years after that to get both his brothers to work with him. “We realized that our success depended on one another. The band’s goals got transferred to the agency’s goals.”

Sandoval also had plenty to say about the joys of working in the downtown Chandler area. He told stories of walking around as a broke musician and dreaming of affording to have a beer at one of the nice bars.

“When we eventually went to open our first brick and mortar, downtown Chandler was the first choice,” he said.

Family is everything to Gil, and with three kids and a wife, Chandler fit perfectly. Additionally, the location serves as a perfect place to build the community he spoke of earlier.

“A big misconception is that when I help you I’m taking away from my journey, but it’s actually the opposite—when you care for others, it grows who you and your brand are,” Gil said. The agency’s general attitude and connection with the Downtown Chandler Community Partnership fosters this philosophy through their careers and everyday lives; a philosophy built on hard work, community and the occasional jam session.

Sandoval Design and Marketing is at 101 W. Commonwealth Ave., Chandler. A full repertoire of past work and complete contact information is available at sandovaldesign.com/.

Email onslaught no match for your driveway

By Don Kirkland | Commentary

Without knowing whether you’re as bombarded with email as we are, it seems that practically everyone I know is somewhere on the countdown to overload.

We at Wrangler News, of course, also are guilty of contributing to that seemingly inevitable breaking point, what with the growing demand for digital delivery of our newspaper and the encouraging reports we get back about our consistently increasing online viewership.

But email alone does not a newspaper make.

Evidence the number of people we hear from almost daily who want to pick up extra copies because their son/granddaughter/ friend/neighbor was featured in a recent issue.

Thus, despite the era of faceless communication we’re now ensnared in, there are still those who look forward to the feeling they get when they see the latest copy of Wrangler News in their driveway. In its own simplistic way, it’s a real, palpable thing, something like what most

people feel when human touch is part of the relationship dynamic.

So yes, as a newspaper rooted in three decades of Tempe and West Chandler experience, we’re trying to achieve a journalistic balancing act that fills the interests of vastly different audiences: the driveway denizens who still enjoy picking up a home-delivered newspaper versus those to whom a laptop, cellphone or tablet is their preferred—and in some cases only—way of keeping current with local happenings.

This is where our digital prodigy Noah Kutz comes in. Not only does Noah have to decide after every print edition what stories and photos will appeal to our various online constituencies, but how to use the most attention-getting subject line possible to attract each recipient’s attention. No easy challenge, it turns out.

In the days following my own initial jump onto the digitized communications bandwagon, it seemed like every subject line was compelling, if for no reason other than the implied urgency of an email. After all, who would be sending it if it weren’t important.

So much has happened with email since those days, however, that the historical underpinnings seem almost

irrelevant. Whether we think about it or not, it seems that our inboxes runneth over with stuff we don’t want, need or open.

Thus, once again, this is the challenge Noah faces every time he prepares one of our editions for distribution to the growing list of online subscribers mentioned earlier.

To Noah, and to others responsible for ensuring that emails are actually read, the premise is that an email will be deleted before it’s ever opened.

Which translates to this: Those who have converted their print communications media entirely to email versions now must confront the additional challenge of getting the recipient’s attention via just a few persuasive words that catch the reader’s notice in no more than a blink of the eye.

Again, here is where Noah shines.

The end result of his subject-line creativity, I should mention, is not a talent that comes from birthright. It’s a process that he has pondered, studied and ultimately fine-tuned so that every one of our online subscribers can be confident that what’s attached is worth opening, exploring and reading.

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Holocaust essays win national recognition for KMS teens

Top honoree says her goal in writing is to change reader's perspective

By Diana Nelson

Kyrene Middle School students in the Gifted and Talented Program are keeping history alive with their award-winning writing.

The Holocaust is certainly a somber subject for any writer to tackle, but two 14-year-old KMS students accepted the challenge and submitted their entries into a national contest.

Named in honor of the Holocaust survivor and late author, "The Elie Wiesel Writing and Visual Arts Competition" focused this year on keeping the history of the Holocaust relevant.

Each year, the national Holocaust Commission invites middle-and high-school students to respond to a specific question with a written essay for a chance to win a cash prize.

Recently, the results were announced and, out of more than 500 entries in the junior division, Isabella Horton won first place. Her classmate, Andreyka Aitchison, earned third.

Both are enrolled in the English Language Arts class taught by Debra Rosenblum.

In a generation more accustomed to text messages, each of these writers expresses a passion

for creative writing, essays and poetry.

Isabella says that her favorite part of writing is to challenge the reader to see something they might not have before and to maybe change their perspective.

"A well-crafted essay, book, speech or poem can change a person's life, and it can change history," said Isabella via email.

"Telling a story, or writing an argumentative essay is like weaving threads of thoughts and ideas, facts and experiences, and beliefs and histories into a beautiful and intricate fabric."

Andreyka says that writing helps her to express herself and to grow into her own identity along with the chance to explore society's behavior.

"I love to write about the big questions; like how do we choose to relate with one another, why we are here, and what we should do while we exist," said Aitchison via email.

She also enjoys the structure of Debra Rosenblum's class, which she says is uniquely nurturing.

"I am surrounded by a talented group of students, and a fun-natured teacher, who is a professional writer herself. This helps me get the feedback I

need," said Aitchison.

"We also engage in partner editing, where we receive basic grammar, construction, and spelling suggestions from our peers before we present our work to our teacher for additional criticism."

The specific topic of the Holocaust did prove challenging to both writers. Ultimately, after struggling through several drafts of her essay, Horton began to research the alternative-right for inspiration.

"I watched videos, read articles, and especially comments. I was attempting to understand the nature of this deep hatred that this growing community still shares. This lit a fire within me," said Horton, "and telling the truth inspired me to write."

In her essay, Horton states that "the Holocaust is one of the greatest modern tragedies, where an entire two thirds of the populations of European Jews were murdered. The level of cruelty and turpitude is almost unfathomable. Survivor testimonies of the suffering and heartbreak could bring one to tears. For this reason, these events must be kept close in

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And, in her essay, Aitchison, shares some similar sentiments by writing—“keeping the Holocaust alive with witness testimonies are so important... they shed light on this tragic chapter of humanity and educate people so this never happens to us again.”

Rosenblum grew up on the East Coast and moved to the Valley in 2007; then, she started teaching in the Kyrene district.

She also began her own writing career and became a best-selling USA Today author.

“It’s wonderful that I’m able to satisfy my two passions-- educating and nurturing youth and writing fiction,” said Rosenblum.

“Last year, I had the freedom and class availability to run two semester classes, which created a winter and summer edition of ‘Literal Scorpion,’ an anthology of fiction and creative non-fiction. They are available for reading on the KMS website.”

EDITOR’S NOTE: The complete award-winning essays by Isabella Horton and Andreyra Aitchison can be found online at WranglerNews.com



Among the 500 entries in the junior division of the Elie Wiesel Writing and Visual Arts Competition, Andreyra Aitchison, left, was awarded third place and her KMS classmate Isabella Horton, won first. —Photo courtesy Kyrene Middle School

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2019 Spracale awards due again on May 4



The Tempe Impacts Education Foundation annual gala takes place Saturday, May 4, and will feature the Joseph P. Spracale Education Awards. — Photo courtesy Tempe Elementary School District

A tradition dating back nearly three decades rolls around Saturday, May 4, when members of the Tempe Impacts Education Foundation, or TIE, again honor the year's top performers in the Tempe Elementary School District.

Since 1991, foundation members have hosted the renown Joseph P. Spracale Education Awards dinner, named for longtime principal Joseph P. Spracale, bringing the community together to support programs that benefit district children.

Programs funded through the initiative are designed to provide consistent access to food; clothing; medical, dental and hygiene products; scholarships; and field trip opportunities.

This year, the Spracale Commitment to Education award, recognizing an employee with a minimum of 10 years service, will go to Tracy Harvester, the district's director of student support.

For the past 11 years, say awards committee members, Harvester has worked to ensure that members of her staff have the tools they need to help students succeed.

Most recently, Harvester has been instrumental in the success of the city of Tempe-funded Tempe Preschool Resource Expansion, or PRE, program, a \$6 million grant providing free, high-quality preschool to Tempe families.

According to the awards committee, district staff and families agree that Harvester is a shining example of excellence within the district and the community.

Another award, recognizing the work of Ralph and Carla Lingerfelt, signifies contributions by an organization or individual affecting the wellbeing of boys and girls in Tempe schools and the community. The award goes to Act One, which is responsible for taking more than 2,200 students on educational arts field trips.

Since the group's founding in 2011, nearly 157,000 students and their chaperones from Title I schools have participated in educational arts field trips. In terms of strategic focus, program implementation and scale, there is nothing else like it in Arizona, perhaps in the country, said the awards planners.

The Saturday, May 4 awards dinner runs from 6 to 9 p.m. Tickets are \$70 and should be purchased by Friday, April 26.

Details, information and tickets: tempeschools.org/TIE.



Retired physician Michael Freed and his furry friend Spencer visit patients at Chandler Regional Medical Center as part of the hospital's pet therapy program.

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From Spencer, a floppy-eared wag to Dignity's vision of humankindness

By Sammie Ann Wicks

Those big, brown eyes. That sensitive, helpful attitude. That curly, blonde hair, so charming to the ladies (and everybody else).

His name is Spencer, and yes, he's a dog—one who apparently is able to enthral just about everyone who crosses his path.

"This dog has an almost unbelievable capacity to relate to human beings," says Spencer's owner, retired neurosurgeon Dr. Michael Freed, who moved to Arizona four years ago. "He just loves people and, well, they love him right back."

Spencer and Freed contentedly serve both patients and staff at Dignity Chandler Regional Medical Center, a setting obviously not unfamiliar to the former surgeon.

"After I retired from medicine, I was looking for things to get involved in, and being part of the Chandler Regional pet therapy organization was just the thing," Freed says.

Volunteering in a hospital setting also was aligned with something Freed says motivated him in his previous work as a doctor.

"Helping people is something I've endeavored to do all my life, and now,

working with my dog and the people who need us at Chandler Regional is part of that. I couldn't be happier."

Spencer, the doctor's affable and smart-as-a-whip companion, is a goldendoodle, which Freed describes as a cross between a golden retriever and a poodle. "On one side," Freed says, "my guy is from the English cream golden retriever breed, which is why he's so light-colored. But it's the poodle part that makes him so smart—and hypoallergenic."

(Dogs working in a hospital setting cannot be from breeds that cause allergic reactions in patients.)

Great as it is, the surgeon stresses his dog's greatest gift is not his charm, it's something else, something ineffable.

"How to describe it?" Freed begins, pausing to ponder animals' inherent gifts for understanding human frailties and complexities. "I think this dog has a lot of intuition, like many dogs, they're truly keyed in to the humans around them. So in that sense, he's always got a good take on what's going on around him, what's happening inside people. Whatever the capacity is that animals have, there's no doubt it's magical."

Spencer always wants to help and to

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Spencer

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please, the surgeon says, and when encountering a human he “just sees a being with a hand that could conceivably be petting him.”

But Spencer doesn't just please people, Freed says. He's truly part of a patient's recovery process—the “therapy” aspect of his canine duties.

“He does sense people's moods, and has a way of lifting people's spirits—just as he did when we visited a patient who was reported as being depressed. We heard she felt much better after we visited.”

Patients are always first at Chandler Regional, says Freed, adding however that hospital staff also benefit from his dog's attentive presence.

“Nurses have very consuming jobs, and they, too, have to decompress. I've seen them go up to Spencer and seemingly get his help doing just that.”

Spencer comes to his therapeutic calling after an extensive period of training and certification through such organizations as the Alliance of Therapy Dogs and Pet Partners.

“Spencer has just the right disposition to be a therapy dog,” says Freed, noting some dogs' habits work less well.

“You can't have a dog running around wild in a hospital setting, obviously, and because of this, trainers set up scenarios, like dropping a tray suddenly and things like that, to see if a prospective therapy dog startles, to see how it reacts. Spencer may react, but he remains calm.”

Freed says it's not only the therapy dog who is

trained, but the owner/handler.

“We as handlers have almost as much to learn as the dog in getting ready for our responsibilities.”

After an initial certification, a dog and its handler have to be recertified within two to three years, says Freed.

“The handler and the dog have to log in hours to keep the certification active,” Freed says, “so it's an ongoing process.”

Spencer was a lively five months old when Freed adopted him.

“At the breeder's where I found him, a couple of adopters couldn't deal with him that well,” Freed remembers.

“He was just so athletic that the first prospects, a young couple with kids who hadn't realized what having a puppy entailed, ultimately had to give him up.

“And the second adopter's spouse had a stroke and became incapacitated, so that couple couldn't be as active as he needed.

“But when I entered the picture, we were a perfect match. Now, he's eight years old, and he's calm, well-behaved and thoroughly obedience-trained: the ideal therapy dog.

“I've had a wonderful time with him.”

Freed, a native of Shreveport, Louisiana, trained at Louisiana State University School of Medicine in Shreveport and Temple University in Philadelphia.

He operated his own private practice in Philadelphia (12 years) and another thereafter in Boston (23 years).

He and his wife of 45 years, a sales and marketing professional, have a son, an emergency room physician; and a daughter, an attorney in private practice in the area.

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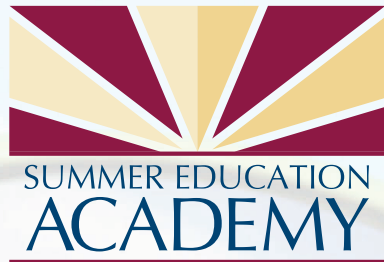
In these file photos from 2013, an Easter egg hunt sponsored by Wrangler News at Estrada Park in Tempe finds children scrambling for treats embedded in colorful plastic eggs; boys and girls hunt for hidden treasures scattered across fields of green; the Easter Bunny pays a surprise visit.

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Sports

with Alex Zener

Aztec baseball season called a 'Wild ride'

The No. 4 Arizona-ranked Aztec baseball team has had a wild ride this season. They started the season defeating Skyline 18-8 on Feb. 26 and but then lost their next two games: Basha on Feb. 28, 11-5, and Mesa Mountain View 4-3 on March 1.

Corona then went on a six-game winning streak which included winning the Third Annual Boras Baseball Classic hosted by the Aztecs on March 13.

The Aztecs went undefeated at the Boras Classic after a 4-1 win over Liberty, a 3-2 win over Cottonwood from Salt Lake City, a 3-2 win over Mesquite and a 6-5 win over the No. 1 Arizona-ranked Hamilton in the finals.

Corona then went on a 5-1 winning streak the last two weeks in March before they flew to North Carolina to participate at the USA Baseball National High School Invitational, April 3-6, at the USA Baseball National Training Complex in Cary, N.C.

The national high school invitational is an elite



The Corona baseball team defeated Desert Vista 13-3 during the first Baseball Day Arizona on April 12 in a game broadcast on Fox Sports Arizona from Chase Field. — Photo courtesy of David Webb

tournament where only 16 of the top prep teams in the country are invited to compete against each other in what has become the premier event on the high school baseball calendar

Corona was guaranteed four games in this single-elimination tournament. The Aztecs were defeated

4-1 by Monsignor Pace out of Miami, Fla., in the first game on April 3.

On April 4, Corona took the lead against La Mirada in their second game of the tournament when Kaiden Frees hit a line-drive to left field in the first inning, giving Bryan Webb the opportunity to score.




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A hit by Brian Kalmer in the top of the third gave the Aztecs a 2-0 lead but La Mirada cut the lead to 2-1 in the bottom of the third.

La Mirada kept the Aztecs scoreless the rest of the game, while the Matadors were able to score two more runs and defeat Corona 3-2.

In their third game, Corona defeated Hendersonville, out of Hendersonville, Tenn., 2-0.

Jack Schobinger pitched seven innings to earn the complete game shutout, striking out four batters in order for the Aztecs to win their first game of the 2019 National High School Invitational.

Frees scored the first run in the bottom of the second, with Corona's second run scored in the third inning to hold on for their first victory.

On the final day of the tournament, April 6, Corona once again took an early lead in the first inning and then extended that to 3-0 in the third before Huntington Beach scored two runs in the bottom of the third to come within one.

A single by Hunter Haas in the top of the fourth gave the Aztecs a two-run lead, but Huntington Beach scored three runs in the bottom of the fourth to hold on for the win.

After flying back across the country, the Aztecs were destroyed by Desert Vista, 14-0, in five innings in a game played at DV on April 9 but rallied on April 10 in a 16-2 win over Highland.

Corona got a chance, on April 12, to avenge their loss to the Thunder at the first-ever Baseball Day Arizona in a game broadcast by Fox Sports Arizona, with Diamondbacks TV play-by-play announcer Steve

Berthiaume and former Diamondback Luis Gonzalez.

Once again, Schobinger threw a complete game in the 13-3 win over the Thunder.

Schobinger was able to take command of the strike zone after the Aztec batters scored in the first inning. He was very efficient, throwing only 22 pitches in the first three innings and was able to retire the final 11 batters he faced.

Kalmer, who is headed to ASU next fall, was the offensive star of the first Baseball Day Arizona. He was three for three with a home run in the first inning, two singles, one in the third inning and one in the fifth inning, two RBIs and three runs.

The Aztecs took a 4-0 lead in the first inning on a 375-foot home run by Kalmer and never looked back.

Haas, who committed to Oregon State, had a double and a single with two runs and one RBI.

The Aztecs move to 15-7 on the season and 4-1 in region play with four regular season games left before the state tournament.

Marcos de Niza Baseball

The Padres, ranked No. 14 in Division 4A with an 11-9 regular season record, had their last two regular season games scheduled the week of April 15.

The Padres were also scheduled to recognize their eight senior baseball players before their last home game on April 17 against Seton Catholic.

Matt Bergevin, who plays multiple positions on defense and leads his team in nearly every offensive category, will be honored along with fellow seniors

AJ Montiel, Elias Martinez, Tyler Murphy, Tanner Caballes, Reilly McDonnell, Sam Wynne and Marcus Dominguez.

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Bergevin, No. 3 in the batting order, is one of the best offensive performers for Marcos with an on-base percentage of 63.2. He has a .490 batting average with 49 at bats, nine doubles and four home runs. He has scored 15 runs on 24 hits in addition to 20 RBIs during the first 18 games of the season.

As a right-handed pitcher for the Padres, Bergevin has pitched over 32 innings facing 142 batters striking out 43. He started five games and appeared on the mound in seven of the first 18 games.

Bergevin is credited with winning four games with one shut out and an earned run average of 2.38, the lowest among the 10 pitchers for Marcos.

When he is not on the mound, Bergevin is playing either first base or third base.

He has accepted a scholarship to play baseball next year as a member of the Concordia University Cavaliers baseball team in Portland, Ore.

Montiel has started seven games and appeared in eight as pitcher for the Padres, where he is credited with winning five games and losing only two. He has pitched more innings, 35, than any other Marcos pitcher so far this season.

Montiel has struck out 35 of the 153 batters he has faced, allowing only 41 hits and 39 runs giving him an ERA of 5.4.

Montiel batted in nine of the first 18 games where he hit two doubles and scored two runs.

Martinez has been at bat 56 times in 17 out of the first 18 games with a .375 batting average scoring 16 runs on 21 hits with eight RBI's.

As a one of the Padres left-handed pitchers, Martinez has started in three games and pitched 14 innings, striking out 16 of the 72 batters he faced.

Caballes played in 14 out of the first 18 games leading the team in stolen bases going six for six. He was at bat 40 times scoring 11 runs on 14 hits with two RBIs.

McDonnell, infielder for the Padres, played in 13 out of 18 games scoring eight runs on seven hits with six RBI's on offense. Murphy played in eight games as an outfielder on defense and accumulating a .333 batting average on offense.

Wynne is a left-handed pitcher for Marcos where he played in four games allowing only one hit while striking out five batters while Dominguez played in nine games where he was one for one in stolen bases.

The other 11 members of the Padres baseball team listed on the 2019 team roster include juniors Ethan Galetti, Nate Meyer, Kobe Hernandez, Joshua Matuz and Nathan Patterson and sophomores Zachery Paiz, Rafael Armenta, Jacob Irick, Daniel Rodriguez, Alex Denham and Gage Olson.

Marcos de Niza Softball

The Padres' softball team were scheduled to honor their five seniors before their last home game, April 16, against Seton Catholic.

Besides taking on the responsibilities of co-captain and playing short-stop on defense for

Marcos, Taylor Delgado is one of the offensive leaders on the team.

Delgado started the season with the hottest bat as the leading hitter on the team with a batting average of .750 during the first six games.

During those first six games, Delgado scored nine runs on 15 hits with eight RBIs. She hit four doubles, two triples and one home run. In addition, Delgado was six for six in stolen bases.

Ashley Torres, the other co-captain on the Padres team, playing infielder and outfielder, had a .812 fielding percentage the first six games and was two for two on stolen base attempts.

Ciena Olmos, one of the two main pitchers on the team, along with freshman Isabell Hernandez, pitched 17.2 of 37 innings in the first six game of the season allowing only 14 hits and 15 runs while striking out 16 batters.

Olmas appears in four of the first six games and was the starting pitcher in three. She had an ERA of 3.96 during those four appearances.

Jayden Cirillo, playing in the outfield, had a .750 fielding percentage in five of the first six games.

She put out three batters on four total chances on defense and scored three runs on three hits with four stolen bases in five games.

DeJa Valenzuela, playing in the outfield or on first base during the first six games, had 24 putouts on 28 chances, earning a .857 fielding percentage.

Other members of the team included juniors Jordan Wulfkuehl, Maggie Hernandez and Tianna Rodriguez and sophomores Adriel Garcia, Mackenzie Peter and Arrianna Chiago.

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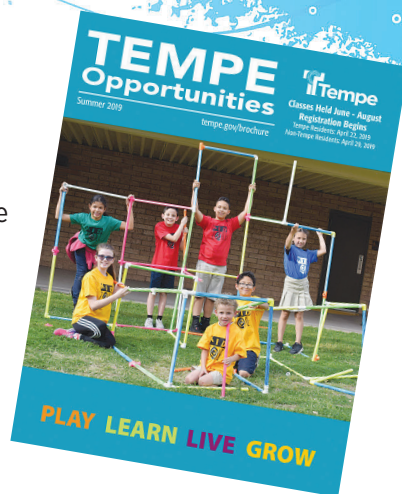
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Profile: Tom Brown

Veteran TSSL coach reflects on how baseball teaches kids lifelong lessons

By Luke Ottinger

Spring is here, and with it come the familiar smell of hot dogs and peanuts, plus the crack of the bat that says “play ball.”

Yes, it’s baseball season, and Tempe South Little League got started with its likewise familiar opening day traditions.

One of the things that makes Little League and the community around it so powerful are the families and parents who get involved.

Tom Brown, a member of the TSSL board of directors, is no exception. He has served at various levels of Tempe South for 18 years and counting.

“I had volunteered to coach a YMCA winter season baseball team for my older son, who was then 7. It was fun, so we signed him up for traditional Little League in the spring and I volunteered to be an assistant coach.”

The rest, it turns out, is now cast to history.

Coach Brown has long been involved in aspects of the Tempe South community, at every level from tee ball to the ever-popular junior division.

“I was an assistant coach for five years in tee ball and the farm divisions; I started as a manager when TSSL needed one more person to step up for an unexpected team in the minors, then I managed for four more years and assisted when my son was in juniors at ages 13 and 14.

“I started serving on the board somewhere in there and was glad to start running the spring player showcase for the 9- to 12-year-olds in 2010.”

Brown’s kids have been out of the league for a while now, but he continues to stay involved and helpful for the league.

Asked why he continues to stay active, he says “it’s a good reason to get out of the house, stay in touch with a wider range of neighbors and develop new friendships...”

In the true nature of baseball, memories of great times and good wins can last a lifetime. What is taken away from those years of watching the tee ball kids grow into advanced-level players hitting home runs and throwing fastballs.

Added Brown:

“Many little things add up to a wall of warm memories. The tears in the parents’ eyes when their timid player gets his first hit after the season is half over makes everyone glad he or she is playing baseball. They play at 99.9%, just having a lot of fun.

“This is a Tempe we can all share, regardless of



Tempe South Little League coach Tom Brown pitches a few tips to baseball up-and-comers.

— Photo courtesy Tempe South Little League

how well our children play or how many games they win or lose.”

It is the foundation on which Little League is built, says Brown.

“Little League is all about developing every player, teaching them the wonderful clichés and metaphors that have blended into our language and our national identity, and teaching them to win without grabbing credit and lose with grace. These are good life lessons we can all absorb.”

Brown points out that, when the dust finally settles, the last home run is hit and the concession stands roll out of Tempe Sports Complex, every coach, parent and board member will smile with the knowledge that what they did will have a

lasting impact on children that only helps grow and strengthen the community.

“It is seeing the players, as well as my own children, grow up from Tee Ball tots to secondary school and college-age young adults.

“After this many years it is all but impossible to step into a grocery store or attend an Arizona Diamondbacks game without someone from TSSL saying hello.

“Baseball teaches tolerance and makes me healthy and generally sane in this crazy world.”

So, advises Brown, go out this spring, see a game and cheer on a youngster. Eat a hotdog and let it take you back to simpler times.

“It’s not perfect but what we do is good and lets those kids get away from their video games.”

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Diversions

'Flamingo Man' becomes professor

(...his requested nod to a colorful but admittedly somewhat flighty past)

By M.V. Moorhead

Flamingo man becomes professor. That's the headline that Edward Crouch suggested for an article about his career. And he's right—it does sort of grab one's attention.

But it also requires some explanation. First of all, Crouch isn't a professor of ornithology.

Edward Crouch holds two master's degrees, one in communications from no less prestigious an institute of higher learning than Purdue University. He teaches communications at Chandler/Gilbert Community College.



M.V. Moorhead

But that's not his only job. "I also do mediation and arbitration for a law firm, though that's infrequent," he notes. "And they're going to have me do some jury analysis as well. And I'm corporate communications director for Awaken Nutrition," a vitamin and mineral supplement company based in Tempe.

On top of all this, he also works the front desk at the Tempe Massage Envy on Elliot. And yet Crouch, now in his 40s, regards an earlier period in his life as the point in which overwork led him to the brink of disaster. That, rather, was an episode from his days as Flamingo Man.

When he was in his 20s, Crouch sold plastic flamingo lawn ornaments. "I did it for three or four years. I was based in Tempe, out of my house, but I'd deliver all over the Valley." (His enterprise was even written about at the time in Wrangler News).

The plastic flamingo is, of course, a classic piece of midcentury suburban Americana, regarded as both iconic and tacky since its introduction in the late '50s.

The originals, produced by Union Products of Leominster, Massachusetts, were the work of the



eccentric sculptor Don Featherstone, who displayed 57 of them on his own front lawn. The item later lent its title to *Pink Flamingos*, 1972's notorious John Waters trash comedy.

Whether they were admired sincerely, ironically, or for their power to annoy humorless neighbors, the extruded birds remained popular enough for Crouch to run a thriving business, Flamingo Express, "migrating" the birds, as he puts it, to yards around the Phoenix area.

The business may have been a little too thriving, perhaps.

"I was 26; I was driving all over, and I almost killed a biker on I-10, from falling asleep at the wheel," recalls Crouch. "He saved my life. He stayed alongside me and kept screaming at me until I woke up. He could have backed off at any time, but he stayed with me."

The close call had a profound effect on Crouch. "I went home and cried for like 30 minutes," he says. "And then I said, that's it."

It was at that point that he decided to set aside his high-powered avian sales career and kick his education into high gear. This left him with a few foster flamingos still in his home.

While Crouch doesn't exactly seem nostalgic for the days when he nodded off on interstate highways for the sake of synthetic waterfowl, he does note with pride that, despite the availability of imitators, his company's flamingos were the real deal, true Don Featherstone originals from Union Products. Production of that line was discontinued in 2006.

Crouch remembers their popularity, not only with his customers but with their ne'er-do-well neighbors. "You always lose some," says Crouch.

"Sometimes you'd lose a whole flock, because the high school kids were out."

A harrowing tale . . . and it could happen here

Editor's note: You may be wondering how a story originating in Florida applies to us in this part of the world, but venture out almost anywhere in the wilds of Tempe or West Chandler and it's not unlikely that one day you could encounter a similar situation. Just don't say we didn't warn you.

By M.V. Moorhead

Last month my brother beat a coyote to death with a rubber mallet. It happened something like this:

My brother lives in Florida. After a long career as an airline pilot, he retired to the Orlando area with his wife a few years ago, mostly to be close to their daughter.

But it happens that his wife's sister and her boyfriend live nearby as well.

So one day last month my brother was over at his sister-in-law's house, working on a remodeling project in the kitchen with the boyfriend. His sister-in-law was in the yard, doing some gardening. Out of the corner of her eye, she noticed a large animal wandering past.

She looked over in time to see that it was a

coyote, out in broad daylight, and that it was charging toward her. It lunged at her, and sank its fangs into her leg.

She screamed, naturally enough, and my brother and the boyfriend rushed out of the kitchen. The boyfriend grabbed the coyote and tried to pull it off her, but, perhaps fortunately for him, it refused to release her leg. My brother got a rubber mallet from his toolbox and beat the poor creature's brains in.

Needless to say, the sister-in-law has been made to undergo a lengthy and painful course of rabies shots, though my brother assures us that she's tough enough for them.

He's seen her, he says, go straight from a chemotherapy session to babysit her grandkids.

These are the broad strokes of the story, related to me over the phone in unassuming, maybe slightly reluctant terms by my brother.

I didn't press him for too many details; he was making jokes about it—saying that his new Native American name was Kills-With-A-Rubber-Mallet, for instance—but I could tell that the incident had shaken this soft-spoken, gentle-natured man.

Here's a thing about my brother: Like me, like several people in our family, he's a little on the OCD side.

In his case this manifests, partly, as germaphobia. Out of any number of, to use Arlo Guthrie's phrase, "implements of destruction" that were near to hand, his choice of the rubber mallet to dispatch the coyote wasn't random.

He picked it up, he told me, because he didn't want blood to fly. He knew that you don't have get bitten to be infected with rabies; simple exposure to

bodily fluids can be enough.

Even though blood didn't fly, the doctors considered ordering the shots for my brother and the boyfriend, though in the end they decided against it.

Here's another thing about my brother:

He's been my hero since I was child. He started earning his private pilot's license while he was still in high school, though his ambition to be a commercial pilot seemed improbable because he wore glasses, which in those days was a disqualification. So for years he worked driving salt trucks, cement mixers, school buses.

He worked building houses with a contractor cousin. He was even a weekend mail carrier in our Pennsylvania town (that's why I learned to drive in a jeep with right-hand steering).

Then deregulation allowed him to become an airline pilot after all, in his thirties and after he had gotten married.

Years later I mentioned to him how gratifying I found it that he had been able to achieve his dream, and he told me that it wasn't as satisfying as he'd hoped.

He is, by his own account, a chronic worrywart. The weight of his responsibility for the lives of his passengers, his crew, even of people on the ground, had never been fully clear to him until he experienced it.

In the last few years of his career, he switched to a ground job, working in a simulator, re-certifying pilots for duty.

He hoped that this might relieve some of his worry, but no, it just extended it to the pilots he certified; their responsibilities becoming partly his.

"I don't want a tombstone when I die," he once told me, "but if I did, I'd want it to say 'HE FINALLY STOPPED WORRYING.'"

"Are you sure that's true?" I asked.

"No," he admitted.

My brother was slightly acquainted with Chesley "Sully" Sullenberger, the pilot who landed US Airways Flight 1549 in the Hudson River after it collided with birds in January 2009, saving everybody aboard.

My brother told me that he's taken off from that same runway, and reflected, not optimistically, about one's options should an emergency landing be necessary in that area.

When I saw Clint Eastwood's film *Sully*, it brought me to tears, not only because it was an inspirational story but because it made me think of my brother, fretting about the people who had placed their lives in his hands, worrying about how he would save them if he had too.

We all depend, probably far more often than we realize, on that particular brand of the kindness of strangers, and we can only hope they take that duty as seriously as my brother does.

So I'm writing this, even though I'm not sure I want my brother to read it, because I fear it might embarrass him.

I'm writing it not because I love my brother, though I very much do, but because I admire him.

He's a quiet, self-deprecating kind of guy, but if you need somebody to land you safely in an airplane, or to kill the rabid coyote that's attacking you, he's that kind of guy, too.

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'Fantastical' gala nets \$150k to help fund research into rare neuro disorder

Special-event coverage & photo by Noah Kutz

It's not something that can easily be fathomed, until it happens to you. When Audra and James Small began raising their daughter Sophia, all signs pointed to a completely healthy and happy baby.

However, at around age 2, Sophia began to regress and show signs of autism; by age 4 her parents realized that their daughter's condition became more severe than initially perceived.

Rett Syndrome is a neurological disorder that occurs primarily in young girls who are initially born healthy, but then slowly begin to lose the ability to walk, talk, feed themselves and perform basic functions which most children accomplish easily.

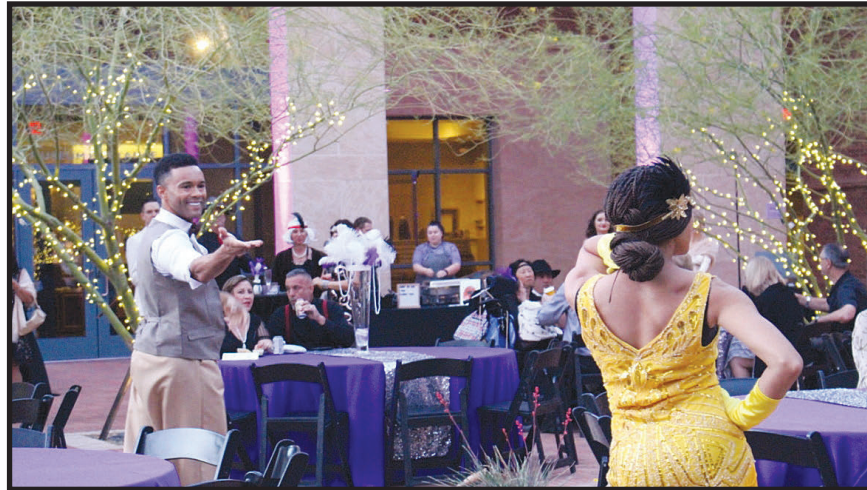
Night terrors and seizures are also common for children that suffer from this disorder.

"In the beginning we experienced a period of grieving," says Jim Small. "It's like mourning the loss of the kid you thought you would have. You're sad for them and for the struggles they're going to have to go through. You're also worried and concerned."

After Sophia's diagnosis, Jim and Audra's anxieties amounted from finding out how to fund the healing process to how to raise their daughter along with two other, younger daughters. Until recently, the thought of a cure for Rett seemed improbable, if not impossible.

However, due to recent advancements in medical technology around the world, researchers have begun to develop a method for reversing the disorder in mice and are working toward their ultimate goal of repeating these results in children.

To support this development, the Smalls founded Rett Eliminated Together Today in honor of Sophia, which raises money for researchers and stands as a beacon of



hope to parents and families that have been affected by the disorder.

One particular way that RETT supports families and researchers is through its annual fundraising gala, which this year adopted a theme transporting donors to a Great Gatsby soiree with swing dancing, flashy costumes and plenty of champagne.

Caterers from local eateries such as Postino Wine Café, Ocean Poke and Garcia's Mexican Restaurant donated their nourishments and time to this cause, along with several other organizations that made the whole event extremely cost effective, despite its fantastical aura.

The night began with a pep talk from Jim Small himself, who encouraged the audience to stand strong and support the cause for RETT and for young girls like Sophia

others affected by the disorder in the audience.

Following a video presentation which gave an update on the Small family and the status of Rett Disorder on the research field, donors participated in a live auction that allowed them to donate cash for rewards such as baseball tickets and vacations.

Overall, the event concluded with over \$150,000 in donations going toward research centers such as TGen, which is located in central Phoenix and hosts a facility that researches genetic disorders.

Dr. Vinodh Narayanan, a researcher who attended the RETT gala and specializes genetic neurological disorders, has a hope in finding a cure for the disorder.

Unfortunately, he said, "Mice are not humans." Determining a way to reverse the effects of the disorder and eliminating the disease as a whole is a long and complex process, but doctors and scientists are gaining ground each day.

Jim and Audra Small remain steadfast in their fight against Rett, both for their daughter and for the thousands of other girls and families that are affected by the disease around the world. Concluded Jim:

"The science is moving so rapidly that it's almost impossible to imagine the future because it's so bright, and if there's anything you think that's not possible, you're wrong."

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Mayor on the Move

Mayor Kevin Hartke will join Chandler's Neighborhood Advisory Committee on Tuesday, May 14, in hosting a neighborhood meeting as part of his Mayor On the Move community outreach.



Mayor on the Move events will be hosted throughout the City twice a year. They are designed

to engage residents in conversations about the challenges they face within their neighborhoods and what they love about Chandler. The May 14 Mayor on the Move event will begin at 5:30 p.m. with a City Expo at the Boys and Girls Club Compadres Branch, 300 E. Chandler Blvd. The Mayor will then kick-off the event with remarks at 6 p.m.

Staff will provide information on City resources and services available to residents, and residents will be able to ask questions of the Mayor, Council and City management.

Attendees may RSVP online at chandleraz.gov/mayoronthemove. For more information, contact the Neighborhood Programs Office at 782-4348.

CinePark movie series returns to Tumbleweed Park in May



Enjoy the return of the popular movie series, CinePark, at Tumbleweed Park. Pack a picnic, grab a blanket and get ready to watch free, family-friendly flicks on a giant screen on three consecutive Friday evenings in May. Pre-movie seating opens 90 minutes before the show and moviegoers can enjoy a variety of entertainment and activities inspired by each movie. Check out all the movie magic details at chandleraz.gov/cinepark. Movie Schedule (Movies begin at 8 p.m.):
Friday, May 3 – “Ralph Breaks the Internet”
Friday, May 10 – “The Grinch”
Friday, May 17 – “The Incredibles 2”

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Stay cool in Chandler pools



Chandler has six pools and aquatic centers opening on various dates in May! Mesquite Groves Aquatic Center has already opened for the season and has daily operational hours.

Visit chandleraz.gov/aquatics for opening schedules and hours of operation.

- Arrowhead Pool - 1475 W. Erie St.
- Desert Oasis Aquatic Center - 1400 W. Summit Place
- Folley Pool - 600 E. Fairview St.
- Hamilton Aquatic Center - 3838 S. Arizona Ave.
- Mesquite Groves Aquatic Center - 5901 S. Hillcrest Drive
- Nozomi Aquatic Center - 250 S. Kyrene Road

Trashion Fashion Show returns to Chandler Fashion Center



A combination of trash and fashion, the 5th Annual Trashion Fashion Show will feature style-savvy fashion designers who will use their design skills to create and exhibit a garment created from discarded materials. These resourceful and inventive designs are a celebration of wearable fashion that are created from materials that might otherwise end up in the trash. At least 75 percent of the garment must be made from recyclable or reused materials.

“Our Trashion Fashion Show is a unique way to get people thinking differently about waste and reuse,” said Traci Conaway, Chandler’s recycling specialist. “We encourage entrants to let their imaginations go, be wildly inventive, and have fun with their designs.” The event takes place at 1 p.m. Saturday, May 11, at Chandler Fashion Center (lower level by Macy’s).



EVENTS

April

- 20 Family Easter Celebration, Snedigar Sportsplex, 782-2665
- 20 Our Stories: Russell “Big Chief” Moore, Basha Library, 782-2800
- 20 Southwest Cajun Fest, Downtown Chandler, 855-3539
- 22 City Council Study Session, Council Chambers, 782-2180
- 23 HOA Academy, Strategic Planning for HOA/Condo Boards, City Hall, 782-4348
- 24 Science Matters @ CPL: “Mo’ Plastics, Mo’ Problems”, Sunset Library, 782-2800
- 25 Workshop: Do It Yourself Sprinkler System Design & Installation, ASU Chandler Innovation Center, 782-3583
- 25 City Council Meeting, Council Chambers, 782-2180
- 25 HOA Academy, The Great Debate: HOA Attorney vs. Homeowner Attorney, City Hall, 782-4348

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- 30 HOA Academy, Annual Meetings and Elections, City Hall, 782-4348
- 2 Workshop: ABC’s to Yard Watering & Timer Installation, ASU Chandler Innovation Center, 782-3583
- 3 CinePark featuring “Ralph Breaks the Internet,” Tumbleweed Park, 782-2735
- 4 Vision Kids, Vision Gallery, 782-2697
- 5 Chandler Symphony Classical Series, Center for the Arts, 782-2680
- 6 City Council Study Session, Council Chambers, 782-2180
- 7 Science Matters @ CPL: “Can the Zombie Apocalypse Really Happen?”, Downtown Library, 782-2800
- 9 City Council Meeting, Council Chambers, 782-2180
- 9 Workshop: Easy Irrigation Troubleshooting & Repair, ASU Chandler Innovation Center, 782-3583
- 10 CinePark featuring “The Grinch,” Tumbleweed Park, 782-2735

- 11 Vision Kids, Vision Gallery, 782-2697
- 11 Trashion Fashion Show, Chandler Fashion Center, 782-3510
- 11 You Look Marvelous Fashion Show, Center for the Arts, 782-2709
- 14 State of the Downtown, Flix Brewhouse, 855-3539
- 14 Mayor on the Move, Boys and Girls Club Compadre Branch, 782-4348
- 15 One World Many Voices, Tony Duncan, Basha Library, 782-2800
- 16 Workshop: Irrigation Maximization, ASU Chandler Innovation Center, 782-3583
- 17 CinePark featuring “The Incredibles 2,” Tumbleweed Park, 782-2735
- 18 Vision Kids, Vision Gallery, 782-2697
- 20 City Council Study Session, Council Chambers, 782-2180
- 23 City Council Meeting, Council Chambers, 782-2180
- 27 Memorial Day holiday, City offices closed

For event details, visit chandleraz.gov or call the Chandler Special Events Hotline at 782-2735.

Mayor Kevin Hartke & City Council





Fun...’n all that jazz

Chandler’s 20th annual Jazz Festival drew music lovers for a melodious three-day celebration that featured 20 hours of live performances across a range of genres, including blues, smooth jazz and fusion rhythm. The free, family-friendly festival had a main stage plus performances in front of iconic as well as new downtown Chandler businesses such as Saba’s Western Wear, Even Steven and Sibley’s West. Planners say a jazzy time was had by all.

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Coffee with Chandler Mayor Kevin Hartke

Tuesday, April 23
8 am to 9:30am

Chandler Chamber
25 S Arizona Ave, #201
Chandler, AZ 85225

Chandler Mayor, Kevin Hartke gives updates on the happenings in the Chandler business community. He will touch on economic development and entertain questions from attendees.

Register @ ChandlerChamber.com/calendar

Policy Impact Series Katie Hobbs, George Khaaf, and Dr. Milton Mahox

Friday, April 26
8 am to 9:30 am

Chandler Chamber
25 S Arizona PI, #201



The Chandler Chamber is honored to host Secretary of State Katie Hobbs for an update from her office and on elections. We will also hear from two experts regarding data firms and election security in the political and policy arenas.

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Economic Update *Sports & Tourism: Scoring a win for the valley's economy.*

Wednesday, May 1
11:30am—1pm

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Chandler Chamber Community Awards

Friday, May 31
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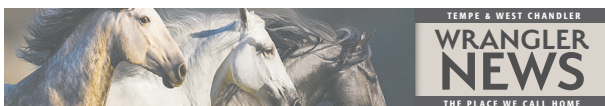
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Diner

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Our ancestors, of course, shared neither these concerns nor the affluence that permits their indulgence.

The Easter egg tradition began in the 15th century, when the eggs that were forbidden to Christians during Lent were collected and saved for Easter.

They were dipped in fat or wax to preserve them, colored and decorated to make them more appealing. Can you imagine? Not just an hour without temperature-controlled, artificial refrigeration, but 40 days. It rather puts things in perspective, but I don't think I'd like to eat those eggs, either.

The fact is, although eggs have a remarkably long shelf life, they're best eaten fresh. Eggs can be months old by the time you buy them at a

supermarket, so check the sell-by dates closely, and don't buy more than you'll use in a week.

If you have a source for fresh farm eggs, exploit it, because these eggs are wonderful, really. The difference in quality is obvious. Barring that, I like to buy organic and/or free-range eggs. Unfortunately, these can get expensive; the Whole Foods brand is a good bargain, and with two stores within easy access of our conjoined neighborhoods, only a vow of poverty should stand in the way of their purchase.

Few things in this world compare to a fresh, freshly hard-boiled egg—provided, that is, that you do it up right.

A properly hard-boiled egg is a pleasure, with a silky-smooth white and a moist, creamy yolk. It is truly gourmet food, and in fact, I once had such an egg at Chez Panisse, the celebrated restaurant in Berkeley, Calif.

Overcook this same egg, however, and its white turns rubbery, its yolk, chalky and gray-green. This is your standard Easter egg, your standard cafeteria-salad-bar egg, and there is little to recommend it. Yet nothing stands between the two eggs but time and technique.

Fortunately, it's easy to make a good hard-boiled egg.

Use a pan large enough to hold the eggs in a single layer, covered with an inch of cold water. Bring the whole thing to a boil over high heat, then remove the pan, cover it and let it sit: 10 to 12 minutes for a rather wet yolk, 14 to 16 minutes for a rather dry one.

I like a "12-minute egg," unless I'm making egg salad, where wet yolks are a liability. These times, by the way, are for elevations found in our Tempe and

West Chandler neighborhoods; at higher elevations, say during a summer holiday in Flagstaff or Pinetop, let the eggs sit longer.

When time's up, immediately transfer the eggs to a bowl of ice water so they'll stop cooking.

(I get a laugh every time I write this line, recalling one grammatically flawed recipe that advised: "Remove the eggs and plunge into a bowl of ice water." This technique somehow seems to be asking for trouble, particularly if you're one of those people who catches cold easily. But I digress.)

Next comes the tricky part: peeling the eggs. I use a technique that I learned from Cook's Illustrated, a wonderful magazine and cookbook series.

Tap the egg all over to crack its shell, then roll it gently back and forth on the counter. Now begin peeling from the air pocket end. The shell should come off in spiral strips. Does this work every time? No. But a little mayonnaise, a little salt, a little lemon juice and some capers—my standard egg salad ingredients, adjusted to taste—should take care of any disasters.

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