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— *Story by Daniel Rasmussen, Page 12*

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# Mother's Day countdown Expectations running high in hospital obstetrics ward



Chandler Regional maternity nurse Jennifer Hardy, herself an expectant mom, with patient Sarah Woodams, for whom new son Gavin represented an early Mother's Day gift. — Wrangler News photo by Jennifer Banks

By Alison Stanton

Every day, 10 or 11 babies are born inside the maternity ward at Chandler Regional Medical Center.

If these statistics hold true for Sunday, May 13, it means that just under a dozen bouncing baby boys and girls will make their grand entrance into the world, just in time to help their moms celebrate Mother's Day.

Julie Hoffman, director of maternal child health at Chandler Regional Medical Center, said that the nurses in the maternity unit definitely understand how special it is when a mom gives birth on the actual holiday.

"They really play it up and say things like 'this is your first Mother's Day ever—that is so special,' and 'how wonderful it is that you are having your baby today—what a great gift this is for you!'"

Regardless of whether a mom is having her first, second or eighth baby, if the birth falls on that significant Sunday in May, Hoffman said the nurses enjoy acknowledging it with the family.

But Hoffman and her staff of around 80 nurses also know that each and every birth is meaningful, no matter what day of the year it takes place.

In fact, as far as Hoffman and the nurses are concerned, inside the hospital's maternity ward, every day is Mother's Day.

From handmade hats that the nurses make for the newborns to the recently remodeled Family Birth Center, Hoffman said that 365 days a year, the entire nursing staff goes above and beyond to give each family a great birthing experience.

"Right now the nurses are working on their Memorial Day and 4th of July-themed hats for the babies," Hoffman said, adding that the boys' caps feature bunny ears and the girls' hats are adorned with a colorful bow.

Hoffman said the new, large and inviting rooms that allow the women to go through labor, delivery, recovery and postpartum all in one place are immensely popular and appreciated by the moms, as are the 12 new private neonatal intensive care rooms that feature overnight accommodations

for a caregiver as well as a private bathroom complete with shower.

"There is a comfortable sleeper chair in each room, and moms can stay there with their babies, sometimes for as long as two to three months," Hoffman said.

"With our renovations, we are really working hard to meet the needs of our community every day."

Interestingly, Hoffman noted that at any given time, about six to 12 of her nursing staff are pregnant.

"Almost all of them deliver here, so they get to experience all sides of our department," she said.

Jennifer Hardy has been a labor and delivery nurse at Chandler Regional Medical Center for more than four years. She has worked on at least one Mother's Day and said she has noticed that dads-to-be tend to be especially proud on that Sunday, perhaps because they are realizing that their laboring partners are about to become a mom on a day that brings special attention to motherhood.

"I do always say how special it is to

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## Crossing guard earns her stripes

# Small street, big heart mark Waggoner honors recipient

By Jennifer Pillen Banks

Most crossing guards “are unsung community heroes,” according to Linda Gorman, director of communications and public affairs for AAA Arizona.

But not at Waggoner Elementary School, where several families of students nominated crossing guard Sue Turpin for the 2012 AAA Crossing Guard of the Year award.

Earlier this month, office staff informed Turpin, who also works in Waggoner’s resource department as an instructional assistant and in the cafeteria as a lunch supervisor, about the nomination.

“I was so surprised and honored that the families thought so highly of me that they wanted to nominate me for this,” said Turpin.

She was even more surprised when a week later she found out that she had won.

“I’ve seen the crossing guards of the year in the AAA member magazine, but they’re always on Central and other big streets,” she said.

Early in the school year, AAA Arizona solicits nominations from students, parents, school administrators, staff and members of the community for crossing guards who exhibit exceptional levels of dedication, friendliness, professionalism and safety.

AAA traffic safety staff then

evaluate nominations to select finalists before conducting an observation of each guard performing his or her duties. One winning recipient each is chosen from Maricopa and Pima counties.

When Crossing Guard Appreciation Day was celebrated April 27, AAA Arizona presented Turpin with a plaque and a \$100 Target gift card.

“Turpin is always willing to go above and beyond to ensure the safety and well-being of our students. Her dedication is limitless,” said Waggoner Elementary School Principal Lisa Gibson.

A few years ago, for example, when a motorist repeatedly sped through the school zone, Turpin and another Waggoner crossing guard took down the license plate number and presented the situation to a traffic officer. The woman was warned, and she slowed down.

“We were pretty proud of that,” said Turpin.

Turpin is also proud of the fact that no student has ever been injured on her watch. But she attributes that safety record as much to proactive Waggoner parents. “They’re such a great bunch,” she said.

In the past, parents have helped educate others about the the importance of traffic safety, made sure

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## Commemorative bricks herald opening of new ICAN center

Chandler’s innovative youth program ICAN will debut its new 21,000-square-foot facility on Thursday, May 10, at the same time offering the public a chance to purchase engraved, personalized bricks that will be permanently placed in the courtyard area on the new campus.

“We wanted to offer a tangible means for the community to show their support, and these bricks are a great way to take ownership of the new facility while displaying their support for local youth,” said Patti Bruno, who chairs the organization’s board of directors.

Money raised through purchases

of bricks will go toward an Only ICAN campaign to pay for the new facility and for the expansion of programs to 55 percent more youth.

ICAN currently operates out of a 6,000-square-foot facility in downtown Chandler and, according to officials, has outgrown its available space.

The new facility will include six classrooms, a learning center, half gym, offices and conference rooms.

Bricks can be purchased online at [www.onlyican.org/buyabrick](http://www.onlyican.org/buyabrick).

Opening ceremonies will be held at the new location, 650 E. Morelos St., from 4 to 7 p.m.

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Kids at Waggoner Elementary School appreciate Sue Turpin's use of the 'Cheers' factor: she knows everybody's name.

— Wrangler News photo by Jennifer Banks

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signage is in good working order, and worked with the police to enforce bike lane laws, such as not driving in them, said Turpin.

"We can ask everyone to drive as safely as they can and obey the speed, but we're not policemen," she said.

She also credits the other crossing guards for Waggoner's good safety record. "They all deserved the award as much as I did," she said.

While safety is always her first concern, Turpin said she also tries to know all the kids' names and to mention something to them about their day.

Because she works at the school, she often knows if they have an important test or a field trip. Sometimes she simply brings up what's

for lunch in the cafeteria.

"Kids in general are not morning people. A lot of them are grumpy," she said. "I try to start their day in a good way."

"Sue's enthusiastic and positive personality is one of the reasons why she is such a valued employee," said Principal Gibson.

"Crossing starts my day out positive, too, so it's a win-win for everybody," she said.

Turpin is also known for her unusual hats—from a furry ear-flapped contraption in the winter to a big floppy straw hat in the summer.

"That was a gift of the Waggoner Parent-Teacher Organization," who are very attentive to the crossing guards' needs, she said. They've also given her lip balm and sun screen.

Added Turpin:

"You don't even have to say anything. One day you're squinting, and the next you have a straw hat."

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# All-City Sports Notebook . . . with Alex Zener

## Arizona National Guard picks Corona

Corona's Division I state championship boys basketball team garnered more attention for Aztec athletics when it was recognized by MaxPreps as one of the top 10 high school basketball teams nationwide.

The team was presented with the prestigious Army National Guard Rankings or "Minuteman" trophy symbolizing excellence and dedication to a cause on the Corona campus April 19.

The Aztecs won 30 straight games to compile a 32-1 record and ended the season ranked No. 38 out of more than 20,000 high school boys basketball teams in the country, according to the MaxPreps Freeman poll.

"It was an outstanding accomplishment for our team to be presented with this award," said head coach **Sam Duane Jr.** "I am very proud of our players."

No Valley basketball team has ever won the award, but it appears a couple of Valley football teams have received it since its inception about seven years ago, according to Duane.

In addition, Corona point guard Casey Benson was selected to the Maxpreps.com Boys Basketball Sophomore All-American Third Team.

"For Casey to be one of the top sophomores in the nation is great for him," said Duane. "It's good for him to get the recognition."

Benson has received some attention from Arizona State University, where fellow teammate Calaen Robinson will be playing next year, but says he plans on keeping his options open.

### A Fourth for Lawson

**Alex Lawson** won his fourth straight Division I state tennis championship on April 28 in a match that was perhaps one of his toughest finals in all four years by defeating Nolan Bauer of Chaparral 3-6, 6-3, 6-2.

Breezing through the tournament losing only 7 games total and not dropping a set in the first four matches, Lawson didn't quite come out hitting winners in his first game of the match.

After all, it was only his fourth championship finals in as many years of high school tennis, with his teammates, family and friends cheering him on with high expectations. Getting that fourth win was probably harder than the first two with doubles partner **Kyle Ogren**—harder even than last year, his first singles title.

"This win was tough because the pressure was on me to get my fourth win and because Nolan came out playing really well and not giving me any opportunities early on," said Lawson.

After losing the first set 3-6, Lawson and coach **Rick Wanta** came up with a different strategy that paid off in the last two sets.

"I wasn't too worried after Alex lost the first set because it's not uncommon in tournament tennis,"



From left, bottom row: Jessie McCain, Calaen Robinson, Matt Lemke, Bryan Siefker, Adam Gleave, Braden Tennyson. Top row: Coach Sam Duane Jr., Andrus Peat, Austin Millyard, Alex Vanryswyk, Avery Moss, Elijah Hempstead, Cassius Peat, Tyler Bolton, Casey Benson, Coach Dean Steffey.

said Wanta. "What separates the great players, like Alex, is the ability to regroup, stay calm and continue to execute a game plan."

"I really felt things would be OK, though, when I told him, 'Looks like we'll just be out here a little longer than we planned,'" said Wanta. "And he just smiled and said 'Yeah'."

The game plan they came up with, cutting down on unforced errors, serving better, taking advantage of momentum shifts and making Nolan run more because his legs seemed to be tightening up in the heat, paid off. Alex won the next two sets 6-3, 6-2.

"The finals match was a tough one," said Lawson. "In the first set, things were obviously not going my way. Nolan played a great set but I knew I had to change my game plan to turn things around."

"I just kept attacking him with my forehand and he started having more trouble with my serve. Once I got my momentum going, I just sort of took over from there."

Lawson's fourth victory also made history. Only four other individuals have won four state championship titles in Arizona high school tennis dating back to 1931. And those individuals won playing singles only. Only four other Aztecs, besides Ogren and Lawson, have won individual tennis championships: Ryan McBride in 2002; Bob

Beckvall, '81, '82 and '83; and doubles partners Keith Cahill and Ron Willey in '82.

Did coach Wanta have any idea that Lawson was capable of winning not only one but four state championships? Or the impact he would have on Corona's boys tennis program?

"I knew Alex was an outstanding tournament player when he joined our team in the spring of 2009 that already had two other exceptional players in **Garret Dunn** and **Kyle Ogren**," said Wanta. "So although I knew I had an elite state caliber team, I never envisioned this skinny new freshman becoming a four-time state champion."

That elite team went on to play in the Division I team tennis championships, taking home the runner-up trophy in 2009 and 2010 with Lawson's help.

The left-handed Lawson, last year's Player of the Year, will be taking his tennis skills next fall to Notre Dame, where he is predicted to take over one of the spots left open when three seniors graduate. Wanta has no doubt he will be successful at the next level.

"Alex has always been a great shot maker with phenomenal hands at the net who isn't afraid to come in and volley," said Wanta. "But he has just gotten bigger, stronger and quicker each year."

"Besides being a great individual player, Alex is a very good team member, which will be very beneficial

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to his success at Notre Dame,” said Wanta. “He’s very supportive and a cheerleader for his teammates and I can’t imagine a better role model. He really demonstrates to the younger players what hard work and dedication to your craft can do.”

At press time, Lawson was not quite finished putting his mark on Corona tennis. The Aztecs were still in the state team tournament scheduled to play the No. 5 seeded Salpointe team in the quarterfinals May 1.

### Corona Volleyball

Corona’s No. 1-ranked boys volleyball team recently proved its ranking was legitimate by winning the Mesa Jackrabbit Tournament April 28.

“We lost to Deer Valley and ended up in the loser’ bracket because it was a double elimination tournament,” said coach **Brynne Evans**. “But we fought back and worked our way up through the brackets to face Deer Valley again in the championship match, and we won.”

The Aztecs were only able to fight their way back because of bench players and their ability to move players around to fill in for tired players in this daylong event.

“**Zac von Allworden** stepped in big for us in this tournament and did a great job when I needed him to fill in for outside hitters **Alex Davis** and **Blake Pendleton**, our regular starters, due to muscle fatigue,” said Evans. “During the championship match we even lost our libero, **Charlie Hualde**, to bad leg cramps and muscle spasms, and Zac stepped in as an outside hitter so we could use Blake as libero.”

“It was a great team victory and really showed our versatility and depth,” said Evans. “I saw the players step up their game to finish a very long day at the very top.”

The Aztecs will need to use that same depth and versatility in the upcoming state tournament. Coming in as the No. 3 seed in power rankings they will have a bye in the first round in the tournament that starts May 5. The first two rounds will be played at Corona’s gym the same day. The Aztecs should play the winner of No. 15 Desert Vista match against No. 19 Cholla High Magnet played at Corona’s gym. Corona’s game is scheduled to start at 2:30 on May 5 on the same court.

The Aztecs have a chance of meeting Deer Valley again this season in the state tournament, but not until



**Alex Lawson with Coach Rick Wanta.** Lawson accomplished the goal he set for himself when he entered high school by winning his fourth Division I state championship tennis title April 28.

— Photo courtesy Tracy Lawson

the finals because they are on separate sides of the bracket. Their biggest threat, besides arch-rival Desert Vista, appears to be No. 2 seeded Salpointe in Tucson.

### Tempe High Schools Compete in Local Track Meets

Tempe high schools competed April 20 in the Buffalo Stampede track meet, hosted by Tempe High School, and the Tempe All City track meet April 25, hosted by Desert Vista High School.

Highlights included:

Corona’s boys and girls teams took first place at the Buffalo Stampede. The girls team compiled 129 points with the help of athletes like **Megan Benson**, who took first in the 100 meter and second in the 300 meter hurdles; **Hallie Swenson**, who was first in the 800 meter run; **Dana McKenzie**, first in the high jump; and **Lauren Lucky**, first in the shot put.

**Jackie Vogt** was fourth both in the 100 meter and 300 meter hurdles. **Gabrielle Dotson** was third in the 100 meter and fourth in the 200 meter dash, while Benson was second in the 200 meter dash and Swenson fourth in the 400 meter dash.

**Victoria Haun** was third in the 1600 meter run while Corona’s girls 4x400 relay team of Benson, Swenson, Vogt and Dotson crossed the finish line third and the 4x100 team of McKenzie, Van Vleet, Vogt and **Aery Ware** fifth.

Other top Corona girls point contributors in the field events included Lucky’s second in the discus throw, **Charlie Giese**’s third in the pole vault, **Liann Kline**’s sixth in the triple jump, and Dotson’s fourth in the long jump.

Corona’s boys team put together 140 points to beat out Mountain Pointe and Mountain Ridge at the Buffalo Stampede with the help of the boys 4x400 relay team of **Cody Jackson**, **Tevin Mayfield**, **Nick Creasman** and **Nate Rodriguez**, who came in first as did Mayfield in both the 110 meter and 300 meter hurdles and Jacob Whitney in the 3200 meter run.

Rodriguez was first in the 800 meter run, followed closely by Jackson at second place and **Patrick Buck** in fifth. Other top finishers included **George Wright** at third in the 100 meter dash, Mayfield third in the 200 meter dash, and Jackson second, Creasman third and Smith sixth in the 400 meter dash.

Corona also had **Andrew Trusswell** coming in sixth in the 1600 meter run; **Quinn Robertson** fourth in the 300 meter; and the 4x100 relay team of **Dylan Huch**, Hill, **Michael Nguyen** and Wright placing second.

Corona’s boys team received points from Wright’s third in the long jump, **Aaron Simons**’ third in the discus and fifth in the shot put, **Wyatt Larson**’s fourth in the triple jump and **Connor Littleton**’s sixth in the pole

vault.

Both of Tempe High School’s teams scored more points than Marcos, with **Leticia Sahban**’s first place in the girls 1600 meter run and sixth in the 800 meter run, **Diana Garcia**’s first in the 3200 meter run, **Amy Bello**’s eighth in the 1600 meter run and a second place for the girls 4x800 relay team of **Victoria Lebario**, **Lizbeth Lopez**, Garcia and **Karen Gonzalez**.

**Kayla Melgar** contributed points to the Tempe girls total in the field events with a third in the girls discus throw and fourth in the shot put.

Tempe’s boys team received points from a fourth place finish from **Gerardo Villagomez** in the 3200 meter run, from **Hassan Muhamed** for a sixth and **Jose Elias** seventh in the 800 meter run, a fourth for **Devonte Grey** in the boys shot put, and a seventh for **Marcus Whitmore** in the high jump.

Tempe’s boys relay team of Villagomez, **Tod Taysom**, Muhamed and Enrique Cano came in third, the 4x100 relay team of **Daquan Hughes**, **Johnnie Worley**, **Gilberto Rios** and Whitmore seventh and the 4x400 of Whitmore, Villagomez, **Chris Orosoco** and Mohamed eighth.

Marcos results at the Buffalo Stampede included first place finish for **Savannah Whitehead** in the pole vault, a sixth for **Jorie Mayfield** and seventh for **Khalyn Neal** in the triple jump and a seventh for **Iris Fanene** and eighth for **Curaun Thompson** in the shot put.

In the running events, Marcos got points from a seventh place for **Caria Clinton** in the girls 100 meter dash, a sixth place for **Teleya Bailey** in the 200 meter dash, a fifth for **Jessey Tenorio** in the 800 meter run, and a seventh for **Jamie Chan** in the 1600 meter run.

Marcos girls also had a third place finish for the 4x800 relay team of Chan, **Michelle Colbert**, **Kaitlyn Law** and Tenorio and a sixth place finish in the 4x100 meter relay team of **Daria Clinton**, **DiOndre Mosley**, **Swayla Moore** and **Antionette Ware**. The Marcos boys team had **Dominique Brown** finish fifth in the 100 meter dash and the 200 meter dash with **Brian Drew** coming in eighth in the same event and fourth in the 400 meter dash while **Julie Felix** was seventh in the 3200 meter run.

The Marcos boys 4x100 relay team of Drew, **Josh Kirkwood**, **Royal Bailey**, and Brown crossed the finish line third.

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## Tempe All City Track Results

McClintock competed against the other five Tempe Union High School district schools in the Tempe All City Track Meet April 25 at Desert Vista. The boys team came in fourth and the girls team sixth, but there were several athletes with significant results.

**Eduardo Roa** crossed the finish line ahead of all other runners to capture first place in the 3200 meter run. **Cole Gonzales** was fourth in the same race. McClintock's 4x100 relay team of **Billy Suell, Kendell Gatlin, Signory Mutach** and **Josh Aberle** came in tied with Tempe for second place. The 4x400 relay team of **Keegan Weinberg, Mutach, Jalen Zambrano,** and **Aberle** placed third while **Aberle** was fourth in the 200 meter dash and **Zambrano** fifth in the 400 meter dash.

In the field events, **Gatlin** was fifth in the triple jump and third along with fourth for **Aberle** in the long jump. **Devin Strickland** was fourth in the shot put for McClintock.

McClintock's girls team had three fourth place finishes: **Keave Davis** in the 3200 meter run, **Aulexus Hull** in the high jump and the 4x400 team of **Tatiana Bernard, Sharon Nicholls, Signey Calvin** and **Scottrita Smith**.

Highlights for Tempe's girls team included a first

place for Garcia in the 1600 meter run and a fourth in the 800 meter. **Shaban** crossed the finish line second in both the 1600 meter and 3200 meter run while **Melgan** was first in the discus and third in the shot put.

Tempe boys team had **Vellagomez** taking third in the 1600 meter and fifth in the 800 meter run. **Whitmore** was third in the high jump and **Grey** sixth in the shot put.

**Marcos de Niza** girls team took third in the 4x400 relay team of **Teleya Bailey, Tenoiro, Law** and **Ware** while **Whitehead** was second in the pole vault. The next highest finish was a fourth for **Bailey** in the 400 meter dash.

The Padres' top finish was their 4x100 relay team of **Drew, Kirkwood, Royal Bailey** and **Brown** that tied with Tempe for second place. **Drew** was fourth in the 400 meter dash and **Marco Barros** took sixth in the discus.

Highlights for Corona's team included breaking a school record, big contributions from a senior new to the team, and great improvement by both the older and younger members.

"**Hallie Swenson** broke the school record in the 800 meter run even though she came in second at the All City meet," said head coach **Tim Kelly**. "Senior **Drake Ridge** is new to the team and doing well and we have seen great improvement by **Jackie Vogt, Aery Ware, George Wright** and **Nick Creasman**."

"We have also had freshmen **Kelly Nauman, Sidney Bussler, Dakota Summers** and **Tyler Stehr**, to name a few who have moved up to help with varsity events."

**Benson** has been strong the last few weeks, taking home first in both the 100 meter and 300 meter hurdles, with **Vogt, Allen** and **Grace Ashu** all pushing her for first.

**Ashu** was third in the 100 meter and 200 meter dashes followed closely by **Dotson** and **Justice Onwordi**.

These same athletes finished second in the 4x100 relay leading off with **Ashu, Onwordi, Dotson** and **Benson** then **Benson, Swenson, Vogt** and **Onwordi** took second in the 4x400 relay. **Dani Lemieux** was fifth in the 3200 meter run.

**McKenzie** continued her dominance in the high jump, and **Luck** took her second first place in a row in the shot put.

Highlights from the boys team included several first place finishes. **Mayfield** was again first in the 100 meter and 300 meter hurdles but **Robinson** improved to a second place finish in the 300 meter hurdles.

**Rodriguez** was first in both the 1600 meter and the 800 meter run with **Creasman** finishing right behind him in second place in the 800.

Two relay teams took first place: the 4x800 team of **Brian, Whitney, Creasman** and **Blake Fischer** and the 4x400 of **Creasman, Jackson, Rodriguez** and **Ridge**.

In the field events, **Wright** improved to take first in the triple jump while **Kenneth McGee** took fourth in the high jump.

Then the Aztecs actually had three athletes place in the pole vault: **Matt Eckles** was fourth, **Littleton** fifth and **Colin Ruane** sixth.

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# Lacrosse grows; funding remains a sticking point

By Clayton Klapper

When you hear the terms strategy, technique and athleticism in a sport, most often they'd bring baseball, football or basketball to mind. However, the Corona lacrosse team would have something to say about that.

"(Lacrosse) sets itself apart from other sports because it requires you to think ahead, with strategic moves, like chess," said junior Nate Sell, the team's midfielder—"along with the multifaceted athletic elements of hockey, football and soccer."

Sell joined the team after a group of friends convinced him to do it, a common occurrence for a sport that only grows by word of mouth.

Corona's is technically a club team, not affiliated with Corona del Sol High School. It is filled with kids from Corona, Marcos de Niza and several charter schools nearby, ranging from eighth graders to seniors.

The team follows all of the typical guidelines required to play a high school sport, including good grades and behavior off the field.

Aztecs coach Craig Fertelmes has been with the team since 2005 and said that when he joined, there were only 20 teams in the league. "Now there are nearly 30, with programs in Tucson, Phoenix and Flagstaff," said Fertelmes.

"The Arizona Lacrosse League has developed a model for continuous growth, and with help from the schools, I hope that the sport will follow the pace of development seen in other western states."

The sport has been popular for quite some time across the Eastern United States, and has started to pick up momentum across the West Coast. States like California, Oregon and Washington have picked the sport up in recent years, with Arizona following slowly behind.

Karen Campbell, Nate Sell's mother, agreed that the league is growing, but not as quickly as they'd



like. "As a club sport and not a sanctioned sport, for most of the local public junior high schools and high schools, awareness and funding support is left primarily to the parents, coaches, team managers and players," Campbell said. "That alone can make it prohibitive."

Deborah Sion, who also has children in the program, said that one of the most difficult parts of the game is the lack of funds for new equipment. "It is difficult to keep it affordable and at the same time try to provide the similar amenities of sanctioned sports," she said. "These days, fundraising is a part of most sports in our area."

Those fundraisers include team car washes, garage sales, paid ads in programs and team dinner nights hosted by local restaurants. The money goes toward scoreboard operations, lights, referees, game equipment and other expenses that a regular high school team would not have to come up with on its own.

Peggy Cope, who also has a son on the team, added that what sets the Corona team apart is the work its players put in just to make it onto the field.

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## Fine tuning

Corona del Sol High School's percussion group won sixth place at the Winter Guard International Percussion Championships in Dayton, Ohio. The group also beat out all other scholastic concert groups for the Fans Favorite award with its 'Rush' show. The competition featured 20 different concert groups from around the U.S. Group members include, from left, Alex Xu, Ben Davis and Patrick Askins.

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## 'Fighting the good fight' Bead entrepreneur's message of hope to cancer survivors

By Alison Stanton



Julie LaChance turned a spontaneous idea into a major cancer-awareness enterprise, which appears on its way to expanding.

— Wrangler News photo

As owner of Another Bead Please! in Ahwatukee (formerly in south Tempe for many years), Julie LaChance enjoys getting to know the many regular customers who come in looking for colorful and beautiful beads of all sizes and varieties.

While they're busy selecting which Czech glass or Swarovski crystals they want to buy, LaChance's regulars often share their personal stories with her. Some of the tales are happy, some are sad. Some inspire LaChance to try to do something to help.

Such was the case with Lynn Conner, who stops by the shop regularly. Over the course of her many visits, Conner told LaChance about her journey as a breast cancer survivor, and how she makes heart-shaped pillows she calls Comfort Hearts of Love that she gives to other survivors during meetings of a breast cancer awareness and support group that she facilitates.

As Conner explained it to LaChance, her meetings offer survivors words of encouragement, or "WOE", and she invites others to help "turn their WOE around" by attending and sharing their stories.

When Conner mentioned that she was going to hold another meeting in late April, LaChance knew she wanted to help. She offered her shop as the location for the event, and was delighted when about 20 people arrived from all over the Valley for what Conner called An Evening of Hope, Encouragement and Love.

LaChance said the event gave the diverse group of women and one man a chance to connect with other people who could truly understand what the others were going through.

Some brought before-and-after photos to share; others told their personal stories of surgeries and treatments.

Everyone offered a listening ear and plenty of empathy and kindness.

"What I saw happening that night was so neat," LaChance said.

"Lynn planted the seed that will grow over time about how these women really need each other, and how their families can love them and take care of them. But they often don't really get what they are going through as do other people who have lived through it."

LaChance said she was almost moved to tears on several occasions during the evening, as the women who were often "scared to death and brave all at once" shared sometimes-immensely personal details of their experiences with the understanding attendees.

"I just found myself thinking 'what if?' throughout the night, and realizing that so many women are being diagnosed with breast cancer," LaChance said.

"But while it seems like more women than ever have breast cancer, it's also because they are getting their mammograms and catching it earlier so that not as many women are dying from it."

LaChance said she hopes to help Conner again by offering her shop for a future breast cancer awareness group.

"I just felt so much strength coming from the women in attendance. They are all fighting the good fight, and many are doing research on their own to try to help themselves."

For more information about future meetings, you can "like" Another Bead Please's page on Facebook. LaChance will update the page with future meeting information.

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## Cover story: Robby Choueiri

# Tough climb, but he's bound to succeed

By Daniel Rasmussen

Robby Choueiri must be every admission dean's dream come true. He's the student body president at Corona del Sol High School, an Obama Scholar and a star of the school choir—all with a 4.0 GPA.

But it hasn't been an easy climb to the top for the enterprising Choueiri. At age 11, a war broke out in his home country of Lebanon, forcing him and his family to flee the country in fear for their safety.

The assassination of Prime Minister Rafik Hariri in February 2005 turned Lebanon into a war zone. One morning in July that same year, Robby's mother decided enough was enough.

"She woke me up at 8:30 a.m. and told me to pack my things; by 8 that night, we were on a boat leaving Lebanon," he said.

Robby and his family left behind relatives, many who perished during the war, and boarded a military plane that brought them to Arizona.

A week later, Robby started seventh grade at Pueblo Middle School.

"I had an accent—a mix of Arabic and French—and my clothes were different from everyone else. It was easy for people to make fun of me," he said.

The torment eventually got so bad he made regular visits to the school psychologist. Robby developed a self-described "ignorant attitude, mostly because I didn't know better—I didn't know what else

to do."

A turning point came at soccer tryouts later that year. After playing soccer his entire life, Robby thought he was a shoo-in for the team. He didn't make the cut.

"The coach said I was a perfectly good soccer player, I would have made the team, but he didn't like my attitude," he said. "I was arrogant."

On that day, he decided to make a change.

"I knew if I continued like that, I wouldn't be happy. I became more open-minded, more optimistic, and (made up my mind to) do what I wanted to do."

By his sophomore year at Corona, Robby ran for student council. He lost, but knew from previous experience that he wouldn't let that stop him.

In the next election, he won the seat. And another stab at the soccer team also proved successful.

"Everything I failed at before, I was now succeeding in," he said.

In his junior year, Robby decided to make the move from regular classes to Honors and AP. His grade point average went from a 3.6 to a 4.0.

He then tried out for Competition Government, a notoriously difficult class where many of Corona's smartest students fight for spots.

Robby studied 18 hours for his audition and nailed it. He also ran for student body president. He won that, too.

Overall, he's now a member of 17 clubs and

organizations at Corona.

"Corona has been so great for me—it gave me every chance to go from nothing to something," he said. "Words cannot express how much I love this school."

Even though graduation is getting close, Robby continues to work for a more accepting, diverse Corona.

As a leader of Unity Club, Robby helps out with Awareness Day, a bi-annual event promoting individuality and tolerance. He, along with other Unity Club leaders, meet with district officials every month to work toward making Awareness Day a required district event.

"I also want to make it a state policy; I want it to be a bill (that goes to the Arizona) Senate," he said. "One day for students to deal with their problems and express themselves—every school needs that."

But the story, and Robby's plans for what life holds, aren't finished. He said he will take the lessons he's learned at Corona and apply them to his future.

He'll be attending the Barrett Honors College at ASU in the fall, with a double major in supply-chain management and economics and a minor in global studies. He's also aiming at a certificate in Arabic and international business. Or maybe he'll go for international law. He hasn't decided.

"I want to impact a large amount of people, and I think law will be the way to do that," he said.

He already has been admitted to the ASU Leadership Scholar Program. After 4½ hours of interviews and a rigorous application process, Robby was inducted as one of 25 students from around the

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## Robby

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Beyond college, Robby says he holds a life dream to open a nonprofit organization in the Middle East to educate children on religion and culture.

"I want people to coexist," he said.

Even though his life has had some rough patches, Robby says an optimistic outlook and being thankful are what got him through.

"I hope others can find themselves and discover their path like I did."

Footnote: Robby's brother Alexi, apparently cut from the same "achiever" mold, has no lesser ambitions: Alexi plans to enroll in a pre-med program in the fall, possibly at UC Berkeley.

Said Robby:

"We have the same philosophy of helping people. His way is through medicine, my way is through law."

## CdS among U.S. top 20

Corona's We The People competition government team represented Arizona in the national finals April 28-30 in Washington, D.C., finishing within the top 20.

Final scores and places for all states will be revealed in coming weeks.

After winning its 12th state title in February, Corona's team, under the direction of teacher Tim Smith, worked tirelessly to bring their best to the national championship.

"We realized that we were up against the best of the best, and it's been an amazing experience," said Robby Chouieri, a member of the We the People team.

Five of the team's members, Michael Kim, Steven Womer, Alex Karr, Sharae DeWitt, along with Chouieri, also sang the national anthem during the opening ceremony.

"We felt honored to sing the national anthem, representing Arizona in the most patriotic city in the world," Chouieri said. "It's something we will never forget."

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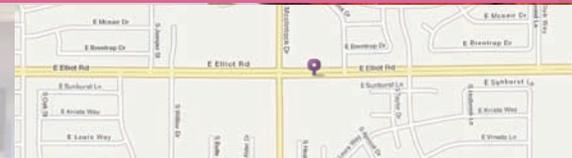
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Tempe's 4-H Horse Club, the Buena Vista Mavericks, is thinking globally by acting locally to raise money for Heifer International.

The 26-member club started with a small-change drive, then sold lead-line pony rides and shout-outs at a neighborhood gymkhana.

Collectively, the members raised \$320, which they donated to a project in the Mekong Delta region of Vietnam. The project will allow 4,300 poor Vietnamese families to receive cows and chickens, as well as education for their care. The project also gives the recipients the ability to create a small business to provide extra income as well as a food source.

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Local 4-H officials say the group is rooted in teaching agriculture, healthy living and responsibility through caring for animals and in learning about farming, food sources and leadership projects in the community.

Recently the club won a \$400 Opal Apple grant from South Carolina-based Katie's Krop which will fund the growing of a garden to donate the produce to a food bank.

The local garden is located in the Buena Vista Ranchos' neighborhood park. Information: [www.bvmavericks.org](http://www.bvmavericks.org). — Contributed by Katy Holdich

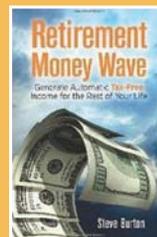
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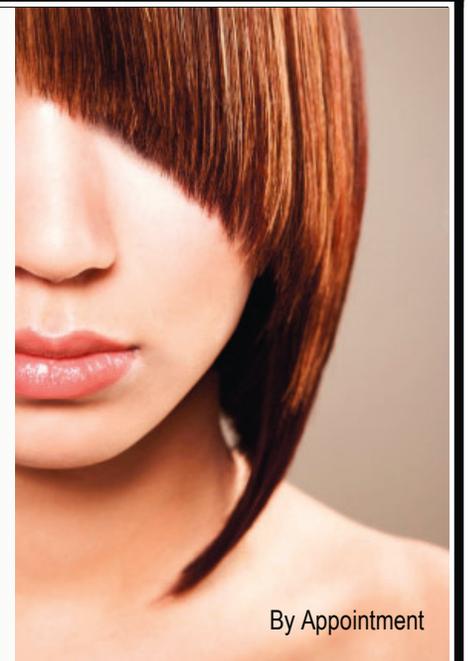
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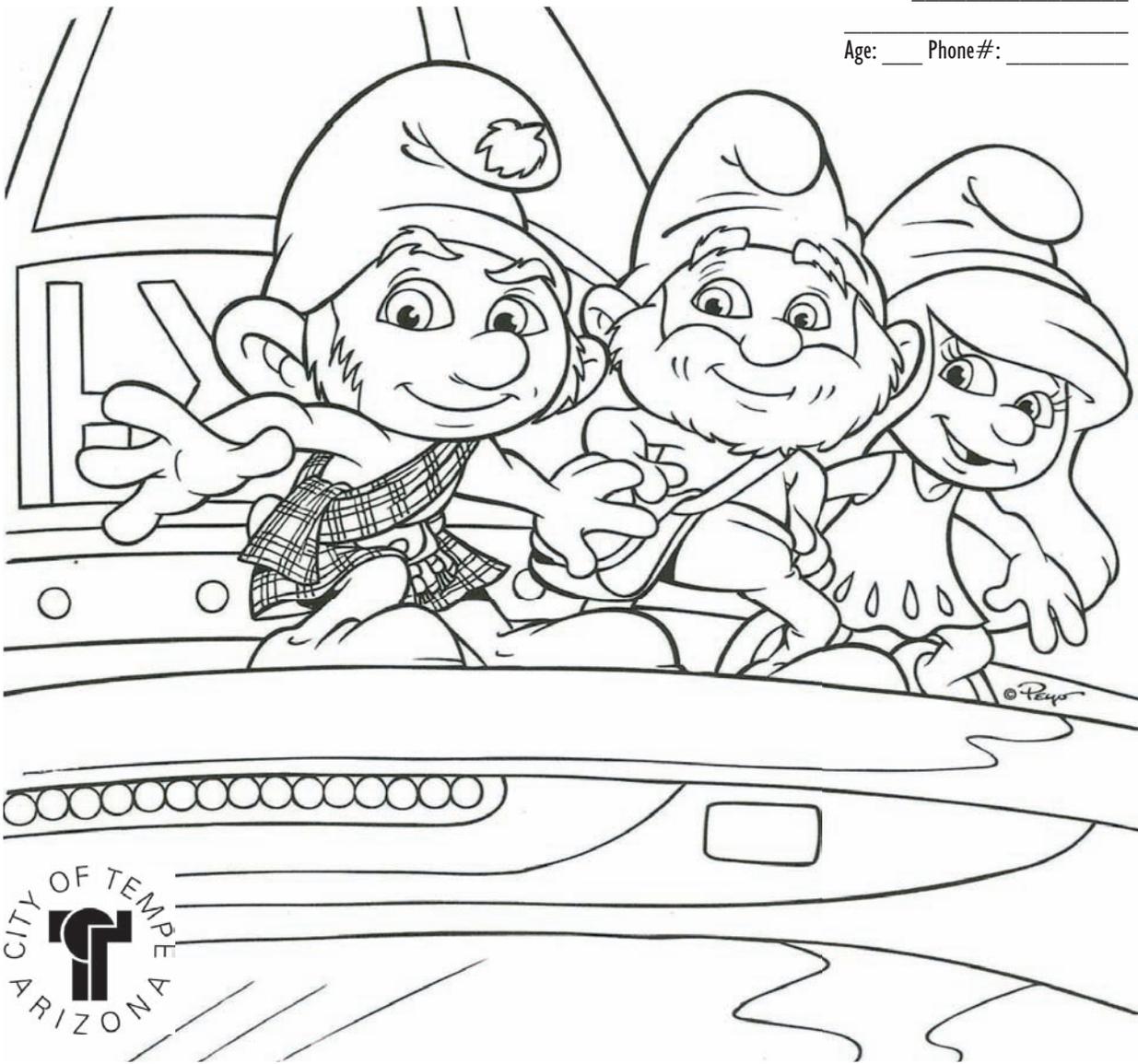
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# Sunset Library: Keeping up with the times Designed for the 21st Century

Story & photos by Jennifer Pillen Banks

Walking into the newly renovated Sunset Library feels a bit like entering a friend's home. A new "community living room," with curving cushioned benches, sunken chairs and floor-to-ceiling views of Sunset Park, invites relaxation and conversation, while cozy nooks provide semi-private spaces to read or work.

It's spacious, yet cozy—modern, yet homey.

Though Sunset Branch Manager Sue Hoffman is pleased with the new renovations, she admits she was a little worried before they began.

"The thing that was really nice about the old space was that when you walked in the front door, it felt very open," said Hoffman. "We didn't want to lose that."

But Whiting-Turner Contracting Co. assured the librarians that the new design would enhance rather than remove any of the openness that characterized Sunset, said Hoffman.

And while the open floor plan was nice before, Library Manager Brenda Brown said that creating dedicated spaces for specific groups has helped enhance patrons' overall experience.

"Prior to the renovation, Sunset Library was one big 20,000-square-foot room," said Brown.

Now a computer lab and a children's area are enclosed by glass walls, helping to separate patrons without sacrificing the library's roomy feeling.

"There's a little more peace and quiet for computer users, such as those doing job searches, and the children, especially the young children, have a lot more space," said Brown.

The early literacy area designed for children under the age of three will also soon have fixed pods with interactive activities designed for early brain development.

"They include all sort of things to look through, play with, flip and move around," said Brown.

The library also has areas for teens and "tweens" with contemporary, colorful seating and a modern laptop bar.

Located just east of the retail shopping center at Ray and Rural roads, Sunset attracts a lot of students from Corona del Sol High School, which is less than a mile away. On Friday afternoons Sunset hosts a chess club run by Corona students, and on Monday and Wednesday afternoons, it offers a "Game Hall," complete with Wii, X-Box and Play Station Consuls, a drop-down screen and two televisions.

"We have the high-tech video games, but we also have low-tech board games that the Corona teens play with the younger kids," said Hoffman.

Technology upgrades were as much a part of the renovation as changing and updating the space.

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“The way that visitors interact with the library has changed dramatically since 2000, and the renovation has enabled us to update the library to be more responsive to citizen needs,” said Brown.

“The use of e-books has more than doubled this year over last. In addition,



many of the reference materials that we used to have in print format are now only available for us to purchase electronically,” said Brown.

Besides adding laptops for patrons to check out and use in the library, Sunset is switching from T-1 access to a fiber connection, which “will

dramatically increase the speed at which things can be downloaded to library computers and to customers’ laptops,” said Brown.

The bulk of the library renovations, which began last October, were completed by the first of the year. Already Hoffman has noticed an

increase in activity participation.

“Normally in the past when we’d show movies, for example, we’d get under 20 kids, but now that we’ve got a new awesome sound system, we’re getting upwards of 60 people for family

movies,” said Hoffman.

On Saturday, May 12, the city of Chandler will hold a rededication ceremony at 10 a.m. After a ribbon-cutting ceremony with the mayor, the library will host a children’s program for ages birth to five with stories, finger plays and crafts.



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# Briefs

**C**ities grow when new retail, office and industrial development comes to town, which in a very few words explains the arrival in Chandler of **Mitchel Allen**.

City officials announced the hiring of Allen as economic development specialist, responsible for making inroads into the job of new-business recruitment.

Allen's focus, and that of city development planners, is increasing the number of high-wage jobs in the city.

Additionally, Allen will focus on recruiting science and biotechnology companies to the city's Innovations Incubator.

Prior to taking on the new role with Chandler, Allen worked for the Greater Phoenix Economic Council.

"Mitchel's experience with GPEC gives him a broad understanding of the market and the challenges that cities face," said **Christine Mackay**, economic development director. Allen holds a Bachelor of

Arts in Communication from Arizona State University, and is active in the community as a member of the Arizona Association for Economic Development and Arizona Quest for Kids and People to People International.

### SMCC now has 4-year degree

South Mountain Community College and Northern Arizona University are teaming up to offer a four-year baccalaureate degree in business administration on the SMCC campus.

NAU recommends that students complete an associate in business degree from SMCC or any accredited community college.

Students pursuing other associate degrees should contact NAU Program Coordinator **Frank Piña**, at 602-776-4688 or [frank.pina@nau.edu](mailto:frank.pina@nau.edu), to discuss additional options.

"We're excited to be working with Northern Arizona University to provide this new program right here on the South Mountain campus," said SMCC President **Dr. Shari Olson**.

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# Onetime teacher finds cactus garden a new outlet for her outdoor passion

For many seniors, the notion of a “rocking chair retirement” has become a thing of the past. Retirees like Janet Wise, who lives at Friendship Village, seem to be using their spare time to reinvent themselves and transition into new hobbies, careers and philanthropic causes.

Wise has cultivated a green thumb in her retirement years.

While she says she has always enjoyed gardening, she took her hobby to the next level when she recently earned certification as a Master Gardener through the University of Arizona Cooperative Extension.

Wise took a 17-week course specializing in low-desert vegetation, and continues to share her gardening expertise by volunteering for garden shows, presentations and working in community gardens.

Wise says being active and involved is a large part of the lifestyle at Friendship Village, and found that she fit right in when she moved to the community nearly a year ago.

In addition to gardening, Wise hikes some of the highest mountains in Arizona, volunteers at her church and travels overseas. She displays her passion for gardening with a cactus garden in front of her home and another near the back patio. She also makes pottery for her plants, and is beginning a pottery class for her neighbors.

Prior to retirement, Wise was a teacher for 13 years and later became involved in child social services, working in policy and program development.

— By Morgan Schaeffer



Retiree Janet Wise shows off her newly developed ‘green thumb’ talents at a garden she cultivated at Tempe’s Friendship Village.

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Tempe Chamber's 'Business Woman of the Year' finalist Robin Trick says she's 'in awe' of two other award finalists, Julie Kent and Deborah Ostreicher.

— Wrangler News photo

## Tricks' owner a 'Woman of Year' finalist

By M.V. Moorhead

It sounds less like a high-end restaurant than like a supply store for stage magicians: House of Tricks. But the name belongs to a pleasant indoor-outdoor eatery just off Mill Avenue in downtown Tempe.

The place has plenty to celebrate these days—2012 marks its 25th year of serving up some of the east Valley's most memorable cuisine. But along with this impressive anniversary, one of the co-founders is being additionally honored.

Her name will explain the restaurant's whimsical appellation: Robin Trick.

Trick, who founded House of Tricks in 1987 with her husband Robert, is one of three finalists for the 2012 Business Woman of the Year Award from Tempe Chamber of Commerce. Her fellow finalists are Julie Kent, owner of the boutique known conveniently for the directionally challenged as "here on the corner," and Deborah Ostreicher, deputy aviation

director at Phoenix Sky Harbor Airport.

"I am, of course, honored to be a finalist," says Trick.

"I have been attending the Chamber's Woman in Business Conference for many years and I'm always in awe of the incredible women in our community who are nominated for this award.

"Although I've been in Tempe for a long time and feel deeply rooted in this community, I somehow never put myself in the same category as these women."

Since being nominated, I have thought a lot about my role in Tempe, the volunteer work I have done in the business and arts communities, and the special place my husband and I have created at the House of Tricks.

"It is humbling, exciting and a bit scary."

The New York native has lived in Tempe since 1974, and holds a bachelor's degree in Fine Arts from Arizona State University.

"I was going to college in New York, my sister was at ASU. I came

to visit her over spring break, and never went back."

Although her relocation to Arizona was planned, she ended up in the restaurant business largely by chance.

"While I was in college a new restaurant opened up around the corner from the house I was renting. Incidentally, this house was directly across the street from where House of Tricks is now; the house has since been torn down. I applied for and got a job as a waitress there, although I had no prior restaurant experience.

"This was the beginning of my 12-year stint at Bandersnatch Pub."

She spent eight of those 12 years managing the beloved brew pub. During her time at Bandersnatch, she also hired a cook named Bob Trick, and a few years later married him—and House of Tricks came into being.

Asked if she has a favorite dish on the menu, Trick gives a slightly surprising answer:

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few things from our new dinner menu," she says, "although I eat lunch at Tricks every day..."

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Her favorite memory from her years at House of Tricks, she says, may have been an earlier anniversary.

"Five years ago, for our 20th, we had a very elegant dinner party with about 125 of our friends, family, customers and business associates. We spent many months planning this gala event, wanting everything to be just perfect.

"On the evening of the event, my staff meticulously set the tables on our beautiful patios, according to my over-the-top specifications for that evening. Everything was all set and guests started arriving, just as the sky opened up and it started pouring rain.

"My amazing staff re-set the entire restaurant, this time squeezing 100-plus guests into our small dining rooms. It was a very cozy affair. During dinner the rain had stopped, and I decided that we should serve dessert on the patio.

"Once again, the staff shifted everything around to make it work. It was a very special evening. I think everyone had a great time, despite and maybe partially because of the circumstances. I will always remember it. Now for our 25th..."

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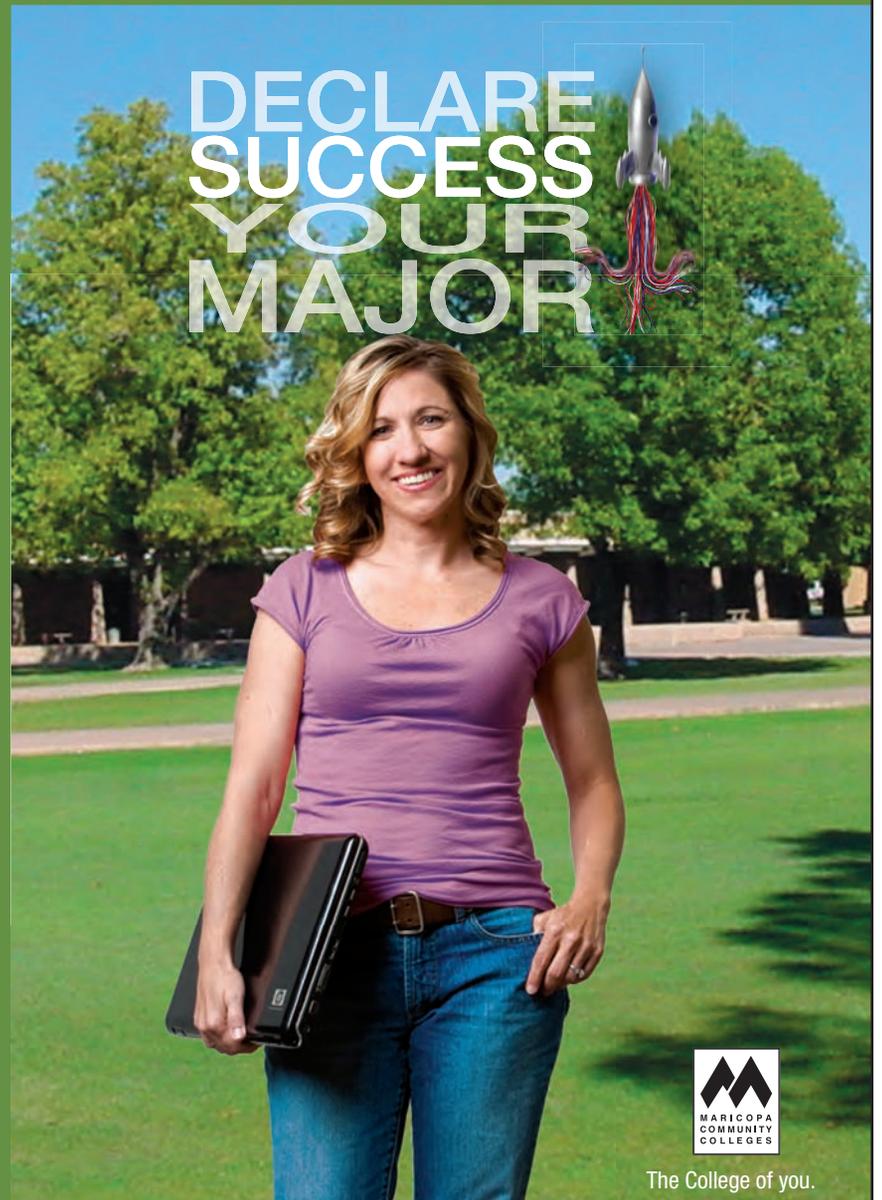
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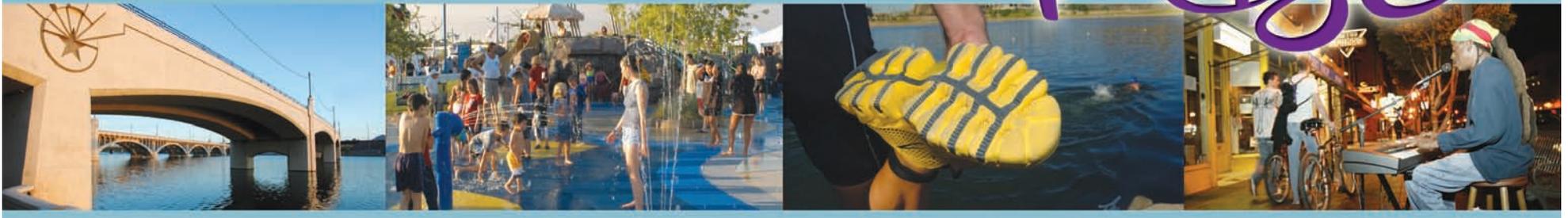
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Tempe Forum uses software by Peak Democracy, a non-partisan company that specializes in facilitating

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To use the system, visit [www.tempe.gov/forum](http://www.tempe.gov/forum), read what others are saying and post your own opinion. First-time users register with Peak Democracy – not with the city – and provide their name, address and email address. Tempe does not get reports on the identities of users. Peak Democracy uses the location information to map which comments come from which areas of the city.

Tempe Forum is an additional tool available to community members who want to engage in what's happening in the city. Other ways to connect include email subscriptions, social media, newsletters and more – check [www.tempe.gov/newsroom](http://www.tempe.gov/newsroom) for all the options.

## Tempe launches new-and-improved website

Tempe knows that a truly useful city website is more than just window dressing – it's about striking the right balance between design and ease of use.

The newly unveiled city website ([www.tempe.gov](http://www.tempe.gov)) aims to achieve that balance and make it easier for residents, businesses, visitors and other community members to connect with Tempe and find what they need.

A redesigned homepage highlights the most visited areas of the city website and new

features like a virtual town hall and polling help community members voice their views.

There's a new transparency section of the site, My Tempe, that provides access to data on the city's finances, contracts, ordinances and much more.

Other new features include optimization of the homepage for mobile phone users.

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City of Tempe facilities for \$5. At the gate, tickets are \$8 or \$15 for two.

Children 12 and under are free. The event benefits local charities.

For the fifth year, aspiring singers are invited to participate in the Star Spangled Idol Contest.

The winner will perform the National Anthem at the event. You can visit [www.tempe4th.com](http://www.tempe4th.com) for details, including parking, transit, what types of items can be brought into the event, and more.

# Lacrosse

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"It definitely provides a sense of community for both the boys and the families," Cope said.

"We all pull together to cheer on the team and do whatever it takes to support them, and that definitely (gets passed on) to the boys."

This season the team went through a bit of a rebuilding process, with several key players graduating after last season. The team had only three seniors on the roster, but managed to finish the regular season 4-10, earning the 10th seed in the playoffs due to strength of schedule.

The team pulled off an 8-6 win in the first round of the playoffs against Gilbert, but lost in a nail-biter in

the second round against Desert Vista, 5-6.

On a team that is only losing three players to graduation, the Aztecs look to build on another year of experience and hard work as they enter the offseason. "I'm excited for 2013 Aztec LAX season given the potential of 13 returning players, all currently in 11th grade," said Karen Campbell.

"Each have made marked skills improvements, individually as well as team play, between 2011 Fall Ball 'til now, which they'll hopefully keep honed during the summer months."

Anyone with teens looking to stay in shape during the summer through a new sport, or anyone who wishes to support the lacrosse program, can visit [www.arizonalacrosseleague.com](http://www.arizonalacrosseleague.com).



Troy Johnston, sophomore defenseman on the Aztec lacrosse team, joined other players for a fund-raising carwash at Corona del Sol.

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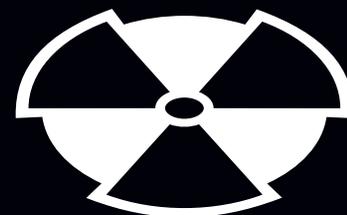
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# Moms

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be bringing a child into the world on Mother's Day, but really, every day of the year we try to make it as special as possible for the moms," Hardy said.

One way she and the other nurses do this, Hardy said, is to try to get their laboring moms as involved as they can in the entire birthing experience.

"We will ask them what number baby it is for them, and if it's a boy or a girl, and what they are going to name their baby. If we can get them talking, they end up getting really excited, and it just makes it all seem very real for them."

Hardy said she and the other labor and delivery nurses will also talk with the moms-to-be about their wishes for the birth. The

nursing staff then tries as much as they can to make as many of the patient's desires come true.

"We try to make it less scary for both moms and dads by answering all of their questions and explaining how the entire process will work. We also encourage grandparents to come in afterwards and bring in any older brothers or sisters, and we're always happy to take family pictures of everyone."

Hardy, who gave birth to her 2-year-old daughter at Chandler Regional and is currently expecting a little boy, said going through her own labor and delivery helped reinforce her feelings that no matter what day of the year a mom delivers, it will always be Mother's Day to her.

"We just all love what we do here, and we all enjoy making every birth a special occasion for the new mom and her family."

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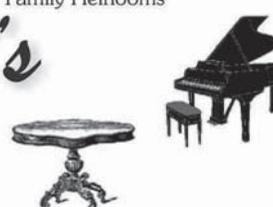
City of Tempe Code Enforcement Manager Jeff Tamulevich explains the steps of getting a special event sign permit in a short video available at [http://youtu.be/s\\_i9NmKHias](http://youtu.be/s_i9NmKHias) or now on Tempe 11.

Information: 480-350-8372.

(For any who may be thinking about opening a new business, information is available by contacting the city's Economic Development team at 480-858-2059 or via email, [business@tempe.gov](mailto:business@tempe.gov))

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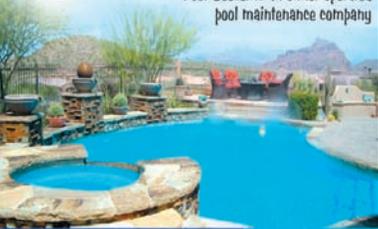
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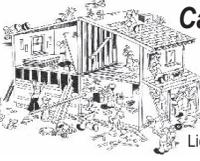
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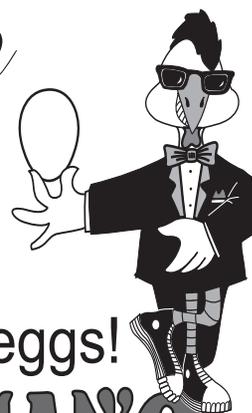
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