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Superintendent Sally Downey often tells visitors to the EVIT campuses that EVIT helps students find their passion – and turn that passion into paycheck. That concept is what sets EVIT apart from other schools. For two and half hours (four and a half if you're in Cosmetology), students EVIT learn alongside classmates who share their interest in a



particular career or field. And they are taught by instructors who also are passionate about cars or hair or health or cooking – and so many more career interests that make up EVIT's diverse palette of programs.

EVIT students are diverse too. They come from charter schools, homes where they are taught by parents, private schools, and more than 30 public high schools in the 10 East Valley school districts that make up the EVIT Joint Technological Education District. Some are honors students who plan to use their EVIT training to obtain employment to help pay for college. Some are students with special needs. Some are students who simply learn best in a hands-on environment. What they have in common: All have chosen to be here.

They are more likely than other Arizona high school students to graduate from high school (95 percent) and to go on to college (67 percent). They are more likely than other students to be in college, a job or the military within one year of completing high school and career and technical education (86 percent).

They are the future.

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- **Mar. 31, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.** – EVIT Career and College Fair, Main Campus
- **Apr. 13, 4:30 p.m.** – EVIT Governing Board Meeting, Main Campus
- **Apr. 22, 8:15 a.m.** – Great Globe Earth Day Celebration, Main Campus
- **Apr. 30, 6 p.m.** – EVIT Fashion Show, Main Campus

cosmetology, aesthetics getting a new do!

A major facelift is under way at the East Valley Institute of Technology's Dr. A. Keith Crandell (Main) Campus. And when the work is finished, the school's Cosmetology and Aesthetics programs will have more than double the space they have now – and a spa.

Superintendent Sally Downey announced the big plans during the March all-staff meeting. Downey said that Cosmetology and Aesthetics are two of EVIT's most successful programs -- so successful that they've outgrown the Cosmetology building, portables and additional classrooms in Building 1 where they are now located. So, in August, the two programs will move into Building 16 on the campus's west side across the street from the Massage Therapy program, which is housed in the EVIT School of Health Sciences.

When the renovations are complete, clients will be able to get their hair and nails done, get a facial and then a massage all in the same general area. Downey credited counselor Pauline Acosta for coming up with the idea.

Building 16 currently houses EVIT's Adult Education staff, who will be moving to the Building 1 area where Registration, Counseling and the Information Desk are now located. That part of Building 1 will be getting a mini-facelift, Downey said, to open it up more and consolidate Adult Education with the high school administration.

"It will be a one-stop location for any students, high school or adult, who are interested in enrolling at EVIT," she said.

The costs for the remodeling, as well as plans for the current Cosmetology building, have not yet been determined. The Cosmetology building has 10,349 square feet of space. The new Cosmetology/Aesthetics building and spa will have 24,500 square feet.

Downey said the Cosmetology and Aesthetics programs have long deserved more space. Cosmetology is EVIT's single largest program, and both Cosmetology and Aesthetics have high pass rates on state licensing exams.



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fashion, interiors & textiles

explores los angeles



In Feb., EVIT FIT traveled to Los Angeles to explore the Garment District, Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising (FIDM), and Disneyland. While at Disneyland they toured the exclusive Club 33.

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vet class, internships attract male students

As a male student in the East Valley Institute of Technology's Veterinary Assistant program, Chris Baker is not the norm. Instead, female students are more likely than males to don scrubs and train in the EVIT School of Health Sciences to be medical professionals.



But Baker, 17, of Tempe's Corona del Sol High School, says EVIT is a perfect first step toward his long-term goal of becoming a veterinarian. Through the Veterinary Assistant program, Baker was able to get an internship at a Chandler animal hospital. Three days each week, he helps with animal restraint and other procedures while also getting the chance to observe surgeries at the facility. He hopes the experience will help him to eventually land a spot in the University of Arizona's veterinary school.

"The internship is my favorite part of the program – and vet schools like for (applicants) to have that experience," Baker said. "To see it and do it, you learn so much more."

As part of its commitment to train a workforce meeting the needs of business and industry, EVIT promotes the enrollment of non-traditional students training for careers in which one gender is less than 25 percent of those employed in the workforce.

By that definition, female students are considered "non-trads" in aviation, automotive, collision repair, diesel, culinary arts, 3D animation, fire science, heating/air-conditioning, law enforcement, multimedia, precision machining, radio, video, welding and engineering industries. Male students are non-trads in early childhood education, cosmetology, massage therapy, fashion/interior design, and all health occupations, including veterinary assistant.

But the students don't seem to consider themselves as non-traditional once they are immersed in a program like veterinary assistant, said counselor Pauline Acosta. They quickly learn that the program is not for those who just want to cuddle a

dog or cat; it's rigorous course in which students study many species and get hands-on experience

in a range of medical procedures involving animals, such as venipuncture, radiographs and surgical assisting.

Austin Sattelberg, 21, a Corona del Sol graduate, decided to enroll in the vet assistant program this year because he's interested in opening his own veterinary clinic. He already has experience in working as a vet assistant.

"It's a great class," he said. Instructor Jessica Berger "teaches you what you're going to experience."

Berger arranges internships for her students with 36 clinical sites around the Valley. "It helps the students collaborate and network with veterinarians and technicians in the field," she said. And in some cases, the internship could even lead to a job offer.

The Veterinary Assistant program is offered exclusively at the East Campus, where Berger hopes to eventually have an on-site clinic. Students would be able to assist with surgeries performed on shelter animals before going on their internships.

Enrollment is under way for 2015-16. Visit www.evit.com for more information.

evit offers first-ever career, college fair

EVIT students will get the opportunity to network with Valley businesses that may be hiring soon and the chance to meet with representatives from colleges, universities and other post-secondary schools during the first-ever EVIT Career and College Fair on March 31. The fair will be 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Dr. A. Keith Crandell (Main) Campus, 1601 W. Main St., Mesa.



Approximately 30 Valley businesses have signed up to meet with students about job opportunities. Those include: A Team Home Healthcare, Animal Welfare League of Arizona, Any Lab Test Now, Automotive Group of Arizona, Arizona Forest Service, Banner Desert Medical Center, Basha's, Brighton Collision, Chas Roberts, Eco Lab, Empire Southwest, Fellowship Square, Fry's Food and Drug, Harris Precision Mold, Hilton Phoenix/Mesa, Jiffy Lube Corporate, Massage Envy, Mesa Connectors, Nichol's Precision, Parker & Sons, Rural Metro, Sierra Broadcasting, Super Cuts, Tel Tech Communications, Thorobred Chevrolet, Trane, Walgreens, West Pharmaceuticals and Younger Brothers Companies.



Principals Greg Copeland and Molly Miller, assistant principals and instructors will determine which EVIT students will get the opportunity to meet personally with businesses. That portion of the fair is intended as a reward for EVIT's best students and for the businesses that do so much to support the school.



The college portion of the fair will be open to all EVIT students at the Main Campus and selected students from the East Campus. So far, the colleges, universities and post-secondary schools that have agreed to participate include: Albright College, Arizona State University, ASU Dell Webb School of Construction, ASU ROTC, A.T. Still University, Benedictine University, Chandler-Gilbert Community College, FIDM (Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising), Gateway Community College, Grand Canyon University, Mesa Community College, National Association of Laser & Aesthetics Institute, Northern Arizona University, Scottsdale Community College, Universal Technical Institute, University of Advancing Technology, Upper Iowa University, Wilkes University, Rio Salado College, and Embry Riddle Aeronautical University.

Adult Education @ EVIT will also be set up to provide EVIT students with information about adult classes offered at Main and East campuses. Three health programs – Practical Nursing, Surgical Technologist and Sterile Processing Technician – are offered exclusively for adults. Other adult program offerings include: Collision Repair, Cosmetology, HVAC (Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning), Nursing Assistant, Precision Machining and Welding.

In addition, BBVA Compass Bank will be at the fair to provide EVIT students with information about financial planning.

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early childhood students win medals at fea



Early Childhood students went to Arizona Future Educators Association 2015 State Leadership Conference at the Loew's Ventana Resort in Tucson, March 2-4, 2015. The theme was "Higher, Faster, Stronger! I'm a Teacher, What's Your Superpower?"

Our student awards were the following:

Early Childcare Theme Development:
Gold Earned, 1st Place
Claudia LaGarde
Andrea Phelps

Early Childhood Language & Literacy:
Gold Earned, 1st Place
Sade Harris

Inside Our Schools:
Gold Earned, 4th Place
Maria Lara
Aime Lopez
Susana Meza

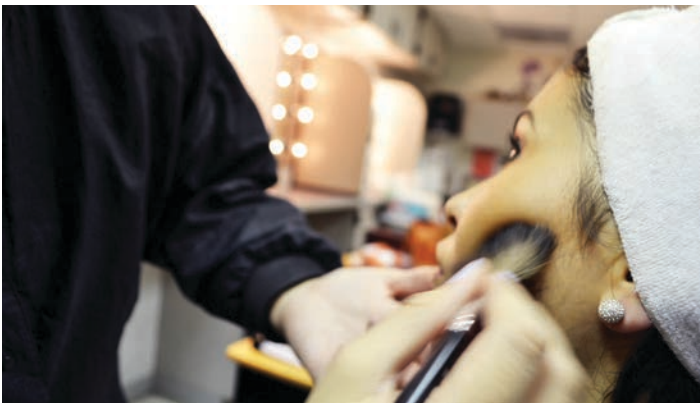
Chapter Service Project Presentation:
Gold Earned, 4th Place
Samantha Lunde
Elsa Martin
Nancy Navarro

1st Place winners earned \$2500 scholarships to Grand Canyon University.

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aesthetics

goes **hollywood**



On Tues., Feb. 24, with inspiration from the recent Oscars, EVIT Aesthetics students recreated some makeup looks from their favorite Hollywood actresses.



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KIRSTEN
CARNEVALE

She just completed EVIT's Dental Assistant program a year ago, but already, Kirsten Carnevale is finding success. Now in her freshman year at Pittsburgh, PA's Robert Morris University, this 2014 EVIT Student of the Year, has been invited by the university to apply to its honors program.

Q: What are you currently studying? Is your plan still the same as it was – to eventually become a maxillofacial surgeon?

A: I am a biology pre-medicine major. It's a lot of work ... Towards the end of my (high school) senior year, I sort of changed my mind on my future endeavors. I still want to go to dental school, but I would like to go into pedodontics instead. That's pediatrics. My (EVIT) externship in a dental office called ABC Pediatric Dentistry practically made me fall head over heels in love with those tiny and wiggly primary teeth! I would like to focus more on invasive cases and procedures that require sedation. My love for surgery still remains too!

Q: Now that you've been at college for a while, do you feel that your experience at EVIT helped prepare you for college? Is there anything you took away from your EVIT

experience that is helping you with college now?

A: The biggest thing EVIT helped me with was assuring me that my choice to enter the dental field was the right one. Most students quickly pick something that sounds easy and fast, or maybe a career that will cash out. Most students don't really search for something they love until reality hits them in their second half of college and they have to change their major and start all over again. EVIT (along with all the help and knowledge of my fabulous former instructor, Janet Jensen) helped me learn the material and physically be in that environment. Then I knew the career path I chose was the right one for me.

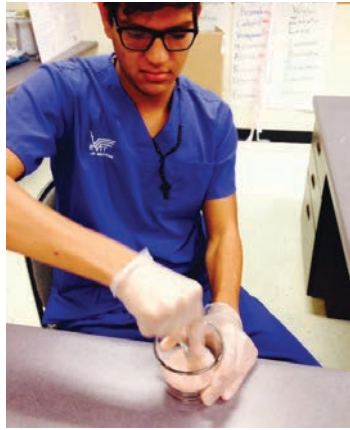
Q: You gave up being captain of the girls' basketball team at Gilbert High School and made other sacrifices so you had the time to go to EVIT. Have you regretted making those sacrifices?

A: Basketball was not a career for me, but getting my foot in the door in such a competitive field was. Having that experience sets me one bar higher than all the rest of the students applying to dental school. When you're in the medical field, all that matters is being the best you can be – and EVIT helped me achieve that.

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pharmacy tech

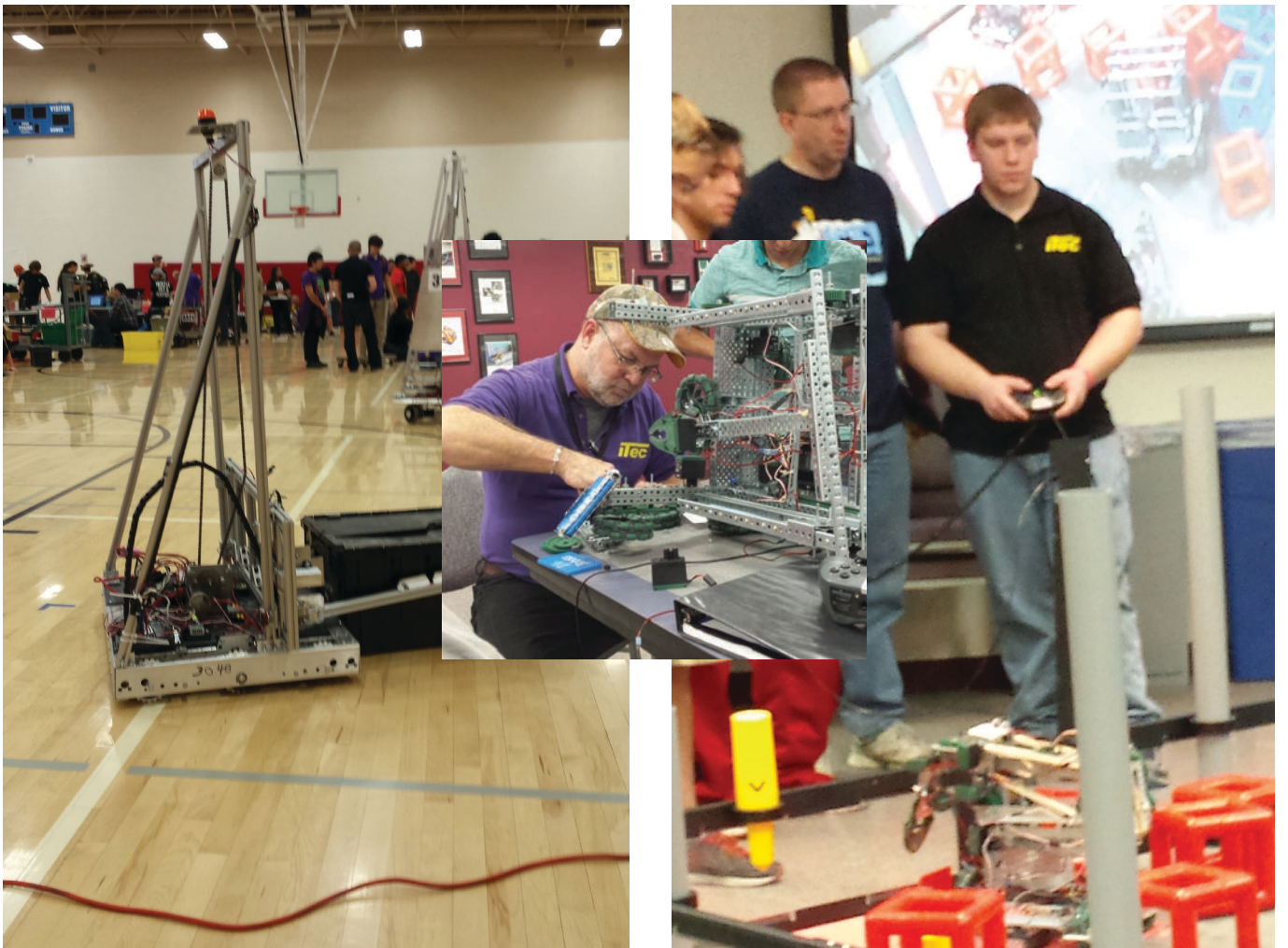
learns about
extemporaneous compounding



On Fri., Feb. 20, EVIT Pharmacy Tech students learned & demonstrated extemporaneous compounding - the preparation, mixing, assembling, packaging and labeling of a drug product. Photos by Gale Landau, EVIT Pharmacy Tech instructor.

robotics duels

in the desert



EVIT Robotics has been busy competing. On Feb. 14, they participated in a scrimmage called “Duel in the Desert.” They also participated in the “Microchip VEX tournament” on Feb. 21. Photos courtesy of Douglas Bruce, EVIT iTEC Robotics instructor.

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what's

cookin'

in culinary?



On Wed., Feb. 25, we stopped in to see what EVIT Culinary Arts students were cooking up. The savory aroma of various ingredients, just makes you anxious for the final edible delight. Some students were making ravioli, while others were making tasty granola -- both made from scratch.

awesome

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logo!



Congratulations to Alex Zalesko, an EVIT Multimedia student, for having her artwork selected as the official logo and poster artwork for the upcoming Southwest Maker Fest on March 28 in Downtown Mesa.

Contribute to student programs and activities at the East Valley Institute of Technology and receive a **dollar-for-dollar tax credit**.

Help guarantee that students are able to experience all that EVIT has to offer as they prepare for college and/or a career.

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ENROLL TODAY!

Registration is under way for 2015-16. Did you know that this year you can submit your application online? Fill out the online form at this link: http://weareevit.formstack.com/forms/enroll_1

GREAT GLOBE EARTH DAY



Join us at 8:15 a.m. on Earth Day, April 22 at the Dr. A. Keith Crandell (Main) Campus, 1601 W. Main St., Mesa, for the official unveiling of the Arizona part of The Great Globe! Arizona is made of thousands of tiles created by children who toured the recent Great Globe exhibit at the Arizona Science Center. The Great Globe, which is based at EVIT, is a project to build a 42-story replica of the Earth as an educational tourist attraction in south-central Arizona. April's Earth Day event will kick off the five-year timeline to complete construction of the globe by Earth Day 2020!

NEW BOARD TIME

The EVIT governing board has moved up the time for its monthly meetings from 5:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. The board meets the second Monday of every month in the governing board room of Building 3 on the Main Campus.

LACE UP YOUR SNEAKERS!

It's time again for the annual walk-a-thon sponsored by EVIT's HOSA Future Health Professionals student organization. This year's walk is 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., March 23 at the Main Campus. It costs \$5 to participate. Funds raised will be donated to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Call Gale Landau at (480) 461-4123 for more information and to register.

A promotional banner for the EVIT walk-a-thon. The banner is yellow and purple. It features the text "evit walk-a-thon" in a stylized font. To the right, it says "Sponsored by: hosa ARIZONA future health professionals". Below this, it says "Monday, March 23, 2015". The banner also includes images of people walking, a stroller, and a wheel of fortune. Text on the banner includes "Raise Money for LEUKEMIA & LYMPHOMA SOCIETY fighting blood cancers", "WIN PRIZES!", "Have Fun!", "Sign Up NOW for \$5 and Get Started!", and "To register or for more information, please see Ms. Landau 480-461-4123 or Mrs. Jensen 480-461-4064." There is also a small image of a person holding a sign that says "YOU HELPED SAVE LIVES".

For the past two years, EVIT's HOSA chapter has raised more money than any other high school HOSA group in the nation for this cause. Go HOSA!

AVIATION SCHOLARSHIPS

Congratulations to EVIT Aviation students Naomi Castillo and Taylor Izard for winning full scholarships from the Copperstate Fly-In committee to attend the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) Air Venture in Oshkosh, Wis., this summer!



FASHION SHOW

Students in the Fashion, Interiors and Textiles program are busy working on their designs and sewing for the annual EVIT Fashion Show, 6 p.m., April 30 in the Culinary Banquet Hall on the Main Campus. Tickets range from \$5-\$20 and are available in the FIT workroom or by calling FIT instructor Kim Oleson at (480) 461-4141.

READ ACROSS AMERICA



On March 2, interns in EVIT's Early Childhood Education program helped celebrate the national Read Across America day and Dr. Seuss' birthday at Head Start. The students read to the preschoolers "Cat in the Hat," helped them design a Lorax forest, painted fish and more.

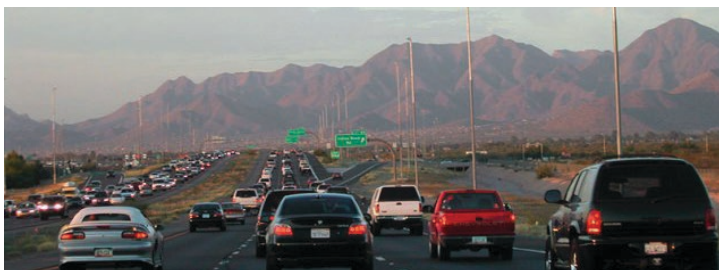
CALLING ALL 2010 ALUMNI!

EVIT is currently working on a project to track down our alumni from the Class of 2010 to see what they're doing five years after completing their career and technical education programs. For more information, contact Public Information Officer CeCe Todd at (480) 461-4032.

And be sure to check out and "like" our EVIT Alumni page on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/evitalumni>

TRIP REDUCTION PROGRAM

In a partnership with Valley Metro, the EVIT Trip Reduction Program is designed to reduce single occupant vehicle (SOV) trips to the work site. If you carpool, vanpool, walk, bike or ride the bus to school you are considered an Alternate Mode User (AMU), and you can register to win quarterly prizes valued at \$25.



For more information, or to sign up as an alternative mode user, contact Lacy Davis at 480-461-4016 or e-mail ldavis@evit.com. You can find more information about carpooling at www.sharetheride.com or bus route information at www.valleymetro.com.

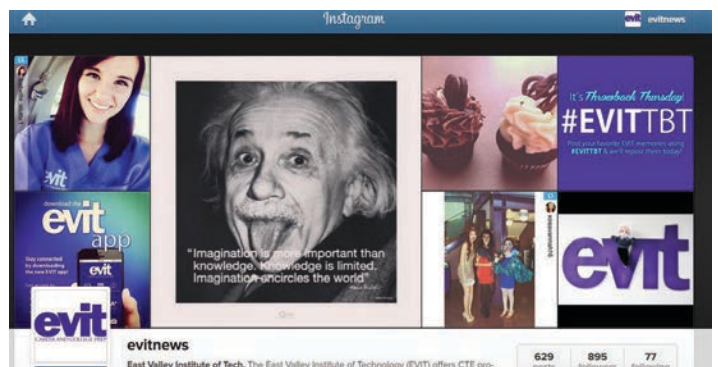


March Birthdays

1	Laurie Morehouse	17	Scott Montoya
3	Laura McKinley	17	Christian Vencill
6	Arturo Zamorano	18	Belinda Long
12	Leon Zamora	18	Anita Moody
15	Edith Perez	25	Sarah Liu
16	Randy Golding	29	Kathie Kopp
16	Shayna Stephens	30	Lou Ann Hoffman

April Birthdays

3	Jeffrey Ridout	15	Sara Synder
5	Jeffrey Leroy	18	Lacy Davis
5	Eric Perez	20	Dr. Sally Downey
9	Traci Plough	20	Terri Pearson
9	Eron Rubio	21	Sean Harper
14	Andrea Diedrich	21	Brent Johnson
14	David Gertz	23	Michael Thomas
15	Randy Baker	27	Kim Oleson



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In the
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