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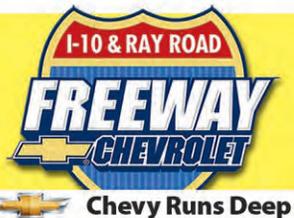
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## Chandler Regional's approach helps ensure comfort, dignity In final days, quality of life remains

## the focus of care

By Alison Stanton

In Oregon and other states where people in their final weeks can sign up for services to end their lives, most typically end up not using them.

"When it comes down to the wire, most people don't really want to decide when they will die; they just want to be comfortable," says Donna Nolde, manager of Palliative Care Services at Chandler Regional Medical Center.

"Truly, there is no reason to take your life or even to think about it. There is so much available in the community that will help them—things that people are not always aware of."

Through hospice and/or palliative care, Nolde says, her patients are able to live out their lives with dignity and comfort.

"I never want anyone to feel that desperate," she said. "There's always hope."

Within those deeply held philosophies lie Nolde's nursing specialty and the compassion she holds for those in her care—a chosen profession through which she is able to understand the fears and frustrations that her patients often share with her.

Some have symptoms that can be frightening or painful; others may feel exhausted and depressed.

But despite policies in states such as Oregon that

allow for procedures like physician-assisted suicide, Nolde feels strongly that with the right combination of support and services offered through hospice and palliative care, no one should ever have to feel like they need to end their own lives.

"Palliative care happens from the beginning of a chronic illness until death," she said. "It is designed to help treat symptoms and provide a quality of care

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— Donna Nolde, manager, palliative care services

for our patients. We want to improve their quality of life in any way that we can."

"The secret to the whole thing is to make people comfortable and help them still enjoy life, so this issue never has to come up in the first place."

At Chandler Regional and its sister hospital, Mercy Gilbert, Nolde—R.N., M.A., C.H.P.N., C.T. — says most of her patients are 65 and older. This

group, she freely admits, is "the one I worry about the most."

"They tend to have the biggest needs, but the fewest services. There are times when people will say 'I've had enough, I'm tired, and I've been sick for so long.'"

When Nolde hears her patients express feelings like these, she will listen to them, taking the time that is needed for them to get their feelings out in the open. If they are experiencing pain or other symptoms, Nolde knows that she and her team must do everything they can to manage their care.

"Sometimes just talking about their feelings will help—oftentimes they are depressed and feeling down. We can help find the right people for them so they can continue to talk it out. And if they are having symptoms like shortness of breath or other issues it can be very frightening, so we will determine how we can help to control it, and we promise to help them."

Through the development of outpatient palliative care community programs, Nolde said elderly patients can now get even more help than ever with everything from getting their medications changed to learning how and when to take them.

"We can help by calling their physicians for our patients—sometimes it's just a matter of calling the office for them," she said.

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Eric Iwerson, Tempe's transportation planner and biking guru, lists some advantages to bike paths that you may never have thought of.

## Kyrene Corridor Rotary Club Pathways to a better city

Story & photo by Jennifer Pillen Banks

If you're not much of a biker, those nicely paved paths set up to accommodate the devotees of such free-wheeling pleasures might not often cross your mind.

But maybe they should.

Eric Iwerson, Tempe's 2011 Bike Hero, insists that improving paths helps beautify communities, reduce traffic, build community and, perhaps most importantly, lower crime both on the paths and in adjacent neighborhoods.

Earlier this month, Iwerson, who works fulltime as the city of Tempe's transportation planner and community liaison, provided Kyrene Corridor Rotarians with an overview of purpose and offered a preview of the city's planned path improvements.

Improving bike paths is one way to "activate an area," said Iwerson. "If a canal bank, for example, lacks shade and pavement or feels unsafe at night, improving the space can bring in people and make it more friendly and fun to use."

One of the first things that

improvements aim to do is change the perception of what a physical space does.

"What for a 100 years or longer was used for conveyance of power or water, for example, now also serves for the conveyance of people and celebration of history," said Iwerson.

Maximizing a space's functionality is particularly important in Tempe, said Iwerson, because the city is completely built out.

The city also typically hires an artist to work on the project, not only to make it more attractive but to help involve the local community, who "work with artists to come up with ideas," said Iwerson.

Surprising to many is that the majority of bike-path improvements, as well as other transportation projects, are often up to 90 percent federally funded, said Iwerson.

And because path improvements often also result in enhancements to adjacent land, the projects sometimes partner with private developments as well.

## Commentary

# Kyrene schools explore some creative — and affordable — ways to get the word out

By Jennifer Pillen Banks

Growing up in the '80s, other than private school (not even a consideration for my working-class parents nor an option in my 4,000-population hometown), the nearby neighborhood public school was the only choice.

That, however, changed in 1994 when the Arizona State Legislature enacted laws enabling both open

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— Kyrene parent Jennifer Zach

enrollment and the formation of charter schools, giving parents more tuition-free choices and putting the burden of attracting students on the individual schools and districts.

Now, nearly two decades later, many parents don’t necessarily associate marketing, advertising and public relations with the best use of education dollars, especially with last year’s continuation of state cuts to public education, resulting in a net loss of \$148 million for K-12 education.

Each year, public-school class size continues to grow, while art, music and physical education continue to shrink, among other negative consequences.

“People look at budgets, and they really want everything in the classroom, but there’s an organization that has to run so that classrooms exist,” said Jennifer Zach, a parent of three children who attend or attended Kyrene Public Schools.

According to the U. S. Census Bureau, the average public school child in 2009 was worth more than \$8,000 in funding from federal, state and local sources. And because many overhead costs, such as building maintenance, electricity and food service contracts remain the same, even when students are lost, maintaining enrollment numbers, especially in large districts, is critical to their overall budget viability.

The Kyrene district has 25 schools and roughly 18,000 students at any given time.

While nearly 20 percent of Kyrene students, according to Community Relations Manager Nancy Dudenhoefer, attend from out of district, “We focus way more marketing on the 20 percent of the students that live *in* our boundaries that are making a different decision (besides Kyrene district schools).”

Parents have their own viewpoints. “I’m personally a fan of public schools, but I hear from a lot of parents who are looking for something specialized and better,” said Zach. “I think a lot of the time they don’t really know everything that the public schools have to offer.”

But getting the word out through avenues including paid advertising, dynamic school websites, branding and colorful view books, among other things, can be expensive and both time- and staff-consuming.

Kyrene, therefore, has figured out—and continues to explore—creative ways to market its programs and strengths, while putting minimal strain on its budget.

“Anything that we would do to promote the district as a whole comes from Community Education and Outreach Services, a completely self-

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

## Aztec volleyball a team of 'paper tigers'

Corona's seniors-laden boys volleyball team had all the promise of winning a state championship. The squad, with many team members who had played together since middle school or before, was ranked No. 1 for weeks heading into the post season.

The Aztecs had the necessary players to bring home the trophy, such as go-to outside hitter **Alex Davis**; one of the best liberos in the state, **Charlie Hualde**; and an experienced setter, **Jake Nuneviller**.

Throw into the mix some extremely tall blockers and hitters in **Sean Hughes**, **Matthew Seal**, **Zac von Allworden** and **Nic Plott**, and Corona, on paper, should have won it all.

That's just it. What's on paper does not win state championships. You have to actually play the game. And volleyball is a game of momentum shifts. If you happen to be on the downside of the shift, it's easy to lose what you should have won. On paper, that is.

That's exactly what happened May 8 when Corona faced off against No. 10-seeded Gilbert Highland, with the Aztecs' holding home-court advantage. The Hawks came out firing on all cylinders and put the Corona players back on their heels right from the start.

"We didn't seem ready for them in the first two games, plus they run a quicker offense than we do and we struggled adjusting," said coach **Brynne Evans**. "We just weren't able to make the minor adjustments we needed to win those first two."

Corona lost the first two 25-20, 25-23, but won the next two 27-17 and 25-22. It appeared they had the upper hand and the momentum heading into the fifth and final game to determine who moved on in the state championship brackets.

But that fifth and final game was a hard-fought battle where neither team could gain confidence, the upper hand or even a momentum shift.

There were 11 ties in the final game with neither team leading by more than two points.

"We were tied at 13-13 and then a quick two points happened and we lost 15-13," said Evans.

It's easy to try and dissect a loss after it's over. This face-off against Highland was the first 5-game match the Aztecs had played all year. The fifth and final game in volleyball is played a bit differently in that it only goes to 15 instead of 25 points like the first four.

"Never having played a fifth game all season could have been a disadvantage," said Evans. "I think we were all unsure of how we would handle the pressure of that fifth game."

"Then our serve-receive passing broke down, which didn't allow us to use our middles as much as we would have liked," said Evans. "We also had trouble stopping their slide in the middle, even though we knew it was coming."

Although the Aztecs did not fulfill their expectations in the post-season, they did have an overall great 2012 regular season, finishing with a 31-6 record, winning one tournament and taking second in another.

Juniors **Plott** and **Blake Pendleton** along with sophomore **Matthew Lake** will no doubt miss the previously mentioned seniors plus **Gabe Encinas**, **Matt Lim**, **Kyle Niemtschk** and **Mitch Thomas** next spring when coach Evans faces the possibility of a rebuilding season with only three returning players.

**TACA Awards** — Several athletes from Tempe high schools received Tempe All City Awards at the annual spring banquet May 14 at the Tempe Sheraton. Awards were given for all spring sports including tennis, baseball, softball, boys volleyball and track and field.

Tempe High School athletes receiving TACA awards included **Desi Contreras** for softball and **Diana Garcia** and **Kayla Melgar** for girls track.

Athletes from McClintock High School honored were **Dynasty Lauvai** for girls track and **Eduardo Roa** for boys track. Roa was second in the 3200 meter run at the state tournament.

Marcos de Niza had four athletes take home awards. **Nick Fatica** and **Noel Rodriguez** received an award for baseball and **Stephanie Montanez** and **Mallory Schneid** for softball.

Corona's spring sports teams had a great season, with an impressive 18 TACA recipients. **Megan Benson**, **Lauren Lucky** and **Dana McKenzie** were given awards for girls track.

Benson was a three-time City Champion, three-time state placer in individual events including her third place finish in the 100 meter and 11th place in the 300 meter hurdles.

Lucky competed for Corona in the shot put and discus, where she took 10th and 17th respectively at the state meet this year.

McKenzie's main event is the high jump, in which she was runner up at the state meet twice. This season she also competed in the hurdles, long jump and triple jump; she even ran some relay races.

**Tevan Mayfield**, **Nate Rodriguez** and **George Wright** were recipients of awards for boys track. Mayfield and Rodriguez are both in the Arizona state track and field record books and had a great sophomore year competing in track events for the Aztecs.

Hurdle-running is Mayfield's main event but he also runs relays. He took third in the 300 meter at state and was part of the 4x400 relay team that took sixth and the 4x100 that finished 14th at the state meet.

Rodriguez has really come on this season in relays but also in the 800 meter and 1600 meter runs. He was part of the 4x800 relay team that not only finished first at state but recorded the fourth fastest time in Arizona state history.

Wright's main events are the long- and the triple-jumps, where he took 16th and 20th place respectively at the state meet, and he competed on relay teams. He was part of the 4x100 team that took 14th at state.

**Paige Vallejos**, **Lani Redmond** and **Abby Spiel** took home TACA awards for softball. Vallejos, one of this year's team captains, played a variety of positions including catcher, first and third base. Lani,



Corona del Sol placed 19 student athletes among Tempe All City awards recipients at the spring banquet held May 14. Winners included, from left, front: Dana McKenzie, Lani Redmond, Maia Castiglione, Megan Benson, Tevin Mayfield; middle: Abby Spiel, Tien Tran, Josh Ethier, Nate Rodriguez, Charlie Hualde, Thaminda Edirisooriya; top: Kyle Jorgensen, George Wright, Colby Hamilton, Alex Davis, Jake Nuneviller, Alex Lawson.

— Wrangler News photo by Alex Zener

also a captain, played second base for the last two years.

Spiel, playing first base and ending the season among the leading hitters on Corona's softball team, accepted an athletic scholarship to play with her sister Mary at ASU.

The Aztecs had three baseball players who were given TACA awards: **Josh Ethier**, **Colby Hamilton** and **Kyle Jorgensen**.

"Josh is a slick-fielding short stop who has a great future ahead of him in baseball," said coach **Dave Webb**. "Offensively, he hit in the three-hole all year and ended at around .400 with 20 stolen bases."

"Colby improved immensely and became one of the premier catchers in the state," said Webb. "His

stock is going to go through the roof in 2013 when he will be a senior.”

“Kyle is a pure athlete and a phenomenal hitter,” said Webb. “He is entertaining many D1 offers and leaves Corona as the all-time Home Run leader with 26 in his career.”

**Charles Hualde** received his TACA award for the libero position in boys volleyball and **Jake Nuneviller** for his setting skills. **Alex Davis** was chosen for his hitting and defensive skills at the outside hitter position. All three seniors had a huge impact on the Aztecs’ 31-6 season record.

Doubles partners **Maia Castiglione** and **Tien Tran** received TACA awards for their 15-4 record in doubles tennis. Both, as juniors, helped Corona’s girls tennis team attain their 14-2 regular season victories.

“Maia has played on varsity all three years, is a member of the National Honor Society, Corona Pom, CdS Advanced Dance Company and is active in the East Valley National Charity League,” said coach **Carol Sandvig**. “Tien is also a member of the National Honor Society, a two-year letter winner and is very involved in Special Olympics.”

**Alex Lawson** was rewarded with his third TACA award for his singles tennis record, including winning his second singles state championship earlier this month. He also was recognized with a singles and doubles player award in 2009-10.

“Alex is a phenomenal talent on the tennis court who puts in thousands of hours into his fitness training, on-court strategy and mental toughness,” said coach **Rick Wanta**. “He is amazing to watch right now but the scary thing is that his best tennis is still ahead of him at Norte Dame.”

Also given a TACA award for tennis was **Thaminda Edirisooriya**, who Wanta credits with being not only an outstanding role model for his younger players but an outstanding representative for Corona.

“Thaminda is polite, mature, dependable and just a very hard worker,” said Wanta. “He’s one of our class valedictorians, an incredible musician and probably one of the most humble young men I’ve ever met. Getting accepted to Stanford speaks volumes for his academic ability.”

**12 UTeam Volleyball** — Several area girls are members of the Aspire Volleyball Club 12 and under team that recently won a 68-team tournament in Southern California to earn a bid to participate in the 2012 USA Volleyball Girls Junior National Championships in Columbus, Ohio, June 28-July 7 at the Greater Columbus Convention Center.

The team, coached by Beth **Nuneviller**, also was crowned 2012 Arizona Region Champion at the regular season-ending regional tournament May 5 at Kingdom Courts in north Phoenix.

Teammates include **Malory Hanenburg, Izzie Beeks, Anna Morse, Hannah Cochran** and **Brooke Nuneviller, Ashton Lloyd, Jayelin Lombard, Lanie Wagner, Abby Meyer** and **Nura Mohammad** some of whom attend local schools.

**Kiwanis Hoop Star Basketball Camp**— Arizona High School Coach of the Year **Sammy Duane Jr.** will be once again be holding his Kiwanis Hoop Start Basketball Camps this summer with numerous sessions and age groups for first through 12th graders at Corona’s gym.



Members of the local Aspire Volleyball Club 12U team have won honors as 2012 Arizona Region champions. Players include, from left, bottom: Malory Hanenburg, Izzie Beeks, Anna Morse, Hannah Cochran, Brooke Nuneviller; top: Assistant Coach Ashton Lloyd, Lauren Weintraub, Jayelin Lombard, Lanie Wagner, Abby Meyer, Nura Mohammad, Coach Beth Nuneviller. — Photo courtesy Tonie Stephens

Each camp will include instruction on shooting, technique, dribbling, ball handling, defense and rebounding as well as individual and team play. Kids can attend more than one camp, held weekly June 4 through July 19.

Information: [www.tempe.gov/brochure](http://www.tempe.gov/brochure).

**Corona Girls Tennis** — Corona’s girls varsity tennis team, with a 14-2 regular season record, made it to the quarter-finals of the Division I state team tennis tournament after entering the tournament as the No. 3 seed.

The lone senior, **Rachel McKay**, along with four juniors—**Maia Castiglione, Hannah Pfothauer, Tien Tran** and **Joyce Wen**, and one sophomore, **Sarah Rutkowski** lost 5-1 to Mesa Mountain View on May 1.

Corona was represented by unseeded Rutkowski at the individual singles state tennis tournament held April 20-21.

“Sarah won in the first round against McKenna Farnts of Miliennium and then defeated Cony Lugo from Independence, 6-0, 6-0, in the second round,” said coach **Carol Sandvig**. “She then lost in the round of 16 to Crissy Lee of Desert Mountain, 6-0, 6-2, on April 21”

The doubles team qualified to play for Corona at the individual doubles tournament was Castiglione and Tran who entered the tournament seeded as the No. 5 team.

“Maia and Tien earned a bye in the first round, then easily defeated a Cesar Chavez team, 6-0, 6-2, and a Cibola team, 6-1, 6-2,” said Sandvig. “They lost in the Elite 8 to a Desert Mountain doubles team of Mary Frances Byron and Kaley Hicks, 6-2, 6-2.”

The team should return all varsity players next season with the exception of graduating senior **Rachel McKay**.

“Rachel is a true Aztec, a great team player who finished her final season undefeated at 16-0 in singles and 15-2 in doubles,” said Sandvig. “Her development as a person and a tennis player over the past four years has been awesome to watch.”

McKay will be attending Arizona State on an academic scholarship next fall.

Corona’s JV team, led by **Stefani Jarman**,

**Caroline Lull** and **Sonya Tao**, finished the season 13-1, according to Sandvig.

Team awards included Rutkowski as Most Improved Player; Tran as Joe Selleh Award recipient; and Jarman as Most Improved JV Player.

**Corona Boys Tennis** — It was an incredible season for both the varsity and JV boys tennis teams, according to coach **Rick Wanta**. Both finished the regular season undefeated at 14-0.

The varsity team entered the Division I state team tennis tournament, held on four days between April 24 and May 5, as the No. 4 seed after finishing third in their section behind Brophy and Desert Mountain.

“I am very proud of the team,” said Wanta. “We were unfortunate (however) that the teams who played in the state championship finals were in our section.”

The Aztecs defeated Mesa Mountain View, 5-0, in the first round but were defeated by No. 5 seeded Salpointe, 5-3, in the second round. The match was held at Corona because the Aztecs were the higher seed.

“In my 24 years of coaching at Corona, Salpointe has never traveled to Tempe to play at Corona,” said Wanta. “**Alex Lawson** at No. 1, **Alex Jing** at No. 4 and **Connor Harber** at No. 5 singles all won their matches before we lost two doubles matches to come up just a little short. The final score was 5-3.”

**Athletic Scholarships** — Corona had an abundance of athletes from the 2012 graduating class sign letters of intent to play college sports during earlier signing dates but nine recent signees celebrated May 17.

**Brooke Taylor** signed a letter of intent to play golf at St. Cloud State University in St. Cloud, Minn. Brooke was part of Corona’s girls golf team for four years.

“Brooke was always dependable and had a positive attitude,” said coach **Pat Reed**. “She always worked with all the other girls to get them more involved in Corona golf. I will miss her demeanor next year.”

Corona had three girls volleyball players commit to play at the next level: **Kayla Ronda, Erin Miller** and **Alexa Moser**

Ronda, who averaged 1.3 kills a game, will be headed off to LeTourneau University in Longview, Texas this fall.

“Kayla has really developed into a great player over the past four years,” said coach Ben Maxfield. “She is very consistent, always works hard and is an incredible teammate. Le Tourneau will be the perfect fit for her.”

Miller had a good senior year, averaging 1.4 kills a game with a 50 percent kill rate, three aces and 22 blocks. She will be playing a Yavapai Community College.

“Erin is one of the hardest working girls I have ever coached who has improved tremendously over the last four years,” said Maxfield. “I still don’t think she has reached her highest level of play and I’m sure, as she develops more at Yavapai, it will springboard her into a four-year university.”

**Moser**, headed to Ft. Lewis College in Durango,



# New heights, new challenges

Michael Ellenby uses his experience challenging Mount Everest to motivate others to achieve success.

— Photo courtesy Michael Ellenby

## By Daniel Rasmussen

At age 54, Michael Ellenby was looking for a new challenge.

After spending decades working with Fortune 500 companies and undertaking challenges like Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania and Mount Agung in Indonesia, the south Tempe resident was ready for the big one: Mount Everest.

In March of last year, Ellenby and his nephew completed the 120-mile round trip hike to Everest's base camp, situated at 19,000 feet.

Along with braving the freezing cold, Ellenby ate only bland starches for the 12-day trek and at one point hiked in an atmosphere with nearly 50 percent less oxygen than at sea level.

"It was the most psychologically challenging experience of my life," he said. "But it was also the most rewarding thing I've ever done."

He says the physical preparation prior to the hike made a huge difference, but it was his mental attitude that got him to base camp.

Ellenby is now channeling his experiences in his venture as a motivational speaker, educating people on the challenge of setting and achieving goals.

He works with local businesses around the Valley to help them reach success. He even has his own audio CDs, including one titled *Winning Strategies for the Game of Life*.

"It's easy to set goals," he says, "and achieving goals is simple, but not easy. It's all in the psychology."

Ellenby uses his past experiences, including the Everest hike, to illustrate to people that if they set goals and have the right mindset, they will succeed.

"The pursuit of excellence will spread to everything you do—career, relationships, finances," he says.

So now that he's made it to Everest's base camp, will he try again for the summit?

Maybe one day. His love of traveling may lead him to the "Seven Summits," a challenge to hike the highest peaks in all seven continents.

"I've already done three and a half—only four and a half to go," he said.

More information on Ellenby and his program can be found at [www.michaelellenby.com](http://www.michaelellenby.com).

# Cover Story: Gabrielle Palmas

## Dream nears reality for a once-hopeful ballerina who now sees her future as an airline pilot

By Daniel Rasmussen

At age 14, Gabrielle Palmas gave up dreams of being a ballerina when she decided it wasn't the future she wanted.

"I didn't think I would make much money being a ballerina," she said. "I didn't think it would take me very far."

Now, although she's been a full-fledged adult for only three years, Palmas already has worked for more than a decade to achieve her dream of becoming a commercial airline pilot.

Her most recent achievement, winning Zonta International's Amelia Earhart Fellowship, will help her get even closer to that goal.

The fellowship, a \$10,000 university scholarship, is presented annually to women pursuing doctoral degrees in aerospace-related sciences and engineering.

Zonta International, comprising executives and professionals who work to advance the status of women worldwide through service and advocacy, claims more than 30,000 members in 63 countries.

Palmas applied for the Zonta program and kept her fingers crossed. After beating her competition in the Southwest region, Palmas moved on to the national and then the international finals, where she finally won.

"It means accomplishment," Palmas said. "It means so much to me to see that people recognize my tenacity and are rewarding it by helping me (take on) the next obstacle in my path."

In order to become a commercial pilot, Palmas says each applicant must complete a series of ratings, or certifications. The newly awarded scholarship will enable her to complete the next in her series: the instrument rating.

This particular license educates the pilot in reading flight computers, communicating with air traffic control, and flying in poor weather.

"It's the rating that sets you apart from a recreational pilot," she said.

She hopes to have the new rating

completed in six to eight months, which will get her one step closer to her childhood dream.

After being inspired by air shows she visited with her uncle, she decided to become a pilot. She signed up for lessons at her next air show, and by age 16, she was already flying solo.

"I was flying airplanes before I was driving cars," she said.

When she finished high school in her hometown of San Diego, Palmas made the move to Chandler to take part in ASU's aviation program. The program was a partnership with Mesa Airlines, and guaranteed graduates a career flying regional jets. The year Palmas got here, the airline went bankrupt. (The airline has since emerged from bankruptcy.)

Faced with a choice to continue her dream, Palmas decided to apply for a job as a flight attendant with US Airways.

"I realized that it would be an awesome opportunity to enter the corporate aviation industry and network with captains and commanders," she said.

She has now been with US Airways for four years while completing her pilot training on the side. She stays local to support local business, earning ratings at Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport and with Chandler Air Service.

In addition to her demanding job and full-time training, Palmas is also a mentor at Girls With Wings, a nonprofit that supports young girls to reach their goals of becoming pilots.

She says that piloting should not be considered unusual for young women, that it is just another convenient form of transportation just like cars and trains.

For her, it's also therapeutic.

"You get to leave all your drama behind; it's total peace and quiet," she said. "Plus it's fun. You get to travel the world."

For more information on Gabrielle's work with Girls With Wings, and a biography, visit <http://girlswithwings.com/Bios/Gabrielle.html>.



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Corona del Sol automotive-technology students Nick Chern, left, and Nico Kittridge, second from left, were on hand when Vickie Hull took delivery of keys to her newly repaired car, a project completed under tutelage of class instructor Larry Huff. As a result of the students' efforts, Hull, who has been under Hospice care, now has a way to keep doctor appointments, go to the store and make other short trips without seeking help from friends.

— Wrangler News photo by Patrick Bonitatibus

## A helping hand Woman's last days eased by teens' generosity

**A**utomotive-technology students at Corona del Sol High School brought a measure of kindness—and some desperately needed convenience—to a terminally ill woman whose final days were becoming an even larger battle because she lacked a running vehicle to make doctors' visits or run even short errands.

Tapping into the students' auto-repair skills, Hospice of Arizona and Dream Foundation collaborated with Corona auto-technology teacher Larry Huff to undertake repairs to patient Vickie Hull's van, which was returned to her on May 22 in full running order, with a repaired transmission and previously inoperable AC unit.

Hospice provides end-of-life care; Dream Foundation is the nation's largest national wish-granting organization for adults and their families suffering life-threatening illness.

Hull, 62, has been diagnosed with end-stage pulmonary disease and given a limited life expectancy. Due to financial constraints and the

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absence of family members, she's had to rely exclusively on neighbors for transportation since her van became inoperable last year.

"Vickie has sleep disturbances related to anxiety, and worries about not being able to care for herself," her social worker, Sylvia Close, said in an application letter to Dream Foundation.

"Having her van repaired will fulfill Vickie's goal of living independently for as long as possible."

While researching the means to make Vickie's dream come true, the foundation discovered Corona del Sol had a technical education program and discussed it with Huff. Huff responded to the request for help, realizing the repair work would be both a learning opportunity and

a life experience for his students.

The students have worked virtually non-stop on the vehicle in class for the past two months and put in extra hours in a final push to make Hull's dream a reality.

According to Erinn Lynch, Dream Foundation's director of communications, part of the beauty in fulfilling dreams is the collaborative effect it creates.

Dream recipients are 18 years and older and have been given a limited prognosis of a year or less.

Said Lynch:

"We love engaging the local communities in our service. It's a wonderful way people can come together to take care of one another."

Information: [www.dreamfoundation.org](http://www.dreamfoundation.org).

## Young poet's inspiration just 'popped into her head'

By M.V. Moorhead

"Ever since she was a little kid, she's always loved rain," says Anita Scott, of her daughter Lianna.

"She'd say, 'Look, it's raining, I'm so happy!' I'd say, 'You're from Arizona, why do you like rain?'"

Given her fondness for precipitation, it's not surprising that the south Tempe teen, a student at Xavier College Preparatory School in Phoenix, might compose a poem on the subject.

It was a little more of a surprise, a pleasant one, when Lianna learned that her poem had been selected, from thousands of entries, for publication by the thrice-yearly online student poetry contest Creative Communication (check out [poeticpower.com](http://poeticpower.com) for details).

But the big surprise for Lianna, and for Anita, came when Lianna learned that her poem was a top 10 winner.

"The only one from Arizona," Anita notes proudly.

Here (reprinted with permission) is Lianna Scott's poem "Once Upon a Window Pane":

*Once upon a window pane,  
Sat I watching falling rain.  
Gifted by the sons of Height,  
Broken by the wails of Light.  
As it woke the gentle ground,  
I could hear one single sound,  
Shaken, waking, crying cracks,  
Of the leaves upon Earth's back.  
Humid droplets hugged the dust  
Filmy loam with urgent lust,  
For the sweetly, light embrace,*

*Of pure water on their face.  
Striking bolts of lightning shook,  
Those small droplets that mistook,  
The leaves for a haven from,  
The dense sky from which they'd come.  
Though the storm pulsed on,  
There I sat; I had not gone,  
From the place where fell the rain,  
Once upon a window pane.*

Anita Scott would later stumble upon another odd connection between her daughter's name and rain, while listening to an NPR feature about an African band called "Liyana," the members of which all suffer from physical disabilities.

She was startled to learn, in the course of the story, that the word "liyana" means "it's raining" in the southern African language Ndebele.

"I didn't know that," says Scott. "It just seemed so coincidental."

Despite Lianna's early success as a bard—not to mention her enthusiasm for hydrometeorology—her mother notes that she's not given to pouring out poetry, and that while she's in the process of applying, she hasn't even settled on a college, let alone a area of study.

"She hasn't declared a major," says Scott.

"She likes all sorts of things. She's been into dance forever, since she was four. She's into the arts. She loves to write, but I don't know that I can say it's a particular focus.

"She's just a kid who wrote a poem that popped into her head, like they do."

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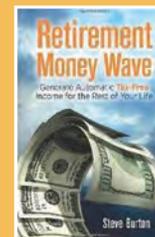
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Wrangler News General Manager Carmel Bonitatibus shot this photo of the May 6 annular eclipse phenomenon from his Ranch Road home in Tempe. Photo was taken with a Pentax A-R with an F stop of 8.0 and 12,800 ISO. JPEG ratio: 1/15



## Robin Trick is Woman of Year

Robin Trick has been named 2012 Woman of the Year by the Tempe Chamber of Commerce.

Trick, co-owner with her husband Robert of the popular House of Tricks restaurant in downtown Tempe for the past 25 years, was honored at the 17th Annual Women in Business Conference. She was profiled in the May 5-18 issue of *Wrangler News*.

Trick has served on the boards of many organizations, including Tempe Municipal Arts Commission; Mill Avenue Merchants Association; Downtown Tempe Community; and Tempe Tourism Office, among others.

She has also had extensive involvement with Tempe Sister Cities and is a member of Local First Arizona.

Trick was awarded a Downtown Tempe Community MADEE Award and a Business Volunteer for the Arts Award from the Arts and Business Council.

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Cinemark Theatres, in conjunction with Warner Bros., hosts a Summer Classics series Wednesdays June 6 to July 25, with shows at 2 and 7 p.m.

It's a diverse batch of movies, all worth seeing, or re-seeing.

Here's a schedule:

**June 6:** *The Exorcist* (1973): In terms of shock, this highly influential horror favorite, based on William Peter Blatty's novel, has long since been left in the dust by the ghastliness of contemporary scare films. But

the acting, atmosphere and suspense, and the deft direction of William Friedkin, still hold up.



M.V. Moorhead

the greatest movies ever made, and not without reason. Directed, produced and co-written (with Herman Mankiewicz) by Orson Welles, this thinly-veiled, brilliantly-structured fictionalization of the life of William Randolph Hearst can suck you in like a great novel.

**June 20:** *Cool Hand Luke* (1967): "What we've got here...is failure to communicate." So, famously, says Strother Martin of his difficulties with Paul Newman, as the intractable title character of this prison yarn. Directed by Stuart Rosenberg, this was one of Newman's signature vehicles.

**June 27:** *The Searchers* (1956): After *Stagecoach*, this beautiful, complex western, about the search for a girl abducted by the Comanche, is probably the most famous of the collaborations between John Ford and John Wayne. Jeffery Hunter and Natalie Wood also star, and Henry Brandon is memorable as the Comanche Scar.

**July 4:** *That's Entertainment* (1974): This compilation of excerpts from vintage MGM musicals is, indeed, solid entertainment. But you have to wonder—on the Fourth of July, shouldn't Warner Bros. have shown *Yankee Doodle Dandy*?

**July 11:** *A Clockwork Orange* (1971): Stanley Kubrick's "ultra-violent" exploration of the limits of free will, based on the futuristic novel by Anthony Burgess, isn't for kids or the easily sickened. But both the filmmaking and Malcolm McDowell's performance still pack a punch. Beethoven may never sound the same to you again.



**July 18:** *North By Northwest* (1959): One of the most fun of Alfred Hitchcock's movies, this tongue-in-cheek thriller features Cary Grant as a sophisticated New York executive mistaken by murderous spies for their target. It's most famous for the scene in which Grant is strafed by a cropduster, and for the final chase across the face of Mt. Rushmore.

**July 25:** *Cabaret* (1972): Bob Fosse re-invented the movie musical with his amazing adaptation of the Kander and Ebb Broadway hit. Liza Minelli and Michael York star, and Joel Grey is unforgettable as the spectral Master of Ceremonies.

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Patty Leon holds forth at her new west Chandler store and gallery.

## Two new venues open to aspiring artists

Story & photos by Jennifer Pillen Banks

Most would agree that conceptualizing, executing and completing a work of art is a formidable task.

But for many artists and crafters, it's minor when compared to the feats of marketing and getting their wares before the eyes of potential buyers.

Two new spaces in the east Valley aim to ease those burdens.

"I have some people who start with no business name or business card," said Patty Leon, owner of Green Table Gifts, which provides space to local artists and crafters for a small rental fee and commission.

Each artist is also provided additional display elements, such as one of Leon's vintage doors or pieces of furniture, which the artist can use as a backdrop for signage, shelving and literature.

"I tell our artists that it's their mini store

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within a store," said Leon. "It really starts taking them to the next level."

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Those interested must submit pieces of art, décor or jewelry, which then go through a juried selection process.

"We consider what's going to be popular and how quickly they can make the items. If it takes months, they might not be able to keep up with demand," said Leon.

"We also look at what their involvement is going to be in marketing, talking about it, and hitting the pavement and sharing it," said Leon.

"We have a kind of co-op spirit. It's not the kind of place that they can just sign and forget about their items for months at a time."

Most artists sign up for a six-month contract. Spaces become available about once a month and, according to Leon, they usually go quickly.

Whether artists are selected also depends on the amount of space their pieces require. The shop tries to avoid the cluttered feel of many antique and vintage shops, said Leon. "We try to make it open and easy to spend time in."

All of the stuff in Green Table is both local and either hand-made or vintage, which is proving popular with the larger community.

Leon started with seven vendors. "I thought 'hot diggity dog'—we're doing good." But six months later she was ready to double the size and moved to her current, bigger location. And she's already at capacity with nearly 50 artists.

She attributes the business' success to a willingness to go with the flow and to never say no. "When someone comes with a custom request, we try really hard to find an artist who can fill it, or I try to figure

it out myself," said Leon.

Green Table is also one of only two stores in Arizona selected to carry Annie Sloan paint, a chalk-based product that can be applied to nearly any surface, including metal, vinyl, leather, concrete and finished or unfinished wood.

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Downtown Tempe resident and artist Kate Foreman wanted an art space on Mill Avenue that appealed to the visual arts and so began talks with Downtown Tempe Community Inc., a nonprofit devoted to improvement of the Mill Avenue District.

"She also needed a space to work, a challenge for many artists," said John Gleason, studio manager and member artist.

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## Artists

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The gallery space, which resides in the Centerpoint on Mill building, was eventually donated by DMB Commercial, and it opened in November 2011.

"It's a really beautiful, generous opportunity that they've offered me not only as an artist but as a resident of the east Valley and metro Phoenix," said Gleason, who himself has been a working artist for 20 years.

Artists pay a rental fee of \$100-\$275 a month, which is enough to cover the overhead costs to keep the building open.

They must also commit to on-site volunteer hours and are encouraged to use the space to create as well.

"It's an interesting work experience," said Gleason.

"When given the opportunity to talk with people and hear their questions, so much of that encompasses who you become as an artist and promotes a little bit of growth, too."

While Gleason, who describes himself as a social creature, appreciates the break from long hours alone in a private studio, he admits that working in an open gallery



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After two decades as a working artist, John Gleason now has a venue to display his own creations and those of others.

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"You can have a restaurant that suddenly wants a patio facing the canal bank or the Salt River, making it a more interesting, usable space for everyone," said Iwerson.

"For example, Hayden's Ferry and other developments along Rio Salado Town Lake helped pay for light poles, concrete and trees, along with connecting the path projects to their buildings and patios. They help pay for them, but benefit from them as well," said Iwerson.

Tempe City Council has been strongly committed to bike-path projects, landscaping and public art, said Iwerson, and continues to expand and improve paths.

The next project, for which the city already has secured federal funding, will extend the path along the Rio Salado to the eastern edge of the airport and eastward from Tempe Marketplace to Mesa's Riverview project and the future Cubs stadium.

Recent improvements to the Western Canal Path in the Kyrene Corridor have included paving and beautifying the paths, adding lights and adding stop lights where the paths cross major streets.

Kyrene Corridor Rotary Club meets Mondays at 12:10 p.m., except holidays, at Kobe Japanese Steak House (SW corner of Elliot and Hardy). Upcoming speakers include Denny Barney, who is running for Maricopa County Supervisor (June 4) and Glenn Capeloto, author of *You're in the Front Row*.

## Marquez named to board of world Hispanic network

City of Chandler Communications Director Nachie Marquez has been appointed to the board of the International Hispanic Network.

She was recognized and seated during IHN's International conference in San Antonio, Texas.

During the one-year appointment, Marquez will chair the organization's Communications Committee and serve with government leaders from across the country.

IHN is the leading support organization for Hispanic local government professionals.

Established by the International City-County Management Association in 1991, IHN provides specialized services and support to Hispanic local government professionals and through them to the broader Hispanic community.

Marquez was named Chandler's first communications and public affairs director in September 2000.

She previously was communications director for

the city of Tempe for four years starting in 1996.

She oversees the Mayor and City Council Office, Public Information and Video Production offices, Web coordination, publications, graphic design, print, mail and graphics, as well as having the responsibility of enhancing Chandler's image locally, regionally and nationally.

Her accomplishments include serving as Super Bowl coordinator for Super Bowl XXX, which was played at ASU's Sun Devil Stadium in Tempe, and receiving the 2007 Valle del Sol's Profile of Success Exemplary Leadership Award.

Marquez is a life member of the ASU Alumni Association, as well as a member of the Public Relations Society of America-Phoenix Chapter, the City-County Communications and Marketing Association, and ASU President's Minority Advisory Council. She also serves on the National Hispanic American Educational Fund Awards Committee.

She has two sons, Derek and Taylor, with her husband of 27 years, Dr. Juan Marquez.



Nachie Marquez

## College lists winners of 2012 Teal & Silver awards

Chandler-Gilbert Community College has again honored recipients of its annual Teal & Silver awards.

Ten awards were presented, recognizing students, employees, programs, services and the college community for their efforts and support of the college.

Award recipients included Ginny Foltz, alumnus; Frank Pezzorello, Advisory Council member; Orbital Science Corporation, Camille Cisek and Rick Kettner, donors; John Garrard, vendor; Dr. Mitzi Montoya, university colleague; Mary O'Connor, community college colleague; Brian Yee, K-12 school colleague; Gilbert Mayor John Lewis, community leader; Mike Grounds, and DeAnna Yazzie, community organization partners.

The recipients were recognized by CGCC President Dr. Linda Lujan.

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# Notebook

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Colo., next fall, led the team in kills, with 285 or 2.7 a game and had 33 aces and 50 blocks.

“Alexa has always been a great leader,” said Maxfield. “She works hard and never gives excuses. Ft. Lewis will benefit from her energy and love of the game.”

**Dominic Mercurio**, the Aztecs’ leading rusher carrying over 1223 yards on 187 carries and scoring 11 of Corona’s 13 rushing touchdowns his senior season, signed to played at Menlo College in Atherton, Calif.

“Dominic is a very talented athlete, who...could become an outstanding college football player,” said coach **Thomas Joseph**. “He is also going to an outstanding academic school where...he could have a lot of job opportunities when he finishes school. We at Corona wish him all the best.”

**Lani Redmond** will be playing softball at Phoenix College next year while **Paige Vallejos** signed a letter of intent to play softball for the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.

“Lani is an amazing second baseman and team

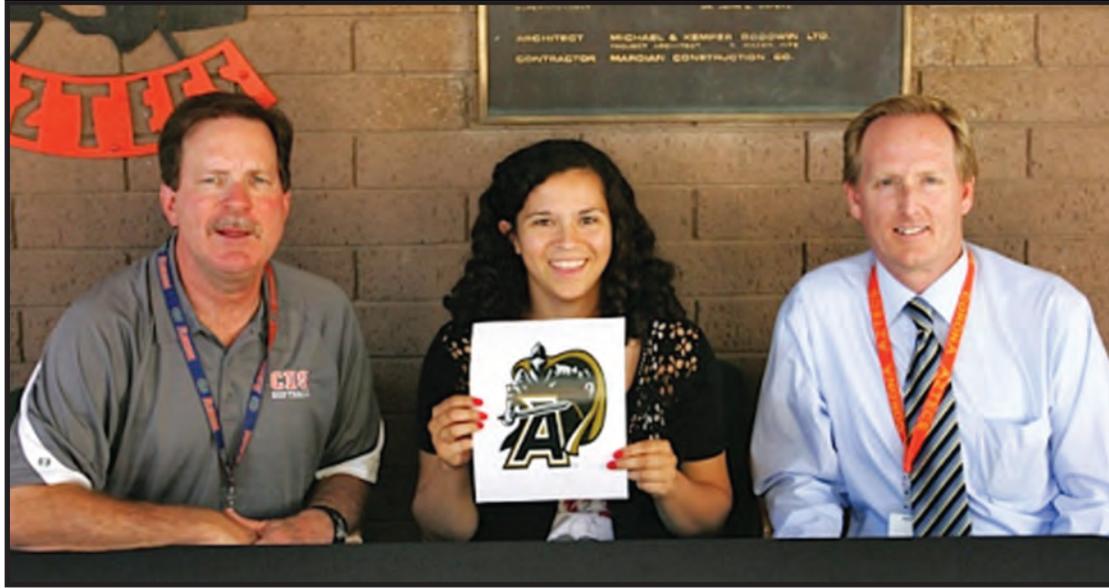
captain who led by example,” said coach **Jeep Ray**. “Page is an outstanding person who was a four-year letter winner. She was an excellent role model who led by example on and off the field. Both are wonderful kids that I am thankful to have had in our Corona softball program”

**Megan Benson** is probably best know for running the hurdles but she also was a contributing team member of several different relay teams over her four years at Corona. She will be continuing her success at UC Irvine next year.

“Megan has a passion for track. She came out and worked hard at practice every day which helped in being awarded twice Track Athlete of the Year and her three state place finishes,” said coach **Tim Kelly**. “She will represent Corona very well at the next level and will have a terrific career.”

**Dana McKenzie** solidified her ongoing recruiting relationship with Nebraska by signing a letter of intent recently with the Cornhuskers. She will most likely compete in the high jump but she had broadened her scope the last couple of years to successfully compete in numerous other running and field events.

“Dana came to like track and field and found a home in running multiple events from hurdles, to high jump to long jump to the triple jump,” said Kelly. “She was a Joe Sellah award winner as well as the Field Event Athlete of the year.



Paige Vallejos is joined by Corona Athletic Director Dan Nero, left, and Principal Brent Brown during signing ceremonies for her letter of intent to play softball at U.S. Military Academy at West Point.

— Photo courtesy Kris Cartwright

Two girls who had contributed the last four years to the rising success of Corona’s track and field team signed letters of intent recently.

long jump to the triple jump,” said Kelly. “She was a Joe Sellah award winner as well as the Field Event Athlete of the year.

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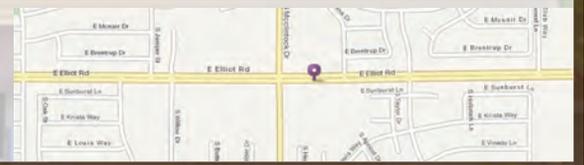


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# Marketing

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funded department,” said Dudenhoefer, whose salary comes from that source as well.

Much of the district’s revenue has been generated through recreation activities, after-school care, early learning centers, and youth and adult enrichment classes, among other such programs.

More recently, Kyrene has created a Marketing Advisory Committee, made up of marketing and communication-savvy parents and community members willing to donate time and talent to help

develop new strategies. The district had success last year with the similarly fashioned Citizen’s Budget Council.

The main goal of the new marketing group, which met for the first time early last month, is to expand the types and amount of communication offered by the district without adding any staff or cost.

“With the information and advice from this group and maybe some actual writing and graphics work, we could accomplish more than what we’ve been able to accomplish in the past,” said Dudenhoefer. “In particular because everyone (in the group) would be most likely a parent, we can provide some of the things that parents feel they would really like to have in the area of communications.”

Initial tasks and projects include creating a parent resource guide (electronic and hard copy), improving Kyrene’s presence on Great Schools and other web-based school review sites, and improving parent communication regarding the middle- to high-school transition.

“There is a great pocket of talent out there,” said Dudenhoefer. “Volunteering in the classroom and volunteering at the school level is sometimes difficult for working parents and doesn’t always match a parent’s interest or skill set. This gives them another way to get involved.”

Zach, who is creative director for the marketing

firm Fresh Words Ink, is one such parent.

“I like to be able to participate in the community and volunteer in my children’s schools, and this committee fit with my interests and desires.”

Perhaps more important:

“I really value our school district,” said Zach.

In these modern times of expanded school choice and competition, a school district’s sustainability seems to rest in part on convincing other parents that they should, too.

## Expansion project continues at Chandler Regional

Expansion work continues at Chandler Regional Medical Center, with the south parking lot nearly complete and due to open shortly. Landscaping for the lot is also nearing completion. The Kitchell and Orcutt-Winslow design build team will focus the remainder of the week on cleaning up the area and preparing it to be turned over for use.

Efforts to relocate the fire line to the Morrison Building are also in progress.

Latest activities include:

Finishing site demolition;

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# Artists

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space "isn't everybody's cup of tea. Some artists really require solitude."

There are currently eight member artists, and space is still available. Montage also features six to eight rotating Arizona artists, who have a consignment relationship with the gallery.

To apply, artists must submit 10-15 slides or photographs of works they have done in the last year to 18 months, a biography and resume. Work is then judged by an independent jury.

Leases are typically for six months or a year.

Aside from the artists, the public seems to appreciate the new use of this space as well.

People who work in Mill Avenue's business community often stop in.

"A couple of them have said, 'It's so nice to be able to come in, relax, take a breath and get out of the harried mindset I'm in as I go about my day,'" said Gleason.

The studio also provides numerous low-cost classes and events for both adults and youth.

It recently hosted "Paint Out Tempe," a contest in which artists had six hours to paint a canvas. The winner received a solo exhibition in one of the gallery spaces.

Future plans include renting the space for parties, fundraising and corporate events.

*For more information on hours, current artists and upcoming classes and events:*

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# Tapping into social media proves a 'Lucky Break' for new area bar, grill

By M.V. Moorhead

It's generally agreed that word of mouth is the best advertising there is. But word of mouth isn't the same thing now that it used to be—the words are often tapped out on a keyboard, and the mouth is often a social media site.

Jared Fenix, general manager of Lucky Break

Billiards Bar & Grill doesn't think he employs social media excessively, by today's standards, to market the sports bar on Baseline in Tempe.

"But it's a sign of the times," says Fenix.

Therefore, indeed, a whole Lucky Break community can be found online, on Facebook and Twitter, as well as on the place's own website (luckybreakaz.com).

Since I have less computer savvy than an untrained gibbon, Fenix and I mostly confine our conversation to Facebook, the one social media site that I can use a little. "It's the most popular," he observes. "People just like going on there."

If they do, they can find a lively page devoted to Lucky Break. The key, says Fenix, is to use the page not only to plug special events, like Bracket challenges or NFL Draft parties, or menu items at the place itself, but to promote general interest and interaction, especially regarding the sporting events that patrons come in to watch.

"Like the other night, when the Coyotes played their last game, we posted thanking them for a great season, stuff like that," Fenix says. "We try to stay in the know with what's going on around town. We post little polling questions, yes or no, for or against, on little topics. The idea is, if they're a friend of our page, their friends see us, and it helps drive traffic to us."

None of which means, of course, that Lucky Break has abandoned conventional advertising. "You can't do one without the other," says Fenix, who advertises

the bar and its events on Xtra Sports Talk Radio.

"Radio was very successful for us during March Madness and Spring Training. We also do print, in the *Wrangler News* and *Lakes Log*, and also in the *New Times*."

All of this has been a factor in getting new customers through door of Lucky Break, which opened around the beginning of the year. But it's the lively, friendly atmosphere—and the food—that's kept them coming back. Initially focused on large gourmet burgers, the place now offers selections beyond pub grub: "We just revamped the menu mid-April," says Fenix, "adding some entrees, such as fish n' chips and pasta primavera. It's added a lot of balance to the menu."

His own favorites? "I have three. First, the boneless wings. We make 'em from scratch, and the chicken's amazing. Second, the Monte Twisto."

As the name implies, this is a twist on the Monte Cristo. "Instead of being deep fried it's just the French toast. It's more like a regular sandwich. We have a group that comes in on Wednesdays from southwest airlines that probably eats three or four of them"

Fenix's third favorite is the peppercorn burger—black pepper, mushrooms, bacon, Monterrey Jack cheese and onion sauce.

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- June 13 – Regensburg, Germany
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## Do you know which fireworks are legal in Tempe?

Celebrating with sparklers in Tempe this July 4th is allowed, but the Tempe Fire and Police departments remind residents that many other types of fireworks are illegal to use within city limits.

A state law that took effect in 2011 allows for the sale of consumer fireworks at retail and temporary locations, while still allowing Arizona cities and towns to ban their use. Last year, the Tempe City Council joined several other communities across the state in banning the use of consumer fireworks to prevent injuries and fires.

Novelty fireworks are still allowed to be used in Tempe; they include handheld sparklers, smoke devices, party poppers, snappers and snakes. Consumer fireworks are illegal to use within city limits; they include ground-based sparklers in cylindrical, square, cone or rocket shapes, as well as aerial fireworks like roman candles, firecrackers, sky rockets and bottle rockets.

Tempe's ban applies only to consumer fireworks. Professional fireworks displays, such as those at the annual July 4th and New Year's Eve events are not affected. The ban does not apply to Maricopa County islands within Tempe city limits. The penalty for violating the city's ordinance is a minimum fine of \$250.

The ordinance also allows Tempe to recoup expenses if emergency services are needed in conjunction with the use of consumer fireworks.



## Cool off at Kiwanis

You don't need to head to the beach to catch some waves—Kiwanis Wave Pool is open all summer! Now through the end of July, Kiwanis Wave Pool will be open 1-5 p.m. on weekdays and will stay open on weekends through August 26. Bring the whole family on select weekends from 1-3 p.m. for theme days:

- July 7-8: Air Conditioning Appreciation Weekend
- July 21-22: Big Brothers and Big Sisters
- August 12: Boy Scouts' Day
- August 26: Grandparents' Day

## Historic Hayden Flour Mill reopens as an event venue

Since 1998, the Hayden Flour Mill has been closed to the public. On Sept. 20, the site will open again with a community celebration worthy of one of Tempe's best loved icons.

The City of Tempe and the Rio Salado Foundation have restored the grounds of the Hayden Flour Mill as an event venue, a recreation site and an interpretative museum. Improvements include the opportunity for people to look through the ground-floor windows of the mill to see some of the equipment that was used to grind

flour. Nearby plaques explain what can be seen. The site includes a stage and concert lawn, as well as a small grove of trees for shady picnics.

The free grand opening event on Sept. 20, from 5-10 p.m., will include music, history tours, activities for the family and more. The date is also the first of the Downtown Tempe Community's fall Third Thursday series.

More details can be found at [www.tempe.gov/haydenflourmill](http://www.tempe.gov/haydenflourmill). The Hayden Flour Mill is located at the southeast corner of Mill Avenue and Rio Salado Parkway.

## Tempe street striping scheduled to continue through November

Between now and November, the City of Tempe will be striping the entire Tempe roadway network. Striping will occur from 2 a.m. to 1 p.m. weekdays.

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## 'Bullyproofing' Strategies outlined to educate kids, parents

By Mike Sissel

Recent research suggests that bullying is quickly becoming a national epidemic. A 2011 study found that 40 percent of teachers and school staff consider bullying a moderate or major problem in their schools and that 32 percent of students ages 12-18 experience bullying.

It's projected that 13 million kids will be bullied in the U.S. this year. It's a topic that has captured the attention of every demographic in America. In fact, three films about bullying, including a documentary titled *Bully*, help explain the rise in questions like "What can be done to stop bullying?"

In my years as a fourth- and fifth-grade teacher, I witnessed my fair share of bullying incidents and spent hours lecturing bullies on everything that was wrong with their choices. Unfortunately, whether it was keeping them in for lunch recess or calling their parents to discuss the severity of their actions, my efforts to deter future acts of bullying rarely succeeded.

What resulted were more subtle forms of bullying (such as name calling or threats) which occurred outside the classroom and out of my immediate control. Herein lies the true paradox of bullying. Much of it is happening outside of adult supervision and the victims are therefore left to fend for themselves, which proves to be an extremely difficult task given the complex nature of the.

So what can be done to stop bullying? Believe it or not, my answer is actually in the form of another question that will reveal a much different approach to the bullying epidemic.

*What can be done to empower those who are susceptible to bullying?*

Rather than treating the various symptoms (the numerous incidents of bullying) with countless anti-bullying campaigns, the question causes us to look at the root of the problem and aims to empower potential victims with tools and strategies that will ultimately change bullying from the inside-out.

In my experience, the only sure fire way to stop bullying is to "bullyproof" our youth so they feel equipped to navigate through these challenging circumstances.

"How can we do this?" We begin the process by addressing some of the pink elephants in the room such as self-esteem and emotional intelligence.

These are topics few like to talk about, but the repercussions of silence can sometimes be tragic.

Why not give our youth a chance to openly discuss these kinds of topics and create a safe space for vulnerability.

Let's face it: all of us (young or old) could be susceptible to bullying at one time or another in our lifetime. No one is immune.

So let's begin the "bullyproofing" process together by empowering our youth with critical life skills that will give them hope in what may seem like a hopeless situation.

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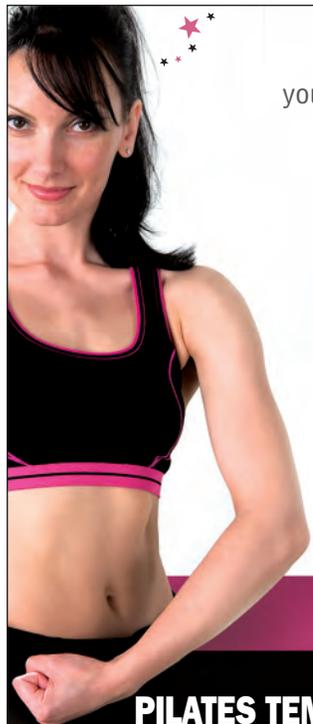
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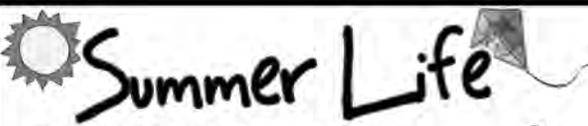
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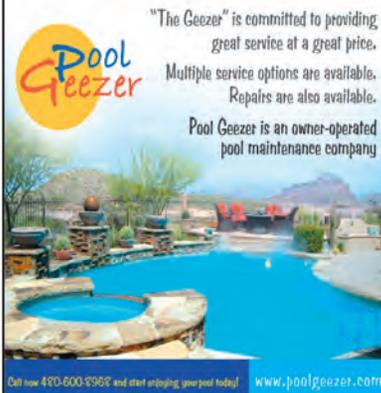
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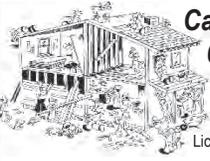
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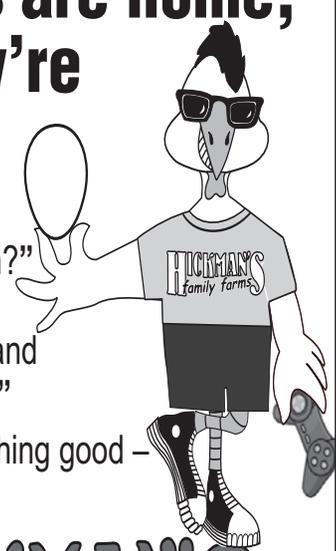
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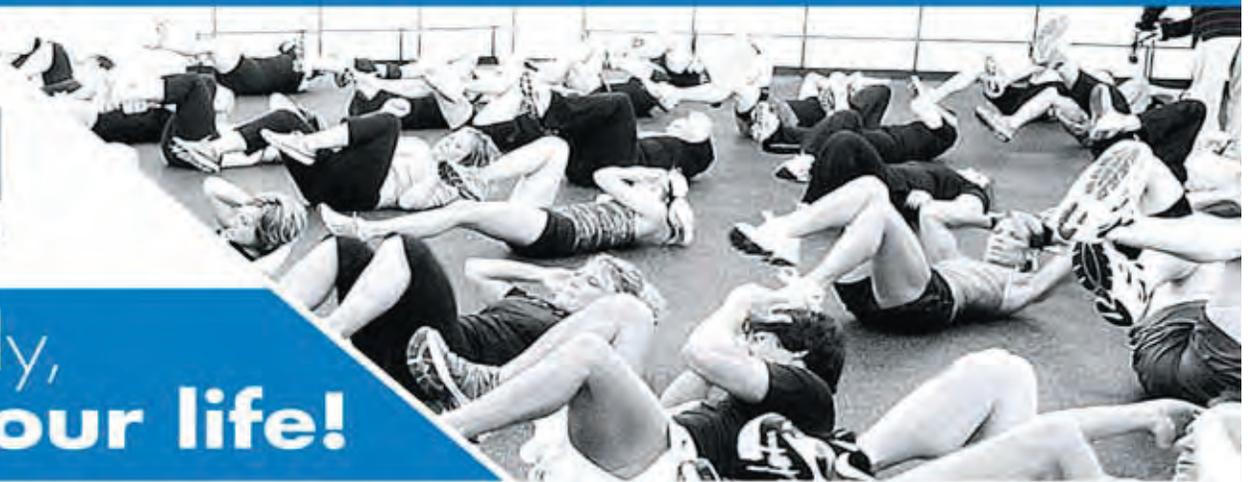
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