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## NEWS

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a little bit smaller.***

### **School's out**

**Graduation Day is just around the corner for seniors at Corona del Sol High School, which celebrates rites of passage for its Class of 2009 at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 21. Grads include, clockwise from top, Student Body President Jake Yocham; Blair Mills; Lisa Wontor; Grant Walton; Amy Davis; Valedictorian Garrett Dunn; and Rianna Mergens.**

***Photo by David Stone / Wrangler News***



## For Chandler, a historic moment

City councilman Rick Heumann, left, a West Chandler resident, joined fellow Chandler council members Trinity Donovan and Bob Caccamo at groundbreaking ceremonies for Chandler City Hall. About 250 well-wishers attended the event. Municipal offices will be built on the northeast corner of Chicago and Arizona avenues. Completion is expected by the end of 2010, when lease for current office space expires. New complex is designed to be an energy-efficient building, including high efficiency HVAC systems, effective use of day lighting, use of low-emitting adhesive sealants and paints, and water efficiency plans. Buildings will be constructed adjacent to street edges to create a better pedestrian experience along Arizona Avenue and Washington Street, at the same time creating a plaza for civic functions in the center of the complex.

— City of Chandler Public Information Office photo

## Relief seen despite concerns over more Kyrene district layoffs

By Grant Walton

Economic conditions continue to worry Kyrene School District planners, but at least one glimmer of hope has buoyed their optimism.

**Dr. David Schauer** addressed parents and community groups at a pair of meetings, May 6 and 11, on budget issues that possibly will face the district in the 2009-10 school year.

“We are losing state funding because the money is just not there. Arizona is a tourist and retirement state that suffers from low property taxes. As a result of this, it is often viewed that schools get the short end of the stick. Education is 43 percent of the state budget, yet it seems like we still need more money,” Schauer said.

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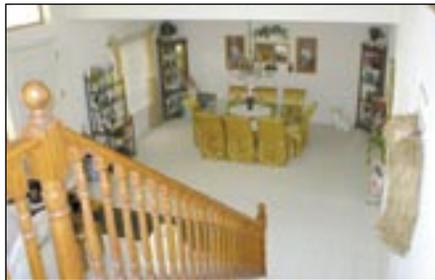
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Wrangler News' Tracy Doren with ex-motorcycle cop and teacher extraordinaire Larry Williams.  
— Photo by Ron Milanovic

**Kyrene Corridor** *News & Notes* with Tracy Doren

***Making motorcycle aficionados,  
one memorable ride at a time***

Arizona in the spring...the perfect time to enjoy an outdoor adventure, before those triple-digit days inevitably would roll in. It was mid-April, and I was fortunate to be able to enjoy my first-ever Harley-Davidson ride in balmy, high-70s temperatures.

*Zoom, zoom.*

My foray into the world of Harleys had been carefully orchestrated by **Ron Milanovic**, marketing director for the Chandler Harley-Davidson motorcycle store.

It seems part of his marketing strategy is to convert the common people to Harley aficionados, one ride at a time.

I was entrusted to the care and expertise of **Larry Williams**, a retired police-motorcycle officer. Larry has embarked on his second career as Harley mechanic and tour-guide extraordinaire.

In the days leading up to the experience, my logical mind had been a little (actually, a lot) nervous about the impending ride. After all, sitting inches from a total stranger, on the back of

a powerful machine with nothing but air between me and the pavement, was more than a little intimidating.

After a few deep-cleansing breaths, I gracelessly hopped on the back. However, behind a veteran motor cop, my fears were quick to subside.

I was leaning back, humming the Bob Seger tune "Roll Me Away", feeling relaxed and ready when I was jolted back into my fear-filled reality as my tour organizer, Milanovic, handed me my camera and told me to take pictures along the way. Did he really think I was going to peel my white knuckles off those handles that were so conveniently placed beside my quivering legs?

Suddenly the bike came to life with the expected roar of the Harley engine. I was ready. There was no choice at this point; off we went with no particular destination in mind. I took a deep breath and made up my mind to enjoy the ride.

We pulled out of the dealership parking lot and the film of sweat on

# 'One-stop' workshop targets neighborhood economic concerns

## May 16 session focuses on navigating through foreclosure

By Jeremy Banks

West Chandler residents impacted by neighborhood economic issues now have a place to receive answers to their questions.

The conference "Swimming Upstream: Navigating the Current Economic Conditions" will give residents an opportunity to cover all the bases. They can share and receive information regarding surviving and creating successful strategies in difficult economic situations.

The conference will take place Saturday, May 16, at the Sunbird Golf Resort in Chandler. Registration is from 8-9 a.m. There is a \$25 fee, however registration is free for neighborhood leaders of registered Chandler communities.

**Cynthia Dunham**, executive director of the Leadership Centre, has spearheaded the conference. She said the session will help residents understand issues which are taking place in their communities.

"It is a session about foreclosure (for) homeowners and residents of the neighborhoods," she said.

There will be a panel covering all aspects of the issue. She said the members of the panel will explain and assist in finding ways to navigate challenging economic conditions.

Dunham said the information is particularly

valuable for residents who have questions which need to be answered.

"Where do you get resources? Where's the money?" Dunham said. "Are there loans available? Are there grants available?"

Dunham said the conference will help those who attend with reassessing their budget and making income stretch over a longer period of time.

Attendees will also be able to share information and interact. Dunham said good information is found in that type of setting.

"In this day and age we're looking for all possibilities, and it's interesting the ideas that people actually discover and bring to the surface," she said.

"Part of what this conference does is bring people together so they can learn from each other and learn from the people that will be doing the presentation."

Members of the panel will cover a wide range of issues. There is a CEO of a corporation, who Dunham said will provide insight on budgeting.

"He's very well-versed on how to re-do your budget and get the most out of it," she said.

Dunham noted that she believes the conference will have "something for everyone."

"There's a wide perspective, so hopefully there's something that people can pull out of that that would apply to their particular situation," she said.

This is the sixth year for the conference.

However, she noted, the topics are never the same.

"Each year is a different topic," Dunham said.

"What the needs of the people are. That determines

what (the topic) is that we address."

With the state of the economy at the forefront, this year's topic was an obvious choice, according to Dunham. There is also information regarding legislation that affects the community.

Dunham said education about the issues gives residents a chance to determine their stance on any that may relate to them.

"Some things you agree with, some things you don't. But you have to know what's coming down the pike so you'll know whether you would like to get in and support or oppose it," Dunham said.

Dunham said there are things residents can expect at the conference.

"Direction and ideas are hopefully things that they can find useful in their situation, depending on what that is," she said.

Dunham said signs of economic troubles have not been difficult to find. She hopes the conference will give residents a way to steer clear of pitfalls. She said the conference will help provide residents with options and useful tips.

"I think they (can expect) something they can use. I don't know anyone who isn't impacted by the current financial situation," she said.

"Home values are upside down because you have so many foreclosures, and that's affecting your property value. There are foreclosures on my street in my neighborhood. That impacts neighborhoods. That impacts home values. Everybody has been impacted by the economic situation."



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— Sherrie Courtney, Authenticity Fine Art Photography

## Babies by the dozen(s) Hospital delivers a bumper crop

By M.V. Moorhead

A startling outbreak has been observed recently at Chandler Regional Medical Center. More than 20 members of the staff in one department have developed into full-blown cases, and at least nine more are showing early symptoms.

Fortunately, the department in question—Maternal Child Health—is especially well-equipped to deal with this particular epidemic: It's a hot zone of babies.

Noticing that 19 of the department's 86 RNs have had babies between the last day of April of last year and May 1 of this year, the hospital decided to get them together, Moms and offspring alike, for a photo in observance of Mother's Day.

But the population mini-explosion doesn't stop there—also included are five doctors, one with a set of twins, for a grand total of 24 grown-ups and

25 little ones, *plus*, nine more staffers that are currently, as the old-fashioned euphemism puts it, "in a family way."

No way around it, that's a lot of being fruitful and multiplying.

Chandler Regional marketing manager **Julie Graham** doesn't know whether it's an indication that the baby business is booming in general in the Kyrene Corridor.

"Somebody said it seems like everybody's pregnant," Graham reported.

"When we added up everybody who had babies, it really seemed like a lot."

It's no surprise that procreation would thrive in Maternal Child Health, however. Graham notes that the department encourages breast-feeding in a "nursing nook" at work, and provides a breast-pump supply cubby area and a fridge for breast milk, not to mention a baby bulletin board.

"We really are mother and family-friendly."



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## Movie theater environment helps calm autistic kids' behavior 'Sensory friendly' showings ease parents' stress, too

By M.V. Moorhead

Going to the movies with the family is a part of childhood, and of parenting, that many people take for granted.

But for families with autistic children, it isn't easy. Kids with the disability may behave in ways that disturb other audience members, and they may also suffer from sensitivities to light or noise that can make moviegoing an upsetting experience for them.

AMC Theatres and the Autism Society of America have come up with an answer to both challenges. The multiplex chain's new "Sensory Friendly Films" program, developed in partnership with ASA, offers monthly showings of family-friendly movies with a few adjustments for the sake of autistic kids.

The house lights are left up slightly, the sound is slightly lowered, and the chain's "Silence is Golden" rule is suspended, allowing kids to vocalize, and to walk or dance in the aisles.

According to ASA spokesperson **Carin Yavorcik**, the program was conceived in November 2007, when a woman in Columbia, Md., took her autistic daughter to see the movie version of the musical *Hairspray*.

"She loved it, and she got up and sang in the aisles. She just reacted with such joy," says Yavorcik. "But people complained, and the manager had to ask them to leave. So she approached the manager of her local AMC and asked if he could set up a screening."

The idea caught on, and in August 2008 the program

debuted officially, with a showing of *Star Wars: The Clone Wars*, in 10 of AMC's markets, including the Valley.

It's now in more than 30 markets. The movies here are shown at 10 a.m. one Saturday morning a month, at AMC Mesa Grand for east Valley families, and AMC Deer Valley for westside folks.

In choosing movies for the series, AMC's **Cindy Huffstickler** says:

"We look at family-oriented films, not necessarily animated, but a G- or PG-rated film. It isn't always on the same Saturday of the month; they're scheduled according to the release date of the movie."

Thus, *Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian*, is scheduled Saturday, May 23.

So far, the program has been a success. "People have written us to tell us that this was the first time their family was able to go out in a non-stressful environment," says Yavorcik.

AMC and ASA plan a yet deeper association, however.

Yavorcik notes that 76 percent of teenagers over 16 with autism have never even looked for a job. Given the difficulties of their condition, this is understandable, but to remedy this, says Yavorcik, "As part of our partnership, AMC is doing a workforce program to hire people with autism.

"It's in its early stages; we're just starting to plan it. But we're very excited."

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"Teachers get a lot of mugs and magnets," said **Leslie Walston**, owner of the Tempe bakery. "We thought it would be fun to create a gift that includes a customized A+ Report Card/coupon for a child to fill out and give with treats in thanks for a great school year. We have off-the-shelf, ready-to-go gifts and customizable gift ideas that are super fresh, yummy and unique."



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# Doren

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my hands made holding on slightly precarious, but as we headed south I was immediately converted. The ride was as smooth as any luxury car I had ever been in. I was able to enjoy the company of my guide as he told me how he ended up in Arizona after a cross-country ride following retirement. I was even so bold as to take a few pictures along the way.

Ask anyone who knows me: I have not been a big proponent of motorcycles in general, but I could feel my opinion morphing. It may sound cliché, but the wind in my hair, the perfect temperature, the sunny day, brought me back to my younger years when I spent time cruising the winding Minnesota byways in my ragtop MGB.

I now see how the Harley mystique can become

addictive. The feeling of freedom, even from the back seat, was enough to put any fears I had to rest. My next thought was: If I like the scene from the back, I'll bet I'd love it from the front. As we pulled back into the dealership's parking lot after a much-too-short tour of the east Valley, I was a convert. It seems Ron Milanovic's grass roots marketing strategy was working.

Maybe a few more adventures from the back seat are in order before I make an investment, but I know I'll welcome my next opportunity to enjoy the open road.

Coincidentally, for women who have already become masters of the open road, there's a women's-only ride on May 16. It is a free scenic trip that includes lunch and prizes leaving Chandler Harley-Davidson at 10 a.m.

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Reflections of a memorable first motorcycle tour by Tracy Doren are captured the rearview mirror of Larry Williams' Harley.

— Wrangler News photo

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The annual Chandler Small Business Development Workshop will run from 7 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in Chandler City Council Chambers, second floor of the downtown library, 22 S. Delaware.

The program covers a variety topics for business owners, including legal issues, implementing green practices, obtaining financing, finding new clients, using new

technologies for cost-effective marketing, and utilizing city of Chandler and Chandler Chamber resources effectively.

Following the workshop, the city's Purchasing Division will host an East Valley Procurement Fair offering strategies on how to compete for government-agency contracts. That portion of the program, which will be held in rooms 110 and 111 of the neighboring Chandler Community Center, will end at 3:30 p.m.

The workshop and fair are free, and lunch will be provided. However, because space is limited, participants must register by Friday, May 22, to reserve a space.

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# Valley Christian group among nation's best in robotics finals

By Grant Walton

Four Valley Christian High School teens have returned home after their team, "Valley X," competed in an international robotics championship in Atlanta.

Juniors **Andrew Ruth**, **Michael Farris** and **Nathan LeDeaux**, along with freshman **Matthew Rainey**, placed in the top 11 among 100 teams in the FIRST—For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology—2009 World Championship.

FIRST runs programs for elementary and middle school students as well as for high school scholars. The primary-education teams compete in the Lego division, while the high school groups face off in robotics competition or tech challenge.

The challenge consists of a combination of an obstacle course and game competition, in which teams have to navigate their robots through a difficult course of obstacles and pick up pucks and place them in a goal. By completing these tasks within an allotted time, the teams earn one to five points for each puck.

"I think it was challenging but not impossible," Ruth said. "It allowed a variety of ways to play, and every team had their own strategy for playing the game."

Four teams competed in each game. Teams were split into two groups, with the emphasis on learning to work with others.

"It was pretty easy to work together because of gracious professionalism, which is a big part of the FIRST program," Ruth said.

"At the competition, we would discuss who could do different tasks better, and then we would work together to play the game and accomplish our goals."

The FIRST competition draws students and parents from all around the U.S. and several countries around the world.

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*'It is really enjoyable being able to build something and have it actually work.'*

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## Robotics

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"The scale of it (the competition) was what made it memorable," Ruth said. "There were so many people there interested in math and science and having fun with it."

The team did not just sign up online and hop on a plane; the participants' journey to Atlanta was long and tedious.

Team member Farris' grandfather was a mentor to a school team for many years before his retirement. So the Farris family introduced the boys to the FIRST program.

Although it is a school club and holds meeting at the school, the team members do not have anyone from the school working with them.

"I like math and science, and it seemed like an interesting and fun thing to do," Ruth said.

"I really enjoy it, and I have definitely learned a lot more about programming, robotics and mechanical engineering."

Competitors registered with FIRST and then waited for their official robot parts to arrive. Once the pieces were

delivered, the students built their entry and practiced for the regional competition earlier this year at Carl Hayden High School, where they won the Inspire Award that also qualified them for the World Championship.

"It is really enjoyable being able to build something and have it actually work," Ruth said.

"I encourage other kids to get involved."

Although earning an 11 finish at this year's competition is something to be proud of, Valley X's members say they're not satisfied and already are looking forward to next year.

"We're planning on getting more people to join. Since most of the team will be graduating after next year, we will be training new people so that they can lead after some of us are gone," Ruth said.

"We learn about next year's game in September; then we have to design a prototype and build our new robot. We are also hoping to visit other schools and introduce them to the FIRST program."

Others seeking to get involved should visit [www.usfirst.org](http://www.usfirst.org).

## Church to host summer music camp

Arizona Community Church will be the site of a summer music camp for children ages 11 to 14. The week-long, half-day intensive workshops are designed for violin, viola, cello and bass students from throughout the Valley.

Students with at least one year of string instruction and the ability to read music will get a chance to play and have fun learning music with their peers. Public school, charter school and home-schooled students who fulfill the requirements are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Tuition is \$150, \$175 after June 10. The program, sponsored by East Valley

String Workshop, allows students to participate daily in technique classes for their instrument.

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# Off-season workouts becoming more popular . . . and more important No vacation from training for motivated young athletes

By Alex Zener

A large part of high school athletics is staying in shape during the off season. For many athletes, off-season and often year-round training can be the difference between playing and not playing on their high school team and getting the chance for an athletic scholarship after high school.

Expectations are high, but what type of off-season training should a high school athlete and his or her parents consider during these upcoming summer months?

Most high school and college coaches acknowledge that off-season work is important to an athlete's development and success in almost any sport. What they will not agree on is exactly what a high school athlete should do during this off season.

Coaches differ in their philosophies on cross-training versus specific skill training. Some coaches think that playing other sports or doing other conditioning activities is good because it keeps a young athlete from burning out in one sport and helps an athlete remain active and happy.

"I like to see my wrestlers go out for another sport," said state championship wrestling coach **Dave Vibber**. "Sometimes I think it's good to take a break from wrestling while continuing to work hard by changing gears with another sport. It keeps them fresh."

Some other coaches feel that it is too risky to allow their athletes to play other sports. The main concern is always the risk of injury. Most high school coaches do limit other activities for their players during their own competitive high school season but off-season activities are often left up to the athlete and his or her parents.

Other coaches count on advanced skill development during the off season.

## Coach: Off season training can make a 'world of difference'

"I can really tell which one of my golfers has played in tournaments and taken private lessons in the off season," said Central region girls golf coach of the year **Pat Reed**. "It makes a world of difference getting that kind of experience, which is often not possible during our regular season."

Many of Corona's sports programs offer organized summer workouts that focus on improving the conditioning and strength of their athletes, such as weightlifting and aerobic or endurance activities. Strength training and lifting weights during the summer months has almost become a given for high school athletes who want to be competitive.

"We want all our guys to lift and gain strength during the off season," said Corona basketball coach **Sam Duane Jr.** "It really is a must to be able to compete in the region that we are in."

"The game of basketball has gotten much quicker and more physical at the high school level because players participate in strength training programs," said **Duane**. "I believe that any time you have a player working out to increase their strength and speed, it's a good thing."

Corona offers supervised weightlifting and strength training over the summer for the motivated

high school athlete who wants to improve his or her core strength.

"We have coaches that work with our kids in our state-of-the art weight room right here at Corona," said coach Vibber. "It's an awesome facility."

Several affordable classes are also offered through the city of Tempe Recreation Department at the local Tempe Union high schools. One is the Boys Summer Weightlifting Program that concludes with a Power Lifting meet; another is the Girls Aztec Conditioning Program held at Corona.

Other athletes choose private training facilities in an attempt to gain an edge on the competition once the regular sport season starts.

"I trained at a local private Tempe training facility called Fast Athlete about two times a week three months prior to this baseball season," said Corona baseball player **Ryan Moore**. "I loved the training and I definitely saw improvement in my game and my speed when the season started."

## Personal guidance helps, but not always cheap

The Kyrene Corridor has several private training facilities and options available for high school athletes. They range anywhere from private personal trainers to physical therapists who offer strength and speed training within their office complex to specific skill boot camps to complete facilities just dedicated to an athlete's strength and speed enhancement.

The workout programs could include any combination of the following: weight training, aerobic or endurance activities, plyometric or jump-training activities, swimming pool workouts, bounding, agility and movement training.

Parents should realize, though, that private training is not always cheap, although summer discounts can be available. Parents and their athletes should ask questions and decide on a program that is specific to their child's needs and their budget. There is no such thing as a "one-size-fits-all" type of training program for high school athletes. You need to choose the one that is best for your age and physical development.

## Private training can add flexibility, confidence

"I don't mind my football players being involved in private training facilities as long as they never miss a Corona workout or a passing league game," said Corona football coach **Gary Ventura**. "The ones who do it all seem to be more flexible, and that's the part I like. It also keeps them busy and involved."

"Players who are stronger become more confident in their skills, whether that player is in a private program or right here in Corona's weight room," said **Duane**. "It comes down to how motivated that player is and what kind of work ethic he (or she) has."

Other coaches use this off season to offer camps or other activities to help their team bond and get a feel for the athletes new to their program. The city of Tempe offers high school basketball leagues where Corona usually has teams at all three levels in both girls and boys basketball programs. Current and future players are encouraged to participate.

Check out the listing in Tempe's Summer Recreation brochure at [http://www.tempe.gov/brochure/Brochure Archives/Summer 2009](http://www.tempe.gov/brochure/Brochure%20Archives/Summer%2009).

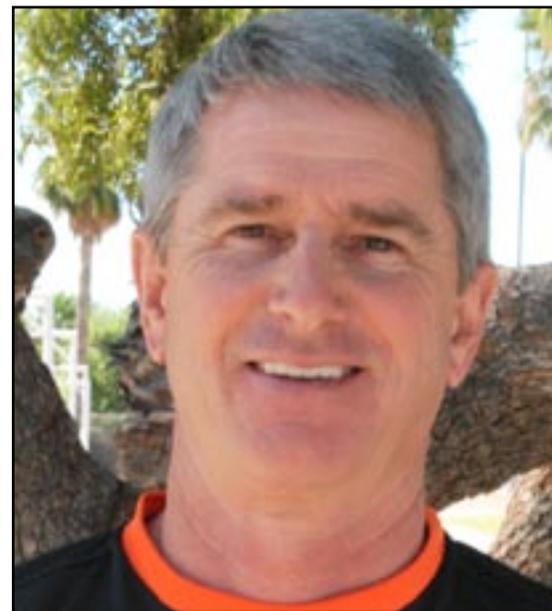
Other Corona athletes choose to play club sports to further develop their skills and knowledge of the game. It is almost mandatory for serious girls volleyball players, for instance, to play club in order to be competitive at the high school and college level. Soccer is another sport where both boys and girls tend to almost play year round. There is even an option for guys who really love wrestling.

"The Freestyle/Greco-Roman wrestling season starts up right after our high school season," said coach **Vibber**.

"A few of our wrestlers also train at ASU with the Sunkist Kids Wrestling program. The competition takes place throughout the spring and most of the summer in both of these programs."

Regardless of the means to an end, the concept of an athlete's off season is simple. Work hard while in season but work differently off season to improve your athletic performance—mentally and physically.

## 'Everyday Hero'



Corona del Sol High School coach **David Vibber** is among nominees for this year's Everyday Heroes award sponsored by Cox Communications and the Arizona Interscholastic Association.

Vibber has been the head varsity wrestling coach, head freshman football coach and varsity boys and girls track coach at the school for 30 years.

He also volunteers for numerous community organizations.

Vibber announced his retirement plans earlier this year.

A May 23 awards ceremony, honoring high school students and faculty who exhibit extraordinary character on and off the field, will be broadcast live on Cox7.

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"I feel like relief is on the horizon, however. The federal government and the new (Obama) administration are putting a bigger focus on education, which should help in the next few years." Expecting anywhere from a \$6.4 million to \$13 million decrease, the district is preparing for budget cuts as well as how they plan on handling any such shortfalls.

"The last thing I want to do is lay off teachers," said Schauer. He cautioned, however:

"Since 88 percent of our budget is teacher salaries, it is hard not to decrease them. Unfortunately we have had to lay 68 teachers off."

With an estimated enrollment decline and budget shrinkage coming from the state legislature, the district has mapped plans for certain situations. The preparation of these numerous plans is because the state legislature has yet to release their budget for education.

"What makes this difficult is the state has not given us our budget variables," said **Karin Smith**, the district's director of business services.

"Until we receive our actual numbers, this is all just speculation."

The district and the state's schools are funded in many different and complicated ways, she said. The biggest area is from property taxes and state equalization funding. Additionally, Kyrene has overrides and bonds that are voted on during elections. Along with these

numerous funding sources come laws on how the money can be spent. "One thing I do not think a lot of parents understand is the regulations (involving) school money," Smith said.

"We have to follow state laws and rules on which money can be spent where. This is why some things can possibly be over funded and others are under-funded."

Meanwhile, Smith noted, expenses are going up while enrollment in the district schools goes down.

Maintenance and Operations (M&O) money is being cut from the state budget. Prop. 301 funding is being reduced by 38 percent due to sales tax declines, and the cost of utilities is going up.

These factors all make the budget feel tighter and tighter, she said.

With the district facing hard financial times, the superintendent said he still feels like the Kyrene District

remains a very good district.

"Even though our budget is getting smaller, I want to assure parents that the quality of education their child is receiving is not (being reduced)," Schauer said.

"Our training and support programs allow us to keep highly qualified teachers in the classrooms."

The responsibility has seemed to fall to parents and community members who want to see change. The district encourages parents and community members to visit the district website, [www.kyrene.org](http://www.kyrene.org), for more information and to get involved. Questions, comments and suggestions are welcome.

"Parents need to call their representatives, vote for more money to go to schools and to put pressure upon the decision makers," Schauer said.

"We ask for all the support we can get and hope someone listens."

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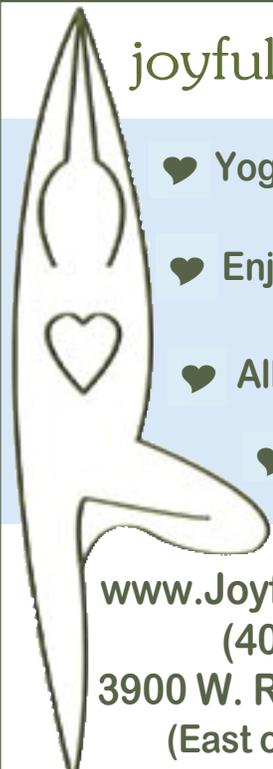


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## Sports Notebook . . . with Alex Zener

# Work ethic pays off for Aztecs' run at 5AI track finals

Corona's track and field team has made great strides this season in revamping its program with a second place finish for both the boys and girls team in the Central region

meet held May 5 and 7 at Desert Vista High School.

The Aztecs' work ethic is starting to pay off just in time for the state 5AI meet scheduled May 13 and 16 collecting several first and second places finishes.



The Aztec boys 4 x 800 relay team of **Wade Hooke, Matt Whitlatch, Michael Seall** and **Garrett Baker-Slama** finished in first place at 8:14:95.

Corona's girls 4 x 800 relay team of **Morgan Doerwieler, Katie Huch, Kristin Stroble,** and **Dani LeMieux** placed second at 10:07.95.

Corona had several other first place finishes including the boys 110 meter hurdles, both boys and girls 1600-meter run, and both boys and girls 3200-meter run in the track events.

**Kyle Benson** crossed the finish line first in the 110-meter hurdles at 14.50 and **Nick Seifker** was third at 15.01.

**Danica Ganje** continued her domination in the 1600 meter run crossing the finish line almost six seconds before the next competitor with a time of 5:22.93. For the boys team in the 1600 meter run, Corona's **Whitlatch** was first at 4:23.48 and right behind Matt in second place was teammate **Baker-Slama**.

Corona's long distance leaders **Whitlatch** and **Ganje** did not disappoint in the 3200 meter run either with both placing first. **Whitlatch's** time was 9:48.02 and **Ganje's** time was 11:31.58. Several other Aztec runners placed in the 3200-meter run including **Daniel Wrapp** who placed sixth for the boys

team and **Christina Freeman** placed fifth for the girls team.

Corona had several other athletes finish strong in the Central region meet including **Megan Benson** who took second in the girls 100 meter hurdles while team mate **Sydney LeMieux** was third.

The boys 4 x 100 relay team of **Kyle Benson, Michael Lange, Austin Crothers** and **Brendan Tunstall** crossed the finish line in second place. The girls 4 x 100 relay team of **Taylor Johnson, Megan Benson, Kristen Mahler** and **Precious Woods** was third.

In the 800 meter run, **Morgan Dorweiler** was fourth, **Katie Huch** seventh, and **Kristian Stroble** was 10th for the girls team and **Whitlatch** was third, **Baker-Slama** sixth and **Michael Seale** was eighth for the boys team.

**Tunstall** was fourth in the boys 100-meter dash and **Lange** was seventh. On the girls team, **Ashu** was fourth and **Taylor Johnson** fifth in

the 100-meter dash.

**William Johnson** was fourth, **Nicholas Woods**, sixth and **Katani Best** seventh in the boys 400 meter run and **Sydney Buck** placed fifth in the girls 400-meter.

**Megan Benson** placed fourth in the girls 300 meter hurdles and **Sydney LeMieux** was fifth. **Tunstall** was fourth in the boys 200-meter dash.

Corona athletes were also competitive in the field events taking first place in the boys triple jump and the girls discus throw and several second and third-place finishes.

**Austin Malm** jumped 44-07.25 to take first in the boys triple jump, **Todd Lewis** was fourth, **Ian Casper** tenth and **Jake Buntrock** was 12th for the Aztecs. **Briana Viafale** threw the discus 118-04.50 for a first place finish outdistancing the next closest throw of 115-01. Corona's **Samantha Kirgis** was sixth and **Alexa Hay** was tenth.

**Viafale** earned more points for Corona's girls team by taking second

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place in the shot put throwing it 34-00.50 while team mates **Valerie Hackett** and **Kaylyn McGowan** took eighth and ninth place respectively. **Malm** took second in the boys

high jump skimming over the bar at 6-02. **Seifker** was third and **George Bafaloukus** was seventh. **Mike Swindle** tied for second in the boys pole vault clearing 13-07.00. **Alyssa**

**Woelfel** and **Lindsey Kitchens** tied for fifth place for Corona's girl team in the pole vault.

**Tunstall** jumped 21-02.25 to take third in the boys long jump. **Malm** took fifth, **Lewis** was seventh and **Kyle Benson** eighth. On the girls team, **Lianne Kline** was fifth with a 15-03 jump while team mates **Kaylin Villocino** was 10 and **Kylie Thomsen** was 12th.

In the girls triple jump freshman **Kline** also had a good showing coming in fifth jumping 31-04.50 while **Lauren Milovich** was sixth, **Kylie Thomsen** eighth and **Alyssa Ramsland** was ninth for the Corona girls team.

Having already qualified for state, **Mike Stahl** took fourth place in both the boys discus throw and shot put. **Stahl** threw the discus 133-07 just ahead of Aztec **Todd Peat** who threw it 133-06. **Kyle Winstead** came in eighth and **JP Dyament** 11th for Corona's boys team.

**Stahl** putted the shot 49-07 once again just longer than another Corona team mate, **Dyament** whose put measured 47-06. **Winstead** was seventh and **Peat** finished eighth for the Aztecs.

Corona's track program will finish the season competing in the state 5AI

meet held May 13 and scheduled to continue May 16 at Chandler high school track starting at 4:30. Corona will be represented by a number of athletes in the state meet with seedings going to the top 10 in each event although up to 24 athletes usually compete.

Corona boys 4 X 800 relay team is the No. 6 seed, **Whitlatch** is No. 4 and **Baker-Slama** No. 8 in the boys 1600 meter run. **Ganje** is seeded No. 8 in the girls 1600 meter run.

Both the boys and the girls 4 X 100 relay teams are seeded No. 6.

In the 800 meter run, **Whitlatch** is the No. 7 boys seed while **Dorweiler** is No. 9. **Whitlatch** is also running in the boys 3200 meter run seeded No. 5 while **Ganje** is the No. 4 seed in the girls 3200.

Corona will also be represented in the top ten seedings in the field events. **Malm** is the No. 4 seed in the boys high jump and the No. 5 seed in the triple jump. **Swindle** is No. 6 in the boys pole vault while **Stahl** is the No. 7 seed in the boys shot put.

**Viafale** is the girls team only top ten seed coming in as the No. 2 seed in the state discus throw.

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# Notebook

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## Boys Volleyball

The Aztec boys volleyball team was attempting to fulfill their motto of "ascent" this spring but fell one game short of making it into the state 4A-5A tournament for the tenth straight year.

The Aztecs have always played in a notoriously strong boys volleyball region but still made it to the state tournament every year where their highest finish was runner up to Mountain Pointe in 2000. Even though, this situation is a hard one for the players and coach to take.

The Aztecs finished ranked 17th overall and only the top 16 go to the state tournament.

"It is a tough situation to know that had we won one more game or had one of our opponents won a few more games, we would have made it the state

tournament," said head coach **Brynne Evans**.

"Now we know what it feels like to miss the cutoff and we don't want to find ourselves in the same situation next year at the end of the season."

Next season the team should return 10 varsity players but will be without the skill set and experience of seniors **Steven Law, Tyler Liss, Brandon Lake, Alex Deem** and **Tres Kwilosz**.

Team awards have already been determined with **Tyler Liss** being voted by his teammates as the most inspirational and the one they would choose to represent the team and be a good role model. **Liss** received the coveted Joe Selleh award.

The most improved player on the team was junior **Josh von Allworden**.

"Josh has a natural athleticism that he has demonstrated on Corona's football and boys soccer team which made it easy for him to catch on to volleyball quickly and easily," said coach Evans.

"He progressed rapidly from newcomer to starter."

**Steven Law** was voted MVP this season by the team.

"Our MVP, Steven Law, was someone who performed every time he stepped foot on the court," said coach Evans.

"He was a reliable, diligent and confident player."

Law was also voted to the Tempe All-City team.

"Stephen Law was our workhorse and other teams could see that," said coach Evans.

"Even with that added pressure, Steven faced the challenge every time and succeeded."

Next season, the Aztecs overall performance needs to be better to secure a spot in the state 5A-4A state tournament.

"We have learned a lot about ourselves this season," said coach Evans.

"We had many people step up and play positions that they were not very familiar with, which helped us to end up 17 overall with a 9-8 season record. I am very proud of how far they have come."



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# State-finals loss doesn't tarnish a memorable season

## Tennis Coach Wanta celebrates first 5A final tournament match of career

By Alex Zener

It wasn't until the last game of the last match of the 5A-I Arizona team tennis championship tournament that the Corona boys tennis team learned whether they would be crowned the state champions or they would suffer the agony of defeat.

It turns out that winning the runner-up team trophy was an awesome achievement for a program that made it to its first-ever 5A final tournament match in all of head coach **Rick Wanta's** years of coaching tennis at Corona.

"We had an exciting but heartbreaking state finals match against Brophy," said coach Wanta. "But we finished the season 18-1, Corona's best record in the 21 years I've been coaching at Corona."

The Aztecs lost to the Brophy Mustangs 4-5 April 28 in the finals of the state tournament. The score was 2-4 at the end of the singles matches, and Corona needed to win all three doubles matches to be crowned the champions.

**Garret Dunn**, Corona's No. 1 singles player, defeated Eric Chalmers 7-5, 6-3. No. 2 Corona singles player **Alex Lawson** defeated Lorenz Laurel in a tough three-setter, 7-6, 4-6 and 6-3.

The No. 3 and No. 4 singles matches were very closely contested. No. 3 Aztec singles player **Kyle Ogren** battled back to take the second set 6-7 in

a tie-breaker after losing the first set 6-3. Bronco's Chris Salvatore then rallied to win the match on a 6-2 third set.

**Daniel Larsson**, Corona's No. 4 player, was defeated in another hard-fought three-set match by Brophy's Michael O'Connor 6-2, 4-6, 7-5.

The last two singles matches Brophy won in two sets each. No. 5 Bronco player Chris Lefky defeated **Ben Duong** 6-3, 6-1 while Corona's No. 6 player **David Choi** lost a closer match to Ben Berdych 7-6, 6-3.

The Aztecs championship hopes were kept alive in the first two doubles matches when the No. 1 doubles team of **Dunn** and **Ogren** defeated Brophy Chalmers and Salvatore 10-5. Then Corona's No. 2 doubles team, **Lawson** and **Duong** beat Laurel and O'Connor 10-6.

It came down to the final doubles match where the Aztecs' first championship trophy rested on the rackets of the No. 3 doubles players. Corona's team of **Choi** and **Larsson** fought hard but unfortunately were defeated 10-7 by Lefky and Berdych.

It was Brophy's 20th time to advance to the team finals and the first time for Corona's boys tennis team.

"Although we were all really disappointed, I'm very proud of our team," said Wanta. "The boys will always have the state runner-up banner in Corona's gym to remind them of their great accomplishment."

In their run to the finals the Aztecs did not lose a singles match, thus they never had to play a double

match until the finals against Brophy. Corona easily defeated No. 16-seeded Chandler 5-0 in the first round and then No. 8-seeded Hamilton 5-0 in the second round.

The Aztecs did not need to play any doubles matches in their semi-final round either when they easily smashed No. 5 seeded Salpointe 5-0 in the third round.

Corona rebounded from the team loss to do well in the state individual 5AI tournament matches. **Garret Dunn** entered the tournament as the No. 2 singles seed and finished in that same spot after a great run for the championship. Dunn did not lose a set and only eight games in his individual singles matches before he met No. 1-seed **Andy Nguyen** from Mountain Pointe.

Dunn had a bye in round one, a forfeit win in round two, a 6-0, 6-2 win over Basha's Noaz Miller in round 3, a victory May 1 against Salpointe's Matt Dunn 6-3, 6-1 in the quarter finals, and May 2 semi-finals win against the No. 3-seed Ahmad Saleem from Desert Vista 6-2, 6-0.

Iowa-bound Dunn faced a familiar foe in the finals. He and the Pride's Harvard-bound Nguyen have played against and with each other over the past four years as two of the top-ranked singles players in the Southwest circuit and as the top-rated juniors double team. Nguyen may have had a slight advantage in this May 2 match, having rested earlier

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that day because his opponent forfeited while Dunn was defeating Saleem.

Regardless, the match could have gone either way, but Nguyen prevailed to take home his second state championship trophy—the other was in doubles his sophomore year—while Dunn proudly received the runner-up trophy. Junior **Daniel Larsson** made it to the third round in the single tournament before losing to Nguyen.

Corona's No. 2-seeded doubles team put on a good show, winning a state 5A-1 Championship trophy for junior **Kyle Ogren** and freshman **Alex Lawson**. They defeated Red Mountain's No. 3 seeded team **Casey Currell** and **Nate Paulson** 6-1, 6-4 in the semi-final match May 2 to set up a match against the No. 1 seeded Brophy doubles team later that day.

The Aztec team of **Ogren** and **Lawson** took out Brophy's **Eric Chalmers** and **Chris Salvatore** in a hard-fought three sets to win the trophy. They won the first set in a tie-breaker 7-6 but lost the second set 3-6 before coming back to be victorious

with a 7-5 third-set win. **Ogren** and **Lawson** actually had four match points in the third set when they were up 5-4 but were not able to convert, ultimately letting Chalmers and Salvatore tie the third set at 5-5. They came out strong in the next two games to take care of business and cinch the match for Corona.

Corona's unseeded doubles team of **David Choi** and **Ben Doung** made it to the fourth round before losing to Red Mountain's No. 4-seeded doubles team.

Although there was disappointment about what could have been, the Aztecs should all be proud of their accomplishments over the past two years. They lost only one regular season team match over the past two seasons and entered the state team tournament both years as the No. 1-seed.

Beating Brophy to win the individual doubles title may have made the loss to Brophy in the team tournament a little less painful for the Aztecs, but it hasn't diminished their desire to get back to the state finals in both the team and individual tournament next year.

The Aztecs will be losing championship players and team

leaders when seniors **Dunn**, **Duong** and **Alan Lee** graduate later this month but should return six strong players including **Choi**, **Larsson**, **Ogren**, **Cole Libera** and **Ryan Skuse** who will be seniors, plus current freshman sensation **Lawson**.

What more could coach Wanta and the Aztecs want? To get another shot at being the No. 1-seed again next season and to have just one more shot at winning the championship, what else?

## Corona Girls Tennis

Corona's girls No. 2-seeded tennis team also brought home a state runner-up trophy and will hang a banner in Corona's gym after losing in the finals to No. 4-seeded Salpointe.

Corona had a fantastic run at the state 5AI team championship, losing only one match until the finals. The Lady Aztecs beat Highland 5-1 and then Chandler 5-0 before losing one match to defending state champion Mesa Mountain View in the semifinals on their way to the state finals against Tucson Salpointe.

Against Mountain View in the semifinals, the Lady Aztec team quickly won its singles matches at the No.

1, 2 and 6 positions in straight sets. **Libby Vogt**, Corona's No. 4 player, and **Michelle Welnitz**, at the No. 5 position, split sets needing to win the third set to give Corona the points.

"I had a good feeling that if Libby or Michelle could get a win in their singles match and we could get into the doubles play, we would come out winners," said coach **Carol Sandvig**.

"Michelle played the match of her life and eventually lost but Libby pulled through," said Sandvig.

Corona's team needed to win just one doubles match to defeat Mountain View. The Lady Aztec's No. 1 team of **Kelsey Lawson** and **Danielle Hoyme** won the deciding semifinals match 10-1 setting up a team match in the finals against Salpointe.

"Our team was so excited to get into the finals against Salpointe," said coach Sandvig. "We believed we could win it all."

On April 28 Corona took on Salpointe in the state 5AI finals at the Paseo Racquet Center.

"Wow, did we ever put up a fight," said Sandvig. "**Kelsey Lawson** started us off winning at the No. 1 position against Salpointe's Maggie

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McGeorge 6-4, 6-4.”

Salpointe eventually won 5-1 but not without a battle at every position by the Lady Aztecs.

“We then lost three heartbreaking three-set matches before finally losing the team match 5-1,” said Sandvig. “Senior **Michelle Wellnitz** played the longest match of the tournament at 3 hours and 45 minutes.”

Corona’s girls tennis team also had a first-place individual title when No. 1-seeded **Kelsey Lawson** defeated Salpointe’s Maggie McGeorge 6-1, 6-1 in the singles match May 2 after defeating Mesquite’s Erica Medline 6-0, 6-1 in the semifinals earlier that day.

**Lauren Hacker**, Corona’s other singles player in the state tournament came in unseeded and lost in the No. 6 seeded Annika Huish from Mesa Mountain View.

Corona’s No. 8 seeded doubles team of **Danielle Hoyme** and **Libby Vogt** made it to the second round before losing in three hard-fought sets to Highland’s doubles team 4-6, 6-4, 6-3. Corona’s other doubles team of unseeded **Michelle Wellnitz** and **Kristen Ohe** lost in the third round to a No. 4 seeded Mesquite team.

The Lady Aztecs finished the season 17-2 garnering several other awards in addition to their state 5AI team runner-up trophy.

Junior **Kelly Lawson** had an undefeated season, 24-0 in singles and 13-0 in doubles play, and was named Central Region Player of the year.

Senior **Danielle Hoyme** was undefeated in Central region play and was named to the All Region first

team. Senior **Libby Vogt** was All-Region second team.

**Carol Sandvig** was named Central Region Coach of the Year.

“We always set our goals high but I never expected such a fabulous season,” said Sandvig. “It is a tribute to the hard work, discipline and leadership of our seniors”.

Corona’s girls coach Sandvig will need to reload next season after losing **Hoyme, Ohe, Wellnitz** and **Vogt** to graduation, returning only **Kelsey Lawson**, who will be a senior, and **Hacker**, a sophomore, next year.

Corona’s JV team, though, did have a great season with a 14-1 record.

## Lacrosse

The Corona del Sol Aztec lacrosse team finished the season with a 9-4 record, giving it a third place standing in the Arizona Youth Lacrosse high school division I league.

On May 5 the team defeated the Chandler Wolves 7-3 in the quarterfinal playoff game before being defeated May 8 by the Brophy Broncos in the semifinals.

The Aztecs played May 5 in Corona’s Haskell Henshaw Stadium under the lights in their home “white uniforms” in front of roaring fans.

The Aztecs struck first scoring two goals in the first quarter on seven shots at Chandler’s goal while the Aztec defense only allowed Chandler three shots at their goal. The second quarter was more intense with each team taking eight shots at goal and each team scoring one goal. This gave the Aztecs a 3-1 lead at halftime.

Chandler came out in the second half scoring back to back goals but the Aztec offense responded with four

goals in the third quarter, three of them coming in the last two minutes of the quarter. Corona’s defense came alive with six minutes remaining in the third quarter and kept Chandler scoreless the rest of the game.

The Aztecs defeated Chandler 7-3 with 28 shots at Chandler’s goal by a combination of Corona players including attacker **William Allen** who was credited on the stat sheet with three goals and three points while attacker **Austin Thibault** was credited with two goals, one assist and three points. **Middy Dylan Dunlap** added two more goals and two points while attacker **Matthew Prausa** was credited with one assist and one point.

The Aztecs goalies **Brandon Moreno** saved one goal while **Zeric Butters** was credited with eight saves or a 72.7 percent save percentage.

The win over the Chandler Wolves put the Aztecs into a semi-final match-up against two-time state champion and the No. 1 seed Brophy Broncos May 8 at Chaparral high school. Although Corona ultimately lost to Brophy 9-3, they played hard and gave it a great effort.

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# Kyrene officials 'very, very proud' For second time, a rare A+ for staff, kids at Mariposa Elementary

In 2004, when Kyrene de la Mariposa was named one of Arizona's top elementary schools, the entire student body lined up to form a gigantic "A+" to celebrate their impressive new honor.

Now, five years later, Mariposa Principal **Dr. Marianne Lescher** found herself pondering a new dilemma: If the school were to win again, how could it top that last huge display of well-deserved pride?

Mariposa did win again this year—an almost unheard-of second time—and once again students assembled for another huge "A", this time with *two* plus signs added instead of the original one. A photographer was there to capture the moment, results of which will appear in Mariposa's annual yearbook.

This year, Arizona Educational Foundation named 17 recipients as A+ Schools of Excellence. Since 1983, the organization has honored exemplary PreK-12 public schools for the highest achievement in student focus and support; active teaching and learning; curriculum; leadership; community and parent involvement; and assessment data.

**Kelly Alexander**, the Kyrene district's

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Kids at Kyrene de la Mariposa school turned out almost 600-strong for an assembly to celebrate the school's rare second win in Arizona Educational Foundation's annual competition for overall excellence. U.S. Rep. Harry Mitchell, Kyrene schools superintendent Dr. David Schauer, Principal Dr. Marianne Lescher and scores of well-wishers, including the school's new mascot 'Awesome Astro,' were on hand for the ceremony. Only 17 Arizona schools made this year's cut.

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director of community education, called Mariposa's second receipt of the award a distinct honor.

"The award is based on a very rigorous application and selection process, including a site visit. Because they received an A+ before, you would think the second time would be a shoo-in, but it isn't," she said.

"We're very, very proud of them."

According to Alexander, Dr. Lescher has been principal at Mariposa for nine years, during which she

has achieved the criteria the award requires, no simple task for any school administrator.

"But when a principal and staff have been together for a long time, they create a community spirit," she said. The teachers also have benefitted from Lescher's leadership, said Alexander.

"The teachers can learn and grow from a mentor like her; some (Mariposa teachers) have matured and became principals themselves."

At an awards ceremony May 11, AEF Executive Director **Bobbie O'Boyle** presented the award and a banner to the school, with U.S. Rep. **Harry Mitchell** on hand to add his congratulations.

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“Despite the season ending loss, the players were pleased with their performance that night and throughout the season,” said one of the coaches **Cliff Prausa**. “In addition to the performance on the field these young men have learned about determination,

preparation, teamwork and sportsmanship.”

Corona players also accumulated remarkable statistics to add to the overall Aztecs stat sheet this season. **Allen** led the Aztecs in goals with an average of 2.38 goals and 3.0 points a game. Next was **Dunlap** averaging 1.38 goals and 2.0 points and **Thibault** also averaging 1.38 goals but 2.15 points a game. **Cody Wagner** added 1.08 goals and 1.62 points a game.

Leading in assists were **Matthew Prausa** with .85 and **Thibault** with .77 assist per game. Goalkeeper **Butters** played in all 13 games this season taking 223 shots at Corona's goal and saving 67% or 149 of these shots.

In addition, several Corona players contributed on offense and defense almost all 13 games this season including **Riley Baehr, Ryan Berns, Andrew Bock, Jesse Dodt, Jordan Gustafson, Ryan Thibault, Ryan Wurm, Hayden Drescher, Brock Ehrhart** and **Hunter Wall**.

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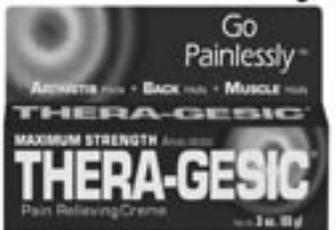


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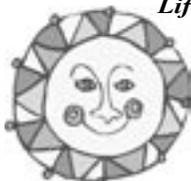
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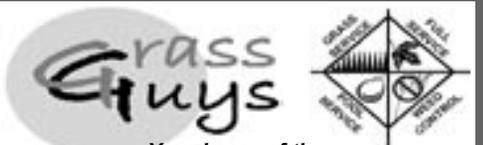
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# Screen Gems

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## 'Angels & Demons'

**Family Audiences: B-** (Brief scenes of torture, burning bodies and mutilation not suitable for children. No nudity or sex. Rated PG-13 for sequences of violence, disturbing images and thematic materials.)

**General Audiences: B+** (Suspenseful thriller in which Tom Hanks' character has only a few hours to stop the killing of four Cardinals and the obliteration of Vatican City. Written *Da Vinci Code* author Dan Brown.)

Evil has infiltrated the corridors of the Vatican in Ron Howard's new film, *Angels and Demons*, based on a Dan Brown book. The Pope has died, a famous CERN scientist has been murdered, and the four Cardinals most favored as the Pope's successor have been kidnapped.

A mysterious underground organization determined to punish the Catholic Church has planted an unstable vile of anti-matter somewhere in Vatican City. The Vatican has turned to famous Harvard Symbologist Robert Langdon (Tom Hanks), known for his ability to crack ancient codes, to help them uncover the identity of the conspirators. Langdon quickly discovers evidence of a resurgence of a centuries-old clandestine brotherhood known as the Illuminati.

Together, Brown and Howard weave fact with fiction to provide a basis for exciting historical intrigue. In reality, the Illuminati were an enlightenment-era secret society of scientists and literary men such as Wolfgang Goethe. Its purpose was to promote scientific thought and free thinking. In 1785, Pope Pius VI condemned the order, and in 1787 the organization was outlawed by the Bavarian

government and recruitment forbidden under penalty of death.

In the book and film, Brown and Howard turn back the Illuminati clock by moving the organization's founding date back by 150 years, claiming that the Illuminati was founded by Galileo in the 1600s. The author and director also took literary license by suggesting Illuminati members were ritualistically branded and systematically killed by the Catholic Church. However, there's no evidence the Catholic Church did either.

Langdon teams up with gorgeous Italian scientist Victoria Vetra (Ayelet Zurer) to uncover the mystery behind the murder of her CERN-scientist father and find the location of the kidnapped Cardinals and anti-matter stolen from CERN.

The pair is joined by Rome police inspector Olivetti (Pierfrancesco Favino) and stone-faced Swiss Guard commander Richter (Stellan Skarsgaard). Together, they have less than five hours to discover the location of the anti-matter before it explodes and annihilates Vatican City.

Time is of the essence, yet incredulously the camerlengo (interim papacy leader) still seals the remaining Cardinals into the Sistine Chapel and continues with the conclave, determined to elect a new Pope – relying on faith that God's will be done.

Similar to the first half of the book, the film has an exciting start, but then slows down and plods along for a while before picking up again. Chasing too many dead-ends in their quest for clues and frequent infighting between Hanks and Richter cause the stall in momentum.

The recently deceased Pope's favorite priest and chamberlain, Father Patrick (Ewan McGregor), comes to the rescue by allowing Langdon and Vetra to enter the sacred Vatican archives to retrieve the clues necessary to find those responsible for threatening to kill the cardinals and destroy Vatican City, which sets them on their journey.

Along the way, they discover that the Pope's death was no accident and that there is a traitor amongst them.

Father Patrick's loyalty to the papacy and willingness to sacrifice himself brings Vetra to tears – it helps that Patrick is young and good looking.

The pace of the second half of the film accelerates quickly, employing plot devices similar to the board game CLUE to keep you guessing who the Illuminati infiltrator is. Hint: it's not the butler.

Breathtaking views of St. Peter's Basilica, the Sistine Chapel and countless other historical sites are a visual bonus for viewers during the calorie-burning cat-and-mouse chase that ensues.

Staying true to Langdon's character in the book, who swims 100 laps a day, Hanks' appearance is noticeably more fit in this film than when he appeared in the *Da Vinci Code*, which makes his ability to dodge bullets and run through the streets of Vatican City with a woman 12 years younger than him seem more believable.

Unfortunately, like the *Da Vinci Code*, there are no sparks between Hanks' character and his statuesque co-star Zuere. However, for purists who prefer their sleuthing academic-hero types to be above that type of distraction, they'll be pleased.

Israeli actress Zuere's performance is noticeably subdued considering her character's father was just brutally murdered. However this flaw is not Zuere's; she portrays Vetra just as the character was written in the book. Perhaps Brown felt that as a scientist focused on the imminent danger of anti-matter exploding and killing thousands of innocents, Vetra would have the ability to put her grief on hold.

As the clock ticks on, the adrenalin-pumping search for the kidnapped Cardinals and the bomb takes Langdon and Vetra underground through Rome's catacombs and crypts and deserted cathedrals. Landon, Vetra and the noticeably inept police are always one step behind the kidnapers. Suspense continues to build, and the film concludes with an awe-inspiring Cecil B. De Mille ending that requires a substantial leap of faith.

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## Marcos de Niza Graffiti busters

A collaboration between Tempe police officers and students at Marcos de Niza High School has given the students a new creative outlet and helped minimize the problem of graffiti.

The idea for the project came to life after Detective **John Butler**, the school's resource officer, began to notice an increase in the incidence of spray-paint graffiti in the area around the high school.

Discussing the problem with Butler, the school's art teacher, **Reagan Guzman**, quickly came up with an idea and convinced the school's administration to let students use a wall surrounding the campus as an approved spot for graffiti art.

The idea, said Guzman, was nothing new. "It is always something I've wanted to do," he said.

Ten students began meeting during lunch and after school over the span of a month to brainstorm ideas, sketch and combine their ideas into one major drawing under the leadership of **Noe Baez**.

While working on the mural the students had to adhere to such rules as no gang signs, drugs or violence. So far, say police, the rules have not been challenged by the students.

The mural project, theme for which is Embrace Diversity, was introduced during the school's Unity Week.

Police say they are hoping the project will have a positive impact on the community surrounding the high school.

All of the project participants were recognized at an unveiling of the artwork on April 14.



## Idols to be

Kyrene Middle School's Drama Club hosted its 2009 Scorpion Idol Talent Show to a packed auditorium. The crowd was entertained by acts ranging from rap songs to show tunes, classical piano to martial arts demonstrations. This is the fourth year that Kathleen McLemore has organized and directed the show. Students audition for a place in the cast in front of 10 judges, all students from KMS' Drama Club. Students are encouraged to refine their acts leading up to the show. The feedback and refinement given in auditions and during the rehearsals brings a professional quality to the production. "The event provides an outlet for all the talented students at KMS to share what they do outside of school and is an opportunity to share with the community in a very safe environment. It is also a way to have a lifelong memory of middle school and the time they were in the talent show," said McLemore.

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## Share your thoughts on Papago Park

Tempe, Phoenix, Scottsdale and the Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community are working with the community to develop a vision and series of recommendations that will guide the future of

Papago Park as a premier regional park.

Tempe residents are invited to attend a special community meeting to listen, learn and share their thoughts regarding Papago Park.

- **Saturday, May 30, 11 am - 1 pm**
- **Tempe Police South Substation - Auditorium, 8201 S. Hardy Drive, Tempe**

For information about the Regional Master Plan visit [www.DiscoverPapagoPark.com](http://www.DiscoverPapagoPark.com) or call the project hotline at 480-391-6800.

For more information about the Tempe community meeting contact Shawn Wagner at [shawn\\_wagner@tempe.gov](mailto:shawn_wagner@tempe.gov) or 480-350-5299.

## Celebrate Fourth of July at Tempe Beach Park

**K**iwanis Club of Tempe presents the CBS 5 July 4th Tempe Town Lake Festival on Saturday, July 4, at Tempe Beach Park.

Gates will open at 4 p.m. There will be live local entertainment, kids activities and games, rock climbing walls, face painters and the annual fireworks spectacular.

Advance tickets will be sold beginning June 4 at Fry's and Fry's Marketplace for \$6 and at several City of Tempe facilities for \$5. At the gate, tickets are \$8

or \$15 for two. Children 12 and under are free. The event benefits local charities.

For the second year, aspiring singers are invited to participate in the Star Spangled Idol Contest.

The winner will perform the national anthem on the 4th of July in front of 50,000 people. The preliminary round will be held Saturday, June 6. Visit [www.tempe4th.com](http://www.tempe4th.com) for more details.

For event details, visit [www.tempe4th.com](http://www.tempe4th.com). For traffic and bus details, visit [www.tempe.gov/tim](http://www.tempe.gov/tim).

## Valley Metro fare increase

Due to tax revenue shortfalls and increased operating costs, Valley Metro transit fares will increase on July 1.

For local bus and light rail, a single ride will now cost \$1.75, an all-day pass (on-board bus) will be \$5.25, an all-day pass (off-board bus) will cost \$3.50, a three-day pass will cost \$10.50, a seven-day pass will cost \$17.50 and a 31-day pass will cost \$55.

Reduced fares are available for people 65 and older, people with disabilities and youth ages 6 to 18.

Passes are available at [www.valleymetro.org](http://www.valleymetro.org), transit centers, at over 80 select locations and stores throughout the Valley, as well as at fare vending machines on all METRO light rail platforms. For a list of locations or new fares for express/rapid buses, visit [www.valleymetro.org](http://www.valleymetro.org) or call 602-253-5000.

## Tempe Public Library computers

Beginning June 22, renovations at the Tempe Public Library will mean a temporary reduction in the number of computers available for public use. The library has assembled a list of other Tempe

sites, and locations in other cities, where patrons can find computers available for public use.

For more information, visit [www.tempe.gov/library](http://www.tempe.gov/library) and click on the renovation link.

## Household waste facility celebrates 10 years; trend grows toward 'green' living

In April, the City of Tempe's Household Products Collection Center (HPCC) celebrated 10 years of protecting the health and safety of Tempe and Guadalupe residents.

Since opening on Earth Day in 1999, the center – the first of its kind in the Valley – has recycled more than 1.5 million pounds of potentially

hazardous household waste.

Recent trends toward "green" living and sustainability have resonated with residents, as shown by a record-breaking year in 2008 at the HPCC. So far in 2009, the center is on pace to exceed that record. HPCC employees make use of paint that has been dropped off at the center, mixing it to make other colors

that can be re-used by the city. Patrons to the center can even "shop" for free items they need, including paint, stains, cleaning products, automotive products, and lawn and garden products.

The HPCC is at 1320 E. University Drive, on the north side of University just west of McClintock Drive. It is open Fridays 7 a.m. to noon and Saturdays

7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Proof of Tempe or Guadalupe residency is required in the form of a driver's license or water bill. Items that cannot be accepted include appliances, tires and explosives. For a list of accepted items and for ways to safely transport items to the HPCC, visit [www.tempe.gov/HHW](http://www.tempe.gov/HHW) or call 480-858-2223.



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