



Views differ widely on teacher pay-hike pledge **Outcome could help, hurt kids**

By Joyce Coronel

As Wrangler News went to press, the final results of voting on a possible teacher walkout remained up in the air.

Some of those interviewed for this story—who did not wish to reveal their identities—said they opposed it because of the negative impact on students; others said they voted in favor of the walkout because they felt the earlier announcement by Gov. Ducey’s office of a 20 percent pay increase was mostly a strategic

political move in an election year.

Just hours before Ducey’s pledge, emotions were running high among educators and their supporters. Carrying posters, chanting slogans and decked out in bright-red T-shirts, hundreds demonstrated at Corona del Sol High School and jammed the Kyrene district’s office parking lot in a scene mirrored in more than 1,000 rallies across Arizona on a hot April afternoon. The Red for Ed movement caught fire and quickly

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— Photo by Alexis Crane, Corona del Sol yearbook staff



Junior Achievement’s ‘18 Under 18’ honorees gathered to receive deserved recognition. More photos on Page 17.

— Photo by Billy Hardiman for Wrangler News

They may be ‘Junior’ Achievers but what they achieved was grown-up, indeed

Compiled by Diana Whittle

Bullying. Guns. Gender issues. Education. Disease. Without a doubt, today’s youth face a tough reality. Yet 18 Arizona students, including five from Tempe and Corona del Sol high schools, are coming face-to-face with some of society’s most contemporary issues.

Recently, hundreds of community members gathered to celebrate the contributions of these

entrepreneurial young people who, say those who know them, represent the future leaders, innovators and change-makers in the broad Arizona and global community. The students were selected as inaugural recipients of Junior Achievement of Arizona’s “18 Under 18” recognition program, based on their accomplishments in such judging categories as Leadership, Making the Community Better, Entrepreneurial Spirit and Extraordinary Skills.

Specifically, said Anne Landers, JA’s marketing and development senior director, each of the students embodies ambition, positivity, resilience, passion and commitment, among other important character qualities.

The students were joined in the recent observance by 100-plus families, educators and community members who also were on hand to recognize the teens’ record of successes.

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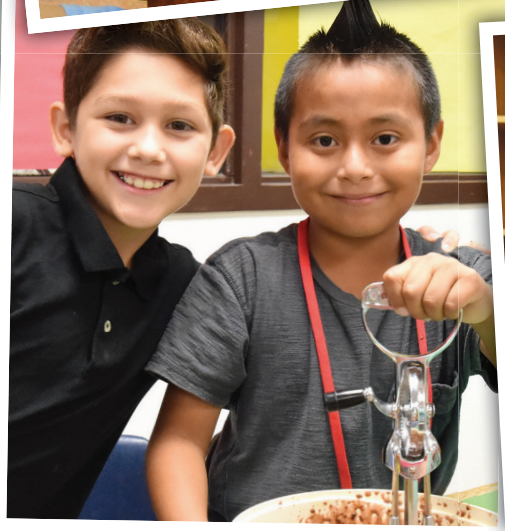
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Anniversary of Boston Marathon hits home as runner recalls aftermath

Editor's note: Katie Cartwright, a Corona del Sol and University of California, Berkeley, graduate who now lives and works in San Francisco, competes Sunday, April 22 in the London Marathon.

Learning of Katie's plans, and noting the recently completed Boston Marathon, Amy Garza, a graphic design specialist for the Tempe Elementary School District, said the two back-to-back events brought to mind the tragic April 15, 2013, bombing in Boston. Garza ran in the same race a year later.

The following commentary relates some of Garza's memories and what she has experienced in the event's five-year aftermath.

By Amy Garza

Any time a tragic event happens, you remember where you were when you heard the news. That's how it was for me and the Boston Marathon bombing. I was eating lunch with my husband, Noel, on April 15, 2013.

We saw the news feed on our smartphones that a bomb had just gone off right near the finish line. Noel immediately called his office because one of their coworkers, Jeffrey Breese, was among the competitors. His office couldn't reach him. Turns out, he hadn't finished the race yet, and once the bombs went off, officials immediately detoured the remaining runners far away from the finish line. Thousands of racers weren't aware of what had just happened.

Many don't run with their cell phones, so Jeffrey had no way of reaching his wife, Elena, who was in the grandstands near the finish line. Later he found out she witnessed one of the bombs going off, and it's something she will never forget.

Breese and more than 5,600 other runners never got to cross the finish line on Boylston Street that year.

Hearing about his experience and watching the television coverage sparked something inside me. It didn't make me scared to run it. It actually drove me to want to run it even more, mainly as a tribute to all the victims of that tragic day: for the 3 lives that were lost, the more than 260 wounded; for the 16 who lost limbs, and for the countless others who had emotional scars you can't see.

Running a marathon is physically and emotionally challenging. It's a stress on the body. You don't just decide one day you are going to sign up for a 26.2-mile race and run it the next day. Months of training is involved—months of running 35 or more miles per week, spending four hours or more running on long run days.

Commitment to running even when you are tired and spending time away from your family.

The Boston Marathon isn't just any marathon. It is the oldest annual event of its kind in history. For many long distance runners, it's the "bucket list" marathon. It's a race you have to qualify for, which means you have to have completed a BAA-sanctioned marathon within the qualifying times for your age and gender by the cutoff date.

And that's not always enough.

I had a qualifying time that was fast enough by the standards. But that doesn't guarantee entry into the race. You still have to try to register online the minute it opens, because the race is capped at a certain number of entrants, about 30,000, although it varies each year. It's first-come, first-served, in a way, with the people with the fastest qualifying times vying for the first spots. You don't



Hands-on learning about sustainability, the chance to win prizes and peruse eco-friendly products—including toys and books—will once again draw families to Chandler’s Environmental Education Center.

— Photo courtesy city of Chandler

April 21 celebration emphasizes taking better care of our planet

Chandler’s Environmental Education Center will celebrate Earth Day, Arbor Day and the facility’s 10th anniversary from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 21.

The free event is designed to educate the community on easy and simple ways to live a more sustainable lifestyle and includes hands-on activities, live animal presentations and educational demonstrations highlighting the importance of Earth Day.

“Every day is Earth Day at the Environmental Education Center,” said Daniella Rodriguez, recreation coordinator at the EEC.

“Our facility offers a unique chance for children and adults alike to learn how to care for the planet and discover the interconnectedness we share.”

Attendees will have the opportunity to meet such special guests as Wayne the Raindrop, courtesy of the Water Use It Wisely campaign, and exercise their green thumbs by entering to win Go Greenery Plants donated by long-standing community partner Arizona Public Service Company.

Anniversary activities will include commemorative giveaways, eco-friendly crafts and special photo opportunities.

The EEC will be open normal business hours and invites the public to experience the latest exhibits in the lobby, view entries from the 2018 Nature Photo Contest and shop in the Owl’s Nest Nature Store featuring a variety of eco-friendly products and nature-inspired books and toys.

In addition, there will be merchant displays, prize giveaways, special outdoor activities and Mexican ice and cream pops available from Paletas Betty.

“For the past 10 years, the EEC has been connecting the community with nature through its traveling exhibits, hiking trails, demonstration garden and classes,” said Rodriguez.

“Every day the center and park welcome hundreds of patrons from across the Valley. Be it a park-goer or student, our ‘outdoor classroom’ encourages lifelong learning.”

Information: 480-782-2894 or chandleraz.gov/eec.

Chandler Council issues go-ahead to OK sale of West Chandler acreage

At its April 12 meeting, the Chandler City Council approved the introduction of an ordinance to approve the sale of approximately 54.19 acres of city-owned property at the northwest corner of Kyrene Road and the Loop 202 to Conor Commercial Real Estate, LLC, for \$15 million.

In other action, Chandler Fire reported it plans a 2-day safety course for families who want to learn how best to take care of themselves during an emergency. The course will be 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, April 28, and Saturday, May 5. Information: chandleraz.gov/fire



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community through a grant process to support a variety of human service programs that assist low income Chandler residents. More than \$56,000 in grants were distributed last fiscal year.

The easiest way to donate is to set up a recurring donation that will be included in your monthly bill. Customers can set up a recurring donation in any amount by calling 782-2280, or sending an email to utilitybilling@chandleraz.gov. Or you can select one of the check boxes on your utility bill remittance slip and add the corresponding donation amount to your payment. For information: chandleraz.gov/aok.

Drinking Water Week | May 6-12, 2018



It was 30 years ago that Arizona Senator Dennis DeConcini co-sponsored a joint congressional resolution signed by then-President Ronald Reagan declaring the first week of May as Drinking Water Week in America.

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Information about Chandler's drinking water can be viewed online at chandleraz.gov/waterquality, along with a short video about Chandler's water quality efforts. Included on the website is the most recent water quality report that provides information about your drinking water, its source and quality.



Tree City USA designation

Chandler will be recognized as a Tree City USA community in ceremonies to be held Tuesday, April 24, at the Arizona State Government Complex in Phoenix. Vice Mayor Nora Ellen will represent the community at the ceremony, which is marked with the planting of a commemorative tree.

Tree City USA is a prestigious designation that Arizona cities can earn by meeting minimum standards for community forestry programs at the municipal level. A program of the Arbor Day Foundation and the National Association of State Foresters, Tree City USA recognizes communities that have developed urban forestry programs and that proactively plant and care for trees.

The City will celebrate Arbor Day Saturday, April 21, during Chandler's annual Earth Day & Arbor Day event at Veterans Oasis Park.

Water Safety Awareness Day May 5



Center, 3838 S. Arizona Ave.

The family-friendly event will include free games and public swim, plus Aquatics staff will simulate a water rescue and provide CPR demonstrations and information on sun safety. In addition, parents can have City lifeguards swim test their children to help determine the appropriate swim class for their child. Swim tests will be given from 1:30-2:30 p.m.

For more information, call 782-2749, or visit chandleraz.gov/aquatics.

Help your kids build the skills needed to stay safe in and around water by attending Water Safety Awareness Day from noon to 5 p.m. on Saturday, May 5, at Hamilton Aquatic

EVENTS

April

- 21 Women's Voices Author Series, Lynne Hartke: Under a Desert Sky: Redefining Hope, Beauty, and Faith in the Hardest Places, Downtown Library, 782-2800
- 21 Earth Day & Arbor Day Celebration, Veterans Oasis Park, 782-2890
- 23 City Council Study Session, Council Chambers, 782-2180
- 24 HOA Academy, Water Damage, Downtown Library-Copper Room, 782-4354
- 26 City Council Meeting, Council Chambers, 782-2180
- 26 Downtown Chandler Farmers Market, Dr. A.J. Chandler Park, 855-3539
- 27 City Budget & Capital Improvement Program Briefing, Council Chambers, 782-2250
- 28 Our Stories: Mysteries of the Superstition Mountains, Downtown Library, 782-2751

May

- 28 Ballet Etudes' production of Cinderella, Center for the Arts, 782-2680
- 29 La Santa Cecilia, Center for the Arts, 782-2680
- 4 CinePark Movies in the Park-Coco, Tumbleweed Park, 782-2669
- 4 Pacifico with Mariachi Los Toros, Center for the Arts, 782-2680
- 5 Water Awareness Safety Day, Hamilton Aquatic Center, 782-2749
- 6 Chandler Symphony Classical Series-For the Love of Music, Center for the Arts, 782-2680
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- 10 City Council Meeting, Council Chambers, 782-2180
- 11 You Look Marvelous Fashion Show, Center for the Arts, 782-2709
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- 13 Apocalyptica Plays Metallica, Center for the Arts, 782-2680
- 18 CinePark Movies in the Park-Despicable Me 3, Tumbleweed Park, 782-2669
- 18 Downtown Chandler Art Walk, Dr. A.J. Chandler Park, 855-3539
- 19 FRANK Talks: Is Incarceration the best Approach to Address Criminal Behavior, Basha Library, 782-2751
- 19 Our Stories: Arizona's Wild Myths & Legends, Sunset Library, 782-2751
- 19 Yen-Li Chen Ballet School presents Sleeping Beauty, Center for the Arts, 782-2680
- 21 City Council Study Session, Council Chambers, 782-2180
- 24 City Council Meeting, Council Chambers, 782-2180
- 28 Memorial Day holiday, City offices closed

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

Mayor Jay Tibshraeny & City Council



Tempe to honor its top neighbors

Your best neighbors might be getting an award as this issue of Wrangler News arrives in your driveway.

Each year, Tempe honors the people and businesses that make city neighborhoods better places through their residents' community spirit, involvement and property beautification.

This year, 18 people, events and projects are finalists for awards at the 2018 Tempe State of the Neighborhoods recognition, scheduled for 8-9:30 a.m. Saturday, April 21, at Tempe History Museum.

The awards are immediately followed by an inaugural Tempe Care Fair, at which Mayor Mark Mitchell discusses ways that Tempe and its residents are giving back to each other through volunteering and service.

There is no charge for admission. The Tempe State of the Neighborhoods is free to attend. Information: www.tempe.gov/stateoftheneighborhoods.

Nominees for 2018 include:

Property Beautification Award — Michael and Sheila Manion, Alta Mira neighborhood; Eric and Debbie Muilenberg, Alta Mira neighborhood; John Kozel, John and Emily Tanner, Wilson Arts and Garden neighborhood

Neighbor of the Year Award — Kathye Allen, Chipperwood Neighborhood; Stephanie Cargill, Hollis Park Neighborhood; Debbie Clegg, Shalimar Neighborhood; Richard Dippold, Dave Kellar, Scudder Park Neighborhood; Michele Meyer, Evergreen Neighborhood; Ted and Carolyn Raper - Broadmor Neighborhood; Deb Gain-Braleay, Papago Park View Neighborhood; Tempe Empty Bowls. A Chuck Malpede Neighbor of the Year Award will be awarded for outstanding service over a sustained period.

Sustainability Award — Special Moments Catering. From food composting to energy efficiency, Special Moments is contributing every day to Tempe's energy and waste reduction goals. **Arizona State University and the Ramsey Social Justice Foundation** — The organizations helped plant 159 trees in Tempe through the Urban Forestry Offsets program

Historic Preservation — Kirkland McKinney Ditch Lining Project. The Kirkland-McKinney Ditch along old Eighth Street from Una Avenue west to Gary Drive is the oldest continually used open irrigation ditch within the Greater Phoenix Metropolitan Area. A group of organizations restored this ditch and made it beautiful. Those involved included Salt River Project, US Bureau of Reclamation, State Historic Preservation Office, Tempe Historic Preservation Commission and others.

Tomlinson Estates Historic District — Neighbors came together to honor their neighborhood by creating a National Register of Historic Places nomination.

Gila River Indian Community — Gila River Indian Community grants fund an Historic Preservation Intern Program each year, preparing students for careers as historians, archaeologists, architects, curators, planners, and archivists.

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From the Editor

Integrity, not profit, remains our pledge to readers

By Joyce Coronel

I was just looking over our revenue and ad sales when the chime on my email sounded. Good news—or so it seemed—had come our way. Someone wanted to purchase a full-page ad.

As a longtime journalist, I'd never really had to concern myself with ad sales. After all, that's what sales reps do. Journalists, on the other hand, chase down sources, dig for quotes, attend press conferences and snap pictures. (Yes, we're the ones who have all the fun.) I can still remember whining to an editor at another newspaper once years ago:

Do we really have to have an *ad* on that page?

Fast forward to May 2017 and suddenly Wrangler News was without its advertising director. Would I be willing to step in and take over some of those duties while still managing content and cranking out articles?

The answer was yes. My father was an advertising executive, so I'd grown up with copies of *Advertising Age* on the coffee table and hearing about what makes for a compelling ad. But what really sticks out in my mind when I think of my father is sitting around the dinner table with my family in our kitchen one warm spring evening.

"What does the word integrity mean?" I remember asking my mom casually. I must have been about 11 years old. Mom laid her fork down and looked me straight in the

eye. "If you want to know what integrity means, take a look at your father."

And I knew *exactly* what she meant.

Honesty. Uprightness. Strong moral principles—that was my dad. You never had to wonder about whether he was doing the right thing. Dad instilled in us the crucial importance of acting with integrity and being guided by moral principles. That's a song that's always playing in the back of my mind, something I hope will guide me to my final breath.

Back to the modern era: When the email inquiry came in about a full-page ad, I'll admit I was excited.

Wrangler News has never operated with profit as our number one priority, but believe me, ad sales help keep these pages you're reading rolling off the presses every two weeks.

And yet, there was a warning bell ringing in the background as I examined the email. What was this potential client selling? And why didn't he say?

A few emails sailed back and forth. He'd have full-page artwork for us right away. He didn't want to miss our deadline. "But what are exactly are you selling?" I prodded him.

Then it came out: He wanted to advertise a local marijuana dispensary. I told him that such an ad would never, ever be found on the pages of Wrangler News.

Sure, other community newspapers do it. But we're not like everyone else.

Wrangler News is here to help build stronger families, stronger neighborhoods and stronger communities. You'll find ads for school districts, churches, service organizations

and local businesses on our pages. You'll find pictures of Little League slugers, church picnics and guide dogs alongside stories about "the place we call home," to quote our front-page tagline.

In an era in which young people in our community are dying in a suicide epidemic and drug abuse continues to plague us, Wrangler News is not about to profit from the sale of marijuana, albeit in what apparently is a legal, state-licensed and sanctioned dispensary.

As the would-be client assured me, "if it [marijuana] were recreational, about 40 percent of your readers would benefit." Funny how the big push is always for medical marijuana, but when you dig a little deeper, full legalization of recreational marijuana is the ultimate goal.

Last fall I travelled to Denver, Colorado. I always pick up the local newspaper when I visit another city and was appalled by the number of ads for marijuana and even reviews of marijuana products.

Wrangler News has had the opportunity over the last year to publish such ads but we've rejected them without a backward glance. The same goes for vulgar or suggestive advertising, the likes of which also come our way every so often. So no, you won't find that kind of thing on the pages of Wrangler News, like the ones you're holding in your hands right now.

We rely on readers like you and our loyal, family-friendly advertisers to help us continue to tell the stories of the people who live, study, work, serve and worship in our community.

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I-HELP's popular 5k-1 mile fun run coming up again on Saturday, May 5

A family-friendly, multi-generational event featuring two courses, including a 5K option and a one-mile lake loop, is being planned by Tempe Community Action Agency on Saturday, May 5, as the organization unveils its longstanding 5K/1 Mile Fun Run.

The event is designed to bring the community together in support of the Interfaith Homeless Emergency Lodging Program or I-HELP, Tempe's only homeless shelter program.

Those attending can participate in games and live entertainment, as well as sample treats from Sweet Thangs Bakery, Café Food Truck and Jamba Juice.

Planning calls for raffles, a gift card wall and more—all while raising money and awareness for what TCAA recognizes as a vital community service.

Whether participating as a group or an individual, the I-HELP Fun Run has been called a perfect event for the community to come together in support of needed services.

The event runs from 6:30 to 10:30 a.m. at Tempe Kiwanis Park's north



soccer fields, Ash entrance.

I-HELP's homeless shelter program operates seven nights a week, 365 days a year in partnership with 11 Tempe faith-based organizations.

The 2018 Fun Run will help provide services to more than 600 homeless men and women who seek safety, shelter and support toward gaining independence and long-term self-sufficiency. I-HELP officials say the program empowers men and women to overcome their challenges, both short and long-term, in order to successfully secure employment, safe permanent housing, and independence.

Plans for Tempe's bike-pedestrian bridge to be unveiled on April 24

Preliminary design concepts for the Tempe Town Lake Upstream Dam Bicycle/Pedestrian Bridge will be on public display at an open house starting at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 24, at the Karsten Golf Course Clubhouse's Trophy Room.

As proposed, the crossing, which will be west of the McClintock Drive bridge, will be two-tenths of a mile long, over 10 feet wide and grade-separated. It will connect Rio Salado's north and south banks and designed to provide a low-stress, off-street connection for users with a wide range of abilities.

A multimedia presentation at the April 24 event will provide a look at conceptual designs, which were refined based on feedback received online and at a February meeting.

Those interested in the project are being invited to offer feedback on design concepts, such as shade,

lighting, rest nodes and bridge deck. Interested residents who are unable to attend can also provide input online from April 24 to May 8 at www.tempe.gov/upstreambikepedbridge.

The project is included in the Transportation Master Plan and Tempe General Plan 2040.

In May 2017, the Transportation Commission, a 15-member Tempe resident advisory board appointed by the mayor, approved submitting the project for a Maricopa Association of Governments grant.

The project was awarded a preliminary design grant for \$59,000 several months later. The conceptual design, once complete, will be used to seek grant funding for construction.

Information: www.tempe.gov/upstreambikepedbridge.

The Karsten clubhouse is at 1125 E. Rio Salado Parkway, Tempe.



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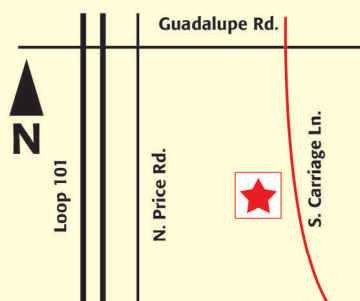
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Red

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ignited a blaze that many say ultimately pushed Ducey to agree to a salary boost for teachers.

Megan Noppeneerg, who teaches fifth grade at Kyrene de las Brisas, is one of them. "I'm here to provide exposure for the public so that they can get on board with us," Noppeneerg said. "We are out there working for equality within and among teachers. Give us more pay, more money per student and funding so we can get more aides, more supplies and all of the different things necessary in order to help achievement and our students and our districts being successful."

Noppeneerg said she has a master's degree and has been teaching for 13 years, during which she has hardly received any pay increases. There were pay freezes during about 10 of those years, she explained. "They have given us some raises but it's still not where anything should be to be competitive, especially for single families out there." She said she didn't get into teaching for the money, but "it still needs to be somewhat of a livable wage and it is not by any standards."

As the crowd mushroomed on the lawn outside the Kyrene district's headquarters in south Tempe, passing motorists honked their horns in support. Chants of "Our movement united will never be divided!" and "We are 50! Make us number one!" echoed through the throng, with many participants clutching handmade signs that bore slogans such as "My second job paid for this sign."

Sharon Johnson, president of the Kyrene Education Association, is a first grade dual-language teacher at Kyrene de los Lagos. Holding a bull horn, she addressed the crowd.

"We have all come together for one purpose: better funding for public education. We deserve more. We will stand together until the state makes needed changes. There is nothing like the passion of an educator and I say that over and over again. This is the proof—all of you being here. It's more than just wearing red. It's more than just holding signs. It is what we do, all of us, every day in our classrooms."

The crowd cheered throughout Johnson's speech that hammered home the Red for Ed's basic messaging, that funding for schools is a billion dollars below what it was in 2008.

"Our state has to do better," Johnson said. "We want increased teacher and support staff compensation. We want lower class sizes."

Scott Wilson, a kindergarten teacher at Kyrene de las Lomas, said the schools aren't getting enough money. "I'm here for our kids. We want funding for our students," Wilson said. "Yes, we want pay increases, but the main thing is, we need somebody to back us, to help fund our schools."

At Ducey's press conference the day following the colorful, noisy rallies, he pledged to increase teachers' pay by 20 percent by 2020. That's a sharp divergence

from his earlier proposal to boost them by just one percent.

A statement from the Arizona Educators United and Arizona Education Association didn't exactly gush praise for the governor's move. Ducey's action, the group said, "leaves many unanswered questions" and does not address the needs of employees outside the classroom such as counselors, librarians, coaches, bus drivers and custodians.

"The governor's proposal provides no details about where the money is coming from. Will it sweep funds from other agencies resulting in cuts to vital services to the students we serve? We don't know. What we do know, is that this is not legislation. It is another promise that may or may not happen depending on whether the state legislature passes it, and future legislatures may simply erase all these gains through tax cut," the statement reads.

Kyrene Superintendent Dr. Jan Vesely said the governor's decision sends a "clear message of his awareness of the value of qualified teachers in every classroom, the understanding that an engaged teacher may be the greatest indicator of student success, and the undeniable fact that those teachers, who are in service to our children every day, were being woefully underpaid – a truth we have long known, became truth to all."

Tempe Elementary Superintendent Christine Busch said she appreciated Ducey's willingness to work closely with others to provide increased funding for education and is "hopeful that Governor Ducey has the very best interest of children" at the core of his decision.

"Governor Ducey's proposal to increase teacher pay by 20% and to restore cuts from DAA will increase districts' ability to attract and retain highly effective teachers and support staff, as well as to address capital needs critical to district operations," Busch said.

"The future of Arizona children depends on setting aside partisan politics, rolling up our sleeves and working together across all aisles to design solutions for the challenges we face."

Rep. Jill Norgaard, R-Dist. 18, said her children attended public school and had a "wonderful" experience there. She's concerned the threatened teacher walkout would negatively impact students who rely on meals at school, employees who are not salaried and are not paid for time off, student athletes and graduating seniors. A teacher walkout, Norgaard said, would break educators' commitment "to a previously signed contract."

An email message to Kyrene families sent by Vesely emphasized the district's commitment to the well-being of students. If a walkout occurs, school days would be made up starting May 25, extending the school calendar. "As a district, we are encouraging our staff to avoid disruption of the school day, or loss of classroom instruction, as they express their support of the #RedforEd message. Any activity that forces the cancellation of class or interrupts the learning of the children with whom we are entrusted would be unacceptable and this position has been shared with our staff."

#RedForEd hits the streets

Clockwise from upper left: Teachers march and chant near the Kyrene district headquarters in So. Tempe (photo by Joyce Coronel); students, teachers and even young children demonstrate outside Corona show their support for pay hikes for educators. (photos by Alexis Crane, Corona yearbook staff)



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Former Tempe Mayor, U.S. Congressman Harry Mitchell named to Lost Our Home board

Saying he understands the need to further the goals of caring for his community's neediest families and their cherished pets, Harry Mitchell, former mayor, congressman, mayor and Tempe icon, will be joining Lost Our Home Pet Rescue's capital campaign to purchase and renovate the organization's existing Tempe building.

In his role as honorary chair of the Community Gifts Committee of LOH's Home At Last fundraising campaign, Mitchell will help the organization generate dollars needed to increase the number of animals it is able to care for, at the same time giving a helping hand to more families who need it the most.

"As Tempe's only non-kill shelter, it's imperative that the community band together to ensure they

are able to continue their mission of providing compassionate services to pets and people in crisis," Mitchell said.

"Most people understand that our pets are members of our family. It's heart-breaking to think that some are forced to give up their furry family member because of monetary or situational difficulties. "That's where Lost Our Home steps in and helps. They are truly saving families by keeping cherished pets safe and healthy during these times of crisis."



Having adopted several pets with his wife Maryanne over the years, Mitchell says he understands the bond formed between a family and its pet. He first learned of the group when it moved to

Tempe, and quickly jumped on board upon learning it was starting the community portion of its capital campaign.

"It's so important to have a public, community-driven fundraising campaign to help further this organization's goals of providing services to our families and their pets," said Mitchell.

"What most people don't know about this group is the help they give to domestic violence victims

looking to flee abuse. They don't know about the help they give to families being evicted from their homes. These are the folks facing heart-breaking decisions, and Lost Our Home offers the temporary bridge needed to help them keep their pets safe during these hard times," Mitchell said.

The group's capital campaign has a goal of raising \$1.75 million to purchase and renovate the existing building leadership portion of their campaign has already raised an astounding \$1.6 million. The Community Gifts portion of their campaign will focus on engaging community involvement in raising the necessary funding to complete their much-needed renovation project.

Said Gina Page, Chairman of the Board of LOH: "Who better to chair the Community Gifts portion of our campaign than Mr. Tempe himself. He has spent his entire public life helping better our community in an extraordinary number of ways. We are honored to be bringing him aboard, and look forward to working with him to protect our community's neediest families."

Every contribution to the Home At Last campaign will help further the goal of increasing services to more families and pets in need. Recognition bricks and opportunities start at \$250.

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Dear Heather . . .

Editor's note: With this issue we're introducing a new column — and a new face — to our lineup of features. If you like what Heather has to say, let us know. If you have a question, send it to heatherd@wranglernews.com. Questions are selected on the basis of general interest and appropriateness for our audience. We hope it's an addition you'll be looking forward to in future issues.



Dear Heather — For a long time I have had a big crush on my good friend. I want to tell her that I like her and move out of the “friend zone” but, I’m fearful of losing her friendship if she doesn’t feel the same. Can you help?

— *Fearful Friend*

Dear Fearful — Stepping out of our comfort zone and taking a risk is never easy. You should reflect on yourself, and the current relationship that exists prior to making any type of move. You need

to ask yourself if you are ready to accept just friendship if she doesn’t feel the same. You should also look closely to see if you detect a similar, interested vibe coming from her. So often our inner voice is spot on! If you can accept just friendship without harboring any ill feelings, and if you feel you are ready to take on a new relationship if she does indeed feel the same, go for it! It would be unfair to always be living with the “what if” of never speaking up.

Dear Heather — I got out of a long term relationship about six months ago. I am 29 and feeling like I wasted so much important time in my last relationship. I feel like I’m getting too old to start over. Is there hope for someone over the age of 22 in the dating scene or am I destined to become the old cat lady spinster in the neighborhood with the house the kids make up scary stories about? Please help — *Too Old For Love*

Dear Too Old For Love — First and foremost, you are most definitely not too old to start over. I don’t believe that anyone ever is! You do, however, need to get into that mind frame before you will be ready to start over. A good place to start is by letting go of your feelings of wasted time. Through the time spent in your past relationship you have learned and grown. Maybe things didn’t end up the way you had hoped but I do believe they work out how they are meant to. Try to look at the past as building blocks to what will get you to the future you hope for. With that in mind, reflect on why things didn’t work out. Sometimes the circumstances are beyond our control, but there are

times that we need to make some changes ourselves. Look at what is truly important to you in a partner. Think about what your long term goals are. Know yourself before you try to include someone else. When you feel ready, go out there and have some fun! Don’t live like you you’re running out of time, live to love the time you get!

Dear Heather — Recently my mother-in-law said some things to me that really hurt my feelings. We have always had a pretty good relationship. I don’t know whether or not it is worth it to bring up these things to her or if I should just let it go and try to forget it. I would hate to cause bigger problems by speaking up but at the same time I don’t know why these things were said. Is it worth bringing this up or should I just be the bigger person? — *Trying To Be Big*

Dear Trying — The in-law relationship can be a tricky one. It can also be so fulfilling and wonderful! Since your relationship has been good historically and these recent actions seem out of character, I would say address it. If you carry it around, it may cause a rift that will be more difficult to repair as time goes on. Think about what it is that she said that hurt you and construct a plan to approach the issue that is respectful, yet poignant. Hopefully this will bring her attention to the issue and you can get some answers that will lead to forgiveness. Good luck!

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A 'hometown sendoff' for Tempe's future service men, women

Every year, hundreds of young men and women in Arizona make the decision to serve in the armed forces.

More than 50 will be recognized at Tempe Community Salutes, an annual celebration to honor future military service members and give them and their families a hometown sendoff.

This year's Community Salutes will take place at 6 p.m. Monday, April 30, at Tempe Center for the Arts. The event is free and open to the public.

"These young men and women deserve our support, our encouragement and our gratitude as they begin their service to our country," said Tempe Vice Mayor and U.S. Army veteran Robin Arredondo-Savage.

"We hope this celebration will show them how much we value their contributions to our community and to our nation. We want them to stay connected to their hometown and bring their talents back to Tempe once their duty has been completed."

During the April 30 ceremony, each student will receive a First to Say Thank You coin and military stole to wear at their high school graduation ceremonies. There will be remarks from

Tempe Mayor Mark Mitchell; Col. Wanda Wright, retired U.S. Air Force and director of Arizona Department of Veterans Services; and Sgt. First Class Matthew P. Vinson, U.S. Army and Bronze Star recipient.

The program will include performances by Arizona State Historian Marshall Trimble and the lead singer of SugarWater, Wade Cota, as well as the Arizona National Guard 108th Army Band and the U.S. Marine Corps Color Guard.

This will be the fourth year of Tempe Community Salutes, which was the vision of Vice Mayor Arredondo-Savage.

It was the first program of its kind in the state, modeled after the national *Our Community Salutes* organization, which honors high school seniors who have already enlisted.

Sponsors of this year's event are Salt River Project, title sponsor; Opus Development, Military Stole Sponsor; Wexford Developments; Sender Associates, Cousins Properties, Spike Lawrence Ventures, Gorman & Company, Waste Management and U.S. Army, Stars and Stripes sponsors.



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Amy Garza ran in the Boston Marathon one year after a 2013 terrorist bombing killed three and wounded hundreds more. Running the race the following year was a once-in-a-lifetime experience, Garza said of the emotion-packed event.

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Boston

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really know if you're in until you get your acceptance packet in the mail.

I don't remember exactly what day it was, but I do remember checking the mail every day after I registered. One day, I told my husband, "I got in!" We soon made our arrangements and decided to make a vacation out of it. I thought to myself, "This could be a once-in-a-lifetime chance for me."

I had such an unforgettable experience, and these are just some of the highlights.

Once there, we soaked it all in. One of the first stops was to check out Boylston Street and that famous blue and yellow finish line. There were memorials right at the two bombing sites, with the names of the victims who lost their lives. Seeing them was a very emotional experience and reminded me why I was there, to run for those who couldn't.

At the Expo on race weekend, I took a photo with and got an autograph from *Marathon Woman* author and women's rights activist Kathrine Switzer, the first woman who ever ran the Boston Marathon. Switzer paved the way for female athletes around the world, proving that a woman can do pretty much anything a man can do. She ran her first Boston Marathon in 1967, signing up as K.V. Switzer, and was nearly dragged off the course by race officials when they discovered a female was running the race. She persevered and finished that marathon in 4:20 and refers to herself as "261 Fearless" because 261 was her bib number for that race, and she wasn't afraid of the man who nearly tackled her, trying to get her out of the race. Instead, she is thankful for what transpired because it motivated her to stay strong and finish that race, the race that changed her life and the lives of female runners and athletes and countless other women she inspires.

Also the Expo, I took a picture with the Hoyts, father Richard Eugene "Dick" Hoyt and son Richard Eugene "Rick" Hoyt, Jr., who has cerebral palsy. This

inspirational father-son team is the true picture of devotion, so I had to buy their book *Devoted: The Story of a Father's Love for His Son*, written by Dick Hoyt, because I was so intrigued by their story. Dick faithfully pushes his son in races in a special wheelchair and this was their 32nd and last Boston Marathon.

The day before the Boston Marathon in 2014 was Easter Sunday, and the Old South Church handed out handknit blue and yellow scarves to 7,000 runners, all with a safety-pinned note signed by the knitter as a message of hope. The yellow and blue tag said, "This scarf is interwoven with love and courage," and was signed by the knitter. A church member placed the scarf over my head, and I proudly wore it around my neck almost the whole time I was in Boston, as a remembrance of those who were affected by that horrific day a year before.

During our time in Boston before the race, we experienced all the history that is Boston, visiting the Freedom Trail, Boston Common, Harvard University, Faneuil Hall Marketplace, and Cheers Bar, catching a Boston Red Sox game at Fenway Park, taking a tour of Samuel Adams Brewing Company, sampling the local seafood, walking along the beach, and more! These things were all amazing, but seeing the memorials made of blue and yellow ribbons, tennis shoes, flags, and "Boston Strong" signs, and people who were missing limbs really hit home with me. I kept those images in my mind while I walked the streets of Boston and would do the same during the race.

It was now time to get prepared for race morning. It has become a pre-race ritual, like it is for so many runners. I charged my GPS watch and my iPod, laid out my clothes, my running belt, and my race bib, selected my energy gel, and got my breakfast ready. I brushed my teeth and crawled into bed.

While I was tossing and turning in bed the night before the big day, my husband, Noel, rode the course on his bike at the annual midnight marathon bike ride. An avid cyclist, he had just found out about this epic ride a day or two after we got to Boston. "What a great way to experience

the race you are about to run without actually running it myself!" he thought. "I wanted to see what 'Heartbreak Hill' was really like and see all places along the course you were going to see."

Since he wasn't planning on participating in any kind of bicycling event, he didn't have a bicycle or a helmet or a light or any cycling equipment with him, so he borrowed a bike from a friend of a friend and bought some supplies at a local store. He did the ride and came back during the night and was still able to be up and ready to head to the athlete buses with me. Even with very little sleep, he had enough energy to jump on the Boston Transit Subway system, or the "T," to cheer me on at a few spots along the way.

The Boston Marathon is a point-to-point race, which means you have to take a bus to the start line. I boarded the bus with plenty of time to make it to the start in Hopkinton and walk to my wave and corral. Thankfully, though, I ate a peanut butter and jelly sandwich and a bar on the bus, because I had no idea my bus would miss the exit and have to turn around and backtrack to the start.

People on the bus were chattering about the bus missing the exit and we all started worrying that we were going to miss our start time. Forget having time to eat or use the restroom at athlete's village near the start, because many panicked people scurried off the bus and ran to the side of the road to use the restroom and just ran to the start.

I took the time to stand in line for a port-a-potty, but there was no time for anything else. I had to hurry my way closer to the start. If that wasn't enough, I couldn't get my GPS watch to work, so I called my husband in a panic. I had watched my wave and corral pass me by trying to figure out what to do.

He told me to just go, so I did. It was too late to catch my pacer, the person who maintains a consistent pace in order to help you finish a race in the time you want to. I knew I would have no idea what my time or pace was, so I just decided to run my race naturally – how I had trained – and just take it all in and enjoy it.

I remembered that a friend had told me that there are so many spectators along the course to inspire you, and she was right. There was rarely a point on the sidelines that didn't have people cheering you on or offering "high fives." And knowing my husband would be at a few points, I kept my eye out for him, and that gave me a little jolt of adrenaline every time I saw him. My friend was right. There were so many fans clapping, cheering, and shaking cow bells, almost the whole way, and that was so motivating for me.

At one point during the race, I ran behind "Team Hoyt" for a little while, just admiring their demonstration of determination and devotion. This father-son team has competed in numerous marathons, Ironman Triathlons, and other athletic events totalling 1,130 over the years since 1977. This team's determination, and especially Dick's devotion to his son is absolutely awe-inspiring, and as I ran alongside them and gave them a thumbs up, it brought tears to my eyes and a lump in my throat.

The race felt so good, like no other race I had run before. Heartbreak Hill didn't seem as bad as the name implies. Every time it felt a little difficult, I just thought about all the people I was running for.

I saw my husband one last time toward the end of the race, right before I turned the corner to head down Boylston Street. That stretch of the race is so incredible, lined with flags from all around the world. It reminds you that no matter where you are from, we are all running the same race. We all have one goal in mind – to finish our race.

As I crossed the finish line, a flood of emotions came over me, and I realized that I had just finished the Boston Marathon. Despite not knowing what my pace was during the race, I somehow finished only about three minutes slower than my qualifying time, in 3:50:18.

Four years later, April 16, 2018 marked the 122nd running of the Boston Marathon – the fifth anniversary of the Boston Marathon bombing. It was the day Jeffrey Breese finally crossed that finish line and completed his Boston Marathon.

Achievers

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According to Landers, Junior Achievement's 18 Under 18 Awards program is designed to recognize 18 of the state's most impressive young people — those who are most likely to succeed after high school and to make a significant impact in the communities around them.

These students will be the ones to affect change, already having built a track record toward being leaders and role models in the future, noted Landers.

"The 18 Under 18 recipients have a proven track record of leadership, service to the community, entrepreneurial spirit and extraordinary skills. They have significant accomplishments and have overcome obstacles to achieve new heights," she said.

Junior Achievement's "18 Under 18 Awards" gives outstanding teens in Arizona the recognition they deserve for their display of leadership, community service and entrepreneurial spirit.

Three of those 18, who were selected from around the state, call Tempe home and work hard each day to make their community a better place.

Their efforts make the kind of good-news stories that don't always make the headlines, but are worth telling, so Wrangler News readers know more about the successful accomplishments, inspirational behaviors and boundless energy of Corona students Joe Ross and Tatum Stolworthy, along with Saul Ontiveros, who attends Tempe High.

Joe Ross — Without a crystal ball in hand, it's impossible to know for sure, but Joe, a senior at Corona, exhibits skills that may one day lead him to Capitol Hill.

Joe already has the community involvement experience under his belt—which is among the achievements that earned him the attention of Junior Achievement—as a participant in Corona's German and Key clubs, as well as the National Honor Society. He also is a member of Tempe Sister Cities Junior Achievement's Young Ambassadors.

"I was selected for the award due to my leadership at school and within the community," said Joe.

"I also was an intern on John McCain's senatorial campaign—all of these combined activities demonstrated my involvement and commitment to organizations that have strengthened our community."

He says he thinks community service is important for young people.

"It's critical for young people to be involved in civic and philanthropic organizations," he said. "Our future relies upon teenagers being informed in the governmental process to ensure a stronger and more

informed future.

"And, because I enjoy participating in my community, it's not something that I look at as a burden."

After graduation from Corona this spring, Joe plans to attend the University of Arizona to pursue a Bachelor of Arts in Law, followed by law school. Because he went to Waggoner Elementary and Kyrene Middle School before attending Corona, the move to Tucson will be his first time living outside Tempe.

Saul Ontiveros — As a senior who attends Tempe High School, Saul continues a community-service legacy that began as a student at Gililand Middle School. He sees helping others as his calling in life.

"I've been promoting service for people who don't know what it means to help others, who don't know how to do it yet," said Saul.

"But I help people to get out of their comfort zones to make the world a better place."

Saul developed keen powers of observation in watching his parents struggle to adjust to a new country and to provide for their children.

"My parents immigrated to the U.S. from Mexico and I've watched them work hard to provide for our family," he said.

"When I was younger, my family did not have the income to support our family. Although my parents worked tirelessly to ensure we had a good, safe life, we often relied on others to also help our family.

"As a result, we were able to thrive and become a loving home. I am incredibly grateful for this. I want to help others just as I was helped because it is my duty."

Out of his appreciation and awareness that other families also need assistance, Saul started a community service club in middle school that was similar to Key Club, continuing that involvement in high school.

Saul says that the Key Club at Tempe High has about 130 members who work on a variety of community service projects.

"The first project I remember was the Pillowcase Project for Children's Miracle Network. Our club purchased empty hospital pillowcases and we decorated them with colorful designs for the Phoenix Children's Hospital. We also made crafts and toys for the younger children in the hospital," said Saul.

"Another project was our annual walk for UNICEF. We hold a mini-carnival at our school and give all proceeds to UNICEF for the Eliminate Project—a project dedicated to eradicating maternal neonatal tetanus."

This year, Saul expanded his role in Key Club to serve on the board of directors for Key Club International and recently attended a conference in Dallas.

Although he hasn't made a definite decision on

what school to attend after graduating high school, he says he is proud that he will be the first person in his family to pursue a college education.

Tatum Stolworthy — The future of students in Tempe definitely shines brighter because of Tatum's compassion and caring.

In response to a tragedy—the suicide of a family friend and fellow Corona student—Tatum created an entire movement to let kids with concerns know that they are not alone.

First she started a new club at school, known as #AZTEC Strong, whose members actively work on activities to include all students—such as "Friends Friday"—which provides a chance for Corona students to gather for a pizza lunch and camaraderie.

"We usually have about 60 kids who come to the lunch," said Tatum, "and it gives everyone a chance to meet others and make new friends, and to spread a message of hope and awareness."

#AZTEC Strong also is responsible for a message on every Tempe Union High School District student's ID badge that encourages them to seek help through the Teen Life Line organization. She says this took a lot of effort, but serves as a daily reminder to students that help is available.

The club's members also meet monthly to discuss ways they can continue to reach out to troubled teen to prevent suicide.

In addition, Tatum is a talented singer who recorded a song called "In the Light," which is featured in a YouTube video with other members of #AZTEC Strong.

Since its posting in November, the song has attracted more than 200,000 views.

Her efforts garnered the attention of former TUHSD superintendent Dr. Kenneth Baca, who recommended her for the recognition by Junior Achievement.

She says she is proud of the award, but even more proud of the message of #AZTEC Strong and the affiliation the club started with Teen Lifeline.

Said Tatum:

"We want to share a message of hope for all teens, and that it's important to treat all people correctly and with kindness."



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Winners all



Neil Giuliano, above, former mayor of Tempe, spoke at the '18 under 18' event honoring high school teens lauded by Junior Achievement of Arizona. Tatum Stolworthy and Joe Ross of Corona del Sol, below left, received high marks for their leadership skills and community involvement, and Mary Contreras of State Farm Insurance, which was one of the event's sponsors, was on hand to congratulate honorees.

— Photos by Billy Hardiman for Wrangler News



Sports

With Alex Zener

Corona's track and field teams competed in several meets in March with athletes from both the boys and girls team attempting to improve their times in the running events and heights or distances in the field events to qualify for the state meet in May.

Some of the athletes who emerged during this month as potential qualifiers in the track events for the boys team included seniors **Adam Knuff**, **Lincoln Johnson**, **Dylan Waterhouse** and **Miles Allen**; juniors **Joel Wadsworth**, **Casey Barmore** and **Keb Summers**; and sophomores **Zachary Johnson**, **Tyson McLain** and **Dominic Arellano**.

In the Elite division of 78th Nike Chandler Rotary Track Meet held on March 24 at Chandler High School, sophomore **Tyson McLain** was the top finisher for the Aztecs taking sixth place in the high jump finals with a leap of 6-02.00 while senior **Adam Knuff** placed ninth in the 100-meter dash and 13th in the 200 meters.

Junior **Joel Wadsworth** came in 11th in the 800-meter run in the Elite Division.

In the Seeded Division at the Nike Chandler Rotary Meet, Summers was the top finisher for the Corona boys team setting a personal record jump of 21-01.00 to take third place in the long jump and another personal record of 41-02.00 in the triple jump to take sixth place.

Allen placed 11th in the triple jump event.

At the 13th Annual Basha Co-Ed Relays, for instance, Knuff crossed the finish line in first place in the 100

meters and Barmore finished in eighth place.

At the same event, Wadsworth was seventh in the 800 meters while his teammate Waterhouse finished right behind him in eighth place.

Zachary Johnson finished third in the 1600 meters while his brother Lincoln Johnson was sixth and Allen was sixth in the 110m hurdles.

Barmore and Knuff were part of the 4x100 relay team, with **Jean Boyd** and **Jack Farley**, that cross the finish line in first place at the Basha Co-Ed relays and Wadsworth and Waterhouse were part of the 4x800 relay team, along with **Benjamin Miller** and **Ramond Mendoza-Lopez** who also finished first.

In the field events, Summers finished fifth in the long jump event and ninth in the triple jump while McLain was sixth in the high jump.

At the 15th Annual Hohokam Invitational held April 13, Lincoln Johnson, competing against runners from 37 high schools, finished fifth in the 3200 meters while Wadsworth was seventh in the 1600 meters.

Zachary Johnson came in 12th in the 1600 meters and Arellano was 12th in the 3200 meters while Tyson McLain was seventh in the high jump.

Corona's relay teams ran well with the 4x400 relay team of Barmore, **Joshua Holt**, Boyd and **David Keeney** finishing in fourth place and the 4x100 team of Barmore, Boyd, **Landon McFall** and Holt finishing sixth out of 37 teams.

Standout athletes for the girls team include seniors **Riley Wright**, **Kelsy Lum**, **Josephina Wright** and **Amber Burrell**; juniors **Meg Horvath**, **Lauryn White** and **Jolynn Fleming**; sophomores **Anisa McLain**, **Emily Rugg**, **Suzie Marshall** and **Olivia Nesky**; and freshman **Audrey Weidner** and **Kayla Cortez**.

"Our girls team is doing a fantastic job training and competing this season," said head coach **Brian Crane**. "We are really pleased with the season so far and the girls

are doing better than expected."

In the Elite division of 78th Nike Chandler Rotary Track Meet, Josephina Wright pole vaulted 12-00.00 to take third place.

In the Seeded Division field events, the top individual was Fleming who placed sixth in the pole vault event.

In the track events, Horvath and Riley Wright and Lum were the top finishers. Wright crossed the finish line in 13th place in the 1600 meters while Horvath was 14th in the 100 meters.

"Kelsy Lum is one of our most accomplished runners," said Crane. "She's been a leader all season as one of the top senior girls on the team."

"Meg Horvath and Riley Wright are doing great as well," said Crane. In the field events, junior White competed for Corona in the high jump, long jump and triple jump events with her best finish an 18th place in the high jump. At the Basha Co-Ed Relays, Lum was second and Nesky was seventh in the 100m hurdles, Horvath was fourth and Anisa McLain was seventh in the 100 meters while Riley Wright fifth and Weidner was ninth in the 800 meters.

In the field events, Josephina Wright took first place in the pole vault while Fleming was sixth. White set a personal record in the high jump of 5-00.00 to take first place while Cortez was third in the same event. Burrell competed in the shot put and discus for Corona taking seventh and ninth place respectively. Marshall placed sixth in the triple jump and Lum was seventh in the long jump while Nesky took ninth place in the javelin, a new addition to the field events this season.

At the 15th Annual Hohokam Invitational, Burrell was the top finisher for Corona's girls team setting a personal record of 112-09 in the discus to take fifth place. Fleming placed ninth in the pole vault with a personal record vault of 9-06.00.

Riley Wright also set a personal record with a 5:24.76



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time in the 1600 meters to take eighth place competing against athletes from 37 high schools.

“As the season progresses, our athletes have been setting personal records every meet,” said Crane. “We have a lot to look forward to in these last few weeks. The state meet will definitely be fun.”

The track and field athletes from Corona have two last chances to qualify for the state track meet when they compete at the Tempe City Meet April 17 and 19 at Desert Vista and at the Desert Vista Last Chance Meet, April 25.

Corona is scheduled to participate at the Arizona Multis State Championships April 27-28 and at the AIA Division I Championships May 2-5 at Mesa Community College.

Marcos de Niza Track and Field

At the 39th Sun Angel Track Classic on April 5-6 in Tempe, Marcos senior **Carlan Naisant** was the top finisher for the Padres with a first-place finish in the javelin event and personal record in the shot put of 49-08.5 to take fourth place. Naisant also participated in the discus event.

Junior **Orion Hunter** jumped 12-03.00 to take eighth place in the pole vault event.

Junior **Maureen Juarez** competed in the 3200 meters while senior **Alohna Taylor** ran the 300m hurdles for the Marcos de Niza girls team.

At the 15th Annual Hohokam Invitational, Naisant again took first place in the javelin throw and fourth place in the shot put competing against athletes from 37 high school, many of them Division I schools.

Melahni Washington placed tenth in the high jump for the girls team from Marcos.

The Padres will be competing at the Tempe City Meet April 17-19 at Desert Vista and at the Desert Vista Last Chance Meet April 25 in the hopes of qualifying more athletes for the AIA Division II Championships scheduled May 2-5 at Mesa Community College.

Tempe Track and Field — Tempe High School had several athletes from the girls team compete at the 39th Sun Angel Track Classic including senior **Danyella Miranda** who has been burning up the track in the 3200 meters her entire high school career.

Miranda set a personal record of 11:52.47 to finish in seventh place in a race with athletes from 36 other schools.

Junior **Kenya Coburn**, though, was the top finisher for the girls team with a fifth-place finish in the 100 meters setting a personal record time of 12.51.

Coburn placed sixth in the long jump event with a leap of 16-07.25.

Tempe’s 4x100 relay team of **Jada Ruff**, Coburn, **Zaniya Mays** and **Alisha Crockett** took fourth place out of 31 teams.

Other athletes who competed for the Tempe girls team included senior **Keanah Bailey** in the shot put, junior Crockett in the high jump, sophomore Mays in the triple jump and sophomore **Maria Gore** in the 300m hurdles.

At the 15th Annual Hohokam Invitational, Tempe’s girls 4x800 relay team of **Karely Flores Garcia**, **Jasmine Neal**, Miranda and **Symantha Ramos** came in 9th, Coburn was 14th in the 100m hurdles and Crockett was 19th in the 200 meters.

The Buffaloes boys team top finisher at the 39th Sun Angel Track Classic was junior **Emmanuel Gore** who finished fifth in the 110m hurdles followed by senior **Cameron Peters** who placed sixth in the triple jump with a personal record jump of 41-11.25. Peters also placed 11th in the long jump event.

Senior **Stevie Maddox** placed 12th in the 300m hurdles with a personal record of 42.03. Gore competed in the same event placing 34th.

Junior **Joshua Dean** competed for the Buffaloes in the shot put finishing 22nd with personal record of 41-09.00 as did junior **Jacques Brown** who competed in the triple jump taking 22nd place. At the 15th Annual

Hohokam Invitational, the top finisher was **Omari Rogers** who finished in fifth place in the triple jump while Maddox was ninth in the 300m hurdles.

The Buffaloes 4x100 relay team of **Leo Bond**, Rogers, Peters and **Everard Taylor** placed eighth out of 37 teams.

Tempe will be competing at the Tempe City Meet April 17-19 at Desert Vista and at the Desert Vista Last Chance Meet April 25 in the hopes of qualifying more athletes for the AIA Division II Championships scheduled May 2-5 at Mesa Community College.

McClintock Track and Field — The McClintock boys 4x400 and 4x100 relay teams had a great outing at the 39th Sun Angel Track Classic. The 4x400 team of **Stacey Boyd**, **Adam Torregrossa**, **Jack White** and **Jonathan Warner** placed first in the high school division against 33 other high school teams while the 4x100 relay team of Boyd, **Jeremy Huckaby**, **Sergio Medina** and White crossed the finish line in second place.

The top individual finisher was senior Boyd who finished third in the 200 meters with a time of 21.99 while senior **Torren Baker** was next with a fourth place in the 800 meters where he set a personal record time of 1:59.41.

Junior **William Roberts** jumped 20-07.75 in the long jump field event to take sixth place and junior White crossed the finish line in eighth place in the 200 meters.

Sophomore **Bryce Tate** set a personal record of 39-00.00 in the triple jump while junior **Tristin King** competed in the shot put event.

At the 15th Annual Hohokam Invitational, King was the top finishers for the Chargers where he set a personal record with a javelin throw of 154-04 for third place.

White also set a personal record running the 400 meters in 50.61 to take fifth place. Boyd was eighth in the same race. Freshman **Selema Ortiz** continues to

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Tempe library adds help for the hearing impaired

People who use hearing aids or have cochlear implants will have an easier time communicating while at the Tempe Public Library.

The Arizona Community Foundation is providing a \$23,000 grant to the city of Tempe to install hearing loops at the library, with completion anticipated by October.

A hearing loop is a magnetic wire in the ceiling or floor that electronically transmits sound wirelessly to the assistive hearing devices of people who use hearing aids and cochlear implants.

It enables hearing devices to serve as customized, wireless transmitters and eliminates



background noise, making it much easier to receive information.

Hearing loops allow people living with hearing loss to better communicate with people in general, at community events, training, at activities and for government meetings.

More than 1.1 million Arizonans live with hearing loss, according to the Hearing Loss Association of America. It is the third most prevalent health issue in older adults, after arthritis and heart disease.

Hearing issues are the most common service-connected disabilities among American veterans.

Michele Stokes, Tempe ADA Compliance specialist, said the newly announcing funding represents a major contribution to work being done to accommodate those with hearing loss.

Said Stokes: "We thank the Arizona Community Foundation for the funds and the Arizona Commission for the Deaf

and the Hard of Hearing and the Hearing Loss Association of America—Working Adults Chapter, for their support, in this opportunity.

"The beauty of hearing loops is that no matter what brand of hearing aid device or cochlear implant, as long as the device has T-coil programming, which is commonly used for telephone access, the technology works. We hope this will be the beginning of many more installations."

The awarded funds allow Tempe to install an induction loops in two community spaces in the library, Meeting Room B and the Tempe Learning Center classroom.

These rooms are used widely by the public and for events and meetings such as the Tempe Mayor's Commission on Disability Concerns, Arizona Rehabilitation Services Administration, the Deaf and Hard of Hearing/Disability Job Fair, the Hearing Loss Association of America meetings, the Tempe Learning Development Program Quarterly ADA Training and Youth Mock Interviewapalooza, which provides opportunities for teens with disabilities.

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Granville sets pair of 'Conversation' events

Tempe Council member Kolby Granville will hold two Conversations with Kolby events this month: 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 24, at Changing Hands Bookstore and 6 p.m. Wednesday, April 25, at Boulders on Broadway.

Information: parrish_spisz@tempe.gov or 480 350-8816.

Web exclusive

A South Tempe man has come up with a way for fans of Kyrene schools to assist classroom teachers.

Schools that get the most supporters to Love their School using the FB emoticon on their school's post (on the Facebook page @YourSchoolKyrene), will receive a bigger prize. Full story: WranglerNews.com.

Diversions

For jazz notable, venture is 'a hobby on steroids'

100th show due at Tempe arts center

By Lee Shappell

Woody Wilson chuckles as he recalls the decade-long journey. Never, he says, could he have envisioned the small, local jazz series, whose roots were in the back room at the old Monti's La Casa Vieja in downtown Tempe, morphing into one of the premier series in the country.

"I can't believe we are up to 100 shows," Wilson said.

But they are, and Wilson's Tempe-based Lakeshore Music Inc., a charitable nonprofit corporation that presents his jazz series at Tempe Center for the Arts, persevered through a turbulent decade to reach its milestone centennial presentation on Saturday, April 21, with The Jeff Hamilton Trio. All seats to the 7:30 p.m. show are \$40 and available at the TCA Box office or online at lakeshoremusic.org.

"I never expected it to last this long, quite frankly," said Wilson, a south Tempe resident who is founder and president of Lakeshore Music. "I never expected the legs it got. It started as a hobby on steroids and became a passion.

"And it's not just jazz. We've done blues, folk, chamber music, mariachis. It's music all over the map."

But at its heart, it remains jazz.

Wilson, who serves on several Tempe civic boards, councils and panels, has worked nearly his entire life in the performance and creative arts. For 26 years, he was the head writer of the classic syndicated newspaper comic strips *Rex Morgan, MD* and *Judge Parker*, with daily estimated readership at 30 million in North America and 16 foreign countries. As he approached retirement, he moved the jazz music that he'd always enjoyed onto his front burner.

Lakeshore's 100th show is a tremendous milestone in the Valley performing-arts presenter community. It covers a decade that included a major recession that knocked out many small businesses, especially in the performing arts; it comes in the face of increasing competition as new performing-arts venues sprouted up across the Valley, especially near the new Arizona State University Downtown campus (The Nash), as the economy recovered (Musical Instrument Museum and Mesa Arts Center are a couple of others); and it represents a gamble that paid off as Lakeshore Music morphed from three small jazz series and moved into the sparkling new Tempe Center for the Arts in 2007.

This special centennial presentation features The Jeff Hamilton Trio, comprising three all-stars on the national jazz scene. Fresh off Jazz Cruise 2018 and a three-stop tour of Germany, Hamilton, a drummer extraordinaire, is joined by Tamir Hendelman, an award-winning jazz pianist, and Christoph Luty, known for his melodic bass lines. Winner of the 2018

Sarasota Jazz Festival Satchmo Award, Hamilton and his trio's most recent album, "Live from San Pedro," released in February, is rocketing up the jazz chart.

"These guys are the best of the best, whether it's East Coast or West Coast," Wilson said. "Jeff, at this point in his career, is the most accomplished jazz drummer on the planet. There are lots of good ones, but Jeff is the one.

"When you get a group like Jeff's with just the three pieces (drums, bass, piano), to me that's what jazz is all about. That's jazz perfection."

Wilson in 2014 co-founded a Lakeshore spinoff, Tempe-based Cuba Rhythm and Views, with Neil Birnbaum, then director of Northwest Sinfonietta in the Seattle area. Birnbaum has since moved to Gilbert.

Cuba Rhythm and Views conducts several U.S. Treasury Department-sanctioned People-to-People Cultural Explorations of Cuba each year. Treasury Department sanction is necessary to make tours of Cuba legal. Cuba Rhythm and Views conducts these tours accompanied by U.S. musicians, who perform shows there, several times a year (the next one is May 23-30 with jazz trumpeter Byron Stripling of the Count Basie Orchestra accompanying).

In return, Wilson brings Cuba's top musicians to the U.S. to perform concerts (for example, Cuban pianist Aldo López-Gavilán was Lakeshore Music's January, 2018, show).

"Going to Cuba the first time, and being exposed to this remarkable music and the artists who perform it, changed my life," Wilson said. "That's how meaningful collaborations are made. It's about

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Alamo Drafthouse Cinema sets Tempe opening in May

Don't be surprised if the ghosts of theaters past emerge for a curtain call next month, their return from the ethereal realm prompted by a wondrous makeover of the onetime Lakes 6 movie house that opened in 1987 on much the same site.

Scheduled to go into operation in May at the northeast corner of Rural and Baseline roads, the new Alamo Drafthouse Cinema will feature seven screens, 35mm projection and in-theater food and beverage service, as well as a standalone lobby bar offering a selection of craft beers and cocktails.

It will represent quite a modernization of the original movie house, which remained open through the 1990s and beyond as a popular destination for local filmgoers.

The center, Lake Country Village, also housed a Hallmark card shop, an Asian accessories store, a pizza restaurant, a Chinese restaurant and a pest control shop, among others.

"This is our second Arizona location, and if you've ever been

to the one in Chandler (4955 S. Arizona Ave.), then you know we offer a unique drinking, dining and viewing experience unlike anything available elsewhere in the area," said Craig Paschich, owner and operator.

Alamo partnered with local artist Joe Pagac, a muralist and fine artist based in Tucson who has created works of art across Arizona and the United States, to produce a mural on the west wall of the building.

The mural was designed to look as if the wall has been broken away and different generic movie characters from a wide range of genres are flooding out from within.

Said Pagac:

"I had a lot of fun designing this mural to capture that blockbuster feeling you get from summer movies. I wanted to get a good variety of action genres combined together without making it too busy."

Pagac has produced a time lapse video of the west wall mural which can be viewed online at <https://youtu.be/n2cxuE-OXzA>



The mural on the west wall of the soon-to-be-opened Alamo Drafthouse Cinema in Tempe features movie characters breaking through and flooding the scene. The theater will offer dining and drinking as movie patrons take in a flick or two.

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Lakeshore Music, Inc., not only presents world-class jazz programming at the TCA, but also provides innovative workshops and master class opportunities for promising middle and high school music students throughout the community.

In addition to presenting a Cuban musician and doing the Cuba tours, Wilson has attempted to reach out to the Valley Latino cultural community with his selection of artists for Lakeshore’s series.

In February, Lakeshore presented Carmela y Mas, a longtime fixture in the Valley music scene, along with Mariachi Pasion, an all-female group that founded when the girls were students at ASU. They got together informally to play for a relative.

They were so well received, they concluded that they could play gigs and earn side money. They worked their way through school as mariachis and have stayed together. And in its May 2017-18 season finale, Lakeshore will present Brazilian guitar sensation Diego Figueiredo, who performs a fusion of Brazilian music and jazz.

Lakeshore strives to add value to Tempe through this presentation of culture, Wilson says.

“Our goal always has been to bring



Woody Wilson, right, with Cuban pianist Aldo López-Gavilán

the finest musicians in the world to the world’s most-beautiful facility, The TCA,” Wilson said.

Lee Shappell was a newspaper editor and writer in the Valley for nearly four decades. He now enjoys jazz and continuing to dabble with writing just enough to keep him off area golf courses, sparing them serious damage.

Information: The Jeff Hamilton Trio in Lakeshore Music’s Landmark 100th Concert

7:30 p.m., Saturday, April 21; Tempe Center for the Arts, Studio Hall; 700 W. Rio Salado Parkway, Tempe. All seats \$40.

Tickets: www.lakeshoremusic.org, 480-350-2822, or TCA Box Office

Anje Hamilton in the long jump and junior **Areana Hamilton** in the high jump.

At the 15th Annual Hohokam Invitational, the 4x800 relay team of Early, Land, **Mariska Bogaard** and **Selema Ortiz** crossed the finish line in third place out of 37 teams while the 4x100 relay team of **Ileen Echols**, Nichols, Navaria Ortiz and Land finished in fifth place.

Early set a personal record time of 12:10.72 in the 3200 meters to take seventh place and Land was 14th in the 400 meters.

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Sports

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McClintock’s girls team at the 39th Sun Angel Track Classic.

The Chargers 4x400 girls relay team of **Navaria Ortiz**, **Amelie Land**, **Kennedy Nichols** and **Selema Ortiz** also had a good day with a fourth place finish out of 31 teams.

Another freshman with lots of potential is **Rachel Early** who set a personal record time of 5:23.29 to take 12th place in the 1600 meters.

Other members of McClintock’s girls team who competed at the 39th Sun Angel Track Classic included freshman **Ella Zeiders** in the 3200 meters, freshman

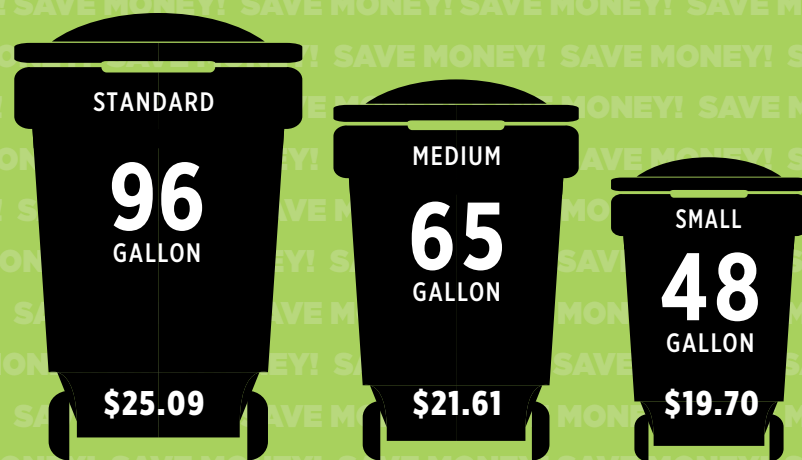
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May 29 through June 13

Session 1 Registration: March 1 through May 18

Session 2

June 14 through June 29

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| Session I | |
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| ^ Algebra 1-2 | MAT100A |
| * Algebra 1-2 | MAT100BM |
| Algebra 3-4 | MAT300A |
| AM/AZ History | SST200A |
| ^ Art & Design | ART100A |
| Basic Freshman Eng | ENG170A |
| Basic Sophomore Eng | ENG270A |
| Basic Junior English | ENG370A |
| Basic Senior English | ENG470A |
| Phys. World | SCH90A |
| Biology 1-2 | SCI200A |
| ^ Chem-Physics FND | SCI100A |
| ^ Comp Applications | BUS110A |
| Earth Science | SCI500A |
| Economics | SST350 |
| # Basic Financial Math | MAT120A |
| # Financial Math | MAT460A |
| ^ Freshman English | ENG100A |
| Geometry 1-2 | MAT200A |
| * Geometry 1-2 | MAT200BM |
| + Health Ed (On-Campus) | PED500A |
| + Health Ed (Canvas) | PED500A |
| Jr. English | ENG300A |
| # Math Functions | MAT380A |
| ^ Phys Ed 1-2 | PED100A |
| Phys Ed 3-8 | PED110A |
| Pre-Calculus | MAT400A |
| Senior English | ENG400A |
| Sophomore English | ENG200A |
| ^ Spanish 1-2 | WLD100A |
| Spanish 3-4 | WLD110A |
| US/AZ Gov't | SST300 |
| World History/Geo | SST100A |

| Session II | |
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| ^ Algebra 1-2 | MAT100B |
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| AM/AZ History | SST200B |
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- # Courses for Seniors only.
- ^ Courses that are open to incoming Freshmen.
- + Health is offered on-campus or as a Canvas course. TUHSD curriculum requires students to complete 10 hours of community service. This requirement must be completed to earn credit.

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Film Fare . . . with M.V. Moorhead

As to horror quotient, 'Truth or Dare' isn't worst — or best, either

A college senior (Lucy Hale), planning to volunteer for Habitat for Humanity on her last spring break, allows herself to be pressured into going to Mexico with her friends instead.

Down there, a stranger (Landon Liboiron) invites them to play a game of truth or dare in the ruins of an old church.

When they get back to school, the participants in the game start receiving Truth or Dare challenges through creepy psychic visions, and if they fail to either tell the truth or complete the dare, they gruesomely die.

I've seen far worse horror movies than Truth or Dare, also promoted under the title Blumhouse's Truth or Dare.

Directed by Jason Wadlow, it's slick and polished, with an attractive cast playing characters that aren't as abrasive and obnoxious as they often are in movies like this. It helps that they seem to care about each other.

Hale is particularly charming as the earnest good-girl heroine.

But it is, unmistakably, very derivative of other flicks of recent years like Final Destination and It Follows, and I found the ending bungled and unsatisfying. I appreciate the way Blumhouse

Productions tries to give its young audience honest value on a modest scale, and this movie is not without merit.

But it isn't anywhere near as good as Blumhouse's Get Out, or even as last fall's Happy Death Day.

Top-shelf acting places Jenny Slate in enviable acting spotlight

Josh (Zachary Quinto) is a psychologically troubled guy, haunted by the powerful presence, and absence, of his older brother Craig (Jon Hamm), a famous TV actor.

Craig pays Josh's bills, but isn't otherwise in touch with him, except through Josh's occasional apparent delusions, in which a homeless woman or a virile cop seem to him to be his brother, buried in a brilliant new characterization.

The real Craig does show up in the life of Josh's lonely therapist Emily (Jenny Slate), and unethically but perhaps understandably they start an affair.

Meanwhile Josh meets an attractive young woman named Hannah (Sheila Vand), but is she another hallucination?

And so on. Aardvark is worth watching. It's perfectly well directed by Brian Shoaf, from his own script, which has perfectly speakable, intriguing, at times touching dialogue.

The acting is top shelf.

The tiny, exquisite Slate continues to show her range; her prim evasiveness is both funny and moving.

Hamm is effortlessly convincing as this veteran celebrity, simultaneously sheepish and confident, quietly disappointed in his life. And Quinto brings dignity and humor to Josh, declining to milk the part for overt pathos.

But I sat there hoping, and doubting, that Shoaf would be able to snap Aardvark's ambiguities together into a dramatically coherent whole, and alas, he missed, at least for me.

It was a near miss, maybe; the movie has a number of minor emotional payoffs, but they don't add up to a major emotional payoff.

In case you're wondering, I'm happy to report that the title isn't a cheat:

There is an aardvark in Aardvark, played by a handsome creature billed as "Amani the Aardvark."

The culmination of the aardvark's strand is, indeed, one of the movie's sweetest moments.

Truth or Dare is rated R and plays at Harkins Tempe Marketplace, Chandler Fashion 20, Arizona Mills and other multiplexes Valleywide. Aardvark is rated PG-13 and plays at Shea 14.



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8 am to 9 am

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Tempe arts-ballot meeting to be rescheduled

A scheduled April 25 public meeting about a future arts and culture ballot proposition has been postponed until after the City Council officially calls for the election.

The City Council directed in May 2017 that city staff pursue a future ballot proposition to request a permanent arts and culture sales tax (one-tenth of one percent) to fund arts and culture in Tempe.

Visit the city website, tempe.gov and use the search box for arts and culture to view the background materials and video from that discussion.

The current city sales tax increase (one-tenth of one percent), authorized by Tempe voters in 2000, expires in 2020. It has funded the construction and operations of the Tempe Center for the Arts sponsored by Northern Trust, as well as other arts and culture offerings in the city.

In 2015, the city finalized its Arts and Culture Plan, which was crafted over months of research and collaboration with nearly 1,000 community members from residents and artists to businesses and students. Since then, Tempe has been working to execute the recommendations of the plan, which include initiatives like developing more after-school and summer arts programs for youth and bringing art of all kinds into neighborhoods to enrich quality of life. The plan is available at www.tempe.gov/arts.

At its May 2017 meeting, the Council decided to advance to voters an option to go beyond 2020 that would maintain the current additional sales tax level of one-tenth of one percent. That would allow the city's Arts and Culture Division to fully implement the recommendations of the Arts and Culture Plan.



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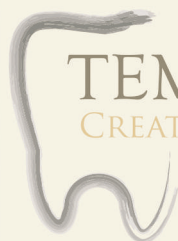
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