

# SanTan Sun News

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### Council begins term amid economic turmoil

New members ready for challenge

by Natalie Morris

After taking the oath of office, Rick Heumann and Jack Sellers are now official first-term members of Chandler's City Council, along with recently re-elected incumbent Matt Orlando, who begins his second term, and Mayor Boyd W. Dunn, who was elected to a fourth two-year term. Following a special musical presentation of the Fire Department Pipe & Drum Corps at the formal installation, they join current Councilmembers Bob Caccamo, Trinity Donovan and Jeff Weisinger. Leaving the Council are interim member Kevin Hartzke, Lowell Huggins and Martin Sepulveda.

The newly elected councilmembers have been using the time between the Nov. 4 election and the start of the new term Jan. 22 to gather information and prepare for the opportunity to serve the people of Chandler.

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### Chandler asks Feds for stimulus funds

New road improvements, bus shelters and other public works projects totaling \$130 million may be seen in the SanTan Sun area, if 49 projects requested by the City of Chandler are federally funded as part of the stimulus program being debated on Capitol Hill.



LEFT: Water treatment improvements are on the list of projects the City of Chandler is asking for federal funding for. In the background, water pipes and steel rebar to improve water supply.

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### From football to boot camp, Sun Groves woman knows drills

by Miriam Van Scott

From the Arizona Cardinals' sidelines to military bases around the world, Andrea Friedman's physical fitness journey followed an interesting path - which now leads to Veterans Oasis Park in Chandler.

A Sun Groves mother with a young son, Friedman currently finds herself the drill sergeant of Boot Camp Babes AZ, a women-only exercise program designed to tackle weight and fitness struggles in a disciplined, results-oriented atmosphere.

"I knew what it was like to get up in the morning and not like who you see in the mirror," explains Friedman. "I went from having an awesome six-pack



GET IN SHAPE: Boot Camp Babes AZ owner Andrea Friedman of Sun Groves, a former Arizona Cardinals cheerleader, gets ready to march with women into shape.

to being unrecognizable. Friedman, who spent cheerleader, became pregnant - and crashed took a toll on her once the time her son, Ryd, soared to almost 200 lb of control emotionally and with. Friedman's condition was not only have a negative impact

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LOOKING BACK: Review the top stories of 2008. Clockwise from outside, alleged Chandler rapist caught; real estate market in Chandler; South Valley being torn apart.

### SanTan Sun area year in review

Like any part of the Valley, the SanTan Sun area had news, but looking back at a snapshot of 2008 why so many choose to call Chandler and Gilbert home.

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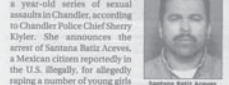
### Year in review from Page 1

#### January 2008

**Council to replace Sepulveda**  
The Chandler City Council narrows the field for a temporary replacement for Councilmember Martin Sepulveda, has been deployed to Iraq. From nearly 40 applicants, nine are selected for final interviews: Bob Barney, Michael Casen, Matthew Gehman, Pedro (Pete) Gonzalez, Kevin Hartzke, Rick Heumann, Dwayne Klein, Ana Regalado and Jack Sellers. A new member will be sworn in on Jan. 31.

**Nomination packets available**  
Residents start picking up nomination packets to run for the Chandler City Council in the Sept. 2 primary election.

**Alleged Chandler rapist caught**  
"Good old-fashioned police work" is credited with solving a year-old series of sexual assaults in Chandler, according to Chandler Police Chief Sherry Oyler. She announces the arrest of Santana Baliz Aravena, a Mexican citizen reportedly in the U.S. illegally, for allegedly raping a number of young girls since January 2007 in what became known as the Chandler Serial Rapist case.



SANTANA BALIZ ARAVENA

**City, Covance zoning case dismissed**  
All but one count of a lawsuit is dismissed against the City of Chandler and Covance regarding its zoning of a parcel of land now owned by the medical research laboratory. The suit was filed by Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine and local residents.

**February 2008**

**Hartzke fills vacant Council seat**  
Kevin Hartzke, a pastor at a Chandler church and active in volunteer City roles, will fill a seat on the Chandler City Council, temporarily made vacant by Councilmember Martin Sepulveda, who was deployed to Iraq. Hartzke is approved on a 5-1 vote.



COUNCILMEMBER KEVIN HARTZKE

**Sepulveda announces re-election bid**  
Just before leaving to serve a final tour of duty in the Middle East, Councilmember Martin Sepulveda says he will run for re-election to the Chandler City Council when his term is up in 2009.

**New businesses open downtown**  
Russian Oasis, The Tattered Gypsy, Lightbox, House, Pizzeria, Loft, Vivi's Boutique all open in Sun, Avante Salon and Spa opens in Sun Village in Gilbert, and Play some franchise, starts up its newest Sun Ranch Towne Center in the of Arizona Avenue and Reddick

people in a row, the City of Chandler 100 Best Communities for Young's Premier Alliance.

### Community

#### Wills student wins district spelling bee

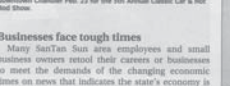
Pooja Froese, an eighth-grader at Willis Junior High School, outlasts 32 competitors to win the Chandler Unified School District spelling bee at the Chandler Center for the Arts with her winning word, "marionette."



Pooja Froese

#### Every Dogg has his day

STAN DOGG: Rapper Stan Dogg and his All Star Friends are in Southern Chandler during the recent Super Bowl weekend as his youth football team from Los Angeles played against the Chandler resident Craig Lytle. Here with Stan Dogg, Lytle organizes the Super Bowl at northern high school, 50% neighbor to Arizona Cardinals 2008 quarterback Matt Leinart.



STAN DOGG

#### Artists work on ostrich public art

DETROCH ART: Artists Denise Neumann Wilberman of Gilbert, AZ, and Alice Ann Overstreet of Sun Lakes are part of a public art project with the Chandler Chamber and the Chandler Arts Commission to decorate the used Energous services.



DETROCH ART

#### March 2008

**Tumbleweed Park holds events**  
The newly opened Tumbleweed Recreation Center at Tumbleweed Park gives free workouts for a limited time. The 20th Annual Church Festival is held at the park March 7, 8 and 9 with rides, music, food and fun, and the first SanTan Sun Family Fun Run/Walk to benefit the AN is slated for April 5.



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