

Fountain Spouts

A tribute to my daughter

(Editor's note: This tribute to Laura Marie Krajewski was submitted by her mother, Mary Pulcino, in honor of Laura's upcoming birthday on March 1. Mary wanted to thank her daughter for helping her get settled in an assisted living home in Scottsdale. Mary, unfortunately, could no longer stay at her Fountain Hills home after shoulder replacement surgery.)



My Laura

Every once in a while as I ride along on the road of my Life's Journey, I fall into a deep ditch and as I struggle to fight off the sudden feelings of helplessness and despair, a strong wind comes from under me and pulls me out of the ditch.

It's like a "Wind Beneath My Wings."

And that is what my daughter, Laura, is to me. She is the "Wind Beneath My Wings" when she pulls me out of the ditch that has temporarily set me back.

With much love and appreciation, Laura, from your mom, Mary Pulcino. February 2013.

Forman designated as Aviator

Marine Corps 1st Lt. Matthew C. Forman, son of Jennifer and David Forman of Fountain Hills, was recently designated a Naval Aviator while serving with Training Air Wing One, Meridian, Miss.

Forman was presented with the coveted "Wings of Gold," marking the culmination of months of flight

training.

Forman followed a training curriculum that included basic studies in engineering and navigation, training flights in simulators, aircraft familiarizations, basic and advanced instrument training, extended navigation flights and landings and takeoffs aboard an

aircraft carrier.

Forman is a 2005 graduate of Williams S. Hart High School of Newhall, Calif. and joined the Marine Corps in June 2005. He is a 2009 graduate of U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md., with a B.S. degree.

Dr. Meyer at St. Anthony

Dr. Vernon Meyer, a noted theologian and leader of many study groups in the Valley, will speak at a series entitled "The Search for the Historical Jesus" at St. Anthony on the Desert Episcopal Church in March.

The three-part series will be conducted on March 7, 14 and 21, and it will compare the teachings of traditional doctrines with

that of contemporary religious scholars.

A former Catholic priest, Meyer has an M.A. in theology from Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, an M.A. in pastoral theology from the University of San Francisco, and a Ph.D. in theology from the University of Dayton.

Meyer is director of the Arizona Center for Theological Studies (www.azcts.org) and a United Church of Christ minister in Sun Lakes.

St. Anthony on the Desert Episcopal Church is located at 12990 E. Shea Blvd., in Scottsdale.

The sessions will be conducted in the Parish Hall the first three Thursdays in March from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. and are open to all. Admission is free but donations are accepted to fund Meyer's ongoing work.

Russo, Serrano engaged



Jean Serrano, along with Robert and Elizabeth Russo, are happy to announce the engagement of their children, Yesenia Marie Serrano and Evan Robert Russo. Evan and Yesi are graduates of FHHS and reside in Fountain Hills. Evan currently works for Nationwide Insurance Company as an IT specialist while Yesi works at the University of Phoenix, where she is also pursuing her Master's in Adult Education. They are planning a fall 2014 wedding and are very happy.

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Jasmine Jensen of Fountain Hills graduated from Franklin Pierce University in the fall of 2012. Jensen earned a Bachelor of Science degree in psychology.

Jensen was also named to the Dean's List for the fall semester by maintaining a term grade point average of at least 3.3 on a scale of four.

* Drug test kits available

Some parents may wonder what to do when they suspect illegal drug use by their child.

It can be a confusing and stressful situation for a family.

The Fountain Hills Coalition, which focuses on youth substance abuse prevention, has created an "Early Action Kit" for parents who may not know exactly what to do or where to turn.

The kits are available at no cost.

They contain a five-panel urinalysis drug screen, directions on how to administer it, steps to take if the test is positive or negative, local resource information and websites to go to that provide parental support and promote prevention.

The EAKs are easy for

Fountain Hills parents to obtain and designed to be discreet.

They may be picked up at the following locations:

*Susan K. Adams, LISAC, LCSW, 16810 E. Ave. of the Fountains #244; 480-225-2630.

*Carma Blackburn, LCSW, 16712 E. Ave. of the Fountains; 480-993-5457.

*Dr. Jennifer J. Bjerke, PhD., 17142 El Pueblo Blvd.; 480-212-3991.

*Dr. Matthew J. Hummel, MD, 16838 E. Palisades Blvd., Building C #153; 480-816-3131.

*Deputy Jill Ochsner, FHUSD Resource Officer, MCSO; 480-664-5500 (FHHS).

*Fountain Hills Fire Station 1 and Administrative Offices, 16246 Palisades Boulevard; (480)

837-9820.

Fire Station 2, 16821 N. Saguaro Blvd.; (480) 837-0804.

"The kit gives families a private way to obtain information and make decisions on how to move forward," said Maria Perreault, program coordinator for the coalition.

"Parents don't need to give any information when picking up a kit.

"There is no obligation and no one will contact you. Just ask for a kit - that's it.

"And parents need to understand they are not alone. There is help available."

More information about the coalition is available at www.fhcoalition.org or email fhcoalition@me.com.

Alan

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term before, but I never had experienced it.

Later that evening, we had a downpour of grauple at my home that left the backyard looking like a winter wonderland.

It was about an inch thick on the chairs. The weight of it on my shade sail over the pool patio area was too much for the fabric. It split in half.

Grandson Hunter made some snowballs (or should I say grauple balls) and threw them in the pool saying, "This is awesome."

Grandsons Brandon and Brody, who are visiting from New Jersey, weren't the least bit impressed seeing the white stuff. They had 16 inches of snow at their house the week before.

This has been some winter this year!

Friends helped Jackie Miles celebrate her 75th birthday Saturday night at Alchemy Restaurant at CopperWynd.

No, I didn't get permission to tell your age, but I figured anyone who still looks that good at 75 shouldn't be too upset letting everyone know your age.