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Holiday cheer

Girls of the Corona del Sol varsity pom line added a new twist to traditional holiday caroling when they boarded a party bus, stopping to sing and dance for neighborhood families. The group shared their special message of cheer as they danced their way through a route of homes that included Corona students, athletes and just plain folks.

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Schools mobilize to combat Spice usage on campus

By Mark Crudup

Spice, a brand of a legal substance mimicking the effects of marijuana, is becoming a problem among students on local high school campuses, school officials said.

"When the Chandler Police Department showed up on a party-patrol initiative, they realized some of the students were smoking Spice," Ixtchell Ledesma, director of programs for ICAN, said.

ICAN is a Chandler-based organization aimed at helping local kids lead positive lives, free of substance abuse.

"Spice contains a synthetic cannabinoid, and many resources are linking this drug to a marijuana high," Ledesma said.

"There are many risks involved with using this substance, including seizures, tremors, elevated heart rate and other adverse side effects on the human body."

Essentially, Spice is a mixture of herbs sprayed with chemicals and sold as incense labeled with a warning stating "Not for human consumption," Ledesma said.

Spice, along with other similar brands of the same substance, is currently being sold at many local smoke shops, liquor stores and mom-and-pop stores, she said.

The Tempe Union High School District recently released an announcement to parents regarding consequences for students using, possessing or selling Spice on school campuses.

Long-term suspensions are the penalty for those caught sharing, distributing or using "synthetic cannabis," according to the announcement. Students caught selling Spice will be expelled for selling an "imitation of an illegal drug."

The Chandler Unified School District also released a similar statement outlining consequences for possessing a substance mimicking an illegal drug, Ledesma said.

She also said the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration recently announced that various chemicals found in the synthetic drug will be made illegal on the federal level within the month.

Other brand names of the currently legal incense include K2, Black Mamba, Triple X, Wicked, Pep Spice, Genie and Bliss.

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The holidays may be busy, but take a break to enjoy some college football! Missouri and Iowa will face each other on Tuesday, Dec. 28, at Sun Devil Stadium for the 22nd Annual Insight Bowl. Kickoff will begin at 8 p.m. and will be televised on ESPN. Tickets are available at www.insightbowl.org.

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Admission is \$6 for kids 13 and older and \$3 for ages 2-12. Discount tickets (\$4 for kids 13 and older or \$2 for ages 2-12) are now available at KRC.

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For more information, visit www.tempe.gov/kiwanis or call 480-350-5201 or 480-350-5050.

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For free tax preparation, families must have an annual income of \$55,000 or less for 2010.

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Where: Tempe Schools Credit Union, 2800 S. Mill Ave., Tempe

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- Interest and dividend statements from banks (Form 1099-INT or 1099-DIV);
- Total amount paid for day care and day care provider's tax identification number;
- Account numbers for your checking and savings accounts;
- A copy of last year's tax return;
- Information for all deductions and credits;
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Kyrene offices open Dec. 31 for last-minute tax-credit donations

Parents and community members who want to make a last-minute tax credit donation to Kyrene schools can do so until the final day of this year.

District offices at 8700 S. Kyrene

Road, Tempe, will be open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 31.

Donations also can also be made at www.kyrene.org/taxcredit. Under tax law, contributions must be received or postmarked by Dec. 31 of any year to

which the tax credit should apply.

The Arizona Tax Credit Program allows Arizona taxpayers to donate up to \$400 to a school of their choice in support of extracurricular programs.

The entire donation comes back to the contributor in the form of a tax credit. Individuals and couples filing jointly may take advantage of the credit. A maximum of \$200 can be deducted per individual tax return; couples filing a joint return may deduct a maximum of \$400.

School tax credit donations help pay extracurricular activity fees. Funds can apply to programs such as sports, arts and music, and after-school activities that help extend learning beyond the classroom.

Other examples include such programs as inspiring author visits that bring literature alive; the Audobon Eco

Experience; a Kindness Retreat teaching fourth graders strong character and interpersonal skills; Intramural sport activities at lunchtime; and educational field trips to places like the Casa Grande Ruins Shamrock Farms, Halle Heart Center, Arizona Mining and Mineral Museum, Chandler Historical Museum and Arizona Science Center.

Holiday hours at QC Olive Mill

Queen Creek Olive Mill is now open later for the holiday season, making it more convenient for shoppers scrambling for the perfect gift.

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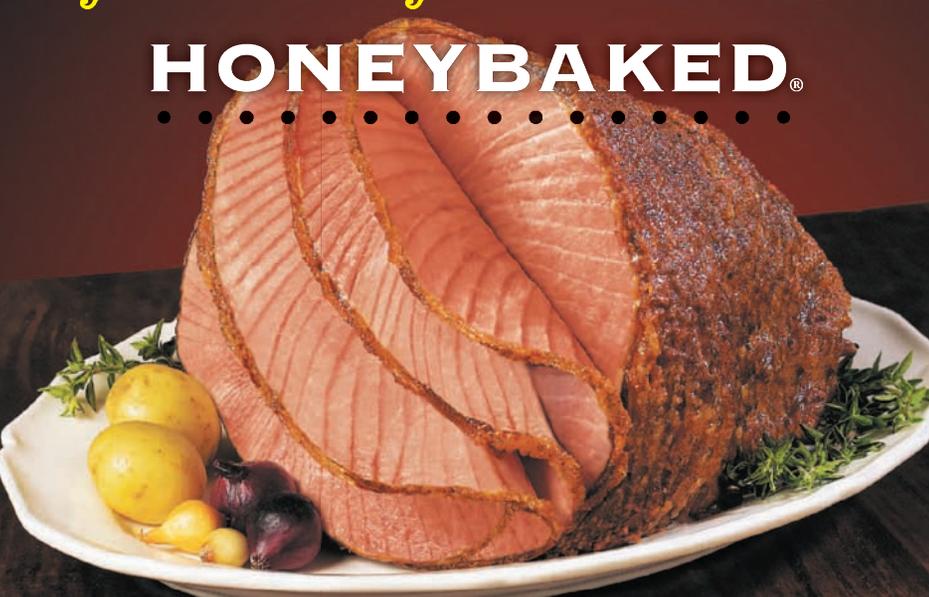
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Longtime community activist named to key hospice post



Vinny Mirizio

Grace Hospice, a not for profit hospice organization, has named south Tempe resident Vinny Mirizio as its new chief financial development officer.

Mirizio will oversee development of the company's hospice locations in Arizona, Hawaii and Los Angeles.

He also will guide expansions of the

company's corporate headquarters and a 7-room hospice in-patient facility on Kyrene Road in Chandler.

According to hospice officials, Mirizio's 28 years in Arizona has allowed him to forge partnerships and friendships that have supported projects and programs that have changed the lives of thousands of Arizona residents.

Mirizio and wife Regina relocated to Arizona in 1987 and embarked on what turned out to be a 20-year career in the professional staffing industry.

During this time, his accomplishments included brokering three mergers; opening and overseeing 21 offices in the Arizona division; development of 15,000 employees; and oversight and strategic

planning of an \$89 million staffing company.

Mirizio joined the Tempe Family YMCA and oversaw its growth in many areas during his 7-year affiliation.

He was recognized for the high level of donations; operations excellence; board and staff development; and endowment.

Lance Grey, the agency's current operation director, said of Mirizio:

"He was able to bring people together, lead them and get them involved; he made everyone feel important."

As a development officer for Catholic Healthcare West's East Valley Foundation, Mirizio not only brought in close to \$900,000 but was able to help motivate and lead the staff," said CHW's Kent Miller.

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Pets face dangers during holiday festivities, warns area vet

By Mark Crudup

It's that time of the year again, and families are bringing the holiday spirit into their homes. Nostalgic fragrances of home-cooked meals fill rooms and decorations hang from windows and doors.

Residents, though in the giving mood, should be cautious about sneaking tasty tidbits to their furry family members. Dogs and cats often get more human snacks this time of the year and have a playground of dangerous holiday decorations, says south Tempe veterinarian Dr. Thomas Gus of University Animal Hospital.

"A lot of it is related to the festivities and big meals that are cooked up," he said. "Dogs and cats get things they don't normally get, like bones."

Even if tempted to throw some turkey scraps under the table for begging pets, family members should be cautious about how much and what their dogs or cats are eating.

"Even the fatty parts off of a turkey, or gravy, can cause tremendous intestinal upsets in dogs and cats," Gus said. "Anything off the holiday table should not get to a pet."

Desserts, especially chocolate treats, should never be given to animals, Gus said.

"Chocolate is probably one of the most common things dogs will get into," he said. "This is highly toxic for them, and will usually cause vomiting and diarrhea."

Meal scraps are not the only thing pet owners should be wary about. Decorations, including Christmas trees, holiday lights and candles also pose a danger to dogs and cats, Gus said.

"Many of the holiday plants, like holly and mistletoe, are

poisonous to dogs," he said. "Poinsettias, though not extremely toxic, can cause gastric issues and irritation."

Flowers in the lily family can also cause kidney failure in cats, he said.

For many families, the holidays wouldn't be the same without a Christmas tree. However, Gus said families should be strategic about where they place the tree, and what decorations furnish the area.

"Christmas-tree water is oftentimes supped-up with different concoctions, such as aspirin, and all of those things can cause gastritis (inflammation of the stomach lining)" in cats and dogs," Gus said.

Putting up a barrier, such as a blanket, surrounding the bottom of the tree can prevent animals from getting to the water, he said.

Of course, strings of lights accompany Christmas tree décor. The danger lies in electric cords running along carpets and ending in a mass of multiple outlets.

"Electric cords are on the top of carpets that aren't normally there, and puppies especially can chew on those," he said.

"Also, the tinsel on trees, any kind of long stringy objects, if consumed, can cause a linear foreign body – those are serious things to avoid."

Simply covering electric cords and being cautious of what decorations your pets can get to can prevent many health dangers.

Additionally, holidays are generally a stressful time for both humans and their pet companions. Dogs and cats may develop digestive problems during these times, Gus said.

"I think the holidays are stressful, and that alone can lead animals to manifest diseases they normally wouldn't have," he said.

"The intestinal issues are stress-related, just like in humans."

If your pet shows signs of sickness or discomfort, Gus said it's always a good idea to bring them to a veterinarian to be evaluated.

"I tend to think it's always better to over-react than under-react," he said.

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200+ needy families benefit from schools' Winter Wonderland

Story & photo by Mark Crudup

The Kyrene School District held its eighth annual Winter Wonderland event Saturday, Dec. 11, giving gifts to more than 200 needy families. More than 600 Kyrene kids were able to go home with wrapped presents and filled Christmas stockings.

Kyrene principals and social workers identified about 500 families to participate in the event. Volunteers put together additional holiday bags for those who were not able to make it.

Kyrene families and friends donated items, including a wide range of sporting equipment, toys, bikes and much more, for this year's celebration.

Parents of needy families perused tables of toys at the Kyrene District's governing board room, treating themselves to coffee and treats provided by district staff.

Girl Scout Troop 1030 from Brisas Elementary School volunteered to make Christmas cards for each family, with Target gift cards attached.

Michelle Fahy, educational tech specialist for the district, said the troop was working on earning badges and accomplishing a variety of community

volunteer work.

"They decided to help the Kyrene Foundation with Winter Wonderland," she said.

"I work here at the district office, and so we worked at the family resource center earlier this year. The girls were really excited to come down again and help out."

Micah Zawtock, a high school student from Seton Catholic Preparatory, was also volunteering as part of his Eagle Scout project, organizing supplies and donated items for needy families.

"I'm working with the Kyrene Family Resource Center, putting hygiene bags together for them," Zawtock, who is in Boy Scout Troop 118, said.

"I had been in the Kyrene District for elementary and middle school, and I worked on with the center for community service before I got involved with Winter Wonderland."

More than 40 new bikes were purchased with money from a holiday fundraiser. Those, along with donated bikes, were given to families through a raffle system during the day.



Downtown Chandler hosts holiday shoppers

Holiday shopping is available at the Downtown Chandler Farmers Market, Thursdays, 3-7 p.m., and the Downtown Chandler Art Walk, Dec. 17, 6-10 p.m.

Students from Kyrene Middle School will perform holiday musical favorites at 6 p.m. Dec. 9 during the farmers market event.

Free gift wrapping will be available throughout December for all purchases,

whether a special piece of jewelry or the finest in locally made gourmet products. (Donations, which are requested, will go to local charities.)

The first 100 children to stop by the Downtown Chandler Community Partnership's on-site booth at the Art Walk and the Dec. 23 Farmers Market will receive free holiday candy.



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For Kyle & Tyler, it's a dream come true Just in time for the holidays

By Jeremy Banks

The holidays will be extra-special for Corona del Sol baseball player Kyle Jorgensen and his new pal, Tyler Revalee.

Thanks to the fifth annual International High School Power Showcase Home Run Derby and the Make-A-Wish Foundation, both will be able to live a dream.

Jorgensen, one of the top baseball players in the Valley, was selected to play in the home run derby and participate in the festivities Dec. 27-30 at Chase Field.

Getting the news was a thrill for Jorgensen.

"I was really excited. I knew this home run derby before because I've watched some star players such as Bryce Haper (last year's) No. 1 overall draft pick. A lot of other great players have been asked to do this. I think it's going to be good," he said.

"From around the state, they look at some of the best players, who they think has the best potential to hit home runs in big stadiums. Fortunately I was picked.

"It's been one of my biggest dreams to hit a home run in a Major League ballpark."

Shortly after being notified he had been selected, Jorgensen met with the Make-A-Wish Foundation. As a part of the event, each player was to be



partnered with a child from the foundation. Kyle was paired with six-year-old Revalee, who was diagnosed with cystic fibrosis in 2008.

The two were a perfect match. Both have a passion for baseball; both have a passion for life.

When the two met, Jorgensen said they instantly connected.

"He was great. For a kid who's probably not doing the best right now, he has so much energy," he said.

"We played a little basketball. He was doing great. He was really excited about going to the home run derby and meeting me. I was really excited about meeting him."

They talked about everything —

especially baseball. Revalee is a big Arizona Diamondbacks fan and a pretty good baseball player. He likes video games and playing with Hot Wheels. Jorgensen said that, while talking with his new friend, he learned more about life and people.

"It really opened my eyes to what other people are going through," he said.

Money will be donated to the Make-A-Wish Foundation for every home run Jorgensen hits during the derby at Chase Field.

For months Jorgensen, who hit 10 homers for the Aztecs last season in 18 games, has been preparing for the event. He wants to have a great showing.

"I'm working a lot harder, just trying to get a little bit bigger, a little bit stronger, so I can do pretty good in (the home run derby)," he said. "I'm really excited about this."

For Jorgensen, this will be his first time playing at Chase Field. Jorgensen has done this before, hitting home runs. This time he wants

to do it for a cause. He wants to present the ball to Revalee after the game. This time he wants to hit a home run for a friend.

"I'm going to be nervous, but hopefully I can just settle down and do what I know how to do," he said.

"I'm really excited to see what I can do."

Discerning Diner: Spitfire promises surefire satisfaction

By Nathan Scherotter

Something new: That's what a recently opened upscale dining establishment is bringing to the table. Along, of course, with some upscale embodiments that already have local folks coming away with a favorable impression.

Don Lococo, owner of the new Spitfire Grill & Tavern, said that many days and nights went into his vision of the restaurant before it finally materialized.

Although several earlier dining ventures haven't quite hit the mark at the same location, Lococo is confident this time it's a winner.

"Our main focus is quality and service," he said. "People have been starting to (appreciate) the quality of food, which hasn't been here before."

For those who recall some of Spitfire's forerunners, the latest incarnation offers an altogether different feel. It's wholly remodeled with a warm ambiance and refined feeling, heightening the comfort

factor that diners experience the moment they walk through the door.

"We put the time, effort and money into redesigning the place, and it has been well received so far," Lococo said.

From my vantage point, it was easy to get on board with Don's approach to his place. The service is attentive and professional – it was like I was dining at a three- or four-star restaurant. The menu was diverse and had a bit of everything—salads, pastas, sandwiches and an array of meat dishes. He was also justifiably proud of his drink menu. Spitfire has 18 beers on tap, 19 wines by the glass and 39 different wines for sale. This abundance represents selections from all over the world. It would be easy to find a pairing for your food with one of these.

I stopped by for lunch and had the recommended Reuben sandwich. The portion was plentiful and the sandwich was top quality. Don takes pride in knowing that everything is made in-house, and his

products are 100 percent natural.

The prices here may be slightly higher than what some may anticipate, but there is good reason.

Said Don:

"People have realized that it is not much more—a dollar more than some other grills around the Valley, and the quality of food speaks for itself."

Spitfire also now offers a lunch menu with items priced between \$5.95 and \$7.95. Also, happy hour at Spitfire gives patrons an interesting choice of food items including calamari and shrimp scampi, along with \$1 off drafts and \$5 glasses of wine.

Based on the quality of service, food and the new atmosphere, it's a place I recommend that you try. It can make for a nice quick lunch or a great evening of first-rate dining.

Check out Spitfire Grill and Tavern at www.spitfiregrillandtavern.com or at facebook.com/spitfiregirl. Or give them a call at 480-897-1000.

Diversions

A guide to what's new in & around the Kyrene Corridor

'Tron: Legacy' latest digital movie marvel

By Mark Moorehead

Family audiences: B+
Sequel to the original *TRON (1982)*, this sci-fi action adventure starring Jeff Bridges in both flesh and blood and 20 years younger in CGI has nothing objectionable hence the PG rating. Also rated PG for action violence and brief mild language.

General audiences: B

Although the target audience for Disney's *Tron: Legacy* is teenage boys and gamers in general, anyone who appreciates a roller-coaster ride through an ultra-creative,

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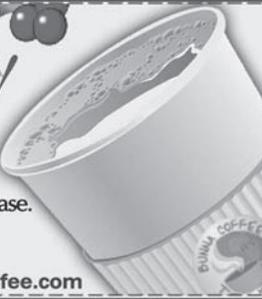
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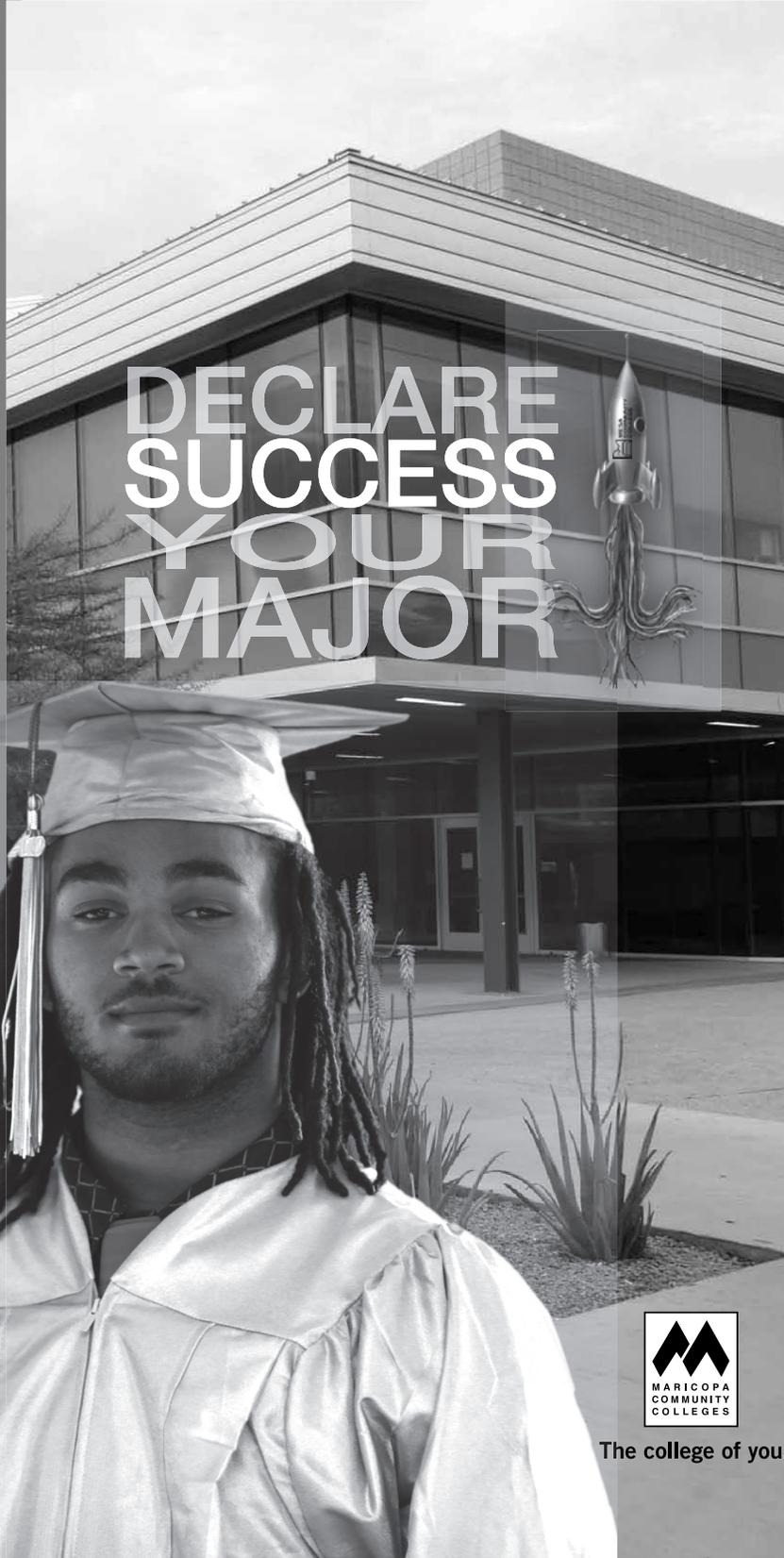
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visually stunning 3-D sci-fi universe will enjoy the film, no matter what the age or gender. As long, that is, as critical thinking-caps are left at home and effort is directed at uncovering the large plot holes.

'Tis the season to be Jeff Bridges, *fa la la la la, la la la la*. This holiday season offers audiences a Bridges double feature with the gravel-voiced actor in both *True Grit* and *Tron: Legacy*. But, in the latter, there is a Bridges bonus with his appearance in *Tron: Legacy* as both Clu, the nemesis, and Kevin Flynn, the good guy. That's a smart move on Bridges' part—capitalizing on his Best Actor win for his comeback role in *Crazy Heart* before the glow wears off his Oscar.

Tron: Legacy, of course, is light years away from the remake of John Wayne's old western, *True Grit*. In fact, *Tron* represents the next level in the evolution of sci-fi film making, dazzling the eye with brilliant, startling digital imagery of an inter-universe where it's difficult to tell the real actors from their digital counterparts.

Watching *Tron* leaves little doubt that in less than 10 years the distinction between a real actor and the CGI version will be blurred, and actors will no longer need to physically appear on celluloid to star in an action or sci-fi film, thanks to a new generation of digital animators.

All that will be required of an actor is to provide the voice, at least until even that can be replicated. The best part of this new technology is that an actor could conceivably continue to appear in films in perpetuity—no more aging, no weight gain. Perhaps a smaller pay check and a nomination for an Academy Award. The future, at least in movies, is starting to look more and more like Al Pacino's film *Simone*.



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Unfortunately, at least for the present, storylines are considered overrated in the land of sci-fi, and *Tron* is no exception.

Bridges, cast as the real father, doesn't strike one as the genius creator of an ultimate universe.

Instead, he comes across as an aging hippie of average intelligence, frequently sitting in the lotus position and saying things like, "You're messing with my Zen thing, man."

What stands out in *Tron* are the special effects: heart-thumping audio, brilliant

neon patterns across the landscape and the glowing lighted uniforms of all participants.

Virtual cityscapes draw movie-goers to the street and capture their imagination just as their grandparents likely stared in awe at the early 20th century film *Metropolis* with its slick, towering, futuristic skyscrapers and fast, escalating sidewalks moving people.

Tron's translucent stadium arenas and vehicles that materialize out of thin air are also a marvel to behold.

Sci-fi fans cannot ignore two familiar comparisons in this film. One is the *Star Wars*-like scene of thousands of identical soldiers neatly assembled on a digital tarmac and placed on gigantic transport

ships in preparation for invasion of the real world outside the grid.

The other is a bar scene reminiscent of the *Matrix* where the Frenchman character plays the middleman with connections for Neo within the Matrix.

In *Tron* Michael Sheen portrays a bar owner and Ziggy Stardust, a look-alike with access to the portal and escape to the real world for Sam.

In the end, *Tron* proves it's user friendly and there's no need to reboot, hit control-delete or power off.

Tron, acknowledged as the blockbuster of the year, is playing on virtually every screen in the Kyrene Corridor.

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A fitting memorial

Staff and faculty at Corona del Sol High School gathered for a memorial service honoring longtime CdS library and records employee Jvonnie Foster, who lost her battle against liver disease on Dec. 6. During Foster's wait for a transplant, her co-workers had designed and ordered custom T-shirts that they planned to wear during a surprise visit. Though the visit didn't materialize before she died, the group assembled at the school a few days later to celebrate her life — one all agreed had made a significant mark on staff and students alike.

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Community choir begins rehearsals for 2011 season

Friends who sing in the shower, hum in the car or occasionally reminisce over their days in high school or college choir soon will have a chance to restore a lost passion.

For the third consecutive year, members of the Corona Community Choir will begin rehearsals for their coming concert season. Rehearsals start Monday, Jan. 3, and continue on six other nights for the next two months.

The group will convene in the choir room at Corona del Sol High School as it prepares for its spring concert March 4 and 5.

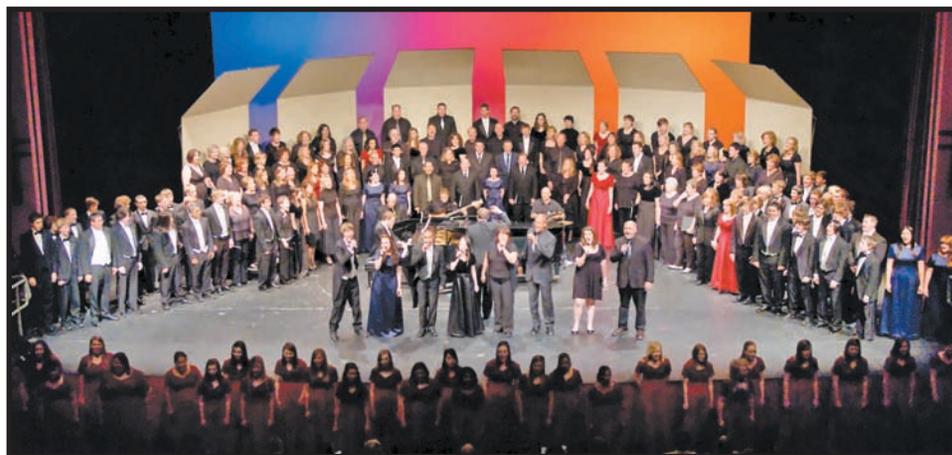
The choir came into existence three years ago after being founded by Alice Burba, a parent of a Corona del Sol choir member. Burba says she believed there likely were others who wanted to be in a chorus, and set her efforts on reestablishing the program with a choir fundraiser.

For the past two years, the chorus, under director Greg Hebert, has performed at spring concerts and Tempe Arts Jam.

The choir, comprised of about 75 people, was such a success that the group's members decided to continue it this year as well.

Chorus members will practice from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Mondays, Jan. 3, 17 and 31 and Feb. 7, 21 and 28. A dress rehearsal is scheduled March 3 before the concerts on March 4 and 5.

Membership fee is \$50, with money going directly to the choir program. The choir is not exclusively for parents and is open to anyone in the community, including alumni, faculty members, current students and friends.



Corona Community Chorus, under the direction of Greg Hebert, performing at last year's spring concert.

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Kiwanis food drive its 'biggest of year'

The Tempe Sunrise Kiwanis Club distributed 25,000 pounds of beans and rice to Tempe schools and families in need earlier this month, during its annual Bean and Rice Food Drive.

"This was probably our biggest project this year," Tempe Sunrise Kiwanis Club president David Basinger said. "The families and children in these schools are really in the greatest need."

Social workers from about a dozen Tempe schools, including Frank, Scales and Wood elementary schools identified families in need of healthy meals, he said.

"It started with Frank School Elementary in Guadalupe," Basinger said. "We found some social workers and nurses in the Tempe Elementary schools that there was need everywhere, so it's just an expanded dramatically."

Each family received two 10-pound bags – one filled with rice and the other with beans.

"We get a good deal from Bashas' for rice and beans in bulk," he said. "They bring over a semi-trailer, and from there, the Kiwanis members load the bags into trucks and distribute to schools."

The Tempe Sunrise Kiwanis Club meets Thursday's at 6:45 a.m. at the Ken McDonald Golf Course and Rural Road, south of the Western Canal.

Training center completes remodeling

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Profile: Fred Cooper Exec uses experience to guide job searches for under-employed

By Mark Crudup

The economic state we're finding ourselves in is forcing residents to think differently about developing new companies with more unique business strategies. That's exactly what south Tempe resident Fred Cooper, co-owner of Compass HR Consulting LLC, did after working in a variety of professional positions in different occupations.

"You have vice presidents working as managers, just to have a job," he said. "And, they are probably paid as managers; with the way things are economically, people are looking for any option they can get."

Working as a human resources consultant, Cooper said he gained experience in dealing with the inner-relations of companies. After cycling through various jobs in the field, Cooper joined the Arizona HR Leadership Group to network with others specializing in various aspects of human resources.

"The AZ HR Leadership Group is basically comprised of consulting individuals who are unemployed or underemployed, and looking to network in the field," he said. "And these are high-level director and higher-level HR executives."

Cooper, along with two other members who were looking for full-time employment, decided to create a consulting arm of the leadership group.

"We are all experienced, I would say, but we weren't

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getting job offers from interviews," Cooper said. "We decided to take our combined skills to create an HR consulting arm."

Their company formed in late April, Cooper said.

"What we are is a full-service HR consulting company, and we are targeting small- to mid-size businesses to do contract work for two days a week," he said. "It saves them money, and we can also do project work."

Compass HR's two other co-owners are Robert Meehan and Anthony Darin, who each have more than 25 years of experience in human resources.

"With all of us combined, we can virtually cover the full spectrum of human resources, including organizational development, strategic planning, employee relations, staff training and development and much more," Cooper said.

Currently, Cooper said Compass HR is working with another consulting company to help provide service on a class and comp (employee classification and compensation) benefits project.

"We've just been focusing on getting our name out," Cooper said. "Now, we are doing a benefit-analysis project for a non-profit company."

Cooper said many companies can benefit greatly from using an outside source to review the operations of the business.

"It's not our intent to go in and become the HR director for a company when they already have an HR director," he said. "Sometimes, you need someone with outside expertise to come in and say the things and plan out the things that the local folks either don't know about or are too afraid to say."

Cooper said he, along with the two other co-owners, can help identify problems dealing with employee wages, discrimination and a wide variety of issues affecting the organizational structure of a company.

"Everything comes down to people," Cooper said. "We

want to make that employer the employer of choice. We want to make them a competitive external employer and a happy internal employer."

In the future, Cooper said he hopes to have clients on retainer, as well as hiring others in the leadership group that specialize in specific fields.

"They can have professional, six-figure talent available to them on retainer, while also being able to provide project work for them," he said.

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Sports Notebook: Aztecs looking strong in run for state finals

By Alex Zener

It's going to be an interesting season for winter sports at Corona this year with two teams, wrestling and boys soccer, defending state championships and two others with a good shot at making it into the state finals.

The Lady Aztec soccer team is more determined than ever to repeat its incredible feat of last season by once again playing in the state championship game, this time however leaving the field as the winner.

There's also the boys basketball team that is potentially positioned to go deep in the state tournament. Add in the new AIA state tournament rules that became effective this season, and the season should be an adventure for the Aztecs and their fans.

Boys Basketball — Corona's boys basketball team, ranked No. 5 by the Arizona Republic on Sunday, started the season 5-1 after making it all the way to the championship game at the Fear the

Hop Tournament before losing in overtime, 69-73, to the tournament hosts Mesa High Jackrabbits over the Thanksgiving Day weekend.

Not bad for a team with only three returning players. The young Aztecs, though, kept their composure in Mesa's packed gym, playing physical basketball and improving in every game, according to head coach Sammy Duane.

"We are young, with **Nick Siefker** as the lone senior who was a starter last season, but I believe by the end of the year we could be very competitive," said Duane. "Juniors **Calaen Robinson** and **Avery Moss**, both starters last season, are starting to establish themselves as leaders."

"Robinson played very well in the tournament. His maturity and experience was big for us," said Duane. "Freshman **Casey Benson** was very good all tournament long and we got very good contributions from Moss, **Michael Miller**, **Bryan Siefker**, **Eljah Hempstead**, **Andrus Peat** and **Jesse McCain**.

Miller is new to Corona's basketball program as a senior transfer from Mesquite. Other players new to varsity but expected to contribute more as the season progresses are sophomores **Bryan Siefker** and **Braden Tennyson**, juniors **Tyler Bolton**, **Pete Stazzone** and **Matt Weber**, along with seniors **Rashidi Kabamba** and **David Garner**.

Although Duane admits his team still lacks overall varsity experience, the Aztecs showed at the tournament that they do have good size, quickness and are able to shoot the ball well.

The Central region should once again be strong, according to Duane, but he's expecting a more balanced set of teams where any team could be in the mix, including Mesa Mountain View which is the early pick to win the region.

"As far as the state goes, it's wide open," said Duane. "Mesa Mountain View, St. Mary's and Mountain Pointe are all very talented."

The Aztecs defeated St. Mary's 82-67 in the Fear the Hoop Tournament but could possibly play those same opponents again in the McClintock Holiday Shootout Dec. 27-30.

The Aztecs had problems with Desert Ridge in their home opener Dec. 2 but finally won, outscoring the Jaguars 15-6 in overtime for a final 67-58 score. Robinson led the team with 19 points.

In their second home game, the Aztecs had a slow start against Westview, Dec. 7, but came on strong in the second and third quarters to more than double Westview's output scoring 46 points to Westview's 19. Robinson led all scorers with 22. Benson had 15, Miller 12, Peat 11, and Moss 7.

On the road Dec. 9 against Camelback in a non-league game, Corona easily defeated the Spartans 66-45.

The Aztecs will be striving to make it to their second championship game this season at the McClintock Holiday Shootout Dec. 27-30.

Girl's Soccer — Although Corona's girls soccer team is still young, no one would consider them inexperienced after making it all the way to the championship game last season before losing to Xavier. This season the team is determined once again to make it to the championship match.

"I feel like we have a team that can contend for a region title and be playing on the last day of the season in the state championship," said 11-year head coach **Matt Smith**. "We are very deep with lots of experience. We have 16 returning players and at least eight who played in 22 or more games last season."

Corona's team will be expecting several of these returning players to have an impact this season according to Smith.

"I'm looking for a good year from senior center back **Micah Jones**, returning after sitting out last year with a knee injury. She should be our leader on defense by the end of the season," said Smith. "In addition, I'm looking for senior striker **Emily Tucker**

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to potentially double her eight goals from last season, for junior striker **Mackenzie Bader** to score 20 goals this year after having 15 goals and 7 assists last season and for junior midfielder **Nikki Newcomb** to have a top five assist season possibly making school history after a 10 goal, 14 assist year last season."

Newcomb was picked by the Republic as one of the top 15 girl's soccer players to watch this season.

Bader, heading into her third year playing varsity, seems up to the challenge. Bader had already scored nine goals and tied the All-Time Single Game Records list twice with four goals a game as of Dec. 6.

"My goal for this year is to be the number-one goal scorer and to beat my record in goals that I scored last season," said Bader.

Other returning players include senior **Sarah Williams**, juniors **Cara Ridley**, **Brooke Ridley** and **Megan Benson**, and sophomores **Kelsey Cartwright**, **Zoe Martinez**, **Olivia Montoya**, **Madeline Caldwell** and **Stephanie Petre**.

"Cartwright and Petre were starting outside backs last season as freshman," said Smith. "I look for them to shut down our opponents' top strikers."

"Martinez, a midfielder with six goals and nine assists last season, as a freshman, will continue to be a playmaker for us," said Smith. "I look for her to drop into the midfield and help create our Aztec attack."

Added to the deep roster of 26 varsity players is University of Arizona-bound senior center back **MyKaylin Rosenquist** who played club soccer the past three years and is playing high school for the first time according to Smith.

Although ranked in the preseason at No. 4 by the Republic, Corona did lose five Division I soccer players from last season's state runner-up team when **Hailey Hayes**, now playing at ASU, **Jessica Johnson** at Coastal Carolina, **Julie Vande Berg** at Wyoming, **Melissa Pestalozzi** at Nicholls State and **Tori Papp** at South Carolina State graduated.

Initially the Lady Aztecs will no doubt miss Hayes at goal but with four quality players, senior **Colby Bounds**, sophomores **Kate Halligan** and **Taylor Rohme** and freshman **Lexi Bounds**, fighting it out for playing time, the goalkeeper position may end up being one of Corona's strengths by the end of the season according to Smith.

The Lady Aztecs also lost senior captain and four-year varsity player **Sammie Weber** for the season with a torn ACL and meniscus. Weber, who has committed to UNLV, will still be playing an active role on the team.

"As co-captain with **Micah Jones**, I will be fulfilling my captain duties by showing my commitment to the team as far as going to practices and games and encouraging the players to do their best," said Weber. "I used to lead by example on the field. Now the challenge will be for me to be more vocal in terms of being a leader from the bench."

Corona will need to get through a tough Central region before making it to the state tournament.

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"Highland will be very good, and Mesquite is rising as a power under the direction of Scott Smith, former CDS assistant," said Smith. "Gilbert is the region champ and until they are beaten, they

will be considered a favorite."

When the Lady Aztecs make it into the state tournament, Smith is expecting Hamilton, Desert Vista and Highland to be well represented, along with the defending champions Xavier.

Regardless, Corona will be looking to the returning players to uphold the Lady Aztecs' tradition of performing well on the soccer field.

"I think everyone's role on Corona's girls soccer team is just to be a part of a winning tradition and an amazing program, and to do as well on the field as they possibly can," said Cartwright.

The Lady Aztecs defeated North, 11-0, Nov. 30 and then won their match against Desert Vista Dec. 3 in overtime 1-0. They were not as successful at the Diablos Soccer Classic as in past seasons. Although the Lady Aztecs won their first match at the Tempe Sport Complex Dec. 6 against Dobson 4-1, they lost Dec. 7 to Red Mountain 1-0 and Dec. 8 to Mountain Point 1-0.

Corona was scheduled to play Cesar Chavez Dec. 13 and then face off against defending state champs Xavier Dec. 17. The Lady Aztecs will play in the Mustang Soccer Tournament Dec. 27-31.

Girls Basketball — With four returning players, three who played major minutes last season, head coach Andy Strom is expecting his girls basketball team to be much improved. The team has already won four games this season after a dismal 5-22 season last year.

"I'm looking for returning players Sarah Rueckle, Allison Gordon and Alexa Hogberg to have a great season as players and leaders," said Strom.

Rueckle, Gordon and Hogberg are also anticipating a better basketball season this year.

"Last year was rough due to injuries and the amount of talent other teams had, so we are hoping to have a better season this year and maybe get into the state tournament," said Gordon.

"We have a fairly young team this year but everyone worked hard in the off season and has come into this season well prepared," said Hogberg.

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"I believe our team is a very strong team both mentally and physically, and I think we will dominate on the court this season," said six-foot-one senior center Rueckle.

Add promising new players **Erin Miller** and **Liann Kline**, up from last year's JV team, sophomores **Lauren Lucky** and **Erica Schyberg** and then freshmen **Kaelin Shaffer** and **Sammie Moore**, and Corona should have a competitive team this year.

"We also have returning seniors **Sina Christie** and **Kaylyn McGowan**, along with **Karalee Keith-Coker**, who is a new senior on our team," said Strom.

After a few weeks' practice and less than a month into the season, the Lady Aztecs have a chance to be a very good defensive team that is unselfish with good chemistry, according to

Strom.

"We realize some games will be a challenge but there is nothing our team won't do to be a great team this year," said Keith-Coker.

Once again, Strom expects Highland and Mesa Mountain View to be Corona's main competition in the Central region, with the same teams being strong in the state, along with St. Mary's, Chandler and Hamilton.

The Lady Aztecs, already winning one game less than they did all last season, seem on their way to a much better season. For instance, at the Scorpion Shootout at Desert Edge over the Thanksgiving holiday they won every game except one, which they lost by one point.

Corona then went on a three-game losing streak (Perry, Desert Ridge and Westview) before defeating Camelback 49-22 Dec. 9. The Aztecs, as

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of Dec. 12, have a 4-4 record with Hogberg leading the way with over 18 points a game making 34 percent of her three-point shots.

She is also the assist leader with 55 while Rueckle is the leading shot blocker, averaging 2.5 blocks a game. Gordon is by far the leading rebounder with close to 10 a game plus she and Hogberg both average over two steals a game.

Corona will be playing Dec. 27-30 at the Scottsdale Holiday Invitational.

Corona Wrestling — Corona's second-year head coach **Jimmy Martinez** didn't know what to expect from his wrestling team this season after repeating as 5A-I State Champions last year in his first season. After all, he not only lost four state champions but returned only one state place-winner from last year's team.

"We lost four state champs, **Ryan Miller** (152 lbs.), **Blake Ortiz** (160),

Derek Felton (171) and **Sam Fulton** (189)," said Martinez. "Senior **Simon Allen** (215) is our only returning state place-winner. He placed third at state."

What they lack in experience, the Aztecs have replaced with hard work, according to Martinez.

"We have enjoyed some quality wins because our wrestlers have worked hard on their technique and conditioning," said Martinez. "We take a good deal of pride in knowing we are willing to work harder than anyone else to ensure we can wear down our opponents and score late in the match if it is necessary."

In addition to Allen, the Aztecs have four other returning wrestlers who started last season. Sophomore **Kort Turner** (103 lbs.) and senior **Ryan Cox** (135) were state entrants last year. Also returning are **Jason Landrum** (135) and **Justin Butler** (119) according to Martinez.

Now that the season is under way, several wrestlers have stepped up to the mat with significant wins.

"I expect Allen and Cox to emerge as leaders and have an impact on our program this year," said Martinez. "Allen has come back stronger and more committed to winning a state championship again this year and Cox

has the potential to be a state place-winner as well. He placed third in state at 119 pounds in 2009."

"Junior **Jay Tucker** (189 lbs.) has had some quality wins to start the season and freshman **Glenn Farina** (112), seniors **Davey Waddell** (160) and **Pablo DeLeon** (171), and juniors **Robert Butler** (130) and **Landrum** (145) are proving themselves early this season," said Martinez. "They all only have had one lost match to date."

Also wrestling on varsity are freshmen **Zack Turner** (103), **Zach Walton** (119), **Colton Winstead** (135) and **Ethan Tursini** (140), plus junior **Steven Rodriguez** at (HWT).

The team has won all but one match so far this season and that loss was to Mesa by one point in the Westwood Warrior Classic last weekend. Corona took third place but still had five wrestlers selected to the All-Tournament team.

"Unfortunately, we lost to Mesa in the finals of our bracket by 24-23," said Martinez. "However, it was very comforting to see the wrestlers bounce back from that loss to beat a very strong Red Mountain team 31-30." Five Corona wrestlers went 8-0 and were selected for the All-Tournament team," said Martinez.

"Given the honor were Glenn Farina, Robert Butler, Jason Landrum, Jay Tucker and Simon Allen."

Although Martinez is expecting strong competition in the state from Mountain View, Dobson, Red Mountain and Sandra Day O'Connor, it is last year's 5A-II champions Sunnyside that could end up taking away the Aztecs' chances of repeating as state team champions.

The reason is the new AIA alignment that combined 5A divisions I and II and put the teams in three 16-team sectionals.

This new alignment will increase the number of quality teams competing to qualify wrestlers in each sectional. Corona was placed in Section 3, which includes Sunnyside and also previous state entrants Chandler, Dobson and Mesquite.

"Section 3 will have some traditional powerhouses battling to qualify as many individuals as possible for the state meet," said Martinez. "I believe that because of the strength of this section, some less-qualified wrestlers in other sections may get to the state meet."

The new state tournament, though, could have better matches, better competition and more meaningful state championships because of the stronger level of competition, according to Martinez.

Part of Corona's strength lies in its successful wrestling tradition, but Martinez is also expecting his young wrestlers, especially the freshmen, to start having more confidence heading into the second part of the season as they gain more match experience.

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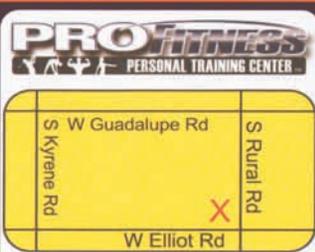
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Volunteers expand services for support of needy children

By Mark Crudup

Within the past two decades, Kyrene Family Resource Center has gone from two-person project operated out of a car trunk to a full-size center located on the campus of Kyrene de los Niños Elementary School.

With help from community volunteers, the center has been able to assist hundreds of families each year, providing a variety of clothing and school items, medical help and assistance from the district's social workers.

"The Kyrene Foundation is all volunteers," Lori Walk, assistant director of instructional services for the Kyrene School District, said. "The things they care about are things that cannot be paid for out of taxpayer dollars."

The resource center has three major initiatives, Walk said — staff and student recognition, prevention and student scholarships.

Prevention, Walk said, has been the most "visible" area the foundation supports.

"Prevention is anything that prevents a child from fully participating in the learning experience," Walk said.

"So," she said, were they hungry; do they have clothes to wear to school; are there drug or alcohol problems at home; is there bullying on the playground — anything that prevents a child from fully engaging in the curriculum."

The new center, constructed as part of a portable-replacement project at Niños, now includes a community

room and a distribution center, where families can "shop" through rows of clothes, food boxes and hygiene items.

"The four things that families can count on when they come are food boxes (we follow the St. Vincent de Paul guidelines—meat pasta, cereal), hygiene items (we've had parents that said they have to choose between deodorant or toilet paper for their kids), school supplies—and then

families are able to choose two outfits of clothing per child per month," Walk said.

Families can come in Tuesday and Thursday afternoons to meet with social workers and acquire supplies, she said.

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families.

The foundation also emphasizes honoring students for their community-involvement efforts. This kind of

recognition is called the Slater-Newman awards, and those are for eighth-graders who are recognized for outstanding community service. They get a certificate and a little money to help them with their expenses in high school."

Following this student recognition initiative, the foundation helps financially support students who participate in after-school programs, Walk said.

"We know that students do better if they are connected to school, but a lot of times, with all of the rich offerings that Kyrene has in terms of all the different choices, parents don't have the money to pay for those after-school programs," she said.

"So, our homeless families apply for scholarships. Families who are dealing with issues, such as divorce or medical emergencies, apply for some sort of tuition-assistance for after-school programs."

During a tour of the resource center in early December, Walk introduced Diane Newman and Socorro Slater, who began the resource center's project two decades ago.

"Diane and Socorro started off telling a story about a family that had five kids and they were coming one day a week to school, and people couldn't figure out why," Walk said.

"Come to find out, they were sharing only one pair of shoes."

Newman and Slater began collecting donations and distributing supplies to families from the trunk of Newman's car. Eventually, the women's efforts grew to include a whole team of community volunteers.

Even with efforts to help needy families in the Kyrene community, the district is witnessing an increase in students and parents who need support, Walk said.

"There are over 400 identified homeless children in the district right this minute," she said. "And, there are just under 4,000 families who are identified as poor, based on the free-reduced lunch count – this never used to be this way."

Individuals, organizations and businesses interested in donating, partnering or conducting fundraising activities can attend a Kyrene Foundation Community Connections event Friday, Jan. 14. To RSVP, email kfvolunteer@cox.net.



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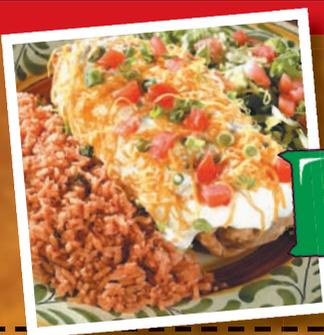


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