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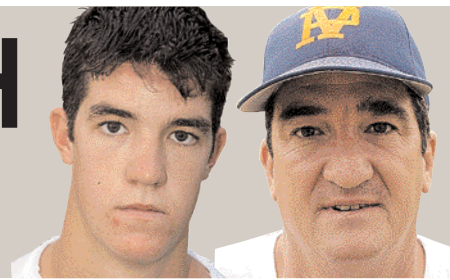
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## Marine has no doubts on her role

By Bonnie Henry

She wears it well. Tall, poised, with a ring of tattoos wreathing her upper arms. Kim Bahti is every inch a Marine.

"The Marines changed my life," says Bahti, 32, who grew up in Tucson. "They taught me discipline, ambition, the ability to lead and follow."

Some of you may recall the dispatches Bahti wrote for the Star last fall from Iraq.

She wrote about the heat, the chow, the long lines to use the telephone — standard gripes.

But she also wrote about mortar attacks, death and the frustrations of trying to train a fledgling Iraqi police force.

Her columns were frank and honest. Too honest, it turns out. A month after they began, they were stopped. "Military restrictions" was the reason given.

Bahti says, "I was told I was a 'glory hound.' That got to me." So she did what Marines have



Kim Bahti: "Marines changed my life."

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## New policies mandated by law target school bullies

By Mary Vandeveire

Parents who still think bullying is just a part of growing up may want to reconsider as they send their children back to school.

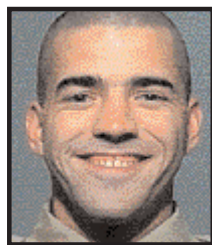
Public school districts across Tucson are starting the school year with tough new policies that slap bullies with punishments up to expulsion. The anti-bullying policies are mandated under a new state law that was passed in this year's legislative session and takes effect today.

Bullying is already on the radar screen, said Nic Clement, superintendent of the Flowing Wells School District, but the new law requires schools to be consistent in how they handle it.

"It's a serious issue that schools aren't going to ignore. Parents and students know it's not going to be

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## DEADLY ENCOUNTER WEST OF TUCSON



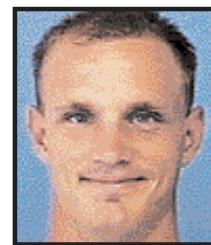
**Deputy Timothy Graham**

The newlywed had dreamed of being a police officer since childhood.



**Dawud Isa Abusida**

A taxi driver remembered for his intelligence and kindness.



**Aaron Swyers**

A man with a history of mental illness, he was well-known to authorities.

# 60 seconds to tragedy



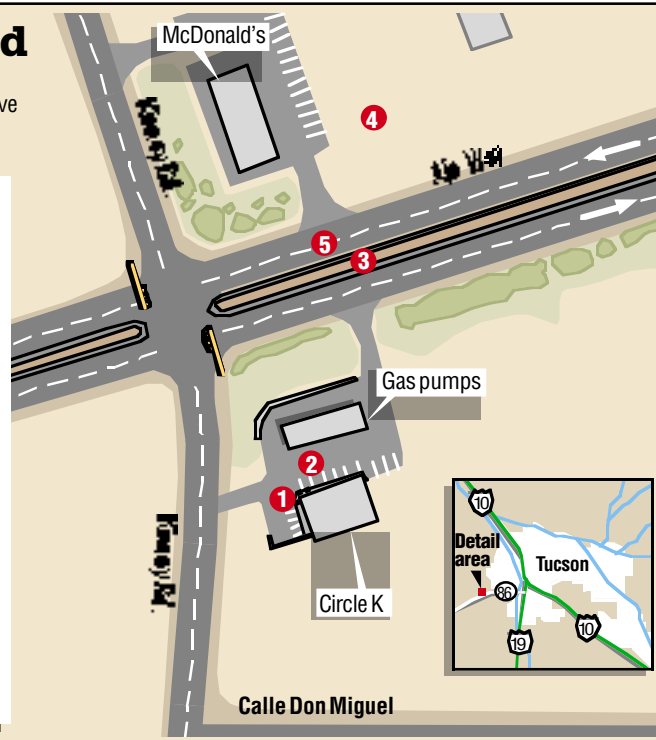
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A calla lily bouquet and a flag are tied to a signpost at Ajo Way and Kinney Road where Deputy Timothy Graham, a taxi driver and another man died during a struggle.

### How 3 Lives Ended

While authorities are still trying to sort out exactly what happened in the accident, they gave this description Thursday:

- 1 The pay phone outside the Circle K. This is where Aaron Swyers, 23, called 911 for the third time Wednesday night. Investigators said he sounded "crazed."
- 2 The front of the Circle K. This is where Deputy Timothy David Graham, 30, met up with Swyers. A struggle began.
- 3 Eastbound lanes, near median. Swyers continued fighting with Graham and ran through eastbound lanes of Ajo and into the median.
- 4 A dirt parking lot next to the McDonald's. This is where cabdriver Dawud Isa Abusida parked when he noticed the fight. He ran to help the deputy.
- 5 Westbound lanes. The three men, still struggling, fell into the westbound fast lane and were hit by a truck driven by a 70-year-old man. All three men died at the scene. The driver wasn't injured.



Chiara Bautista/Staff

## Ill-fated minute cut short lives of deputy, cabbie, 'crazed' man

By Becky Pallack and Tom Beal

Their lives collided in a fierce, 60-second struggle on a dark stretch of road west of Tucson on Wednesday night.

In the end, the three men died together, hit by a driver who likely never saw the deputy and the taxicab driver grappling with the "crazed" man in the middle of Ajo Way near Kinney Road.

The deputy, Timothy David Graham, 30, was finding success in his lifelong dream of being a police officer and in his personal life with a new wife and family.

The cabbie, Dawud Isa Abusida, 56, impressed friends and family with his intelligence and kindness and had recently started his own company.

The third man, Aaron Swyers, 23, had a troubled past — run-ins with law enforcement and suicide attempts, officials said. He had asked for the deputy's help twice that night before resisting arrest.

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