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And the winner is . . . catsup!

It was opening day for South Tempe Little League at Tempe Sports Complex, with kids, moms, dads, coaches and assorted wellwishers turning out for an eagerly anticipated rite of spring. Among the celebrants was Markham Davis, 8, who couldn't wait to bite into his first ballpark dog of the year.

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Tour of Washington, D.C., proved a political and historical eye-opener for students, from left, Grant Walton, Sarah Hayden, Heather Bender and Andrew Fox. Teacher Darren Ridge oversaw the trip.

Viewpoint U.S. capital, up close and personal

By Grant Walton

In life we all have our lists. Grocery lists. To-do lists. Get-organized lists. Recently I was able to cross an entry off my favorite list of all—the things-to-do-in-my-life list. I eliminated No. 17, go to Washington, D.C.

As a young man and high school student who has been learning social studies and

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So. Tempe Little League launches its season For kids, coaches, opening day signals 'It's time to go'

By Jeremy Banks

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As opening day ceremonies began for Tempe South Little League at Tempe Sports Complex, a flood of players and coaches took the field together.

With smiles on their faces, each shared the same thought. Baseball season is here.

Thank goodness.

Tempe South Little League president **Mark Gordon** noted that excitement was in the air.

After months of preparation and many weeks of practice, the time to play baseball had come.

"We probably started (preparing) back in October. We're just excited," he said.

"It's time to go."

Last season's Minor League champions, the Yankees, began the defense of their title in impressive fashion, claiming a 13-6 win over the Diamondbacks.

"It's kind of a rematch of the 2001 (Major League Baseball) World Series," said Yankees player **Luke Ottinger**.

Emotions ran strong on opening day. They were jumping like a hot grounder up the middle.

"We were a little nervous. We all wanted to win," Ottinger said.

"It's better to win your first game than the other games, because the first game is the one you've been waiting for."

Dustin Dudley said getting an opportunity to compete is a thrill and a relief at the same time.

"I think we were all really happy that our work paid off," he said.

The Yankees are looking good again. **Cole Bernstein** said the team's pitching has been impressive.

"Now we're doing really good," he said. "Our pitching is doing well."

Yankees manager **Bill Ottinger** said his favorite moment of the day wasn't the team's win. It was what

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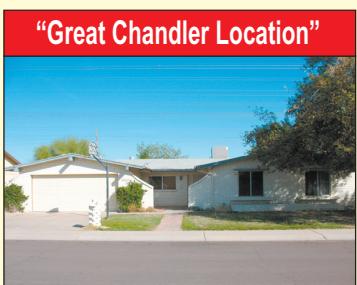
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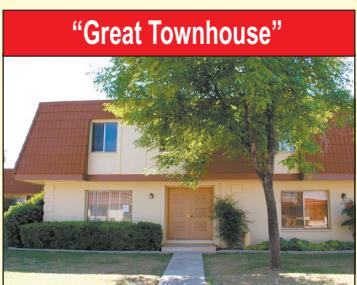
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Teen succeeds despite worrisome fainting bouts

Nervous-system disorder more common than many realize

By Alex Zener

Have you ever stood up too fast and felt faint? Do you get woozy at the sight of blood or when you're under emotional distress? Do you feel light-headed when getting an immunization?

If you've ever experienced any of these or other bouts of dizziness, it's most likely the result of a vasovagal episode.

Such an occurrence represents a common condition that results in fainting or blackouts in as many as half of the population at least once in a lifetime. Unfortunately, in about three percent of the populace, the fainting and blackouts occur repeatedly.

That's what has happened to 16-year old Corona del Sol High School student **Monica Chavez**.

"On Jan. 4, 2008, my life changed in a way I never would have expected," said Chavez. "Out of nowhere I started fainting, sometimes up to three times a day."

Chavez has been diagnosed with vasovagal syncope, a type of dysautonomia, a broad term that describes any condition or malfunction of the autonomic nervous system.

Vasovagal syncope is not a serious or life-threatening condition to most people—it's just a drop in blood pressure that leads to decreased blood flow to the brain and results in dizziness or a brief loss of consciousness.

But every case is unique, and for some people, like Chavez, vasovagal syncope affects their quality of life and can cause life-altering consequences.

By age 16, most teens are starting to separate from their parents, learn to take care of themselves and get a sense of independence. The rite of passage usually includes getting a driver's license and a job. Not for Chavez.

"I can't get my driver's license or

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Monica Chavez has learned to deal with vasovagal syncope, a condition that results in unpredictable episodes of fainting that keep her from living a fully normal life.

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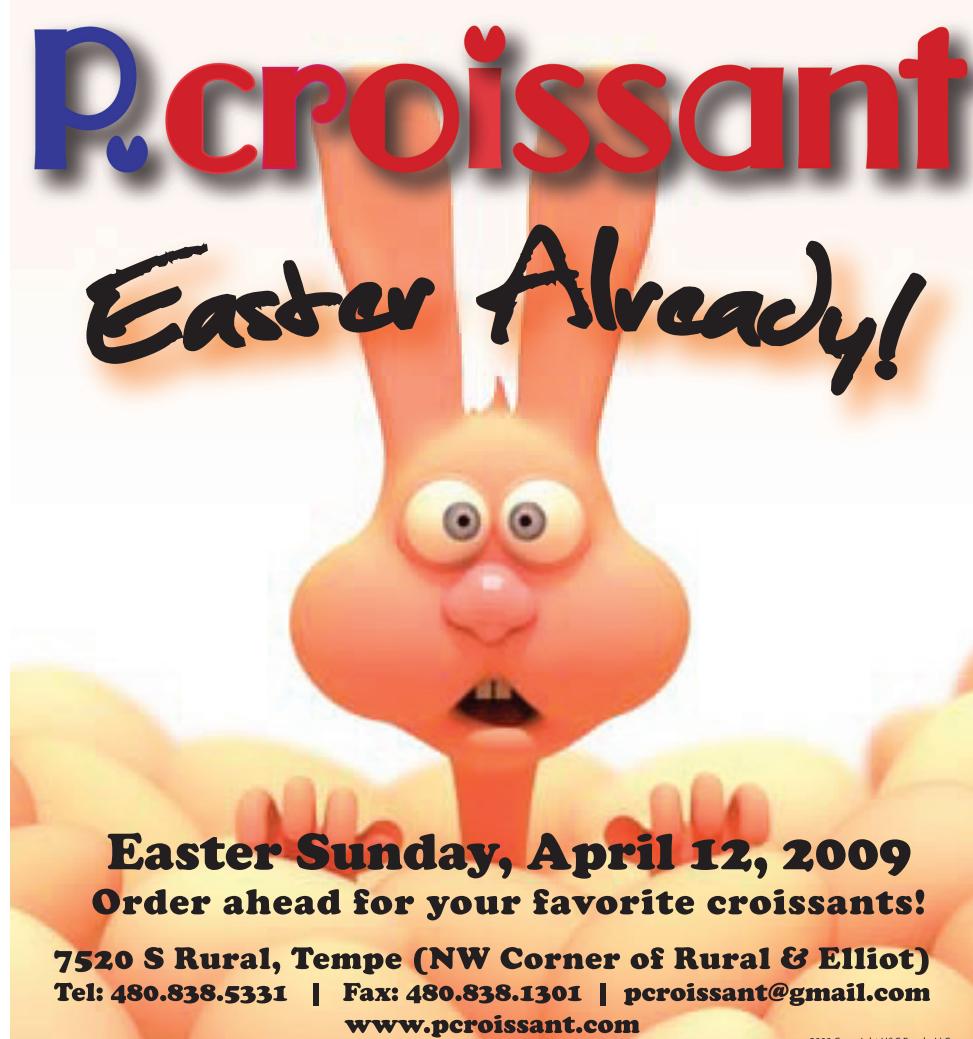
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A sampling of area Easter services

Choices are bountiful come Easter Sunday on where to observe this most holy Christian holiday.

Most area churches have added services to suit the needs of their congregants.

Many in the Kyrene Corridor have special events during the week prior to Easter.

For details check the website of each individual church.

Mountain View Lutheran will have Easter services at 6, 7:30, 8, 10 and 11:15 a.m. A brunch

will be served between 6:30 and 11 a.m. Tickets are available at the event for \$7.

Dayspring United Methodist will have a sunrise service at 6 a.m. followed by breakfast. Other services will be at 7:45, 9, and 10:30 a.m.

St. James Episcopal has services at 7:30, 8:30 and 10 a.m.

Arizona Community Church will offer services at 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.

Hope Covenant Church will be hosting a free breakfast at Tumbleweed Park at 9 a.m. followed by an outdoor service in the park at 10 a.m.

Check with individual churches to find out about special events and times.

City activities brochure 'going green' for 2009

In an effort to be environmentally responsible and reduce waste and costs, Tempe's recreational activities brochure will no longer be mailed to every household in the city.

To receive the city's guide to affordable events, sports leagues, recreation activities, art classes and more, residents are encouraged to view the information online or add their name to an electronic distribution system.

The online content is available at www.tempe.gov/brochure. To be notified automatically of events as they are added, click on the "Going Green" button.

In south Tempe, a reduced number of printed copies of the schedule will continue to be available at Ken McDonald Golf Course, 800 E. Divot Drive; Kiwanis Park Recreation Center, 6111 S. All America Way; Pyle Adult Recreation Center, 655 E. Southern Ave.; Tempe Public Library, 3500 S. Rural Road; and Vihel Center for the Arts, 3340 S. Rural Road.

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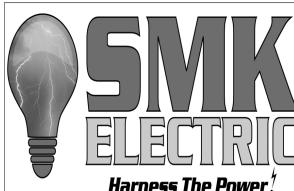
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Schools seek feedback for 7th, 8th grade sex-ed program

'Abstinence-plus' seen as means to correct deficiencies in existing program

By Mark Moorehead

Due to what are said to be increased rates of sexual activity, pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections among Arizona's teens, members of the Kyrene School District's Health Steering Committee have concluded that a new approach to the district's sex-education curriculum for seventh- and eighth-graders is necessary.

Citing a published report, committee members refer to the most recent Arizona Youth Risk Behavior Study, completed in 2007, which shows a significant leap in sexual activity after eighth grade.

According to the survey, the number of students who had sexual intercourse before the age of 13 was 5.7 percent; at ninth grade 29 percent; and by 12th grade 65 percent, or two-thirds, of Arizona high school seniors.

Increased birthrates among teens 15 to 17 years old, as reported by the National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unwanted Pregnancies, are also cited by the committee as another reason to revise the previous sex-education curriculum.

Proposed program

Under the existing program, Catholic Charities Community Services of Arizona provides the eighth-grade sexual education curriculum, but declines to provide a discussion identifying so-called barrier methods of protection.

This "abstinence-only" curriculum was deemed inadequate by the committee, which is proposing to change the program to an "abstinence-plus" curriculum.

Objectives for the suggested program include a discussion of barrier methods of protection, such as condom use, to prevent pregnancy, STIs, body image, self-esteem, dating safety, rape and sexual abuse.

However, the committee maintains that the new program would only identify barrier devices of protection

and will not provide demonstration on how to use them or perform any distribution of such devices.

However, in a statement issued to the public, the Health Steering Committee stresses their main message will continue to be one of "abstinence is best."

Kyrene Corridor residents assuming unwanted pregnancies affect only "someone else's family" may want to consider that the cost of increased birthrates among teens is passed directly onto every Arizona taxpayer — and the cost, evidently, is staggering.

The Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System, or AHCCCS, paid for 53,121 deliveries in 2006, more than half the state's live births, at a cost of \$223 million, or an average of \$4,200 per birth. That cost does not include post-natal care, health care, food stamps or the myriad other state services available to mothers meeting specific income criteria.

According to the National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unwanted Pregnancies, based on data from the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta, Ga., in 2007 there were 15,038 teen pregnancies, of which 4,466 were

among teens ages 15-17.

The Health Steering Committee reports that STIs among Arizona youth in 2007 increased from 372 cases in the 10- to 14-year-old age group to 9,464 in the 15- to 19-year-old age group, or a 30-fold increase.

These data represents compelling evidence that students in seventh and eighth grade need additional information to make better choices should they choose to engage in sexual activity, according to the committee's study.

"I believe children at this age should be taught abstinence," says resident Betty Frantz, who has two children in the Kyrene School District.

"However, I'm also a realist. I believe children need to be informed and protected. They say it's the responsibility of parents, not schools, to teach their children about this subject, but 40 percent of children in Arizona are born to unwed mothers. I'd prefer that children not have to pay the price of a bad choice the rest of their life."

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Feedback

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asking parents, teachers and community members to review the proposed revisions to the sex-education program, known as "Human Growth and Development and HIV/AIDS and STI Curriculum."

Comments and feedback can be provided online at www.kyrene.org (click on Curriculum Review). Parents may also visit the district office at 8700 S. Kyrene Road, Tempe, through April 24.

Following public input, a recommendation will be made to the district's Governing Board at its April 28 meeting.

Teen

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get a job," said Chavez. "At school, I have to take somebody with me when I leave a classroom at all times, even to go to the restroom. I'm never allowed to be by myself, and I always have to have somebody with me who knows what to do when I have a fainting spell."

Although vasovagal syncope has been around for centuries—remember reading about swooning women in the 18th century?—it is difficult to detect and has no simple cure. Only a handful of doctors know how to diagnose and treat the condition.

Not surprisingly, therefore, Chavez and her family were confused and did not understand what was happening to her.

"When this all began, I was overflowing with different thoughts and emotions," said Chavez. "I was scared and felt alone because

I felt like nobody understood the way I felt."

Fortunately, Chavez found a non-profit organization, DYNA (Dysautonomia Youth Network of America), that runs a website dedicated to helping young people with the condition.

"Once I found the DYNA website and read stories about girls who were going through similar conditions like what I was experiencing, I realized I was not alone," said Chavez.

"Reading about others brought me hope and gave me the determination to not give up but to fight to live a normal life."

It would have been easy to think "why me?" and sit around feeling sorry for herself, she says. But not Chavez. She has set out to make something positive out of her situation by raising awareness—and money—for the cause of dysautonomia.

Chavez has chosen something she loves and that has always been a big

part of her life as a way to raise money for DYNA—dancing.

Chavez has been dancing for 14 years and, although difficult at times, continues to be a member of the Corona del Sol Dance Company and the Classic Image Dance Studio, which have collaborated with her to produce a benefit show.

The show, Dancing for a Ray of Hope, will raise money to help other young individuals deal with the condition, she says.

The benefit program, featuring dances by local high school students and members of private dance companies, will be held at 7 p.m. Friday, April 17, at Corona del Sol high school.

Dancers who'd like to participate have been asked to contact Devin Moss at (480) 839-4159 or Aaron Gilbert at (480) 570-1174 for information.

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Kyrene Corridor News & Notes . . . with Tracy Doren

Twitterers, unite! Now that the world is doing it, we'd like to tweet with you, too



Have you twitted yet? From Shaquille O'Neil to Matt Lauer on The Today Show—even President Obama—people are increasingly plugging in to the social networking phenomenon known as Twitter.

Only a few years ago, most of us relied on our pagers to keep us connected. Next it was cell

phones. Soon those technologies were eclipsed by the Blackberry and, ultimately, blogging, and our world took yet further leaps toward communications nirvana.

Now it seems that Twitter has taken the spotlight, offering a way to connect people on the go, not only with their friends and families but with an entire network of folks, including many they don't even know.

Here's a quick overview for those who have not yet jumped on the Twitter bandwagon:

Simply explained, it involves sending a maximum 140-character cellphone message to those who are, well, "following" you.

The concept is so simple it almost seems ridiculous. People seem to be connecting by the millisecond, whether with friends, family, co-workers or celebrities, allowing all those who follow you via Twitter—thousands maybe, or theoretically even millions—to be updated with current information about what is going on with you at that very moment.

People use it for social purposes. Want to meet someone on your network for lunch? Simply send out a "tweet." All the people in your network, e.g., your followers, will be alerted, and if someone is nearby, you could have an instant lunch date.

Realtor **Nick Bastian**, founder of RailLife.com, is a proponent of the network. He "tweeted" to his network on a dull Tuesday afternoon, and by 6 o'clock 60 people had joined him at happy hour. Not a bad way to wind down a slow work day.

I checked out President Obama's Twitter network: His last post asked for people to join a program honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

With almost 650,000 followers, my guess is he'll have no trouble recruiting volunteers.

The list of celebrity tweeters is long, too, from Miley Cyrus to the prime minister of England. Following the daily updates can become addictive;

it's a voyeuristic view into the lives of others.

Twitter has a whole language that is simple to learn when sending your mini blogs.

Tweeting is the act of sending out a message. Your followers are the people who get your Twitter updates, and you can choose to get certain alerts delivered to your cell phone as text messages.

So far, this seems to be the best way to stay on top of your tweets, and to tap into the instant interaction that represents one of Twitter's greatest appeals.

At *Wrangler News*, not wanting to be left in the communications dust, we've been experimenting with Twitter—not that any of us is a celebrity, but it seems to be a great way to find out what's happening in our community in real time.

So far, we've experimented with sharing special offers from our advertisers with those who follow us via Twitter, and we're exploring other ways to make the paper more interactive for you, our readers.

If you haven't discovered Twitter yet, try following us as a way to check it out. Go to www.twitter.com and sign up. From there, it should all be self-explanatory.

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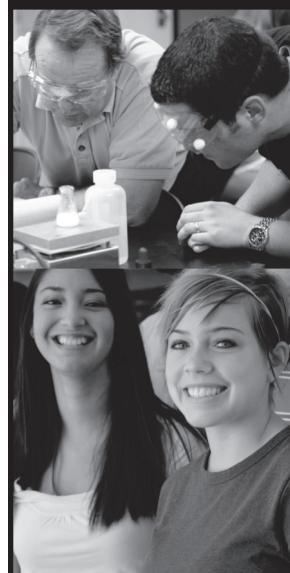


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Sports Notebook . . . with Alex Zener

Revitalized Aztecs prove benefit of Coach Kelly's tutelage



Mike Swindle competing in the 300-meter hurdles preliminaries. He also took 10th place in the pole vault competition.

— Photo by Stephen Denton

It appears that head coach Tim Kelly's determination to revitalize Corona del Sol High School's track team by recruiting athletes into the program this spring has been an overwhelming success.

The Corona team has 257 kids, or about 10 percent of the student body, participating this season. By latest count, it's the largest team in the school's 30-year history.

"The kids keep showing up every day and getting better," said Kelly. "We started the season Feb. 28 by taking fourth (boys) and fifth (girls) at our Aztec Invitational."

"The boys finished behind three dominant track programs in the state, Desert Vista, Mountain View and Chandler. The girls finished just 10 points behind Hamilton."

The Aztecs then went on to defeat Pinnacle in their first dual meet March 4. The boys won 103-37 and the girls 90-48.

On March 18, Corona hosted a three-way meet with Desert Vista and Marcos de Niza that ran extra long because every Aztec track-team member gets to participate in home meets.

"It can take a while for 48 kids to throw the shot and discus, and then we have 80-plus sprinters meriting several heats," said Coach Kelly.

"We would not be able to offer our athletes the opportunity to all compete if it were not for the help and support of our CdS staff and parents with scoring, timing and judging for us."

Although the Aztecs finished second to the Thunder on March 18, they fell short by only 20 points. The Aztecs' goal is to gain ground every time they compete with the Thunder and hopefully catch them for the Central region title according to Kelly.

"We stack up against Desert Vista very well in the field events, and that is where we should be scoring a majority of our points against them," said Kelly.

"We need some of our track athletes to step up and rise to the occasion and challenge the Thunder in the running events."

The Aztecs swept Mountain Pointe March 25 on all levels. The JV boys and girls team won and the Varsity boys team defeated Mountain Pointe 121-20 while the varsity girls won 104-33.

On the weekend of March 27-28, the Aztecs competed in the 64th Chandler Rotary Invitational, where the boys team finished 11th out of 47 teams and the girls team 16th out of 39.

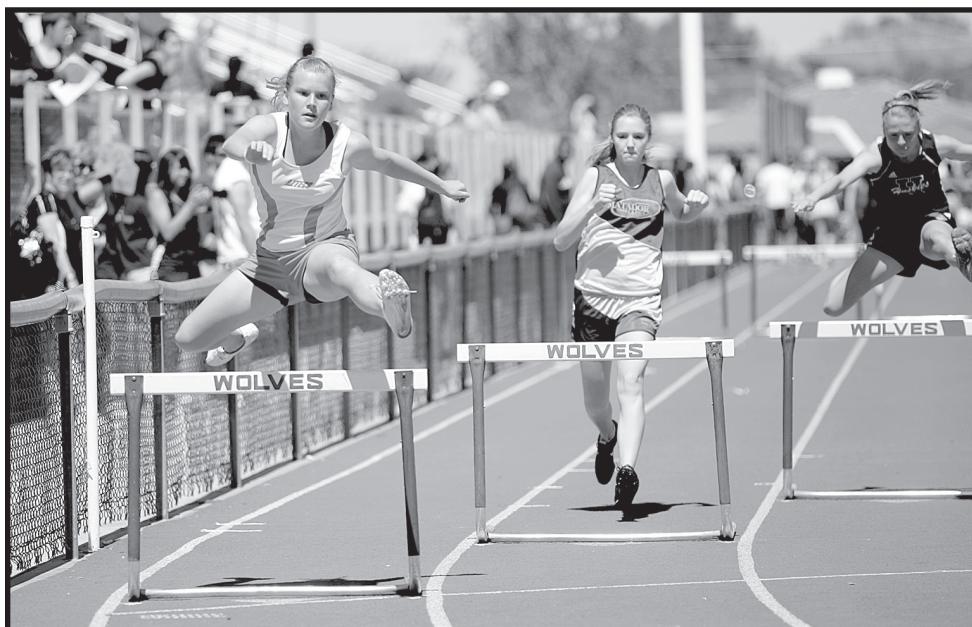
The boys 4 x 100 meter relay team of **Michael Lange, Brendon Tunstall, Tarik Smith, and Austin Crothers** took third place with a state qualifying time of 43.26. The 4 x 800 meter relay team of **Matt Hayhurst, Josh Coulter, Jared Hirsch and Dylan Barr** was 26th.

Kyle Benson took eighth in the 110-meter hurdles.

Corona had three finishers in the 1,600-meter run. **Garrett Baker-Slama** came in 16th, **Matt Whitlatch** 18th and **Wade Hooke** 42nd. In the 800-meter run, **Michael Seall** came in 26th and Baker-Slama 35th.

Several Aztecs placed in the field events, including **Tunstall** with a fifth place finish in the long jump; **Austin Malm** 14th in the triple jump; **Mike Swindle** 10th in the pole vault; **Mike Stahl** fifth and **Jon-Paul Dyament** 10th in the shot put; and **Dyament** 13th in the

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Megan Benson sprinting toward the finish in the 100-meter hurdles preliminaries at the Chandler Rotary Invitational.

— Photo by Stephen Denton



Members of boys 4 x 100 competition included, from left, Michael Lange, Brendon Tunstall, Tarik Smith and Austin Crothers. Team took third in a state-qualifying time of 43.26.

— Photo by Chris Huch

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discus throw.

Danica Ganje finished sixth in the girls 1,600-meter run with a 5:15 time.

Other Corona finishers included **Dani Lemieux** at 28th and **Tori Papp** at 35th. **Katie Huch** came in 27th in the 800 meter run and in the 3,200-meter run **Ganje** was 8th and **Christina Freeman** 23rd.

The girls team also had two relay teams that placed. The 4 x 100 meter relay team of **Irene Ashu**, **Precious Wood**, **Taylor Johnson** and **Megan Benson** finished fifth and the 4 x 800 meter relay team of **Morgan Dorweiler**, **Sydney Buck**, **Kristin Strobel** and **Katie Huch** finished eighth.

The Lady Aztecs had several finishers in the field events including a sixth place finish by **Briana Vaifale** in the discus throw. **Vaifale** also finished eighth in the shot put while **Danae Cook** was 20th in the pole vault, **Lauren Milovich** 22nd and **Kiley Tomson** 36th in the triple jump. Megan Benson took 27th in the long jump.

Coach Kelly is counting on these athletes and others on his Corona track team to continue leading the way over the last part of the season including **Sydney Lemieux**, **Tadessa Smith** on the girl's team and **Chase Cartwright**, **Nick Siefker** and **Shay Conners** on the boys team.

Athletes who qualified for a place in the state tournament include **Mike Stahl** and **Briana Vaifale** in the shot put, **Brendon Tunstall** in the



Garrett Baker-Slama qualified for a place in state competition by his performance at Chandler Invitational.

— Photo by Chris Huch

long jump and **Danica Ganje** and **Garrett Baker-Slama** in the 1,600-meter run.

On April 3, the Aztecs were scheduled to participate in the Basha Relays and then, on April 9, the Tempe Relays. The entire team will once

again be competing at home against Basha and Valley Christian on April 22.

You can get more information about Corona track at the school's website <http://www.aztecathletics.com/> or the team's website [http://staff.tuhsd.k12.](http://staff.tuhsd.k12/)

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Win over Brophy lends momentum to Aztecs' lacrosse goals

Corona del Sol's Arizona Youth Lacrosse League Division I team received its first win over Brophy Prep in the program's history March 23 with a 6-4 upset victory.

The win provided a big boost for a struggling Aztec team and the 12 seniors playing in their last high school season.

Senior goalie **Zeric Butters** took control of the game by saving 14 Bronco shots at the Aztec goal. Senior middy **Dylan Dunlap**, leading the Aztecs at close to two goals per game, did not disappoint. He not only scored the goal halfway through the fourth quarter that put the Aztecs up 5-4 but had a game-high four points on three goals.

The Aztecs were down 0-2 at the end of the first quarter but senior attackman **Will Allen** scored a goal to end the half down 1-3. In the third quarter the Broncos added one point but the Aztec offense was able to score two points to put the Aztecs down only one at 3-4 going into the fourth quarter.

The Aztecs got stingy on defense in the final quarter holding Brophy to only five shots at the goal and scoreless the last 16:50. During that last quarter the Aztecs went on a 3-0 scoring run started when senior middy **Jesse Dodt** tied the game with 9:10 to play. Dunlap fired home the game-winning goal putting the Aztecs up 6-4 at the 6:37 mark.

Sophomore middy **Cody Wagner** scored for his second goal of the game with 4:44 remaining to put

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Huskies pre-season tournament featured, from left, first row kneeling, Hunter Wall, Coach Adam Christie, Coach Craig Fertelmes, Coach Greg Baudo and Andrew Bock. Standing, Coach Cliff Prausa, Steve Razzano, Mike Malekooti, Dylan Dunlap, Zach Chruma, Austin Thibault, Ryan Wurm, Jesse Dodt, Zeric Butters, Brock Ehrhart, Cody Wagner, Riley Baehr, Will Allen, Jordan Gustafson, Hayden Drescher, Ryan Thibault, Ryan Berns and Coach Geoff Baldwin.

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Lacrosse

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the Aztecs up 6-4 and secure the win. This big win over Brophy may have been the turning point for Corona and making them even on the season at 2-2.

In their next game, March 30, the Aztecs dominated Desert Vista, scoring nine goals for a 9-5 win and a two-game winning streak. Corona led 2-0 at the end of the first quarter and 4-2 going into the final quarter where the Aztecs were able to score five more goals. Altogether, six Aztecs scored goals in the game against Desert Vista.

Middy **Dunlap** scored the most at three but junior attackman **Austin Thibault** added two

more. Middy **Dodt**, senior middy **Riley Baehr**, junior middy **Ryan Thibault** and sophomore middy **Wagner** all scored a goal. Senior attackman Allen contributed to the win with three assists.

The Aztecs, now 3-2, started their season by winning a two-day Huskies Pre-Season tournament Feb. 7-8 defeating Hamilton, Salpointe, Notre Dame Prep, Horizon, Desert Mountain

Zeric Butters has 55 of 93 shots while playing goalie for a nearly 60 percent save record.

— Photo by Cliff Prausa

and Desert Vista 6-5 in the finals.

The Aztecs are coached by head coach **Craig Fertelmes** and several assistants including **Tom Scovic**, **Adam Christie**, **Greg Baudo**, **Geoff Baldwin**, and **Cliff Prausa**. These coaches will be relying on the Aztecs depth with several returning players and their senior leadership to propel them into the Division I play-offs scheduled in May.

In addition to seniors **Butters**, **Allen**, **Baehr** and **Dunlap**, the Aztecs will be counting on senior defenseman **Brock Ehrhart**, senior attackman **Matt Prausa** and senior defenseman **Jordan Gustafson** to provide leadership on and off the field, according to Corona del Sol assistant coach Cliff Prausa.

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year and has committed to play NCAA Division I lacrosse at West Point," said assistant coach Prausa.

Will Allen was a division all-star last year and was second on the team in scoring in 2008. **Brock Ehrhart** was also a division all-star and will lead a strong group of defenseman."

The Aztecs will also be leaning on the experience of junior attackman **Austin Thibault**, middy sophomore **Cody Wagner** and junior defenseman **Hayden Drescher** to lead the way into the playoffs.

The Aztecs were 3-2 heading into their scheduled 1 p.m. April 4 matchup against St. Francis at Benedict Park. Up next will be the Gilbert Tigers on April 6 starting at 8 p.m. at Benedict Park.

In addition to the Aztec high school team, the Kyrene Corridor also has a middle school team, the

Kyrene Warriors, made up of players mainly from Aprende and Kyrene Middle School.

The Warriors compete in the Arizona Youth Lacrosse League.

"The Warriors have a strong 6-3 record and are expecting a strong showing in the Cactus Cup at the end of the season," said Cliff Prausa.

"The Warriors are led by attackmen **Gus Flynn**, **Garrett Howell** & **Shane Paepel**.

The defense has played solid all year with first year goalie **Alex Tunberg** and defensemen **Zach Cope**, **Alex Roesner** and **Will Morgan**."

Information including game schedules for the Corona lacrosse team and the middle school Warriors team can be found at the Arizona Youth Lacrosse League website located at <http://www.azlax.com/>

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Age imposes no limits on artist's creativity

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When asked how he created his sculptures, the Renaissance artist Michelangelo di Lodovico Buonarroti Simoni reputedly replied:

"I saw the angel in the marble and carved until I set him free."

The ability to carve with artistry, whatever the material, demands that an individual possess steady hands, vision and an imaginative eye. These traits seem to be held in abundance by south Tempe resident Altan Foster.

With 32 years' experience in woodworking, during which

he has made everything from rocking horses and toys for his grandchildren to exquisite pens, bowls and furniture from American, South American and African materials, Foster now hands out business cards that announce his profession—justifiably, we'd agree—as "Master Craftsman."

If his skills are grounded in history, Foster's technique doesn't ignore the convenience of modern technology, either. He goes online to North Carolina and Utah to purchase materials and research the woods that best fit his artistic vision.

The results of Foster's artistic and entrepreneurial vision, all seem to concur, are nothing short of miraculous. His son, Gary Foster, thinks his father's hobby is "amazing." He has tried to use his dad's tools to attempt woodworking, but without success.

"You've got to be exact and have an artistic touch to do it."

Neighbor Janice Shafer agrees.

"[Altan] uses creativity and intellect to show that art can be made at any point in life," said Shafer. "It is profound to witness someone who carries forward in such a way."

Making Foster's accomplishments all the more remarkable is a simple glance at the calendar: He was born Feb. 28, 1917, making this his 92nd year.

Age hasn't dampened Foster's pursuit of the artistic, however. Following his retirement from business at age 64, Foster knew only that he "really loved wood."

He had attended arts-and-crafts shows and saw the work of skilled artisans; it didn't take long for him to decide that he would take up woodworking as a hobby. He gathered the supplies and even did some logging himself.

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Around Town

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Twenty-eight area high school students have been selected as Ambassadors for the Tempe Sister Cities program.

To help with hosting expenses, a carwash will be held Saturday, April 25, at the Speedy Quick Stop gas station on the northwest corner of McClintock and Elliot in Tempe.

Proceeds will help cover the expenses of hosting the international delegates in Tempe and providing them with educational and enriching activities.

Golf classic raises funds for schools, teachers

Kyrene Corridor golfers are being invited to the Kyrene Schools Community Foundation's first annual golf classic, proceeds from which will help fund teachers, students and scholarships in the Kyrene district.

The event will be held starting at 8 a.m. Tuesday, April 21, at the Whirlwind Golf Club at Wild Horse Pass. Entry is \$550 per team or \$150 per player.

Highlights include, prizes, long-drive demonstrations silent auction and an awards banquet. Proceeds from the event are used to support programs that include character education, bully prevention, drug and alcohol awareness and other activities encouraging academic and personal growth for children.

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Woodworker

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At no time during the process, he said, did age ever stand as a deterrent to his "attraction to the smell and feel of wood."

"I am fortunate that my health has been good," said Foster. "My hands have remained steady so I can do what I love."

Last year, Foster made more than 100 pens, as well as many bowls, both as gifts and for profit. One of the personal philosophies he incorporates into his work is that he does not discard wood with unsightly knots or flaws, but instead fills natural defects with turquoise or other attractive gems.

This technique gives his bowls "interest" and beauty, he says.

"I am inspired by the shape and texture of the wood," he said. I like to let the natural rim show, and I work with imperfections to make something unique."

Foster regularly sells his products at fairs and shows where his bowls and furniture are increasingly sought after. According to son Gary, local museums have even taken an interest in his dad's work.

Here's a case, says the younger Foster, where someone's hobby has more than paid for itself.

Through the sale of his art, Foster has been able to purchase expensive woodworking equipment, as well as turn a profit. For those who have witnessed his talent at work, Foster has provided much more than beautiful art and useful items.

His endeavors at an age not far from the century mark seem to have inspired others to continue to seek fulfillment and challenge themselves throughout their lives.

Said Gary: "I just hope that I'm doing as well as my father at 92."



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Baseball

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happened before the start of the game.

"Running out on the field (during Opening Day ceremonies) with the boys," he said. "That's pretty cool stuff. Makes you feel like a kid again."

He couldn't help but notice the players' excitement.

"The guys were really jazzed about starting the season. You could tell they were nervous," he said.

"You love to get outside and kick some dirt around." The league has high expectations this season. They'll have stiff competition in their district. Chandler National and Ahwatukee have each earned Little League World Series berths in the past. They have strong winning traditions. Diamondbacks manager **John Briscoe** said Tempe South could make a run. He believes the league will be extremely competitive.

"I've got a good team. The whole league is pretty solid. It's strong from top to bottom," he said. "We've got some experienced coaches and a good group of

players. The All-Star team will be difficult to pick this year."

Gordon said anything can happen this season. He expects the league to be unpredictable.

"It's wide open. That's what is fun about it," he said. "I was a coach, a couple years ago, where we won in Minors. We won the whole thing, won the championship. Next year we came in last. The next year we came in second. You never know."

Ottinger agrees. He believes the league will be exciting this year. The league wants to be as competitive as possible, but the No. 1 goal isn't just to win.

"We want to have fun. We want to improve our game. The rest will take care of itself," he said.

Briscoe said homeruns, diving plays and great pitching is fun to watch, but smiles and teamwork are the true highlights.

"For me, just seeing the kids and their camaraderie, it's great to see," he said. "Our goals are one, to have fun; two, make friends; and three, get better. You're winning games if you get those three."

Gordon said he would like to see the players continue to improve and enjoy the game of baseball.

"We don't worry so much about getting out of district. It's not the end game," he said. "It's about having the kids continue to play baseball beyond Little League."

The league believes there is a goal beyond what's reflected in the W and L columns.

Said Gordon:

"Just enjoy yourself. Really make this fun."

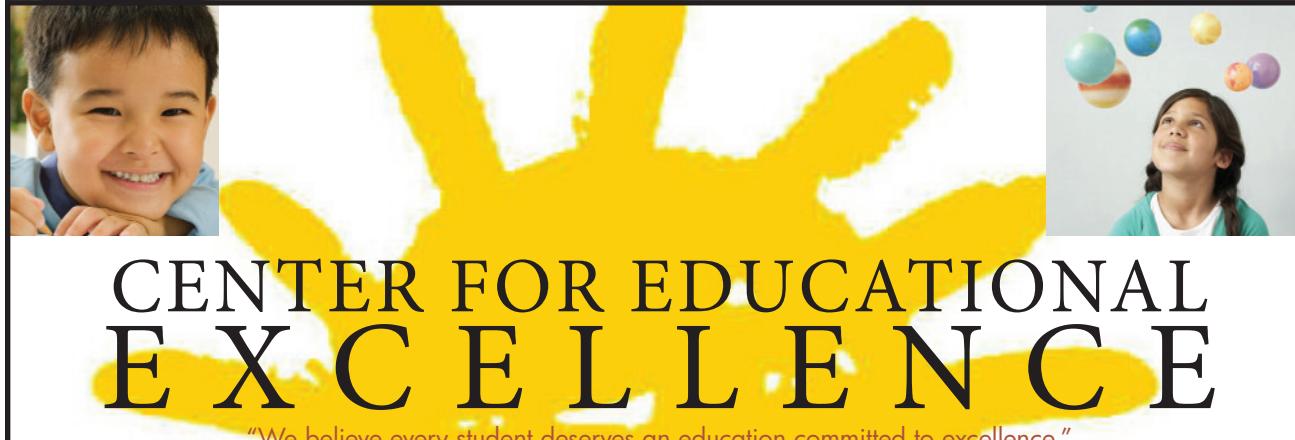
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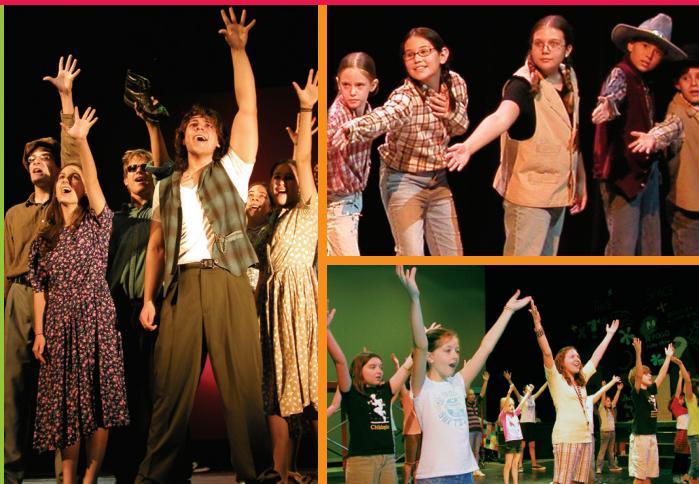
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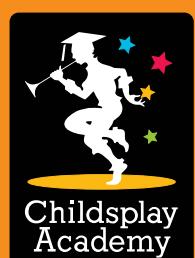
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In recognizing the honor, Mayor Hugh Hallman noted that the period between July and December 2008 recorded more development than any other time in Tempe's history.

Golf tourney raises funds for schools

Kyrene Corridor golfers are being invited to the Kyrene Schools Community Foundation's first annual golf classic, proceeds from which will help fund teachers, students and scholarships in the Kyrene district.

The event will be held starting at 8 a.m. Tuesday, April 21, at the Whirlwind Golf Club at Wild Horse Pass. Entry is \$550 per team or \$150 per player.

Highlights include, prizes, long-drive demonstrations silent auction and an awards banquet. Proceeds from the event are used to support programs that include character education, bully prevention, drug and alcohol awareness and other activities encouraging academic and personal growth for children. Sponsorships are also available.

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Area students named 2009 Flinn scholars

Five students from Corona del Sol High School and one from Marcos de Niza are among recipients of this year's coveted Flinn Scholarships. Winners from Corona are Katherine Cai, Derek Huang, Vishal Maini, Smitha Ramakrishna and Molly Yang.

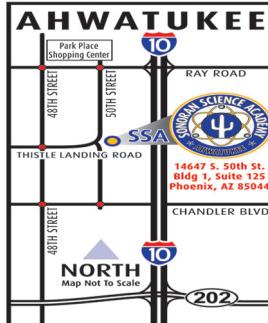
Lauren Johnson, a student at Marcos, also was honored. The Flinn Scholars program offers top Arizona high school graduates full-ride financial benefits to attend one of the state's public universities. More than 400 applications are received annually for the 20 scholarships that are awarded.

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Results of a nationwide emergency-department study by the healthcare survey firm Press Ganey showed the average total time spent by patients in U.S. emergency rooms is now four hours and five minutes.

Tempe St. Luke's Hospital, a division of IASIS Healthcare, was among the shortest times reported, with two hours and 15 minutes. Similar times were reported at St. Luke's Medical Center in Phoenix and Mountain Vista Medical Center in Mesa.

Arizona ranked 48th in the nation with an average length of stay of five hours and 15 minutes.

Walton

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government since third grade, visiting our nation's capital was almost surreal.

Walking in the city made of marble not only let me get a grasp the history of our country firsthand but gave me a better understanding of how government functions today.

The visit was part of the annual gathering of the Close-Up Academy, which I attended with three Corona del Sol classmates during the academy's March 15-20 session.

By choosing to participate in the Close-Up program, I not only had knowledgeable instructors to show us around the city, but also attended workshops, debates and a Capitol Hill simulation.

The amazing thing that Close-Up provided all of us was a chance to visit the offices of Arizona's contingent of U.S. senators and representatives on our designated Capitol Hill Day.

Impressions of 'the Hill'

When we set out on our Capitol Hill adventure, I never thought the "Hill" would operate the way it does: one meeting after another.

Our first meeting was with the staff in Sen. John McCain's office. In my excitement over the possibility of shaking hands with our state's senator and former presidential hopeful, I almost missed a chance to meet Mayor Phil Gordon of Phoenix, who was waiting behind us in the security line.

After talking with the mayor and thanking him for taking time to talk to us, we continued on to McCain's office.

Once there, a representative greeted us and explained how a Senate office functions. After answering our questions about working in a Senate office, she informed us that both Sens. McCain and Kyle had a previously scheduled meeting that morning with the mayors of Arizona, who also were visiting Washington.

Leaving the Russell Senate Building, the location of Sen. McCain's office, we headed to the Hart Senate Building for our meeting with Sen. Kyle's staff. There we met with two legislative aides who told us about the operations of Sen. Kyle's office. (Note: Senate offices differ from one another and can function altogether differently from each other.)

Rep. Harry Mitchell's office was more memorable than the senators' offices because of the personable

welcome we received from his office's employees. Unfortunately, due to the apparently characteristic chaos of Washington and our misjudged timing, we missed meeting with Mitchell by five minutes; he had just run off to the Capitol to vote.

Special memories

The meeting and tours of the offices of our public officials were interesting, but the history entrenched in the city is what makes it so special.

Walking around the Thomas Jefferson Memorial, watching my breath in cold air, I felt goose bumps—not from the frigid temperatures but from the history and sacrifice brought to mind by the memorial.

The Abraham Lincoln Memorial, along with the Korean Conflict and Vietnam War memorials on each side, were somber reminders of the sacrifice and triumph that the soldiers of our country gave to protect our freedoms.

The city of Washington, D.C., offers Americans, both young and old, the ability to experience democracy first hand. From viewing Senate and House votes from the gallery in the Capitol Building to visiting memorials and monuments, Washington, D.C., is a place where history and present converge to create a place of singular wonders.

I highly recommend that all high school students—for that matter, all Americans—take a trip to the nation's capital.

For its part, the Close-Up Academy offers great opportunities and learning experiences that will remain with me for a lifetime.

Now that No. 17 is accomplished, maybe I can focus my attention on the other components of my life's to-do list. I'm not sure which one I'll tackle next—maybe, on my 18th birthday, No. 22, skydiving.

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Film Fare . . .

'Adventureland' — quieter, gentler tone than its TV promotions imply?

Last week I turned 47 years old. One of the striking—and not very agreeable—phenomena I've observed as I trudge onward into my late 40s is that, all of a sudden, nostalgic coming-of-age period movies are being set in periods well after I had already reached adulthood.

Case in point is Greg Mottola's *Adventureland*, opening this weekend.

It's an unabashed summer-that-changed-everything story set in that fabled faraway era known as 1987, three years after I had graduated from college.

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Our hero James (Jessie Eisenberg), however, has just then graduated from college, to some bad news:

His parents (Jack Gilpin and Wendie Malick) break it to him that they're going through a rough time financially, and the summer James had planned to spend in Europe before grad school is out of the question. In fact, they're not so sure they'll even be able to manage grad school.

An English major, James has nary a marketable skill, so he spends the summer working the arcade games at Adventureland, a shabby amusement park outside Pittsburgh (much of the film was shot at Kennywood in West Mifflin, Penn.).

Faced with wretched pay and hours, vomit-prone kids, hustlers who try to cheat at the blatantly rigged games, and little more training than the instruction never to let anyone win a "giant-ass panda," he's understandably miserable at first.

But the place begins to grow on him, as he gets to know his coworkers better: Another trapped,

above-it-all intellectual college grad, the deadpan Joel (Martin Starr, a ringer for the young R. Crumb), the park's crazed managers, Bobby and Paulette (Bill Hader and Kristen Wiig), the park hottie Lisa P. (Margarita Levieva), and the maintenance guy and would-be rock star Connell (Ryan Reynolds, in excellent form), who loves to tell the story of the time he jammed with James' idol, Lou Reed.

The real attraction for James, however, is his extremely cute arcade colleague Em (Kristen Stewart).

Adventureland is being marketed as an old-school sex-drugs-rock-n'-roll youth comedy in the vein of *Meatballs* or *Porky's*. But while the film has plenty of laughs—some of them quite slapstick—it has a gentler tone than is suggested in the TV ads. Particularly in the second half, as James, and we, learn more of Em's backstory, writer-director Mottola, of *Superbad* and *The Daytrippers*, tries for more depth and poignancy.

On the whole, he attains it. Eisenberg hits just the right note as a good-hearted bourgeois kid who's sick with disappointment at his circumstances but also sheepishly aware that he has no real right to complain about them.

Stewart, fresh from her smash in *Twilight*, is completely believable as the sort of sad girl who doesn't realize what a gem she is until after a few guys have realized it first.

Better than these leads, though, are the supporting players, all of whom seem authentic. *Adventureland* isn't perfect—it goes on a bit too long, for one thing—but, with the help of some deeply obnoxious late-'80s pop on the soundtrack, it effortlessly nails the period and the setting, and it's full of memorable performances.

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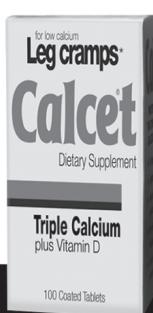
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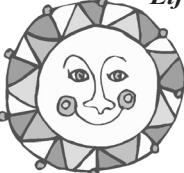
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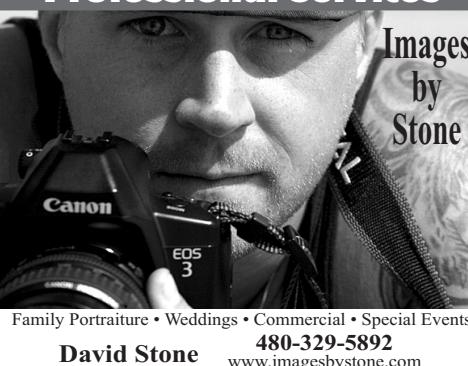
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Little League, lotta fun

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It was opening day for South Tempe Little League, and everywhere you looked, excitement reigned. Joining the fun, clockwise from left, were Scout Craig Sheldon, a member of the parade honor guard; four banner-wielding parade participants; Mets team member Kyle Mitchelson, 5; and Padres players (front, from left) Nick Noone, Matt Gonzalez, Alex Stoken and Sebastian Gongura. Story, Page 2.



Budget squeeze may cut textbooks from new class budgets

Despite concerns, review to continue through April 15

By Grant Walton

Proposed new textbooks for Corona del Sol, Marcos de Niza and other district high schools are now on display at offices of the Tempe Union High School District. The books will be available for review by the public for approximately two weeks.

On Wednesday, April 15, the school board will cast its vote for the recommended books during a public meeting.

"The list of 15 books up for approval are for new and current courses," said Dr. Cecilia Johnson, director of curriculum, instruction and assessment for the district.

The new courses available are Chinese and Calculus 3-4, according to Johnson. The current courses that have outdated textbooks are the ones receiving new books.

Even though the board may vote approval, Johnson noted, there is no guarantee books will arrive in time to be placed in district classrooms next year.

With decreases in next year's school-district budget new books might be only a nice idea.

"Due to our recent budget problems and cuts, if we do not have the money, the approval will not matter," Johnson said.

"The new courses will still be offered because, unfortunately, textbooks are considered supplementary material in classrooms," she said.

But, she added: "Without textbooks it is very difficult to teach."

Authentic cuisine, import items featured at Greek foodfest

Not everyone can get to Greece, but Kyrene Corridor residents can enjoy the next best thing: A visit to the Taste of Greece Greek Food festival May 1-3 at Tempe Town Lake.

The annual event features authentic Greek food, music, dance performances and carnival rides for the kids. Favorite Greek cuisine will include fresh lamb (roasted over an open flame), gyros, kalamari, souvlaki, spanakopita, pastitsio, Athenian chicken and saganaki.

Popular Greek pastries, including baklava, also will be available, along with Greek and other beers and wines, and other beverages.

Greek imports and Greek-themed merchandise will also be available.

The event will be held 11 a.m.-11 p.m., Friday, May 1, and Saturday, May 2. Hours on Sunday, May 3, are 11 to 7.

Admission price is \$2, senior citizens \$1; children under 12 free.

April 9 fashion show to help fund supplies for Darfur relief

The Corona del Sol chapter of STAND, Students Taking Action Now: Darfur, will host a fashion show at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 9, in the school auditorium.

Admission to the show, "Strut4STAND," is \$4 in advance, \$5 at the door. Students, parents and members of the community have been invited.

"We are hoping to raise a lot of money at this event and to spread awareness of the genocide that is going on in Darfur," said STAND President Melissa Garcia.

Show proceeds will be donated to Jewish World Watch, which purchases solar cookers and distributes them to the villages so that women and children do not have to leave the camp to search for firewood,

which is when predators can attack and rape them.

The clothing featured will be on loan from stores in the east Valley, including Arizona Evening & Pageant Wear, Windsor, Anchor Blue, David's Bridal and Men's Warehouse.

Brandy Walker, CdS English teacher and STAND sponsor, said the group is working with the stores to put together outfits that will "wow the audience."

The show will feature casual and formal wear, a student DJ, guests from the AZ Lost Boys Center and tables where guests can purchase desserts, STAND club merchandise and solar cookers.

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