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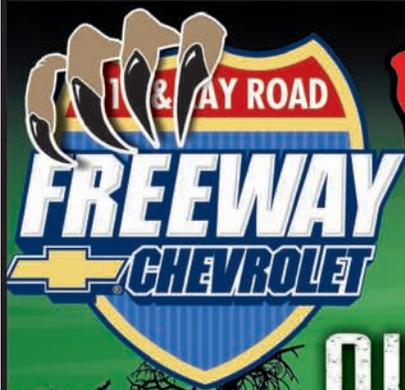
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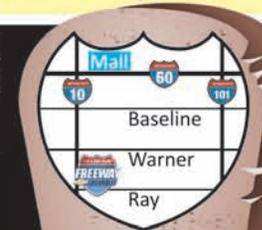


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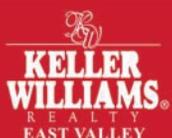
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Music to their ears

Kyrene after-school program aims to nurture a lifelong appreciation

By Diana Whittle



Wesley Enevoldsen at Mirada session

Tom van Oostrom are co-directors of the new Kyrene Elementary Band and Orchestra, and they hope to nurture a growing appreciation for musical performance, which they'd like to see continue not only in students' middle- and high-school years but throughout their lives.

Jessica van Oostrom played percussion in high school and majored in music in college where she met her husband, Tom, who earned degrees in music composition. The couple, both of whom teach in the Kyrene district,

discovered their passion for music in childhood and continue to enjoy live performance.

As a result, they created this program for fourth and fifth graders, believing children are developmentally ready at these ages.

"We feel that the students are at the right stage to learn a band or orchestra instrument and to read standard music notation," said Jessica.

Fortunately, the Kyrene district continues to offer "specials" in its daily curriculum, one of which is music class. Before renting or buying their instrument, students were invited to an instrument "petting zoo" to try out their choices.

Wesley Enevoldsen, a fourth grader at Kyrene de la Mirada Elementary in west Chandler, brought home a flier about the musical open house and asked his mother if he could participate. She says he loves his weekly music class, and she felt the new program sounded like a good extra-curricular activity.

After reviewing the options of instruments available, much to his mother's surprise, Wesley selected the cello instead of the drums.

"He said he thought drums would make too much noise," said Laura Enevoldsen, "and so far, he seems happy with his choice. He is excited to

go to the practice sessions."

Zoi Delgado, a fourth grader at Kyrene de las Brisas, also in west Chandler, developed an interest in the flute at an early age, says her mother, Jodi Richardson-Delgado, a music therapist.

"I believe that music is extremely important, so I am delighted that the district decided to offer the band and orchestra program," said Richardson-Delgado.

"Music is around our home all the time, and we have a flute in our family that Zoi is able to use. She loves the instrument and even practices without me having to remind her."

During the school day by coming to music class each week, kids already have learned the value and enjoyment of music, says Jessica.

"Through the band and orchestra program, we are taking their classroom experience a step further by allowing them to try out a new instrument and giving them additional performance opportunities, which are exciting and fun."

The band and orchestra program is open to fourth and fifth graders enrolled in any of the 19 elementary schools in the Kyrene district.

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Discerning Diner

Some clever ways to squash your appetite for a seasonal favorite

Editor's note: Again we resurrect the literary legerdemain of our onetime Discerning Diner with one of her mind- and palate-pleasing seasonal stories, which never seem to lose their appeal. The topic in this issue, not surprisingly: A Halloween favorite. Enjoy.

Last week at the supermarket, I counted five or maybe six different types of winter squash. That wasn't unusual—most grocery stores these days carry a variety of them, from pale, smooth-skinned butternuts to the familiar green acorn squashes to gnarly oddball types, like turban and kabocha squashes.

What got me excited—I get excited about this stuff—was the appearance of our best known yet least available winter squash: the wonderful, humble pumpkin.

You can buy butternut squashes year-round, you can find spaghetti squash even in the spring, but if you want a pumpkin, you'd better act between Halloween and Thanksgiving. The rest of the year, it only comes in a can.

That's too bad, because not only is pumpkin delicious, it's remarkably versatile. It's no more difficult to handle than any other winter squash. And pumpkin puree made from scratch is 10 times better than the canned kind. So why the pumpkin prejudice? My guess is: Jack o' Lanterns. By the time you finish cleaning out the slimy guts of a big carving pumpkin, your wrist is sore, your hands sticky and you never want to touch a pumpkin again. Watching your Jack o' Lantern collapse into a moldy shrunken head isn't very appetizing, either.

But these big, messy pumpkins aren't the kind you want for cooking anyway. Their flesh is watery and their flavor mediocre. For cooking, you need pie pumpkins, a few pounds each, which are small and neat and easy to handle.

The one I took home from the store, destined for a pie, weighed just under three pounds. That was only slightly heavier than the butternut squash I bought at the same time.

(On the subject of weight, here's an interesting fact I found on the Internet: the largest pumpkin ever grown weighed 1,458 pounds. Wow! Because it was damaged, it's not the official record holder, but "giant" pumpkins routinely surpass the half-ton mark. That's a lot of watery, mediocre pumpkin pie.)

To roast a pumpkin, cut it in half through its equator. A good, sharp kitchen knife will help here. Use a big spoon to scrape out the exposed seeds and strings. You can roast the seeds for a snack if you like (30 to 45 minutes at 350 degrees, tossed with a little oil, salt and possibly cayenne).

Put the halves cut-side down on a lightly oiled baking sheet and roast at 375 degrees until the skin is wrinkled and darkened in spots and the flesh is very soft, 30 minutes to an hour. You can eat it as is with a little butter and parmesan cheese, or with butter, freshly grated nutmeg and brown sugar. Delicious.

Or, to make puree, scrape the flesh from the skin and beat it in a food processor or with a spoon.

Each pie pumpkin should yield a few cups of this puree, enough for most recipes. I love pumpkin in soups, and pumpkin soup can be as easy as stirring puree into milk or a good chicken stock.

For an unusual Italian version, cook broken spaghetti noodles in the soup, add salt and pepper to taste, and serve with grated parmesan. It's surprisingly good.

But nothing beats a pumpkin pie, and it's a shame to limit it to Thanksgiving.

Pumpkin pie warm from the oven is inexpressibly wonderful, but I also like the cold leftovers for breakfast.

I have a favorite recipe for almost everything except pumpkin pie. The fact is, most pumpkin pie recipes out there work pretty well. Generally I use the recipe from Chez Panisse Desserts, but my mom uses the recipe on the Libby canned pumpkin labels, and her pumpkin pies are terrific.

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Shutdown boosts unemployment rate; forum offers hiring tips for employers

By Jennette L. Pokorny

Having the government in shutdown mode apparently has had a significant impact on Kyrene Corridor workers and their out-of-work counterparts in other parts of the U.S.

Newly released statistics show that the number of people applying for U.S. unemployment benefits has been sharply rising.

According to the Employment and Training Administration, first-time claims for unemployment insurance jumped to 374,000 – a 66,000 increase from the week before.

Here's one positive note: the shutdown won't last forever and companies will hire again.

In fact, on Wednesday, Oct. 30, Tempe Center for the Arts will host a job fair from 4 to 7:30 p.m., at which time potential employees will be able to network with business professionals and distribute their resumes.

Based on the number of people currently out of jobs, business owners can expect a large influx of resumes coming their way.

Since a resume is the first thing employers see to get a grasp of the person they are considering to hire, it's important to know how to distinguish a good resume from a bad one.

Here are the top eight mistakes of a resume that small business owners should be aware of:

The "too-in-depth" resume. A business owner should know what needs to be known within the first 30 seconds of reading a resume. As a business owner you should skip resumes with a lot of "fluff."

Unfocused resumes. Business owner beware: If the candidate cannot stay focused on paper this is most likely a warning sign of the individual's work focus as well.

Lack of knowledge for your industry. Candidates who throw out buzz words or industry jargon in all the wrong places likely lack industry-specific knowledge required for the position you're looking to fill.

Outdated resumes. Resumes should be updated to reflect a potential employee's most current skills and employment. If it looks like some information is missing, there may be something the candidate does not want you to know such as poor computer skills or an unpleasant parting from the last employer.

Extraordinarily flashy resume. Be careful to make sure the candidate is not using a flashy resume as a smoke-and-mirrors approach. Sure, they want their resume to stand out, but that should not be the substance of the resume.

Misspellings. This type of error can signify many things, including lack of caution, poor writing and communication skills and poor work quality. If the candidate can't get it right on his or her own resume, can you expect anything different once you make the hire?

Numerous short periods or large gaps in employment. Beware of this resume as it may be a warning that this employee may not stick around too long. Your time devoted to training an employee can be wasted if you have to do it all over again in 3 or 6 months.

A mostly fiction-novel resume. Find a resume really hard to believe? If it seems too good to be true, then it just might be. Over-exaggerated employment dates, an inflation of skill sets or inconsistency of how they left their last employment serve as warnings that the candidate is untrustworthy.

Remember, a resume is the first indication of a potential employee's work ethic, attention to detail and personality. Be sure that it fits the needs of your company and the position that is being filled.

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Tempe police, DEA collaborate to help clean out medicine cabinets

Tempe police will again partner with the Arizona Drug Enforcement Administration and other Valley law enforcement agencies for a drug “take back” event at the Tempe South police substation.

Residents will be able to safely dispose of unused, unneeded and expired prescription and over-the-counter medications. The event will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 26. The substation is at 8201 S. Hardy Drive, Tempe.

Police note that they are unable to safely accept glass, syringes, injectables or needles. There is no need to remove labels with personal information; items will be incinerated.

How the program works: Bring unused and expired prescription and over-the-counter medications in their original containers. Disposal is anonymous.

Medications will be placed by you into specially provided boxes. Tempe police will seal and deliver the disposed medications for destruction by the DEA.

Each year, Tempe partners with the DEA and the community for a safe, convenient disposal service. During

the event, thousands of Arizonans turn in more than 6,000 pounds of prescription drugs at sites across the state, operated by dozens of local law enforcement partners.

“Thanks to the efforts of the Arizona DEA, law enforcement across the state and our community, each year thousands of pounds of unused prescription drugs don’t end up on the streets,” said Chief Tom Ryff.

Many abused prescription drugs are obtained from home medicine cabinets. One of the goals of the joint program is to minimize the likelihood of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to the inappropriate use of prescription drugs.

Additionally, disposing of medications down the drain is a health hazard that adversely impacts the local water supply and the environment.

Note: The event is designed to be of help to individuals and families, not as a means to safely handle reverse shipments from pharmaceutical and business distributors.

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Families of stutterers plan ASU Fun Day Oct. 26

By Sarah Armstrong

Aidan Fast began stuttering at the age of 4. Concerned with the sudden appearance of the disorder, his mother, Terra, brought him to doctors.

They said he would outgrow it in a year, that the disorder was common in young boys.

A year passed, and the stuttering remained. More trips to the doctor yielded more unanswered questions. They could hear the stuttering, but no one seemed interested in helping Terra become better informed.

As do many people who have questions these days, she turned to an Internet search.

"There had to be something," she figured.

That led her to the site of the National Stuttering Association, a nationwide organization dedicated to providing support and resources to people who stutter. Aidan and his mother began attending meetings with a local NSA chapter at Arizona State University.

One of the organization's primary resources, local chapter meetings bring families together to meet and share with others who face similar challenges.

Still, as a second grader, Aidan continued having problems at school.

"My happy child had become angry and frustrated. He became socially withdrawn because he couldn't vocalize his situation," Terra says.

Issues such as those Aidan faced are common among young people who stutter, says Dr. Lynne Hebert Remson, a speech-language pathologist and board-recognized specialist in fluency disorders.

In her private practice, Remson says she regularly saw school-aged children, usually boys, who stuttered. However, because only about 1 percent of the population stutters at any given time, those children were often the only ones being treated for stuttering in their schools.

"They didn't know any other children or any other adults who stuttered," Remson says. "I wanted to bring these boys together."

That's when she approached the NSA about forming a local chapter—the group that has met at ASU ever since.

As Aidan and Terra started attending the local NSA meetings, it gave both of them an opportunity to meet other families with children who stutter.

In small groups, Aidan, now 9 years old, was able to share experiences with other children his age, while Terra looked forward to meeting with other parents.

Soon, while Aidan's stuttering remained, the problems at school ceased.

"The meetings have given my child and myself a sense of belonging. My child fits in with all of these kids, and it's the same with the parents," Terra says.

The next NSA family event is a Family Fun Day on Saturday, Oct. 26. Terra says she looks forward to NSA events as a way to meet up with fellow parents, see how their children are progressing and catch up with current research.

In addition, beyond local and regional meetings, NSA's Facebook page offers a place for parents across the country to share and read what other parents are going through.

"Any event that I can bring my child to that is full of other stutterers is a positive experience for him to feel a sense of normalcy," Terra says.

"There is nothing out there that's going to fix your child. But if you become a member of NSA, you will have new friends, your child will have new friends who stutter and you will be around other parents who have gone through the same things as you."

"The most important message a parent can give to their child is saying 'It's okay to stutter,'" Remson says.

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Sports Notebook

with Alex Zener

Aztecs persevere with season's 1st football win

Perseverance, hard work and dedication come to mind when describing Corona's 2013 football team which recently won its first game of the season.

Perseverance for staying in a program that had one coach, Zane Zamenski, fired after his first year and then another, Tom Joseph, let go after only four games into his second season. All this turmoil came about after 23-year veteran head coach Gary Ventura retired in 2009.

Hard work and dedication for continuing to practice hard and play even harder when losing game after game after game—six in a row—before finally winning their first game Oct. 11 at home against Dobson.

The Aztecs defeated the Dobson Mustangs, 37-14, with interim head coach **Tim Kelly** at the helm. Kelly, who is a Corona graduate and former football player and has been a coach with the football program at Corona for 20 years, accepted the temporary position when Joseph left one day before the Aztecs were to play Mesquite Sept. 27.

"Winning our first game this season meant a lot for all the players and the football staff," said Kelly. "It has been a tough season and the kids were rewarded for all the hard work and effort they have shown all season."

It was a solid offensive and defensive effort, a complete team win, according to Kelly.

"Our offensive line played really well and opened up some holes when we were running with the ball, or gave us time to throw in our passing game," said Kelly.

The Aztecs, with a lot of offensive weapons, according to Kelly, were able to get into the end zone to score points using both types of offensive options after Dobson scored on their first drive to make the score 0-7.

Tevin Mayfield, Corona's leading receiver, caught a 14-yard pass from junior **Matt Asta**, who started the game as quarterback, to score on the Aztecs' first possession.

Then **George Wright**, who is second on the team in yards rushing per game, rushed 48 yards to score Corona's second touchdown. Asta ran in a two-point conversion to make the score 15-7 at the end of the first quarter.

The Mustangs scored once more, a touchdown in the second quarter, to bring them within one point at 15-14. The rest of the night belonged to the Aztecs.

Mayfield snagged a pass out of the air for a 43-yard touchdown from the usual starting quarterback **RJ Rhiner** to score six, and Wright ran in another touchdown for CdS to end the half up 27-14.

The Aztecs, who scored in every quarter, were held to a 27-yard field goal by **Chris Baker** in the third. They rebounded in the fourth quarter with a rushing touchdown by Wright and point-after by Baker to put the game away, giving Corona its first

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Frequent cyclist Riley Gay takes note of the planned 3-month closure of the Western Canal recreational pathway where it crosses from Tempe into Chandler at Price Road. — Wrangler News photo by Billy Hardiman

Cyclists taking advantage of these cooler days and evenings will have to find a new route for their pastime when Salt River Project launches a major reconstruction effort along the Western Canal multi-use path from Price to Alma School roads.

SRP officials say they are using the fall weather to improve the efficiency of the canal system from Nov. 1 to Feb. 1, lining with concrete the portion of the canal adjacent to the bike-pedestrian path.

While the project area is limited to the portion of the canal in Chandler, it will affect bike riders who normally start their trek in Tempe.

According to SRP, the work must be done during the winter when water demand is lower to minimize the interruption to customers. The project will require both banks of the canal to be occupied by SRP crews and heavy equipment.

Work will begin with the collection and relocation of the White Amur fish that help eliminate aquatic weed growth in the canals. Through the end of January, crews will perform activities such as dredging, hauling, grading and delivery and placement of concrete.

SRP says these activities require the closure of the canal banks to the public, including the multi-use path on the south side of the canal between Price and Alma School roads for safety purposes.

The path portions in Tempe will remain open. A suggested alternative route when heading eastbound on the path from Tempe is to use Country Club Way to Guadalupe Road.



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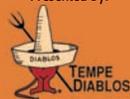
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Dr. Sheldon L. Martin is a fellowship-trained orthopedic surgeon, specializing in shoulder, elbow and knee surgery. He obtained his undergraduate degree at La Salle University in Philadelphia, PA, followed by medical school at Georgetown University School of Medicine in Washington, DC.

Dr. Martin completed his internship and orthopedic surgery residency at Loyola University Medical Center in Chicago, followed by subspecialty fellowship training in orthopedic sports medicine and shoulder/elbow surgery with OrthoCarolina at Carolina Medical Center in Charlotte, NC.

He serves as the head team physician for the AFL's 2012 Arena Bowl XXV World Champion Arizona Rattlers. Dr. Martin has worked with professional, collegiate, and high school athletic teams, including the Carolina Panthers, Charlotte Knights, Joe Gibbs Racing team, the University of North Carolina and the local Desert Vista High School.

His research has been presented both nationally and internationally and published extensively in the peer-reviewed literature.

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Employment remains biggest challenge for rehab non-profit

By Chelsea Martin

Opportunity should not exist merely to engage the capable body but extend to all in a community, including those who require assistance for special needs.

And, although helping others isn't a priority for all, for others it's a way of life.

Combine determination and a passion to achieve that goal, and the result is The Centers for Habilitation, a south Tempe non-profit that was created in 1967.

The organization functions solely to support individuals of all ages with physical and developmental disabilities, to allow them the chance to live a higher quality of life and help alleviate barriers to independence.

"For the adults with disabilities that we serve it's all about quality of life," Dawn Hocking, director of development for TCH, said.

"Whatever we can do to offer those opportunities for them to experience things that you and I experience, we do.

"You see the smiles, you see the joy, the fact that they're earning a paycheck and that they have the ability to go out into the community and explore."

How does TCH provide these opportunities? The list of services is diverse, each providing beneficial care and independence.

Not only does TCH operate 15 group homes in the East Valley and three in Tucson; it provides a day program five days a week for clients 18 years and older.



TCH's document destruction truck.
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learning, and an inclusion in the whole community.

"We try to integrate into the community as much as possible," Hocking said.

Another TCH initiative is its Ability One program, the largest source of employment for people who have significant disabilities. TCH employs more than 150 individuals at four military sites in Arizona and one naval training base in California.

The home- and community-based services are provided for those not living in group homes. TCH's Employment Services program provides men and women with disabilities the chance to earn a paycheck, where the ultimate goal is independent employment.

The organization's Social Enterprise program is also an integral part of TCH's operations.

Currently, TCH owns and operates ASDD Document Destruction, TCH Elder Care Service, and is a partner in the Blue Ribbon Bistro and Java Junction. Throughout all of the programs combined, TCH has more than 500 employees.

Currently, 75 individuals live in TCH's group homes, from which they can be transported to a TCH site for the program. Within the walls of six classrooms, the program is focused on teaching basic life skills, opportunities for

Between budget cuts and community involvement, according to Hocking, TCH has had its share of challenges to overcome.

Community employment is an important key to independence for individuals with disabilities, and it's been one of the biggest concerns to date.

"The challenge is finding community partners that are willing to take a chance on these individuals," Hocking said.

"We want to be able to help the community understand the needs of these individuals because they are very different from a lot of the populations that are served in the community."

Hocking and the rest of the TCH team are bright, buoyant individuals who are determined to continually provide opportunities to individuals with special needs indefinitely.

"I do what I do because I can't imagine my life without it. I've been here 23 years so they have really shaped who I am," Hocking said.

"You learn to see what's really important in life. It's not about what kind of house you live in; it's about 'Hey, look, I just made this' or 'I just tied my shoe for the first time' or 'will you put up my hair?'"

"That's what it's all about."

"I know at the end of the day I'm making a difference and helping them to be able to live the quality of life they deserve."

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West Chandler's Sunset branch library will host this month's session of the Chandler Fall Speaker Series, which explores the centuries-old history of the Gila River and its relationship to the Gila River Indian Community and other southeast Valley communities.

Even a river that is usually dry, it remains a lifeline in the desert, say program planners. That's the premise of "A River's Journey: The Story of the Gila River," scheduled from 10:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 19, at the Sunset library, 4930 W. Ray Road.

The Gila is a 650-mile long river that begins in New Mexico, travels across central Arizona, and eventually flows into the Colorado River, according to Jean Reynolds, who oversees planning for Chandler's history program.

Along the river's journey it passes through the Gila River Indian Community and crosses State Route 87 (Arizona Avenue) approximately 11 miles from downtown Chandler, notes Reynolds.

A knowledgeable panel will discuss the river, its history and its

impact on modern-day life in the area.

Panelists include Dr. David DeJong, Indian-law author and director of the Pima-Maricopa Irrigation Project, and Rod Lewis, who served as attorney for the Gila River Indian Community in negotiations leading to the 2004 Arizona Water Rights Settlement Act Water.

Lewis was also the first Arizona Indian tribe member to join the Arizona State Bar.

The panelists will share their perspectives on the Gila River's ecological story, its cultural importance for the Akimel and Pee-Posh/Pima, the loss and return of water rights to the Gila River Indian Community, and the river's future connection to the Chandler community.

The Fall Speaker Series is hosted by Chandler Museum, Chandler Historical Society and the Chandler Library.

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win of the 2013 season.

Although Mayfield alone was credited with 106 yards on five catches, just 60 yards shy of the Aztecs' average receiving yards of 167 per game, it was the running game that showed the biggest yardage on offense.

Corona's offense was able to rush 314 yards. Wright was the leading rusher, with 103 yards on 16 carries scoring three touchdowns. Quarterback Rhiner, was credited with 57 yards rushing.

Scrambling and running with the ball is nothing new to Rhiner, who had carried the ball 78 times or almost twice as often as the next leading rusher on the Aztec team leading up to the Dobson game.

"We have been pressured a lot in our passing game this season so our quarterbacks often have to keep the ball and scramble in order to keep from getting sacked," said Kelly.

Other offensive players who also stand out on the stat sheet are **Colin Freeman, Grant Fishburn, Vegas Trujillo, Tom Turley** and **Antonio Peralta**.

"**Colin Freeman** has done a great job rotating in on offense with George Wright because George has been playing a lot of defense for us," said Kelly. "Colin comes in at corner and at running back a great deal of the time and does an outstanding job of mixing up our runs between inside and outside. He has also done particularly well in our screen packages."

Corona has other multi-talented players who

have taken on different roles to benefit the team.

"**Grant Fishburn** is a talented athlete who plays offense, defense, special teams and kicker. He is also one of our fastest players. He has given us a double threat at the wide receiver position," said Kelly.

"**Vegas Trujillo** is another player who has stepped in to help his team by playing tight end when **Tom Turley** was moved to offensive tackle, taking the place of an injured **Vance Arnold**. Vance came back last week and did a good job against Dobson."

The team, already short-handed, recently lost their leading rusher to injury.

"Losing **Antonio Peralta** to a season-ending knee injury a couple of weeks ago has been a great loss to our program," said Kelly. "Antonio not only helped us out a lot on offense but he was an integral part of our defense and special teams. When he was playing fullback, he could rush through holes opened by our offensive line extremely fast."

Playing in only six games, Peralta was averaging 30 yards a game on offense and over three tackles a game including 10 solo tackles on defense.

In addition to being a backup quarterback, **Asta** also plays defense.

"**Matt Asta** has played well this season and has worked his way up to the starting free safety position," said Kelly. "He is very smart, a great student of the game, and a player who can step in at quarterback, like he did against Dobson, and do very well."

It should also be noted that all of these offensive players have significant roles on both sides of the ball. It has sometimes been difficult but Corona's players

have done well when the numbers have forced them to play both offense and defense against physically larger and deeper teams, according to Kelly.

Corona's defense, which, at times, struggled against higher-ranked teams, thrived against the Mustangs.

"Our front seven, on defense, did a great job of pressuring and controlling Dobson's running game," said Kelly.

"We have a great linebacker group anchored by **Elijah Hassell** and **Jacob Riedell** with **Blake Jones** and **Vegas Trujillo** switching off to play the third linebacker position."

Riedell is definitely the one to avoid if you are playing on the other side of the ball. He leads the team in tackles, after only six games, with 40 solo and 65 total tackles. Jones, the next best tackler, has 24 solos and 37 total tackles.

"We now have a solid defensive line, including **Brix Kronborg, Travis Longacre, Jordan Somerville, Turley** and **Cassius Peat**, who recently returned after being out all season with a sprained ankle," said Kelly.

"They are doing a great job holding up our opponents' offensive line and allowing our linebackers to do everything they can to tackle runners, defend passes or pressure the quarterbacks."

Even Corona's leading receiver Mayfield has stepped up to play defense.

"Tevin has been a great corner all season and has rotated in at the free safety position," said Kelly. "He may be one of the top players in the state on defending and breaking up passes."

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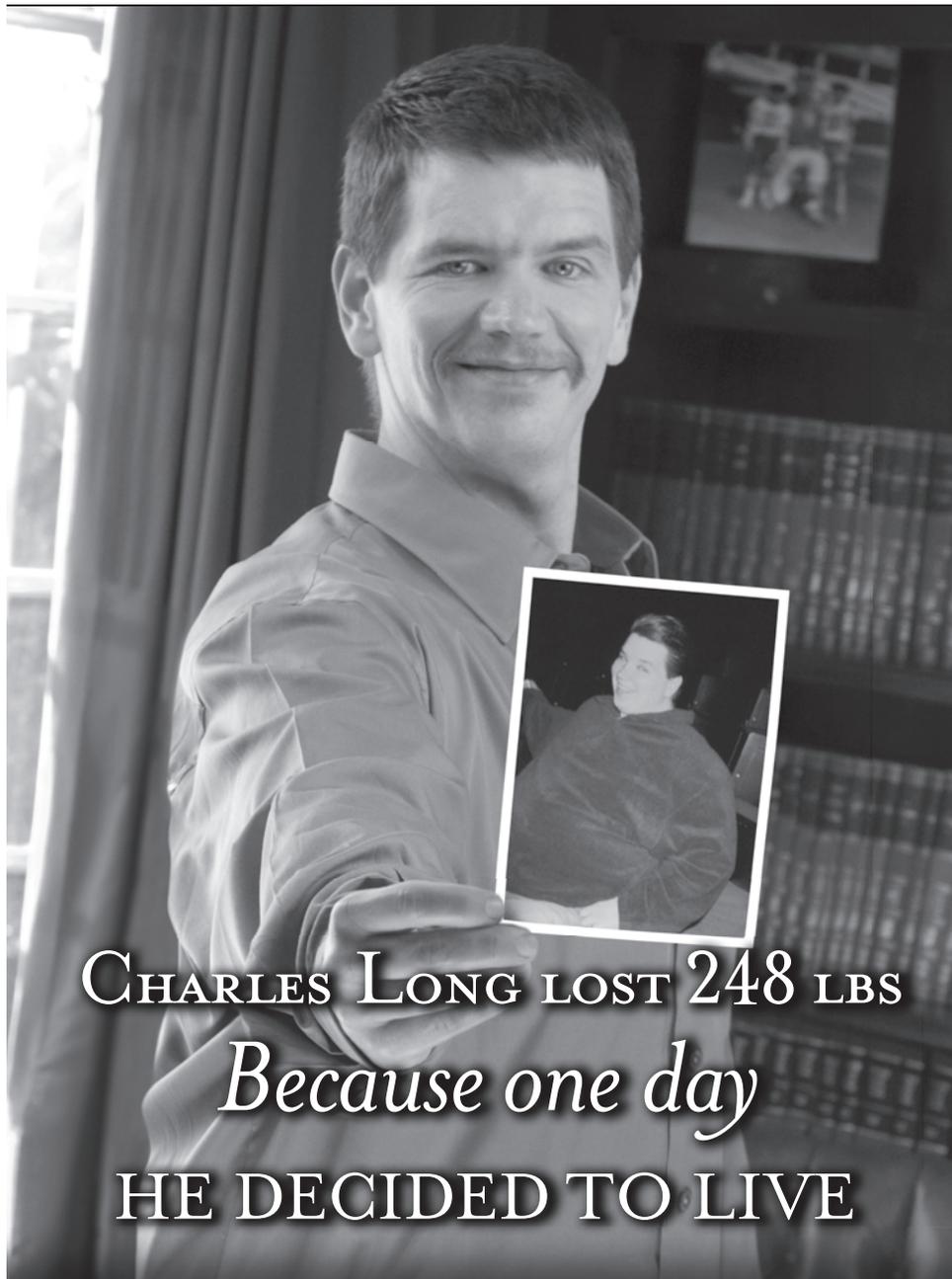


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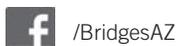


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Right now the Aztecs feel like they are finally starting to play as a team, and the win against Dobson should help boost their confidence and enthusiasm.

"My focus the rest of the season is to give these kids the best football experience possible for the rest of the year, and that includes winning as many games as we can," said Kelly.

It would be so much easier if the Aztecs were not scheduled to face off against defending state champion Mountain Pointe Oct. 18.

If the Aztecs can put up some points and play well on defense without sustaining injuries, their last two games could be winnable: Desert Vista, Oct. 24 and Notre Dame, Nov. 1. Both are home games.

Corona girls golf

Corona's girls golf team qualified for the team portion of the state tournament after the

first five matches. The tournament is scheduled Oct. 30-31 at Aguila Golf Course in Laveen.

In addition, the team has three out of five golfers qualified as individuals in the state tournament.

Qualifying for the individual portion

is senior **Halie Carpenter**, who has done exceptionally well this season leading her team to its best record in several years.

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The event, which will be at the church from 2 to 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 26, is open to everyone in the community.

A few of the activities to look forward to are a chili cook off, line dancing, music, pumpkin painting, a cupcake walk, a police and fire demonstration, crafts, a bounce house, face painting and more.

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EV Assistance League launching book drive

New or gently used books for children and pre-teens are being collected by the Assistance League of East Valley as part of a book drive leading up to Make a Difference Day on Oct. 26.

The books will be given to local Head Start programs and the Children's First Academy for homeless children, as well as to area elementary schools that have a high percentage of children on the free lunch program.

Many of these students do not have the experience of receiving a new book to take home and call their own, say those sponsoring the program.

Shoppers who contribute books Friday-Saturday, Oct. 25-26, will receive a coupon good for \$1 at participating stores on the days of the event.

Collection boxes are at the Assistance League Thrift Shop, 1050 N. Arizona Ave., Chandler, and at other east Valley locations. Proceeds from the shop allow the all-volunteer organization to provide new school clothing for almost 6,000 needy children each year and clothing and hygiene items for more than 3,000 victims of violence.

Members also give birthday parties for seniors attending Tempe Adult Day Health Services and provide funding for supplemental materials in local schools as well as scholarships for five students attending Arizona institutions of higher learning.

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With M.V. Moorhead

A thought-provoking look at WikiLeaks bad boy

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The Fifth Estate—The British actor Benedict Cumberbatch, recently impressive as the villain in *Star Trek: Into Darkness*, does a striking impersonation of Julian Assange in this chronicle of the WikiLeaks saga.

Like 2010's *The Social Network*, it's the story of a virtual-world revolutionary, based on a book by a disgruntled former second-banana—Zuckerberg pal Eduardo Saverin in the case of the Facebook movie, and WikiLeaks crony Daniel Domscheit-Berg in the case of *The Fifth Estate*.

Surprise, surprise—in both the sidekicks are

depicted as decent and long-suffering, and the central figures as socially awkward, paranoid, narcissistic ingrates.

The director is Bill Condon of Chicago, and as before he shows some ingenuity in creating psychological landscapes. His illustrations of the real-world impact of Assange's online activities are cleverly handled as well. But there's something slack and artificial about the attempts to generate conventional political-thriller suspense from the release of the Afghan War Logs or the Diplomatic Cables. The performances are sharp and witty—Stanley Tucci and Laura Linney have fun as a couple of jaded State Department stooges—and so is much of the dialogue, but somehow the movie doesn't feel urgent.



M.V. Moorhead

Maybe that's because it's off-center. I don't mean to suggest that Assange's psychology, at least as it

relates to the ethics of his leaks, is an unimportant subject. I just don't think it's as important as most of what, rightly or wrongly, he leaked.

Most people would probably agree that at least some state secrecy is necessary for a nation's security; most would probably even more strongly agree that this shouldn't be used as a catch-all excuse to cover-up brutality or illegality, or even to avoid embarrassment. Yet this is clearly much of what WikiLeaks exposed.

The focus on Assange's admittedly questionable character has kept this material from being as widely discussed as it should be, and it's hard to believe that isn't at least partly by design.

A.C.O.D.—The title stands for Adult Children of Divorce, and the central character, Carter (Adam Scott), is a prime specimen of such. His younger brother (Clark Duke) is getting married, and it falls to Carter to negotiate the brief truce between his long-divorced, still-enraged parents (Richard Jenkins and Catherine O'Hara) necessary for the occasion. None of the wackiness which ensues is especially

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Barrow Neurological Institute satellite celebrates 1st year at Chandler Regional

By Alison Stanton

If common wisdom says it takes a couple of years for new ventures to make their mark, just ask Dr. Taro Kaibara whether that's really so.

Kaibara is medical director of neurosurgery at the state-of-the-art satellite campus of Barrow Neurological Institute, which opened last year on the campus of Chandler Regional Medical Center.

Already the place has proven its worth within the local medical community as well as among a growing number of East Valley patients.

Kaibara, along with co-neurosurgeons Dr. Mark Garrett and Dr. Steve Chang, share in the facility's pursuit of treating myriad neurological conditions.

During the last 12 months, Kaibara said, the BNI location at Chandler Regional has grown steadily busier—a development that makes him, Garrett and Chang extremely pleased.

"It's been a full year since we've had three people here, and we have definitely grown and we are all very happy with the progress and the establishment of all three practices here," Kaibara said.

"We knew there was a big need for this type of medical service in the East Valley."

Treating residents closer to home was one of the main rationales for establishing the BNI satellite office in the East Valley, Kaibara said.

Before the office opened, people who were in need of neurological care had to drive to downtown Phoenix to be cared for by the physicians at Barrow's main facility on the campus of St. Joseph's Hospital.

As Kaibara noted, the back-and-forth traveling was wearying, not only for the patients but for the friends and family members who visited them if they required a hospital stay.

"Since we have been at Chandler Regional, we have been well-accepted into

the medical community, and we certainly have a lot of patients who are happy to be seen by us here, because they don't have to go downtown anymore."

Kaibara said he, Garrett and Chang treat mostly the same types of health issues at the local Barrow facility as those seen in downtown Phoenix.

The main difference, he said, is what they choose to treat.

"If someone needs the highest level of care, like maybe for a super high-level and complex aneurysm, we might decide to send the patient downtown."

In most cases, though, he said, "We can treat everything here."

Another difference, Kaibara said, is that at the East Valley BNI facility, the patient typically has direct access to the attending surgeon throughout the entire treatment process, including pre-op, surgery and post-op procedures.

"Because of this, we are sometimes able to establish a much more personal relationship with our patients," he said.

As often as they can, Kaibara said he and the other two physicians utilize minimally invasive techniques on their

patients.

"All three of us are involved in the research of different types of technology with industry partners, and we have access to the latest procedures and approaches," he said.

Probably the most common health issues treated at the Barrow satellite involve elective procedures pertaining to degenerative spinal problems of the neck, back and spine.

"For example, minimally invasive spinal fusions are among the most prevalent procedures we do here."

Looking ahead, Kaibara said he, Garrett and Chang plan to bring in at least one more surgeon and a couple more technologies.

As for now, he said, all of the participating physicians are "thrilled with how well the past year has gone," and happy to provide East Valley residents with what all seem to agree is top-notch neurological care.

"We still get patients very routinely who didn't know we are here, and they often tell us how glad they are to have us. That's always very rewarding for us to hear."

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Cover story

It's pumpkin season, and the kids from an assortment of Kyrene schools are showing off happy faces—their own and on the traditional gourds that herald the start of the fall harvest, formerly known as Halloween.

The occasion was Kids Club Camp, held during fall break, at Kyrene de la Mirada and Esperanza elementary schools. The children did crafts, played indoor and outdoor games and revelled in the pleasures of cool fall temperatures.

Kids Club remains open at 17 Kyrene locations. Sessions are held before and after school and during other breaks throughout the year, depending on location. Information: 480-541-1000.

Chandler Children's Choir brings classical favorites to Sunday, Oct. 20 program at Arizona Community Church

The classical music of Mozart, Handel, Schubert and others will be performed by the Cantus Chorus of the Chandler Children's Choir as part of a free concert at 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 20, at Arizona Community Church.

The EastWest Trio will perform the Clarinet Trio in A minor by Brahms, and award-winning pianist Tavit Tashjian will perform the works of Beethoven, Busoni and Prokofiev.

A reception will follow the concert.

Arizona Community Church is at 9325 S. Rural Road, Tempe.

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revelatory—the direction, by Stu Zicherman, and the script, by Zicherman and Ben Karlin, are on about the level of an above-average sitcom.

But the great O'Hara and the great Jenkins bring this material to life without breaking a sweat.

The supporting players, including Jane Lynch, very funny as an opportunistic therapist; Ken Howard, Amy Poehler, Mary Elizabeth Winstead and Jessica Alba, are all proficient.

Scott, from *Parks and Recreation*, is agreeable as the straight man at the center of it all.

The climactic attempt to resolve the various family conflicts with a single stroke of the plot is on the clumsy side, but then, at the very end, Jenkins is given a simple, poignant monologue.

He hits it out of the park, of course, and for aficionados of fine acting the movie would be worth seeing just for this.

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Machete Kills—The title here is, at least, truth in advertising. Scary-looking, likable Danny Trejo returns to his role from the 2010 action parody, a Federale-turned-avenger who slaughters both Cartel goons south of the border and nativist goons north of it.

Director Robert Rodriguez, with the help of a cast which includes everybody from Sofia Vergara to Mel Gibson to Lady Gaga to Charlie Sheen, here billed (accurately) as "Carlos Estevez," as the president of the United States—makes this one even more cartoonishly gory and raunchy than the original, and for my money, more enjoyable (for adults, that is). We're told at the end that the character will return in *Machete Kills Again...In Space*. I, for one, hope so.



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Kyrene outreach yields \$1 mil to schools budget Community ed growth help offset deficit

By Diana Whittle

Through additional programming and increased enrollment, the Kyrene School District's Community Education and Outreach Services contributed almost \$1 million to help balance last year's budget, which was facing a shortfall.

"The Community Education Division accepted our challenge to contribute \$500,000 to our general fund to help with our shortfall. They not only met the goal, but substantially exceeded it, coming closer to \$900,000," said Jeremy Calles, chief financial officer for the district, in a presentation to the Kyrene Governing Board.

The impact of this contribution is substantial said Calles.

"It would be like receiving funding from the state for an additional one to two students in each classroom."

The fee-for-service model used by Community

Education provides students with supervised activities during non-school hours and allows parents to select the programs best suited to each individual student.

"The Community Education team strives to deliver high-quality, out-of-school time programs that develop the whole child and supports student achievement," said Kelly Alexander, director of community education and outreach services.

Alexander says her staff try to offer programs that cater to widely varying age groups.

Some of the programs and services offered include:

- Kyrene Kids Club (before and after school programs for K-5);
- Kyrene After Hours (before and after school programs for 6-8);
- Youth and Adult Enrichment, School Year and Summer Academies;

• Early Learning Centers such as Montessori and Bienvenidos Kids Club (for 3-5 year-olds not yet in kindergarten); and

• Kyrene Family Resource Center, Success Through Academic Reform, or STAR.

Additionally, the district is a member of the Afterschool Alliance of Arizona, an organization that works to promote after-school programs across the state. Kyrene recently participated in the 14th annual "Lights on Afterschool" celebration.

"Lights On Afterschool celebrates the remarkable work being done by students who attend our afterschool programs," said Josh Glider, Kyrene's community education and outreach services' assistant director.

"It is a powerful reminder that afterschool programs keep children safe, inspire them to learn and relieve working parents of worries about how their children spend their afternoons. We believe there's no reason that learning should stop at 3 p.m."

With more parents in the workforce, families are looking for activities for students to participate in immediately after the school day is completed.

Kyrene staff is open to new course suggestions and changing programs, depending on the interests of families.

Currently, there are 17 Kyrene Kids Club programs at elementary schools and six Kyrene After Hours programs in schools in Tempe, Chandler and Ahwatukee.

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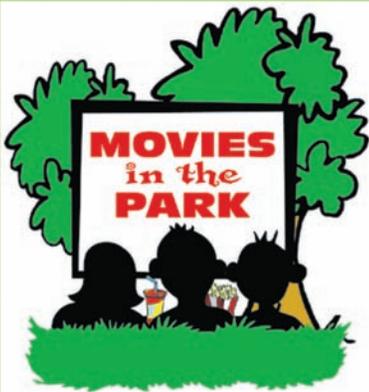
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Author relates the agonies of schizophrenia

Editor's note: A longtime Tempe resident and ASU graduate tells the story of her battle with schizophrenia in a new book released last month by Hazelden Publishing.

It's a story that seems to tell itself. "I think I have stopped being afraid of the men and women in suits that have hung around for months," says author Kristina Morgan. "Mostly, I just hear them. Their voices are low, as if coming from the floor. I don't think of hell when this happens.

"Clearly, they are from some other reality. Sometimes I am glad they are here. They like being around me. I just wish they would take off their dark glasses. I can't see their eyes, but I bet they're flat, without fire."

What is it like to hear voices as if a radio were playing, only to realize that nothing and no one is there?

Several years ago, in the Academy Award-winning film *A Beautiful Mind*, audiences were shown a portrayal of John Nash, the famous mathematician who tried to control his genius in the face of schizophrenia.

Now, in her first literary memoir, "Mind Without a Home: A Memoir of Schizophrenia" author Morgan exposes the raw, harsh world she lived in, left alone with the voices in her head. She tells the story of how she tries to destroy herself and how she manages, through the power of a strong support system and the proper medication, to survive.

Morgan talks about being born a tall, awkward, bookish girl who began to notice the voices as a teenager. They assaulted her with comments such as "We're your worst nightmare and your best friends."

Her inability to escape her demons led to her first suicide attempt at age 15. Not knowing what to

do, her family arranged for her to get plastic surgery on her nose and to take self-improvement classes, only accentuating an already low self-esteem.

"During those nine months, I was careful not to talk about the hum that plagued me. I was certain that if the staff knew, they would put me on medication, tell me that no one should experience a hum," relates Morgan.

"Nor did I tell them of my knowledge of other realities. Again, I was terrified at the thought of having to take medication—medication that would mess with my mind."

At 16, she was modeling clothes while at the same time trying to break her arm with a hammer so she wouldn't have to go to photo shoots. Eventually, Morgan, who had already discovered alcohol to self-medicate her symptoms, surrendered herself to her addiction.

Her behavior became even more erratic—more suicide attempts and more hospital visits, residential treatment stays, and tattered relationships that only served to leave her feeling even more isolated and hopeless.

When Morgan first struggled with schizophrenia, little was known about the disorder and how to treat it. By the time she was well into adulthood, she had descended into full-blown alcoholism as a way to manage her life with the voices in her head. Instead of getting her help, the people surrounding her viewed her as a threat:

Through the help of a program of recovery, the psychiatric community, family and friends, Morgan is now able to manage her illnesses and lives a fulfilling life.

Her book is available through Hazelden Publishing, part of a national nonprofit organization that helps people reclaim their lives from addiction. Information: 800-328-9000.

Chamber announces Taste of Chandler holiday gala

The holidays aren't far away, and what better time than November for a pre-celebration. The Chandler Chamber's 21st annual Holiday Enchantment Gala and Taste of Chandler event will be staged from 6 to 11 p.m. Friday, Nov. 8, at SoHo63 in the city's downtown area.

A portion of the proceeds

from ticket sales this year will go to military veterans through the Arizona StandDown organization.

Along with dancing and entertainment, party-goers will get a chance to sample offerings from Chandler restaurants.

Radio personality Danny Davis will emcee the event, and KNIX DJ Rob Shakman, better

known as Rockin' Rob, will entertain. Chamber President Terri Kimble said the event also will provide a way businesses to show their appreciation to employees at the same time it focuses on a worthwhile endeavor.

Ticket prices are \$55 for chamber members, \$65 for non-members, \$600 for a corporate

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Commentary . . . By Rosalie Hirano

Much to be gained from OK of Kyrene override

Keep Kyrene Strong. You've seen the bright yellow signs on prominent corners in the Kyrene Corridor, but what does that mean, exactly?

In the short term, it means that the Kyrene School District is asking voters to extend the existing property tax dedicated to Maintenance and Operations funding for Kyrene schools on Nov. 5.

Voter approval is required for the district to exceed the statutorily mandated cap on local funding for schools. Therefore, it is called a budget override.

What it doesn't mean is a new tax or an increase in the existing property tax rate. *Your property tax will remain the same.*

The stark reality is, state funding for local schools has been on a steep and steady decline. According to a recent *Wall Street Journal* article, Arizona ranks fourth lowest in funding for public schools.

In Kyrene, only 36.6% of the Kyrene budget comes from state funds; 48.8% comes from local property taxes. Despite the aggressive approach Kyrene has taken to managing the budget efficiently (Kyrene invests 60.2% of its funding in the classroom, compared to the state average for other schools which is 54.2%, and it spends 58% less on administration than other schools nationally), our schools depend on local support to provide a quality education for our kids.

Which is important, especially if you have school-age children who attend Kyrene schools. But what about the rest of Kyrene residents? Why is it important to Keep Kyrene Strong beyond the override election?

To begin with, an investment in student achievement and academic

success is an investment in our communities. Strong schools mean strong property values. Real estate experts will tell you that the number one criterion individuals consider when purchasing a home is the quality of local schools. Research suggests that homes in neighborhoods with high-performing schools will go for a higher selling price.

Strong schools, plus strong property values, mean strong communities. The business community recognizes how important it is to Keep Kyrene Strong. Both the Tempe and Chandler chambers of commerce have endorsed the override campaign. A recent article in Tempe City Department News attributed the recent success in attracting new businesses to Tempe to the quality of our schools. "It starts during the formative elementary, middle school and high school years—and, for that, Tempe's three school districts offer an array of high-quality choices that deliver some pretty spectacular results."

Support for education extends beyond party lines, as evidenced by the endorsements of the budget override by all three legislative representatives, Sen. John McComish, Reps. Jeff Dial and Bob Robson, and the mayors of the cities of Tempe and Chandler, Mark Mitchell and Jay Tibshraeny.

In addition to the investment in our schools through support of budget overrides, we need the enthusiastic support of businesses, property owners, retirees and our elected leaders, to maintain Kyrene's status as a high performing school district.

For our communities, our schools, our teachers and our children, let's Keep Kyrene Strong.

**Onetime Waggoner teacher among nominees
Private schools pick their annual best-of-best**

A onetime teacher at Waggoner Elementary School is among two finalists for the Arizona Private Education Excellence Awards, an honor better known as Private School Teacher of the Year.

Molly Danforth joins Christy Menard, both teachers at Summit School of Ahwatukee, as a nominee for the honor.

The competition is sponsored by the Arizona Council for American Private Education. Nominations come from administrators, teachers, parents, students and alums from both faith-based and independent private schools.

Danforth, who previously taught

at Waggoner, says she loves teaching second grade, and as a National Board teacher with a master's degree and nearly 20 years of teaching experience, her students are the beneficiaries, according to Kathy Konrad, Summit's admissions and marketing director.

Danforth also serves as Summit's elementary math peer leader.

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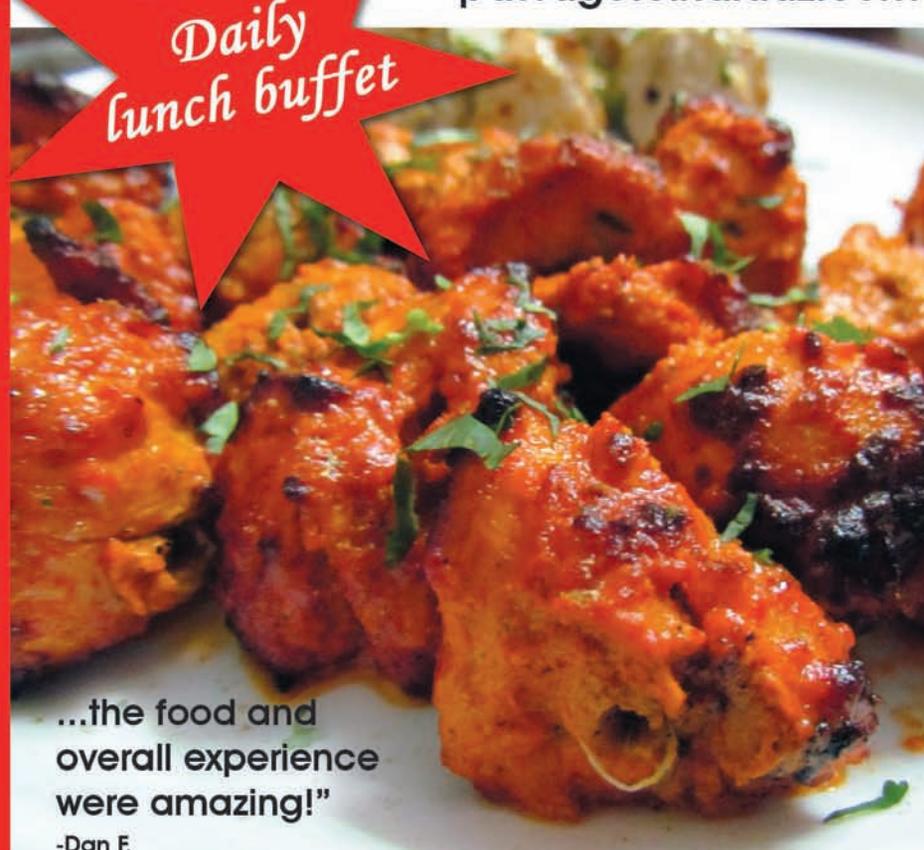
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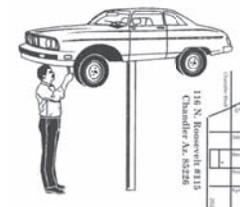
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The Last Word

Taking the function out of our once functional government

By Tracy Doren

Editor's note: Tracy Doren, our publisher, recently returned from five days in New York City, where many of the popular visitor destinations were closed to public entry. Her observations while there generated some thoughts on how our system works—or doesn't—and prompted this submission to "The Last Word."

How appropriate that we've gone through the rigors of another government shutdown. After all, isn't a shutdown what happens when something is broken, has malfunctioned, or is in desperate need of some maintenance? Sounds like Washington, D.C., to me.

As a kid, I learned the Preamble to the Constitution by watching School

House Rock on Saturday-morning television (it's also where I learned how a bill becomes a law, counting by threes, and the difference between adjectives and adverbs).

I've learned a lot more since then, but the functions of our government are really as basic and simple as that preamble states: Establish justice, ensure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty. So how does this latest shutdown interfere with the basic rights given to each of us as spelled out in the Preamble?

To establish justice: During this—yet another—shutdown, Americans are paying taxes for benefits not being provided. While

politicians are busy bickering and staring each other down, Americans are being forced to pay for services they can't even get. Where is the justice there? So much for taxation without representation.

Ensure domestic tranquility: The finger-pointing and poisonous rhetoric of Washington politicians has reached an all-time low (well, there was the Civil War, but let's stick to modern times). It seems like there is tranquility everywhere except Capitol Hill. It's inspiring to see private citizens and organizations stepping up to help those who the government has left without the services that they have unfortunately become so dependent on.

Provide for the common defense: Taking care of our veterans and their families should be one of our highest priorities as a nation. Yet because of the shutdown, death benefits to military families were briefly delayed and veterans' disability checks might not get out on time. And when the checks finally do arrive, soldiers have nowhere to spend the money because base commissaries are closed—at least the golf courses are open, we're relieved to learn. Also, the National Security Administration has said that the shutdown has affected its budget and could put us at greater risk of a terrorist attack. Maybe that's hyperbole, but I'd rather not chance it.

Promote the general welfare: Head Start programs are closed across the country, affecting more than a million low-income families who depend on its services. Furloughed Grand Canyon workers are running out

of basic necessities and are now relying on shipments of food boxes from St. Mary's Food Bank. I've even heard that energy-assistance programs for the poor could run out of funds by the end of October, just as temperatures begin to drop.

Secure the blessings of liberty: Chaplains on military bases have been forbidden to hold masses and risk being arrested if they disobey. In addition, I watched astounded on television as veterans dismantled blockades and piled them in front of the White House – blockades that had been assembled to prevent them from going to the very memorials that were erected to honor them in the first place.

I'm not sure what our Founders would think about this shutdown, or what they would say about how our government functions today, but I do know that one reason they chose to break away from England in the first place was that their representatives did not have the colonists' interests in mind.

And I didn't need to watch School House Rock to know that.

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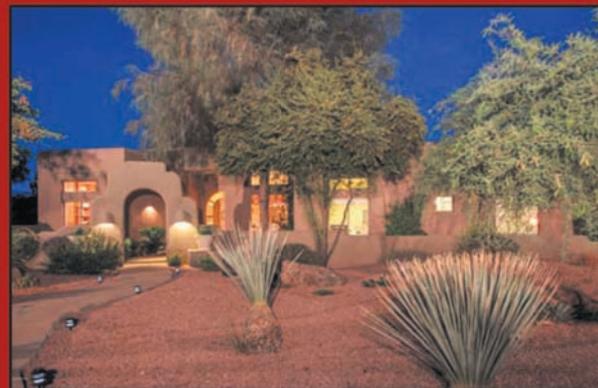
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