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# Wrangler NEWS



When everybody in the family loves baseball, developing a passion for the game comes naturally. Damon DeVirgilio has been playing almost since he learned to walk. So who does the Aztec senior credit for getting an early start? His dad, who taught him the basics and was his #1 supporter from age 3.

*Details by Alex Zener in this issue's Sports Section, pages 17-20 • Photo by Billy Hardiman/Wrangler News*

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# Earthquake tragedy in Nepal's capital may have destroyed some of its history but not recollections of area exec's visit

It was February 2014, and longtime Tempe insurance agent Mary Contreras had embarked on what she remembers as the trip of a lifetime.

Joined by 11 other Valley businesswomen, Contreras had been transported into a world of ancient ritual, unqualified friendship and almost indescribable beauty. It was an experience that unfolded the moment the group's plane landed in the Nepalese capital of Katmandu and did not end until they headed back home two weeks later.

Now, having spent days concerned over the fate of her newfound acquaintances whose lives recently were disrupted by a tragedy of historic proportions, Contreras finally was able to learn, happily, that most of those friends survived.

One, a Nepalese matriarch who has led

Nepal's campaign to help women pursue business opportunities in a land stuck in an oppressive past, was in Boston for medical care when the earthquake hit, taking thousands of lives and destroying centuries-old landmarks and places of worship.

Another, the woman's son, also survived and, as soon as communications were restored, emailed the Valley women and others to report he was safe.

"This is typical of the way these people feel and think," said Contreras, noting that their combined kindness and generosity cannot be rivaled in any other part of the world she has visited.

"When you arrive in the country, they greet you with a prayer, a sign of deep reverence and respect. It's really an inspirational experience,"



One of the Nepalese capital's most revered sites was severely damaged in the quake.

said Contreras.

As the people now try to dig their way out of rubble, Contreras laments the fact that some of the country's most historic shrines have been destroyed or wrecked. In Durbar Square, home to one of the temples that Contreras remembers as a gathering place for children, is now severely damaged, upsetting not only a thousand years of history but its role

as a modern-day gathering place for youngsters to remember and revere their forebears.

"These are kind, wonderful, giving people whose goal is to bring goodness to the world," Contreras said. "Now, at least until they recover, these efforts have had to be put on hold."

On April 27, Contreras received

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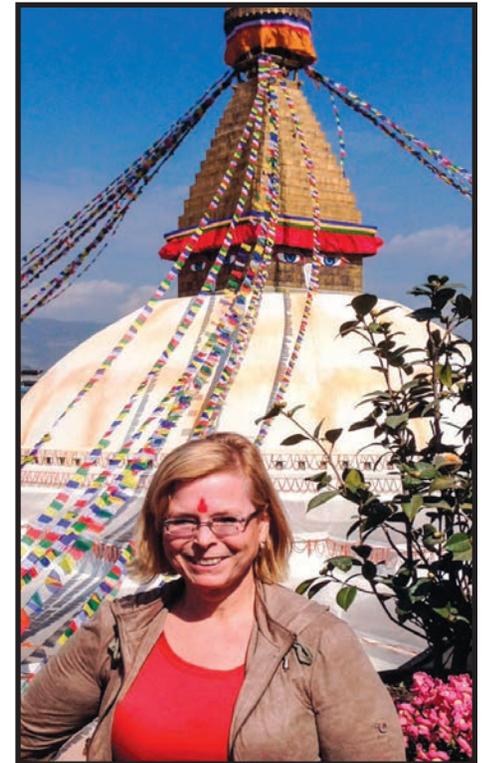
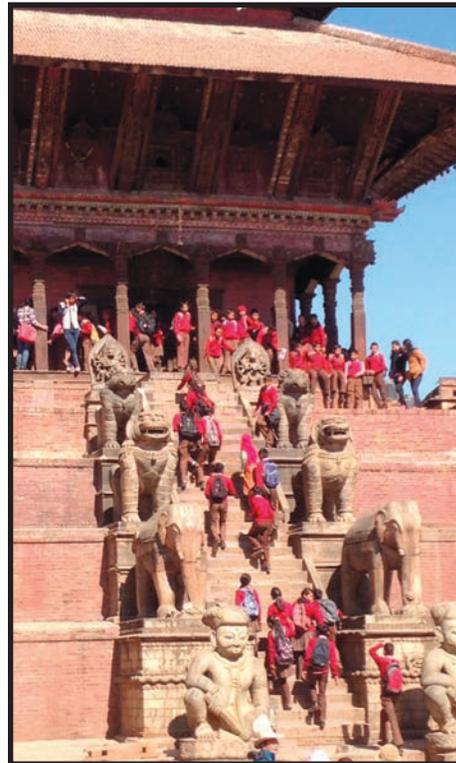
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Durbar Square, left, and Mary Contreras on steps of the revered place of worship before earthquake struck.

## Nepal

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another email update from one of the community leaders she met in Katmandu, Dr. Sanduk Ruit, an ophthalmologist who temporarily set aside his everyday eye practice to provide general medical care for the multitude of injured.

Excerpts follow from the latest email received from Katmandu:

“All of our HCP team are safe, but several have lost their homes. Many acquaintances have died. Sanduk said strong aftershocks are continuing. Many of the outlying communities and villages are completely destroyed.

Power, water and transportation are devastated. Tilganga Eye Hospital is working around the clock treating patients with eye trauma and also other injuries. The Himalayan Cataract Project will be helping fund direct relief and free treatment for trauma victims with a special account. There will be no administrative overhead and Dr. Ruit will coordinate in Nepal.

Here is an earlier report from Ruit: “This is one of the worst natural disasters in my lifetime. A major 7.8 Richter-scale earthquake struck 24 hours ago, followed by more than 100 aftershocks and one earthquake measuring 6.9 Richter scale some time ago. The scale of human casualty will be more than 2,500. But there will be thousands left homeless in many parts of Nepal where life is much more difficult.

“For these families, to tune up to normalcy will take a very long time. The most affected areas has been the areas where Tilganga is most active, and we

understand the locality very well. There are very hearty and generous messages from friends all over the world, who want to be helpful.

“I think it will be good for Tilganga to spearhead an effective platform to help the country and its beautiful people with the support from all our friends around the world. Presently, everything is going at a warpath pace, and the country is in state of emergency. All efforts have been launched to save and retrieve people from the wreckage, hoping they will live and be given medical treatment.

“The state seems to be coordinating all the acute relief quite well in spite of all the constraints. The second phase will be to give a longer treatment to some of the casualties and provide immediate relief to the ones without shelter.

“It is really a tragic part that we have been left with total or semi damaged cultural heritages mostly in Kathmandu, Patan and Bhaktapur. The restoration of these will be a long haul for the state. The longer term relief would be to rehabilitate the homeless, mentally struck inhabitants of some remote areas. I would appeal to all our friends around the world who have loved our work and loved this country and its people.

“We are quite happy to build a strong, effective platform to coordinate this in a small way. Again, many thanks from the heart for the compassion you have shown in such an unforeseen moment.”

*For ways to provide assistance to the beleaguered capital and its people, or to learn more about the Himalayan Cataract Project, visit [www.cureblindness.org](http://www.cureblindness.org).*

— Don Kirkland

## ¡Aye, Chihuahua! Recalling a TV favorite, the Taco Bell spokesdog

**T**hey may be small in stature but their stubby little legs belie a considerable largess in entertainment value.

Chihuahuas, which were catapulted into special fame several years ago based on their cries of “Yo Quiero Taco Bell,” will reappear for a day of fun and excitement at the 18th annual Cinco de Mayo Celebration and Chihuahua Races on Saturday, May 2, in downtown Chandler.

Presented by the Si Se Puede Foundation, the festive event will be free from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The gates will then close and reopen at 3 p.m. with a \$10 per person admission fee (\$5 off with a Chandler Public Library card. Children 12 and under are free.

The event includes entertainment, a car show, food vendors and a Día de los Niños Health Fair. The Chandler Library will offer craft making and informational activities, and HALO Animal Rescue will have Chihuahuas available for adoption from 3 to 7 p.m.

The health fair is sponsored by the United Healthcare Community Plan and will include free health screenings and healthy-living information from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Popular races and crowning of the king and queen of Chihuahuas will be from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Registration for the races runs 2:30 to 4 p.m. and is open to the first 150 dogs. The cost to enter a dog is \$20.

The fee to register a competitor for coronation as king and queen of chihuahuas is \$10. Pre-registration for the races and coronation is available online through May 2 by visiting [www.sisepuede.cc](http://www.sisepuede.cc).

From 3 p.m. to midnight, there will be wine tasting and margarita contests, as well as a beer garden for those 21 years and older.

The entertainment lineup includes Latin All-Stars, Carmella y Mas (Latin Jazz), La Voz Diamante (Olivia Calderon - Mariachi) and others.

Event sponsors include Si Se Puede Foundation, United Health Care, La Tri Color, Jose, ESPN Deportes, KUPD, City of Chandler, Chandler Public Library, State Farm, Crescent Crown, Wild Horse Pass Development Authority, SRP, Cox Communications, Amica Insurance, Risas Dental, Teleguia and Crescent Crown Distributing.

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Karen Born of Tempe-based Bobbie's Flowers finds herself surrounded by one of Mother's Day's most popular blossoms.

— Wrangler News photo by Billy Hardiman

## Despite shift to new varieties, Tempe florist reports carnations still top the list for Mother's Day

*Flowers or not, what moms really want is to be remembered*

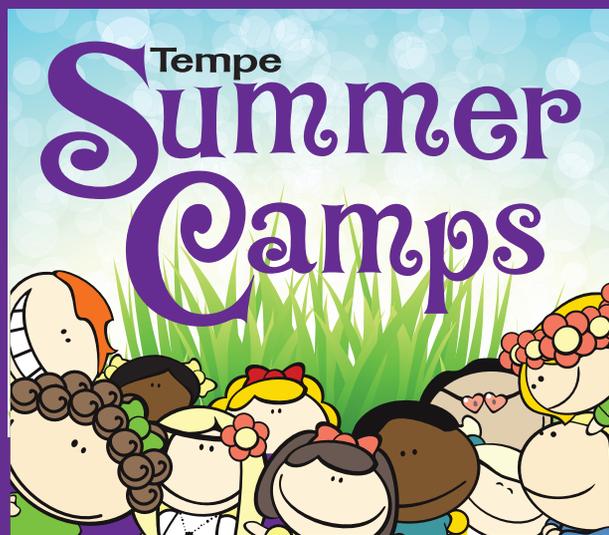
By Deborah Hilcove

Each of us has one. Some of us may have several. Perhaps they're living or maybe they're gone. Some are birth, foster, adoptive. Many serve in the military; others are away on business. Some wait in prison or in

mental hospitals; others walk the streets or sleep on park benches.

Some enjoy a penthouse; others love their ranch or trailer home.

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An estimated 85 million mothers live in the United States. It's the peak day for long-distance phone calls and the busiest day of the year for most restaurants. Next to Christmas, it's the day of most gift-giving, and according to an informal Hallmark survey, more than 96 percent of American customers mark the holiday, most often with cards and flowers.

No one knows this better than Jimmy Davis, owner of Tempe-based, family-owned Bobbie's Flowers.

Davis anticipates a busy holiday again this year, noting that he'll hire an extra 10-15 drivers, three or four designers and probably another three or four phone operators.

Mother's Day has an advantage, he says, because "unlike Valentine's Day, it's not just one day. We can deliver Thursday through Sunday. Moms are happy as long as they're remembered."

As to what's new on the Mother's Day scene, Davis suggests flower preferences are shifting. Whereas white or pink carnations are traditionally associated with Mother's Day, he receives many requests for multicolored Spring flowers, like stocks, larkspur, tulips, daisies and roses.

"There's a trend toward orchids, with Dendrobium and Cymbidium

becoming really popular," he says. "And I'm getting a lot of requests for lime green and plum-colored flowers." He continues:

"We've been doing a lot of cubes and cylinders. Now people are asking for tight, compact bunches of flowers. Rounded. Another trend is more stylized arrangements, set in a low tray, with birds of paradise and Dendrobiums. A 'Zen' look."

But what about those carnations, the traditional Mother's Day flowers?

"Oh, I'll have plenty of those, too. I drive over to San Diego on Fridays, go to the flower market," he says.

"That's why my flowers are so fresh. I'll probably have another 2,000-2,500 carnations by then. Those are shipped in from either Colombia and Ecuador, or from Mexico. Much better quality control."

Davis looks out his office window at the customers who just walked in, checks to make sure someone is helping them.

"I'm not a designer," he says.

"My dad was, though. I'm more interested in the business side."

He checks again on his customers, nods and picks up where the conversation left off:

"People tend to think carnations are cheap. They aren't. They often cost more than roses when you're looking

for good quality. Strong stems, a good flower."

In between phone calls, Davis suggests a look at his walk-in refrigerator. Measuring about 800 square feet and chilly enough to cause shivers, the room is lined neatly with work tables and buckets filled with multi-colored flowers.

"It's almost bigger than my first

apartment," Davis laughs.

"And, yes, there will be plenty of pink and white carnations for Mother's Day."

Getting back to his office, he summarizes:

"Moms don't always care about what kind of flowers or the arrangement. They just want to be remembered."



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sharing one of their loaves with a local organization, experiencing what teachers say is the joy and satisfaction that comes from helping others.

Schools taking part in this project include Carminati, Fuller and Rover, along with Scales Technology Academy and Ward Traditional Academy. Each school will be donating the bread to local charities, including Tempe Community Council and United Food Bank.

On May 4, students from Fuller Elementary were scheduled to be joined by United Food Bank President Ginny Hildebrand, who planned to accept an anticipated 200 of the freshly baked loaves after students created a "bread line."

"This is a wonderful opportunity for students to do a service project," said Fuller PACE Teacher Dianna Dohm.

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CLASS 3:	11:20am - 12:40pm
Lunch Break:	12:40pm - 1:10pm
CLASS 4:	1:10pm - 2:30pm
CLASS 5:	2:40pm - 4:00pm

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**Session I: June 1 - June 11**  
Student Art Show & Performances: June 10  
**Session 2: June 15 - June 25**  
Student Art Show & Performances: June 24

### Visual Arts Classes:

#### Claymation

Introduces stop-motion animation, as seen in *The Nightmare Before Christmas* and *Wallace and Gromit*. Supply fee: \$10

**Session 1: 2:40pm - 4:00pm**

**Session 2: 11:20am - 12:40pm**

#### Throw, Shape & Fire

Students get fired up with pottery techniques, like hand-building and throwing on a wheel. Supply fee: \$10

**Session 1: 8:10am - 9:30am • 9:40am - 11:00am • 1:10pm - 2:30pm**

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#### Color My World

The Art of Painting. Learn about 2D and 3D artwork through various drawing and painting techniques and processes. Supply fee: \$10

**Session 1: 11:20am - 12:40pm • 1:10pm - 2:30pm**

**Session 2: 11:20am - 12:40pm • 1:10pm - 2:30pm**

#### Frame, Focus & Snap!

Introduces black and white photography, film, film developing, and digital photography. Supply fee: \$15

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**Session 2: 8:10am - 9:30am • 9:40am - 11:00am**

#### Make, Model & Mold

Introduces various 3D arts in different mediums. Supply fee: \$10

**Session 1: 2:40pm - 4:00pm**

**Session 2: 2:40pm - 4:00pm**

#### Urban Art

Combines street art and graffiti techniques inspired by the diversity and complexity of the urban lifestyle. Supply fee: \$10

**Session 2: 1:10pm - 2:30pm**

### Performance Arts Classes:

#### Strum!

Guitar players can develop their musical skills, appreciation and understanding. Beginners welcome!

**Session 1: 11:20am - 12:40pm**

#### 88 Keys

Develop basic piano skills, or expand existing skills. Learn about hand positioning, musical notation and performance.

**Session 2: 8:10am - 9:30am**

#### Bang & Boom

Explores many percussion instruments (marimbas, garbage cans, etc.) and learn about performing in groups.

**Session 1: 11:20am - 12:40pm**

**Session 2: 8:10am - 9:30am • 9:40am - 11:00am**

#### Steel Drums Band

Learn to play steel drums! This class prepares students for involvement in performance groups

**Session 1: 8:10am - 9:30am • 9:40am - 11:00am**

#### Zoom-ba!

Combine dancing and aerobics in this lively work out! Incorporates hip-hop, soca, salsa, merengue and mambo.

**Session 1: 9:40am - 11:00am**

#### Shimmy & Shake

This dance class combines movement, rhythm and creativity. Various styles introduced. Beginners welcome!

**Session 1: 1:10pm - 2:30pm • 2:40pm - 4:00pm**

**Session 2: 11:20pm - 12:40pm • 1:10pm - 2:30pm • 2:40pm - 4:00pm**

#### Pitch-Perfect

Learn the basics of strong singing in this vocal-training class: voice control, pitch, projection and diction.

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**Session 2: 11:20am - 12:40pm • 1:10pm - 2:30pm**

#### Curtain Call

Introduces student to the dramatic arts. The student will have the opportunity to create an original short play.

**Session 1: 9:40am - 11:00am**

**Session 2: 2:40pm - 4:00pm**

#### A Musical Affair

This musical theater class combines jazz techniques, singing, acting and dancing in a fun, and fast-paced way.

**Session 1: 11:20am - 12:40pm**

**Session 2: 9:40am - 11:00am**

## 2 from Tempe only state teachers honored



Lisa Adams, top, and Jane Sparr Morgan, above.

Excelling in their high school classes evidently set a pair of young Tempe women on a path toward lifelong achievement.

The James Madison Foundation has awarded one of its coveted fellowships to Corona del Sol teacher Lisa Adams, a 1972 graduate of McClintock High School, for her dedication to civic education. Adams is the only teacher from Arizona to be recognized with the honor, which includes a \$24,000 graduate fellowship.

Another Corona teacher, Jane Sparr Morgan, was selected by the National Council for Geographic Education as one of its 2015 Distinguished Teachers. Only 16 K-12 teachers nationwide earned this year's award for excellence in teaching and leadership, and Morgan is only one from Arizona to be recognized.

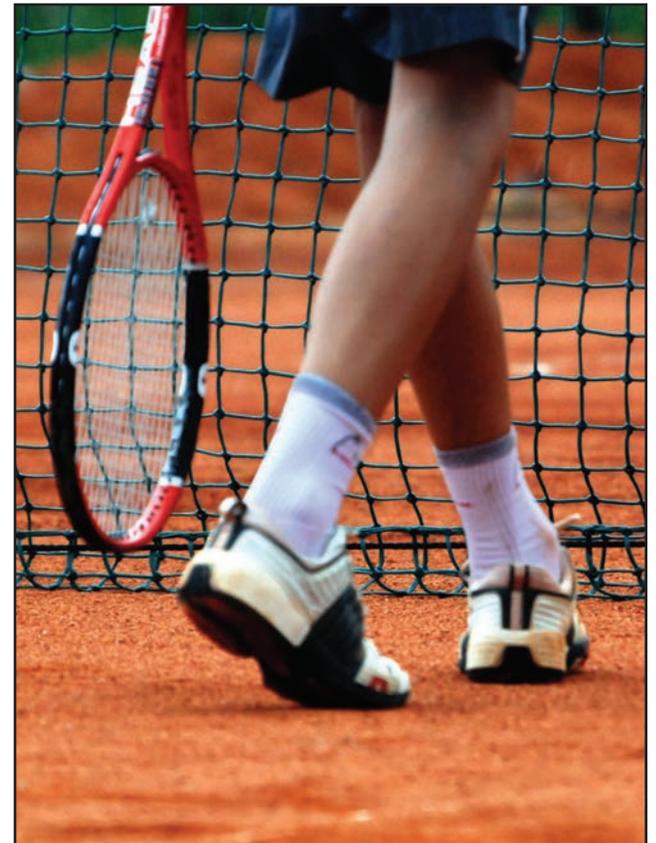
Morgan will be honored at a ceremony during the National Conference on Geography Education this summer in Washington, D.C., according to Jacqueline L. Waite, co-CEO of the National Council for Geographic Education.

"We could not be more excited about her contributions to geography education and to her students' learning," said Waite.

Morgan and Adams are alumni of the Tempe Union High School District and have more than 50 years of service combined as teachers in the district.

Morgan has spent her entire teaching career at Corona. Adams was recently one of just 23 teachers selected nationwide to join retired Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor's iCivics Teachers Council, a network of support for educators preparing the next generation of students to become knowledgeable and engaged citizens.

"Both women have dedicated their professional careers to the students of our district and are both products of the TUHSD," said Cheryl Jannuzzi, chair of Corona's Social Studies Department. "I am lucky to be the department chair of such an outstanding group of individuals."



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Rabbi Mendy Deitsch of Chabad of the East Valley will conduct the six-course sessions at 7:30 p.m. on Mondays starting May 11, at the Pollack Chabad Center for Jewish Life, 875 N. McClintock Drive, Chandler. "Just as science follows the

scientific method, Judaism has its own system to ensure authenticity remains intact," said Rabbi Zalman Abraham of the institute's New York headquarters.

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## Profile: Austin Hornbaker

# Determination kept motivated teen on a fast track to early graduation

By Sally Mesarosh

When Austin Hornbaker first walked into the guidance department at Corona del Sol High School, counselor Angela Carter knew she was dealing with an extraordinary 14-year-old.

"He brought me an Excel spreadsheet that plotted his academic path through high school," Carter said.

"Intent on graduating in three years, while also earning an associate's degree, he has never wavered from that path."

Now 17, Austin will graduate with two associates degree from Rio

Salado College on May 5, a couple of weeks before receiving his high school diploma from Corona.

To accomplish this, Austin said he used every resource available to him, earning credits at Rio Salado University, Mesa Community College, Chandler-Gilbert Community College and Arizona State University. He also took College Level Examination Program tests.

What prompted Austin's ambition to hop on the fast track to a college diploma?

"My motivation behind all this is that I can do it," said Austin, who ranks



Cycling is only one of Austin Hornbaker's pasttimes when he isn't studying. The Corona del Sol High School senior will receive two associates degrees from Rio Salado College before he graduates from Corona two weeks later.

— Hornbaker family photo

in the top 10 percent of his class. "My parents never pushed me. I just have this intrinsic compulsion to achieve my full potential, because anything less is a shame."

Austin first learned about dual enrollment and AP classes during his freshman year at Corona.

"I knew that dual enrollment was a great opportunity to earn college credit for high school courses, and for me, outweighed the gamble of taking AP tests for credit at a university," Austin said. "There is no exam for dual enrollment classes; as long as

you pass the class, you will receive college credit, and most, if not all, dual enrollment credits transfer to all in-state universities."

Rio Salado Dual Enrollment Site Coordinator Bob Brown said most dual enrollment students are able and ambitious students like Austin who align themselves with honors/AP classes, upper level math and science classes, and more rigorous electives.

"Austin is a unique student," Brown said. "Not only is he able and ambitious, he is graduating one year early from high school *and* is meeting



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all the requirements to earn both AA and AS degrees.”

Brown said Rio Salado College has experienced an increase lately in the number of students earning associate degrees by the time they complete high school.

“Two years ago, Rio had one student receive an associate degree,” Brown said. “Last year, Rio recognized roughly 13 students. This year, that number has increased to 35 students earning an associate degree plus three more that received their associate degree post-high school graduation.”

“As for Austin, what is unusual is the fact that he is accomplishing this feat one year earlier than the rest. As far as able and ambitious are concerned, he represents ‘the most’ in my book.”

In addition to Austin’s academic pursuits, he participates in sports and music activities. *Wrangler News* first reported on Austin in 2010 when, at age 12, he won the Junior Olympics National Championship Pentathlon Midget Boys category after training for only two months. He continued with his passion for athletics by participating in varsity track and cross country while at Corona and competed at a national-level track meet in California.

Cycling is Austin’s main hobby. Not only does he cycle around town, he has built bikes from scratch at Bike Saviours, a donation/volunteer bike shop near ASU.

“I love cycling because it is a great way to escape life, explore the city, clear my head and get exercise,” Austin said.

But there’s more. Austin participated in Corona’s award-

winning drum line, marching band and jazz band. An avid puzzle solver, Austin created the Cube Club at Corona, a club centered around puzzles like the Rubik’s Cube. He can solve a Rubik’s Cube in 14 seconds flat.

Counselor Carter said that for all of Austin’s accomplishments, one might think he’s just a robot, but he’s a genuinely nice guy.

“He is a charismatic and affable young man who is highly civic minded,” Carter said. “He has been a Minitown counselor, intent on promoting diversity and awareness.”

In the fall, Austin will pursue a bachelor’s degree in physics at ASU, his first two years already completed. With a four-year scholarship from ASU, he’s already contemplating a dual major, another minor or graduate level classes on the path to a Ph.D. Austin considers the possibility of working for NASA or CERN someday.

Does Austin have any regrets about education in the fast lane?

“I know that I’m sacrificing a lot for all this and am missing out on the ‘high school experience,’ “ Austin said. “But I think those things can wait. Being social isn’t limited to high school and my time is usually better spent being productive than socializing. It’s always a tough decision, and that’s why it’s not for everyone.”

“I know I have regrets about it, but I think I’d have a lot more regrets later looking back on all the opportunities I didn’t take.”

“I think the best analogy for what I’m doing is an investment. Like investing in a start-up business, the work I put in now will be exponentially more valuable with success than the same work put in later.”

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# Diversions

## For brothers Cavalera, a Tempe homecoming

By Chase Kamp

**P**rolifically brutal singer/guitarist Max Cavalera is the proud king of Arizona's reigning metal family. He and his younger brother Igor, a relentlessly powerful drummer, founded the legendary thrash metal band Sepultura in 1984 and have since become hailed as heavy metal stalwarts.

Like fellow metal patriarch and one-time tour mate Ozzy Osborne, Cavalera's wife has managed his bands for decades, and three of their sons play in their own hard-working metal bands around the Valley.

Yet it's been a difficult climb for the entire clan. Cavalera acrimoniously parted ways with Sepultura in 2001

and the bitterness between he and Igor was so strong that the two did not exchange a single word for 10 years.

The metal community at large was thrilled when the two eventually patched things up and, in 2007, started a new project, Cavalera Conspiracy, which finally rejoined Max's stunning growl with Igor's fierce drum clatter.

Cavalera Conspiracy will end its U.S. tour with a homecoming stop at the Marquee Theater in Tempe on May 5. Cavalera said he's particularly thrilled about the diverse lineup, which includes the thrash metal of California's Death Angel and journeyman rippers Corrosion of Conformity performing their definitive album *Blind* in its entirety.

"It'll have something for

everybody," he told *Wrangler News* during a phone interview, driving in the tour van through a cold afternoon outside Milwaukee.

The Cavalera clan has two homes in the Valley, and while he loves the desert, he and his wife often spend anywhere from six to 10 months of the year on the road with Conspiracy, Soulfly (Cavalera's popular post-Sepultura alternative metal band), or the metal super-group Killer Be Killed.

"Touring is what's left for us," he said. "You just don't sell CDs anymore. But it's killer. It's the best thing for a band."

Last year, Cavalera detailed his rise to metal prominence in an autobiography, *My Bloody Roots*, co-written by accomplished rock biographer Joel McIver.

He begins with his own and Igor's difficult upbringing in Brazil, all the way to their success with Sepultura, their eventual estrangement, the ascension of Soulfly and beyond.

Cavalera said recalling the details of his career's darker periods was no cake walk. "It was difficult but necessary, and I wanted to be as honest as possible," he said. "It was a painful process, but we had such a cool result."

The memoir has been translated into Portuguese and Polish. It also contains a fawning foreword from Dave Grohl, the Foo Fighters' founder and former Nirvana drummer, who holds Cavalera in high esteem among rock royalty.

"I was so glad to hear [Grohl] was honored to do it," Cavalera said. "It was cool that he remembered his metal roots."

Despite the turmoil of the past, Cavalera is happy to have shared the tale of his family's journey with his fans around the globe. "[The book] came out better than I thought," he said.

"Now that it's done, it feels like a relief. Here it is, all in one place. The story's always going to be there."

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# Sports

*With Alex Zener • Photos by Billy Hardiman*



Getting a solid grip on the starting block always helps ensure a fast getaway, a ritual repeated time and again by Corona teammates when the Aztecs come away victorious. Corona runners placed first at recent Basha Relays and again at the subsequent + Stampede competition at Tempe High School.



Sophomore Slade Summers



## Aztecs emerge

**C**orona's boys and girls track and field teams took first place at the Basha Relays, with the boys compiling 75 points and defeating Highland, which was second, with 69 points. The girls team also won, with 41 to Highland's 34 points.

**Sam Shoultz** led the way with a tie for first place by achieving 9-8 in the high jump event, followed by **Nate Marshall**, who tied for third by jumping 6-0.

**Dakota Summers** took third place in the triple jump with a 43-03 jump, and **Mitchell Warnock** tied for third in the pole vault event, crossing the pole at 13-06.

**Jamaree Johnson, Jacob Onofrio, Austin Hornbaker** and **Tyler Stehr** finished third in the 4x400 meter, while **Dylan Waterhouse, Alex Hart, Stephen-Chase Wile** and **Marcus Wheeler** finished second in the DM relay race.

In the DM relay, Waterhouse ran 1200 meters; Hart 400 meters; and Wile 800 meters. Wheeler finished the race at 1600 meters.

In the SMR8 relay, **Scott Phan** ran the first 100 meters, **Sean Freeland** the second 100 meters and Onofrio 200 meters. Wile finished the race running the last 400 meters, giving the Aztec team a third place finish.

The girls team had to really step up to also take first place at the Basha Relays.

"The Basha Relays were very exciting for our girls team because a lot of them are pretty young," said coach **Tim Kelly**. "We were able to strategically place a few seniors into events to put us in a position to win, but a lot of our younger girls stepped up and made it possible."



# victorious in elite Basha Relays

Corona's girls team finished first in the 4x100, 4x400 and 4x55 shuttle hurdle relays.

**Melissa Hayhurst, Kylie McCloskey, Aery Ware** and **Anna-Isabel Perracini** finished the 4x100 relay in 50.62 seconds, while it took 4.04.67 for **Renee Clary, Kylie McCloskey, Hayhurst** and **Ware** to run the 4x400 relay.

**Brooke Frahm, McCloskey, Kelsy Lum** and **Hayhurst** ran the 4x55, jumping 36-inch hurdles in 40.38 seconds.

The boys team also took first place at the Red Mountain Rampage, finishing 3.5 points ahead of Hamilton with 115 points.

"Our goal at the Red Mountain Rampage was to get as many of our kids as we could (to achieve) state qualifying times and a better placement in the state meet," said Kelly. "It was not to win, so when the boys team took first it only showed us if you take care of the little things right, the big things take care of themselves," he said.

"What pushed us over the top to win was taking 1, 2, 3 and 7 in the 3200 meter run."

**Alex Hart** crossed the finish line in first place, followed by **Lucas Ykema** in second, **Slade Summers** in third and **Lincoln Johnston** in seventh.

The Aztec 4x800 relay team of **Daniel Bish, Graham Eversden, Johnathan Lopez** and **Colt Sample**, which took first place, helped boost the point total as well.

Other top finishers included **Shoultz**, taking first, and **Onwordi**, who took second in the high jump. **Andrew Eversden** took second in the 800 meters,

**Sumners** was second in the triple jump and **Warnock** claimed second in the pole vault. **Stehr** finished third and **Carlos Parra** was fifth in the 300 meter hurdles.

**Kelly Naumann**, who just committed to run at Iowa State and is one of the leaders on the girls team, has continued to improve her senior season. She was not only first in the 800 meters at the Red Mountain Rampage but has proven she will leave her mark on Corona's track program, running the 3200 meter run.

"Kelly broke the school record in the 3200 at the Chandler Rotary and at the Arcadia meet in California again by 8 seconds running 10:50.64," said coach Kelly.

The 4x100 relay team of **Isabelle Cartagena, Hayhurst, McCloskey** and **Ware** had another stellar performance once again taking first place at the Red Mountain Rampage.

**Stampede Track Meet** — The Aztecs continued their winning ways by finishing first with 175 points at the Buffalo Stampede April 17 at Tempe High School, garnering nine first place finishes.

Five of the boys team first place finishes were in individual running events: **Jalen Bryant** took first place in the 200 meter run, **Jamaree Johnson** first in the 400 meter run, **Alex Hart** first in the 3200 meter run, **Tyler Stehr** first in the 110 meter hurdles and **Carlos Parra** first in the 300 meter hurdles.

Corona took first in the 4x100 relay team with runners **Byant, Parra, Sean Freeland** and **Joshua Onwordi**. The team of **Jacob Onofrio, Johnson, Bryant** and **Stehr** crossed the finish line first in the 4x400 relay.

**Patric Bjotvedt** hit 51-05.00 to finish first in the shot put, while **Sam Shoultz** cleared 6-06.00 in the high jump to take first and **Mitchell Warnock** vaulted 13-00.00 to earn first in the pole vault giving the Aztecs top points in three out of the six field events.

Corona's girls team also took first place as a team at the Stampede with 131 points to Basha's 77 points for second place.

Corona's first place finishers included **Jackie Martin** in both the 200 meter and 400 meter run, **Renee Clary** in the 800 meter run, **Kelly Naumann** in the 1600 meter run and **Melissa Hayhurst** in the 100 meter hurdles.

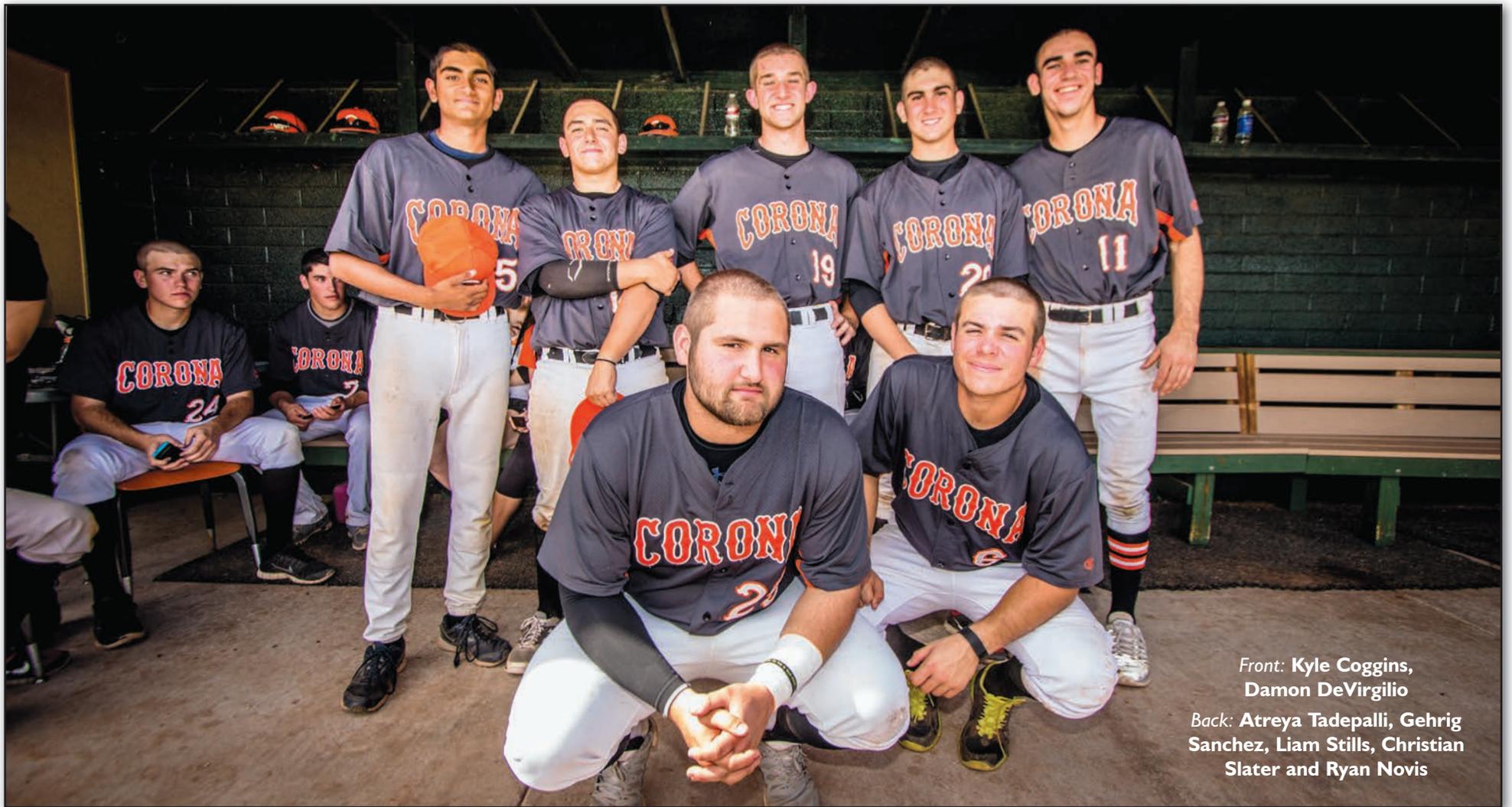
In the field events, **Delaney Mohr** took first place in the high jump as did **Anna-Isabel Perracini** in the pole vault.

The Aztec 4x100 relay team of **Hayhurst, Isabelle Cartagena, Kylie McCloskey** and **Perracini** and 4x400 relay team of **Clary, Cartagena, Hayhurst** and **Martin** both crossed the finish line in first place.

Tempe High School girls 4x800 relay team of **Syantha Ramos, Rubi Aguilera, Kelly Flores** and **Alexis Blanc** finished in first place, along with teammate **Ryann Weathers**, who scored a first place finish in the triple jump event.

**Angelicah Tso** from Marcos de Niza was first in the discus.

Marcos de Niza had three athletes finish in first place at the Stampede. **Shaun Richards** was first in the 100 meter run, **Malique Sharp** in the triple jump and **Derrer Switzer** in the discus.



Front: Kyle Coggins,  
Damon DeVirgilio  
Back: Atreya Tadepalli, Gehrig  
Sanchez, Liam Stills, Christian  
Slater and Ryan Novis



## Sports

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The event host, Tempe High School, had **Jason Marrufo** cross the finish line first in the 800 meter run while fellow teammate, **Tony Tipton** took first in the 1600 meter run.

### Rattler Underclassmen

**Showcase** — The Aztecs finished third with 142 points to Brophy College Prep's 208 points and Red Mountain 150 points at the Rattler Underclassmen Showcase held April 18 at North Canyon High School.

Corona's top finishers included **Jack Fisher** in the 300 meter hurdles and the 4x100 relay team of **Tommy Holt, Adam Knuff, Fisher and Xavier Burrell**.

Corona's girls team was in the mix with 101 points to finish sixth at the Rattler Underclassman Showcase.

Top finishers were **Riley Wright** taking first in the 1600 meter run, **Delaney Mohr** first in the high jump and **Amber Burrell** first in the discus.

**Corona Baseball** — With one game left in the regular season, the Aztecs are sitting in 11th place in the Division I baseball standings with a 20-6 overall record after defeating Mountain Pointe, 1-0, April 23, at Diablo Stadium.

On April 29, Corona honored seniors on their home

field while playing host to Desert Ridge.

Scheduled to be honored before the game were seniors **Sawyer Bessler, Matt Weston, Atreya Tadepalli, Eric Schwalbe, Matt Asta, Thomas Dawson, Kyle Coggins and Damon DeVirgilio**.

DeVirgilio played several sports as a youngster, including soccer, karate and football, but growing up in a family that loved the game of baseball simplified the process of choosing his main sport in high school easy.

"I was probably playing ball from the day I could walk, but started playing tee ball when I was three years old," said DeVirgilio.

"My dad has always been my biggest supporter. He would throw and hit with me when I was younger and take me to practice and games when I got older."

DeVirgilio started out early, playing catcher, but soon gravitated to the bases.

"I grew up behind the plate but moved to third base and finally second base, playing for Corona, where I feel the most comfortable," said DeVirgilio.

"At second base, you get to see the game from a great angle, have plenty of time to react to a hard-hit ball and are right in the middle of the communication with teammates."

The Aztecs have a talented team this season and hope to go far in the playoffs. If the playoffs started today, Corona would play at home against the #22 seed, Sunnyslope, on May 2.



Damon DeVirgilio

## South Mountain CC launches pharmacy tech classes at nearby campus location

By Joyce Coronel

Ever notice how many pharmacies there are around town? South Mountain Community College will be offering a new program this fall that will help students train for jobs in the pharmacy field.

Best of all for Tempe/west Chandler residents, the classes will be held at SMCC's Guadalupe campus, ensuring a short commute that promises to be long in job-skills opportunity.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics indicates that there will be a need for 70,000 new pharmacy technicians over the next 10 years. That's over and above the existing number of people who currently hold that job.

Bruce McHenry, coordinator for the Pharmacy Customer Service Technician program at SMCC, said students will be able to complete the 17-hour

credit program in a semester or a semester and a half, depending on which track they choose.

The nighttime track meets three evenings per week for 4½ hours each night for a total of 24 weeks. The day track is full-time and can be completed in 16 weeks.

"It's a field that's expanding," said McHenry. "We think it's a great opportunity for students to come in for a relatively short amount of time and do a program that will lead directly to employment."

Courses will cover federal and state pharmacy regulations and pharmacy services, including prescription dispensing and drug distribution and control. The emphasis will be on providing quality customer service and using effective communications and interpersonal skills when dealing with pharmacy customers

and personnel.

Classes will be held at the Guadalupe Center located at 9233 S. Avenida del Yaqui in Guadalupe.

To qualify, students must have a high school diploma or GED, apply to the program, and attend one of the information sessions to receive an application.

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## Residents offer opinions in annual survey

**T**empe residents have voiced significant satisfaction and offered valuable feedback about the services, programs and facilities provided in their community.

In late 2014, the city's Community Attitude Survey was mailed to 3,000 households and 1,092 responses were received. This level of participation is enough to provide a statistically valid sample that can be extrapolated to generally reflect the feelings of all residents. Residents weighed in on questions related to water service, parks, trash collection, public safety and more. Their ratings give the City of Tempe important information about how well it is providing services.

For the seventh year in a row,

Kansas-based ETC Institute conducted the survey and compared Tempe to the results of surveys done with nearly 4,000 residents across the country, as well as surveys administered by the company to 28 other medium-size cities. Tempe rated above ETC's national average in almost every area that was assessed. Complete survey results are available at [www.tempe.gov/residentsurvey](http://www.tempe.gov/residentsurvey).

The 2014 survey shows areas with high satisfaction ratings as well as areas that could be improved. Residents voiced feelings that, in the coming year, it is most important for the city to focus on economic development and maintenance of streets and buildings.

Some of the results include:

- Satisfaction with the overall quality of city services rated 34 percent above the national average (90 percent satisfaction in Tempe vs. 56 percent in U.S.)

- Satisfaction with the way you were treated by city employees rated 28 percent above the national average

(84 percent satisfaction in Tempe vs. 56 percent in U.S.)

- Satisfaction with walking and biking paths rated 28 percent above the national average (82 percent satisfaction in Tempe vs. 54 percent in U.S.)

For the first time, residents were asked a series of questions to gauge their perceptions about arts and culture in Tempe.

Seventy-eight percent of residents indicated that arts and culture are "very important" or "somewhat important" to their families. Thirty-eight percent of residents indicated that Tempe's arts and cultural life "provides a lot of the things I want."

Seventy-six percent of respondents reported that they feel the quality of arts and culture offerings in Tempe is "excellent" or "good."

Each year, the survey serves as a tool to assist the City Council and city staff in setting priorities, dedicating resources and establishing goals to improve service.

## New idea helps keep Tempe yards beautiful



It's a constant battle to beat back weeds growing out of a desert landscape and to keep green grass in the front yard from becoming a jungle.

To help people win the landscaping war, the City of Tempe started a new program: Tempe Landscaping Referral.

The city negotiated flat rates with three landscaping companies. Residents may directly contract with these companies to keep their yards in compliance with city codes and to help keep their yards looking good.

Rates vary depending on the size of a yard and whether it is grass or desert landscaping, but prices start as low as \$35 a month. Residents using this service are required to sign up for a year. These rates are generally lower than what most people could get independently due to the quantity of work anticipated by the landscapers.

The companies were selected through the city's procurement process. Each company has a one year contract that may be renewed up to five times. The performance of each company will be evaluated before renewing the contracts to ensure that Tempe residents get the best possible service.

## Summer reading program starts at Tempe Public Library

**T**empe Public Library's popular Summer Reading Program kicks off May 30 and is guaranteed to bring out the super powers of everyone who signs up for the free program. This summer, there's something for everyone:

**Children** – Keep your kids active and learning all summer long. The Summer Reading Program offers a variety of age-appropriate prizes for everyone from babies to pre-teens.

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We have prizes for prolific readers, including light rail passes and more.

A Summer Reading Kickoff Party will be held at 2 p.m. on May 30, with face painting, a nature display, crafts, and a balloon-making, storytelling cowboy.

The library is located at 3500 S. Rural Road.

Find details at [www.tempe.gov/summerreading](http://www.tempe.gov/summerreading) or call 480-350-5500.

## Spring training success at Tempe Diablo Stadium

There's always an exciting energy surrounding Tempe once spring training starts. Baseball fans from around the country come to enjoy a day at the ballpark with the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim. This year was no different.

More than 111,000 people attended spring training at Tempe Diablo Stadium this year, the second-highest attendance in the last 10 years at the facility. This year's successful season included a charity game attended by a record-setting 6,063 fans.

Diablo Stadium is the second-smallest facility in the Cactus League, but in the last five years, it has placed in the top six in team attendance. The stadium opened in 1969 and underwent a \$20 million renovation in 2005. For more information, visit [www.tempe.gov/diablo](http://www.tempe.gov/diablo).

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## Avengers: Age of Ultron

The big-budget superhero blockbusters of the last decade or so are not, I confess, my favorite genre. I loved Sam Raimi's first two Spiderman movies and the first two Iron Man flicks as well, and the first Captain America movie, the period piece, had some flavor.

But as these and other series have extended and expanded and intermingled with each other, bloat and rote have begun to set in.

Don't get me wrong; I always find something in all of them to enjoy—there are always exciting scenes and entertaining performances, or, if nothing else, Scarlett Johansson to look at.

But for me, there's a certain hyper-seriousness to the writing of the recent Marvel and DC spectacles, and also a sterile visual atmosphere—a result, I think, of the wall-to-wall CGI—that's a bit dreary, almost oppressive. Most of them also feel overplotted, and at least a half-hour too long.

So it's possible that you could find less cranky and whiny commentators than I to hold forth on the matter of *Avengers: Age of Ultron*.

Because, though it gives me no pleasure to take a "you kids get out of my yard" tone, everything I said

above applies to this latest Marvel all-star game.

The main hero line-up this time includes Tony Stark aka Iron Man (Robert Downey, Jr.), Bruce Banner aka The Hulk (Mark Ruffalo), the aforementioned Scarlett Johansson as Black Widow, Chris Evans as Captain America, Jeremy Renner as Hawkeye, Chris Hemsworth as Thor, and Samuel L. Jackson as Nick Fury, among others.

The plot this time is yet another variation on the Frankenstein theme: Ultron is a robot endowed with massive artificial intelligence, recklessly created by Tony Stark to keep the world peaceful and safe.

Regrettably, Ultron decides the most efficient way to accomplish this is to wipe out the human race with the help of his army of killer robots, and Tony as his Avenger pals have their hands full stopping this.

Interminable wild chase and fight scenes ensue, many featuring buildings collapsing into graying clouds of rubble—an unsavory, reflexive modern motif that can't cease to be obligatory in movies like this soon enough to suit me.

But, as usual, *Avengers: Age of Ultron* has its compensations. For instance, there's Elizabeth Olsen, soulful as ever, as Scarlet Witch, some sort of freaky Eastern European super-psychic, and Aaron Taylor-Johnson as her super-fast twin brother Quicksilver.

And, as aforementioned, there's Scarlett Johansson to look at.

But the most fun that this movie offered me

was from Ultron himself, voiced, and performed by "motion capture," by James Spader. I've long been a fan of Spader, from his beginnings in the '80s as a sort of off-the-bench honorary Brat Packer, through to his hilarious courtroom harangues and pervy lewdnesses on *Boston Legal*.

For my taste, *Avengers: Age of Ultron* should have devoted far more of its length to verbal sparring between Spader's ironic purring and Downey's nervous, nattering insolence—a clash between two of the greatest smart-alecks in contemporary pop culture.

*Avengers: Age of Ultron* is rated PG-13 and plays at Harkins Tempe Marketplace, Chandler Fashion 20, and other multiplexes Valleywide.



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## Aguilar program stresses lifesaving skills plus swim basics

For most elementary school students, physical education class involves activities such as jumping rope, indoor exercises and sometimes even running mini-laps. But for second-graders at Aguilar Elementary School in Tempe, P.E. class includes laps of a different kind: taking a dip in the pool at Kiwanis Recreation Center.

Thanks to a partnership with the city of Tempe and funding through a private donation from Chances for Children, second-graders take one quarter (about 10 classes) worth of free swim lessons at the city-run center. During the other three quarters of the school year, students are in their regular P.E. class. The Aguilar administration, P.E. teachers and members of a school fitness committee felt that second grade was the optimal time for students to participate in this type of activity.

"We felt the age of a second-grader was appropriate for the responsibilities needed from the program, such as bringing a bathing suit, towel and remembering the days that they swim," said Aguilar P.E. Teacher Brian Sternberg.

"This is also a good age when children can improve their skills quickly and remember the necessary details in order to improve."

According to a parent survey given to the first-grade families at Aguilar in April 2014, only four students in the entire grade had ever taken swim lessons, and nearly half of the students did not know how to swim.

In a state like Arizona where swimming can be almost a daily activity during warmer months, and with an alarming number of drownings and near drownings reported each year, educators say learning to swim is critical for children.

Parent feedback from the survey included comments such as, "We always wanted to put our daughters in swimming lessons but couldn't afford it or make it work with our work schedule. It is very important to us and we know that swim lessons can save lives," and "I would like my son to take swimming lessons for his safety - I don't know how to swim so I cannot teach him."

Aguilar Parent Liaison Sylvia Lopez felt compelled to help the Aguilar community and make sure that the school's students were safe around pools while at home. "This program was started with the intention of helping our students become educated in water safety. Although my initial goal was to educate them about water safety, I quickly realized that saving them from a potential drowning is more much important," said Lopez.

"Nearly 87 percent of Aguilar's student body is made up of inner city students who do not have the luxury of attending private swimming lessons. However, the majority of our students have a canal in their backyard and if they happen to fall in the canal, they need to learn how to get out. Starting the program educates not only the students but their entire family, as they will go home and 'show' their families what they learned."

Swim lessons started in August of this school year and have run each quarter since. Students walk with school staff from the Aguilar campus to neighboring Kiwanis Wave Pool two times a week, and city of Tempe swim instructors provide the lessons. Students are broken into different groups based on an initial skill assessment.

This program has had a big impact on students at Aguilar, especially in the second-grade community, say school officials. Parents regularly provide feedback and highlight the importance of the program. Whether it is swimming for skill or survival tactics, like floating, the students are much more competent and smarter around water.

"The students are always so excited to go to the pool and meet their instructors," said Sternberg. "They love learning in the water, and I hear comments daily about how much they like it."

School district officials and staff at Aguilar Elementary say they plan to continue the program for the next group of second-graders during the 2015-2016 school year.

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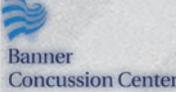
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## A Very Special Mom

# BV Ranchos airline pilot finds a unique way to pursue her passion

By Joyce Coronel

Only a tiny fraction of commercial airline pilots are women. Susie Edwards, a Buena Vista Ranchos resident and mother of four sons, is one of them.

Edwards, who flies 10-12 days a month for American Airlines, says she's home almost every evening. And that's a good thing, because beyond her boys, ages 8 to 13, a husband and two dogs, she also lives with reptiles. Lots of them.

It's an interest that developed growing up in a rural area in California.

"We lived out in the middle of nowhere in north (San Diego) county. My dad wasn't into animals, but we

could keep anything we caught," Edwards said.

Edwards caught lizards that became pets. It's an interest she's carried into her adult life in an extraordinary way.

"I just like them. They're fascinating," Edwards said with a sheepish grin.

She's got a python, but there are also 19 crested geckos and eight chameleons—she once owned 23—as well as the hundreds of crickets and giant roaches she raises to feed her pets. The home is being remodeled to accommodate the many cages for animals, along with a mister system and separate circuit breaker.

Edwards, it is clear, leads anything but an ordinary life.

Her eldest son survived a 2½-year battle with leukemia. Two of the others

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Family's dog is one of the more traditional pets in the Edwards household.

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are autistic and each child attends a different school. Her eyes fill with tears as she explains that a close friend, Heather, is one of her staunchest allies. She also credits her husband and in-laws as sources of strength.

"My life doesn't work without my husband."

One of the perks of working for the airlines, of course, is free travel, and the family is planning a trip to Europe this summer. In fact, Edwards asked each of her sons to make a list of the places he'd like to visit before they turn 18. She'd already taken one son to Paris to see the Eiffel Tower.

She's an intelligent woman and as she explains the challenges her autistic sons encounter, you can see the concern she has that their needs are met. Not only that, she said that after years of reading federal regulations as a pilot, she's also learned to read up on federal regulations regarding education.

"I do a lot of advocacy work for people trying to get help for their kids," Edwards said.

Beyond that, she has a heart for veterans. When she learned about an Iraq war veteran with an ailing chameleon, she sprang into action.

"A lot of people buy chameleons because they think they are cute, but they get crippled if they don't get the calcium they need," Edwards

explained.

She followed the story about one such chameleon in Salt Lake City that was so hobbled by a calcium deficiency that there was a crowdfunding effort to rescue it. The creature needed to travel to Los Angeles for care.

"If an animal is that deteriorated, you might have to put it down," she said, but when she found out the owner was a crippled veteran suffering from post-traumatic stress, she decided to get involved.

"I can't tell a crippled man that a crippled animal should be put down."

Edwards climbed into a jump seat aboard an American Airlines flight, flew to Salt Lake City and transported the chameleon to Los Angeles.

"The wife wrote and said, 'You gave me my husband back.' It wasn't about the chameleon. It was about the veteran. This guy gave up his health for our country. Giving up seven hours of my life to go to Salt Lake City and back?"

"Sometimes you get to be the lucky person that can do something for someone else."

**Profession:** Commercial airline pilot

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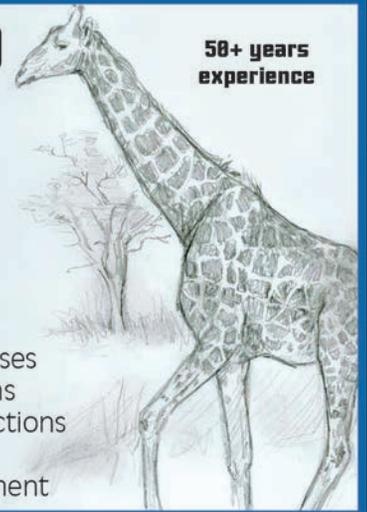
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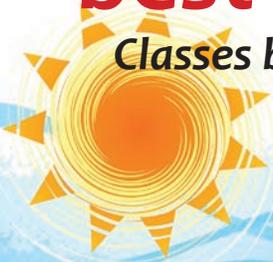
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It's the third year of this program at the Tempe Public Library. More than 30,000 bottles of water have been donated in the last two years.

From now through June 30, those who donate a case of water at the library will have their library fines waived, except those charged by a collection agency.

Proceeds go to local Tempe charities, including the HOPE program, CARE 7 and Tempe Community Council. United Food Bank also participates.

"This is our way of giving back to the community and helping people clear their library fines so they can participate in our Summer Reading Program," said Library and Cultural Services Director Barbara Roberts.

"Summer Reading is vitally important to children so that they can avoid the summer learning slump."

People who don't have fines can earn great prizes, such as gift certificates to Postinos, Snooze, items from the Friends of the Tempe Public Library and light rail passes.

Donating is easy:

1. Bring a case of bottled water to the library's welcome desk.
2. The library will clear the fines from cardholders' accounts; it also will remove fees for missing and damaged books.
3. With a clean account, cardholders can register their families for the Summer Reading Program.
4. Don't have fines? People can earn karma points and enter to win prizes by donating cases of water.
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Chandler's top CEO's met with Mayor Tibshraeny to discuss future economic plans for the city.



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# Commentary

## What's next for KMS

By Ross Robb

On April 15th the Kyrene Governing Board, senior district leaders and Kyrene Middle School administrators welcomed interested citizens to a community meeting at the school. The meeting was lively and well attended. A broad range of views and opinions were voiced by the community and heard by all of us charged with providing a high quality education to all Kyrene students.

The responses I have received in the days following the meeting were as varied and diverse as the community input we received that evening. In planning the meeting, we tried to strike a balance between presenting factual information and plans for the future while, at the same time, leaving room in our future planning to accommodate the voice of the community.

It is a delicate balance indeed.

As background, this community meeting was organized because the data we are seeing out of KMS is not satisfactory. Student achievement, behavioral incidents, staff job satisfaction and in-region capture rates (the percentage of KMS boundary students who choose KMS) are all below our expectations.

In Kyrene, we celebrate successes (which are many) and we admit deficiencies (which do exist). KMS is not performing to the expectations of the board and district leadership.

Now, it is time to reverse recent trends and implement immediate changes (in 2015-2016) necessary to quickly bring KMS to a level commensurate with Kyrene expectations.

The information we conveyed at the community meeting included:

Best practice based techniques will be employed



at KMS to reward good student behavior and to implement consequences for poor behavior; consequences which are targeted to improving behavior and not merely punishing the offending student;

A new co-leadership model will be implemented at KMS to provide increased focus on both academics and school environment;

Increased academic rigor will be instituted to allow every student who is willing to come to school to learn to reach their highest level of achievement;

Communication with the KMS community will be more regular and more structured;

The current College Preparatory Program will remain in effect at KMS.

It seems clear that we must get back to stressing the basics and restoring a firm foundation at KMS. Behavior, rigor-for-all and effective leadership are central to any future plans at KMS. The needs of KMS are a high priority of the board and of the district.

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*Ross Robb is president of the Kyrene Governing Board.*



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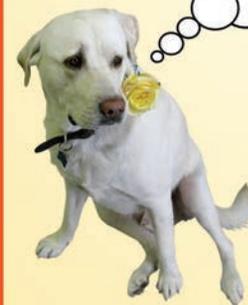
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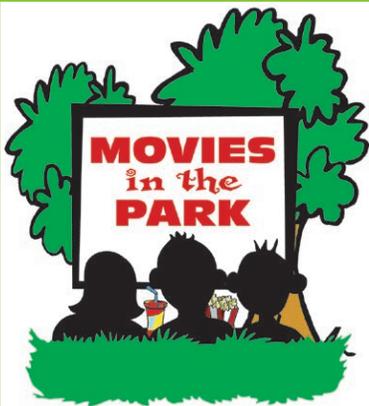
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