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Cactus League start means it's time for Diablos to say 'play ball'

By Slim Smith

A year ago, as the Tempe Diablos prepared for the 2009 Cactus League season, the organization was prepared for the worst. As the economic recession deepened, experts predicted that Cactus League revenue would fall by as much as 10 percent.

"We were preparing for a pretty big decrease," said Scott Liem, a Diablo since 1981. "But it never happened. In fact, we were pleasantly surprised. It turned out our revenues were pretty much what they had been before."

Last year's experience only confirmed what Liem had known all along.

"I guess it just served to show what a strong commitment the community has to spring training," said Liem, who will complete his one-year term as Diablos president in May.

It is for that reason that Liem looks

forward to the opening of the 2010 Cactus League with great optimism.

"We are really excited about this year," said Liem. "One of the things that we're most excited about this year is our opening-day event. We've moved back the starting time from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. and we're planning to have a big celebration to commemorate the opening of the season."

Unlike the other Cactus League games at Diablo Stadium, where proceeds are split between the Los Angeles Angels and the Diablos, all of the revenue will go to the Diablos.

To maximize the benefits, the Diablos are pulling out all the stops to give the game an Opening-Day feel.

"We're inviting lots of the Little League teams and we'll be making our presentation to the Boys & Girls Club before the first pitch," Liem said. "The mayor and city council will be there.



We're doing everything we can think of to make this a community celebration."

Each year, the Diablos contribute \$600,000 to \$700,000 to the community, most in the form of educational programs.

"We provide funding for everything from pre-school to college scholarships and everything in between," says Liem. "In all, we fund about 10 to 12 different programs."

More than two-thirds of that revenue comes from Cactus League,

where Diablos run the concessions, gift shop and parking.

For the 55-year-old Liem, spring training has been part of his life for almost as long as he can remember.

His father, Don, was one of a handful of Tempe businessmen who organized the Diablos in 1968.

"Spring training has always been a big thing in my life," says Liem, a lifelong Tempe resident.

"I can't imagine not being part of it."



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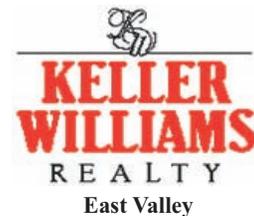
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Meeting set to discuss Waggoner Internet tower

The Kyrene School District will hold a community meeting at 6 p.m. Monday, Feb. 22 to discuss a proposal for the installation of a wireless Internet tower at Waggoner Elementary School.

The proposed tower would provide Internet for residents with what the company – Clearwire – says will have minimal visual impact.

Clearwire, a broadband wireless Internet provider that specializes in deploying WiMAX technology, will compensate the school district for the use of the land occupied by the tower.

Clearwire's radio output is said to be a fraction of

what other companies transmit.

All radio frequency transmitted from the Waggoner location would be classified as non-ionizing radiation, which falls into the same category as visual and infrared light.

The company says it follows all guidelines issued by the FCC and is in compliance with required safety guidelines.

Pending community input and approval from the city of Tempe, Kyrene will propose to the Governing Board to grant an easement to Clearwire for the construction of the tower.

City manager's public budget forum due Feb. 24 in So. Tempe

South Tempe residents can join their neighbors in a public forum from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 24, at the South Tempe Police Substation to discuss City Manager Charlie Meyer's proposal to balance the city's General Fund budget in 2010-11 and beyond.

The Tempe City Council has begun considering the plan and will make final decisions this spring.

Meyer's plan (available at www.tempe.gov/budgetplan) is based on \$30 million in reductions and revenue-generating ideas put forward by the city's department managers in late December.

The current proposal includes a variety of cost-cutting and revenue-generating ideas for the council's consideration.

Among the ideas are workforce reductions, reduced hours at city facilities, program eliminations and new fees for some services.

The measures proposed in the plan address how the city could correct a \$33.7 million deficit that, without intervention, would occur in 2010-11 and in each year for the foreseeable future.

Final Council approval of the budget will be in May. The 2010-11 fiscal year begins July 1 and ends June 30, 2011.

The City Council has agreed to move forward with a May 18 General Election ballot measure asking residents if they want to approve a two-tenths of a cent sales tax increase beginning July 1.

The Council directed that the ballot measure would have language stipulating that the tax would go away after four years, in order to allow time for recovery in the local economy.

Visit www.tempe.gov/budgetplan for Meyer's full proposal, a recap of the fall 2009 budget process, a feedback form and access to the online comments submitted to date from employees and community members.

The south Tempe substation is at 8201 S. Hardy Drive.

A similar public forum is scheduled from 6 to 8 p.m. at Escalante Center in the senior center at 2150 E. Orange St.

Foundation announces J-student scholarships

The Arizona Newspapers Foundation Inc. has announced a scholarship available to Kyrene Corridor and other Arizona college students majoring in journalism.

This summer, ANF will award two scholarships of \$1,000 each to students attending Arizona State University, University of Arizona or Northern Arizona University full-time. Students must have completed at least one term and have one term remaining before graduation.

Complete scholarship information, including award criteria and an application for Fall 2010 awards, are posted online at www.ananews.com/scholarship.

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Youth panel explores answers to problems facing teens

By Alex Zener

Twenty-two students from Corona del Sol and Marcos de Niza high schools joined more than 100 other participants in Tempe's 30th Youth Town Hall, a forum for young community activists to exchange ideas and recommend solutions to issues facing Tempe's youth.

The session was the latest in a series of annual events planned and sponsored by the Mayor's Youth Advisory Commission, giving community decision makers, including school board members, civic and business leaders, public service agencies and elected officials a chance to meet with selected young people to talk about topics concerning today's youth.

"Youth Town Hall is a collection of students from all around the school districts that come together to tackle three pre-chosen problems youth face today and to try to come up with solutions that can be implemented by the city," said Preston Long, a program participant for the past two years.

The topics discussed at this year's event included teen stress and coping, stereotypes and racism, and teen dating violence.

Students, all of whom were assigned to one of six problem areas, started off by brainstorming solutions before debating which solutions had the greatest potential for success.

"In the end, each of the groups came up with two or three finalized solutions to their assigned problem," said Long.

"We then got together and reported our findings to the other groups before we turned in the paperwork.

"The final ideas will be turned into official reports and sent to the mayor and city council for review and final decision making.

"My group, Racism and Stereotypes, came up with a cultural awareness fair and teaming up with Child's Play to produce racism awareness skits as potential solutions."

Marcos students who participated included Amber Houser, a member of the Mayor's Youth Advisory Commission, along with school participants Layton Alcalá, Talia Barnes, Olivia Garcia, Lindsay Griffith, Beth Harmanson, David McKaig, Joseph Ochoa, Brandon Puig, Demetrius Todd and Jessica Wochaner.

Corona participants included members of the Mayor's Youth Advisory Commission, J'nne Allsup, Francesca DiCesare, Preston Long, Lauren Milovich and Kristen Rund, as well as school participants Deánna Burrell, Pablo DeLeon, Gabrielle Dotson, John Magaña, Amanda Milovich and Caroline Tate.

Recommendations generated at the annual Town Hall are published in an annual Youth Town

Hall Report.

The report is presented to the Tempe City Council for possible action or policy changes.

Middle and high school students who are interested and would like to participate can fill out an application available at each school's front desk or from members of the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council.

The Cinderella Affair

Where: Collection boxes Valleywide, including Compadre, Corona del Sol, Marcos de Niza and McClintock high schools and several other sites in the Kyrene Corridor.

Dress selection is at Pyle Adult Recreation Center, 655 E. Southern Ave., Tempe.

When: Collection runs through Sunday, Feb. 21. Dress selection is 3-8 p.m. March 26 (Tempe Unified High School juniors and seniors only) and March 27 (open to any high school junior or senior with valid I.D.)

Cost: Free.

Information: www.cinderellaaffair.org (click on "Donations" for collection sites) or 480-858-2300.



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Soccer team's 'Cinderella' story keeps a winning tradition alive



Corona del Sol's girls soccer team had an unbelievable run from the No. 15 seed to the state 5A-I finals and brought home the runner-up trophy. Team includes: seated, Jessica Johnson; first row, Tori Papp, Megan Benson, Dallas Johnson, Melissa Pestalozzi, Mackenzie Koenig, Heather Crothers, Julie Vande Berg, Jordan Martin, Katie Huch, Mackenzie Bader; second row, Lauren Smeltzer, Olivia Montoya, Taylor Johnson, Kendall Barrett, Dani Lemieux, Nicolette Newcomb, Zoe Martinez, Stephanie Petre, Colby Bounds, Kate Halligan, Sarah Williams, Emily Tucker, Sammie Weber, Madeleine Caldwell; third row, Brooke Ridley, Hailey Hayes, Cara Ridley, Micah Jones, Hallee Ahler, Erica Wellnitz, Jade Martins, Kelsey Cartwright, Emily Matthews.

— Photo contributed by Kris Cartwright

Sports

Corona del Sol's girls soccer team made headlines in this season's 5A-I state tournament, coming in as the No. 15 seed and making it all the way to the finals before succumbing to No. 1 Xavier.

With their Cinderella-like story of ascending through higher-ranked teams, the Lady Aztecs now have the distinction of being the lowest seeded team to play in a big-school state girls soccer final.

Corona was also unique in that both soccer teams played in the championship match this season.

One, the boys team, was predicted early to win this season but nearly everyone, except perhaps the coaches and players, was surprised when the girls team made it into the

championship game.

The Lady Aztecs got on a roll in the first round defeating No. 2 Gilbert and never looked back, defeating No. 10 Mesquite and then No. 5 Desert Vista to face off against No. 1 Xavier Prep, the defending state 5A-I state champs, Feb. 13, at Gilbert's Campo Verde High School.

It would have been easy for the Lady Aztecs to pack it in this season, with only nine seniors out of 27 players on the roster and losing 10 games in the regular season—let alone four of the last five games leading up to the state tournament.

But teams that have a winning tradition, which the Corona program definitely has, do not give up without a fight.

Seniors **Hailey Hayes, Melissa Pestalozzi, Julie Vandenberg, Jessica Johnson, Tori Papp, Katie**

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Soccer

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Huch, Mackenzie Koenig, Jordan Martin and **Heather Crothers** most likely remember when Corona won state championships in 2006 and 2007.

They also are familiar first hand with Corona's dominance in the Central region, where the Lady Aztecs were awarded the region championship banner every year since 1995 except for two years, 1998 and 2003.

When you have a tradition to uphold, you may not always be the most highly skilled or the most experienced team, but you definitely work hard to keep that winning tradition alive. That's exactly what this year's Lady Aztecs did in their quest to make it into the championship game.

Corona upset No. 2 Gilbert High School in the opening round 2-1, on Feb. 3, and then defeated No. 10 Mesquite 1-0, in a quarterfinal matchup Feb. 6.

In a matchup with longtime Aztec assistant and brother Scott, Corona coach **Matt Smith** got several big saves from goalie **Hayes** and a deflected goal from sophomore **Mackenzie Bader** in the second half to defeat Mesquite and make it to the semifinals for the first time since 2007.

Corona's more experienced backline of **Sammie Weber, Vandenberg** and **Johnson** had played solid all season and they didn't let their teammates down in the semifinals against longtime Central region rival Desert Vista.

It took more than 100 scoreless minutes, including a double overtime, for the Lady Aztecs to defeat No. 6 Desert Vista in the semifinals. The game came down to a penalty kick shootout with Corona winning 6-5 on a shootout goal by **Heather Crothers** and a rejection by Corona goalie **Hayes** on the Thunder's sixth shot of the shootout.

It was **Hayes'** school-record 37th career shutout as she finished the game against the Thunder with 10 saves overall that helped put the Lady Aztecs in the championship game.

Although the team (14-10-1) fought hard to keep their championship run alive, they couldn't hold off the defending state champions Xavier Prep (17-5), who won back-to-back state titles defeating Corona 2-0 on Feb. 13.

It was the first time a 5A-I team had won back-to-back titles since Corona did it in 2006 and 2007. The Lady Aztecs had a great season and kept their winning tradition alive.

They will miss goalie **Hayes** and the other seniors but will be able to count on the experience gained this season from some of their younger players like **Bader, Nicolette Newcomb, Brooke Ridley, Madeleine Caldwell** and **Zoe Martinez** to help next year's seniors **Weber, Emily Tucker, Sarah Williams, Lisa Morrison, Micah Jones** and goalie **Colby Bounds** keep up the winning tradition that Corona has come to expect from their girls soccer program.

— By Alex Zener

CdS boys soccer finds redemption with state title

By Alex Zener

Corona's boys soccer team (24-2-1) knew this was its year. Of course, the Aztecs thought the same thing last year.

Only this time they stayed focused, determined and together to run away with the Arizona State 5A-I Soccer Championship trophy Feb. 13. It was only the second time Corona had won a boys soccer championship. The last one was 16 years ago.

Still feeling the sting of last year's upset in the opening match of the state tournament, the Aztecs entered the season with a solitary goal: Win the state title. Corona ranked No. 1 in the state and No. 9 nationally, achieved that goal with senior leadership, unselfish play, patient, controlled offense and stifling defense starting with goalkeeper **Matt Bersano**, who ended the season with seven shutouts and only 14 goals scored against him.

"I've won state for club soccer and played for some highly experienced teams, but nothing even comes close to the way I felt as I heard that final whistle blow," said **Bersano**. "All the pressure was relieved, and I had to fully take it in that we had actually done it."

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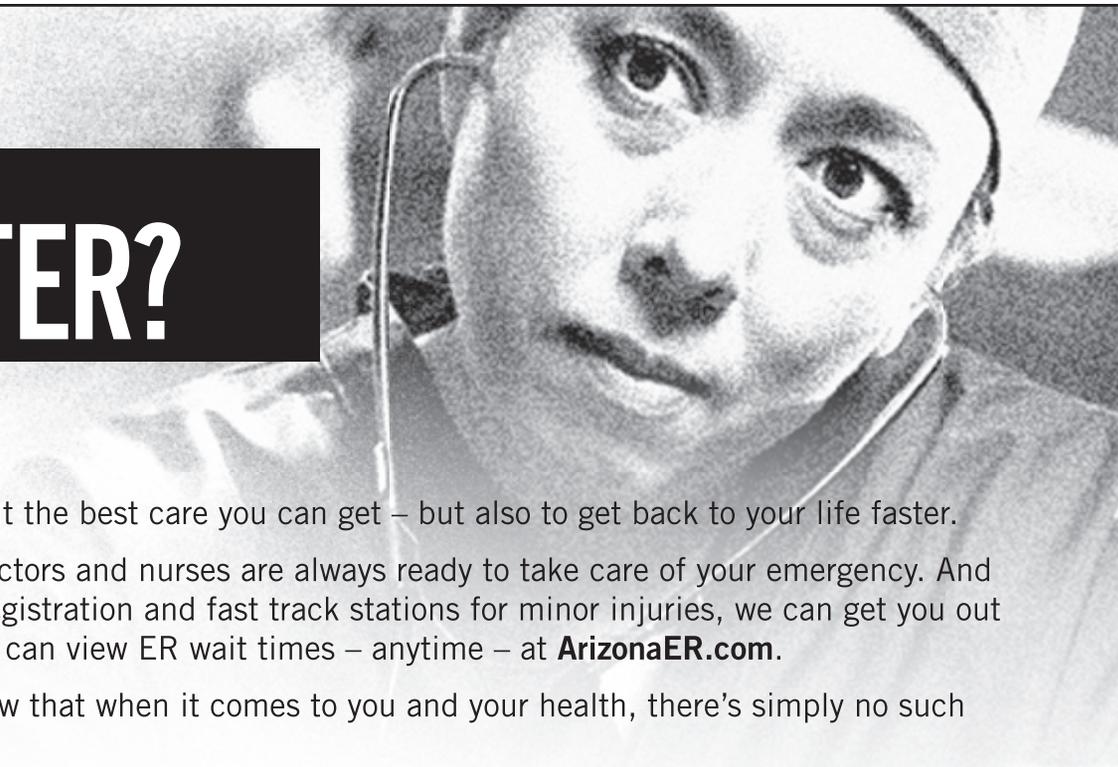
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Kevin Biniazin and Trever Allen celebrate Allen's goal during Aztecs' state-championship run.

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Title

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This team learned from last year's mistakes and stuck together working hard for themselves and for each other, according to head coach **Dan Salas**. Similar to the 2009 Aztec baseball state championship team, the core of this year's boys soccer team had a lot of chemistry developed through years of playing together as Aztecs and also on club teams.

"I have played club soccer with **Matt Bersano, Josh von Allworden, Garrett Baker-Slama, Chris Murray and Casey Phillips** since a young age," said **Austin Haas**. "We have won a couple of club state championships but I think this title was the greatest because together we were representing our high school and community. It was a great honor."

Corona's team this year was destined for success. It was a fast, experienced and talented team that put a premium on executing its game plan by controlling the field with crisp passes and taking advantage of creating spaces to score.

Unlike last year's team, the Aztecs remained calm and in control even when they got down, like they did against Mesa in the first round. Under the leadership of 11 seniors, **Josh von Allworden, John Magana, Trever Allen, Derek Rusher, Nate Flood, Chris Murray, Garrett Baker-Slama, Austin Crothers, Daniel Van Vleet, Kevin Biniazan and Austin Haas**, who had to miss last season with a knee injury, it was like having another coach or two on the field.

"Winning the high school state championship this year was amazing," said Haas. "Sitting out the whole season last year was tough, with my knee, so this year

I had to come in focused and get back in the swing of things again. I'm really glad I could be a part of this program."

Although, winning the state championship was within their reach entering the finals Feb. 13, Chandler Hamilton did not make it easy for Corona to win the trophy in a 1-0 overtime victory at Gilbert's Campo Verde High School.

Both teams played solid defense controlling their opponent's offense in regulation play and forcing the scoreless game into overtime to determine the winner.

The Aztecs scored 108 goals this season but the last one, scored by **Van Vleet** off a pass from **Rusher** at the 8:44 mark in the first 10-minute overtime, was the most important, because it sealed the championship and, in the minds of the Corona players, their season.

Corona, seeded No. 5 entering the state 5A-I tournament, defeated No. 12 Mesa, 5-1; No. 4 Kofa, 4-1; and the No. 1 seeded Salpointe, 3-1 to make it into the finals against Hamilton.

The Aztecs, falling behind 1-0 in their first game of the tournament against Mesa on Feb. 2, had to have been thinking about what happened in last year's tournament.

But unlike last year, the Aztecs quickly got back on track, played incredible defense the rest of the game and, more importantly, kicked up their offensive a notch scoring five more goals before their game against the Jackrabbits was over.

In the second round against No. 4 Yuma Kofa on Feb. 6, the Aztecs scored in the first six minutes and never looked back adding an additional three goals to only one by the Kings.

In the semifinals Feb. 10, the Aztecs faced No. 1 and previously unbeaten in conference play, Tucson Salpointe Catholic.

The Aztecs' firepower, on display throughout the state tournament outscoring their first three opponents 12-3, did not kick in until early in the second half when Brian Hoyt outran a Salpointe defender to score on a diagonal shot inside the right side goal post.

That goal opened the flood gates for **Trever Allen** to score two more goals, one on a long pass from Casey Phillips and another with just 35 seconds left in the game.

Corona went on to defeat Salpointe, which ended the season with a 23-5 record, and set up a place in the finals against Hamilton.

The No. 2 seeded Hamilton's journey to the finals was a bit bumpier, with the team playing in two overtime games, one against Mesa Mountain View in the first round and another against Gilbert that went into penalty kicks in the semifinals.

The Huskies, with their best season in the program's history, were not intimidated by the Aztecs' previously high-scoring offense and played hard-nosed defense throughout regulation before the Aztecs were able to break through to score one goal in overtime and win the championship game.

The Aztecs deserved to take home the championship trophy playing steady offense and defensive all season losing only to one Arizona team, Phoenix Brophy, early in the season.

Although many experts said the Aztecs were better than a No. 5 seed, they proved in the end that they could play and win against any team in the state regardless of their seeding.

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'The Ultimate Happy Hour'

EV Women's League pops some 'Corks for a Cause'

By Geri Koeppel

Corks for a Cause, happening at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 26 at Inspirador in downtown Chandler, is being billed as "the ultimate happy hour."

This second annual benefit for the East Valley Women's League will feature wine and beer tasting, food by Chandler-based Robert's Catering and a live and silent auction, all in an elegant historic space.

Organizers encourage people to reserve tickets in advance, but they're presenting it as fun and festive, not fussy.

"This year, we really want it to be more of a 'come as you are,'" said Diana Shaw, a Kyrene Corridor resident and the league's past president.

"It's not a formal cocktail event."

Shaw expects about 225 attendees, and said more than 120 auction items will be on the block, from airline tickets and weekend trips to jewelry, home décor, designer handbags and autographed Phoenix Suns items.

Last year, the league raised \$50,000, which they use to help women and children in the community.

"The live and silent auctions really become part of the entertainment," Shaw said, "and for those wine

and beer connoisseurs, the tasting portion of the event is fun as well."

Sandra Gertsch, another East Valley Women's League member and Kyrene resident who attended last year's Corks for a Cause, said she was impressed last year with the setup and the quality of auction items.

This year, she's happy that they're adding a beer tasting and offering heavier appetizers.

"I think it's going to be another great year," she said.

Major returning corporate sponsors are Safeway and University of Phoenix/Apollo Development Corporation. Shaw also applauded Hensley & Co. for donating the beer and OneHope Wine for donating the wine.

OneHope sells its private-label wines in retail stores and donates half of its profits to charity in addition to providing wines to events such as Corks for a Cause.

In truth, the fundraiser could be called Corks for Many Causes, because the money it raises supports five of the East Valley Women's League's own charity efforts and a slew of other community programs.

"The East Valley Women's League votes on projects (to support) each year, but some are standing projects," Shaw said.

One of the newest programs the League runs is called M.P.'s Wish, which aims to raise awareness of inflammatory breast cancer. This rare and deadly disease took the life of a friend of one of the league's members. M.P.'s dying wish was for her friends to raise money to help women look for the symptoms.

The league also organizes Packing for Success, donating backpacks to middle school and high school students in the Kyrene and Tempe Union districts.

"(They're) filled with everything they need to be successful in school," Shaw said.

Another cause they support is the Cinderella Affair, donating gently used formal dresses to high school juniors and seniors for prom.

In addition, they organize the Women Veteran's Project, assisting military women who have returned from combat and are suffering physical or emotional disabilities, and scholarship programs for students attending Arizona State University or Maricopa Community Colleges.

Outside programs the League supports are the Children's Cancer Network, food drives and programs reaching the homebound. They also sponsor a room at the Ronald McDonald House.

Corks for a Cause

Where: Inspirador, 63 E. Boston St., Chandler.

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For Guy Davidson, yet another milestone

No surprise: At 80, he's still going strong

By Geri Koepfel



EV pastoral icon Guy Davidson, wife Martha, prepare for a big celebration on Feb. 21.

— Wrangler News photo by Geri Koepfel

“I think my kids are having a surprise birthday party for me,”

Guy Davidson said, demonstrating the same kind of bemused irreverence that flowed regularly throughout his years both in and out of the pulpit.

Davidson turns 80 on Feb. 22, and sure enough, the doors of Grace Community Church’s Davidson Center will be open from 3:30-7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 21, in celebration and tribute.

Anyone whose life Davidson has touched—and there are a lot of such people—is welcome to attend.

Davidson co-founded Grace Community Church, one of the area’s first “mega-churches,” as well as two other churches in Arizona, including the now thriving Arizona Community Church in south Tempe.

He has officiated at an inestimable numbers of weddings and funerals. He’s been active in scores of community groups and foundations, both locally and internationally. The church and its related work, simply said, for many years were the focus of Davidson’s seemingly boundless

energy.

For the past decade, however, Davidson’s focus has been on his health, and he retired four years ago – though he still speaks and officiates when asked.

But his remarkable recovery taught him several life lessons, which he hopes to share in a book he’d like to write about his rehabilitation after a heart bypass, severe stroke, prostate cancer and craniotomy.

Davidson was born in California but moved to Arizona in 1939, in the fourth grade, and graduated from Phoenix Union High School. His parents moved around, and he attended colleges in California, Missouri and Oregon.

After serving in the ministry in Oregon, Colorado and California in the 1950s and early 1960s, he said, “I had felt in my heart for some time we should come back here and start a church.”

He and his wife Martha and three other couples co-founded the non-denominational Grace Community Church in 1966 in a little building on Terrace and Southern Roads, when Southern was a two-lane byway that represented the last stop on any journey to the city’s southernmost boundary.

At Grace Community, through advertising and community outreach, Davidson built up the congregation and the campus, which now boasts a 2,500-seat worship center, and provided a helping hand to community members.

“I used to tell people, ‘If you need me, call me; I’ll be available,’” Davidson said. “If you don’t need me, someone else does.”

He started Camp Grace in Pinetop, where no child was turned away for lack of funds, and Grace Lodge for weekend retreats. When their daughter, Shelly, started preschool, the Davidsons founded Grace Community Christian School, which celebrates its 35th anniversary this year. They also have an adult son, Carey.

Davidson led the congregation for 22 years, until 1988, and from then until 1992 served as vice president of Samaritan’s Purse and director of World Medical Mission, which sent doctors overseas. He’s been in 151 nations, many of them while traveling

with the Rev. Billy Graham’s son, Franklin.

But Davidson wasn’t finished with his work in Arizona. He became founding pastor at Grace Fellowship Church in Buckeye during the years 1996-97, and from 1997 to 2004 served as the spiritual centerpiece of congregation-building at Arizona Community Church.

In 2000, while actively involved in more long-range planning for his latest church, Davidson was at the airport, on his way to a cruise in Southeast Asia for vacation, and experienced chest pain. He was hustled to the hospital for a quadruple heart bypass, and the night before his release suffered a massive stroke.

“He couldn’t walk; he couldn’t talk; he was not expected to live,” Martha Davidson said.

After eight hours a day of rehab for nearly three months, he made progress. He was in intense therapy for two years.

He decided he would pray, he would keep God in his heart, he would be nice to others and he would learn from his experience.

“I’m going to hang in there the best I can,” he recalled telling himself. “I’m not going to let this beat me.”

Davidson also pulled through a prostatectomy in 2004, then, in 2006, fell and hit his head. Doctors removed a pint of blood from his brain and told him he was a “miracle man,” he said.

He moves slower than he used to, but his attitude remains positive and he’s eager to work on a book about his health experiences that he has tentatively titled *10 Rules for Continuing Recovery*.

“If you become bitter or angry, you destroy yourself,” Davidson said.

“I made my decision to survive – beyond 80, though.

“Don’t stop me yet.”

A Celebration of Thanksgiving

What: A birthday celebration and tribute for Guy Davidson.

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'Coach Z' takes the reins of Aztec football program as successor to Gary Venturo

Interview and photo by Alex Zener

Zane Zamenski will succeed long-time Corona del Sol football coach Gary Venturo, who headed up the Aztec program for 22 years.

Zamenski, 47, will be only the third head football coach in Corona's 32-year history.

"Mr. Zamenski comes to Corona with an extensive football coaching background at a variety of levels and we feel he will be an asset to the Corona community," said principal **Susan Edwards**.

Zamenski's football background includes playing collegiate football and more than 25 years of coaching experience at the high school, college, junior college and professional levels.

Zamenski accepted, right out of high school, a scholarship to play football and baseball at The College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, Mass. He relocated after his freshman year to Ricks College in Rexburg, Idaho, and from there to Brigham Young University, where he was the backup quarterback to NFL Hall of Fame quarterback Steve Young.

Zamenski graduated and went on to get a Master of Arts in Physical Education and Coaching degree from BYU while a graduate student and volunteer assistant football coach.

"I began my coaching career right out of graduate school when I was hired to coach at Stephen F. Austin State University in Texas," said Zamenski.

"I continued coaching for 11 more seasons at the college level prior to my brief professional coaching experience with the Tucson Mirage of the I.P.F.L. in 1999."

Besides BYU, which won a National Championship in 1984, and Stephen F. Austin, who were National Runner-Ups in 1989, Zamenski coached at Scottsdale Community College, Western New Mexico and Mesa Community College before entering the private sector.

"I worked as a manager for a group home for a short while and then ran an event management business for approximately three years," said Zamenski.

He was approached about coaching at South Mountain High School and eventually accepted the offensive coordinator position under **George DeLatorre** for three years. When DeLatorre left, he was hired as the head coach, a position he held for the past two years.

Zamenski, who met for the first time with Corona football players Feb. 10, said he hopes that the challenges he faced at South Mountain will help him bring a fresh outlook to resolving any similar situations at Corona.

"Some of the most challenging problems we faced at South Mountain included decreasing student populations while continuing to participate at the higher classification level, loss of student-athletes to neighboring school districts with more attractive athletic programs, and overcoming an overall pervasive apathy for participation in the community for the sport of football," said Zamenski.

"All of these issues made it particularly challenging to continue to experience success in that district."

"I believe that the problems facing me at South Mountain were fairly unique, but I know that I can bring a fresh outlook with which to resolve problems or issues that might arise during my tenure at Corona as a result of my experiences with the South Mountain Community," said

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Shop awakens watchmaker's long-held dream



By Slim Smith

In the past couple of years, the economic recession has driven thousands of people out of business.

But for David and Christine Donaldson, you might say the bad economy drove them *into* business.

"There is no way we would have had the nerve to do this unless we had sort of been forced into it," David confesses.

The Donaldsons opened Donaldson Watch Repair in the McClintock Fountains shopping center at Warner and McClintock on Dec. 7.

Prior to that, David, a certified horologist (the technical term for watchmaker), had spent his entire career tucked inconspicuously away in a back room of a jewelry store, quietly perfecting his craft.

From a small family-owned jewelry store in Greeley, Colo., to the mega-jeweler Bailey, Biddle & Banks in Denver and, finally, to that chain's store at Chandler Fashion Center, David was comfortable, if not entirely content, repairing and servicing watches on a wholesale basis as a sub-contractor.

The dream of opening his own watch shop remained just that.

But in March 2009, Bailey, Banks & Biddle announced it was closing 20 of its 67 stores. David, who was by then handling watch repair and service at both the Denver and Chandler stores, as well as work mailed in to him from 10 or more of the chain's other locations around the country, began to realize that he might soon be forced out of his comfortable surroundings.

The ominous signs prompted David and Christine to turn their dream into a reality. After scouting several locations, they settled on the McClintock Fountains location, a retail complex that appears to be on the verge of a renaissance with two new restaurants and a high-end women's resale store all opening within a couple of months.

Again, the economic downturn worked to the Donaldsons' advantage.

"Fortunately, we were able to get a manageable lease," David said.

Four months after the Donaldsons opened their shop, Banks, Biddle & Bailey filed for bankruptcy and closed its remaining stores.

David, whose passion for watches is almost pathological, handles the repair and service work while Christine handles the books, deals with customers and, in general, takes care of everything that doesn't require hunching over a table and working

with parts so tiny as to virtually invisible to the naked eye.

The couple met in a jewelry store in Longmont, Colo., where David repaired watches while Christine worked in sales. They've been married for 12 years and have two kids, ages 6 and 8.

Unlike his previous jobs where he never had to worry about rent or building a client base, the new business is equal parts trepidation and exhilaration.

"Being out on your own is great, and in a lot of ways it was our dream," Christine says. "But at the same time, it can be a little unnerving."

One of the biggest challenges, says David, is informing the public of what it is they do.

"Basically, we do everything," he says. "Whether it's replacing a battery on a Timex or repairing a micro-mechanism in a \$110,000 Chopard, we do it all."

"Probably the question we get the most is, 'where do you send the watch to have it repaired?'" Christine says. "The answer is always, 'We don't send it anywhere.' All the work is done right here."

Having the work done on site works to the customer's advantage.

"That's our niche," David said.

"Take your Rolex to a jewelry store and they'll have to send it out, and you're looking at six to eight weeks at a cost of \$700-\$800. But with us, the same job might take two-to-three weeks and cost \$400-\$600."

Right now, about 70 percent of the Donaldsons' work is wholesale — work sent to him from client jewelry stores all over the country. The remaining 30 percent is retail, that is walk-in business. David and Christine would like to do more of the latter from their storefront location.

At 39, David is considered a young man in a profession where most watchmakers are in their 60s or 70s. But he's developed a reputation for both his skill and incredible work ethic.

"You could say I started my apprenticeship when I was in the sixth grade," says David, who discovered the world of watches through a neighbor who was a watchmaker. "It's something that's always amazed me. I had always loved taking things apart to see how they worked. It was just a different world."

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Watchmaker David Donaldson, above, examines the inner workings of a watch in for repair in his new shop in south Tempe. Below, Donaldson with wife Christine and children Tessa, 6, and Tanner, 8, in front of the store at McClintock Fountains.

— Wrangler News photo

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Chandler Regional: New tower, new future

Chandler Regional Medical Center, a longtime mainstay among the Kyrene Corridor's hospital-services providers, plans to start construction on two major expansion projects, adding a new patient tower and expanding its existing cardiac catheterization laboratories.

The projects will cost a combined \$135 million and will add more than 200 jobs to the hospital's already sizable staff.

In addition to meeting the increasing healthcare needs of Chandler and its surrounding communities, Chandler Regional's expansion will have a direct impact on other areas of the city's economy.

"I am excited about these projects and the commitment Chandler Regional Medical Center has made to grow with the community," said Chandler Mayor Boyd Dunn.

"Not only will this expansion increase physician engagement in the area, it will continue to drive new office and medical development around the hospital, providing critical healthcare services to our residents."

The hospital's leadership team hopes to add incremental capacity

in order to continue providing for the healthcare needs of a growing community.

"Heart disease is the leading cause of death in the United States, killing a half a million people each year," said Patty White, Chandler Regional's president and CEO.

"Cardiology is one of our key service lines, and the community is in need of additional capacity in this area. The expansion of our two existing cardiac catheterization labs is critical."

White, who lives in south Tempe, recently was named to the hospital's top job.

The \$9.9 million cardiac catheterization laboratory expansion will be the first of the two projects, beginning construction later this year with expected completion in July 2011.

The expanded lab will allow for the creation of 14 highly technical, well-paying jobs with an estimated payroll of \$1.6 million per year. During the construction phase, an additional 80 construction-related jobs will also be created.

The expanded cardiac catheterization laboratory will be housed in a two-story addition to

the southwest corner of the hospital contiguous with the existing cardiac catheterization labs.

The design provides first-floor space for the development of a new cardiopulmonary department expansion, with the second floor housing two cardiac catheterization laboratories, and an additional 10-bed pre/post holding unit and ancillary support infrastructure.

"In order to meet increasing patient demand, we also are planning a five-story inpatient tower that will help to remove capacity constraints and expand key service lines," White said.

The \$125 million patient tower is scheduled to begin construction in the early part of 2011 with anticipated completion in July 2012. The new tower will require an additional 180 to 200 employees whose salary is estimated to total \$22 million each year. During construction it is estimated that the project will create an additional 1,050 jobs.

The five-story tower will add 100 beds which will expand the capacity of emergency services, a medical-surgical unit, add 30 intensive care rooms, six additional operating suites,



Things are busy these days at Chandler Regional Medical Center, where plans were announced for a \$135 million expansion project and Patty White was selected as the hospital's new president/CEO. White, at right in photo above, took the reins at a formal commissioning ceremony, attended by more than 200 employees, volunteers and board members. Among those welcoming White to her new post were, back row, Marty Breedon, Bob Campbell, Paul Szablowski and Peg Smith (hidden); front, Nancy Cook, Linda Hunt and Patty White.

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Coach

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Zamenski.

"I know that young men are looking for direction and motivation at all schools, and I believe that my philosophy of inclusion and opportunity will play well with all of the student-athletes at Corona with whom I am involved," said Zamenski.

"I know that correct principles, fundamental instruction, and spirited leadership will provide young men with the necessary tools to be successful both on the field of competition, and in the arena of life."

Zamenski, or Coach "Z" as his players often call him, plans on continuing one of the approaches he used at South Mountain: the player commitment contract.

"A commitment contract is a wonderful tool to assist the coaches in their attempt to aid players in their focus towards the season goals and objectives, which are set at the beginning of each year," said Zamenski.

"Oftentimes it serves as a reminder to both the player and his parents of the tremendous time commitments that are required for the sport of football, and can be very helpful in resolving potential conflicts that might arise throughout the season."

Zamenski believes that through hard work and dedication, all things are possible.

His objectives for Corona's football program will always remain consistent and similar for the upcoming and future seasons.

"Those objectives simply stated are: #1—Regional Championship, #2—State Playoff Participation; #3—State Championship," Zamenski said.

"Without being overly simplistic, if we maintain our focus and take the objectives in their appropriate order, we will achieve them in time and with frequency."

Zamenski said he will adjust his offensive and defensive scheme according to his players' talents and abilities, but he has a couple of sets in mind.

"Our schemes will include a wide open multiple-pro set on offense which is an extremely fun offense for the players to run and for the fans to enjoy," said Zamenski.

"On defense, it will include 7- and 8-man defensive fronts, with an attacking element that allows for an exciting up-tempo pace on defense, also very entertaining for the fans of Aztec football."

"Overall, though, it must be understood that exactly what we will do on offense and defense will be tailored to what our players can execute.

"We will always put our players in the best possible position to succeed, according to their talents and abilities."

Zamenski, who has a son in the Navy and a daughter in college studying to be a nurse, will be on campus full-time teaching Interscholastic Sports Training and Health Education.



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Kyrene Corridor Sports

Aztec wrestlers advance to 5A-I individual competition

By Alex Zener

Corona's wrestling team ended the season defeating the No. 2 ranked Mesa Mountain View 54-5, ending its regular season with an 18-1 record entering the Sectionals tournament before starting the state 5A-I individual tournament this week.

Every Corona wrestler from the Sectionals held at Corona on Feb. 13 competed in the Individual State 5A-I Tournament except one weight category.



Alex Zener

Aztec wrestlers competed Feb. 16 and 17 at ASU's Wells Fargo Arena. The results of that meet will be presented in the next edition.

Representing Corona at 103 pounds is **Kort Turner**; 119 **Robert Butler**; 125 **Patrick Buck**; 130 **Brad Spadafore**; 135 **Ryan Cox**; 140 **Conner**

Devore; 145 **Kevin Thomas**; 152 **Ryan Miller**; 160 **Blake Ortiz**; 171 **Derek Felton**; 189 **Sam Fulton**; 215 **Simon Allen**; and 285 **Mike Howard**.

Defeating Dobson, 72-59, and Highland, 72-49, gave them enough of a boost in power points to have them playing the No. 7 seed Hamilton if the tournament was to start this week. The finalized brackets have not yet been determined but the tournament is set to get under way as the high seed's location Feb. 25.

Corona del Sol Softball & Baseball Annual Golf Tournament

Corona baseball and softball teams will combine for second year in a row to sponsor the fifth annual golf tournament to help support the freshman, JV and varsity softball and baseball teams.

This golf tournament will be held Saturday, March 6, at Oakwood Golf Club in Sun Lakes. Several prizes will be awarded including closest to the pin, longest drive and longest putt for both women and men.

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Corona Track and Field

Corona's track and field teams have started practicing for the Aztecs first meet against Brophy/Xavier scheduled for March 3. Coach **Tim Kelly** is looking forward to building on last season's success with a strong group of freshman, sophomore and junior athletes because his team is short on seniors due to injury or other commitments.

"We had a great turnout this summer in the weight room and we have a large number of our athletes in weight training during the school year," said coach Kelly. "We have great technical coaches who are providing great teaching and instruction for our track athletes and we look forward to having great success this season."

Last season Corona sent 46 athletes to the state meet, the most in the program's history, and won the Aztecs first invitational in six years with 257 athletes participating during the season according to Kelly.

"Last year we continued to build the foundation for a successful track program and the number

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Boys Basketball

The Aztec basketball team ended its season winning its last two games, one against Dobson Feb. 9, another against Highland, Feb. 11, compiling a 16-8 record and ranked No. 10 in power point ranking as of Feb. 15.

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Sports

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of athletes who came out was tremendous," said Kelly.

"We plan on continuing to drive home the ideas of commitment, character and championship for the Corona del Sol athletes.

"We have had to work a little harder this spring to promote the sport but we do have a large number of freshmen coming out."

The Aztecs have scheduled an introductory Orange/Gold meet Feb. 23 to start at 4 p.m., with the regular season starting March 3 at Brophy; on March 6 they will compete in the Paradise Valley Relays.

Their first home meet will be against Chandler March 10 starting at 3:30 p.m.

Corona Boys Tennis

Head coach **Rick Wanta** is looking forward to the challenges his team will face in the preseason before the Central Region schedule kicks in but is also

apprehensive because he believes it's the toughest early season schedule any of his teams have faced since he started coaching at Corona.

Wanta has five returning lettermen from last year's highly successful team and 10 out of his 18 players on this year's squad played varsity or JV last year. Of these 18 players, Wanta is counting on two to provide experience and leadership to his relatively young team.

"Seniors **Kyle Ogren** and **David Choi** both have three years of varsity experience and I'm counting on them

to be positive role models for the younger players," said Wanta.

Wanta doesn't know yet who is going to provide the most competitive challenge in the Central region but he knows perennial powerhouses Brophy and Salpointe will be strong as always at the 5A-I level. The Aztecs started the season playing at Horizon Feb. 16 and then home against Brophy on Feb. 18.

Up next will be Desert Mountain at home Feb. 23 and then they will compete in the Metrocenter Kiwanis Invitational Feb. 26-27.



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Parents in last-minute push for override

Just one month after starting its new chapter in Arizona, the education advocacy group Stand for Children isn't wasting any time getting to work.

After recruiting close to 100 new parent members in the Kyrene School District, the new group is manning phone banks in effort to pass the Kyrene Maintenance & Operations Budget Override.

The override represents \$12.4 million in taxpayer money that is used to fund art, music & physical education programs in Kyrene's 25 elementary and middle schools. It also pays for enough teachers to keep class sizes in

K - 3 low.

Kyrene voters initially approved the override in 1983, but the measure must be re-approved every four years by voters.

"We want to make sure the voters understand that the Kyrene override is not a tax increase. Voting yes means we will merely extend what we're already paying to keep Kyrene schools strong," said Stephanie Hayden, one of Stand for Children's team leaders from Cerritos Elementary.

Early ballots for the Kyrene Override were sent to voters on Feb. 11. The election will be held March 9.



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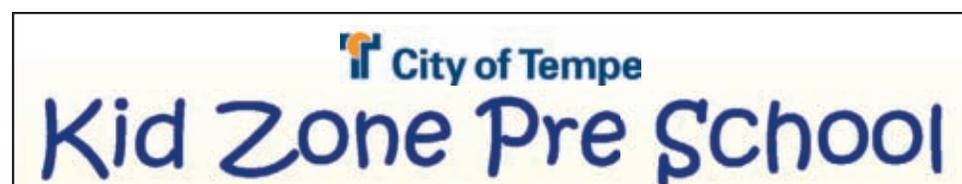
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MCC's International Film Festival March 2-6 at Harkins 24

Small, offbeat stories are focal point of Carlos Sorin's genius

By M.V. Moorhead

Some film festivals focus on a specific genre of movie, like science fiction or Westerns or noir thrillers. Some feature independent films, some present classic films.

The Mesa Community College International Film Festival takes a narrower approach: Each year, this festival showcases several works by a single filmmaker, who is in attendance for the Q & A period following each film.

Last year's festival was devoted to the films of Japan's Hirokazu Kore-eda; this year's guest of honor is Argentina's Carlos Sorin.

At 7 each evening from March 2 to March 6, at Harkins Arizona Mills 24, a different film by Sorin will be screened.

"Sorin is sort of like Kore-eda," says Don Castro, a member of the MCC English Department and the director of the festival. "They both tell small stories—stories that aren't dependent on apocalyptic special effects."

Indeed, the festival's full title is "Historias Minimas: The Films of Carlos Sorin." The Spanish



phrase, which may be translated as "Small Stories," is also the title of one of Sorin's most celebrated films, and a distillation of his preferred subject matter:

Small, offbeat, often comic stories which explore the peculiarities beneath the seemingly ordinary surface of people's lives, told in a style indebted to the famous "neo-realist" directors of the Italian cinema of the '40s and '50s, right down to the use of nonprofessional actors in major roles.

The fest kicks off on March 2 with *A King and His Movie* (*La Pelicula del Rey*, 1986), a tale of a movie director's struggles to complete a movie in Patagonia.

This is followed on March 3 by *Intimate Stories* (*Historias Minimas*, 2002), a set of parallel tales about quests—a man searching for his lost dog, a woman traveling to compete on a TV game show—and on March 4 by *Bombon: El Perro* (*Bombon: The Dog*, 2004) another story of a man and his dog.

The March 5 selection is *The Road to San Diego* (*El Camino del San Diego*, 2006), in which a soccer fan makes a strange pilgrimage to meet his soccer icon.

The festival wraps up March 6 with 2008's *The Window* (*La Ventana*), in which an elderly writer comes to terms with his impending death.

"It's really cool. There's kind of a community that forms, and they come back every night to see the next film," says MCC spokeswoman Sally Mesarosh of the festival.

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Teddy Daniels (Leonardo DiCaprio, left) and Chuck Aule (Mark Ruffalo) are detectives sent from the mainland to investigate a mysterious disappearance on an island prison for the criminally insane in the thriller 'Shutter Island.'

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Film Faze

with M.V. Moorhead

Scorsese's 'Shutter Island' a deceptively formidable fright-flick

Martin Scorsese's movies have often been filled with horrors, but before *Shutter Island* he had never made a horror movie, in the classic, gothic sense.

It's a tantalizing prospect. Scorsese is one of the two or three best American directors of his generation, and he has made some authentic masterpieces.

At its worst, admittedly, his style can be hyperactive and tiresome and showy; it can get between the viewer and the story the movie is telling. Such was the case with his closest previous flirtation with the horror genre, his feeble, overcooked remake of the great psychothriller *Cape Fear*.

But at its best, Scorsese's style is unpredictable and explosive, and it can generate a bristling, hallucinatory atmosphere. His one-of-a-kind spin

on the conventions of the scary movie could be a formidable experience. Or it could be laborious dud.

In the case of *Shutter Island*, it's the former. Indeed, Scorsese's so in control of the material here that it's deceptive. He lays on the brushwork of old-school melodrama so floridly that we begin to lose confidence in him, to think that he's painted himself into a corner, that he's sacrificed a coherent plot for the sake of offering us a series of nightmare flourishes.

Creepy flourishes they are, too, but I started to doubt that there was any way he'd be able to sort out and make sense of everything he'd thrown at us. Yet everything came together at the end, and with a real shock, too.

The setting is an asylum for the criminally insane on a fictitious Boston Harbor Island in 1954. Leonardo

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DiCaprio plays a federal marshal who arrives on a ferry to investigate the disappearance of an inmate.

After being politely stonewalled by the top shrink (Ben Kingsley), the Marshal and his deferential partner (Mark Ruffalo) are trapped overnight by a wild storm.

As he probes more deeply into the island's secrets, he quickly comes to suspect that the smooth-talking doc and his staff are behind sinister, even monstrous mischief.

Based on Dennis Lehane's 2003 novel, adapted by Laeta Kalogridis, it's a standard set-up for a chiller, and within its framework Scorsese indulges in standard phobic gambits, from grinning, leering lunatics to clutching hands to heights to swarms of rats to an ominous old lighthouse.

The cinematography, by the great Robert Richardson, imbues the film with a rich, unobtrusively stylized look of midcentury Technicolor, and I enjoyed watching Scorsese serve up one traditionally macabre sequence

after another without parody, and with only a faint, strategic whisper of irony.

He serves up fine acting, too, not only from DiCaprio, who ultimately gives, I think, his best performance yet, but also from a knockout supporting cast. Kingsley and Ruffalo, Ted Levine as a baleful warden, Jackie Earle Haley as wretched inmate, John Carroll Lynch as an officious guard, Patricia Clarkson, Michelle Williams and Emily Mortimer as various mystery women, and the disconcertingly unflappable Max Von Sydow as a senior shrink all strike just the right tone, but a special word should also be said for Robin Bartlett, who nails her quick little turn as a sensible inmate who once took an axe to her husband.

What makes *Shutter Island* more than a skillful genre exercise, though, is the final revelation of the case. Though the clues are deployed in a professional and reasonably cunning manner, it's not that hard, in technical terms, to figure out the mystery at the heart of the investigation.

In emotional terms, however, the secret proves truly, woundingly horrific, and in such an appallingly believable way that it's almost like a reproach, exploding the fun of the

tale's gothic trappings with a burst of genuine tragedy.

I didn't see it coming, yet in retrospect I could see how carefully and subtly Scorsese and Kalogridis had prepared me for it.

The agony of the film's climax and

the eerie serenity of its final moments seem almost like Scorsese's comment on the theatrics that came before. It's as if he's saying that such spookhouse thrills are a comparatively comforting shutter we use to shut out the horrors of the real world.

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What's in a name?

At McCool's it translates to good food, good music, good fun for the whole family

By Geri Koeppel

At McCool's Bar and Grill, the name isn't a fabrication. The owners are longtime Kyrene Corridor residents Craig and Connie McCool.

So if you're looking to support a true mom-and-pop operation, and one that's extra "cool," this could be your place.

"One of us is always here," Craig McCool said. "If I've got to bartend, I'll bartend. I'll help serve."

He got the idea to open a rock 'n' roll-themed neighborhood bar when he saw that the space (formerly Wild Hare) was available.

The location on the corner of Ray and Rural roads, fronting Ray, and a giant patio were key selling points.

McCool's opened for business on June 11, 2009,



as a place for locals to listen to good music and enjoy high quality, chef-prepared food with upscale presentations, along with drinks.

"It's a vast improvement over what it was," said customer Elwyn Jones of Chandler. "Much more gloss to it and sophistication."

The food is great, he added, and he likes the friendly owners and staff (McCool's employs eight, not including McCool and his wife).

It's the kind of place people can bring wives and children and not feel out of place – in fact, kids eat free on Wednesdays. While it's definitely a bar atmosphere, McCool wanted it to be a place for the whole family.

"I bring my kids here," he said. His daughter, Maya, 10, attends C.I. Waggoner Elementary School, and son Zach, 5, starts there in the fall.

After about 9 or 10 p.m., McCool's is more of an adult scene, but it's not rowdy.

"You don't have to deal with the drunken bar scene here," McCool said.

But it's not tame, either, due to lively music at all

hours. McCool, who used to sing for a local rock band called Can't Stay Sober, is "rock 'n' roll, tried-and-true," he said.

He started playing guitar at age 13 and was a disc jockey at nightclubs for more than a decade.

Slightly alternative hard rock usually plays on the sound system; McCool's favorites include Alice in Chains, Jane's Addiction and Green Day. Pictures of rock stars from Jim Morrison to Ozzy Osbourne decorate the walls, as do rows of guitars.

However, Thursdays are open mic nights, which attract musicians playing everything from the bagpipes to the banjo; Saturdays are strictly blues, with eight bands in rotation to help ensure that the sound is always fresh.

On Wednesdays in early February, McCool launched weekly "learn-to-play-craps" lessons, replacing poker night, which he thought might be getting tired. And he offers daily \$5 food specials that usually consist of a sandwich and salad, soup or fries. On Tuesdays, for instance, it's an Angus burger; on Wednesdays, it's ham and Swiss.

In addition, Mondays he sells \$1 tacos from 1-4 p.m. and 9 p.m. to close. All Mexican beers are \$2 all the time, in deference to McCool's love for Cabo San Lucas, Mexico, where he and his family enjoy spending their free time.

Cheese curds and pork tenderloin sandwiches also are on the menu as a nod to the McCools' Midwestern roots.

Happy hour is particularly happy, because it runs 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily. It includes \$2 domestic drafts, \$2.75 well drinks, \$3 house wines and \$4 appetizers.

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Between the pages . . . with Emily Jacobson

Emily Jacobson is a graduate of Corona del Sol High School who writes about her life, her interests and her transition into the world of adulthood.

Let's be honest. I love history. As a teenager, I avidly watched the History Channel and voraciously consumed any historical fiction I could find. I then studied history (along with English) at the University of Arizona.



Emily Jacobson

I now study public history in graduate school at Arizona State.

On the subject of history, I think you could say I'm slightly biased.

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Gombrich's original book was published in Germany in 1936 and was instantly a favorite (if you know anything about Germany in the 1930s you'll recall that a certain political party took over around this time and made a lot of trouble for the rest of the world).

Thankfully, Gombrich managed to immigrate to England with his family shortly before World War II.

A Little History was translated into many languages and became an international favorite. Interestingly, considering Gombrich's residency in England, the book wasn't translated into English until the 2005 edition, translated by Caroline Mustill.

Gombrich's widespread popularity is easily explained—the book is charming. He takes the reader through prehistory, Egypt, Mesopotamia, Judaism, the Phoenicians, Buddha, Christianity, Islam, the Crusades and much, much more with easy-to-remember explanations and interesting facts.

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jargon.

A Little History is one of the best bets I know to inspire someone to enjoy history. As Gombrich himself says at the end of the first chapter, "[history is] not just a story, but our story, the story that we call the history of the world."

You may have to overcome preconceived notions about history, but trust a history nerd—*A Little History of the World* is more than a little wonderful.

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Read Across America educator offers tips to help make books fun for kids

Through its annual Read Across America celebration on March 2, the National Education Association is encouraging schools, libraries, community centers and other organizations to "build a nation of readers" by bringing children, teenagers and books together.

Chandler-based Huntington Learning Center is joining the bandwagon by encouraging both young and old to read while offering tips on how to make reading fun.

"Read Across America Day, celebrated on Dr. Seuss's birthday, gives education professionals another reason to show children and teenagers how important and exciting reading can be for them," said Huntington's Maria Montenegro.

"Reading is such an integral part of growing. And, with the technology advances in social media, cell phones and video games, we want to bring back the 'fun' in fundamental reading."

Montenegro recommends ways by which parents can encourage children to read:

- Mark your calendar for reading time. Designate a day and time where each family member in your

household comes together for at least 30 minutes to take turns in reading something aloud. Whether it is a children's book, adventure story, teen magazine or sports publication, you are promoting family time, learning about your children's interests, and encouraging reading as a fun activity.

- Bring reading into the kitchen. Find a recipe for your next family dinner and ask your child or teenager to help you read the recipe and prepare the meal. Children and young adults always love to help out in the kitchen and when it comes time to eat, he or she will be proud to say that he or she helped out.

- Take a library field trip. Not only do libraries offer an abundance of books for you and your children to choose from, they have myriad activities for children and teenagers that promote reading.

- Check out your local library's monthly calendar of events, and make regular trips there with them to choose weekly or monthly reading materials.

- Ask for help. If you need assistance with encouraging your children to read, ask the librarian, your child's teachers, or other education professionals for help.



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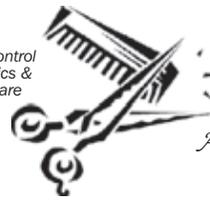
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Briefs

Chandler Regional hosts March 4 joint-pain seminar

A free breakfast and informational seminar on joint pain will be presented by Dr. Danton Dungy, a board-certified orthopedic surgeon, from 8 to 9 a.m. Thursday, March 4, at Chandler Regional Medical Center's Morrison Building, 1875 W. Frye Road, Chandler.

Registration, which is required, and breakfast begin at 7:30 a.m.

Information: 877-728-5414 or resourcelink@chw.edu

Corona Chorus concert Feb. 25

Corona Community Chorus, made up of the parents, grandparents and

other relatives of Corona del Sol High School, 1001 E. Knox Road in Tempe, as well as alumni of the school, performs a Spring Concert at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 25, under the direction of Greg Hebert.

The program includes a variety of songs, including one from the current TV cult favorite *Glee*.

Crosswoods Indoors Golf offers couples league

Even though Valentine's Day has passed, it's not too late to share a simple pleasure with your honey, thanks to an offer from Crosswoods Indoor Golf.

The center, at the northwest corner of Kyrene Road and Chandler Boulevard, is offering a spring couples' league at 6:30 p.m. Thursdays through April 8.

Cost of the 10-week session is \$175 per couple.

Information: 480-961-4653.

Listening Post

Editor's note: We welcome letters from our readers and include excerpts that have been edited for length and clarity, when necessary. You also may view more complete versions of the letters we receive at www.wranglernews.com

Editor:

On Tuesday, Feb. 2, my husband and I were walking with our two dogs and son around Waggoner Elementary. As we were nearing the corner of Lakeshore and Carver, we noticed a woman walking with two dogs, one of them off the leash.

Because our dogs are not leash-friendly, my husband chose to cross to the other side of the street to distance our dogs from the approaching dogs. I continued pushing my son in the stroller on the same side of the street. The woman greeted me and told me not to worry, that her dog would stay right by her. Her dog ended up crossing the street anyway, ignoring her commands.

My husband did not see the dog coming as he was working on training one of our dogs. The dog

went right up to our other dog.

After a cursory smell, our dog reacted and before we knew it, our dog broke out of her collar and there was a dog fight in the middle of the road... *more at www.wranglernews.com*

— Amanda Schneider

Editor:

Slim Smith's recent commentary about Insight Bowl participants using Corona del Sol's practice field was anything but insightful. His goal may have been to insight (sic) a riot. His take on the whole situation was narrow minded, at best. His broad generalizations were based on assumptions. For him to say complaints stemmed from a small group of vocal parents and not from the coaching staff proved that he has not attended any Corona boy's soccer meetings for the last three years. If he had, he may have heard the frustration that stemmed from misconceptions passed on from the district office to the coaches and finally to the parents.

Although the title of his rampage contains the word "practice field," never once does he mention the two months the field cannot be used for after-school practice.

My son walks to school. If he were to practice at the Corona field, he could just stay there. Instead, he had to walk home and drive to Tempe Sports Complex for practice...*more at wranglernews.com*

— Mary Ann Hemmingson

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First person . . . Fact vs. myth as Haiti recovers

Editor's note: Longtime correspondent Elan Head, whose food columns delighted Wrangler News readers for years, left



Elan Head

her Kyrene Corridor roots in 2007 to take on editorship of a helicopter magazine in Melbourne, Australia. Since then she has

been on assignment in Canada, Afghanistan and now Haiti. This is the latest in a welcome treasure of communiqués from our favorite roving reporter.

By Elan Head

One month after the earthquake, coverage of Haiti is already disappearing from the mainstream press, and many of the reports that do make it out of the country are flawed.

When you're standing in the middle of Port-au-Prince, the inescapable question is: "What now?" Yet for all of the hundreds of millions of dollars that the U.S., Canada and other Western countries are dumping into Haiti, very few people seem to be asking — or answering — this question.

I hope the following Myth vs. Fact discussion provides a version of my experience in Haiti that amplifies on some of the reporting you have read and seen.

Myth: Spending a week in Haiti showed an appreciable level of bravery on my part.

Fact: The greatest hardship I faced was having to spend six hours at the Port-au-Prince airport with nothing to eat but a molten Milky Way bar.

This is one I feel obligated to

address right off the bat. To the many people who expressed concern for my health and welfare before I left: that was very nice of you. But the fact is, a white American with a couple of valid credit cards, a couple hundred bucks cash, and a couple of key contact names can manage as well in Haiti as she can in Afghanistan. Which is to say, pretty well.

As a general rule, foreign correspondents are observing conditions that other people are actually living. Which is a valuable and necessary role, I think, but hardly No. 1 on the list of high-risk occupations, especially given the security and transportation networks that reporters generally have access to.

So no, it wasn't the Hotel Arts Barcelona, but it was a lot more interesting than covering a planning and zoning meeting. At no time during the trip did I feel that I was taking an extraordinary risk, and I returned home with my health perfectly intact.

Myth: Haitians comprise exactly two types: rapacious looters and tragic orphans.

Fact: Haitians are simply people, doing their best to cope with chronic and now acute hardship.

There are many reasons why news coverage of major events is frequently distorted. Some of these are financial (sensational stories sell better), some of these are practical (there are only so many column inches to go around), and some of these simply boil down to one of the universal principles of journalism: an unusual event — "man bites dog" — is more likely to be reported than a commonplace one such as "dog bites man".

The majority of what seems to be making it out of Haiti are "man bites dog" stories: fearful tales of looting and violence; heart-rending tales of hopeless orphans. But there are a whole lot more observations of people doing their best to resume their daily lives. Many parts of Port-au-Prince now look like any "normal" economically depressed developing nation, down to the vendors selling local (yes, local!) fruits and vegetables on the street. Whether you're in a war

—ELAN, Page 31

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zone or a disaster zone, at some point you have to get on with it, and that's what most of the people in Haiti seem to be doing.

Which is not to say that everything's rosy. Unfortunately, the emphasis on sensational stories seems to have detracted from more thoughtful analysis of the actual needs of the people on the ground.

Myth: Haitians need more Spaghetti-O's.

Fact: Haitians could use some heavy equipment.

As observed in the previous myth/fact, there are vendors in Port-au-Prince selling the local foods they usually do.

From what we observed in one outlying rural area, the food situation there is even better: people are still butchering cattle, keeping chickens, and harvesting fruit and vegetables just fine. I mention this not to suggest that there is no need for food aid in Haiti — I'm sure there is — but because one could easily gather from news reports that Haitians are uniformly starving. I also mention this because, as the immediate crisis of the earthquake recedes, a community nutrition model based on processed food flown in by helicopter hardly seems sustainable.

While the Haitians have U.N. rice in abundance, one thing they don't seem to have is heavy equipment.

Perhaps a third of Port-au-Prince has been reduced to rubble, yet in our entire time flying over and driving through the city, I only noticed one excavator. The piles of rubble are just

sitting there, life is going on around them, and if this situation persists, it won't be a good thing.

It's impossible to witness this city in ruins and not think: "What now?" For Port-au-Prince to ever become a viable city, it needs a lot more than rice and spaghetti.

Myth: The American military has recently tightened its security.

Fact: You can walk pretty much unimpeded through an American military encampment if you use the excuse, "I'm just going to see the Canadians."

In Haiti, as in Afghanistan, my photographer Graham Lavery and I bummed helicopter rides as our primary method for getting around. As a result, we frequently flew into and out of the Port-au-Prince airport on an unofficial or semi-official basis (I managed to get a Haitian entry stamp in my passport, but I don't think Graham did).

Apparently, getting into the Port-au-Prince airport through the front entrance is an ordeal, but if you just sort of show up on the ramp, you more or less have free run of the place.

Only once were we stopped by an American soldier, who waved us on when we explained that we were walking through his camp on our way to interview the Canadians.

It also seemed suspiciously easy for us to walk onto the CH-53 helicopter that we took to the USS Bataan, the amphibious assault ship where we embedded for a night. In that case, all I had to do was hand them a business card.

Myth: A good taxi driver is your best guide to a city.

Fact: A good taxi driver is your best guide to a city.

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Helping others remains #1 goal

Corona del Sol senior Monica Chavez is out to turn a negative aspect of her life into a positive for others.

Monica is organizing her second annual *Dancing for a Ray of Hope* benefit show to be held at 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20, at the Corona auditorium.

Proceeds will benefit Dysautonomia Youth Network of America Inc., an organization dedicated to helping young people diagnosed with various childhood dysautonomia conditions such as vasovagal syncope, a rare disease Chavez learned she had in January 2008.

Chavez, whose condition results in dizziness, fatigue and fainting, is learning to deal with this life-altering affliction with the help of DYNA, a non-profit organization.

Already signed up to perform are dance companies from local area high schools including Corona, Desert Vista, Mountain Pointe and McClintock.

Tickets are \$5 each and can be purchased at Corona's book store, at sponsoring Classic Image Dance or at the door or by contacting Lawrence Chavez at 480-277-9336.

Information:
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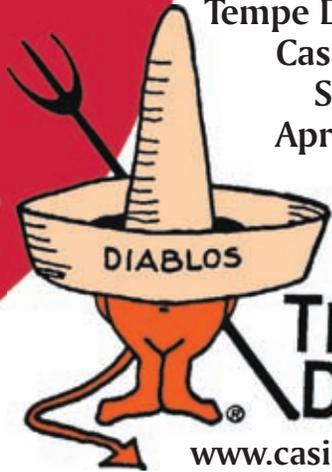
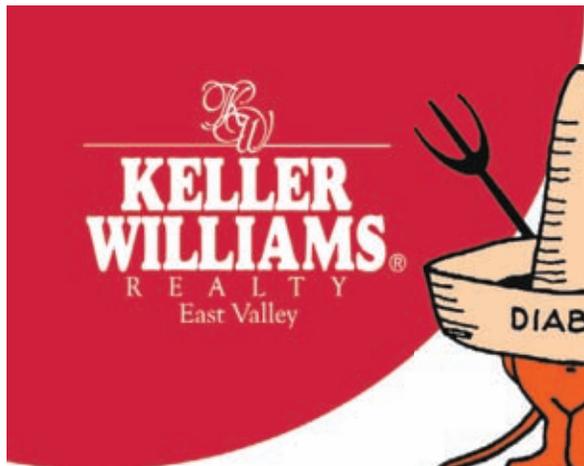
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