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Letters from Dad

How a father kept open the lines of communication, even when the times and circumstances were much different than they are today.

In this photo, circa 1937, Don Kirkland's father seems to wonder if the little guy will make it past those first few steps. He did, and Don's story of what was to follow appears, 70-plus years later, on Page 6.



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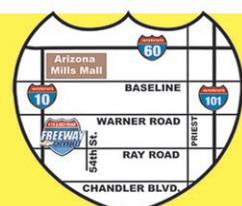


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Kyrene board votes no on tax increase to offset losses

By Daniel Rasmussen

After considering vocal opposition at a full-house, four-hour hearing, the Kyrene School District Governing Board voted no on a proposed one-year property-tax increase, deciding to try other approaches to solve an unexpected budget shortfall.

The board was due to reconvene later in the week to discuss rearranging bonds as a temporary fix for the debt.

"I'm glad we have decided on a compromise that can edge us out of our considerable debt without costing the taxpayers any money," said school board president Michelle Hirsch.

The session was originally called to vote on a motion to increase taxes by 64 cents per \$1,000 in assessed home valuation.

That approach stirred public reaction and resulted in several dozen residents showing up to protest.

In 2010, voters approved a sale of bonds to maintain district facilities — approximately \$11.6 million per year over a 10-year period. However, the housing-market crash and large drops in assessed valuation in the past few years meant that Kyrene was left unable to sell those bonds.

Earlier this year, state legislators indicated relief was likely in sight, telling Kyrene there appeared to be little opposition to House Bill 2405, a measure that would have allowed sale of the bonds. After being overwhelmingly approved by the House and endorsed by Gov. Brewer, however, the bill was held by Senate President Steve Pierce for the final two months of the legislative session and allowed to die.

The tax increase would have funded roofing, skylights, plumbing and electrical improvements at Kyrene's 26 facilities. It also would have cleared some of the district's debt, as well as increased savings on bond interest costs.

Although these are all problems that eventually need to be addressed, the school board questioned whether it was the right time to impose another tax increase.

"The roof might need to be replaced at my house, but if I'm short on money, I might wait until I have some before I think about replacing it," said board vice president Beth Brizel.

The board maintained that it is responsible for ensuring the health and safety of the district's students, at the same time keeping the trust of the taxpaying public. Many board members questioned whether the tax would be the right solution.

This sentiment was echoed through community members who volunteered to speak.

"We are all here for the kids, but we also have bills to pay, and an economy that's in the toilet," said Kyrene resident and former state legislator Laura Knaperek. "There has to be a way to balance all of these things."

Board member Ross Robb suggested using a portion of the district's reserve money, in lieu of the tax, to address the most urgent facility improvements.

"We need to get over our conservative view toward the reserve money; it's there for situations like this," he said.

The board eventually decided against the tax increase in favor of bond restructuring. Financial lawyers were asked to prepare a plan to be reviewed at a session scheduled for June 14.

If all goes according to plan, rearranging the bonds will be a quick fix for the district's debt issues, and will hold it over before trying to pass a bill similar to HB 2405 in the 2013 legislative session.

"We need to look at the overall picture, prioritize our priorities, and find a way to address our debt without revisiting our [ghosts]," said Superintendent Dr. David Schauer.

Tempe 311: One-stop city services

Do you spot some graffiti on a nearby wall? Is there a streetlight that just went out in your neighborhood? Do you want to ask a question about your recycling service? The city of Tempe has got you covered.

One of the state's first centralized call centers, "Tempe 311" truly represents the convenience of One Call to City Hall.

Tempe 311, which connects with the city's Customer Relations Center, provides a fast and easy way to connect with city staff, making life easier and providing what city officials say is greater value and service. Residents no longer need to search for the right number to call. On weekdays between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m., all they need to remember are seven digits: 480-350-4311.

Specially trained employees have access to information on just about any area of the city — and if they don't know the answer, they'll find people who do.

The system also streamlines the process for getting requests for service to city employees in the field, making resolution of issues even faster.

But Tempe 311 isn't just a call center. Requests and questions can be submitted via an online request form at www.tempe.gov/311.

Starting in July, a new mobile phone application can be used to request service.

It is important to note that residents should continue to reach the Tempe Police Department in one of two ways: 911 for emergencies or 480-350-8311 for reports of issues like minor property crimes and loud parties.

Eventually, Tempe hopes other Maricopa County communities will join a regional 311 effort that would allow anyone in any part of the county to call 311 and get directed to the community resource they need.

Sports Notebook . . . with Alex Zener

Wrestlers prep for a chance to win national team honors

Five Corona wrestlers have been training non-stop for the past two weeks as part of an elite group of athletes on the Arizona National Dual Wrestling Team who will represent the state later this summer in a quest for a national team title.

Other wrestlers on the team go to school at Sunnyside, Verrado, Cibola, Apollo, Cesar Chavez and Chaparral high schools.

Zach Walton, Daniel Cartagena, Ethan Tursini, Brix Kronborg and Darius Ryan are part of a cadet national

every summer from the seventh or eighth grade on," said **Keith Walton**, the Arizona team's coach.

"College coaches will attend these tournaments to quietly observe the competition," said Walton. "These have proven to be fertile ground for our nation's best wrestlers to get experience and to get discovered by college recruiters."

Walton, a junior next fall, was the 2012 Arizona high school state runner-up in the 138 pound bracket and qualified to represent Arizona as part of the Arizona National Dual Team by winning the AZUSA

Regional Championships held at Desert Vista in May.

Zach Walton also won the freestyle championship in the 145 pound bracket at Highland High May 19. He was runner-up in the 132 pound weight class during the folkstyle season.

Cartagena, a sophomore next fall at Corona, was fourth in the 2012 state championships, compiling a 34-1 record with 22 pins.

Tursini was fifth at the state championships with a season record of 27-2. A junior, he qualified to go to Daytona by winning in the 160-pound weight class. Sophomore Kronborg wrestled in the 220 pound bracket at Corona and won the 220 pound category at the 2012 freestyles.

Ryan, a junior next fall, will wrestle in the heavyweight category.

The dual team is sponsored this summer by Power MMA. "Power MMA in Gilbert has opened up their facilities to our team so we can practice three times a day," said coach Walton. "They are also providing catered meals so the team has healthy and appropriate fuel to meet a

wrestler's needs as they train for this type of intense competition."

The team considered it lucky to gain a sponsor's support because it costs about \$1,800 for each wrestler to compete in Daytona and Fargo. It has been difficult on a lot of families, according to Walton, with the economy the way it is, to afford this opportunity for their son but the corporate sponsorship has definitely helped.

Walton hopes to get more corporate sponsors in the future to help offset the cost for Arizona wrestlers to attend these types of tournaments.

Live feeds from the wrestling matches at both Daytona and Fargo can be seen at www.themat.tv.

Sad Memories — Corona sophomore **Daniel Butwin**, age 14, was

a member of the Aztec wrestling club and Corona band before he died tragically June 4. Although Daniel did not participate as a freshman on Corona's team, he did wrestle at Aprende.

"I coached Daniel at Aprende and he wrestled with my son, Zack," said coach **Rhett Turner**.

"He wrestled with our Aztec Wrestling Club this spring and, although he had to do band instead of wrestling, he was planning on wrestling at Corona in the fall."

Daniel's sister **Malessa**, 16, was also a member of Corona's marching band, where she played clarinet. She was a member of the Aztecs' color guard.

The *Arizona Republic* and the *Tribune* regularly present athletic awards, and the following have been recognized based on the papers' reviews of seasonal achievements.

Volleyball — Several members of Corona's boys volleyball team received recognition after the season.

Senior libero **Charlie Hualde** was named to the All-Arizona high school boys volleyball team. The 6-foot-1 Hualde led the team in digs, even though opposing teams tried to avoid placing the ball anywhere near him. Three-year starter Hualde was also named to one of the state's premier boys volleyball second teams.

Named in the same competition to the first team was **Jake Nuneviller**, based on his ability to set up his teammates for powerful kills with a quick but varied offense all season long. Six-foot-4 senior Nuneviller, who was also respected for his blocking and hitting abilities, was also named to the All-Arizona second team.

Powerful outside hitter **Alex Davis** was named to the second team on two well-regarded lists of high school boys volleyball teams for his volleyball skills and his leadership abilities. Davis was not only the Aztecs' go-to hitter but a great passer, serve receiver and server who led by example how to be a true team player.

Matt Seall was given Honorable Mention on the All-Arizona Team.

Track and Field — Corona senior **Dana McKenzie** was named to the Girls Second Team for taking home the runner-up medal at the Division I state championships for clearing a season best 5-foot-4 in the high jump event at the state meet. She is tied for fifth in the 2012 state records book for this height.

Corona's sophomore runner **Nathan Rodriguez** was named to the First Team for his 4:18.65 finish in the 1600 meter run at the state championship meet. Rodriguez is fourth in the state for his 1:53:31 run in the 800 meter he ran at the Thunder Last Chance Meet and fourth in the state for his 1600 meter run at the Tempe City Meet.

Named to the Second Team was McClintock senior Eduardo Roa for his superior race at the Division II state meet in the 3200 meter run. Roa came in second with a time of 9:30.15 and he has the fifth fastest time in 2012.

Tennis — Corona's **Alex Lawson** was name Player of the Year for boys high

school tennis. Lawson, who won his fourth state high school title and is headed to Notre Dame in the fall, was also named to the First Team.

Marcos de Niza's **Peter Hemes** received Honorable Mention.

Corona's girls team had five players receive recognition by the *Tribune*. Named to the All-Tribune Second Team was sophomore **Sarah Rutkowski** for her 15-3 record and district championship winner at the No. 2 position in both singles and doubles.

Honorable Mention went to Corona juniors **Maia Castiglione, Rachel McKay, Hannah Pfothenauer** and **Tien Tran**.

Softball — McClintock senior **Dynasty Lauvai** was named by the *Arizona Republic* to the Arizona Softball second team as a designated player. Corona seniors **Lani Redmond, Abby Spiel** and **Paige Vallejos** won Honorable Mention.

Corona senior **Kyle Jorgensen** was named to the Arizona high school baseball Division I Second Team as infielder. Juniors **Josh Ethier** and **Colby Hamilton** got Honorable Mention.

Also receiving Honorable Mention were Marcos de Niza seniors **Nick Fatica** and **Noel Rodriguez**.

Arizona Basketball Teams — Several Corona basketball players were named to the All-Section Teams including **Calaen Robinson, Avery Moss** and **Casey Benson** to the All Division 1st Team.

Robinson was named All Division I Player of the year while **Sam Duane Jr.** was named Division Coach of the Year.

Corona played in Section II where Robinson and Benson were named to the 1st team and Moss to the 2nd team. Robinson was name Player of the year and Duane Coach of the Year for this Section II also.

Corona girls basketball player **Alexa Hogberg** was named to the Division I, Section II 2nd team.

Boys Soccer — Named to the First team was senior midfielder **Ed Magana**, who gave opposing coaches sleepless nights trying to figure out how to pass him in the middle of the field. Helping Magana was Honorable Mention junior defender **Ellis Rutili**.

Corona's **Zach Von Allworden** was named to the Second team due to his physical presence.

Senior captain **Danny Molina** of Marcos de Niza was named to the Second team for his role in helping the Padres have one of their best seasons in more than 10 years with his leadership ability and role-modeling behavior even when injured.

Honorable Mention went to Marcos forward **Connor Buckley**, midfielder **Nick Palomares**, defender **Mike Reddington**, goalkeeper **Victor Sanchez** and forward **Jose Segura**.

Tempe Honorable Mention was midfielder **Kevin Reyes**, defender **Gilberto Rios** and midfielder **Salvador Sanchez**.



Zach Walton

dual team from the Tempe area who left last week for Daytona Beach, Fla., to compete in the USAW Cadet National Duals Championships due to run through June 18.

The championships provide an opportunity for wrestlers to compete with national-caliber opponents, as well as a chance to qualify for the national championship team that will compete in Fargo, N.D., July 18-24.

Getting the opportunity to compete nationally not only has an impact on a wrestler's success at the high school level but can also lead to a college scholarship.

"It is my belief that the early and on-going success achieved by the wrestlers in high school and beyond can be directly attributed to the fact they get to compete in several of these national-type tournaments

Letters from Dad

A thank-you
that somehow
seems long
overdue

By Don Kirkland

As Father's Day has approached in years past, we've featured dads whose lives have proved inspirational to their sons and daughters—men with special achievements, special contributions, special memories shared by those who know or knew them.

Yet, in our 20 or so years of honoring our dads on these pages, I'd never considered writing about my own.

The most likely reason, I suppose, is that he didn't fit the mold we've typically used.

His achievements, considerable though they were in his early days, became diminished after I was born, a result of his long and, I'm sure, painful battle with rheumatoid arthritis that came upon him at a relatively young age.

The special memories, another of our unofficial criteria to qualify for Father of the Year in the small universe of this little hometown newspaper, were limited as a result of his illness, which no doubt stood in the way of him being a dad in the traditional sense: not many ball games, not much father-son camaraderie—simply said, not much to remember.

All of which these many years later seems to have given me the motivation to know more of the man about whom I know so little.

Tracing the history of this son of a small-town railroad worker and his stay-at-home bride—together they fathered nine children—is complicated by the many years that have passed. My dad, the next-to-youngest, was born in the late 1800s. Because a large number of census records from 1890 were lost in a fire 21 years later at the Commerce Building in Washington, D.C., at least a decade of relevant data is missing.

That leaves the stories told by my mother, herself now gone for 20 years; a few fragmented bits of information culled from online genealogical searches; and, of course, my own limited memory.

James N. Kirkland seemed destined to follow in the footsteps of the other members of his family: the railroad was the economic engine of this little Missouri town not far

from St. Joseph. Somehow, though, the early days of his career took him to The Associated Press, where he worked for a number of years as a telegrapher and sometimes news writer.

Although no one in the family has ever talked in detail about this connection to AP, the letters he sent in later years seemed consistent with the skills a writer would possess. Those letters became, in fact, the only significant link I would ever have to this man about whom I ultimately would know so little.



James Kirkland: His 1920s Packard Twin Six was among the trappings of success in those early days.

As my father's condition worsened in the late 1930s, as the economy struggled to regain traction and as political turmoil leading to World War II grew even more worrisome, my parents—I was four years old—decided to move my mother, our housekeeper Mrs. Britt and me from Missouri to California, where the economy was much healthier.

The plan, as I've heard it described, was to get us settled in L.A., wait for my dad's condition to improve and ultimately be reunited. My mother did find a place for us to live. In those days, as unimaginable as I've always found this, no one would rent to a family with children. We ended up in a one-bedroom hotel

room just west of downtown, where my mom fixed meals on a hot plate with smuggled-in bags of groceries (no cooking was allowed, although she always thought the manager knew what she was up to and let her get away with it).

It was during this time, which included the bombing of Pearl Harbor, air raids and a lot of scary nights, that my dad began his regular stream of letters. In those days, that's how people communicated. Sure, there was long-distance phone service, but

phones were a newfangled technology that just didn't get used unless somebody died or was about to. Besides, I'm sure he didn't have one, nor did we.

Although his letters weren't on a one-per-day schedule (in those days, mail was delivered twice a day) there definitely were a lot of them—some to me, more to my mom. The ones to me were eloquent expressions of what I've always felt represented a father's admonitions to a son, albeit one out of reach, out of touch.

Those to my mother, as she showed them to me years later, also were beautifully written, with a closeness woven between the lines that left no doubt about my father's enduring love.

The war ended, we found a small rental house, Mrs. Britt returned to Missouri, I entered fourth grade—and

the letters seemed to arrive less frequently. I'm sure we knew, but never said aloud, that my dad's days were numbered.

He was being tended to at a home run by the Little Sisters of Charity, and it was that surrogate family that was with him to the end. From the time we arrived in California until the day he died in the late 1950s, I never saw him again.

That's one of the reasons his letters have remained a personal treasure these many years, and why, yellowed and timeworn, they form an unbreakable connection with someone I otherwise could have hardly known.

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Chandler fun-tacular coming July 4th

West Chandler residents needn't venture far from home to participate in the community's annual fireworks spectacular, which again this year will be staged at Tumbleweed Park.

The fun begins at 4 p.m., with fireworks at 9:30. Admission is free, and on-site event parking is \$5 per vehicle.

In addition to fireworks, the event will feature live music, a free kids carnival, bike parade and food and beverage vendors.

Activities include a 35-foot water slide, 24-foot rock-climbing wall, dunk tank and assorted water games and interactive amusements for kids. The live music will include performances by the bands Vinyl's

End at 7 p.m. and Plastic Gladys at 8:30 p.m. A *Cactus Bike Push, Pull, Peddle Bike Parade* will be held at 6 p.m., with each registrant receiving a free gift. The participant with the best decorations will win a Haro children's bike.

Participants can register for the free parade June 18 through July 3 at either the Ahwatukee or Chandler Cactus Bike locations, or at the park on July 4 at 5 p.m.

For bike parade details, contact Cactus Bike at 480-782-5483.

Tumbleweed Park is at 2250 S. McQueen Road. Enter the event from either westbound Germann Road or north and southbound McQueen Road. Information: 480-782-2735.

Tempe's annual fireworks show at Tempe Beach Park

Tempe's 61st annual CBS 5 July 4th Festival, planned again at Tempe Beach Park, will take place Wednesday, July 4, with gates opening at 5 p.m.

Fun-seekers of all ages can celebrate the holiday with live local entertainment, a splash zone, kids activities and games, including a rock climbing wall.

A 35-minute fireworks show will be launched from the Mill Avenue Bridge and choreographed to patriotic and classical music. Net proceeds will benefit the event-sponsoring Kiwanis Club of Tempe's children's charities.

Tickets can be purchased in advance at city of Tempe offices, Fry's and Fry's Marketplace stores; online at www.tempe4th.com; or by calling 480-306-5845.

Tickets will also be available day of at the park entrance.

Information about tickets, event scheduling, parking, traveling to and from the event (street closures, bus routes and detours), and Metro light rail is available at www.tempe4th.com.

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Teen brothers' concerns prompt campaign for homeless

By Clayton Klapper

Admit it. We've all done it. We put a bottle of cold water in our car to cool us in the mid-afternoon heat, but it sits there unopened for a couple of days—that is, until it's too hot to drink and we toss or forget about it.

We fail to realize, in most cases, that there are people right here in our own community who would benefit from a refreshing gulp, and that at least some of them are walking our streets every day.

Members of one Tempe family have taken it upon themselves to help those in need by collecting cases of water from anyone who can help. They plan on donating the water to the Tempe Community Action Agency, which gives out more than 320,000 pounds of food every year—and bottles of life-sustaining water in the summer—to those in need.

"I don't think people know how many homeless people there are around here," said 16-year-old Corona del Sol student Sean Ewen.

"According to the Kyrene School District, they had 196 homeless students this year and the city of Tempe said that, in 2010, there were between 300 and 500 homeless people living in our city. I would bet there are even more now."

Sean and his brother David, a 13-year-old at Kyrene Middle School, have done this project before with the help of their mother Gail Paredes-Ewen. They took action again



Windy City Cafe's David Najor stockpiles donated water with Sean and David Ewen.

— Wrangler News photo by Patrick Bonitatibus

this summer when she suggested it as a project for the two of them.

"I'm extremely proud that they have taken this and run with it. At first, they were hesitant because they didn't think they could get anyone to respond," said Gail.

"Since people began bringing water, they have become more enthusiastic about it. I think it shows them that everyone can do something to help others — that every effort counts."

Stephen Sparks, TCAA's director of

operations, said that these next few months are especially dangerous for people who don't have shelter.

"In the summer months, it is critical to have water on hand to make sure people stay hydrated and avoid life-threatening heat-related illnesses," Sparks said.

The TCAA office is a designated hydration station, which means that individuals can come to their location and escape the heat as well as get water and food with no questions asked.

Sparks has been with the non-profit for four years, noting that the organization is in need of water as well as any non-perishable foods that are high in protein (tuna, canned chicken and peanut butter, for example).

The TCAA also accept donations of still-packaged t-shirts, socks and underwear for its homeless shelter. The shelter houses up to 35 people a night, seven nights a week, but its staff also deliver food to seniors five days a week and help operate four senior centers in the Valley.

The work done by TCAA has helped raise awareness among the Ewen family members.

David said he has gotten plenty of support from family and friends while collecting donations and knows how critical it is for someone to have water in Arizona during the summer.

"I think they really liked the idea," David said. "One of my friends said I was a giver, which made me feel like maybe I was actually doing something for our

community."

David and Sean gained momentum for the project through Facebook, as well as via word of mouth through family and friends, and are hoping to build on their momentum.

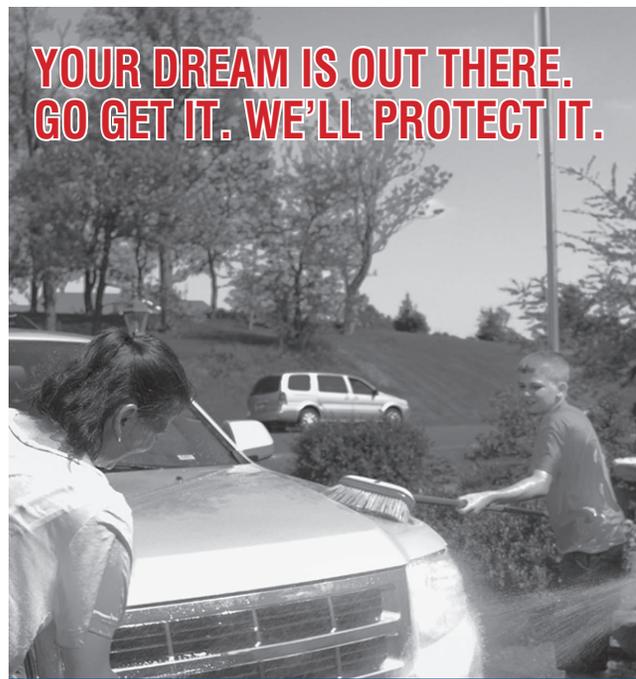
The luxury to have smart-phones, nice cars and nights out is one of the benefits of a society, but with that benefit comes an opportunity to step up and help those who are struggling. And, with high temperatures in the 110s many days throughout the summer, water is one of the most vital elements of survival. It takes just days for severe dehydration to set in and the heat only amplifies the problem.

Anyone who wants to donate water or other needed items can take them to Windy City Café in south Tempe, where owner David Najor says donations will be stockpiled until they're delivered to TCAA.

"This is exactly the kind of initiative we believe in, and we're fully behind the efforts of David and Sean to help those in need," Najor said. "We hope the enterprising efforts by these boys will encourage others to develop their own ways to provide help where it's needed."

Windy City Café is on the south side of Elliot Road, just east of McClintock.

Final note: If you're unable to take your donation to Windy City, you can contact me personally at clayton.klapper@wranglernews.com and either I or a member of the Ewen family will pick up your donation.



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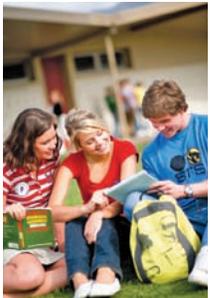
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Classic films to enjoy with Dad on his day

If Dad's the sort who would prefer staying in and watching a movie over putting on his new tie and going out to dinner, here are a few suggestions for a stay-at-home Father's Day film festival.

All are on DVD.
To Kill a Mockingbird—The signature role of Gregory Peck's career was Atticus Finch, the small-town lawyer and

single father who parented by example, eschewing violence while displaying quiet courage and keeping vigil over those he cared about.

Many people probably got their prototype for the ideal father from Robert Mulligan's 1962 adaptation of Harper Lee's novel.

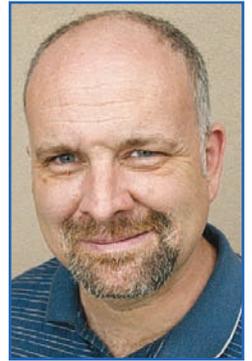
Nobody's Fool—In this 1994 adaptation of Richard Russo's novel, Paul Newman had the triumph of his late career as, in a sense, the anti-Atticus: Donald "Sully" Sullivan, a handyman in a small town in upstate New York, an absentee father trying to make things up to his own son by being a presence in his grandson's life.

This comedy-drama, directed by Robert Benton, is rich in eccentric characters and lively, touching dialogue, and in addition to one of Newman's best creations, it contains a wonderful swansong performance by Jessica Tandy.

The Rookie—This easygoing 2002 inspirational drama is about high-school science teacher and baseball coach Jimmy Morris, who made his debut as a relief pitcher in the Majors at the age of 35. But much of the film is focused on Morris as a father, schlepping his adoring little son (Angus T. Jones) and baby daughter around with him and surrogate-fathering the kids on his baseball team.

We're also shown Morris's attempts to connect with his own distant father, played by the always-superb Brian Cox.

The Godfather—In this 1972 film and its 1974 sequel, *The Godfather, Part II*, we're carefully and persuasively shown how Vito Corleone's criminal empire grows out of his attempts to be a good father; we're also shown these



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initial pure intentions become corrupted, especially in his son Michael (Al Pacino). These are American masterpieces.

Star Wars Episode V: The Empire Strikes Back —“No, Luke, I am your father...” In this, the 1980 pinnacle of the *Star Wars* series, Darth Vader was established as arguably the most powerful father figure in all movies, as well as the darkest.

Over the course of the six films, the character passes from youthful innocence to the depths of evil to a last-minute redemption, and reminds us that fathers are human, and that sometimes they teach us by showing us what not to do and who not to be.

Solid performances, witty plot ‘Guaranteed’ here

Source material for film has ranged from, at the prestigious end, masterpieces of world literature and drama and momentous historical events, down the slide to pulp fiction and comic books to, in recent years, old TV shows and video games and even theme park rides.

I suppose it was inevitable that sooner or later somebody would make a movie based on a classified ad.

“Wanted: Somebody to go back in time with me. This is not a joke... You’ll get paid after we get back. Must bring your own weapons. Safety not guaranteed. I have only done this once before.”

This ad ran in *Backwoods Home Magazine* in 1997. Perhaps through its combination of mysterious content and matter-of-fact language, it gained attention online, even though, as it turned out, it was penned by an editor as a space-filling joke.

Now it’s been made into *Safety Not Guaranteed*, Colin Trevorrow’s sweetly amusing hybrid of slacker romantic comedy and science fiction.

The heroine is Darius (Aubrey Plaza), a woebegone, vaguely snarky nerd-girl intern at *Portland Magazine*.

She and another intern, a lovelorn young Indian named Arnau (Karan Soni) are detailed to assist Jeff (Jake Johnson) a snide, obnoxious reporter for the magazine, to

travel to an Oregon seaside town and investigate the ad.

It quickly becomes clear that Jeff pitched the story only as an excuse to travel to the town and reconnect with an old flame from his teen years, so Darius and Arnau end up doing most of the legwork.

Darius soon finds that the ad was placed by Kenneth (Mark Duplass), a strange but scruffily attractive stock clerk at a supermarket. She presents herself as a respondent to the ad. He’s mistrustful, but the two gradually bond and begin to fall in love as they prepare for the trip back—but to what time period, and why?

If this all sounds a little on the too-cute-by-half side to you, I can only tell you that I went into *Safety Not Guaranteed* bracing myself for the worst in urban-hipster adorableness and was won over.

The script, by Derek Connolly, has some witty dialogue and maybe more importantly a terrific structure that’s generous to all the characters, almost like that of a Shakespearean pastoral.

The movie’s brevity helps, too. I might have preferred a lighter, more ambiguous touch to the movie’s final few minutes, but that’s just a personal taste.

Better still are the performances.

I regret to say I’m not strong enough to resist the charms of young Plaza, with her skeptical glower that shifts occasionally into an unexpected smile, and just about everyone else in the cast brings something to the party as well.

Indeed, the subplot involving Johnson—sort of a leaner, less virile Mark Ruffalo—was, for me, almost

more successful than the main plot, in part because of the mature, grounded sexiness of Jenica Bergere as the old girlfriend Jeff’s there to see.

He reconnected with her on Facebook, of course—a much more common way, these days, of going back in time.
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Final hearing June 28 for proposed new property tax

By Jennifer Pillen Banks

To help alleviate wild fluctuations both in Tempe's property tax pool and its citizens' annual property tax payments, the city council last year changed its policy and swapped its fixed property tax rate for a fixed property tax levy.

In other words, no matter the state of the economy and resulting assessed home values, the city will collect the same total amount of taxes each year plus inflation—established by the Western Region Consumer Price Index, but not ever to exceed 3.3 percent.

"For your property tax to go up just because your property value went up doesn't make a lot of sense, but that's what has happened for years and years and years," said Tempe's Finance and Technology Director Ken Jones.

"The fact is, when your property value goes up, you don't have any more cash in your pocket."

But now assessed home values are falling. Between 2011 and 2012 the median single-family home value in Tempe fell by 17 percent from \$149,500 to \$124,500, determined by the Maricopa County Assessor's Office.

For the city therefore to be able to collect the same taxes this year as last, the rate must be increased from \$1.79 to \$2.14 per \$100 of assessed valuation.

At an issue-review session on May 31, several Tempe residents voiced their concern about the proposed rate increase. "The rate is not what we talk about now," said Tempe Mayor Hugh Hallman at the session. "We talk about the total property-tax bill to our residents, and we agreed that we would hold it constant except for the CPI inflation number."

"When property values were going up and the rate was held constant, the city collected more and more property tax," said Hallman.

"Under the new policy, when property valuations go up, residents will see their tax rate come down," said Jones, "because even then, the city will not increase the levy except for inflation."

The Maricopa County Assessor's Office is projecting that the median home value will fall again in 2013 to \$107,500.

However, Jones says he believes that the bottom is near.

"The home valuation process is about 18 months behind actual market, and we're already hearing that the Phoenix area is seeing on average a 10 percent increase in home values," said Jones.

Former council candidate Dick Foreman, who has written editorials in favor of the policy change and also voiced support of it during his campaign, believes

that the new policy favors taxpayers in the long run.

"One of the problems with the tax-rate discussion is that it's only one part of the formula," said Foreman.

"It's the combination of the tax rate and the valuation of your property. You put both of those variables into the formula, and you get the levy."

Because of falling house valuations, some Tempe homeowners will actually see a decrease in their taxes despite the rate increase.

Last year the city property tax for the median-valued home (\$149,000) was \$267.05. This year the tax on the median-valued home (\$124,500) under the new rate will be \$266.60, a small decrease.

Whether or not a homeowner's tax bill will go up or down this year depends on the change in that home's assessed value. On average, though, homeowners will see a 2 percent increase in taxes, said Jones.

The total tax levy consists of primary property taxes, which constitute approximately one third of the total levy and help fund operations, and secondary property taxes, which make up the other two-thirds and help fund voter-approved bonds.

"All of the secondary debt is voter-approved debt," said Foreman. "The voters have said we want these projects done. We want these parks built. We want the library. We want the multi-generation center. We want the fire stations. Most of these are passed by significant majority, so people clearly want them."

By law the primary property tax can increase only by 2 percent per year for inflation. The secondary rate can fluctuate but can *only* be applied to voter-approved debt.

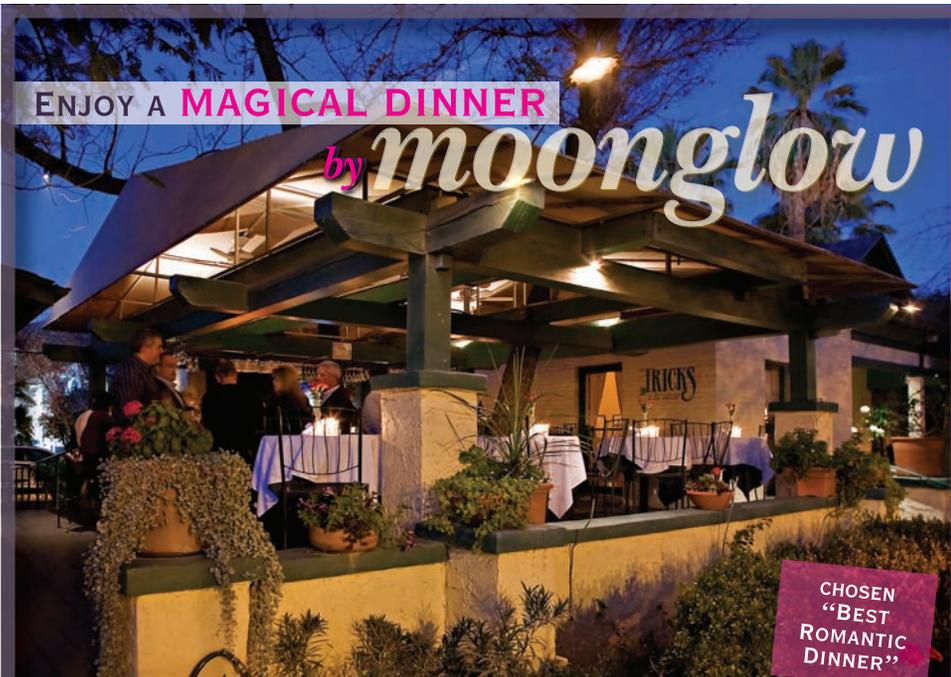
Although the CPI for this year allows the levy to be raised by up to 2.7 percent, Jones recommended the council go with a 2 percent increase, the minimum required to cover the proposed 5-year Capital Improvement Program.

"We're actually collecting the same amount that we did in the prior year plus inflation, but we're not even collecting the entire inflationary increase," said Jones.

"What we're saying now," said Jones, "is let's take that craziness out of the equation. Let's collect the amount that we need to pay the bonds and no more, not stockpile taxpayers' cash."

"When property values go up, we'll still only collect that amount."

Residents will be able to voice their opinion in a final property tax hearing to be held during the formal council meeting at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 28, in Tempe City Council Chambers, 31 E. Fifth St.



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In 2011, say local police and fire agencies, 33 children died nationwide from heat stroke caused by being left in hot cars.

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Here are some safety tips to follow to keep kids safe and out of hot vehicles:

Never leave a child or animal unattended in a vehicle. Not even for a minute.

If you see a child unattended in a vehicle, call 9-1-1.

If your child is missing check the pool, then your car.

Be sure that all occupants leave the vehicle when unloading. Don't overlook sleeping babies.

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Tips for expectant mothers on dealing with Arizona heat

As if carrying another life wasn't difficult enough, Valley temperatures complicate matters during hot summer months.

Summer heat can be especially difficult for expectant mothers due to their extra blood flow, which causes higher than normal body temperatures in addition to the added weight.

According to Giuseppe Ramunno, M.D., OB/GYN on the medical staff at Tempe St. Luke's Hospital, pregnant women are at a higher risk of suffering from dehydration, heat stroke and heat-related illness, which can be dangerous for both mother and baby. Dr. Ramunno offers tips on how mothers-to-be can beat the summer heat:

Avoid direct sunlight. Stay out of the sun, especially mid-day. Apply sunscreen 20 minutes prior to going outside. Pregnant skin tends to be more prone to sunburn and blotching with exposure to the sun due to hormonal influences.

Drink plenty of fluids. It's important to drink at least 8-10 glasses of water each

day — even more if you are active or sweat a lot. It's also important to drink enough juice, milk and sports drinks to help replace electrolytes lost when sweating in the summer heat. Avoid soft drinks since they work like diuretics — stealing more water from the body than they provide.

Eat lighter meals more frequently. Eating lighter meals more frequently can also help you stay cool by stabilizing your metabolism. Large, heavy meals with a few hours in between can speed and slow your metabolism, which can make you feel hotter. Make healthy popsicles by freezing fruit juice, or eat out at an air-conditioned restaurant to avoid using the stove or oven.

Be active at cooler times of the day. Exercise or run errands in the early morning or late afternoon when temperatures aren't as high. Always go indoors at the first sign of dizziness or weakness. When outside, carry a spray bottle of water to spritz yourself when you feel uncomfortably hot.

Decrease swelling. Minimizing salt intake can help reduce swelling caused by water retention. Don't eliminate salt from your diet completely as it contains iodide, which is essential to the health of the baby. Also elevating your feet often can help

reduce swelling and improve circulation.

Swim to cool off. In addition to being refreshing and cool, swimming can help reduce discomfort due to swelling and back pain. Hop into the pool and swim or simply "water jog." Not only will you cool off, but you'll also experience the added bliss of weightlessness. No access to a pool? Take a cool shower or bath.

Wear breathable fabrics. One of

the best ways to avoid over-heating is to wear lightweight breathable fabrics, such as 100 percent cotton, in light or bright colors. Dark colors may make you feel hotter. Also consider your footwear. You might be tempted to wear flip-flops as your footwear of choice, but pregnant feet need extra support and stability to prevent eventual back pain and possible falls.

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Doctors, dentists needed Working families target of schools' gap initiative

By Jennifer Pillen Banks

Lice, strep throat, broken bones, pinkeye—they're all inconvenient, but common, childhood ailments. Most parents tend not to think about them until they find themselves missing work and heading to the doctor's office before their child can return to school.

But imagine dealing with any of these with no health insurance to cover a quick doctor's visit, prescription, or both.

What otherwise would likely be a day, maybe two, of missed school and work, can quickly turn into a week or more until a family finds the money or resources to get the ailing child treated.

Amanda Hamm, prevention manager for the Kyrene School District, says there are many families that don't have enough need to qualify for free services through the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System, best known as AHCCCS, but who also can't afford private insurance.

"A lot of times people think we're talking about the chronically poor or homeless," said Hamm, "but these are working families."

Addressing the medical and dental needs of this uninsured group is one of several new services the Kyrene Family Resource Center hopes to be able to offer in the near future.

The center, one of several district prevention programs, represents a collaboration between the district and the nonprofit Kyrene Foundation. While the center supports Kyrene families in need with basic necessities, including food boxes, hygiene kits, clothing, school supplies, shot clinics and resource referrals, the center's main focus is on helping kids "so they're ready to learn," said Hamm.

"If you're not fed and clothed and clean, you can't learn as well at school."

According to the center's staff, more than 400 homeless children attend Kyrene schools. Thirty-three percent of Kyrene students live in poverty and qualify for free and reduced lunch (when a family of four makes less than \$24,000 per year).

Hamm chairs the recently formed Resource Center Action Committee, whose goal is to support and expand services at the center. The committee held its first meeting in April.

Because the center is not large enough or equipped to provide on-site medical and dental care, the committee is exploring a voucher system where doctors, dentists and counselors would commit to providing a certain amount of free service either per year, per child or per family.

"We need doctors and dentists on our committee because we need to figure out all the logistics for that," said Hamm. "Right now it's at the very earliest idea stage."

Several medical professionals have pledged their commitment to provide services, but issues related to facilities, liability, voucher design and required financial or service commitments must be decided first. In addition to consulting with the medical community, committee members are also meeting with the Arizona Department of Health Services.

"Before we do any of it, we need it to be secure. We need it to be safe for the medical entities, and we need it to be supportive for the families," said Hamm. "We also need to figure out what's reasonable to ask and what's too much."

Another immediate priority of the new committee is providing a fresh-food pantry.

The center currently distributes non-perishable items, but also would like to be able to provide meat, milk, eggs and fresh produce. Staff are looking to partner with local stores, bakeries and small grocery chains.

And, as with the vouchers, there are many logistical details to work out. For example, when providing meat, large frozen blocks of it will need to be provided "so that when a family is riding the city bus back home for an hour in 100 degree heat, the meat won't spoil," said Hamm.

The biggest barrier, however, to starting the fresh-food program

was obtaining commercial-grade refrigerators, said Hamm.

"We can't have fresh food if we don't have fridges, and it's so far outside our budget for the resource center," said Hamm.

But one of the best pieces of advice Hamm ever got regarding providing free community services, she said, is simply to ask for what you need. So she did.

Hamm talked with Robert Dreger, director of food services for Sodexo, the company which contracts for food service in the district, about the possibility of the company providing a refrigerator. Not only was the answer yes, but at last Tuesday's board meeting, Sodexo donated

two refrigerators to the program in recognition of its 30-year business partnership with the district.

"We wanted to do something that would benefit the entire Kyrene community and help fight against hunger," said Dreger.

Hamm's hoping she gets as good a response to her request for vouchers and volunteers.

Anyone interested in helping out can email her at ahamm@kyrene.org.

The committee meets at 8:00 a.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Kyrene Family Resource Center (next to Niños Elementary, 1330 E. Dava Drive, Tempe). The center also needs volunteers who can commit to regular hours to work in the center.

Briefs

D'backs camp — Tempe Sports Complex will be the site of a baseball camp being hosted by the Arizona Diamondbacks July 23-27.

The camp is open to boys and girls ages 6-14 and costs \$175 for the entire week. The camp is led by Diamondbacks Baseball Academy coaches.

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Dean's list — Douglas F. Snover, a graduate of Marcos de Niza High school, has been named to the dean's list at Angelo State University in San Angelo, Texas.

To be eligible, students must be enrolled fulltime at ASU and maintain a 3.25 or better grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

Recalling Dachau — Chandler Mayor Jay Tibshraeny interviews 89-year-old World War II Col. Edward Shames on *Chandler Inside & Out*, the city's monthly video newsmagazine appearing through the end of this month on Cox Channel 11.

The same interview appears on the city's website at www.chandleraz.gov, where it and previous programs are archived for permanent access.

Shames served as a member of the U.S. Army's 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment and Easy Company, which was made famous by the HBO mini-series *Band of Brothers*.

Shames was in Chandler for a one-time-only speaking engagement for the Holocaust & Tolerance Museum being built in Chandler. Tibshraeny interviewed him about his experiences during the war and at the Dachau concentration camp.

Arizona winefest — Whole Foods Markets will host a celebration of Arizona wines from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, June 16, at the chain's west Chandler store on Ray Road just east of the Price/101 Freeway.

Seven of the state's top wineries will take part in a competition that will be judged by consumers. The event offers a chance to meet Arizona winemakers, learn about the state's winemaking country and vote for favorite red and white varietals.

Tempe voting, by precinct

Voters representing what could be considered mostly south Tempe favored Michael Monti for mayor in recent City Council elections, while those generally thought of as residents of the northernmost neighborhoods voted their preference for Mark Mitchell.

Mitchell won the contest by 139 votes out of 22,563 cast.

Of the 21,081 ballots between City Council candidates Dick Foreman and Kolby Granville, Granville prevailed in all but one of the city's 15 voting precincts. Foreman received the most votes (1,251) over Granville (1,144) in District 11 (Kyrene Middle School).

Following are district-by-district results, including each polling location:

District 1 (Field Services Office) — Mitchell, 615; Monti, 322.

District 2 (Historical Museum) — Monti, 513; Mitchell, 414.

District 3 (City in the Desert Church) — Mitchell, 141; Monti, 130.

District 4 (Tempe H.S.) — Mitchell, 648; Monti, 341.

District 5 (Tempe Cascade) — Mitchell, 392; Monti, 326.

District 6 (Contempo Mobile Home Park) — Monti, 485; Mitchell, 478.

District 7 (Tempe School District) — Monti, 1,214; Mitchell, 1047.

District 8 (Hudson School) — Monti, 1,241; Mitchell, 1,193.

District 9 (Pyle Adult Center) — Mitchell, 1,048; Monti, 942.

District 10 (Fees Middle School) — Monti, 863; Mitchell, 785.

District 11 (Kyrene Middle School) — Monti, 1,314; Mitchell, 1,258.

District 12 (Tempe PD Substation) — Monti, 1,254; Mitchell, 1,162.

District 13 (Tempe UHSD offices) — Mitchell, 491; Monti, 445.

District 14 (Gethsemane Church) — Monti, 722; Mitchell, 715.

District 15 (Tempe Christian Church) — Monti, 1,100; Mitchell, 964.

Commentary

Why it's important for our daily newspapers to survive

In its Monday, June 4, edition and in a column the previous week, *The New York Times* made reference to the challenges facing America's daily newspapers, particularly relating to declining ad revenues that have led to staff layoffs, fewer days of publication and increased emphasis on online content.

The Times' coverage was triggered, in part, by the recent announcement that *The New Orleans Times-Picayune*, one of the nation's oldest newspapers, established 175 years ago, will go from its existing 7-day schedule to three days a week starting in the fall.

According to The Times' Christine Haughney, daily newspapers across the country face the same or similar decisions—and they are both tough and emotional ones. Americans have grown up with the concept of a daily newspaper in their driveway, and switching to a vastly changed concept of news distribution has many of us who publish smaller, highly localized newspapers concerned.

Here's why:

Covering news as it develops, analyzing what the news means to us as citizens, and serving as a watchdog of our constitutionally guaranteed First Amendment and other rights are critical to what we want—what we expect—as a nation. All of those require labor-intensive and informed reporting, which cannot be done on the cheap.

It goes without saying that the online model represents a much less costly process, and therefore newspapers theorize they may be able to make up, at least partially, for

lost advertising revenue. This means fewer reporters and less likelihood that those remaining will be able to focus on the kind of in-depth coverage on which we have learned to rely.

While *The Arizona Republic* has given no indication that the reduced-frequency model is one they are considering, it definitely faces the same questions that are being pondered by other U.S. dailies. Gannett, the national media giant that owns The Republic and 82 other newspapers around the country, has said it still sees demand for a print product that reaches its readers every day of the week.

We hope The Republic will continue with its seven-day-per-week commitment.

It is true that small, community-focused publications like ours have taken on new relevance in the cities they serve. Our advertising revenue, and our readership, have stayed level over the past several years. The same can be said, we think, for papers like the one covering the San Tan area of Gilbert and south Chandler, another focusing on the Arcadia district of Phoenix and still others spread in neighborhoods across the Valley.

Collectively, our lower costs of production and our emphasis on stories that directly affect our readers have given us some apparent staying power that the larger papers simply can't achieve.

Here's the problem, however:

Even though we remain in good financial health, small

local newspapers don't have the resources to provide complete and timely coverage of everything our readers want and need to know. It's the dailies for which that remains a vital reason for existence.

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Doctor

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Stay indoors as much as possible. If you get bored at home, go to a mall or movie theater where there is plenty of cool air.

By paying attention to your body's warning signs and following these simple tips, you can stay cool and healthy during the hot days of your summer pregnancy. If you experience any of the

following symptoms, including: five contractions or more per hour; bright red vaginal bleeding; acute or continuous vomiting; low, dull backache; or intense pelvic pressure, see your doctor immediately.

• *Giuseppe Ramunno, M.D., is a board-certified obstetrician and gynecologist on the medical staff at Tempe St. Luke's Hospital. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 1-877-351-WELL.*

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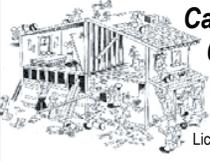
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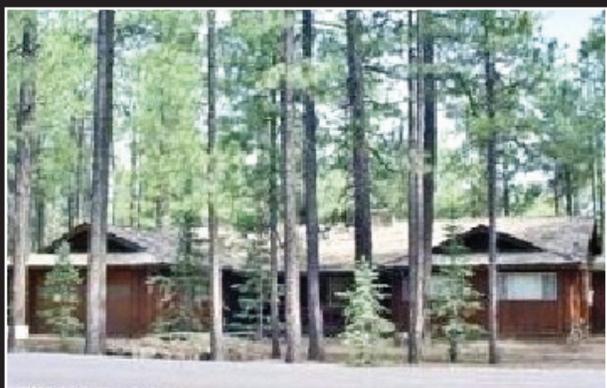
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