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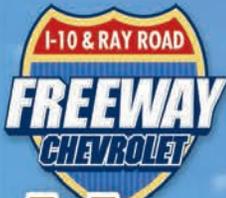
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Reaching for the sky

Teachers do it every day of their professional lifetimes, and some earn special recognition for those efforts. These dedicated men and women comprise the annual roster of winners of the Tempe Diablos' Excellence in Education awards program, now in its 26th year. Among this year's recipients: Mark Wenz, above, center, who has taught at Kyrene Middle School for over 30 years. Full list of this year's winners, Page 20.

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As school year winds down, Corona faces yet another tragedy

Suicide by popular track athlete throws students into renewed mourning / More from Coach Kelly on Pg. 18

With graduation only days away, students at Corona del Sol High School were coping with the second of two nearly back-to-back tragedies within a mere five weeks of each other.

Most recent, occurring May 12 just after students had headed to their classrooms at the start of the day, was the death by a presumed self-inflicted gunshot wound of Marcus Wheeler, a well-liked senior who had competed at last year's cross country championships and was a team member at the Arcadia invitational in April.

As to the other tragedy that had Corona students still reeling, popular senior Ridge Vanderbur succumbed on April 4 following an 8-month battle with leukemia.

Both were 18 and had been due to graduate at ceremonies May 21.

First awareness of the May 12 crisis came when a student alerted a classroom teacher that another student, later identified as Wheeler, was holding a gun in the breezeway between the school administration center and a nearby section of the campus.

The teacher immediately followed steps to implement emergency procedures, which included notifying the on-duty police resource officer. School officials initiated a formal, campus-wide lockdown, and students' movements were restricted until the ban was lifted about an hour later.

In the minutes that followed the initial report, the campus police officer attempted to talk with Wheeler but to no avail. Wheeler was pronounced dead at the scene while



Message from Marcus Wheeler's friend Zoey Hodges posted on a fence at the west side of the campus: 'You finished this race too soon and left me in the dust. But I know you're happy and that's all anyone and everyone wants. Mother Earth is blessed to have had you on its soil. You are and always will be a remarkable human. I'll see you soon little bug head, so you can now give me your lunch money and I'll get those fries you owe me. I wish I could have been there for you. I hope you know I always am. Zoey Hodges.'

investigators pieced together the details of the shooting.

School officials notified parents of the situation, although many already had become aware of an emergency after hearing the sirens of police cars racing toward the campus shortly before 9 a.m.

Students were sent home at 10:15, in some cases into the waiting arms of distraught parents.

Wrangler News photographer Billy Hardiman, who reached the campus 10 minutes after police arrived,

said parents had begun to arrive. No one yet knew the circumstances of the lockdown, but were quickly informed about what had happened and that all students were safe.

When the lockdown ended, the mood was somber but emotions generally were mirrored an understandable degree of shock.

Some students could be seen consoling each other while parents continue at the school's entry points to be allowed to pick up from the nearby Lutheran church those who had been told they could depart for home.

"By this time, everybody was aware of what had happened, and who it involved," Hardiman said. "Sadness seemed to be evident everywhere on the campus."

Counselors were dispatched to the school in the days following Wheeler's death to aid grieving students "any time, any place" during the aftermath.

Earlier this year, Wheeler had committed to compete for Central Arizona College starting with the fall semester. Official details of the circumstances surrounding the death, which so far has been listed as a probable suicide, remain pending.



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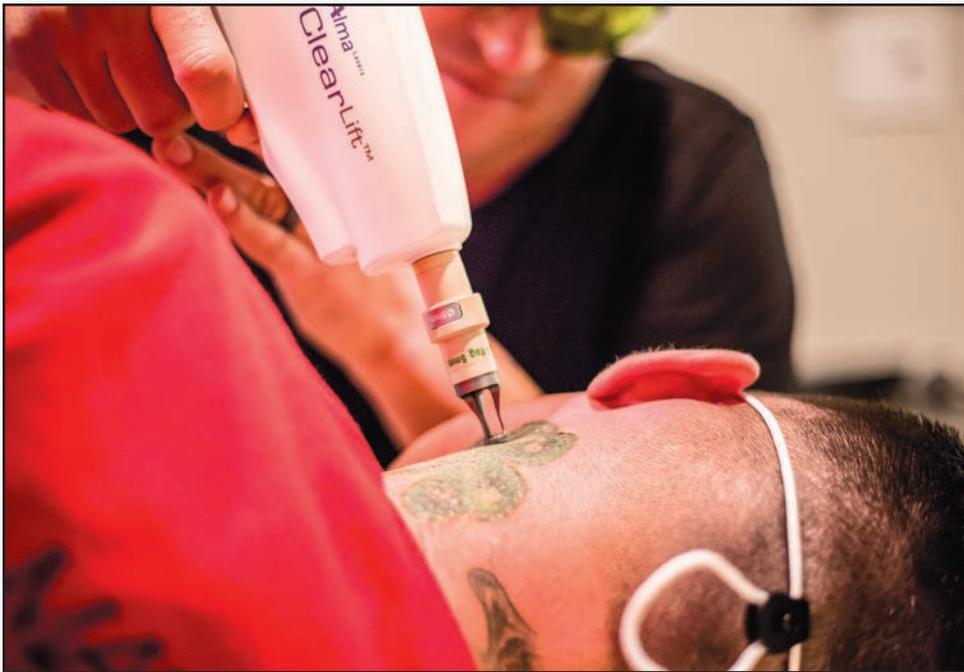
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Technician Craig McCool guides a high-tech laser beam during one of several sessions aimed at reducing, over time, the visibility of tattoos that may no longer be viewed as desirable by the wearer.

— Photo by Billy Hardiman/Wrangler News

Disappearing ink

By Deborah Hilcove

Years ago, they marked seamen, gang members and drug users. Today, however, they've lost their ominous reputation. Musicians, actors and athletes have popularized them to the extent that about 25 percent of the American public—including politicians, students and housewives—flaunt tattoos.

But with that ink often comes regret. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration cites a Harris Poll finding that one in eight persons—or 14 percent of those with tattoos—regrets the decision. WebMD says that eventually as many as 50 percent seek out laser tattoo removal.

And what are the most regretted tattoos? Probably number one is a flame's name. Having one's love inked may seem romantic, an eternal bond—eternal, that is, until the possible breakup or divorce. Number two is a wedding ring tattoo—harder to remove than a golden band.

Like fashionable clothing, tattoo trends come and go. "Tramp stamps," those lower body tattoos, and tribal armbands scream "90s."

A rebel might have inked a political statement; someone else might have asked for a Bible verse or zodiac sign. Any of these might be cool—until they aren't.

Sometimes the tattoo comes at the hands of a dyslexic tattoo artist or the one who flunked spelling. Such unfortunate tats turn "Sweetie

Pie" into "Sweetie Pie" or the even more unfortunate "Sweetie Pee." And then there's "Endless Summer," or "Tomorrow & Tomorrow."

It's hard not to smile at the fellow who is bravely inked, "No Regerts," or the one who announces, "Believe the Impossible." One tattoo artist will live in infamy because of the beautifully detailed theatrical masks, labeled "Comedy" and "Tragedy."

Assuming a person has a regrettable tattoo, where can it be removed and what are the chances for successful treatment?

A quick search showed more than 50 tattoo removal shops in Chandler and Tempe. One of these shop owners, Craig McCool of East Valley Tattoo Removal, says it depends to a great extent where and how the tattoo was placed.

A small blue or black professional tattoo is probably the easiest, while red, yellow and fluorescent green or purple are the most difficult.

One of the reasons McCool cites for tattoo removal is increased professionalism in the workforce. While many companies may be more tolerant of tattooed personnel at entry-level jobs, few managers and upper-level personnel have tattoos—at least any that show on the wrists, hands, neck or face.

In the past, various removal methods were favored, including

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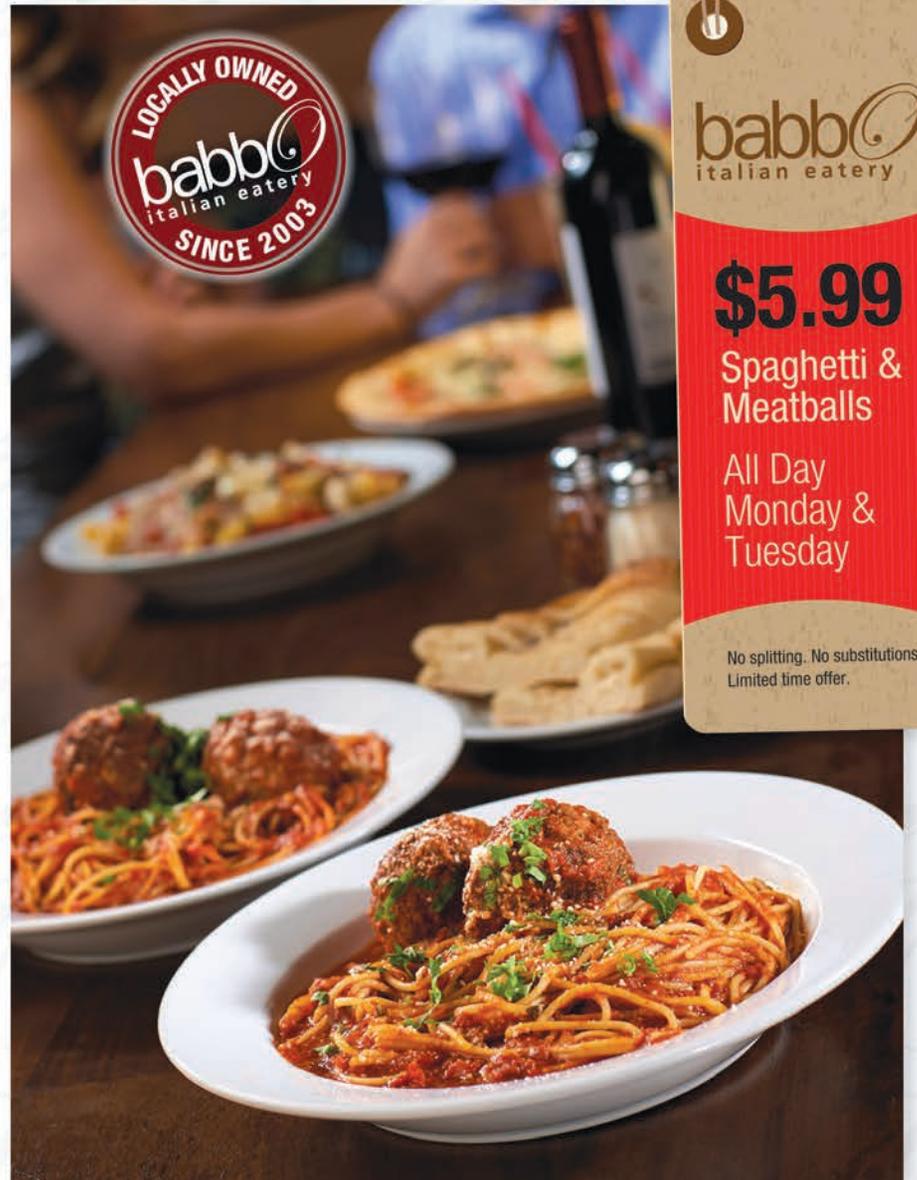
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Mom's effort to promote good will reaches across the globe

Officials extend a formal welcome to representatives of Tempe's newest Sister City

By Joyce Coronel

The world just got a bit smaller. That's because Trollhattan, a city in southwest Sweden, has joined the ranks of Tempe's Sister Cities, becoming No. 10 on the list.

The Sister City program promotes good will and cultural understanding between communities across the globe.

"Bringing the world together, one friendship at a time," the Sister Cities motto, was seen in action at the signing ceremony, held at Tempe City Hall.

Members of the Swedish delegation, along with South Tempe resident Liz Gambino, who helped orchestrate the establishment of ties with Trollhattan, stood alongside members of the Tempe City Council, signing a series of documents as cameras flashed in a packed city hall.

Gambino's three daughters participated in the Sister Cities' student exchange program between their junior and senior years at Corona del Sol High School. Students selected to participate are sent abroad to spend five weeks with a host family in one of the sister cities, learning a new culture and developing friendships.

"They come back most often saying, 'They're just like us. They have the same things to think about and school to deal with,'" Gambino said.

Students from the host families then spend

several weeks in the U.S. with their new friends.

"As I know from my children, I gained three more daughters, so I now feel like I have six," Gambino joked. "They write to me on Mother's Day, and my girls write to their moms [from the host families]."

Lauren Gambino, a 2007 Corona grad, was the first of the family to get involved, traveling to Germany. Her younger sister, Ashley, followed suit. Brooke, the youngest, was the student representative to New Zealand.

Lauren said that while she didn't learn to speak German from the experience, the program helped her gain new insights.

"It was incredible. It really opened up my mind, and it broadens your outlook. Then I went to college and studied abroad," Lauren said.

Liz said the Sister Cities program teaches valuable lessons.

"We realize that we are all in the same boat. We all want what's best for our families and our community," Liz said. More than 700 students have participated in the student exchange since the program's founding in 1971.

Aashini Cchoksi, a graduating senior at Corona del Sol, spent several weeks in Trollhattan during the summer of 2014 and attended the signing ceremony

at Tempe City Hall May 7.

"It was a beautiful city, very green. They are very eco-friendly which was really cool," Cchoksi said.

Tempe already has ties with cities across Europe, Asia and Latin America.

Dick Nieuheisel, who has been leading the local Sister Cities endeavor since it began over 40 years ago, welcomed the Swedish delegation to Tempe.

"It's a real joy," Nieuheisel said of the occasion. "We've been courting this city, Trollhattan, Sweden, since 2008." Gesturing toward Tempe Mayor Mark Mitchell, he waxed nostalgic.

"I am picturing his father [former mayor of Tempe, Harry Mitchell] who was with us in Zhenjiang, China 25 years ago signing documents, so it brings a tear to my eye to think now you're going to sign documents with a new sister city, Trollhattan, Sweden. We're lucky to have Trollhattan," Nieuheisel said.

Zhenjiang, China became Tempe's fourth Sister City in 1989, joining Skopje, of the former Yugoslavia, as well as Regensburg, Germany and Lower Hutt, New Zealand. Other sister cities include Timbuktu, Mali; Beaulieu sur Mer, France; Carlow, Ireland; and Cuenca, Ecuador.

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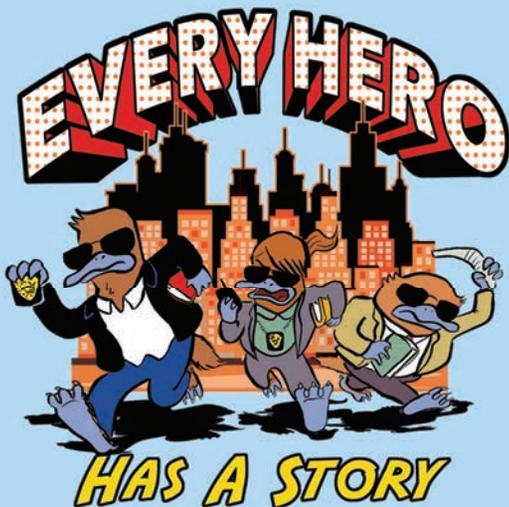
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Liz Gambino, who helped engineer Tempe's 10th Sister Cities relationship, with officials from the new partner community, Trollhattan, Sweden.

— Wrangler News photo by Joyce Coronel

Cities

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Tempe's Sister Cities program is more than just a student exchange, however. It also addresses needs in its partnering communities.

Timbuktu, a sister city in Mali, was once a fertile hub of learning, but now faces drought, poor education and little

healthcare.

Tempe worked alongside the community to build seven drinking-water wells and provided school and medical supplies.

Wheelchairs were given to Zhenjiajang and Skopje. And in 2005, Tempe became a "Partner in Peace" with Hilla, providing much-needed wheelchairs and medical supplies.

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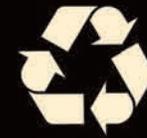
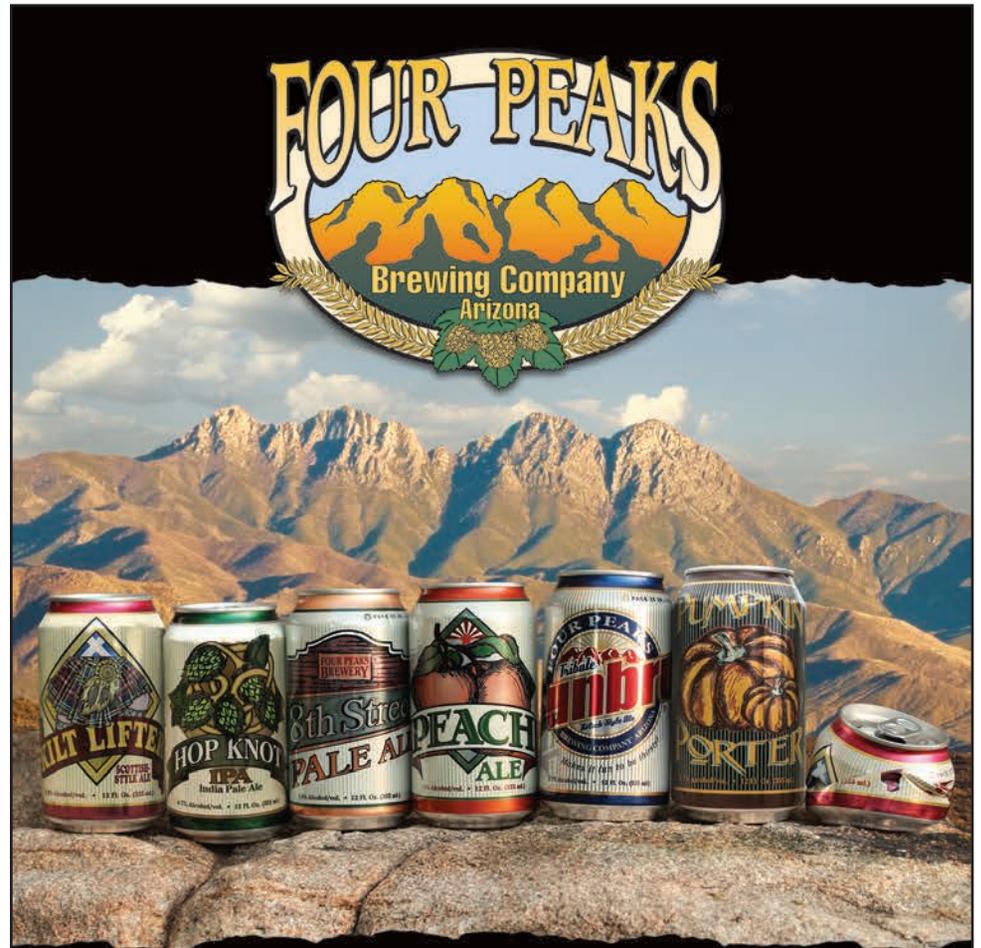


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Let their be light Doctors bring vision to cities, villages of Nepal

When Jon Konti arrived in Tempe five years ago to join the staff of respected ophthalmologist Dr. Bob Lewis, he knew it would take a while for him to learn the ropes of a practice that had, over a 40-year span, become one of the Valley's premier sites for advanced eye surgery.

Even while learning the intricacies of his new role with Ophthalmic Surgeons and Physicians, however, Konti never lost focus of an idea he'd had since going to medical school: Eventually to find a way to take his surgical skills to desperate, third-world countries where routine eye diseases like cataracts often go untreated, causing hundreds of cases of premature blindness every year.

Konti's long-held dream of bringing sight to the visually deprived came to fruition long before he could have expected.

In the meetings that he and others in the practice — Drs. Bertram Matsumoto, Lisa Mansueto and Camille Hylton — began having with another Valley eye surgeon, Dr. Pravin Dugel, about collaborating on remarkable new procedures being developed to reverse the onset of blindness, Konti learned that the pioneer behind much of this innovation was Dugel himself.

And that, even more surprisingly, Dugel regularly took time from his Valley practice to visit the major cities and rural outposts of Nepal, where he had spent his childhood years.

As the newly formed group of Valley doctors continued to explore their opportunities for collaboration, Konti learned that Dugel was planning yet another of his many visits to Nepal, the next one a 7- to 10-day trip coming up in later this year.

Within minutes, Konti had volunteered to go.

"One of the reasons I pursued cataract surgery was that it's a procedure that can be done within a short time frame, where you can do the full surgery and the follow-up, and come back home in a week," said Konti. "What is most remarkable, though, is that those patients can return almost immediately to society after having lived in darkness, possibly for decades."

Although Konti already had been contemplating packing his bags for this year's trip, originally scheduled for July, it's now likely to be put off.

"The earthquake struck in

Kathmandu several days after our conversation, and the need now is for surgery that is far more urgent, far more complex," said Konti. Word coming back from the locales of devastation tell of horrific, disabling eye injuries caused by flying debris and shards of glass propelled at hurricane-like speed.

"These aren't simple cataract surgeries; they're more in the class of trauma care," Konti said, and although he has had ample experience in that arena as well, the extended time commitment wouldn't work with his Tempe schedule.

Whether he goes now or in the future, however, Konti is intrigued with the success of eye surgeries that produce such significant results within the inherent limitations of third-world realities.

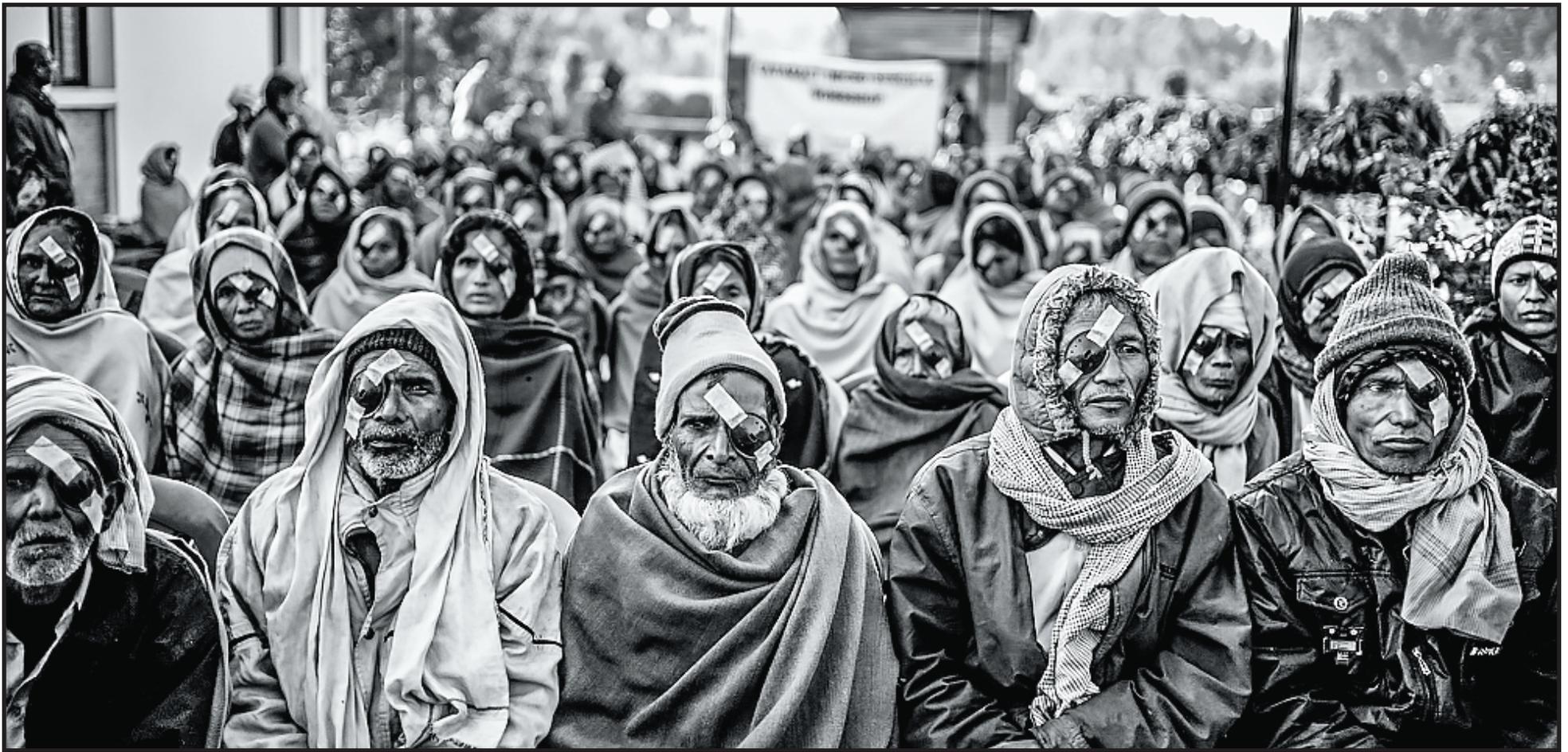
"They don't use the same, highly sophisticated equipment that we have in this country. In fact, their operating rooms often have two surgeons working at the same time," a practice, Konti notes, that simply wouldn't be allowed in this country.

And even though a number of Nepalese cataract patients who have been brought out of darkness into light will have to use eyeglasses following their surgery, they can actually see all they've been missing for who-knows how long. "After the surgery, none of them would come back and complain, 'Now I have to wear glasses.'"

Their newfound view of a small but remarkable world leaves little room for dissatisfaction and much room for doctors like Konti to experience the joys of their expanded sense of humanitarian good will.

Editor's note: While Konti and the others in the practice have pledged to do whatever they can to provide financial and other assistance to the Nepalese, including a \$2,500 donation, they've also agreed to another collaborative venture. This one involves Dr. Edward Quinlan who is pursuing a nationwide study funded by the National Institutes of Health that ultimately could lead to improved cataract care at lower cost. The agreement provides for Quinlan to spend one day a week at the Tempe office to meet NIH guidelines that ensure standardized methodology for all elements of the study. The outcome of this initiative, it is hoped, will lead to more affordable care for cataract patients not only in this country but around the world.

— Don Kirkland



In a photograph provided by Dr. Pravin Dugel, patients treated by members of his traveling group of physicians demonstrate the dramatic outcome of the cataract surgery they have received.

Quake doesn't lessen noted surgeon's passion to help Nepalese

Editor's note: On May 12, after this interview took place, a second, 7.3 quake hit the same area. Said Perry Athanason, who is with Dr. Dugel's group of surgeons on a humanitarian mission: "We were both at the Tilganga Hospital when it hit—people were running out scared."

See below for information on how to help.

By Joyce Coronel

The world watched in horror as scenes of devastation unfolded: Nepal, a desperately poor nation, was ripped apart by an April 25 earthquake that left thousands dead and many more thousands injured.

Dr. Pravin Dugel, an Arizona eye surgeon, knew what he had to do.

The well-known retinal specialist is a volunteer faculty member and chairman of ORBIS International Medical Advisory Board, better known as the "Flying Eye Hospital." In that capacity, Dugel travels to developing countries regularly to instruct local physicians and provide free surgery to those suffering from preventable blindness.

Restoring vision to patients in less fortunate countries is something Tempe physician John Konti is also passionate about. Although he had planned to join Dugel in a forthcoming trip to Nepal, the earthquake and its accompanying health crisis interrupted those plans—at least for now—while the other physicians headed to Nepal to treat those injured by the powerful quake.

"Jon Konti is a colleague of mine," Dugel said. "I do retinal surgery and he does the front of the eye."

Nepal, located high in the Himalayan Mountains, is Dugel's destination every six months. Born in the landlocked, impoverished country located high in those towering Himalayas, he emigrated at age 4. At 14, he came to the U.S.

So why does a busy doctor make so many return trips to his native land?

"I am fortunate to be in the position that I'm in, but

I keep telling my kids that the only reason we're in this position or they're in this position is simply an accident of birth," Dugel said.

That said, it's no accident that he's a well-respected retinal specialist. Dugel graduated Summa Cum Laude from Columbia University and attended UCLA School of Medicine.

The journey to Barpak, Nepal, the epicenter of the 7.8 magnitude earthquake, is an arduous one, and that's with the convenience of modern transportation.

Dugel flew to Chicago May 8, then on to Istanbul and Katmandu. From there, it's an eight-hour drive along a mountainous road to arrive in Barpak.

"Apparently there's a hospital there that's not terribly badly damaged, where all the helicopters are airlifting the wounded people. That's all I know so far," Dugel told *Wrangler News* just prior to his departure.

He's not really sure what to expect once on the scene, but according to Perry Athanason, communications

director for Retinal Consultants of Arizona, it could be anything from trauma to the eye, detached retinas, swelling, bleeding and the like.

"It is really hard to know what to expect as far as surgery goes. He may be jumping in with the trauma team helping triage patients," Athanason said.

Dugel assembled a medical team from the University of Southern California — he completed his residency in ophthalmology at the USC Eye Institute — that headed to the region earlier in the week. The orthopedic, neurologic and trauma surgeons as well as nurses will work together to bring healing to the beleaguered people of Nepal.

Scientists say last month's earthquake in Nepal was 16 times more powerful than the one that struck Haiti in 2010.

Haiti, an island nation that sits southwest of the Florida panhandle, was relatively easy for aid workers to access. Nepal is a different story altogether.

"It's very mountainous and very isolated," Dugel said of Barpak. For those injured in the temblor, just getting to the hospital there "is about a five to eight hour hike — not a car ride, but a hike. And from what I understand, there are people with crush injuries and spinal cord injuries that are having to walk for four to six days to try to get to this hospital. Many are dying on the way."

Dugel said he plans to stay in Nepal for a week to 10 days. The trip, he said, is something he feels obliged to do and will be an opportunity to work with people who he says are just like him.

"I'm no different than them. When I was growing up, my parents would keep on saying that 'The only difference from you and the beggar on the street is an accident of birth.' I've never forgotten that and I tell my kids the same thing as well."

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In a photo taken upon his arrival in Nepal, eye surgeon Dr. Pravin Dugel watches the rescue effort unfold.



New program lets middle schoolers mentor elementary-age kids Group helps younger students make their way through academic, behavioral complexities

A group of highly motivated students at Kyrene Middle School is reaching out to kids in first through fifth grades in an innovative mentoring program designed to help the younger kids climb the academic ladder. The middle school students are chosen to be mentors by their teachers based upon their character, role modeling, citizenship and leadership potential.

The idea was born following a discussion amongst KMS Staff, Tiffany Jump and Anita Holm and Waggoner Elementary Principal Lisa Gibson. It was Gibson who picked the Waggoner students she felt might benefit the most, and it's those who are now fully engaged partially because of the one-on-one connections they are making with their middle school mentors.

And she sees evidence they are benefitting from the guidance and support they're getting, as well as from some extra encouragement to finish school work, feel more comfortable joining games at recess or doing a better job of resolving conflicts.

The students from KMS say they're feeling good about being able to play a formative role in the younger kids' lives—something they themselves might have benefitted from had it been offered when they were in the early days of their education.



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Kyrene schools to upgrade lobby security as part of student safety enhancements

By Diana Whittle

The lobbies of 18 Kyrene schools and the district office will be remodeled during the upcoming summer break.

The goal is to enhance the safety and security of each school's learning environment, says Eric Nethercutt, director of facilities and transportation for the Kyrene district.

"The safety of our students is our No. 1 priority," said Nethercutt, who has served on Kyrene's Safety and Security Team over the last several years.

The changes were carefully considered by the committee and included recommendations by local law enforcement and Homeland Security experts. The design process took nearly eight months and included site visits to all the schools, along with presentations to staff and parents.

Nethercutt stressed that the input was necessary because the design will be used for a long time.

"We expect the changes will serve the district for the next 20 years or more," said Nethercutt. "We wanted to design a layered security plan that improves what is already in place."

At the same time, the goal was to keep the appearance of the visitor lobby as a warm and inviting area for both students and their parents.

Security cameras will be added and a new procedure will be to buzz visitors through the lobby door into the school.

Students will enter through a separate door, which will allow them direct access to the principal, secretary and the

health office.

In addition, visitors will be separated from staff by a large, approximately 20-foot countertop and a wall with five panels of glass. There will be an opening at the bottom and one at the top in order to allow for the passage of packages, deliveries or backpacks.

In 2005 the community passed capital bonds that gave the district the funding that was used to develop a plan for student safety, and includes the following changes that are already in place:

- Portable buildings were removed from all schools.
- Corridors were built so classrooms that opened to the outside now open into a corridor.
- Fencing at some schools was changed.
- An integrated security system was installed to include intrusion alarms, access control and video surveillance cameras.

Funding for the current project is coming from a 2010 capital bond election and focuses on modifying school offices. These funds cannot otherwise be used for classroom instruction or supplies.

Nethercutt will manage the projects' progress with weekly meetings and oversee the four construction teams.

The work is scheduled to begin May 29 and is to be completed in time for the start of the 2015-16 school year. Several school lobbies are already remodeled and pictures are posted on-line along with a list of frequently asked questions.

They can be viewed by visiting the district's website at www.kyrene.org



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Realistic exercise at MCC hones first responder skills

'Cops'-type scenarios give firefighters a chance to react to simulated crisis conditions

By Diana Whittle

First responders honed their skills by reacting to a variety of incidents during a recent exercise organized by the faculty at Mesa Community College.

They used mock patient-management scenarios that were realistic enough to give an episode of "Cops" a run for its money.

Volunteer actors played the parts of the injured and wore makeup to look as though they were really wounded, explained Dawn Zimmer, media relations coordinator for MCC.

The training exercise was at the Virtual Incident Command Center in Mesa.

"We had a great collaborative effort between our faculty, the Tempe Fire Department and Scottsdale Healthcare," said Zimmer.

"It provided the most comprehensive learning experience possible for the participants, who included both students and professionals."

This is the second annual exercise at MCC, which involves "moulage"—the art of applying mock injuries with make-up for training purposes. This portion is coordinated by the Theater and Film Arts program at the college, whose faculty member Mallory Prucha is also the costume shop coordinator.

Prucha worked with the volunteers on acting the appropriate part for their assigned scenarios.

"Students from the theater and film arts programs have been inspired by the work of the paramedic students, and also know that the skills they are learning during the exercise have a broader reach and implications beyond the walls of the classroom and theater," said Prucha.

Prucha worked with Sean Newton, the occupational program director of MCC's paramedic and fire science programs, to create 12 scenarios that mimic situations responders may encounter and need to react to in an instant.

Examples included a self-inflicted gunshot wound; a patient with chest discomfort; a burn victim; a drowning child; and a person who just had a seizure.

Many of the calls to fire stations involve emergency medical care, and it's important for the firefighters to have an emergency medical technician on every shift, explained Newton.

This type of exercise also was performed at the Mesa Fire Training facility and in conjunction with Mesa Fire, as part of an anti-drunken-driving campaign, also known as Mock Crashes, which is presented each semester at local high schools, says Newton.

"Tempe Fire has consistently utilized MCC to train their members as paramedics since 2009. Currently we employ many Tempe firefighters as

parttime adjunct faculty members and allied health tutors in our EMS and Fire Science programs.

"In addition, Tempe Fire loaned additional EMS equipment to help logistically with this event," said Newton.

Next year, Newton would like to expand the exercise to include law enforcement officers in the scenarios, in order to make the exercises even closer to real life.

"I would love to have either Tempe or Mesa PD get involved with us, and I plan on extending an invitation to both agencies and ask them to participate in our future planning meetings."

As for the participants in the exercise, Newton says that the EMT, paramedic and nursing students agree the training is invaluable as they prepare to enter their chosen fields.

"They could not believe how realistic and challenging every scenario was. They are very appreciative to the college for providing such a high degree of training in order to ensure their success after graduation," said Newton.

"Our focus is to continue to develop and to enhance this experience to make sure we are doing all we can to provide the best and most realistic training possible."



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Dual Firsts: First graders, First bikes

The wheels were in motion as 85 first-grade students at Scales Technology Academy experienced the thrill of owning their first bike.

Excitement was in the air as the children arrived and could smell the new bike tires and see the shiny, colorful gifts waiting for them to claim.

Throughout April, as part of Tempe Bike Month, students learned about bicycle safety and injury prevention, safe cycling in the community, and the healthy benefits of cycling.

"All month we have been focused on bike safety," said Scales P.E. Teacher Jessie Boyd.

"I was really excited to end the unit on a high note with an event that students would remember for a lifetime."

With the help of Project First Bikes, these lessons led up to a special event where students received bikes, helmets, locks and their Tempe bike registration. The helmets were personally fitted courtesy of Phoenix Children's Hospital Outreach, and the new Trek bicycles were provided with the support of Landis Cyclery and its employees.

After the students received their bike and a custom-fit helmet, each student participated in a bike safety course, or bike rodeo, arranged by the Tempe Police Department's Bicycle Unit. Officers assisted

each first-grader accomplish the course, helping them through stop signs, road obstacles and such distracting sounds as cars and dogs. They also offered some valuable tips on how to ride their new bikes safely.



The event was sponsored by Chances for Children Arizona, a non-profit organization committed to improving quality of life by supporting partnerships and programs that provide access to sports, physical education and character education for youth. The organization provides children in Arizona

opportunities that otherwise may not be affordable or accessible to them.

"I knew the teachers were doing a health and safety unit about bicycles, and what better way to celebrate the culmination of this important unit than with bicycles?" said Janell Batt, Chances for Children Arizona's executive director.

A parade of seafoam-green and black and red bikes, complete with helmets, locks and smiling first-graders, could be seen as the students finished the bike safety rodeo in preparation for riding their bikes to school.

First-grader Juan Gutierrez summed up his reaction to the event with a grin, adding: "It felt like Christmas."

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Sophomore Renee Clary leads the pack in Aztecs' 4x800 relay entry at state finals at MCC.
Details in Sports Notebook starting on Page 16.

— Photo by Billy Hardiman/Wrangler News

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State Track Meet — The state track meet for Division I and II programs was held May 6-9 at Mesa Community College. All four of Tempe's high schools had athletes qualify for the state meet.

Division I — Corona's girls placed sixth as a team overall, scoring 28 points, while the boys came in eighth with 30 points. Mountain Pointe won the championship for its girls team, while Desert Vista's boys team literally ran away with the title, scoring 109.5 points.

The two state individual champions were **Jacob Onofrio** in the 800 meter run and **Sam Shoultz** in the high jump.

Onofrio was a dark horse in the 800 meter run but it appears the competition never even thought about him winning the championship until it was all over, mainly because he ran his first individual 800m race at the Buffalo Stampede in April.

"Some of the kids, like **Jamaree Johnson**, had this idea to run a fun 4x800 at the Hamilton dual because most of them were saving up for an invitational meet later that week," said head coach **Tim Kelly**. "Jacob ran a 2:01 split in that fun relay, and so we entered him to run in the open 800 meter at the Buffalo Stampede just to see what time he could hit."

Onofrio not only ran a great race, finishing second, but also qualifying for state with a top-nine time finish.

Kelly started looking at the qualifying times about a week before the state meet and said he came to the conclusion that Onofrio might be able to win the championship if he took one second off his time at state.

Typically, the 800m race is run in heats, with the top times then competing in the finals, depending on the number of runners. At the state meet this year, it was run as two timed heats, with the fastest time, regardless of which of the two heats it came out of, winning the championship.

Usually the second heat, when it is run in this fashion, has the fastest times.

"We were nervous when both Jacob and our other runner, **Andrew Eversden**, were in the first heat, but we assured them they could score from that heat as well," said Kelly.

"I was sitting next to one of our hurdlers, **Tyler Stehr**, when the second heat came through their first lap at 1:00," said Kelly. "We looked at each other and said, 'Jacob could win this.' The rest is history."

What makes it even more incredible is that

Onofrio, a junior, was thinking about not even coming out for track but playing club soccer instead.

Senior **Sam Shoultz** won the Division I state high school championship, clearing the bar at 6-10, the same height he cleared in his first meet of the season.

"Sam had a strange year where he struggled to maintain that first height and even dropped a little over the season," said Kelly. "What made it even more incredible is not that he was able to finish the season winning the championship, but the way that he did it."

"Sam blew out his shoe during warm ups at state and had to borrow someone's shoe to jump," said Kelly. "That speaks volumes for his mental toughness. A lot of kids would not be able to do it without their own shoes."

Other top finishers at state meet on the boys team included Stehr taking fifth in the 300m hurdles; **Josh Onwardi** sixth in the high jump; and the boys 4x800 relay team of **Andrew Eversden, Graham Eversden, Johnson and Onofrio** finishing fifth.

"I know there was some disappointment where the boys team finished at state this year," said Kelly. "It would have been great to be in a position to challenge Desert Vista but it was a great learning year."

Corona's girls 4x800 relay team of **Jackie Martin, Renee Clary, Kelly Naumann and Mackenzie Harder** gave Desert Vista's team a serious challenge, with the first two runners going neck and neck until the Thunder pulled ahead in the third leg.

Corona took second in 9:19.69 breaking the school record by 20 seconds, according to Kelly.

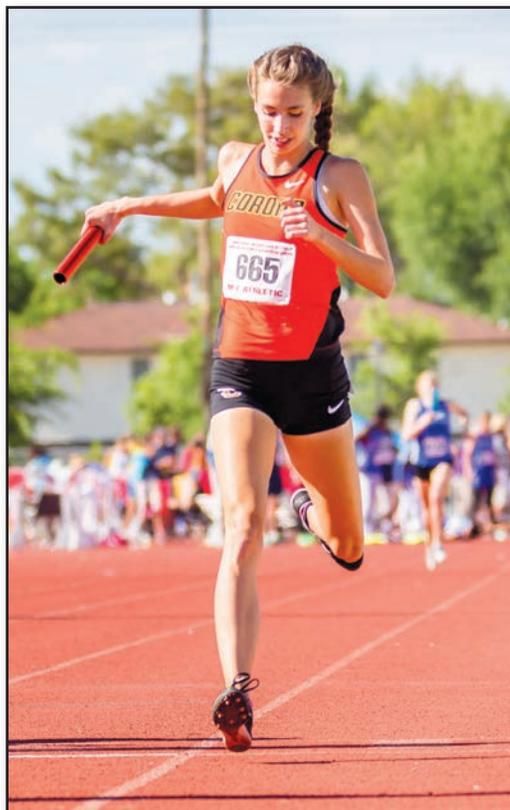
"We knew we had a shot at the title and a top-three finish in that event," said Kelly. "It was great to see our girls run such a fast time."

Corona's 4x400 relay team of Clary, **Melissa Hayhurst**, Martin and **Isabelle Cartagena** placed third at state.

"The girls 4x400 relays have been tough for the



His 4th time ever running the 800m, Jacob Onofrio won 1st place with a time of 1:56.



Kelly Naumann

last couple of years," said Kelly. "I know the girls were very disappointed with their finish last season and came out ready to 'fix' it this year."

"They ran a great race, finishing just a fraction off breaking the school record," said Kelly. "They should be right there again next year."

One of the steady top finishers on the girls team all season was **Kelly Naumann**. At state, she was not only part of the second place 4x800 relay team for the Aztecs but fourth in the 1600m and fifth in the 3200m runs.

"Kelly just kept improving all year, setting personal records in the 800, 1600 and 3200 meter runs," said Coach Kelly. "She broke her own record in the 3200 and 1600 three times this year alone, running her fastest times each time out the last few weeks of the season."

Renee Clary was another top individual finisher for the girls team, taking fourth in the 800m race.

"Renee made a great improvement in breaking the school record as a sophomore," said Kelly. "The sky is the limit for her. She is so positive and such a hard worker. Her smile every day at practice sets the tone for her success."

Kelly was happy with how the girls team had improved from 20th place at state last season to sixth this season.

"The girls team was not as deep this year as we would have like it and we did get hit with some injuring in the middle of the season," said Kelly. "But they were resilient and never gave up."

"When we look at the records the girls team broke in the 4x800, 800m, 1600m, and 3200m, we can't help but be pleased," said Kelly. "They finished just 2.5 points out of fifth place, which was a tremendous accomplishment from last season."

Kelly also saw more young girls come out for the field events.

"These girls in the field events, such as **Amber**



Members of McClintock's 4x800 relay team celebrate as they see their first place time appear on the scoreboard.

Burell in the throwing events, **Delaney Mohr**, **Veronica Core** and **Kianni Lester** in the jumping events, and **Josie Wright** in pole vault, all had a great year," said Kelly. "I look forward to see what they can do next year."

Both teams formed friendships and bonds plus had a great learning experience that will enhance their personal and athletic lives over the years according to Kelly.

Division II State Meet — McClintock's boys team finished eighth with 27 points. The school's 4x800 relay team of **Abdi Aden**, **Ethan Clah**, **Emmanuel Hidalgo** and **Husen Husen** crossed the finish line first, winning the championship.

Aden placed fourth in the 1600m finals and Husen fourth in the 800m finals. Hidalgo placed fifth in the 3200m finals and sixth

in the 1600m finals.

Tempe High's team was ninth, with Marcos de Niza placing 19th out of 40 Division II teams that participated in the boys state meet.

The boys top finishers were in the relay events. Tempe's 4x400 relay team of **Rasheed X**, **Jason Marrufo**, **Tai Ray Warren** and **DeLano Jones** came in fourth, as did the 4x800 relay team of Marrufo, Jones, **Ramiro Ortiz** and **Tony Tipton**.

In the individual events, Jones was second in the 400m finals and Marrufo third in the 800m finals.

Tempe's girls top track athlete was **Ryann Weathers**, who took third in the long jump event.

The Padres 4x100 relay team of **Malique Sharp**, **Marcus Naisant**, **Shaun Richards** and **Carter Lindsay** placed second in the finals. Lindsay was fourth in the 100m dash.



Corona boys placed 8th, girls 6th in the state track finals.

MacDonald ready to take post left open by Coach Duane's departure

It's not official yet, but it appears that Neil MacDonald will become Corona del Sol High School's head basketball coach after his recommended hiring is approved by the TUHSD Governing Board, as expected, on May 20.

Looking back on school history, MacDonald will be only the team's second head coach not to have the last name Duane.

When **Sam Duane Sr.** retired at the end of the 1996-97 season, then-assistant coach **Joe Maisel** took over until 2003, when **Sam Duane Jr.** was hired for the job.

To make the move, Duane Jr. left Mesquite to return to his high school alma mater, hoping to restore Corona's program to its heyday, during which his dad, Duane Sr., had won four state championships.

Sammy Duane Jr., as he is more familiarly known, matched his dad's four championships and more by winning four consecutive state titles—the last two with the help of MacDonald, who has known Duane for years and was on his staff at Mesquite.

Most everyone, including MacDonald and Corona's Athletic Director **Dan Nero**, seem to agree that the Duanes left a mark on the program and have shoes that will be hard to fill.

MacDonald, though, has not only the coaching and teaching qualifications but lots of experience and the support of many involved in the program, from the

administration to the players and parents.

The process of hiring Corona's new head coach involved initial candidate screening and then two rounds of interviews by two different panels that included school administrators and staff, booster and team parents, and district administrators.

As to his academic credentials, MacDonald holds degrees from ASU and NAU along with certifications in both English and Business.

He taught English at Mesquite and Campo Verde High Schools in Gilbert for 12 years and equally impressed school administrators who interviewed him for the English teaching position he will start in the fall at Corona.

In addition, MacDonald has a strong background in coaching. He started as a graduate assistant under former head coach Bill Frieder at ASU and then coached professionally for KFUM/ARES in Kristianstad, Sweden, for two years before returning to Arizona to coach in the Gilbert School District for 14 years.

He was an assistant at Mesquite for seven years before becoming the head coach at Campo Verde in 2009. He came to Corona two seasons ago to assist Duane.

MacDonald knows the program, he knows the players and he has no plans to change what has become one of the premier programs in the state. He has the good fortune to enter a program that is firing on all cylinders.

Unlike most programs that hire new coaches, he is not expected to take over from someone who was not performing or to rebuild the basketball program.

The crux of MacDonald's position, though, will be to continue to keep the program performing at the same high level that the Aztec community has come to expect.



Neil MacDonald, the presumed next head coach of the Corona del Sol Aztec varsity basketball team, says he knows the returning players and so far has no plans to change what has been a highly successful coaching strategy. MacDonald is expected to be formally hired by the TUHSD Governing Board at its May 20 meeting.

Coach Tim Kelly on Marcus Wheeler

"Marcus was a kind soul with a generous heart and wonderful smile. He meant a great deal to all of the kids he was teammates to across the three high schools he attended and the other schools he competed with.

"He was truly a gifted and talented athlete who had an incredible amount of potential he will be truly missed and not forgotten.

His friends are truly saddened by this event and will need a great amount of support from the community and friends in this time of need."



Year's final All City honorees named

Tempe's final All City Banquet of the year, which picks top male and female athletes in each of the high school sports, has resulted in these selections:

Tempe High: Desiree Muniz, softball.

McClintock: Connor Boyles, boys volleyball; Emmanuel Hidalgo, boys track; Husen Husen, boys track; Mary Mentz, softball; Reed Orchinik, boys volleyball

Marcos de Niza: Nicholas Leach, baseball; Maxwell L'Heureax, baseball

Corona del Sol: Patric Bjotvedt, boys track; Renee Clary, girls track; Quinn Flanagan, baseball; Maggie Jackson, softball; Zack Lawson, boys tennis; Jessica Lynch, softball; Jaclyn Martin, girls track; Olivia Miller, softball; Kelly Naumann, girls track; Zachary Ondrejka, boys track; Trystin Nelson, boys volleyball; Ryan Novis, baseball; Sam Shoultz, boys track; Chris Steele, boys tennis; Tyler Stehr, boys track; Haley Vallejos, softball.

Winning athlete to help coach Seton football camp



Seton competitors in recent state championships were senior Dominic Johnson; junior Luke Zuluaga; junior Brandon Garcia; and freshman Mason Toyne.

Since he was in third grade, Luke Zuluaga says he has looked forward to what he learned every summer as a participant in Seton Catholic Preparatory High School's youth football camp.

Arriving soon for its 13th session, the program this year will add veteran camp-goer Zuluaga—now in his senior year at Seton—to its staff of coaches.

Zuluaga, who recently won the Arizona 400m State Championship Division 3 title for Seton Catholic as

a member of the school's 4x400m relay team, will help coach the finer points of running, speed and quickness, as well as helping them improve their change-of-direction capabilities.

Cost is \$195 for the program, which runs June 1-5 and is open to kids in third- through seventh-grades.

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- 8 — Council Study Session, Council Chambers
- 11 — City Council Meeting, Council Chambers

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Residents talk with planners about their vision for Chandler at a monthly Planning Lab held the first Friday of each month at the Chandler Museum.

With summer comes emphasis on water

Twenty-nine water-related incidents have occurred in Maricopa and Pinal Counties so far this year, according to the Children's Safety Zone, an organization that tracks drowning statistics in Arizona.

Six of the incidents resulted in death. Chandler has had two incidents, both involving children, but thankfully, neither resulted in a fatality.

Teaching children to swim can dramatically reduce their risk of drowning.

A study published in the Archives of Pediatrics & Adolescent Medicine found that participation in formal swimming lessons can reduce the risk of drowning by 88 percent among children, ages 1 to 4.

Chandler's Aquatics Division offers swim lessons throughout the year at its pools and aquatic centers, including lessons for children as young as 6 months.

For infants, parents accompany the child in the water and learn techniques to help teach their child water acquaintance safety skills, such as floating on their back, grabbing the wall and holding their breath.

But even when children have had formal swimming lessons, constant, careful supervision remains necessary when children are in the water, and barriers, such as pool fencing to



Sign up for swim lessons at Nozomi Aquatic Center at www.chandleraz.gov/registration.

prevent unsupervised access.

For more information on drowning prevention and a link to an award-winning video containing tips that will help keep you and your loved ones safe around water, visit www.chandleraz.gov/fire. Visit www.chandleraz.gov/aquatics for information on the City's six aquatic centers and pools.

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June 1, from 9-11 a.m. — Summer Reading Program Kick-Off: The theme of this year's Summer Reading Program is "Be Your Own Hero!" and there will be plenty of local

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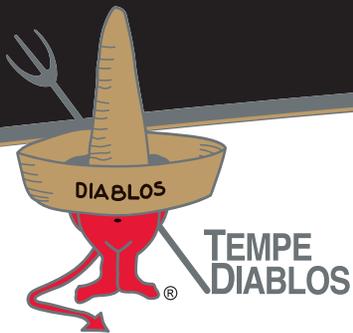
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Tattoos

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dermabrasion, where the skin is lightly sanded, and excision, where the tattoo is cut away and skin is grafted onto the area.

This may still be used when laser removal is not an option.

Over-the-counter, do-it-yourself options may be appealing, but the FDA warns these may not be effective. Many contain strong acids and may lead to allergic reactions, keloid formation and unsightly scarring. Salabrasion, or abrading the area with salt-saturated pads to irritate the skin, is sometimes suggested to do-it-yourselfers, but it is painful and can lead to infection and scarring.

The American Academy of Dermatologists notes that a patient's medical history and medications may also be important.

A healthy immune system is necessary for any candidate, and doctors warn that a pregnant or breastfeeding woman should not undergo the procedure.

McCool uses a Quality-Switched laser for treatments, given about a month apart, and sometimes taking four to 10 treatments, depending on the tattoo—its age, size, color and depth of the pigment—and whether the work was done by an amateur or a professional.

The original tattoo is created by an electric needle moving quickly up and down, injecting thousands of particles of colored ink into the skin by penetrating

the epidermis, or outer layer, and depositing ink into the dermis, or second layer, where the large particles of pigment "float" permanently—suspended in the dermis.

After an initial consultation about the anticipated time and cost, McCool begins the procedure. He places protective eye shields on the client and tests the skin's reaction to the laser, choosing the most effective laser color.

For example, red light is highly absorbed by green tattoo pigments, and green light is absorbed by red and orange pigments.

Then, placing the wand against the skin, he activates the laser light.

Nanosecond pulses of high-intensity laser energy pass through the epidermis and are selectively absorbed by the tattoo pigment.

Each person's threshold for pain differs, but most clients say it feels similar to tiny grease splatters or like a rubber band snapping the skin.

Most say the pain is greater than the original tattoo. If desired, a topical analgesic cream can be applied to lessen the pain.

Once the laser hits the pigment, it is shattered into tiny particles which are mostly excreted from the body, although some may remain in the lymph nodes. It takes about a month for the area to heal and for the pigment to be voided.

Regarding side effects, there may be redness, swelling, blistering and possible allergic reactions. Other possible side effects include infection, incomplete pigment removal, permanent scarring, hypopigmentation (paler skin than the surrounding skin) or hyperpigmentation (darker than the

surrounding skin) and, occasionally, pinpoint bleeding.

Cosmetic tattoos, such as eyebrows, eyeliner and lipliner, may darken after treatments, but with subsequent treatment, they will usually fade.

The Academy recommends applying an antibiotic ointment and bandage to the treated area, and keeping it out of the sunlight for at least three months. Generous amounts of moisturizer and sunscreen will help prevent scarring.

Since multiple treatments are required, and costs range from \$60 to \$150 an hour, removing a tattoo can be far more expensive than the original work.

McCool notes that the de-inking process doesn't work for everyone, and for those who still need some camouflage, there are several over-the-counter products.

Two specifically designed products are Tattoo Camo and Tattoo Cosmetics, as well as Dermablend, a mainstream cosmetic.

"I think, most of all," McCool says, "I'd suggest somebody to really think through getting a tattoo. It can be a big regret and cost a lot in pain, time and money. It might even cost you a job or a promotion."

He laughs. "But I'm here if you need me."

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Pitch Perfect 2

The 2012 comedy to which this is the sequel was set in the world of collegiate competitive a cappella groups. It had adorable young actresses, beautiful singing and catty wit offset by a bit of heart, so on the whole, it was a fun couple of hours.

It also had—and was, for me, marred by—some self-conscious, heavy-handed gross-out gags.

Pitch Perfect 2's excuse for a plot has our heroines the Barden Bellas accidentally disgracing themselves at a Kennedy Center performance in front of the president. They're pariahs in the a cappella community, but aim to redeem themselves at an international competition in Copenhagen. As they prepare for this, all sorts of wacky stuff happens, along with a bit of undemanding romance.

At the center of the ensemble, once again, is the charmingly commonsensical Anne Kendrick as Beca, supported by Brittany Snow, Rebel Wilson, Ester Dean, Hana Mae Lee and the rest of the gang from part one, along with additions Hailee Steinfeld and Chrissie Fit.

Reprising their roles from part one are John Michael Higgins and Elizabeth Banks as two cheerfully inappropriate play-by-play commentators.

Banks also took over directing duties this time, replacing the original's Jason Moore, and I thought the results were a looser, sillier and funnier.

Banks sustains the comic energy through some nutty extended sequences, like a competition between four vocal groups, and the big numbers have some spectacle and punch. The script, again by Kay Cannon, is dense with quizzical, non-sequitur verbal jokes that play surprisingly well, and when Kendrick and her pals sing a wistful version of her improbable hit "Cup Song" around the campfire, it manages even to be a little touching.

About the music: A friend of mine expressed doubt that the songs here were truly a cappella—it sounded to him like bass and percussion enhancement had been added. He could be right, and if he is I suppose I would find that a disappointing cheat. But even so, it sounds good.

Still in theaters

Hot Pursuit

Sofia Vergara's shtick works for me; I find her elongated, nasal, whining vowel sounds and her sense of tempestuous grievance sexy and funny.

And while Reese Witherspoon has never been a special favorite of mine, her work in *Wild* and *Election* shows that she's a formidable actress.

So it would take a lot for a movie to rob these two of their appeal. Yet this wretched chase comedy manages the impressive feat.

Witherspoon is a high-strung, hyper-by-the-book San Antonio cop, and Vergara is the protected witness against a drug lord she must transport to Dallas to testify.

Various goons shoot at them and chase them in cars.

Conventional though this is, there's nothing very wrong with it as the premise for a buddy comedy. There's nothing terribly wrong, even, with the way the director, Anne Fletcher, shapes the action scenes.

But the dialogue is vacuous, and the two leads, perhaps sensing no help from the writing, push their personas to cartoonish extremes.

The resulting antics are excruciatingly unfunny.

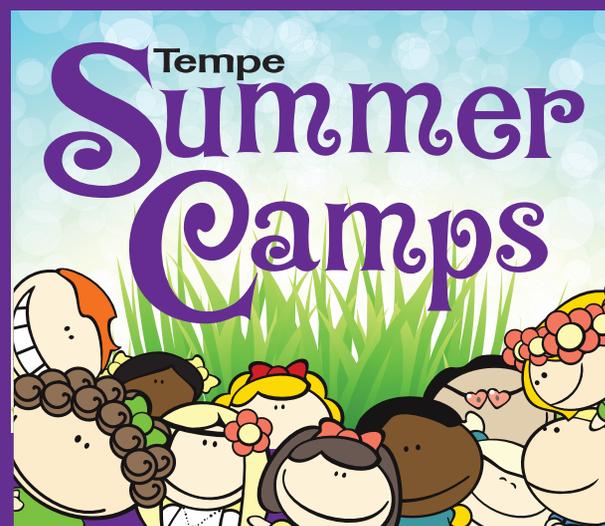
In fairness, I guess I should report that the screening audience with whom I saw the film seemed to be having a fairly good time.

But I'm very indulgent when it comes to lowbrow comedy, and I'm not sure that *Hot Pursuit* made me laugh out loud once.

The great Jim Gaffigan has a minor role, and even he didn't make me laugh.

When Jim Gaffigan doesn't make you laugh, the movie isn't working.

Pitch Perfect 2 and *Hot Pursuit* are both rated PG-13, and both play at Tempe Marketplace, Chandler Fashion 20 and other multiplexes Valleywide.



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The work has been scheduled to occur from mid- to late-May and take approximately a month to complete. Minor maintenance and crack sealing has been performed on the streets in preparation for the application.

Maps showing locations of the resurfacing and other pavement maintenance projects can be found by clicking on the Road Construction & Street Closures link on the Transportation page of Chandler's website, www.chandleraz.gov/transportation.

In addition to this project, sections of nine major city arterials and collector streets, including portions of Warner, Dobson, Pecos and McQueen roads, will receive a Slurry Seal coating to prolong their life. This work was due to begin May 12 and be completed by June.

The coating of asphalt emulsion mixed with aggregate will be applied to the following streets and require traffic shifts to accommodate the work.

The affected streets include:

Alma School Road between the Western Canal and Cheyenne Street; Warner Road between the Loop 101 Price Freeway and Coronado Street; 54th Street between Ray Road and Galveston Street; Harrison Street between 54th and 56th streets; Driftwood Avenue south of Chandler Boulevard; Dobson Road between Frye Road and the Loop 202 Santan Freeway; Pecos Road between Alma School and McQueen Roads; McQueen Road between Pecos and Willis roads; and Cottonwood Street between Pecos and Willis roads

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McClintock — Dwight Wells.

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Tempe Preparatory Academy — Zachary Ramsey, Sophia Toomb.

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Young leaders: Making good

Noah Ramirez of Tempe, a member of Troop 172 sponsored by Dayspring United Methodist Church, has received the rank of Eagle Scout. He began scouting in 2006. Noah has held the leadership positions of assistant patrol leader, patrol leader, historian and librarian. He has earned the Arrow of Light, World Conservation Award and 32 merit badges.





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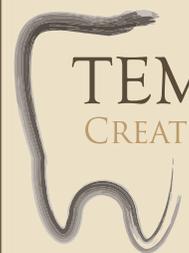

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Diversions

Area grad taking her passion for manga to Phoenix Comicon

By M.V. Moorhead

Manga, for the uninitiated, is a general term for comics published in Japan. In the West, it's also a loose term for the graphic style associated with manga and its animated counterpart, anime—especially, for figures with large, wide eyes.

Manga has been highly influential on Western graphic art in recent decades, but it still can seem foreign and exotic.

At this year's Phoenix Comicon, May 28 through 31, one table will be manned by a rising young artist in the manga style. Corona del Sol grad and ASU student Samantha Gorel, already a published artist, will be on hand to peddle her manga-esque wares.

Gorel discussed her artistic passion with

Wrangler News:

Wrangler News: How did you first become interested in manga?

Samantha Gorel: In sixth grade a friend of mine bought a how-to-draw-manga book from a book fair. I drew the pictures over and over again and fell in love with drawing right away, and just never stopped.

WN: What was the first manga you read?

SG: I started reading manga in fourth grade, so I do not really remember which series I started with, but I remember being enamored with the action stories and memorable characters.

WN: Do you have a favorite?

SG: My favorites change a lot because I keep up with the current seasons as they are released. I tend to like [those] with beautiful characters and animation quality, like *Hakuouki* and *Diabolik Lovers*.

WN: Were there other manga enthusiasts at Corona?

SG: Yes, I was in the anime club there when I was a student. Much to my teachers' dismay, I spent most of high school drawing in my classes.

WN: Are you majoring in art at ASU?

SG: Nope, I'm actually a communication major. Art is all about the practice you do by yourself, someone can teach you, but only practice will make you improve. I chose to get a degree in something else as a backup just in case art didn't work out,



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but I've managed to get lucky enough to have it work for me.

I see art as a professional hobby: it pays for itself plus a little extra to expand and improve. Everything I know from art is entirely self-taught with the help of the Internet. I also post a few of my own tutorials online for beginners at <http://mireielle.deviantart.com>.

WN: Are you interested in other kinds of comic art, or art in general?

SG: Art in general tends to intersect a lot, anime and manga proportions are the same as realism proportions, just exaggerated. I can do other styles and realism on the same level as my anime work, but I don't enjoy the style nearly

as much. Anime allows me to stylize and exaggerate my favorite features.

WN: Are you interested in anime?

SG: Manga and anime are basically the same thing, actually. Manga is the comic book form, anime is just the animated form of the same style.

WN: What's next for you?

SG: I'm currently working on a tutorial book for Search Press from England, called *Manga: The Mega Guide*. It's a how-to-draw-manga book, so I'm now creating the same kind of books I started out learning from.

I was lucky enough to be invited to be a guest at Phoenix Comicon this year, and will be selling large art posters, mini prints, bookmarks,

buttons, acrylic cell phone charms, keychains, pillowcases, microfiber cloths, and make-up cases and much more as well.

My product line is constantly expanding. All my products are for sale online at my shop (mireielle.storenvy.com).

I will have my comics there with me as well giving a panel presentation called "How to Break out as an Artist" to help young up-and-comers learn more about the industry and getting published and how to sell and market their work, it will be Friday of the convention at 1:30 pm.

I will also be attending and selling at Anime Expo, a convention in Los Angeles, July 2-5, as well as a few other local conventions that I sell at every year, later in the fall.

WN: How, if you know, has your work has been received in Japan?

SG: Most of my audience is in Western Europe, Canada and the Americas so far. I haven't had much of a chance to talk to Japanese fans due to the distance and language barriers.

WN: Have you had the opportunity to visit Japan?

SG: Not yet, but I hope to have a chance to visit one day.

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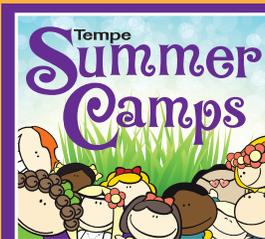
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Spectacular 4 bed, 2.5 bath with beautiful interior. Features upgraded 20" diagonal porcelain tile with inlay, formal dining, spacious living and family rooms, perfect kitchen w/ track lighting, large island, breakfast bar, pantry and eat-in area. The master has large bath with double sinks, vanity, separate tub and shower, and walk-in closet. The expansive backyard has space for a pool and showcases a covered patio. Plenty of built-in storage in home and garage.

Charming Family Home

Situated in a great school district and located close to freeways. This home's beautiful interior showcases vaulted ceilings, family room w/fireplace, spacious dining area, perfect kitchen w/granite, breakfast bar, recessed lighting, pantry, eat-in area. The remarkable master boasts private exit to balcony and master bath with separate shower and tub and walk-in closet. Cozy backyard offers plenty of privacy and relaxation. 4 bdrm, 2.5 baths.



Great Tempe Family Home



Original owners have lovingly cared for this home from the beginning! Kids are grown so time to sell. One of the largest homes in the area. Basement has 2 bedrooms and family room! Updated kitchen, formal living and dining, spacious family room and oversized bedrooms. Vast amounts of storage. This home has great bones! 2 new A/C's in 2011. Roof replaced in 2005. 6 bedrooms + den

Prime Location

Fabulous 3 bdrm, 2 bath in Chandler! This home showcases an amazing interior w/ stained concrete floors, many upgrades, spacious family room and delightful kitchen, matching appliances, island and eat-in area. The master boasts private exit to yard, walk-in closet and immaculate bath. Built-in study area, nice-sized spare bedrooms, laundry room w/ extra storage make this a perfect family home. Backyard is perfect for relaxing or entertaining w/covered patio, mosaic flagstones, sparkling pool w/ spa and waterfall.



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