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## Corona students boost #RedForEd march on capitol

By Diana Whittle

Corona del Sol students were among the thousands to join in the #RedForEd march that inundated the state capitol complex in the midst of the schools crisis.

When teachers walked off the job for five days, their actions attracted the attention of legislators, the governor, national media and, most importantly, students.

With no class in session, three seniors who normally attend Corona participated in the march.

“One of my teachers told me that it will be an experience that you’ll never forget in your lifetime,” said Nikki Dull, who aspires to be a high school English teacher.

She says she supports the #RedForEd

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## Officer training to get a 21st century remake

By Jonathan Coronel

Although studies show that Chandler is getting safer, the city’s police chief knows that his officers go into their community each day on streets that seemingly are more challenging, more unpredictable—more dangerous.

And while overall crime rates are down, the Chandler Police Department, with Sean Duggan at its helm, is in the process of constructing a new state-of-the-art training center to help prepare officers for the challenges they face, both now and in the future.

Located at 3500 S. Dobson Road, the new facility is in fact an add-on to the Chandler Fire Department’s already-existing training center. According to Chief Duggan, this was an ideal situation for the city since the police and fire departments

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Doreen Garlid’s celebration of Mother’s Day will be a poignant reminder of her own mother.

— Billy Hardiman for Wrangler News

## Family of five will surround mom with love on her day, but missing a treasured guest of honor

By Lee Shappell

A greeting hangs over the front door for all who enter the home: “It’s a Wonderful Life.”

Doreen Garlid’s husband of 25 years, Scott, hand carved it for her. It’s a spacious home on an expansive lot with a sport court and plenty of shaded patio space in back that their four kids and the kids’ friends made the neighborhood hangout.

It sits in a late-1970s upscale neighborhood in south Tempe with huge trees and mature landscaping.

Inside, the warm Southwest décor is punctuated by Native American art and Navajo rugs. Doreen’s grandfather was Native American, and her mom grew up on the Nava24

jo Reservation. The home is comfortable, unpretentious.

Lacy the horse lives across the street in the stable at the neighborhood horse park.

“She’s pretty old now,” Doreen said. “We can’t really ride her anymore. It’s kind of like having a big dog now.” (They have one of those, too).

It fits the Garlids, who have lived the American Dream as

they’ve raised their children.

By all outward appearances, this is a family that is doing well, traceable in large extent to Doreen. Mother’s Day, this year on Sunday, May 13, is the day moms like her are honored or remembered. Usually, she says, this is a day of joy for her.

This year, though, she will be conflicted. She’ll still have Daniel, 23; Kathryn, 21; Michael, 20; and Eric, 19—all of them now in college. And she’ll still have husband Scott.

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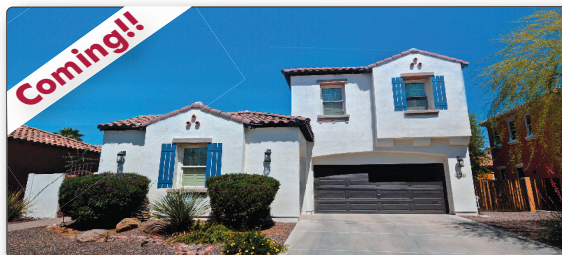
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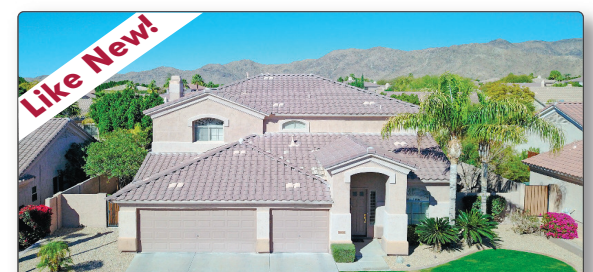
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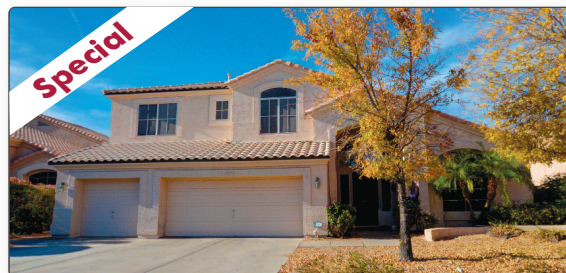
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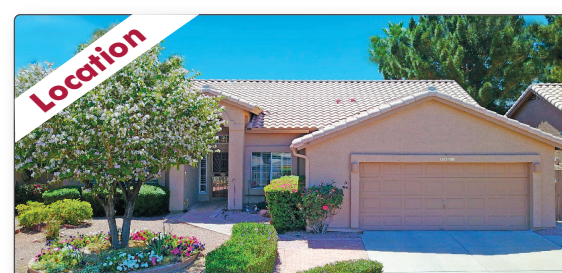
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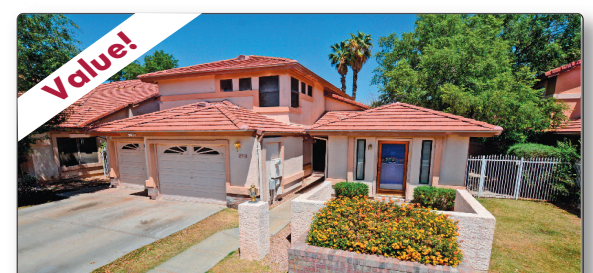
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NROTC midshipman Noah Kutz, back row, fourth from left, was among revelers at a recent end-of-semester 'Mess Night' at ASU. Noah is also part of this newspaper's community-resources staff.  
— Wrangler News staff

## History, camaraderie, plus fun, highlight NROTC semester-ending 'Mess Night' for midshipmen

By Noah Kutz

*Noah Kutz serves with Wrangler News' community resources staff while he attends ASU on an NROTC scholarship. He meets with civic and business groups, films and posts videos on our website and, occasionally, writes about his experiences. What follows is one such contribution.*

On a typical Friday night at the close of the semester, many ASU students found themselves on Mill Avenue enjoying the night life among friends. Others might have commemorated the end of the semester with a party nearby. Some may even have stayed home to study for final exams, which were just weeks away.

One particular group of students, however, observed the end of the school year in a comparatively reserved but nonetheless celebratory way.

On a recent Friday, the midshipmen from ASU's Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps carried on their tradition in the spirit of the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps and hosted their very own "Dining In" or, as others may know it, "Mess Night." This much-needed break from the fast-paced lifestyle of NROTC was an opportunity for these midshipmen, me included, to relax and enjoy each other's company in a semi-

structured dinner party abundant with Naval and Marine Corps history and tradition.

The night contained comedy, camaraderie and esprit de corps, and I could not think of a better way to boost the morale of future officers in the armed forces than a good old-fashioned Navy and Marine Corps soiree.

As described by a fellow midshipman from the unit at ASU: "It's a time to 'let down our hair and joke about crazy or funny things that have happened during the year. We have a great night with great food, which is a really good de-stressor, especially right before finals.'"

Midshipman Isabella Webb is a third year student at ASU and the NROTC unit. In the months leading up to Dining In, Webb was in charge of planning and coordinating the night's events with leading officers and other midshipmen.

When we spend so much time with one another training each day, and the stress continually builds with final exams approaching, the opportunity to come together as one entity and celebrate another year with wide smiles on our faces is one that cannot be missed.

But what is this "Naval tradition" at Dining In that makes it so different?

The traditions we celebrate

in the Naval services today are derived from the humble beginnings of the continental Navy and Marine Corps. The purpose of a mess night was not only to let loose and build fellowship but to celebrate great battles and feats of heroism from sailors and Marines of old. Dining In promotes the pride and "love of the corps" that dwells within these few men and women.

Put simply, Dining In is a structured dinner party which contains a President and Vice President of the mess to maintain orderly conduct in the mess hall. At dinner, traditionally there's an enjoyable roast beef—and a not-so-enjoyable drink concoction, containing what I thought was a somewhat sinister combination of various foods, drinks and gravies. It famously, and more commonly, is known as the grog. The grog sits on a table at the end of the mess hall waiting for its next (often unaware) partaker.

Throughout the course of the meal, everybody from lowest midshipman to highest ranking officer is subject to take part in the grog—as long as his or her fellow shipmates can find a good enough reason to send them there.

This process is known as "getting fined," where someone must move about the

## Chandler first in U.S. to consider parking regs for self-driving vehicles

By permitting real-time, on-the-road testing of a promising 21st Century technology, Chandler became a pioneer among cities helping to move autonomous vehicles toward day-to-day reality.

Now those same officials have taken yet another step to meet what appears to be an inevitable part of our driving future.

During an April City Council meeting, city planning staff introduced an ordinance to amend parking and loading regulations in Chandler's zoning code. The proposed amendments would prepare the city for an expected increase in autonomous-vehicle and ride-share usage, according to city spokeswoman Stephanie Romero.

Adoption of the proposed changes would give Chandler the distinction of becoming the first city in America to amend its zoning code specifically based on the increase of ridesharing and the use of autonomous vehicles.

Knowledgeable sources in the planning sector have suggested that, with the change in transportation use, parking demand will be reduced and the demand for drop-off and pick-up areas will increase.

However, Romero said, no one has thus far been able to predict what that exact demand could be. As a result, Chandler's proposed zoning amendments would allow enough flexibility to adjust parking ratios as transportation behavior evolves.

"These zoning code amendments have many positive implications, from increasing the amount of property available for revenue generating activity, demonstrating to the AV industry that Chandler is 'open for business' and further reinforcing Chandler's brand recognition as the innovation and technology hub of the Southwest," said Mayor Jay Tibshraeny.

The proposed amendments would allow parking reductions based on demand and encourage the creation of passenger loading zones.

The first such proposal would add the ability to reduce parking when studies found that a reduction in demand is directly due to an increase in autonomous vehicles and ridesharing. Under this provision, the city's zoning administrator would have the ability to reduce up to 40 percent of parking.

A second change would allow for a 10 percent parking reduction for each loading zone space for varying uses, up to a maximum of 40 percent:

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If you believe as we do that small local newspapers, owned and written by people who live in and love their community, provide an essential foundation for that community's sense of neighborhood, then you'll agree with the thoughts that our editor, Joyce Coronel, presented so eloquently in our last issue.

Joyce's notion is that, to help sustain and preserve the community values of its citizens, a local newspaper must recognize the role it plays in that pursuit and reliably demonstrate its unswerving commitment to uphold and celebrate those values.

That, Joyce believes, is what this newspaper has done throughout its nearly 30 years of existence.

From declining marijuana dispensary and other advertising that seems to contradict our neighborhoods' predominant values,

by rejecting language and illustrations that we think most readers would find objectional, by going out of our way to publish stories of achievement and success—this is what we do on an almost everyday basis.



In other words, as we have said many times, we aren't looking under rocks for headline-grabbing sensationalism.

Yes, such publications have come along during our three

decades of existence. Their stories often are designed to enflame emotions and lead advertisers to think that shock tactics will produce increased readership.

So guess what: It isn't so.

Unfortunately, the subsequent failure of this type of "journalism" has caused some small-business owners to tell us that "print doesn't work." Print does work, which we find over and over again in some of the small, truly neighborhood-focused newspapers around our state, the Arcadia News, the Superior Sun, the Copper Basin News among them.

The other downside to the periodic appearance of seemingly community-friendly newspapers that are focused exclusively on how much advertising revenue they can generate is that they often rely on predatory pricing and multi-publication "bargains" that don't attract readership and thus don't produce results. It's one more justification for locally owned businesses to ascribe to the conundrum that "print doesn't work."

Again, we don't use any of those deceptive practices. Nor, in recent years, have we had to.

With the exception of a few, particularly small businesses that have been hurt at some previous time by slash-and-burn sales tactics, we have been fortunate in our Kyrene Corridor neighborhoods to have avoided these

kinds of make-a-buck-and-depart entrepreneurs.

But, as we've heard, the sting of times gone by can create a lasting aura of distrust, which raises yet one more obstacle to our ability to generate the amount of revenue, small as it is, to keep bringing you, and our community, the kind of local newspaper that we want to produce and you want to read.

**Moral to this story:** If you like what you receive in your driveway every other Saturday throughout the year, if you agree with the concept of a newspaper produced with community values as being integral to its philosophy and, of course, if you agree with what Joyce Coronel, our editor, had to say about our number-one goal, helping to sustain and preserve a sense of neighborhood, please tell your favorite providers of quality goods and services about Wrangler News.

Your support—and theirs, through even a few advertising dollars—will help keep us viable over the decades that await.

And, of course, help convince small-business owners, like us, that print—and those who pursue it as a passion, not simply as a means to satisfy a corporation's predetermined financial goals—really *does* work.

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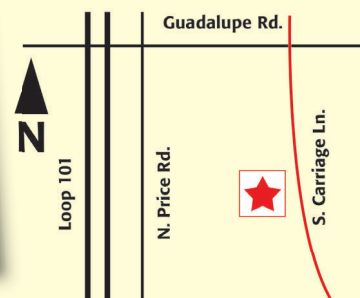
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## Real estate Q&A

# How optimizing your home can generate most from strong market

*Editor's note: Randy Goff and Erika Lucas-Goff, principals of The Lucas Group, a respected real estate firm serving Tempe and West Chandler for the past 20-plus years, discuss current market conditions and how buyers and sellers can optimize their transactions during what many feel is an opportune time to weigh their options.*



### How is the current real estate market?

*Erika* — We are still in the midst of a strong seller market—both locally in the Kyrene Corridor and throughout most of the Valley. The inventory is down over 10% from last year, which was already low.



*Randy* — Supply and demand are pushing prices up—over 10% in the last 12 months and the average

market time down.

### There is a lot of news about large investors buying up hundreds of homes.

*Erika* — Yes, Maricopa County is the fastest growing county in the U.S. Unemployment is low. Housing prices, though increasing, are still low compared to other large cities in the West.

*Randy* — Also, we are witnessing many large companies expanding or relocating to the Valley. Locally we are seeing a lot of tech growth along the Price/101 corridor. These dynamics are attracting small and large investors alike. Some will flip right away, some plan to hold and sell down the line.

### There are several companies offering to quickly buy out sellers with instant offers, then quickly returning those homes to the market for sale. Is this a concept sellers might want to consider?

*Erika* — Indeed, this is a growing trend and now accounts for over 5% of our market. Yes, you get a quick close, but you very well may give up thousands of dollars. What is your time worth?

*Randy* — Equity that took years to accumulate is now going in someone else's pocket. Unless you need to close and move next week, we believe a home seller often is better off doing a few projects themselves and keeping their profit.

### With it being such a strong seller's market, do home sellers still need to prepare the same way to get their home market ready?

*Erika* — You can put a home on the market without preparing it, and frankly, in this market it will probably still sell;

however, you won't maximize your profit that way.

*Randy* — There are some fairly simple, time tested projects that a home seller could do to reduce their market time and increase their profit.

### What are the top tips you would give a home seller to get their home market ready?

*Erika* — The top tip is to clean and declutter. Start packing your items into boxes. Put those items in the garage or a storage unit. Or take them to Goodwill or another charitable organization of your choice. Have a garage sale. A buyer prospect needs to be able to envision their belongings in your home. They can't do it with too much clutter.

*Randy* — Curb appeal is also important. First impressions are critical. Clean up the front yard, trim the bushes, pick the weeds, clean or refinish the front door. Get a pot with flowers and a new doormat. Have the carpets cleaned. Take off the sun screens and clean the windows. Inside and out.

*Erika* — Make minor repairs: sticky patio doors, dripping faucets. Buyers who see these small anomalies likely will wonder about how well the major systems have been maintained.

*Randy* — Have a Realtor or a friend with a decorator touch come in and do some modest staging, maybe a few plants and bright pillows in the right spot.

### What other projects will give a home seller at least a break even return on their investment?

*Erika* — Painting the interior and/or exterior is probably the best way to give a tired house a fresh look. Stick with a light neutral beige or gray. Update fixtures like lights, ceiling fans, bathroom and kitchen faucets. If carpets are shot then new carpeting might be in order.

*Randy* — Beyond that it gets tricky. Some projects might pay for themselves while others might not. And if not done correctly, an improvement might even have a negative impact.

If a major system (HVAC, roof, plumbing, electrical, pool) is not working, then you will likely need to fix these during the inspection process. It can sometimes be best to handle it up front.

*Erika* — Part of an experienced Realtor's service is to consult with his or her clients prior to listing the home and give them recommendations on what is most likely to give them the most bang for their buck. Names of contractors who have an established reputation can also be a help.

Address inquiries to Randy and Erika by visiting [TheLucasGroup.com](http://TheLucasGroup.com) or calling 480-598-8800.

## At your library: Seeds for more than thought

Think libraries grow just their patrons' interest in books? Not so in Tempe where, in just one year, officials say the city's Seed Library has checked out almost 2,500 seed packets, helping new gardens grow across the city.

The Seed Library, an adjunct program of the Tempe Public Library, features a variety of plant and herb seeds that can be checked out easily, 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, according to Melissa Quillard, a city of Tempe Public Information Officer.

If the program plants an idea for your still-early-season gardening plans, remember that—best of all—it's free and simple to use: just check out seeds (up to three packets a month), start growing, then bring back the seeds of your harvest.

You'll 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 [www.tempe.gov/SeedLibrary](http://www.tempe.gov/SeedLibrary) for classes, online tutorials and more information about the program.

## Rio Salado, Beach Park master plan review

Tempe community members are being invited to provide input on a conceptual draft plan for the Rio Salado and Beach Park Masterplan, a comprehensive planning effort to develop improvement recommendations that officials say will shape the area over the next 20 to 30 years.

A public meeting to introduce the draft plan, followed by an open house to answer questions and collect feedback, will take place from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, May 9. The Lakeside Room at Tempe Center for the Arts, 705 W. Rio Salado Parkway, will be the site of the meeting.

As an advisory to those planning to attend the session, planners note that the TCA parking lot will be closed for construction on the date of the meeting. However, the lot just west will be available and only a short walk away.

Relating to the draft masterplan, an online survey also will be available May 9-23 at [www.tempe.gov/forum](http://www.tempe.gov/forum).

The area undergoing study includes both sides of Tempe Town Lake between Priest and University drives. According to those engaged in the planning initiative, the masterplan will focus on programming, infrastructure, access and use of space and land/water activities to provide a blueprint for area's future.

Feedback from both the meeting and the online survey will be incorporated into a master plan and presented to the Tempe City Council for final discussion and action in summer or early fall.

Rio Salado and Tempe Beach Park are located within project boundaries for the city's Urban Core Masterplan, a separate, concurrent planning effort to create a comprehensive and unified development blueprint for Downtown Tempe and the Urban Core.

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## Neighbors Close-up Pollack, sidekick go back to teens

By Joyce Coronel

Marketing/public-relations director and designated broker for real estate superstar Michael Pollack, Patrick Cassidy sits back on the wrought-iron chair at a Tempe Starbucks and launches into a story about a woman who awoke one morning hearing her 2-year-old son screaming in agony.

"She took him to the doctor and the doctor said, 'There's no hope. He's going to be in a wheelchair the rest of his life. He'll never walk again.' The mother refused to believe that. She prayed for over three years and the son did recover. He went on to excel at all the big sports: football, tennis, baseball, basketball, track—everything."

Here Cassidy pauses, the words hanging between us.

"That woman was my mother and the little boy was me. I had polio as a boy."

It's not something anyone would guess looking at Cassidy, impeccably attired in his black button-down shirt with Michael Pollack's corporate name embroidered in gold on the pocket.

"God's in the miracle business," Cassidy says softly. He was offered an athletic scholarship to Stanford University but wasn't ready for college. "Looking back I was a blockhead," he says sheepishly. "I loved to surf up and down the California coastline—I just loved it and decided for a break to explore other horizons."

He married his childhood sweetheart Donna and moved to Lake Tahoe to work in the real estate business. Sky-high interest rates dashed those dreams. "No one wanted to invest and there wasn't much surf on the lake."

To survive, Cassidy drove a snow plow, shoveled roofs, worked as a bouncer and bartender and traded gigs in a grocery store and gas station while working with the ski patrol on weekends during the winter. Then Donna spotted a want ad for a salesman at a radio station in South Tahoe. Cassidy applied for the job, and that's when things began turning around for him.

"The manager said, 'Why don't you start writing the commercials for your clients?' I thought, 'I can do that.'" The move ultimately led to an on-the-air career, during which he became a Top 40 DJ, spinning records. Eventually he had his own television show in the San Francisco Bay Area.

He decided to branch out toward

a new horizon and form his own advertising, marketing and public relations agency.

"Things started moving fast. I became, thanks to God, very successful." Cassidy was driving around one day looking for clients when he came upon an apartment construction job site.

"I went in to find out who is handling the advertising and here is this young kid," Cassidy says. It was a 19-year-old Michael Pollack.

"Michael said, 'Well, I don't know if I can help you—maybe.'" Before the discussion got much further, a fist fight between plumbers and electricians at the job site broke out. Pollack and another man broke it up.

"Michael came back, brushed himself off and said, 'Alright, what is it you want?' So that was our first time meeting each other."

"Pollack said, 'We've never had anyone in our 30-year history do those things for us but I'll give you a chance. Go ahead.'"

It was 1976. The friendship and the working relationship continue today.

Cassidy has designed Pollack's brochures and began writing articles about the real estate developer and his properties.

"With Michael as a client, I became, with God's guidance, very blessed," Cassidy says. He began taking on new clients: athletes like NFL San Francisco 49ers quarterback Joe Montana and entertainers such as the Osmond Brothers, Evel Knevil, Peggy Fleming, Wolf Man Jack, Bob Hope and Dick Clark. A segue led to purchasing four Rolls-Royce limos and offering renters a chauffeur-driven experience some only dream of. "Unfortunately I got over-extended, and later sold my businesses, limos, Porsche, home and material stuff," Cassidy admits.

That's when Pollack invited him to work on a project in Houston. It was there, in the heart of Bible Belt territory, that Cassidy's took on a greater purpose.

"I was searching for a new beginning, and while my family was back in California, I was living in a small motel room and missing my family terribly," he says. One Sunday morning he sought out a religious service and walked into a packed church assemblage. There were only two seats left and they were right in the front row.

"I had never heard preaching like that in my life, and a change I



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discovered came with a deeper sense and purpose through Christ. My life changed forever.”

In 1996, empty nesters Cassidy and wife Donna moved to Arizona and continued to represent Pollack. He also joined Arizona Community Church in South Tempe, where one day in 2002 he was invited to go on a mission trip to Spain.

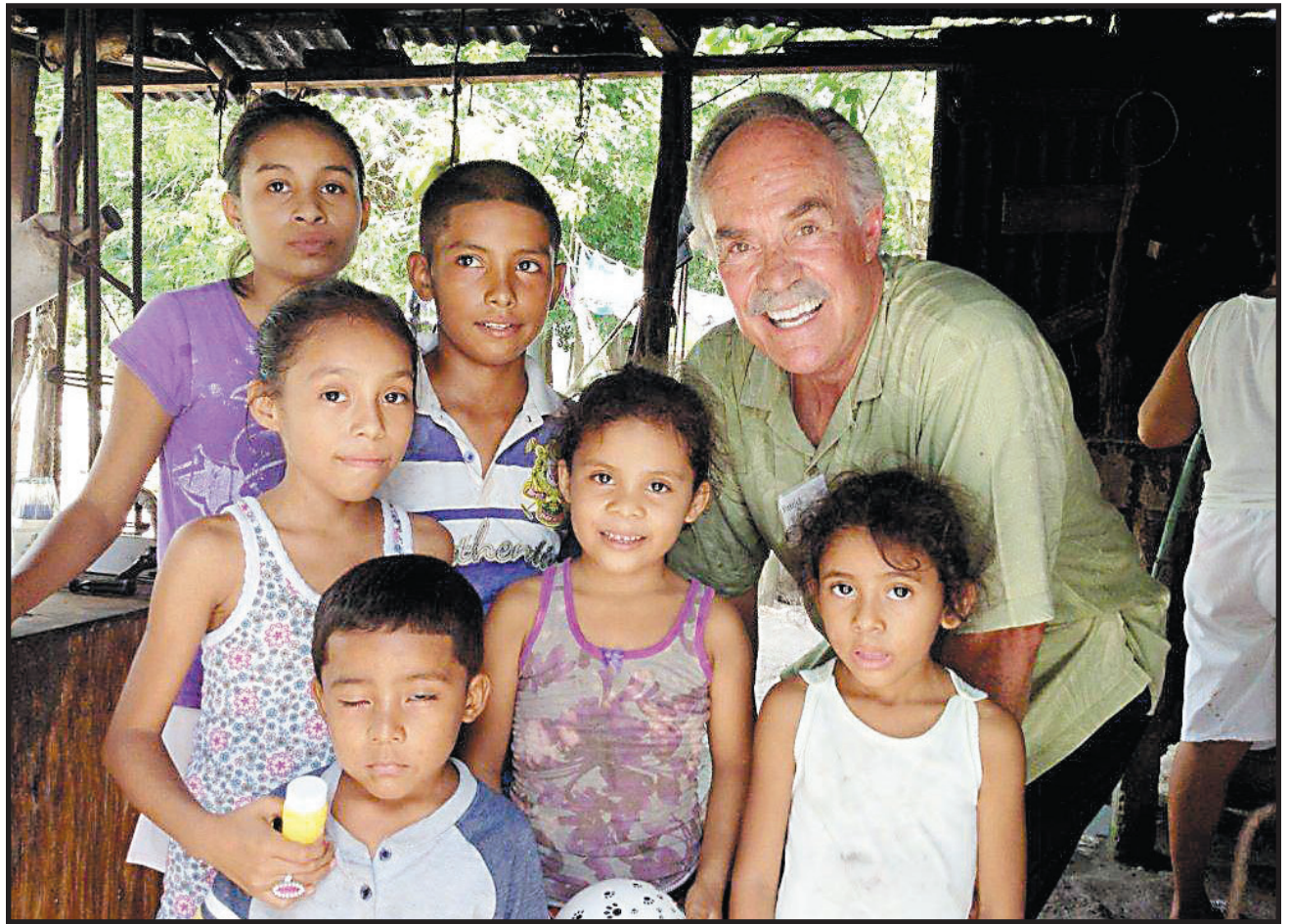
“My first thought was ‘I don’t dig trenches, I’m not a carpenter, plumber or an electrician, and I don’t like ladders. So what am I going to do?’”

The man persisted, telling Cassidy all he had to do was tell people what miracles God had done in his life. Today, Cassidy’s planning his 17th mission trip and chairs ACC’s mission committee. He’s been to Russia, Bulgaria, Brazil, Peru, Bolivia, Chile and other developing nations around the globe. In September, he’ll journey to Ecuador.

Cassidy’s eyes begin to moisten when he explains the importance of encouragement and support from those such as his wife Donna, Michael and others on the importance of the travels to reach and experience the graciousness of the impoverished families he and his team visit.

“They might have only one chair, dirt floor and one light bulb but they will invite you into their small dwelling and into their hearts to make you feel so honored.”

“We’re the ones who get the blessing,” Cassidy says.



Patrick Cassidy, a broker, marketing and public relations director for Michael Pollack, has traveled the world on mission trips for Arizona Community Church. Cassidy is pictured here on one such trip visiting children in the Dominican Republic. — Photo courtesy Patrick Cassidy

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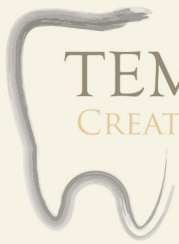
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Heidi Jannenga, of WebPT, will tell how she helped build the company's corporate culture through conscious leadership.

CBS 5 Anchor Yetta Gibson will emcee a luncheon that will include graduation ceremonies for the Women In Business mentoring program and presentation of the 2018 Business Woman of the Year award.

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# Blood transfusions credited with saving ASU scholar's life

## Red Cross calls need critical; lists donor sites in Tempe, West Chandler

Prior to March 2015, Kevin Frame was on an early road to success. He held a full-ride scholarship to ASU and was ready to dive into campus life.

His plan was derailed, however, when he suffered life-threatening injuries in a head-on collision during spring break. He received blood products to treat internal injuries immediately after the accident and during multiple surgeries while recovering.

"Without the blood and plasma products made available from donations, I would not be alive today to continue my rehabilitation journey," said Frame, who had to relearn how to swallow, speak and walk after the accident.

Regular blood, platelet and plasma donations help ensure that blood is available at a moment's notice. In fact, it is the blood on the shelves that is used to help save lives at the time of an accident or sudden illness.

This May, the American Red Cross is calling for donors to give blood and platelets regularly to be prepared to meet the needs of patients in emergency situations.

According to the National Trauma Institute, trauma accounts for approximately 41 million emergency department visits and 2 million hospital admissions each year.

In trauma situations, when there's no time to



check a patient's blood type, emergency personnel reach for type O negative red blood cells and type AB plasma because they can be transfused to any patient, regardless of blood type. Less than 7 percent of the population has type O negative blood, and only about 4 percent of the population has type AB blood.

Platelets may also be needed to help with clotting in cases of massive bleeding. Because platelets must

be transfused within five days of donation, there is a constant—often critical—need to keep up with hospital demand.

Donors of all blood types are urged to roll up a sleeve this May to help meet the needs of trauma patients and others with serious medical conditions. Make an appointment to donate blood by downloading the free Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) or calling 1-800-733-2767.

All those who donate through May 13, will be entered to win one of three \$1,000 gift cards to a national home improvement retailer, courtesy of Suburban Propane.

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# Chief

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will be able to share some of the facilities like the auditoriums, classrooms and weight room.

The plan for the new facility is divided into two phases. Phase one, which is under way right now, includes these shared spaces as well as offices for training and support staff at the center.

Duggan says that this phase will be completed at the end of June.

In phase two, a new firing range will be constructed starting in October.

As to how this new facility will help his officers improve their skills amidst a changing landscape of criminal threats, Duggan was clear that although the overall crime rate is down in Chandler, officers still have to prepare for unique threats that have become more common nationwide recently, such as the mass shootings in the past year in Florida and Las Vegas.

“Just a few years ago, it was unimaginable to think that police officers would be engaged by snipers and active shooters. It’s just a relatively new phenomenon.”



Chandler's Chief Sean Duggan speaks with Wrangler News.

— File photo

Another advantage of the new, centralized facility is that it will help the Chandler Police Department attract high-level outside training to keep the officers up to date in the latest policing tactics—training Chief Duggan says Chandler will be happy to share with other Arizona police departments.

“If we brought in an instructor on a particular topic, whether it’s accident reconstruction or crisis intervention training, we would have the space to accommodate not just our folks but others as well.”

While the firing range will be ideal for training officers to respond tactically to active shooter and even sniper situations, Chief Duggan is quick to

clarify that this is just one component of a holistic approach to training, another one being training in de-escalation and responding adequately to threats based on variables such as mental health.

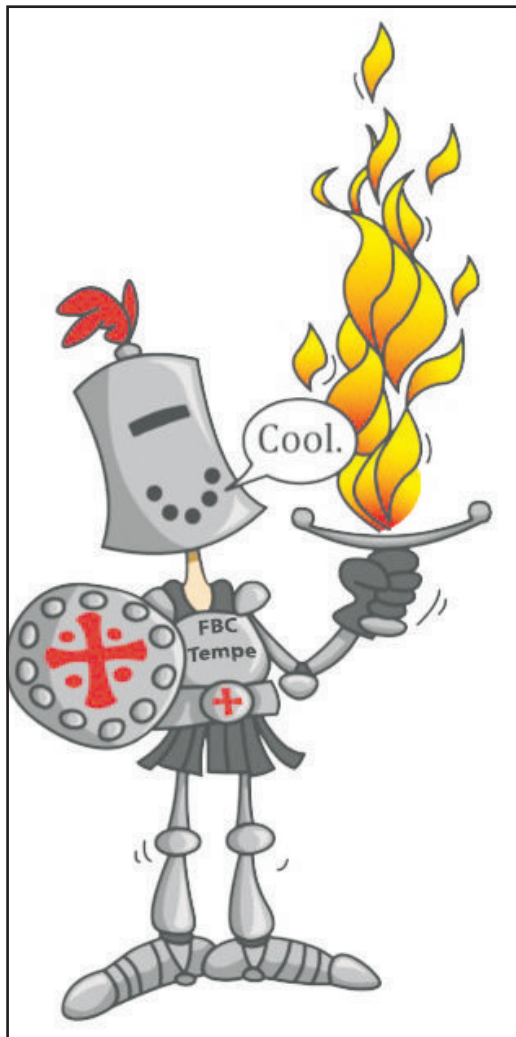
While the latest training is important for police officers, Chief Duggan says that citizens play a crucial role in reducing crime, particularly when it comes to property crime and domestic violence.

As far as property crime, Chandler has seen a net decrease. Since most residential burglaries are unforced, Chandler police have spent the past year emphasizing to residents the importance of taking the most basic of precautions like locking their doors and closing their garages, an effort Chief Duggan credits with reducing property crimes.

While overall crime is down in Chandler by 3.8 percent, he says, there has been an increase in aggravated assault, 30 percent of which is driven by domestic violence cases.

While more complex and serious than property crime, Duggan is confident that through utilization of community outreach and education, Chandler can make victims feel more assured when reporting these crimes so that the police can respond accordingly.

“There’s no community immune to domestic violence. We just want to make sure that victims are comfortable and confident that when they do come forward and report that we are going to provide them with assistance.”



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That's where Dr. David Mendelson, an otolaryngologist at Tempe St. Luke's Hospital, can step in and help shed light on the different symptoms and treatments available.

While colds and the flu are still realities in March and April, says Mendelson, the warmer weather in the Valley ushers in spring sooner than anticipated, and with it, misery for allergy sufferers as pollen counts explode.

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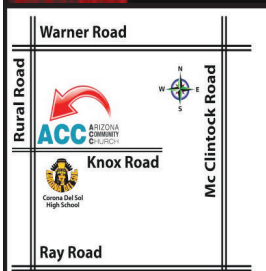
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# Hudson Elementary's 'exclusive' hair salon

## For a confidence boost, 'do' drop in

Story and photos by Amy Garza

Every Wednesday morning before the first bell rings at Hudson Elementary, the corner of Sarah Shipe's first-grade classroom is transformed into "Books and Braids" Salon, a warm and inviting "girly looking" place where girls go to get their hair done and read some books, one-on-one with Sarah, their hairdresser.

Who doesn't like to have their hair done while reading?

Shipe got the idea from a teacher from North Dakota. She found it on Facebook as an article that was reposted about a club with the same name, Books and Braids.

To start her club, Shipe created a Google Doc for the teachers at Hudson to fill out, adding the names of girls in first- through fifth-grade who are in need of a bit of TLC or some reading confidence. Shipe then sends the parents an email explaining the program and sets up an "appointment" time with them.

Each Books and Braids appointment usually takes about 20-25 minutes. Shipe greets each girl at the door, introducing herself as "Sarah" their hairdresser, welcoming her into her "salon."

The lights are dimmed with only strings of white

lights and a couple small lamps in the corner of the salon. Upright books are displayed on the table in front of the girl, who gets a cape draped over her lap, just like at a regular salon.

Shipe asks the girl what music she would like to hear and she selects it on her iPod. "What type of hairstyle would you like today?" Shipe then asks.

Once the request is made, the girl then chooses a book and begins reading aloud so Shipe can help her with any difficult words or ask comprehension questions, all while combing and braiding her hair.

After the hairstyle is complete, Shipe hands the little girl a large mirror so she can see herself. She usually grins from ear-to-ear and then says, "I love it!"

Sometimes, the big smile sometimes says it all.

If time permits, Shipe sits down next to the girl to finish the book and ask how the book pertains to the girl's life or what she liked about the book. The one-on-one attention from a caring adult is what the girls really seem to soak up.

Shipe has had about five different girls make appointments with her so far, but one particular girl comes on a more regular basis.

"She is a first-grader who needs a little extra lovin' and dad is struggling to do her hair the way her mom used to do it," explained Shipe. Gabriela

Arevalo's mother passed away last summer, so her father graciously accepted the offer to have his little girl come to "Sarah's Salon." Gabriela excitedly comes in every other week.

Her mother was Margaret Arevalo, a longtime Tempe Elementary School District employee, who lost her battle with cancer in June.

Arevalo was an educator with the district for 17 years, first as a dual language teacher, then a classroom teacher, a Title I reading interventionist, and finally as a parent outreach coach.

Shipe explained that the girls she has worked with through Books and Braids have all had a positive experience. "It makes me so happy to hear from other teachers and instructional assistants that they see what an impact it has on the girls throughout their entire day and even the whole week," says Shipe.

Some say it gives the girls such a confidence booster, something that they've needed in their reading groups. She plans to continue the program next year.

"It feels good to be making a difference for these girls."

Would Shipe be willing to provide the same services for boys? "Of course," she said. "As long as the parents are OK with it."



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Gabriela Arevalo, a first-grader at Hudson Elementary, gets some TLC from the school's 'salon' stylist, teacher Sarah Shipe. The innovative program instills reading confidence with some one-on-one time as students sit for a session of hairstyling while they read a book from Shipe's collection. Teachers say the salon visits have had a positive effect on students who walk away with a spring in their step—and improved reading skills.





## Yes, it IS rocket science

Onlookers gaze into the early morning West Chandler skies as Orbital ATK personnel launch a small rocket into the air, sending plumes of smoke billowing below.

The event was part of festivities held at the site as the company broke ground on its new Launch Vehicle Division headquarters in Chandler.

The division will build its largest rocket to date at the location and add high-wage jobs to the surrounding community.

— Billy Hardiman for Wrangler News



## Diversions

Alt-country singer Whitney Fenimore, an Oklahoma transplant who now calls Arizona her home, crooned melodies such as her recent 'Find Your Love' at Tempe Tavern.

— Billy Hardiman for Wrangler News

## Rising country-pop singer makes a new home in the Valley

By Chase Kamp

Whitney Fenimore has been watched by 15 million pairs of eyeballs on national television. She's sung in front of Jennifer Hudson and Blake Shelton. She got to hear Adam Levine from Maroon 5 call her voice "powerful" in front of a studio audience.

But she admits that when she took to the humble stage at local watering hole Tempe Tavern on a recent Sunday night, singing solo before just a few dozen music fans, she felt a familiar twinge of nervousness.

"Being nervous is good," she says over the phone a few days later. "It helps me stay on my toes and not feel entitled."

Though she briefly tasted the limelight on the small screen, the Oklahoma-raised alt-country singer hasn't stopped staking her own turf. She has a five-song EP called *Battle Within* slated for release on May 18, and her multivalent songwriting cuts against expectations for both pop and country, fitting both for a dreamy night drive or a backyard barbecue.

Last year Fenimore was cast on NBC's *The Voice*, a talent show where unknown performers try to earn the approval of four megastar judges and get hand-selected to be coached by one of them. She went under the tutelage of bizarro pop phenom Miley Cyrus (who had stolen Fenimore from Adam Levine's team). She made it through a few rounds before being eliminated, and many less dedicated artists would have been content with a splashy fifteen minutes of fame among pop royalty.

But not Fenimore. Newly settled in Arizona as of six months ago, she's released a number of singles, including the most recent "Find Your Love", a

riveting track that hits on her touchstones of country, R&B and folk rock.

The song begins with smoky, cool verve, soon surging with organs and strings in the chorus, where Fenimore croons a hook that could double as a mantra for her career: "I won't stop until I find it." And then, unexpectedly, there is an ambient midsection, and her voice soars in a cascade of spacious reverb, glinting like a sunset. It's decidedly pop, but it pushes against the confines, so much so that her producer had to cut the nearly six-minute jam down to a radio-friendly three-and-half.

Though she might get reined in at times by the realities of the industry, Fenimore isn't afraid to chase her muse. "Find Your Love" features a particularly strong rhythm performance by first-class session drummer Aaron Sterling, the kind of role player hired by top acts like John Mayer, and Fenimore gleefully recalls messaging Sterling out of the blue on Instagram to see if he would lend some beats.

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Vocalist and guitarist Fenimore, who hit the national stage with her appearance on NBC's 'The Voice,' will release a five-song EP this month called *Battled Within*.

— Billy Hardiman for Wrangler News

## Singer

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"I just said, 'Hey, I'm in L.A., what are your rates?'" She thought it couldn't hurt to try, and he ended up responding quickly and enthusiastically. She was amazed at what can happen when you proceed with confidence. "I'm so glad I didn't second-guess myself," she said. "I'm so forever grateful becomes I love the drums on that track."

Her country background looms large over her vocal style and sonic palette, but she often feared getting cornered by the genre's limitations. That was until recently, when innovative personalities like Kacey Musgraves and Maren Morris proved to her that the country pop template has room to fit so many more ideas.

"I love the heart behind country: every time we go to the lake in Oklahoma we're listening to country and drinking a beer," she said. "But when these new singers came out, I realized that's the vein that I'm in."

## Guitar-sax duo bring jazz fusion to Tempe Center for the Arts on May 19

World-renowned Brazilian guitarist Diego Figueiredo and sax-clarinet virtuoso Ken Peplowski, better known as 'The Boys from Ipanema,' will glide into town for a 7:30 p.m., May 19 performance at Tempe Center for the Arts.

The two are an admittedly unlikely pair.

Figueiredo is a child of the 1980s from Brazil. Peplowski, born when Dwight D. Eisenhower was president—and old enough to be Figueiredo's dad—was bred on Polish polka music in Cleveland, Ohio.

The pair have been paying their fusion of jazz and bossa nova during their U.S. tour, which lands in the Valley as the 2017-2018 TCA season-finale for Tempe-based Lakeshore Music.

The music of Figueiredo and Peplowski is influenced heavily by Stan Getz and Charlie Byrd from a time when the U.S. was producing cars with fins.

It quickly blasted to the top of the charts when it hit North America. The era is best defined by Getz's classic "The Girl from Ipanema." Peplowski and Figueiredo recreate this music in their own special way.

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# La casa de Eduardo: Another reason to celebrate Cinco de Mayo

By M.V. Moorhead

**D**espite the somewhat universal assumption in these parts that Cinco de Mayo celebrates Mexican Independence, well, it doesn't. Instead, the observance memorializes the outnumbered Mexican army's victory over the French in the Battle of Puebla on May 5, 1862.

Yet one more historical factoid: By most accounts it's a fairly minor holiday for our neighbors south of the border, paid about as much notice by most Mexicans as Americans do to, say, Arbor Day or Flag Day.

In the U.S., though, it's been celebrated since the 1860s, initially by Mexican miners in California, and gradually in other Mexican-American communities. In recent years it's come to be enthusiastically observed, in the same manner as St. Patrick's Day, by any of those wishing to celebrate the culture and cuisine of our nearby neighbors.

Which brings us to the remarkable success of Eduardo Chavez and his now two locations of La Casa de Juana, a vibrant, fun—and affordable entrant into the Valley's go-to spots for authentic (or at least as close to authentic as you'll get this side of the border) Mexican food and drink.

As to the drink part, those in our neighborhood wishing to celebrate the day—in appropriate moderation and with designated drivers, of course—should consider La Casa de Juana at Elliot and McClintock or on Southern Avenue in Mesa.

At the Mesa location, according to owner Chavez, "We are having a taco buffet—all you can eat for

\$12.95, and that includes a drink."

This buffet will not be offered at the smaller Tempe location, in the same strip mall as Pollack Cinema, but May 5th revelers can nonetheless partake of the daily Happy Hour, which offers \$3 margaritas and \$2 beers.

It's also a good opportunity to sample some of Casa de Juana's new menu items.

"We just updated our menu about a month and a half ago," says Chavez. "A few new options, new choices. We came out with some Mexican pastas. One is in a creamy chipotle sauce, the other is tomatillo. Plus the vegetarian stuff, like the cauliflower with tomatillo."

Well, I'm not too avid when it comes to the traditional alcohol aspect of the holiday, but I'll take any excuse to eat Mexican food, especially the tasty fare at the festive House of Juana. Mexican pasta was, I admit, a new one on me, but I decided to give it a try.

"The chipotle is a little more spicy," says Chavez, "but not too much."

Even so, gringo though I am where spiciness is concerned, I opted for the less potent pasta with creamy tomatillo sauce. From the choice of chicken (\$11.95), shrimp (\$14.95) or neither (\$10.95) I choose the chicken. The result—tubes of penne with *pollo*, peppers and cilantro in a sauce that, while plenty spicy for my taste, wasn't overwhelming—made a thoroughly satisfying lunch.

Still, the idea of Mexican pasta will take some time to wrap my tastebuds around. I mean, why not

have an Italian taco, with meat sauce, meatballs and pasta in a taco shell with a side of parmesan...

OK, that sounds good too.

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### 'Tully': Lesson in how fully committed parenthood means giving up your cool

The latest from screenwriter Diablo Cody and director Jason Reitman, the team that brought us 2007's Juno, is another brightly written comedy about pregnancy and motherhood.

But the mother in question isn't a teen this time, she's a full-fledged adult. This may, indeed, be what's bugging her most.

When we first meet Marlo (Charlize Theron), a suburban mother of two, she's massively on the verge of becoming a mother of three.

Her husband (Ron Livingston) is an OK guy, but he travels a lot for work, and spends a lot of time playing video games when he is home. Her sweet-natured but socially odd little son (he's euphemistically described as "quirky") creates difficulties at the private school he can only attend through the good graces of Marlo's irksomely rich and successful brother (Mark Duplass).

This same brother offers Marlo the gift of a "night nanny" for the new baby so that she can get some sleep. Marlo's repulsed by the idea at first, but soon after the baby is born, utterly overwhelmed and exhausted by her workload, she capitulates.

The nanny, a lissome young hipster called Tully (Mackenzie Davis) swoops in like Marlo's own private Mary Poppins, not only minding the baby but cleaning the house overnight, making cupcakes and seeing to other domestic duties. Perhaps more importantly, she gets Marlo back in touch with her own identity.

The first quarter of this movie impressively dramatizes the daunting challenges of navigating motherhood,

especially with multiple kids, especially if you aren't rich. It gets to you like a lot of movie depictions of harried parenting don't--it's almost frightening at times. This is partly due to Cody's snarky but emotionally plugged-in, glibness-free dialogue, and partly to Reitman's deft montages.

But it's also due in large part to Theron, who has a mature openness here, and a wild, harrowing beauty that makes even her own conventionally glamorous earlier roles seem tame. There's a poignancy to Marlo, even a hint of the tragic, at the same time that she's a deeply sympathetic comic figure.

As the breezy yet direct Tully, Davis is a fine foil for Theron; the two actresses slip into a startlingly relaxed and intimate rhythm from their first scene together.

As the story progresses, however, it slowly becomes clear that Marlo's conflict isn't just about the logistics of parenting, it's also about the perceived implications of the role. Marlo, we learn, was once an English Lit major and downtown NYC type, and, as with Jason Bateman's character in Juno, she's shaken by the prospect of permanently trading in the hip boho cred which Tully reminds her of for domesticity. Diablo Cody seems to regard this loss of pose as an adult right of passage: for Cody, becoming a fully committed parent means giving up your dreams of being cool.

### 'Avengers: Infinity War'

A big ogreish alien called Thanos (Josh Brolin) feels a strong need to de-clutter. Specifically, he wants to destroy half of all the living beings in the universe. To do this, he must capture six "Infinity Stones" stashed around the cosmos, including a couple on Earth, and implant them on his big armored gauntlet thingy.

Opposed to his plan are both Iron Man's and Captain America's estranged factions of the Avengers, the Wakandans from Black Panther, the Guardians of the Galaxy, Spider-man, Dr. Strange, and other Marvel stars

and bench players.

This Gotter-half-dammerung free-for-all, largely based on a limited-run comic series from the early '90s, was directed by the brothers Joe and Anthony Russo, who also helmed two of the earlier Captain America flicks.

Unless you're a hardcore Marvel brand loyalist, there's a good chance you could get lost now and then in the specifics of the eye-crossing multi-strand narrative. But the Russos do a capable job of keeping the basic conflict clear, and they keep the big action set-pieces coming.

Over the last few years, Marvel has given us some half-dozen genuinely fun, delightful pictures, like Ant-Man, Guardians of the Galaxy the first, Dr. Strange, Spider-Man: Homecoming, and Thor: Ragnarok, leading up to this year's grand slam Black Panther.

For me, Infinity War was a slight step down from these, probably because it's such an overstuffed all-star spectacular that it inevitably lacks a certain balance and focus, and also because the plot and the stakes are so cosmically, apocalyptically heavy.

Even so, the actors manage to find more playfulness than might be expected. There's some serious charisma in this cast: Robert Downey, Jr.'s top billing feels right, he seems to just naturally assume a leading man status in this ensemble. But his costars come across strongly too--Chris Hemsworth's harried Thor, Benedict Cumberbatch's suavely low-key Dr. Strange, Chadwick Boseman's quiet, bashfully authoritative Black Panther with his elegant entourage, the peerlessly soulful Elizabeth Olsen's Scarlet Witch, and Mark Ruffalo's chagrined Bruce Banner, who's having a bit of trouble getting a rise out of his inner green self.

It will be interesting to see how this movie is received by casual fans. Even allowing that mortality is highly flexible in comics, there are surprising losses here, and a resolution that seems inconclusive in the Empire Strikes Back vein. I enjoyed Infinity War, but it left me thoroughly unsatisfied, just as it was supposed to.



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Undefeated Aztec JV softball team, undefeated so far this season, includes, from left: Front—Tristin Jamar, Ali Staples; Middle—Sarah Schop, Shelby Williamson, Ari Tammaro, Krystyna Pagel, Hailey Thompson; Back—Coach Felicetti, Taylor Pouncey, Jordan Thorpe, Alex Reeve, Taylor Posadas, Jennifer Steele, Taylor Kolling, Jada Wendling, Coach Brittney Giannonatti. Not pictured: Assistant Coach Christy Farrell.

# Corona JV softball team goes undefeated

Corona's girls JV softball team had a record-setting year with an undefeated 18-0 season. Even more remarkable is the ages of the players on the team with seven freshman having prominent roles.

"This is my sixth year coaching at Corona and we have never been undefeated," said JV head coach **Brittany Giannonatti**. "This season made me very proud of my team. They were an absolute joy to coach."

The reality of the possibility of an undefeated season started to hit the team and coaches towards the end of the season.

"Throughout the season, our team did well with staying in each game and keeping our focus. Keeping young minds focused can be tough when you are scoring 20+ runs on teams," said Giannonatti. "They handled each game with class and good sportsmanship."

The pressure really started to build with only three games left especially because the last two were against Highland, a team who was supposed to be playing well late in the season.

No problem. The players and coaches were able to

stay on track first defeating Mountain Point 10-3 and then Highland 14-0 and 21-0 those last three games

"Honestly, Highland ended up being two of our easier wins. We run-ruled Highland pretty bad," said Giannonatti. "Our toughest games were Hamilton and Boulder Creek. In Boulder Creek's game, we won in the last inning. This come-from-behind win showed the heart of our players and how they never gave up."

Being able to score 45 runs while only giving up three runs in their last three games attests to the offensive and defensive skills of this team starting with the batters.

"**Taylor Kolling** was our No. 4 hitter in the lineup," said Giannonatti. "She did a great job batting in that position and hit two out of the park homeruns."

"**Jada Wendling** was our No. 3 hitter who hit the majority of our RBIs," said Giannonatti.

"**Jordan Thorpe** was also another power hitter on team plus we were able to challenge our opponent's pitchers because we had five left-handed batters on our team."

It also helps to have players who can run the

bases well in order to score more runs.

"**Ali Staples** and **Tristin Jamar** were two of our fastest base runners," said Giannonatti.

Scoring runs is only part of winning games. Corona's JV team was outstanding playing defense on the field as well.

"This season's team did a great job working cohesively as a unit and team especially moving defensively," said Giannonatti. "Each player knew where they needed to be during plays."

Corona's JV team was loaded with so many talented players that the coaches were able to have multiple players able to play different positions on the field.

"All of the girls played well all season," said Giannonatti. "We had flexible players who were open to playing different positions, so we were able to play all of the girls almost every game,"

"For instance, some of our utility players like **Taylor Posadas**, who was our No. 1 catcher and caught most of our games, also played short stop and in the outfield," said Giannonatti. "Then **Taylor**

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**Pouncey** played first base, third base and catcher.”

“Although our players switched around often, we did have some players who played the same position most of the time,” said Giannonatti. “Our starting infield players were mainly **Jordan Thorpe** at first base, **Hailey Thompson** or **Shelby Williamson** at second base, **Taylor Knolling** at short stop and **Krystyna Pagel** at third base.”

In the outfield, **Tristin Jamar** played center field almost every game while the other main players in the outfield included **Alex Reeve** and **Sarah Schop** at left field and **Ali Stapes**, **Ari Tammara** and **Jennifer Steele** in right field according to Giannonatti.

Often thought as one of the most important positions in softball, Corona had three good pitchers this season.

“Jada Wendling was our No. 1 pitcher this season, but we also could count on Jennifer Steele and Ari Tammara to throw a good pitch,” said Giannonatti. “Jada pitched 11 of the 18 games this season including our toughest games against Hamilton and Boulder Creek while Jennifer threw a perfect game against Desert Vista.”

“Although all the players worked hard every single game, Jada Wendling was really an all-star this season,” said Giannonatti. “She pitched wins against our toughest games and, as our No. 3 batter, hit most of our RBI’s.”

Leading the team on and off the field were the three juniors on the team: Taylor Posadas, Hailey Thompson, and Sarah Schop.

Although not able to play this season due to injury, **Bayleigh Bradley** was a large part of the teams’ successful season, according to Giannonatti. In addition to keeping score at the games, Bayleigh helped at practice.

The players from this undefeated JV softball team will have a chance to move up next season to Corona’s varsity team who will lose nine senior players to graduation.

### Corona Softball

**F**or the first time in years, Corona’s softball team was ranked in the top five heading into the state playoffs.

The Aztecs were an automatic qualifier heading into the state tournament as the No. 4 seeded team with a 23-7 record.

“It’s great being ranked in the top eight with an automatic qualification into the state tournament,” said head coach **Jeep Ray**. “We have not been

there for a while.”

The Aztecs made it past the first round of the 6A State Championship when they defeated Rincon/University 3-2 in extra innings in a game played on their home field April 28.

The score was tied at 2-2 at the end of 9 innings before the Aztecs were able to score the winning run in the bottom of the 10th to win the game.

The Aztecs, with nine seniors, have an experienced team. They are going to have to rely on several of these experienced senior players, in addition to some of their younger players, if they hope to get through the state playoff tournament brackets into the finals.

Four of these seniors, **Caleigh Tilden-Long**, **Jessica Lynch**, **Mikaeli Davidson**, and **Olivia Miller**, helped the Aztecs defeat the Rangers in the first round by either scoring a run or getting an RBI. Davidson and Miller along with sophomore **Sierra Fuchs** each scored a run.

“We have two exceptional pitchers this season,” said Ray. “Jessica Lynch, who is headed to Utah next year to study kinesiology and Mikaeli Davidson, who is headed to Embry Riddle Aeronautical University to study global security.”

Lynch pitched nine innings against the Rangers striking out 10 of the 41 batters she faced while allowing only six hits and two runs.

Davidson pitched less than one inning in the same game striking out one of the four batters she faced while allowing one hit.

On defense, the team, put out 30 batters, with the majority, 13, credited to junior **Alexis Massie** while fellow junior, **Ally Quintero**, playing second base, had five put outs.

Other infield players include **Summer Duran** and **Zoey Joshlin** sharing time on third base and **Reyna Mori** as shortstop according to Ray. Lynch and Davidson tradeoff between first base and pitcher.

“We have all seniors in our outfield,” said Ray. “Our outfield is led by Olivia Miller playing center fielder with Caleigh Tilden-Long in left and **Nicole Neumann** in right.

Corona was scheduled to play No. 5 Cibola in the second round on May 1 at 4 p.m. on their home field.

The Raiders out of Yuma have a 30-2 record and, on paper, look like a formidable team.

If they prevail against Cibola, the Aztecs would play the winner of the No. 1 Hamilton versus No. 8 Basha matchup in the third round scheduled for May 3 at 8 p.m. at the Rose Mofford Complex.

If the Aztecs lose to the Raiders, they move into the losers bracket and have a chance to continue playing because starting in the second round, the state tournament turns into a double elimination tournament.

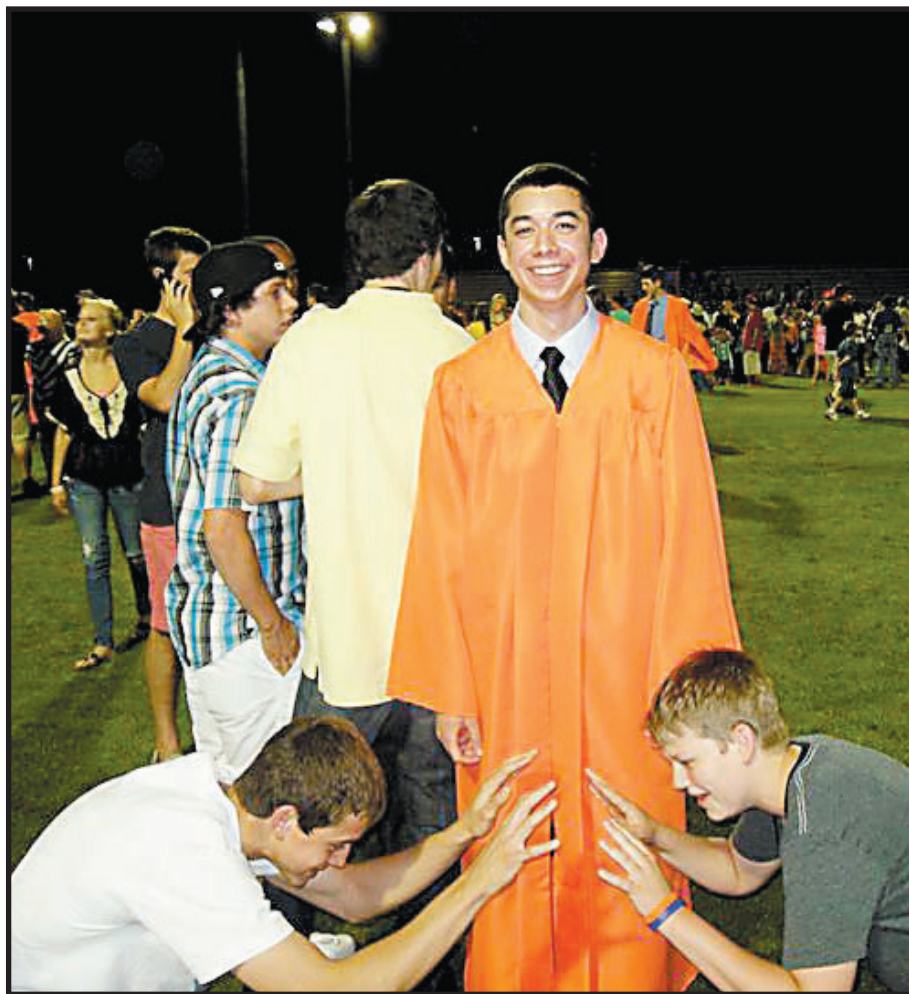
## Marcos de Niza Baseball

The Padres entered the 4A state baseball tournament as the No. 18 seed and had to play in the 4A Conference Play-In Tournament where they defeated the No. 15 Douglas team on April 25 to enter the 4A state playoffs as the No. 14 seed.

Unfortunately, they lost in the first round to No. 3 Seton Catholic Prep 8-3 on April 28.

The Padres have nine seniors on the team who were honored at their last home game when they defeated Yuma 13-0 on April 19.

These seniors included **Nick Leach**, who played short stop, **Max L'Heureux**, catcher and third base, **Kevin Dunnahoo**, outfielder, **Adam Sebastian**, third base and catcher, **Michael Rosales**, outfielder, **JP Patterson**, catcher and first base, **Tyler Daraban**, pitcher and first base and **Eric Oden**, pitcher and outfielder.



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# Moms

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over that day, Doreen will still be the matriarch. For the first time, though, she will not have her own mom on Mother's Day.

"It's a crazy thing to think about," Doreen said. "For Mother's Day, my kids will do things that are special for me, but my Mother's Day was just for my mom. I always made the Mother's Day dinner because I didn't want her to do it. We'd have her over here."

Garlid, at 54, is entrenched firmly in the Sandwich Generation. With her kids now in adulthood, her focus shifted to giving care for her parents. She and Scott helped her mom and dad move nearby a few years back so that she could be their primary caregiver. She'd go over early in the morning to make sure they took their medications. Back at noon to make sure they ate. Back again in the evening for more medications. Her mother's passing was recent. Her father remains in declining health.

This Mother's Day will be difficult for her, but that base support of family that she and Scott built will come back around to help see her through.

"When I think about being a mom and what gifts I can give my kids, there are three things that always pop up: smothering them with unconditional love, spending time with them, and loving their father," she said.

"The kids need to know that even when they're not perfect that you still love them. It's important that they know that no matter what they have done or not done, good or bad, that they can come home and know that they can talk to you about it, that

you can listen to them and love them unconditionally. That's the best thing a mom can do for her kids."

Shortly before Daniel was born, Doreen left her job as newsroom business manager at a Valley television station to be a stay-at-home mom while Scott worked.

"I've been home with them since," she said. "I was fortunate to be able to do that."

To say that Doreen has been an engaged mom is an understatement. It was helpful that C. I. Waggoner Elementary School is two blocks away and that Kyrene Middle School is almost next door.

She volunteered at school frequently, especially when all four of her kids were at Waggoner at the same time. She and two neighbors started the 4H program in their neighborhood for the kids.

Doreen started a Girl Scout troop for her daughter and was a troop leader since Brownie days. She worked with Tempe South Little League once her boys started playing baseball. It was important, she says, to spend time with them individually and their activities. She still does.

"I've enjoyed being here for them—also for some of our neighbors' kids," she said. "I could take their kids after school and have them be here and play, and enjoy them. It's a good way to get to know your neighbors and be part of the neighborhood."

"And what's nice about that is it really has built the community around us. We got to know a lot of families and lot of kids, and we love that."

She has seen that love reflected back to her on Mother's Day. She loved when her kids would come home from school with little handprints on gifts

they had made.

"There is something so cute about kids' art," she said.

Her favorite Mother's Days were when the kids cooked up something on their own, like "kidnapping" her in her pajamas and bathrobe and taking her to Waffle House for breakfast.

"It's the only place you can walk in in your bathrobe," she said. "It was cute because it was an idea they came up with, and they could kind of make me look silly and have fun with it."

The challenge was finding time for Scott.

They made it important to get a babysitter and go on a date each week and one vacation a year without the kids.

"We did realize that in order for us to be a strong family and love the kids that we needed to be strong in our relationship, too," Doreen said.

Not all families are in a position for the mom to stay at home with the kids. Not all are blessed with the resources the Garlids have.

Doreen realizes that, but, she said, there are basic elements that all moms in all situations can give their kids.

"It's creative time, then," she said. "It's finding that creative time on the weekend to do something really special with your children that is fun for everybody. The kids love you and the time that you spend with them."

Doreen recently unearthed a creative gift from her late mother, her final gift.

As Doreen and her sister were going through their mom's things, they found four handwritten books — one for Doreen and each of her siblings.

"We did not know that she had done this," Doreen said. "It's her life story, handwritten, for each of us. I just started reading mine—I have to read a little bit at a time and then put it away."

"I have my Mother's Day gift. If I can say something to mothers, having a written memory of your life to give to your kids is a spectacular thing. Now I look at it, I wish I would have asked these questions just to hear her own voice answer them. It's a crazy thing this Mother's Day, realizing how much she gave me and all the important things she taught me. Darn it, I want to give my kids those same things."

Doreen had not seen the movie "It's a Wonderful Life" before she met Scott. It was among his favorites, and early in their relationship he persuaded her to watch it.

"I absolutely fell in love with the movie, with the message," she said. "That's kind of been the motto for our life. You have to remember what a great life you have and all the great lives you can touch. Remember in the good times, and even in the bad times, it's a wonderful life."

*Lee Shappell was an editor and reporter at Valley newspapers for nearly four decades. He now enjoys semi-retirement as a freelance writer.*



Members of East Valley Boys Service Club recognized for completing their required service projects include, from left, Dillon Shipley, Seton Catholic; Aaron Winiker, Chad Cox, Raymond Lenz, Corona del Sol; Andrew Longsdon, Chandler Prep; and Connor Richards, Corona. EVBSC is a non-profit that allows boys, ages 6-12th grades to complete philanthropic hours in the East Valley and surrounding areas. Among organizations included in the group's efforts are AZ Special Olympics, Back to School Clothing Drive, City of Tempe, Feed My Starving Children, Harvest For Humanity, Paz de Cristo, St. Mary's Food Bank, St. Vincent DePaul, UMON and Cystic Fibrosis.

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# Teachers

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movement and pay increases for teachers, “so they are paid what they deserve; but, I also would like to see funding increased for students.”

After graduation in a few weeks, she plans to attend community college for two years and then transfer to Arizona State University to complete her degree.

In high school, she has been in the journalism class all four years along with Jake Pyatt and Olivia Miller, who also have plans for college after graduation and attended the teachers’ march.

Jake, who will attend University of Arizona, says while marching the streets of Phoenix with teachers he felt they exhibited “great spirit and demonstrated their good intentions, which reduced any criticism aimed at the walkout.”

“It wasn’t an event filled with anger. It was just a lot of people who were making their voices heard for the right reason,” said Jake.

Olivia shared Jake’s positive view of the march.

“It was such an incredible experience and astonishing to see more than 50,000 educators and students unite behind one common goal and stand up for what they believe in.

“I completely supported the walkout because I feel that our teachers and support staff deserve better,” Olivia said.

She says that a number of her teachers have made a big impact on her and that marching was the least she could do to help their efforts. Miller is a

serious softball player who’s enrolled in ASU to study engineering management in the fall.

With student and public support in their favor, #RedForEd leaders determined that classes would resume last Thursday after five days off the job—even though all their demands have not been completely hammered out with the legislature. But what they did accomplish is awareness of their wish list.

Compensation for teachers and certified staff, along with competitive funding for all classified support staff is the core complaint of the protests, as well as ensuring adequate funding for classroom aids and learning materials, which some claim are woefully outdated.

While the governor agreed in theory to the 20 percent increase in compensation over a three-year period, no permanent funding source was identified; rather, the proposal still relies on projected increases in state revenue.

Ballot initiatives, including those that might address an education funding shortfall, require a specific number of signatures by July 5 to qualify for the mid-term election in November, which is likely to happen says Dick Foreman, president of the Arizona Business and Education Coalition.

“RedForEd is an organic uprising that could lead to positive change in the state for education, as long as a dedicated revenue stream is identified,” said Foreman. “Governor Ducey is offering a bold plan to improve education, but we can’t just bank on our economy to remain robust. We need funding that is consistent and permanent.

“The proposed initiative to increase personal income tax for wealthy individuals is one idea, but there are other revenue streams that could be also

be identified and used. Arizona is a resource rich state and it’s up to residents to do more to support education.”

In Tempe, at the Kyrene district, Superintendent Dr. Jan Vesely said during the last governing board meeting that she supports the teachers demands but, at the same time, she realizes the hardships for families caused by closing the schools.

“I am fully endorsing the message that public education in Arizona is at a critical juncture. Without adequate funding for the classroom, we are unable to ensure that every child across the state has qualified teachers and instructional resources they need to deliver quality results.”

In a follow-up phone conversation with Wrangler News, Vesely also expressed her gratitude to residents who have supported the district during this challenging time.

“We are very fortunate that the Kyrene community is incredibly supportive of education,” said Vesely.

“Within the Kyrene budget, nearly 88 percent is already used for compensation; so, teachers want raises that are added into their base salaries so that they can also earn cost-of-living increases.

“We want money for schools to be restored to pre-2008 levels, which is when the recession hit Arizona. Since that time, schools have lost nearly half their per-pupil funding and for years teachers’ salaries were frozen,” said Vesely.

According to AZCentral.com, in the decade since recessionary times, Arizona legislators have cut public education funding by \$1 billion.

All area schools were due to be back in session as of Thursday, May 3.

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- **INSPECT:** Run each station manually and walk it. Check your system for clogged, broken or missing sprinkler heads.

- **CONNECT:** Examine the points where the sprinkler heads connect to pipes or hoses. If water pools in your yard or you have large wet areas, you could have a leak.

- **DIRECT:** Redirect sprinklers to apply water only to the lawn and not the driveway, house or sidewalk.

- **SELECT:** Upgrade aging sprinkler system components by selecting technology that can help get water right to the source, such as high-efficiency sprinkler nozzles, smart weather-based controllers, and rain or flow sensors.

Sprucing up your sprinkler system today, combined with a sensible landscape watering schedule, could save you money.

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## Win prizes for reading this summer? Sign me up!

The Tempe Public Library offers an engaging, two-month Summer Reading Program beginning in June. Participants can earn badges and prizes for reading and participating in fun library activities. There are programs for babies, tots, kids, teens and adults, including the first-ever talent show. See all of the offerings and register at [www.tempe.gov/SummerReading](http://www.tempe.gov/SummerReading). Win prizes for reading this summer? Sign me up! The Tempe Public Library offers an engaging, two-month Summer Reading Program beginning in June. Participants can earn badges and prizes for reading and participating in fun library activities. There are programs for babies, tots, kids, teens and adults, including the first-ever talent show.

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## Visit the Tempe Time Machine: Humans of Tempe

This summer, explore the Tempe Time Machine, an enrichment program on select Wednesdays and Saturdays in June and July at the Tempe History Museum that gives youth of all ages a fun, interactive way to beat the summer heat.

This year's theme follows the museum's new changing exhibit Humans of Tempe, which presents stories and images of everyday people who make Tempe a unique and diverse city.

Enjoy theme-related performances and demonstrations, hands-on crafts, stories, games and demonstrations.

Admission is free; groups of 10 or more are welcome and encouraged to call 480-350-5100 to schedule a time.

Feature performances and demonstrations take place at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

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## Kids get a free Youth Transit Pass

Tempe kids, ages 6 to 18, can sign up for a Youth Transit Pass and ride all Valley Metro bus routes and the Metro light rail for free.

Beginning May 14, Tempe will begin issuing new transit passes to current and new participants of the program. The new passes, valid July 1 through June 30, 2019, can be obtained at the Tempe Transit Store, 200 E. Fifth St., between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Special Saturday registration will be held June 30 and Aug. 4 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the transit store.

To sign up for the pass, bring a parent/guardian and their ID, a copy of the youth's birth certificate and proof of residency, such as a utility bill.

In addition, students who attend Tempe, Marcos de Niza, Compadre and McClintock high schools and live in Tempe can sign up at school. Corona del Sol students can apply at Tempe's Transit Store.

For more information and to download the registration form, visit [www.tempe.gov/YouthPass](http://www.tempe.gov/YouthPass).

# Noah

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mess hall in a lawyer-like fashion and dramatically present their case to the President of the Mess, who will then decide the outcome of the “trial.”

Once the accuser announces that “there has been an egregious crime committed by one of our members here tonight,” the rest of the hall chants customarily, “Say it ain’t so!”

Then, if the President of the Mess deems the accused guilty, the rest of the hall releases a collective fit of laughter as we observe the poor object of this fun-making receiving their punishment.

Fining is just one of the many customs observed on a night like this.

As crazy as it may seem, these traditions are what bring these people even closer together, and it’s been proven to build camaraderie in the Navy and Marine Corps for over 240 years.

Dining In is an opportunity for the younger midshipmen, such as myself, to understand more about the Navy and Marine Corps tradition and history and strike up closer relationships with our upper-class mentors in the unit.

I am currently concluding my first year at Arizona State with NROTC, and I’m eager to see where the next three years will take me. Many people ask what it’s like to be a “regular college student,” yet still have to prepare and train to become a leader in our nation’s military.

Although I have very little experience compared to some of my fellow midshipmen, I would say that it’s almost like working toward a second degree. We spend ample amounts of time training each morning, learning in the classroom and conducting more exercises and practical applications on some

weekends, not to mention the various active duty summer training cycles that each class experiences.

All this for the purpose of becoming officers in the Navy or Marine Corps.

The primary difference, however, is that this unit emulates a certain cohesion and bond between its occupants that is similar to that of the military. This bond, some might say, is at times stronger than family. It’s a kind of togetherness and purpose that separates us from the rest of the students, or perhaps even other ROTC units.

Adds Midshipman Webb, the one of the event’s overseers:

“In every class we go through similar things together, like PT, drill, Military Ball and Dining In (to name a few). Sometimes it can get really rough and stressful, but going through it with almost 90 other people makes it a bit easier.

“We can go through the program and look back on ‘that one time we did like a thousand squats’ and realize how far we’ve all come together. The military really is a giant family and NROTC is preparing us by having certain nights like Dining In, practicing the same traditions as they do in the fleet.”

Dining In is just a simple example of some of the traditions that occur within the Department of the Navy, and although NROTC may do things a little differently, the message is still the same.

We do these things because it cultivates the spirit of unity within each and every member of this corps.

It prepares us all for the time, fast approaching, when this same spirit of unity is a quality that is indispensable for leaders in the military, where unity, cohesion and companionship are vital to the execution of any task that is given.

# Autonomous

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50,000 square feet;

- General Office: One loading zone space per 100,000 SF;

- Industrial: One loading zone space per 200,000 SF;

- Institutional and Medical: One loading zone space per 50,000 SF; and

- Multi-Family: One loading zone space per 150 units.

Loading zone spaces that exceed these ratios would not be eligible for the 10 percent parking reduction. Larger reductions (up to a maximum of 40 percent) may be requested through a parking demand study.

However, if the reductions were to cause a parking problem, the city’s zoning administrator would have discretion to deny the request.

The ordinance also proposes standards for passenger loading zones:

- Be approximately 50 feet from the primary entrance; greater distance will be allowed when shared by multiple businesses;

- Be kept separate from fire lanes;

- Comply with the minimum dimensions in standard detail;

- Provide pedestrian amenities, such as shade and benches; and

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The proposed amendments will be voted on by the City Council on May 10.

If approved, the ordinance will take effect June 9.

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# Tempe Town Lake upgrade adds half-mile of usable recreation area

The buoys at each end of Tempe Town Lake are being moved or removed, giving boaters the ability to access nearly an additional half mile of the lake for rowing, kayaking and standup paddleboarding.

The length of the lake remains the same, according to officials.

Using a jet ski, bulldozer and hand tools, crews removed the eastern end buoys, often referred to as the lake's orange Tic Tacs.

The buoys will be repurposed at other Arizona lakes by Arizona Game and Fish.

The eastern, upstream buoy line was said to be no longer necessary for public safety, based on the findings of a 2017 engineering safety and location evaluation.

Shallow water buoys will be posted closer to McClintock Drive.

The western buoy line will be moved closer to Tempe Center for the Arts and the Elmore Pedestrian Bridge late this summer, increasing the overall usable size of the lake yet again.

Nearly a half-mile of water surface will be gained overall.

"If you have ever been to Tempe Town Lake you know what a popular place it has

become," said Alicia Jerger, Town Lake senior boating coordinator. "Paddlers, rowers, sailors and runners have enjoyed this lake for almost 20 years.

"By extending the lake we are increasing the opportunities for recreation and more people enjoying what Tempe Town Lake has to offer. We are very excited about the future of Tempe Town Lake."

According to planners, the longer lake could make it possible to host water events, such as triathlons or rowing regattas, without interrupting casual boating at the other end of the lake.

The changes also allow more people to be able to use the lake.

The 2-mile long lake serves such purposes as flood control, economic development and recreation.

More than 2.4 million people visit the lake each year, according to studies.

Approximately 44,000 people work within a mile of its shores at companies such as State Farm Insurance, Silicon Valley Bank and more.

More than 40 special events are hosted at Tempe Town Lake, such as the Ironman Arizona triathlon, Aloha Festival and more.

## Lone Soldier centers and how they support Jewish young adults away from home

By Dr. Michael Cohen

Lone Soldiers leave their loved ones behind to serve in Israel's army to defend the Jewish Homeland. An effort is underway to show them they are not serving alone.

Lone Soldiers in the Israel Defense Forces have no immediate family in Israel while they are on active duty.

Nearly 7000 Lone Soldiers serve in the IDF at any one time, with 60 percent of them being non-Israeli.

These courageous and committed Jewish young adults, including a contingent from Tempe and West Chandler, volunteer for two or three years.

While they are away, Lone Soldier centers serve as their home



away from home.

The East Valley JCC has an Israeli partner center, Chayal el Chayal (Soldier to Soldier) located in Jerusalem, that is dedicated to these soldiers, providing lodging and a family atmosphere during Shabbat and holidays.

In the spirit of Israel's 70th birthday, and in support of courageous Lone Soldiers, the East Valley Jewish Community Center is seeking the participation of area residents in its Lone Soldier project campaign.

With a donation of \$25, a personal care package and handmade knit hat will be sent to a Lone Soldier at Chayal el Chayal.

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