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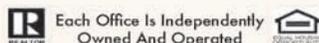
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## Old Bisbee cuisine: a fave lunch spot closer to home

By M.V. Moorhead

One day Hercules got in a fight with the river god Achelous, and tore off one of his horns. According to Ovid, the river spirits gave the appendage to the goddess Abundantia, and it became the Cornucopia, or Horn of Plenty, endlessly showering goodies upon lucky mortals.

Who would have guessed this handy item would wind up in a retail mall on Rural Road in Chandler, just south of Ray?

Yet that's where you'll find the lunchtime bounty of Café Cornucopia, which recently relocated there after a successful 11-year run in Bisbee, along with owner-managers Jeanie Reed and Patti O'Donnell.

"It's all homemade comfort food," says Reed of the fare at Café Cornucopia. "It's not an elaborate menu, but it's stuff we can control, and keep fresh. We don't claim to be top chefs—we just put out a quality product."

Thus every day the place offers two soup choices, two quiche choices and seven different sandwiches, ranging from Virginia baked ham, turkey cheese avocado, egg salad, albacore tuna, and a couple of vegetarian options including "Chili Jack."

Decidedly not for vegetarians but nonetheless a huge favorite is the meatloaf sandwich—it was this savory, superbly balanced creation of which I partook on my visit, along with a bowl of sublime chicken noodle soup, featuring beautifully tender-but-not-mushy carrot medallions and bowtie pasta.

My friend, however, enjoyed one of the other soups: Thai peanut chicken with sweet potato. The soups change daily, and are a special favorite of Reed's.

"I'm a soup person," she proclaims. "I could live on soup."

Then there's the matter of dessert. "We specialize in Granny Smith apple pies and the four-berry cobbler," says Reed, but I sample the hearty pumpkin pie, some rich brownie bites, and a fine chocolate-chip cookie.

The passion for food started early for Reed, a native of Hurley, Wisc.: "My mom was full-blooded Italian, and I was in the kitchen from like age 3, and

always had the love for cooking."

In Arizona from the mid '80s, Reed did a little bit of everything—bartending in north Scottsdale, caddying for a couple of friends who were pro golfers on the LPGA tour, even managing a Long Wong's for a time during the heyday of the Gin Blossoms.

As so often, though, it was a chance conversation with the owner of the Cornucopia's original Bisbee location



Patti O'Donnell, Jeanie Reed: An abundant harvest of goodness.

— Wrangler News photo

that landed Reed and O'Donnell in that town for more than a decade.

"We just went on a little road trip to Bisbee and told the lady we were looking, maybe, for a B&B or something," she recalls.

"She said she'd sell us her place. It all happened in a weekend. It was perfect timing for us. She trained us over a couple of weeks."

Reed and O'Donnell operated on the principle that what wasn't broken didn't need to be fixed.

"It was a turnkey operation for us," she says.

"You know how some people take a business over and they try to change everything? We didn't do that. And people were so welcoming. Most of our clientele were snowbirds, or European tourists looking to see the Wild West. We sold out of everything, every day. We started from zero every morning."

Despite this success, after 11 years in Bisbee, the pair was ready to return to the Valley.

The sunny, colorful new location of Café Cornucopia is open Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Call 480-961-5100 to inquire about the soups of the day. Added Reed:

"We do a little catering, too."

## Reality show for an \$8.9 million shortfall

# Budget woes contribute to Kyrene teachers' stress factor

By Diana Whittle • Analysis

What ensures excellence in education? It's a constant debate that incites passionate opinions at all levels of government and in the community, particularly putting a strain on teachers.

For Dr. David Schauer, superintendent of the Kyrene School District, one way to minimize that stress would be to have an adequate budget to increase teachers' pay, to fund capital improvements and to maintain a healthy reserve.

Currently, none of these are achievable as the district faces an \$8.9 million shortfall this fiscal year. Since a balanced budget is required each year by law, cuts need to be made before the next school year.

Deciding on spending reductions is a challenge as the district trimmed \$28 million over the past three years.

In the recent election, Proposition 204 was defeated. Another blow was House Bill 2405, which would have increased the schools' bonding capacity until 2016. It died last spring without coming up for a vote in the Legislature.

The bill would have allowed the Kyrene district to increase its bond limit capacity, a number tied to the total assessed property values within the district.

A voter-approved 2010 bond authorization gave Kyrene officials the approval to utilize \$116 million over the next 10 years.

This amount stayed within the limitation of five percent of total assessed property value for the district, however the recent decline in property values caused the district to exceed that limitation.

HB 2405 was designed to bump the limit to 10 percent, which would have given the district access to the necessary funds to maintain its 26 facilities.

Although the bill failed to gain traction, district officials say some hope still exists that a reconstituted measure might come up again in the spring.

Until then district administrators must consider various options and, in a study session with the governing board on Nov. 13, Schauer outlined immediate actions: implement a hiring freeze, defer capital expenses and examine the district's reserve balance.

Being in a difficult budget cycle affects more than the administrators—

it directly impacts teachers' pay, which has not increased in four years.

It also causes teachers to consider the possible impact of more funding cuts, including increases to class size, or program changes.

Michelle Hirsch, Kyrene Governing Board president, who was recently re-elected to a second term, says that both the school board and Kyrene Education Association President Susan Cormier are pondering solutions to address teachers' extra work load and stress. One idea is to eliminate the two-week block of parent-teacher conferences.

While the idea may seem radical to parents who value the traditional, face-to-face meeting time, modern technology offers on-line access for daily or weekly email contact, to portfolios of student work, along with students' grades for individual assignments and tests.

In addition, teachers maintain classroom Web pages that detail expectations, learning objectives, upcoming projects and assignments, and include other links and resources for parents and students.

From the outside, a teacher's schedule looks idyllic—a normal school day runs from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. — but only the classroom hours are logged in that compilation of time.

"Most teachers' days extend into the night, and even weekends, with additional responsibilities, such as lesson planning, assignment grading, preparing for and attending numerous meetings, completing professional development training, collaborating with other teachers, communicating with parents and students outside of class, and more," said Hirsch.

"Teachers have to spend considerable money out of their pockets for supplies for themselves and students; they receive little to no secretarial or staff support, and many must take on second or third part-time jobs after school and on weekends to make ends meet," said Hirsch—"and we still expect them to be at their best to teach every day."

Cormier plans to begin gathering teacher input by developing a survey.

"We want to ask all our employees their ideas and thoughts about how to move forward with fewer resources," said Cormier.

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— TEACHERS, Page 13

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Dr. Vaughn completed his general surgery residency at Banner Good Samaritan Hospital in Phoenix, followed by vascular and endovascular surgery fellowships at Louisiana State University and the Arizona Heart Hospital.

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# Chandler Regional to bring first Level I trauma capability to east Valley Can speed life-saving care during critical 'golden hour'

Chandler Regional Medical Center has announced its intention to seek approval for the east Valley's first Level I trauma center.

The submission of a letter of intent to the Arizona Department of Health Services in November and the follow-up formal application indicate that trauma care could go into effect on a provisional basis as early as next summer.

Chandler Regional's sister hospital, Mercy Gilbert, is seeking Level III trauma designation, which covers assessment, resuscitation, stabilization and emergency surgery, and arranges transfer to a Level I or Level II trauma center for definitive surgical care.

Both CRMC and Mercy Gilbert are part of the Dignity Health group of hospitals.

Provisional approval would be upgraded to full authority after DSH's Bureau of Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Systems finalizes its review, likely by summer 2014.

Julie Graham, spokeswoman for the two hospitals, said that DSH approval would make the two hospitals the southeastern-most trauma facilities of their type in the state, outside of the Tucson area.

Tim Bricker, president and CEO of the two medical centers, said the ability of patients to receive potentially life-saving care faster than the current 45-minute trip to a Level I hospital further away would be a welcome addition to east Valley residents.

"Most community hospitals provide emergency services and are able to treat the majority of emergent

situations that patients face," he said. "With the Level I designation, Chandler Regional will be approved and equipped to treat the most life-threatening injuries, such as serious motor vehicle accidents, gunshot wounds, falls and crush injuries."

Bricker also noted that, in many situations, it's best to get patients to the nearest trauma facility where they can be stabilized and assessed for potential transfer to a Level I or II facility.

Currently, patients in the southeast Valley needing care for the most critical injuries are flown to Phoenix or Scottsdale.

Chandler Regional's Level I trauma designation will provide the resources and capabilities necessary to treat life-threatening injuries at a location much closer to home at a time when every second counts, Bricker said.

According to the 2012 annual report of the Arizona Bureau of Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Systems, only 42 percent of patients critically injured in Maricopa County last year arrived at a Level I trauma center within the so-called "golden hour," the first hour after a severe injury.

During those vital moments, the lives of a majority of critically injured trauma patients can be saved if definitive surgical intervention is provided.

To this end, the communities of Apache Junction, Casa Grande, Chandler, East Mesa, Florence, Gila River, Gilbert, Globe, Maricopa, Miami, Queen Creek, Sun Lakes and Tempe will benefit from the proximity of Chandler Regional's trauma center, said Bricker.

"Our Level I trauma designation (at Chandler Regional) is an instrumental part of our plan for continued expansion and improvements to our hospital's health care services in the southeast Valley," Bricker said.

"We expect to receive the official designation during the summer of 2013, before our new 96-bed tower opens in late 2014."

Bricker noted that the trauma designation will complement the hospital's new relationship with Barrow Neurological Institute.

As a Level I trauma center, medical and surgical specialists will be on-hand around the clock to provide the full range of care for every aspect of injury, from prevention through rehabilitation.

The Chandler Regional trauma surgeons will specialize in the areas of orthopedics, neurosurgery, cardiac surgery, thoracic surgery, hand surgery, microvascular surgery, plastic surgery, obstetric and gynecologic surgery, ophthalmology, otolaryngology and urology.

"This is tremendous news for the Chandler community and southeast Valley," said Chandler Mayor Jay Tibshraeny.

"Chandler Regional Medical Center has delivered excellent care to the region for more than 50 years and this enhanced service will greatly benefit those most in need of critical medical attention. I applaud Dignity Health for pursuing a Level I trauma center here in Chandler," he said.

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Arizona currently has seven Level I designated trauma centers. Five such centers are located in the metro Phoenix area—Scottsdale Osborn, Banner Good Samaritan, John C. Lincoln, St. Joseph's Hospital & Medical Center and Maricopa Medical Center.

One more trauma center is in Tucson, another in Flagstaff.

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Information: [www.ChandlerRegional.org](http://www.ChandlerRegional.org) 480-728-3000.

## Read this, even if you read nothing else in this issue Tips to reduce your fire risk over holidays

The holidays are just around the corner, and with those chilly days comes the ritual of getting that space heater out of storage and installing the fireplace tools back on the hearth.

But recognizing the dangers of these heat sources shouldn't be overlooked, and local fire departments say Tempe and Chandler residents should pay attention to the rules of safe winterizing, including having a mental checklist of what to do before you leave home—even if only for a few minutes.

Here's the list:

- Make sure the protective linings in the fireplace, ducts and chimney are clean and in good condition.
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- Keep the top of chimneys clear of tree limbs and debris by installing a chimney cap.
- Always open the damper before lighting the fire and keep it open until the ashes are cool.
- When starting the fire, choose well-seasoned wood that has been dried for at least six months and stored properly.
- Place firewood or logs in the back of the fireplace on a sturdy grate. Read the instructions on artificial logs and follow them carefully. Never add an artificial log to a natural wood fire that

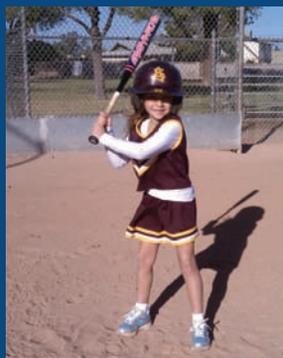
is already burning. Wait at least two hours before adding an artificial log to a natural log fire because it could cause a flare-up.

- Never use gasoline, a charcoal lighter or other fuel to light or relight a fire as the vapors could explode. Never keep flammable fuels near a fire.
- Do not use coal or charcoal in a fireplace because of the danger of carbon monoxide.
- Do not burn trash or gift wrap in the fireplace because certain plastics, foam rubber and other coated materials can cause deadly fumes.
- Always use a screen around the fireplace to keep sparks from flying out.
- Keep items such as carpets, pillows, furniture or papers away from fireplaces and space heaters.
- Always make sure that the fire is completely out or a space heater is turned off before going to bed or when leaving the house.
- Always follow the manufacturer's instructions in installing, operating, and maintaining your heating appliance.
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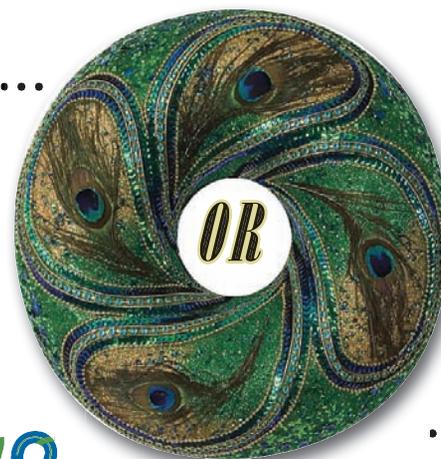
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# Sports . . . with Alex Zener



Corona del Sol's basketball team started the new season with high expectations of repeating as state champions. Team includes, from left, front row: Jarrett Givens, Tyrell Henderson, Bryan Siefker, Logan Dubek, Dan Starkey. Back row: Casey Benson, Adam Gleave, Russ Davis, Alex van Ryswyk, Cassius Peat, Ashton Howard, Vance Arnold, Braden Tennyson, Thomas Turley.

— Wrangler News photo by Alex Zener

## Benson, Siefker setting pace for Aztecs' 2013 run at state title

The Aztecs may have a huge target on their back after winning 30 straight games and the Division I state championship last season, but with the help of a veteran point guard, a hard-nosed defender and the leadership of five seniors, they could easily find themselves in the mix for another state title.

Aztec returning starters **Casey Benson** and **Bryan Siefker**, in addition to the other four returning players, will be crucial in setting examples and providing guidance on and off the court about what it takes to become a championship team.

"Casey, who averaged 15 points per game last season, and Bryan will be heavily counted on to provide leadership to the younger players," said coach **Sam Duane Jr.** "Also counted on to help will be returning players **Cassius Peat**, **Braden Tennyson**, **Adam Gleave** and **Alex Van Ryswyk.**"

The biggest challenge for this year's team may be replacing the scoring firepower and tenacious

rebounding of graduating seniors **Caleen Robinson**, **Avery Moss** and **Andrus Peat.**

Although Corona lost the intimidating and formidable size advantage that Moss and Peat brought to the court plus the high-flying scoring ability of Robinson, the Aztecs proved in their first three games of the season that they have maintained some of the same tenacity as last year's team with their high-paced, run and gun offense and good shooters at all positions.

Point guard Benson showed that he is still the catalyst for the team's main strength which is its elevated up-tempo style of play that opens up shots for all players, especially Corona's outside shooters Siefker and Tennyson.

"I envision myself as a leader on this team and someone who keeps everyone accountable," said Benson. "I am excited to lead this group of guys and defend our state championship with them. I think we will be up for the challenge."

Siefker is still the team's spark plug making

countless efforts to give his team the advantage by either sacrificing his body taking opponent's charges on the defensive end or by throwing down fast break slams on the other end.

"I want to make sure I set a good example for my young teammates and help us become the best possible team we can be," said Siefker. "That basically means showing up every day focused and ready to work on the little details of the game which ultimately determines the outcome."

"We have a lot of work to do to get to the same point we were last season which can only be accomplished by working hard and getting better one day at a time."

Ready to work hard to learn the nuances of Corona's basketball program and contribute to the team effort is 6-foot-5 senior forward **Ashton Howard**, a transfer from Las Vegas, and another transfer, 5-foot-11 guard **Logan Dubek** from Marcos de Niza.

Already somewhat familiar with what coach Duane

is trying to accomplish with Corona's basketball program and who will now be expected to contribute at the varsity level in numerous ways on and off the court are juniors **Russ Davis, Jarret Givens, Thomas Turley, Vance Arnold and Dan Starkey.**

Corona's team also includes 6-foot-2 freshman guard **Tyrell Henderson.**

Rebounding by committee, team defense and the willingness to accept team roles are key factors that could make this team a powerful adversary as the season progresses.

"Yes, our strength is our excellent perimeter play and work ethic," said Duane. "But we need to find a way to rebound as a team because that's what sets us up to play at the pace we'd like."

Last season's team was exciting to watch, which brought in the fans to Corona's gym and created an atmosphere that was fun for the team as well.

"I am so looking forward to playing our home games," said Cassius Peat. "The crowd goes crazy and the atmosphere of playing in front of our home crowd is incredible."

The team has a lot to work on to keeps the fans coming and to prove they can be competitive against some of the predicted top teams in the state including Dobson, Hamilton, Red Mountain and Basha, all in Corona's section. Add to the mix Pinnacle, Desert Mountain and Mesa, who recently won their own Fear the Hops Thanksgiving Tournament. Corona finished third after losing in the second round to Gilbert.

"I think, as the season evolves and our guys figure out their roles, we will get better and better," said coach Duane. "This team is a very coachable group that wants to get better every day. We will be fun to watch because of their up-tempo style, but we could be very competitive as well."

Corona was expected to play at Central, Nov. 27, and at home against Chandler, Nov. 30. Up next the Aztecs will play at Desert Vista, Dec. 4, at home against Dobson, Dec. 7, at Casa Grande, Dec. 11, and then at home against Hamilton, Dec. 14, before breaking for finals. They are scheduled to play in the Visit Mesa Holiday Shootout, Dec. 26-29.

**Girls basketball** — The Corona girls basketball team had a good off season and was anxious to get on the court to show their opponents and fans just how much they have improved.

"We had a very good summer and I am very excited about the season," said coach **Andrew Strom.** "We play well together as a team and it will be interesting to see just how much we have improved."

The Lady Aztecs have six returning varsity players. Three were starters but four of them played significant minutes last season.

"**Lauren Lucky, Kaelin Shaffer, Sammi Moore and Taylor Kalmer** all played major minutes for us last year," said Strom. "All four have improved over the past year and I expect them to continue to improve as the season goes along."

"**Haley Langille** has also made major strides as a player and has been practicing very well. I expect them all to have very good seasons and be major contributors to our success."

In addition, the Lady Aztecs, whose strengths are shooting, quickness and perimeter play, have some solid players from last year's JV team who will be expected to provide energy and play specific roles when they enter the game, according to Strom.

Contributing to the team's success and adding depth are senior **Gabi Rodriguez**, juniors **Stephanie Galsim, Sidney Brice, Brenna Bjodvedt** and **Vicky Sanford**, sophomore **Ally Becker** and freshman **Hannah Lauer.**

The main impediment to the Lady Aztecs' success this year may be height. The tallest players are 5-foot-9 Lucky and Shaffer.

Regardless, the Lady Aztecs are off to a good start this season with a 2-1 record at the Desert Ridge Invitational held, Nov. 23-24. Corona was scheduled to play at home against Central, Nov. 27.

Up next the Lady Aztecs will play at home against Desert Vista, Dec. 4, and at Dobson, picked by Strom to be their main section competition, Dec. 7. They will play two more games before finals, Dec. 11, at home against Casa Grande and at Hamilton, Dec. 14, and then compete in the Prescott Invitational, Dec. 28-19.

**Corona wrestling** — The Aztecs will face some very competitive teams vying for the state championship this year including defending state champion Chandler, according to head coach **Jim Martinez.**

The Corona del Sol wrestling team, though, may be up to the challenge after returning three state place winners and eight additional varsity letter winners.

The nucleus of the team, and expected to have an immediate impact on its results with their leadership abilities and improved wrestling skills, are **Zach Walton**, second at state, **Ethan Tursini**, fifth at state and **Glenn Farina**, sixth at state.

"Zach, Ethan and Glenn each spent the summer competing in various regional and national competitions that helped them improve from last year," said Martinez.

"Their commitment to their strength program and pre-season conditioning will enable them to be ready to lead the team early on and to challenge for state titles in their respective weight classes in February."

Martinez, however, is looking for these three wrestlers to benefit the rest of the team the most in the practice room including returning wrestlers **Zack**

**Turner, Matt Churchill, Raul Herrera, Riley Rayburn, Kort Turner, Colton Winstead, Michael Clare, Brix Kronborg and Josh Caliendo.**

"These three wrestlers' workout partners will be able to work on techniques and wrestle with some of the best wrestlers in the state," said Martinez. "Our team will be the beneficiaries of their experience and knowledge. With the understanding that 'steel sharpens steel,' our practices will become tougher because of the competitiveness in the wrestling room." In addition to 11 returning wrestlers from last season, the Aztecs welcome several promising freshman to their program.

"We look for freshman wrestlers **Alex Carrillo, Ryan Farina, Marc Farina, Bridger Barker and Darius Ryan** to strengthen our lineup," said Martinez. "Alex and Ryan will compete for the 106 lbs weight class, Marc Farina in 126 lbs weight class, Bridger at 170 lbs and Darius at 286 lbs."

"All bring vast backgrounds and success in middle school and freestyle wrestling. For instance, Bridger recently won the Freakshow competition in Las Vegas against some of the best wrestlers in the country while Darius won a Cadet State Freestyle championship last spring."

In addition to graduating three state-place winners **Steven Rodriguez**, second; **Jay Tucker**, third; and **Justin Butler**, sixth; the Aztecs will miss sophomore **Daniel Cartagena**, fourth at state, who recently relocated with his family to Dallas.

So far, the Aztecs are on track to be in the mix when the state tournament rolls around in February by notching their first win of the season against defending Division II champions Thunderbird, 43-25, Nov. 20.

Six Aztecs won by fall against the Chiefs including Barker, Caliendo, Ryan, Glenn Farina, Walton and Tursini. Winning by major decision was Carrillo and by decision was Clare.

"Alex Carrillo, wrestling at 106 lbs, won a major decision in his first varsity match," said Martinez.

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## Advances in medicine only one of many changes Three-plus decades later, no cat naps in veterinarian's plans for the future

By Don Kirkland

It's a familiar axiom: the more things change over the years, the more they stay the same. So it goes in many professional pursuits, just as in everyday life. Evidence the case of Tom Gus.

A young veterinarian fresh out of UC Davis in the early 1980s, Gus connected with Dr. George Calderwood, the founder and beloved practitioner of a 2,000-square-foot small-animal hospital on Broadway Road not far from ASU.

The place was smaller, Gus recalls, than many Tempe homes are today. There was room enough, though, for the young doctor to hone his skills and, in the intervening 30-plus years, to build the foundations for a practice with more than quadruple the space.

Now, at the 10,000-square-foot University Animal Hospital—a size he admits he'd like to see doubled—Gus oversees and mentors the work of 11 veterinarians whose expertise has grown just as rapidly as has the medical

science that provides care for the pets many have come to consider an integral part of their families.

That's just a sample of what has changed.

"We do things today, like ultrasound and CAT scans, that were not possible in the old days," said Gus. "Endoscopy, advanced surgery—so many technologies that come directly from human medicine."

In today's quest for better care for pets, small-animal science typically follows human medical advances by five to 10 years, said Gus.

Then there are the changes in the demographic makeup of the profession itself.

"When I graduated, the classes were about half male and half female; now they're about 90 percent female with just a few guys sprinkled in for flavor—in other words, a complete shift in ratio," Gus said.

While Gus sees no red flags in that change, he does wonder about the

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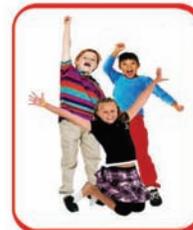
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Dr. Tom Gus maintains a bird's-eye view of the progress made in veterinary medicine since he entered the profession in the early 1980s.

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## Vet

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proliferation of corporate practices, an approach which seems to have spread through a number of care-related professions that he admits he's not quite comfortable with.

"I run my practice as an owner differently than large corporations. But you look at pharmacists, for example: it used to be that the pharmacist had his

**'We've let small animals into our homes, onto our beds. The human-animal connection demonstrates the shift from when people looked at their animals as tools to the way we see them now, when there's a much stronger emotional bond.'**

— Veterinarian Dr. Tom Gus

own shop on Main Street and was a respected member of the community. That's all changed."

While things are different in many ways than they were when Gus entered

the practice of veterinary medicine, the changes from a historical perspective shouldn't come as a surprise.

"It goes back to a whole change in lifestyle we've seen over the years. We used to be an agrarian-based society, where most people farmed or ranched," Gus said.

"In those days people had a working relationship with their animals. The large animals pulled the plows, the small animals lived in barns and made up the farm's mouse patrol.

"Now we've let small animals into our homes, onto our beds. The human-animal connection demonstrates the shift from when people looked at their animals as tools to the way we see them now, when there's a much stronger emotional bond."

That more personal relationship has in itself resulted in change. "In the earlier days, if an animal got old, you got a new one. Today, because of all the neat stuff veterinary science can do, people are more likely to spend a lot of money (on keeping them well)."

As to his own future, after a career spanning more than three decades in the same community, Gus insists he has no plans for much of a slow down, partly because he loves what he does, partly because he sees a small place for himself in veterinary history.

"This is the best job in the world," he says, despite the reality that the profession continues to change. "I guess you could say I'm part of a diminishing breed."

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## Teachers

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new teacher evaluation system, and planning related to the AZ Common Core Curriculum, require more preparation time for teachers.”

Cormier added:

“No additional financial support was given to school districts to implement these state mandates.”

As the governing board and the teachers explore all the commitments required of the profession, Cormier suggests there is some immediate assistance that parents and the community can offer.

“Parents and community members can help teachers and students by communicating with their

elected officials that funding for education is important and (legislators) need to find the resources to reinstate adequate funding for our K-12 schools,” she said.

“Another way to support our district is by allocating your education tax credit dollars to one of our schools.

“And, please stay informed and read the updates and information that come from Dr. Schauer to our schools, families and communities.”

In addition, volunteers are always needed and welcome in Kyrene for various programs within the district and in the schools.

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# First baseball, then football, now the 'Ultimate' in intramural sports Looks like a Frisbee, throws like a Frisbee . . . just don't call it one

By Daniel Rasmussen

Kids who throw around those soft, plastic discs as part of a new intramural sports club can have all the fun they want, as long as they don't call 'em Frisbees.

Kyrene Community Education found that out when it started an intramural club that has been well received by students who are interested in sports as well as those who are not.

But USA Ultimate, which sanctions such collaborations, made it clear that trademark conventions prevent the use of the venerable disc's name in an unsanctioned competitive activity, which is how the unfettered one-word name was born.

Ultimate, then, as it's known in the context of a playground game, is defined as being "played by two teams with a flying disc or Frisbee on a field with end zones, similar to football" with the goal being to catch a pass in the opposing team's end zone.

The club targets fourth- and fifth-grade students with an interest in team building and physical fitness.

At last count, approximately 150 students were enrolled in Ultimate, but Gavin Martin, the Kyrene district's athletic director and manager of intramurals, hopes the turnout will continue to grow as kids play Ultimate at recess.

Martin said the program's primary goal is to create



— Wrangler News photo by Patrick Bonitatibus

a comfortable environment so as to attract students of all skill levels.

"We started intramurals to provide activities after

school for not only kids who are into club sports but also kids who don't play sports but are interested," Martin said.

"Some feel overwhelmed trying out for team sports," he said, so the goal was to create an environment that was welcoming and fun.

Parent Alisa Van Oder said that her son, Jeremiah Bukovszky, was never previously interested in sports but joined Ultimate on a whim and loves it.

"[Jeremiah] was having a hard time putting himself out there but the teachers really encouraged him and taught him how to play," Van Oder said.

She also said that the program has brought kids at the school closer together and gives them the opportunity to meet children from other schools and neighborhoods.

The Ultimate season consists of six weeks of practice, two times per week, at each school. At the end, all schools will compete in a round-robin tournament, scheduled Saturday, Dec. 8, at Aprende Middle School.

The program runs after school at 13 of the 19 Kyrene elementary schools, and will soon be offered at all.

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# Diversions

*A tribute to Larry Hagman: 1931-2012*

## Actor's wide-ranging genius balanced comedy, drama

By M.V. Moorhead

It's claimed that Larry Hagman despised *I Dream of Jeannie*, the hit show in which he starred from 1965 to 1970.

It's a shame if so, because Hagman, who died last weekend at 81, was really good on it.

He was likable as Major Anthony "Tony" Nelson, an astronaut who finds a genie in a bottle—gorgeous, magically all-powerful and unshakably devoted to him—which somehow turns his life into a door-slaming farce.

But he wasn't only likable—as an actor, he was up to the demands of that farce. Although Barbara Eden, who played Jeannie; Bill Daily, who played Tony's goofy fellow astronaut; and pal Roger Healey, Hayden Rorke, who played their perpetually baffled superior Dr. Bellows; and others on the show were highly amusing,

Hagman, son of musical-theater great Mary Martin, was the energy that kept the silly, occasionally surreal stories buoyant.

He was a really gifted physical clown, very able to take a pratfall or a wide-eyed double take, or to let out a hilariously panicked bleat.

A product both of the vogue for fanciful sitcoms and of the enthusiasm for the space program in the mid-'60s, the show grew its farcical situations out of frantic Tony's efforts to keep Jeannie's existence a secret, and to explain away the bizarre results of her magical shenanigans.

As kids, a lot of us wondered why he bothered, but Hagman's comic desperation was so infectious that it didn't matter.

I grew up watching *I Dream of Jeannie*, and so remember Hagman

much more vividly from that than from the role he reportedly liked better, that of snaky Texas oilman J. R. Ewing from the prime time soap opera *Dallas*.

It was there that he made his most famous mark on pop culture, as the object of the "Who Shot J. R.?" cliffhanger.

Though I well remember the craze, I wasn't a *Dallas* viewer, so while my glimpses of the show suggested that Hagman indeed enjoyed playing J. R.'s rottenness to the gleeful hilt, he'll always be the hapless Tony Nelson to me.

Hagman was also a director, of many episodes of *Dallas* and *In the Heat of the Night* and other shows, but of just one feature film, a favorite of mine: 1972's *Beware! The Blob!*

This facetious, and genuinely funny, sequel to the 1958 sci-fi classic *The Blob* has the title amorphous mass coming back to life, this time to gobble up hippies and barbers and stoned egg farmers, eventually enveloping a bowling alley/skating rink.

In outline, it's a standard creature-feature sequel; what makes it special are the set-piece ensemble scenes, many with an improv-comedy flavor, performed by a cast that includes Robert Walker Jr., Godfrey Cambridge, Carol Lynley, Dick Van Patten, Cindy Williams, Marlene Clark, Shelley Berman, Del Close and an uncredited Burgess Meredith, among many others—in short, by one of the better casts that Hagman ever got to work with.

The lovely leading lady, Gwynne Guilford, is the mother of the rising young star Chris Pine.

Long unavailable on video, *Beware! The Blob!* may be watched in its entirety on YouTube, and I highly recommend...with one caveat for sensitive souls:

The cutest kitten in movie history cavorts under the opening titles; within minutes it's blob-chow. Later, the same thing happens to a cute little dog.



Larry Hagman's malevolent 'J.R. Ewing' image was balanced with shows like 'I Dream of Jeannie,' also starring Barbara Eden.



Mark Moorhead

## How to avoid those post-holiday doldrums Plan now for what to do when the in-laws go home

By Sally Mesarosh

The eggnog is gone, you've already seen ZooLights and your kids and out-of-town visitors are beginning to grow tired of endless rounds of video game karaoke.

What to do next?

Here's a list of suggestions to get through the post-holiday slump and maybe whittle off some extra inches from the waistline at the same time. The activities fit varied ages, are close to home and are easy on the pocketbook as well.

**Geocaching:** Geocaching is an outdoor treasure hunt. Players try to locate hidden containers, called geocaches, using a smartphone or GPS unit and then share their experiences online. It's a great way to explore new places in the neighborhood. All ages can participate.

*First-time geocachers:* Visit [www.geocaching.com](http://www.geocaching.com), create an account and watch the two-minute video on the basics of geocaching.

Do a quick search for geocaches within your ZIP code and hit the road. As of the last search, there were 335 geocaches that came up within five miles of the 85284 ZIP code. That should keep the family busy for an indefinite amount of time.

Cache descriptions have ratings as to how difficult or easy it is to find them and contain GPS coordinates. Enter the coordinates in your GPS device to find the hidden geocache. When you find it, sign the logbook, and if it contains treasures, take an item and replace it. These are usually small, inexpensive trinkets. Return the geocache to its original location and log in your find online.

**Rabbit Statues:** Get a jump start on next year's family photos at the large jackrabbit statues behind the shops in the plaza on the northwest corner of Mill Avenue and University Drive. These three bronze statues were created by artist Mark

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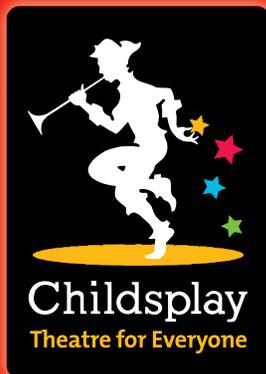
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Geocache enthusiast Carol Cherry in a south Tempe search.

## Doldrums

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Rossi and are titled "Resting," "Guard" and "Grooming." There's a warning not to climb the statues, however you can touch them and take photos. The three statues stand 8-, 12- and 14-foot high and weigh about 1,000 pounds each.

**Swimming with Santa:** Take a swim with Santa and thank him for his hard work at Kiwanis Park's heated, indoor wave pool. Mrs. Claus will be on hand at this event as well, telling stories during swimming breaks. Local companies and restaurant gift certificates will also be raffled off to participants.

Admission for the event is \$6 for children ages 2-12 and \$8 for those 13 and older the day of the event. Children under the age of 8 must have an adult with them within an arm's length at all times while in the water.

Register at [www.tempe.gov/kiwanis](http://www.tempe.gov/kiwanis) or call 480-350-5201.

**Batting Cages:** Also found at Kiwanis Park are 10 lighted batting cages. This can be a great way to blow off a little post-holiday stress and aggression even if family members are

not baseball players. It might even open up some family stories about the time great-grandpa went to the World Series or how Dad's timely hit saved the day for his team.

Cages are open 4-7:30 p.m. on Fridays and noon-4:30 on Saturdays and Sundays. Tokens are \$1.25 each, with each game providing 14 pitches.

**Fishing:** Again, a great activity for those family "tall tales" of who caught the biggest fish. Visitors from the Midwest or other areas may have special fishing tips to tell Arizona natives. Fishing spots include Desert Breeze Park, Tempe Town Lake and Kiwanis Park.

Before you go, remember that ages 14 and older must have a valid Arizona Fishing License to cast a line.

Fishing licenses can be purchased at any Arizona Game and Fish office, at most fishing-supply or sporting-goods stores. The lakes are stocked with rainbow trout during this time of the year. If family members can't stand the thought of hooking a trout, consider paddle boat rentals, available at Tempe Town Lake and Kiwanis Park.

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Donation drop off will take place 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 12 and 13, at the

Kyrene Schools district office. Needed donations include toys and gifts to serve about 1,000 children ranging in age from birth to 17 years.

On the program's wish list are Legos, basketballs, hair accessories, jewelry, Hot Wheels and trucks, books, board games, gift cards, sports and team wear, Barbies, learning toys, curling irons, arts and craft toys, sports equipment and outdoor toys.

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# Arizona Community Church series on abusive behavior Crusading mom helps teens, parents learn warning signs

By Chase Kamp

**B**obbi Sudberry doesn't want other teens to suffer the same fate as her 17-year-old daughter, Kaity, who was slain by an abusive boyfriend in 2008.

The crusading mom will be sharing Kaity's story on Sunday, Dec. 2, when teens and their parents gather to discuss the ways to avoid or end an unhealthy relationship.

The presentation will be hosted by Arizona Community Church as part of its Parent Wisdom Exchange workshop series. Pastor Dan Knuff said the talks are aimed at helping parents of teens address the changing environment in which violence

## Non-profit Kaity's Way program on Sunday, Dec. 2, follows Bobbi Sudberry's goal 'to wake people up' to signs of relationships that have gone bad, particularly in the early stages.

has become more pervasive—and more worrisome.

"We've been doing these on peer pressure, social media," he said. "A lot of parents want some help understanding youth culture."

A study listed on the website of the Arizona Coalition Against Domestic Violence found that one in five teens, including both boys and girls, will experience an abusive relationship.

"Just because somebody is raised in a healthy family environment does not mean they can't become victims of domestic violence," Sudberry said.

Sudberry said exploring romantic relationships is a new and often innocent experience for teenagers, and knowing the qualities of healthy interactions can help prevent the permeation and tolerance of abusive behavior.

Knuff said he finds unhealthy teen relationships to be a growing problem.

"Sometimes it takes a really jarring story like Kaity's to wake people up to the fact that it could be their story," he said.

Bobbi Sudberry founded the nonprofit Kaity's Way organization to help spread her story and inform teens about the aspects that separate healthy young relationships from those that are steeped in abusive behavior.

Her presentation will explore the red flags for teens to watch out for when entering a relationship. Among them is what Sudberry calls the "24/7 rule," when one partner wants to constantly be with or monitor the other.

"The victim thinks, 'Wow, they must really care about me,'" she said, "but it's an exercise in power and control, not love."

She will also offer suggestions on how to leave an abusive relationship, which can be very difficult for many victims.

Sudberry's organization has championed the rights of abuse victims, working with former state Senator Jonathan Paton and the Arizona Coalition Against Domestic Violence to pass "Kaity's Law" in 2009.

The law allowed victims in dating relationships to get an order of protection and authorizes police to arrest an abuser without obtaining a warrant. The previous relationship guidelines applied only to victims that were married, related or lived with their abuser.

Sudberry will conclude with the five aspects of a healthy relationship, condensed in the acronym PEACE: patience, empathy, acceptance caring and equality.

"You add that to respect, love and honesty, and what you have is a mixture of what goes into a healthy relationship," she said.

Sudberry said her outreach events have also given abusive partners perspective on their behavior. "People have told me, 'I will treat my partner better,'" she said.

The presentation, scheduled for Dec. 2 at 10 a.m., is free and open to public.

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## The real scoop behind doggy breath

# Area pet-store owners take a bite out of canine teeth-cleaning hassle

By Diana Whittle

**I**s your best friend furry with four legs? If so, it's a sure bet you'll want to visit the Bone Appetit bakery before the end of the holiday season.

The store hosts a doggy treasure-trove of lovingly baked treats, as well as an array of kitty-pleasing delicacies and other pet supplies sure to please your special pal.

The store owner, Joe Goldblatt, points out that the freshly prepared treats contain no by-products, no preservatives, animal fat, soy or artificial colors.

They also are made without salt or sugar. They do contain whole-wheat flour, wheat germ, corn meal, fresh eggs, vegetable oil and other wholesome, all-natural ingredients. (The cat treats have some preservatives, notes Goldblatt, because they contain fish and meat products. All the treats are veterinarian approved.)

The one-of-a-kind store was opened in 1999 by Goldblatt and his wife, Helen, after they were inspired by a shop in Kansas City and decided to pursue a similar operation in Arizona.

They now live in Warner Ranch and enjoy the short commute to their shop in Ahwatukee Foothills.

Though store has thrived, there's always room for innovation, and when Goldblatt heard about a new service to help maintain a pet's oral health, he pounced on it.

On Mondays, when the store would otherwise be closed, anesthesia-free dental cleaning is available for canines, and it's already proved popular

"More people are realizing that the care of their animal's teeth is just as important as their own. We usually book 15 to 25 dogs for the teeth cleaning service, which is undertaken by a licensed veterinarian and his tech team. It's generally completed in 30 to 40 minutes."

Tartar-encrusted teeth are not just unattractive; they are absolutely dangerous to a dog's health, according to "The Whole Dog Journal," a monthly publication and its website, [www.whole-dog-journal.com](http://www.whole-dog-journal.com), which is devoted to canines.

Just as with humans, tartar or calculus forms on a dog's teeth when plaque – a combination of salivary proteins and bacteria – accumulates on the teeth and is not brushed or mechanically scraped away by vigorous chewing.

And, just as with humans, some dogs seem more prone to tartar accumulation than others.

Some of this may be due to an inherited trait; it's also thought that the chemistry in some dogs' saliva seems to promote tartar formation.

However it happens to attach itself to Fido's teeth, the mineralized concretion acts as a trap for even more plaque deposits. Soon, the gums become inflamed, and bacterial infections may develop.

Yes, the dog will have bad breath and unsightly red gums. He may experience pain when he's eating his food, playing with toys, or during recreational chewing. Chronic mouth pain can cause behavioral changes, including crankiness and the sudden onset of "bad moods."

A more serious danger is the bacterial infection and resultant inflammation in the gums, which can send bacteria through the dog's bloodstream, where it can wreak havoc with the heart, lungs, kidney and liver.

Dogs with chronic health problems that affect these organs and dogs with immune-mediated disease are at special risk of experiencing complications due to periodontal disease.

For this reason alone, owners of these animals should be the most proactive in keeping their dogs' teeth clean.

The next canine cleaning will be 9 a.m. to noon Monday, Dec. 10—just in time for the holiday season.

For more information, visit the store's website at [www.azboneapetit.com](http://www.azboneapetit.com) or call 480-785-9499 to schedule an appointment.

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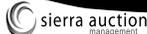
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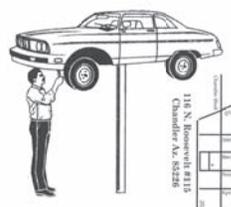
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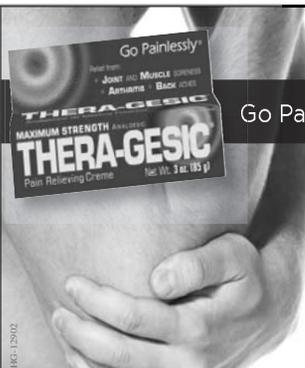


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A diverse group of community members has been named by the Tempe City Council to help guide future growth and development for the city.

Members of the General Plan 2040 Community Working Group will provide input designed to assist city staff with developing the goals, objectives and strategies to guide city growth and the character of development over the next 30 years.

The group will help ensure that community desires and

concerns are considered and addressed as the plan is developed.

Members include:

Joe Salvatore, chair; Benjamin Shaw; Cole Hickman; Ryan Guzy; Brad Graham; Celeste Plumlee; Lisa Roach; Marie Provine; Don Cassano; Don Watkins; Gary C. Johnson; Julie Ramsey; Woody Wilson; Alan Beaudoin; Dennis Webb; Melody Moss; Michael Myrick; and Steven Wegener.

The working group will hold its first meeting 5:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 18, at the Tempe Public Library, 3500 S. Rural Road, with meetings on the first Thursday of each month thereafter.

## Firefighters' toy drive Saturday, Dec. 8

Chandler firefighters will be staging their annual holiday toy drive again this year in a community-wide effort to provide thousands of disadvantaged children with a happier holiday.

Anyone who donates a new, unwrapped toy (fire officials have said nothing battery operated, please) any time from 2 to 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8, will receive a ride in a Chandler fire engine.

An adult must accompany children 6 years old and younger.

Collection point will be near the valet parking area outside the food court on the south side of Chandler Fashion Center.

Fire Department mascots will join in, along with Sprinkler the Clown; city of Chandler holiday carolers also will

perform. Donated toys will be delivered to Chandler CARE Center next to Galveston Elementary School for disadvantaged children who have been identified through the staff at each elementary school in the Chandler district.

"Our firefighters have a lot of fun every year giving rides to kids during the toy drive," said Chandler Fire Chief Jeff Clark.

"We are always amazed by the generosity of our residents in supporting our efforts to share some holiday joy with Chandler children."

Toy donations can also be dropped off in the lobby of the Fire Administration Headquarters at 151 E. Boston St. now through Dec. 15 or at any Chandler fire station.



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The Aztecs had an impressive start to their 2012-13 season by defeating defending Division III champions Thunderbird High School 43-25 on Nov. 20. Team includes, bottom row: Marc Farina, Alex Carrillo, Matt Churchill, Ryan Farina; Middle: Zach Walton, Glen Farina, Michael Clare, Riley Rayburn; back row: Colton Winstead, Ethan Tursini, Brix Kronborg, Darius Ryan, Bridger Barker and Josh Caliendo.

— Photo courtesy Jim Martinez

## Notebook

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“His intensity level throughout the match wore down his opponent and allowed him to pick up takedowns late in the match to get the team bonus point.”

The Aztecs, with years of wrestling experience and a strong strength and conditioning program in the offseason, still expect to face strong competition from Sunnyside, Chandler, Desert Vista and Hamilton just to advance out of their section. Then add Cibola and Mesa Mountain View to the state picture. Any of these teams, including Corona, could be the last one holding the state championship trophy in February.

The Aztecs were scheduled to wrestle Mountain Pointe, Nov. 29, before competing in the Southwest Showdown, Nov. 30-Dec. 1.

“We are likely to meet up with several of the best teams in the state, including defending Division II state champions Ironwood Ridge and Marcos de Niza, who is always competitive, at the Southwest Showdown,” said Martinez. “This tournament will

provide us with some of the strongest competition in the state.”

After the Southwest Showdown, the Aztecs will compete in two dual meets: Dec. 5 at Chandler and Basha and then Dec. 13 at Brophy and Mountain Ridge.

**Marcos de Niza football** — Marcos almost had a perfect season leading to a Division II state championship except for one thing: The Padres could not beat Ironwood Ridge.

The Padres had an outstanding 11-2 season, one that most teams in Arizona would love to have in their record books. They won every game, even creaming Chaparral in the playoffs, except against the same team that defeated them in week five of the regular season.

The fact that Ironwood Ridge went on to easily defeat Centennial in the Division II state championship game should not detract from the accomplishments of this year’s Marcos de Niza football team.

The Padres will lose the leadership and experience

of 23 seniors, probably most noted, **Priest Willis** and **Derek Craig** on defense and **Mauriece Lee**, **Paul Elvira** and **Jacquese Moore** on offense, but several other seniors contributed in ways that are not always measured in the stat sheets.

In addition to kicker **Jaron Jones**, these seniors left everything on the field when they played as a Padre: **Richie Becerra**, **Anthony Snyder**, **Ozo Cabrera**, **Khadeem Stewart**, **Kaharyee Davis**, **Taylor Henson**, **Kahari Johnson**, **Josh Howard**, **Nicholas Huerta**, **Josh Kirkwood**, **Andrew Molina**, **Royal Bailey**, **Laine Begay**, **Taylor Blakenship**, **Antonio Warner**, **Kahari Johnson**, **Maximus Gonzales** and **Augustine Almanza**.

There will definitely be holes in both the offense and defense to fill next year but with quarterback **Josh Eckley** and defensive back Dominique Fenstermacher, who has really come on strong lately, along with 25 other returning football players with varsity experience, the Padres could still be competing for that elusive state football championship trophy in 2013.



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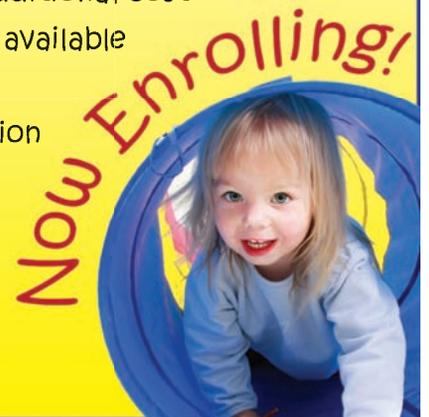
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Wrangler News' final pre-holiday issue of 2012 will be delivered on Saturday, Dec. 15 (Advertising space deadline: 5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7). The next publication date after Dec. 15 will be Saturday, Jan. 12 (Space deadline: 5 p.m. Friday, Jan. 4). Our offices will remain open except for the days before and after Christmas and New Year's. Otherwise, you can reach us 9-5 Monday-Friday at 480-966-0845. We wish you and your loved ones the happiest of holidays.

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## Budding entrepreneurs unite Students playing an active role to help combat hunger, homelessness



Sophomore Kaitlyn Fitz says her work at Changemaker Central has become an integral part of her work at ASU.

*Editor's note: The following story resulted from a trip to ASU by Wrangler News publisher and general manager Carmel Bonitatibus. The visit occurred during the latest in a series of insider explorations of public and government institutions by members of Tempe Leadership, in which he is a participant. He was so impressed with the program, as were the dozen or so other visitors, that he thought our readers, as well, would want to know about it.*

By Sally Mesarosh

Age-old issues of homelessness, poverty and hunger take on a new spin as budding social entrepreneurs gather to exchange ideas at Arizona State University's Changemaker Central.

Changemaker Central is a collaborative campus workspace packed with resources, technological tools and networking opportunities.

The goal of the program is to empower students to apply their education, expertise and passion for positive social progress and lifelong civic engagement.

As a result, students who use the center are better able to launch productive ventures that meet both market and societal needs.

"Changemaker Central connects students with the resources to make a positive impact in their local and global community," said Mina Ahmad,

coordinator of Changemaker Central.

"Whether through volunteering or developing solutions to challenges we face, students have a space on campus to be inspired to make change in the world."

The program began in fall 2010 when ASU was selected as a Changemaker Campus by Ashoka U, a global organization that works to solve social issues through entrepreneurship at universities.

An ASU student-led steering committee tailored the program to fit the ASU community and formed a leadership team. That team reached out to students and community members to work together for social change.

ASU sophomore Kaitlyn Fitz, director of the Student Leadership Team at Changemaker Central, said she has gained priceless professional development by participating in the all-student program.

In October, Fitz and others in the organization partnered with The Little Red Wagon Foundation and Tumbleweed Center for Youth Development in a backpack drive for homeless youth that collected more than 100 backpacks.

"Changemaker Central is dedicated to creating a culture of service and entrepreneurship and it is an honor to be a part of that," Fitz said.

"We connect students to opportunities that empower them to

## Changemaker

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have a positive social impact in the community...It's incredible to engage with my peers in this manner."

Fitz said she first heard about Changemaker when she participated in Ignite @ ASU, a signature program of Changemaker.

The four signature programs that create support and increase access to early-stage seed funding include:

**Ignite @ ASU:** A public event that features rapid-fire 5-minute presentations that bring ASU students, faculty, staff and community members together to build more connected communities.

**Innovation Challenge:** Students can win up to \$10,000 to make their innovative project, prototype, venture or community partnership ideas happen.

**10,000 solutions:** Leverages the

power of collaborative imagination and innovation to create a solutions bank.

**Devils in Disguise:** Each March, this student-run day of service has campus organizations host volunteer sites for fellow Sun Devils.

All four ASU campuses have Changemaker Central spaces connecting student organizations, entrepreneurship classes and other resources to help students reach their goals.

Fitz, a Global Studies student and Public Service and Public Policy Business major, said she has developed her skills in volunteer recruitment, management and service through the program. She hopes to one day use her education to promote economic advancement in developing nations through the utilization of sustainable education programs.

"My experience (with Changemaker Central) has been incredible," Fitz said.

"I have had the opportunity to work with the innovative and engaged students at ASU...and learned to think in ways I had not previously."

## Pediatrics practice grew from idea born during doctor's earliest days

By Alison Stanton

From the time she was a little girl, Dr. Julie Peterson wanted to work with children: "I always knew from the beginning that I would do something with kids—either working in early elementary education or pediatrics."

Along the way, Peterson decided to focus on the latter, pediatrics. After graduating from medical school at the University of Illinois College of Medicine, she moved to the Valley and started practicing in 1998.

Following a stint in a larger pediatric practice for about five years with fellow pediatrician Dr. Courtney Bishop and physician assistant Theresa Lindstrom, Peterson said the three decided they wanted to work in a smaller office that had a more personal atmosphere and that would allow them to spend more time with their own growing families.

Eight years ago this fall, the trio opened Step by Step Pediatrics. Originally located in Ahwatukee, the practice is now in west Chandler.

The all-female staff has grown a bit over the years—Dr. Tanya Horner and certified pediatric nurse practitioners Bev Ricketts and Beth Jaco now work there too. What has not changed, though, is the practice's commitment to offering its young patients skilled care in a family-friendly environment combined with flexible work schedules for everyone on staff.

"When parents call in, we make sure that their child is seen that day; we make sure our office is staffed at all times to be

sure all kids are seen," Peterson said.

"We are also all moms who want to spend time with our families and our children; we all work flexible hours so this can happen."

This philosophy, Peterson said, has helped create a staff that is extremely happy and content.

"When people are pleased with their hours and their work, it just makes for a better staff," she said.

Horner said she has noticed that patients often pick up on the staff's enthusiasm to work there.

"I think that the kids can sense that," she said. "We take good care of them, and their parents can see that we are happy to be here."

Peterson said that the practice, which she owns along with Bishop, Horner and Lindstrom, does a lot of outpatient pediatric care, including an increasing number of patients with asthma, allergies or both.

"We also treat a lot of children with ADHD (Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder)," she said.

"General pediatrics also involves a lot of developmental pediatrics, making sure each child is developing as he or she should."

For Peterson, who has three children of her own, working at Step by Step Pediatrics gives her "the best of both worlds."

"I have an active and happy family and I love being with them, and I also love seeing kids and treating them while having the chance to work with people who are my friends," she said.

Horner, a mother of two, said she appreciates spending her days with people who all genuinely love working with

children.

"I also really like the educational aspect of the work that I do. Parents come in and ask questions, and I enjoy helping to guide them on how to take care of their children

so that they can grow into healthy adults."

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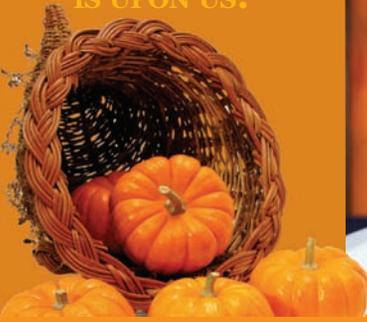
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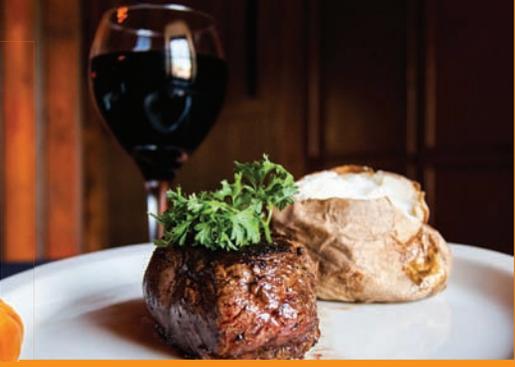
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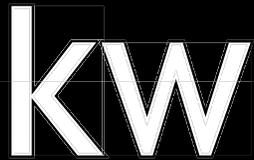
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