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**HERE TO HELP**

**Youth benefit from mobile dental service**

By **Mary Beth Faller**  
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Sometimes when a child climbs into the chair of the Community Dental Foundation mobile van and opens his mouth, the dentist sees half a dozen cavities and a painful infection.

"There could be 20 problems," says Carsten Loelke, one of the foundation's co-founders. "A child who's 3 years old might need 10 crowns. It's so painful to see."

The Community Dental Foundation, which recently celebrated its second anniversary, operates a mobile dental clinic that gives free oral health care to uninsured youth ages 2 to 20. The van visits shelters, fos-

# MEMORIES OF MICHAEL

**A showman, an oddity, an icon: 10 defining moments**

By **Larry Rodgers and Ed Masley**  
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**M**ichael Jackson's death on Thursday at 50 brought a flurry of unforgettable moments to the mind of anyone who follows pop culture.

Jackson earned his iconic status on the country's cultural landscape through a series of positive and negative events that left indelible images:

The precocious 11-year-old with the Afro dancing with the Jackson 5. The riveting performer moonwalking across the stage, wearing a single sequined glove and hat and loafers. The film star morphing into a monster in the "Thriller" video. The man riding the roller coaster at his Neverland Ranch in California with a passel of children. The parent who insisted that his children join him in wearing surgical masks when they ventured out into public.



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Those who witnessed his rise from a '60s child prodigy to superstar solo act breaking ground on MTV may give him more leeway in their final assessment. Younger pop-culture followers whose main exposure came from tabloid coverage of his failed marriages, numerous nose jobs and court battles over child-abuse accusations may see a different man.

» Read the 10 major moments that shaped the way we remember Michael Jackson on **E2**.



1993



1984

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1977

dental clinic that gives free oral health care to uninsured youth ages 2 to 20. The van visits shelters, foster homes, schools and community housing projects in Maricopa County. Equipped with two dental chairs, the van allows the foundation to treat 20 to 50 patients at each location it visits.

Seventy-five percent of children treated by the mobile program have never been to a dentist, says Sandy Trudel, director of development for the non-profit foundation. With the poor economy, there has been much more demand for the foundation's services, she says.

Thanks to the van's mobility, the program overcomes one of the biggest obstacles to pediatric dental care among the disadvantaged: lack of transportation. In addition, it visits when parents are more likely to be home from work — evenings, weekends and holidays. On Memorial Day, the van was open from 8 a.m. to midnight, Trudel says. Parents can sign up in the morning and get an appointment time for later that day. "A lot of the patients don't have cars," says Eliza-

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# Former justice reaches out to a new generation

By Randy Cordova  
THE ARIZONA REPUBLIC

Sandra Day O'Connor made history as the first woman on the U.S. Supreme Court, where she

know my little grandchildren have enjoyed reading it.

**Q:** Children can be a tough audience. Is it hard to write for them?

**A:** It's not at all tough. It's a lot easier than writing about some

**Q&A:**  
**SANDRA DAY O'CONNOR**

learn about the American judicial system.

During a busy week — she even





# Non-profit offers free dental care to youth

## DENTIST

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beth Yi, the foundation's other co-founder. "They can wait at home, and we'll go knock on their doors."

Dentists are efficient as well. All-needed dental work is done in one visit. Each child examined is X-rayed. Then, even if there are 10 cavities and a root canal, the child doesn't leave until everything is done. Children take home a goody bag of dental supplies, a video on how to brush and a T-shirt.

The van's dentists and dental assistants do cleanings, fillings, root canals and crowns but not orthodontia, tooth whitening or extensive oral surgery.

Last week, the van was at Save the Family, a Mesa-based agency that helps homeless families transition to better circumstances.

Fatimah Tyiska, a Save the Family client, brought her 5-year-old son, Christopher Rhaburn, to the van for his first dental visit.

"I told him you can see the dentist anywhere — it doesn't have to be in a building," she says.

Christopher was cavity-free, which Trudell says is unusual.



PHOTOS BY MICHAEL SCHENNUM/THE ARIZONA REPUBLIC  
Community Dental Foundation co-founder Elizabeth Yi (left) discusses hygiene with 16-year-old Kayla Riffle, as Jennifer Mally prepares to give a cleaning.

Many of the children not only don't know proper oral hygiene, they also have diets filled with soda and candy.

Desiree Riffle brought her three teenage daughters to the van, Kiera, 17, and twins Kayla and Kylea, 16. They are Save the Family clients.

"We're coming from a hard place," Riffle says. "This is not what we're used to, but we're glad to have it."

She's especially appreciative of the one-stop concept. "It's good because I can't be running back and forth and trying to get money we don't have."

Loelke says the foundation's mission is to teach youth to take control of this aspect of their lives and also that a bit of short-term pain in the dentist's chair is worth a long-term goal of good health.

Now that it's in its second year, the van has become a regular dental practice for some of the families. Loelke says it's gratifying when the staff sees a child



Carsten Loelke says it's "so painful to see" kids with dental problems. Here he works on Kiera Riffle, 17, of Mesa.

who has maintained extensive dental work done months ago.

For information on the Community Dental Foundation, call 888-318-3388 or visit [cdental.org](http://cdental.org).

## PET OF THE WEEK

# In his tux, Panda's ready to step out to new home

Looking as if he is wearing a tuxedo, 3-year-old Panda will impress even the most fickle cat fancier.

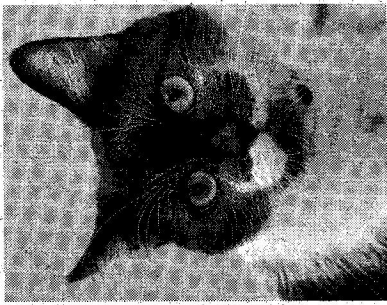
Panda was roaming the streets when rescued by a Good Samaritan who dropped him off at the Arizona Humane Society.

Despite his age, he is as frisky as a kitten, swatting at a dangling ribbon or pouncing on a light beam. He's also been known to explore any cupboard or closet left open.

With athleticism and agility, Panda can effortlessly leap to the top level of most any kitty condo so he can gaze out the window.

Although Panda is gregarious and outgoing around adults, he hasn't encountered children, dogs or cats and will need to be introduced slowly.

Panda will be available 1 p.m. Sunday at Arizona Humane Society's Nina Mason Pulliam Campus for Compassion, 1521 W. Dobbins Road, Phoenix. Throughout June, the Humane Society is having a special on felines, so all adoption fees are half off. Panda's fee is just \$10 because he is a member of the Lonely Hearts Club and has



BOB FISCHER

been at the shelter longer than a month.

The fee includes his neuter surgery, vaccines, a collar, an AHS ID tag, a follow-up veterinary exam and a pet carrier. Details: 602-997-7586. ext. 1045, ask for animal ID A264694; [www.azhumane.org](http://www.azhumane.org).

Update: Shadow, the Great Pyrenees-Alaskan malamute mix featured last week, has a new home in Phoenix.

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