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\$100,000 goal set for Fiesta del Sol fundraiser

Helping young people is goal of ex-Corona baseball champs, wives



East Valley Sol members with charity benefactor Abby Fraser, fourth from left, include Nikki Morris, Jennifer Reid, Jamie LeVine, Danielle Farrer, Julie Vasquez, Shawna Reeves and Sara Bandura.

By Alex Zener

It's time to make plans to attend—and help support—Fiesta del Sol, celebrating its fourth annual run for East Valley Sol charities. The event is scheduled for 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10, at Tempe Diablo Stadium.

East Valley Sol is a foundation started in 2006 by a group of baseball players from Corona del Sol High School's 1993 5A state baseball championship team and their spouses to create worthwhile opportunities to impact the lives of young people in need.

The non-profit organization's first effort to raise money for a friend's daughter, who was diagnosed with a rare form of bone cancer, was so successful that the members have expanded their efforts every year.

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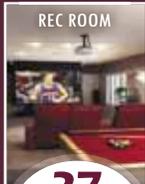
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Stimulus grants boost city's police, water-quality efforts

Westside Chandler residents will be among the benefactors of a nearly \$434,000 economic stimulus grant issued to the Chandler Police Department to purchase investigative and training equipment and implement a new records-management system.

The funds were awarded through the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant program which supports a variety of crime prevention efforts nationwide.

The grant will go toward configuring a new police records-management system. Also funded were K-9 bite suits and equipment used in

training police dogs to detect explosive devices, along with training aids and equipment for use in firearms training. A license plate reader, portable radios, laptop computers, night-vision apparatus and equipment used in accident investigations will also be acquired with the JAG grant funds.

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Cost of \$5 per ticket, which includes dinner, will help raise funds for the church's Music Ministry.

The church's annual chili cook-off will also be held.

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Sports Notebook

with Alex Zener

Season hopes high for CdS badminton

Corona del Sol's badminton team has a new head coach and only one returning starter from last year's team that knocked off Mountain Pointe to take home the Lady Aztecs' first state championship trophy.

None of this seems to faze the team members, who are on a quest to defend their championship.



Senior **Brittany Messer**, the lone returning varsity player, will be counting on five new varsity team members, junior **Christine Tang**, sophomore **Alexis Emerson**, sophomore **Nicole Schwalbe**, junior **Rikki Gurule** and sophomore **Rachel Gur-Arie** to fill the shoes of the five seniors who graduated in May.

First-year Corona coach **David Taylor** coached and played intramural badminton at Loughborough University in England, where he also coached cricket, tennis and soccer, before moving to Tempe two years ago.

Taylor currently teaches computer classes at McClintock High School. He is looking forward to seeing the high schools athletes compete because badminton is not a sport played in England at the high school level.

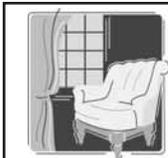
"I'm excited to begin my first season as a coach at this level," said Taylor. "It will be interesting to see how we match up against other teams because I have not seen anyone else at this level play. After the first few games, I'll probably have a better idea of how things will work out."

Taylor, who has an undergraduate degree in sports management from the UK and a Master's

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This year's Lady Aztec badminton team, from left, Brittany Messer, Rachel Gur-Arie, Nicole Schwalbe, Rikki Gurule, Christine Tang, Alexis Emmerson. — Photo by Alex Zener



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Degree in Education from ASU, sees the vacancy caused by graduation last season to be a plus for the new varsity players.

"Losing five state championship players is a loss," said Taylor. "But in reality, it just gives upcoming players a chance to step up and perform. We've got a great team and I'm confident our players will do well this season."

Replacing five championship caliber players is not something that will

happen overnight. It is a process that will take time and the main thing now is to work on becoming consistent, according to Taylor.

"This season's team has a great deal of potential now and in the future," said Taylor. "We could be very strong in the next few years because 90 percent of our squad are sophomores or freshmen."

Taylor's main concern is that players come to practice prepared and ready to learn in order to improve their performance both in practice and in game situations.

"I expect all players, whether returning, or ones new to varsity, to try their best and have fun," said Taylor. "My players have been coming to practice prepared and eager to learn, and as a result I can already see the improvement."

In addition to team captain Messer, who has the experience and will lead Corona's team by example, the Lady Aztecs will be counting on depth as being one of their strengths this season.

"There are numerous JV players and exhibition squad players that could

step up and perform at a high level, if needed," said Taylor. "We also have great team spirit, the susceptibility to learn quickly because we are such a young team, and an excellent team captain in Brittany, who will lead her team by example."

"**Brittany Messer** has an outstanding talent and I have no doubt she will perform well on an individual level," said Taylor. "I will be looking for her to support and motivate her team and to give them the confidence to succeed."

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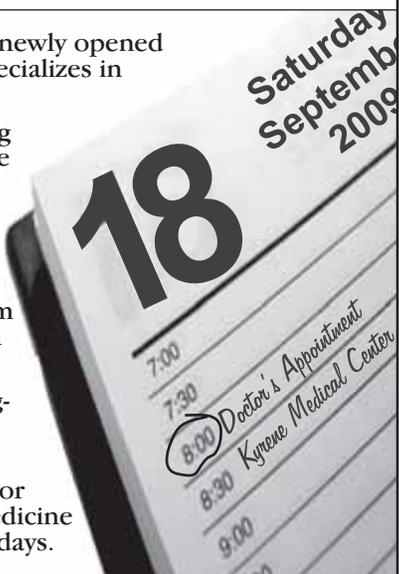
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The Lady Aztecs won their match against Desert Ridge 9-0 Sept. 3 after losing their first match to Red Mountain 2-7 on Sept. 1. Their next two matches were at Chandler Sept. 8 and at home against Perry Sept. 10.

Corona will compete against the state top 5A schools in the Mesquite Invitational Sept. 12. The next regular season matches will be Sept. 15 at Horizon and Sept. 17 at home against

Cesar Chavez.

Information about the badminton team can be found on Corona's athletic website at http://web.me.com/dspadafore/Aztec_athletics/Home/index.html

Swim and dive

Corona del Sol's second year swim and dive team coach **Caleb Guest** is looking forward to seeing what will happen when his team competes this season in the new Central Region after the recent realignment. He has 65 athletes on the boys and girls swim and

dive teams combined this season, many of them competing on a high school team for the first time.

A few of the new swimmers are showing some promise but Corona has a nucleus of returning swimmers who qualified for the state meet last season that should be able to challenge these new region schools and perennial contenders Brophy and Xavier, according to Guest.

"I believe we only lost about eight swimmers from last year," said Guest. "A few of last season's state qualifiers that I'll be looking for key

performances from this year are **Bryan Liu, Ryan Telep, Taylor Thorn and Emily Lewandowski.**"

Guest will also be counting on the leadership of team captains **Ryan Telep, Gavin Haws, Taylor Doren, Brittany White and Amy Foster** to help steady the nerves of the new swimmers. Guest is thinking he will know more about where the team stands after their first few meets.

Anything is possible, though, when competing against some of the new schools in the Central Region.

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"I've been told that some of these teams are pretty solid," said Guest. "But I think we'll be able to surprise a few people out there and put up some good times this year."

The true assessment, though, may be at the Brophy/Xavier Invitational on Sept. 25-26.

"It will be the first real test for some of these kids and should give us a good idea of where we are in comparison to a handful of top teams," said Guest.

Meanwhile, Guest is expecting the same competition as ever from Desert Vista.

"Moving the All-City Meet to the weekend right before regionals should be nice as it will give those swimmers looking for a bid at the regional and state meets another shot at their goal times," said Guest.

"I hope to send another solid handful of athletes to the state meet with the potential for a couple of big performances."

Guest received a preliminary idea of what to expect from Corona's team

after the first swim meet. The Aztec swimmers had their first home meet against Brophy/Xavier on Sept. 3. Then they were away Sept. 10 at Desert Ridge.

Corona swimmers have typically done well in the past at the Mesa Relays due to be held this year at Carson Pool on Sept. 12.

The next regular season meet will be at Desert Vista Sept. 17, followed by a meet with Marcos de Niza at home on Sept. 19.

All home meets are held at West Chandler Aquatic Center.

More information about Corona's Swim and Dive teams can be found on Corona's athletic website at http://web.me.com/dspadafore/Aztec_athletics/Home/index.html

Boys cross country

Corona's co-head coach **Theresa Hodge** thinks this may be the year for her boys cross country team to shine.

"I am really looking forward to this season because it looks like we will have the best team I have had since I started coaching at Corona 12 years ago," said Hodge. "We return five of our seven runners that ran at state last year."

Altogether, Corona will return seven letter winners from last season. Some of these runners had outstanding track seasons last spring.

"Top returnee is senior **Matt Whitlatch** who was 12th in the 5A-I state cross country meet in 2008," said Hodge. "He also had an outstanding

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track season highlighted by a third place (4:20) finish in the 1600-meter run at the state 5A-I meet.”

Corona’s team is also returning from last season’s state meet with a four-year varsity runner, senior **Wade Hooke**, in addition to seniors **Dylan Barr** and **Josh Coulter** and junior **Daniel Wrapp**. Other top returnees are **Michael Seall** and **Justin Yang**, according to Hodge.

Hodge has a large team this season with about 30 boys coming out. In this group are two boys who had great track seasons last spring but are new to cross country. “We have two outstanding newcomers to the team this year,” said Hodge. “Senior **Garrett Baker-Slama**, who ran 4:23 in the 1600-meter run in track, and **Jared Hirschl**. Neither one has run cross country at Corona before.”

Hodge is expecting some strong finishes from her returning runners but is also thinking someone else among the 30 who came out for the sport might just step into a varsity spot.

The recent realignment will continue the belief of many Corona fans that the Central Region has always been one of the most competitive regions in the state in all sports, including cross country.

“Our region should be one of the toughest in the state,” said Hodge. “Mesa Mountain View and Gilbert Highland are perennial cross-country powerhouses. The whole region is solid, top to bottom.”

The top teams in the state that Corona will be competing against at some of the 5A meets, including state, should be Phoenix Alhambra, Desert Vista,

Mountain Ridge, Mesa Mountain View and Gilbert Highland, according to Hodge.

Corona’s cross country schedule includes four invitational meets: Chandler Invite Sept. 12 at Tumbleweed Park; George Young Invite Sept. 19 at the Sanctuary Golf course in Scottsdale; Desert Twilight Cross Country Festival Oct. 2 at Toka Stick Golf course in Gilbert; and Doug Conley Invite Oct. 10 at Rolling Hills.



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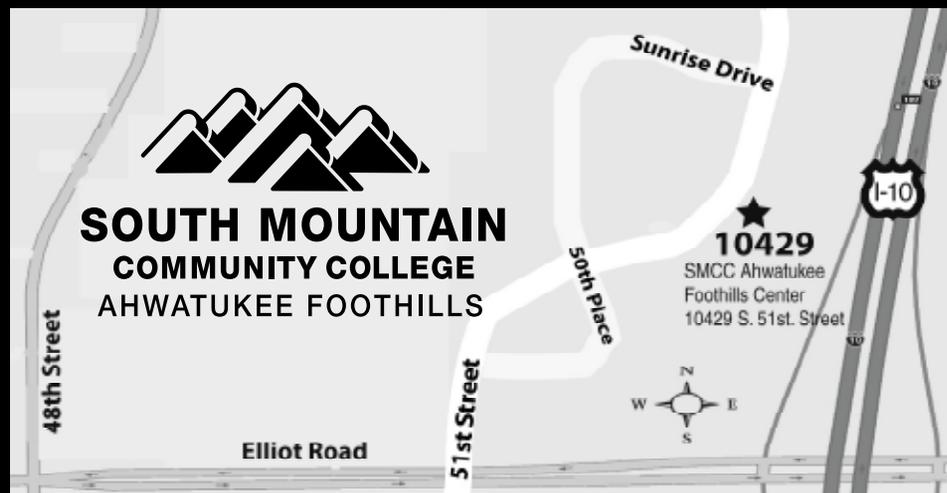
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On the way to a decision, something miraculous happened

Viewpoint . . . By Ross Robb

This week, school districts across America were faced with a decision regarding the airing of President Obama's Sept. 8 message to American students.

Frankly, as a parent of two Kyrene students, as president of the Kyrene Governing Board and as an American, I was a bit taken by surprise by the controversy that the President's scheduled remarks created, even in the polarized political environment in which we currently live. Nevertheless, with regard to the President's remarks and all Kyrene related matters, it is the job of the School Board and Administration to prudently consider the views of our constituents and to come to sound decisions that reflect the views and best interests of our students, families and employees.

My purpose is not to defend the decision that we in Kyrene reached regarding the President's address. The wisdom of that decision will be judged within each Kyrene home and family and in each of our 25 unique school

communities. My purpose is to convey the process that we employed to reach our decision. On Thursday morning a group of about 15 District leaders met in Supt. David Schauer's office to discuss this matter. The group was notable in its political diversity and included principals, District Office leaders, teacher representatives, myself and Board Vice President Michelle Hirsch. At the beginning of the meeting it was abundantly clear to me that our opinions of the President and of his speech varied greatly and that those opinions were influencing our positions on the matter. Early on, I was concerned that our meeting would prove more destructive than productive.

Then, something miraculous happened, something that we rarely hear or read about in the political and societal environment in which we live.

We actually listened to one another. We engaged one another. We respected each other as well intended human beings with something positive to contribute to the discussion.

About an hour later, we emerged from that meeting, all feeling good about our decision and about how we had grown as a team committed to student learning that will surely face far more challenging educational issues in the future.

None of us in Kyrene are so self-absorbed as to believe that our decision about the President's speech compares to the great challenges we face as a state and a nation. We did not solve the health care debate. We did not balance the Arizona State Budget. Nonetheless, our political leaders can take a lesson from a teachable moment in our school district and from many such moments in school districts across America where respect, friendship and leadership still exist and where a willingness to collaborate and engage with those of differing political views is a virtue and not a character flaw.

For all of us who have entrusted them to govern, I urge our state and national elected officials to recall great statesmen and stateswomen who have come before them and to return to some common sense and collaborative approaches to solving the great challenges of our day.

— Ross Robb is president of the Kyrene Governing Board

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Performances will be held at the Tempe Center for the Arts. Ticket prices are \$20 for adults, \$18 for seniors (55-plus) and students. Reservations: (480) 350-2822 or online at www.tempe.gov/TCA.

Bands to compete for Oktoberfest spot

Eight high school and eight college musical groups will compete this year to determine the winner of the first "battle of garage bands" to be held Oct. 2-4 at Oktoberfest@Tempe Town Lake.

Bands will form two divisions and clash head-to-head for prizes and recognition.

Run-offs are Friday, Oct. 2, and Saturday Oct. 3, with winners playing on the Tempe Beach Stage on Sunday, Oct. 4.

Entry to the competition is free, however space is limited.

Information: garageband@tempeoktoberfest.com

Districts, Chamber schedule roundtable

Kyrene Elementary, Tempe Elementary and Tempe Union High School districts will partner with the Tempe Chamber of Commerce to host a Superintendent Business Roundtable on Tuesday, Sept. 29.

"Review and Engage" will be the topic, focusing on ways to engage school districts and business partners to better serve the community.

The discussion will be held from 7:30 to 9 a.m. in the TUHSD Governing Board Room.

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Fiesta

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organizations, including Little League.

Fiesta del Sol, held every fall, is East Valley Sol's biggest fundraiser.

And, says **Tim Vasquez**, one of the founding members, this year's event is going to be bigger and better than ever. The goal is to raise \$100,000, said Vasquez.

East Valley Sol's Old Balls Golf Tournament sold out when 144 golfers signed up, adding \$25,000 toward the group's goal.

A Bowl for the Soul bowling event helped buy 300 backpacks for Children First charter school, formerly Thomas J. Pappas School for the Homeless.

One of the organization's other goals from this year's event is to earn enough money to build a family locker room for the Tempe YMCA, providing space for fathers, for instance, to take their daughters into the locker room to change for a swimming class.

Currently, the only option is to have them go by themselves into the women's locker room or take them into the men's locker room to change.

Several organizations have already contributed items for the program, including Budweiser, which will donate the ale, and Outback Steakhouse, which will cater the event. Static, a local band, will perform.

Highlights expected at this year's event include more than 30 sponsor signs lining the fences at Tempe Diablo Stadium; 400-plus guests gambling at 15 blackjack and three craps tables; a silent auction; and a raffle for numerous donated gifts.

Items already donated include a guitar signed by Alice Cooper and a week-long stay in Sedona.

A new twist has been added this year: Guests don't need to drive to and from the event.

Fiesta planners have arranged to have three 12- to 14-seat vans and a 36-passenger bus, driver included, to pick up passengers at a location and drop them off after the event.

So get a group together—family, friends and/or neighbors—and have fun knowing a safe ride home awaits.

Transportation is limited to first come, first served, so email timvasquez@cox.net as soon as possible if you are interested.

For business owners who would like to donate goods or services to the auction, items are being accepted until Sept. 25.

Call 602-325-8216 or email info@eastvalleysol.org or timvasquez@cox.net to arrange a donation.

Several options are available if you would like to attend this event. Guests must be 21 or older.

Various types of admissions can be purchased online at <http://www.eastvalleysol.org/> by clicking through to register.

Individual tickets are \$40 online or \$50 at the door.

Once on the website, click the "Add Ons" button to purchase poker chips or make a donation even if you can't attend.

Also available are Amigos sponsorships, at \$500, which include 20 admission tickets, signage on East Valley Sol's master banner and a company logo on marketing materials, and Padres sponsorships, at

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A final note: Many know that, until this spring when Corona won the 2009 5A-I state baseball championship with a 25-7 record, the players who started this foundation comprised the only other Corona team to win a championship.

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First person . . . Enjoy the ride: a lesson about choices



By Tracy Doren

It was billed as an “adrenaline” tour, and if I had based my expectations on that word alone (a hormone that increases the speed and force of heart contraction), my first spin around the track would have been a big disappointment.

I’d been invited to Phoenix International Raceway to try out the sporty new Hyundai Genesis Coupe, which sounded to me like a fun way to spend a Saturday afternoon. I undertook the long drive on a 110-plus-degree day, assuming that the thrill of the accelerator

under my foot would make the trip worthwhile.

The factory-provided guide who accompanied me on my first test drive could have shown me almost as thrilling an experience had he guided me down to my neighborhood Circle K.

However, thanks to my determination to get what I’d driven 60-some miles for, plus the willingness of another Hyundai factory rep to accommodate my whim, the second go-round blew the top off the thrill meter.

The day had begun comfortably enough. I signed in and waited while others took their turn at the wheel of the sleek sports model. I watched 15 or 20 other drivers, both male and female, make their way through the tight course, some drifting, sliding and banking on the corners, others meandering along as

if they were in the parking lot at Safeway.

My turn came and I slid behind the wheel; the instructor sitting beside me in the passenger seat nodded a hello and we were off—no instructions, no advice, not much commentary about the car or what it could do.

So off we went, my hands on the wheel, steering warily through a set of brilliant fluorescent cones. It seemed like we were back at our starting point within less than a minute. A quick handshake and a couple of thank-yous, and I was finished. For my male-driver counterparts, it didn’t seem like the kind of ride that would have cranked up their testosterone level.

Whether the others were satisfied with their one and only trial run, I didn’t know. I certainly wasn’t.

So I spotted a different instructor and let him know I’d like to have another shot at the track. This time, I quickly realized, things would be different.

My second instructor introduced himself,

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following up with by a detailed rundown of how the car would respond. He also let me know that I'd be behind the wheel of a racing machine.

When he said "punch it," he advised, that meant I should lay on the accelerator with all my strength; when he said brake it, I should apply nothing more than a gentle tap.

We had been driving only a few seconds, it seemed, when I got the order to "punch it." I obliged as instructed.

The car gained speed almost instantaneously; I knew the first turn was coming up soon, and I got ready to slow but resisted the urge and waited for my instructor to give me the word.

Without thinking about it, I had found myself in an entirely different machine for this run, one whose fuel injection system might as well have been hooked up to an artery connected directly to my brain.

By the time we pulled up to the finish, I was breathless. The adrenaline had indeed kicked in.

I turned to my adviser in the passenger seat and asked him if it didn't scare him to have such a novice (did the words "female driver" run through my mind?) sitting next to him through the course at top speed. He shook his head, smiled and said, "Nah, I've learned to enjoy the ride."

That wisdom, from a guy who sits with strangers all day long, gave me a new perspective on how I want to navigate life.

We have choices to make every day about our lives; if we choose to make each day great for us or those around us, the part about getting through it comes easy.

I'm sure it wasn't exactly what the nice people at Hyundai had in mind, but for me, it was the best part of the day.

Kyrene after-school classes ready for fall launch

Kyrene elementary schools are again offering their fall series of after-school classes.

Before- and after-school classes at Kyrene Corridor locations include chess, art, choir, music, tennis, homework club, athletics, science and others. Through the Community Education and Outreach Services Department, the district provides tuition-based youth and adult enrichment programs

Other new classes starting the week of Sept. 14 include Introduction to Etiquette and Young Rembrandts Drawing and Cartooning.

A limited number of classes are offered at each of the middle schools in Kyrene.

Among those courses are fencing and video game design.

As part of the same program, ASU's Herberger College for Kids will offer Jazz Dance, Photoshop and Guitar. Throughout the district nearly 200 new classes begin during September, and limited space is still available. Interested students are encouraged to register as soon as possible.

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At pair of south Tempe java shops, business is perking right along No 9-to-5 grind for these coffee entrepreneurs



Steve's Espresso

By Jeremy Banks

When he opened his business, Steve Schmidt, owner of Steve's Espresso on the southeast corner of Baseline and McClintock, envisioned a shop which would stand out on its own. He believes he has an uncommon approach and it brings attractiveness to his coffee shop.

"I like the atmosphere. I think it's lively and interesting and not just kind of boring, like somebody's living room with a bunch of people studying," he said.

The coffee shop has an upbeat atmosphere that Schmidt said gives the shop a unique personality and

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Bunna Coffee

By Jeremy Banks

Creating the right ambience and producing great coffee is Bunna Coffee's key to success.

From the designs on the wall to the food and coffee, Bunna owner Anthony Santa Cruz said he wanted to create a welcoming atmosphere for customers. A friendly and inviting atmosphere is what makes Bunna Coffee stand out, he says.

"We want it to have a comfortable feeling, a friendly change of pace from outside the door to inside the door," Santa Cruz said. Bunna, standing on the northwest corner of Rural and Elliot, provides a different type of coffee.

Santa Cruz, when he opened the store two years ago,

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Anthony Santa Cruz: Right ambience, great coffee. Reach the store at 480-377-2886. — Wrangler News photo

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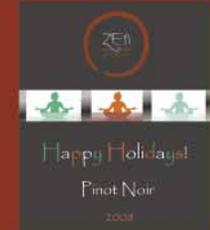
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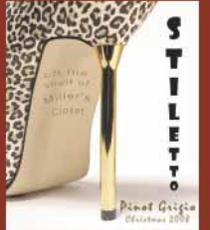
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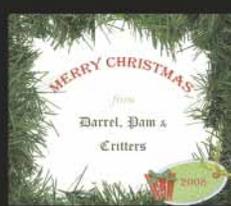
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Lacrosse is the fastest growing youth sport in the country, according to a recent *Sports Illustrated* article.

The news comes as no surprise to the Aztec Lacrosse Club, headquartered in south Tempe.

The local teams have steadily grown more popular and competitive since starting with a middle school team, the Warriors, in 2002, and the Aztec high school boys team in 2005.

In fact, the 2009 Aztec high school-level boys varsity team finished the 2009 season ranked No. 3 in the



Team, from left, includes Head Coach Craig Fertelmes, Senior Riley Baehr, Senior Dylan Dunlap, Senior Will Allen, Sophomore Cody Wagner, Junior Austin Thibault, Junior Ryan Berns, Senior Zeric Butters, Senior Brock Ehrhart and Coach Cliff Prausa.

state and made it to the Division I Arizona Youth Lacrosse League state semifinals.

The Lady Aztec Lacrosse Club, a high school girls program, was launched in 2006 and last spring competed in Division I of Arizona Girls Lacrosse Association.

The league has added a fifth- and sixth-grade boys division that will play in the spring league. In all, the club expects about 125 youths to play in the 2010 spring leagues in four different age groups.

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Young Marines

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Wrangler News photos
by David Stone



By Jeremy Banks

The Chandler Mustangs Young Marines program, over a nine-year span, has helped shape lives—one youth at a time.

Young Marines Executive Officer Captain Geo. B. Meegan said he has been encouraged by the unit's consistent growth over the years.

"We've had an average of 30-35 kids over the last eight years," he said.

"They've been very active in community service over that time."

The non-profit organization is for kids ages 8-18. Meegan said the unit is dedicated to helping the community. For the last nine years, the kids have taken gifts to the Veteran's Hospital, performed community service in their neighborhoods and collected food for food banks.

The kids recently were presented with an award from the United Food Bank for accumulating 700 pounds of

“What I do is a combination of being father, grandfather, friend, counselor, preacher, priest—a little bit of everything.

— Capt. George B. Meegan

food.

"It makes us feel appreciative that the kids are really doing something," Meegan said.

Meegan said he hopes the organization can help kids look beyond themselves.

He said the youth participating in the Chandler Mustangs Young Marines organization are learning to become less self-absorbed and more aware of other's needs.

"I want the kids to be involved and develop a sense of community and doing something for other kids and other people."

Meegan said he always hopes the kids take away an appreciation for physical fitness, personal discipline and honor.

"That's what we're trying to do is teach respect for themselves," Meegan said.

Self-discipline is something Meegan is familiar with. He spent over two decades serving in the Marine Corps. He said his experience has

helped him learn to motivate and adjust to people.

He knows how to recognize strengths and weaknesses. He also realized he has to fill many roles. He, too, is learning and growing along the way.

"I was a Marine on active duty for over 33 years. A Marine is known to be hard. Those methods don't always necessarily work with kids," he said. "What I do is a combination of being father, grandfather, friend, counselor, preacher, priest---a little bit of everything."

"What works with one kid doesn't necessarily work with another kid and you have to develop a sense of patience, teaching recruits in a boot camp atmosphere. You've got to have patience because they don't know how to do things."

He said, for some youth in the organization, this experience is brand new. It is an unexplored country. Adjusting to a different lifestyle is challenge. For most, it is a challenge the young Marines have overcome.

"What we try to do is an initiation into something that's completely different to them. A lot of these kids have never had to pick up their clothes or dress properly," he said. "They've never had to have their haircut, be on time, shine their boots. This type of thing is something new to them. It is also teaching them self-discipline, too."

Building character, Meegan said, plays a big role in achieving future goals. It is a confidence-builder.

"It's very important. You've got to show people what you can do," Meegan said. "And you've got to be able to be depended on."

The Chandler Mustangs Young Marines started with three adults and barely over a hand full of kids.

"When we first started we had six kids," Meegan said. "The second year we were up to a dozen. We're (now) averaging 25-30. We just kind of grew like mushrooms. We keep working at it each year."

He said many of the organization's kids have gone on to become good citizens. Recently, Meegan learned of a former member who is now serving on active duty in the Marine Corps.

"I was happy for this young man who grew up and matured," he said. "He is doing his own thing right now."

Meegan hopes for more success stories along the way. The Chandler Mustangs Young Marines have set a goal to make an impact in the community. Meegan believes they are well on their way.

"We'd like to continue to grow and continue to help the community and help the kids," he said.

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Steve's

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individuality.

"One of the reasons we never stop playing music and never turn the music down too low is because that's one of the few things that you can control to keep the atmosphere nice," he said.

"You really want a nice atmosphere when people walk in just for a quick cup of coffee. They don't want a place that's quiet and boring.

"That's something that coffee shops have sort of fallen into—that people treat them almost like the public library."

When Schmidt first opened Steve's Espresso five years ago, he was looking for a change.

"I was a corporate consultant for many years," Schmidt said. "I just wanted to do something a little more laid back."

Opening a coffee shop, he said, was the perfect idea.

"I drank coffee the last 20 years. Every day I'd go to some coffee shop and get my own latte; I did that until I opened my own place," he said.

Another decision: use french press coffee in the shop.

"It's really just the best way to make coffee. There's no taste comparison. French press is always smoother, and the reason it's smoother is that the filter that's used to drip coffee is so fine that you actually taste the oils out of the coffee," Schmidt said.

"French press is kind of like unfiltered wine. The oil is in there, and that balances the acid for a much smoother cup of coffee."

Schmidt said customers are usually pleasantly surprised by the unique taste.

"They have to get used to a little bit of coffee grounds, a little bit of really fine coffee sediment in the bottom of the cup. That sometimes can freak them out," he said. "But you've got to understand it's not too shocking to have a little bit of coffee in your coffee."

Steve's Espresso has steadily grown over the last two years. Schmidt said the coffee shop now has an in-house bakery. The menu is more diverse, as well.

"We tried to broaden it from just muffins and cookies to other solid meal-type things," Schmidt said.

As a result, he says, the shop now offers frittatas and breakfast burritos.

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decided he wanted to sell organic coffee. There was a void in the area that he wanted to fill.

"We saw there wasn't much of an organic presence anywhere in the Valley," he said.

"The reason we went organic is quality. Organic coffee and tea, you have a much better chance of getting a higher quality," Santa Cruz said. "People really like our standard brewed coffee. Secondly, we carry a lot of flavored lattes."

Over the last few months, Bunna Coffee has also added more food items to the menu, such as waffles, bagels, berries and granola, fresh fruit and toast and jam.

Bunna Coffee opened its doors two years ago. Santa Cruz and his wife decided they wanted to try their hand at opening a business.

They needed a change of pace in life, and starting a coffee shop seemed like the right thing to do. They had both previously worked in the coffee business and were excited to get started with their new idea.

"We just had the entrepreneurial bug," Santa Cruz said.

For a while, they tossed around names for the new store. Eventually they decided on a name that was both simple and exotic.

"We decided to go back to basics," Santa Cruz said. "Bunna is the Ethiopian word for coffee, and coffee's native to Ethiopia. So it's kind of a back-to-the-basics meaning of the shop. So we're happy with it. We like it. It has a unique feeling."

Lately, business has been good, Santa Cruz said.

The summers are historically slow, but he's beginning to see business pick up. He said Bunna Coffee's good location also helps business.

"We've had a pretty good continued following from our regular customers."

To build the Bunna Coffee name, Santa Cruz said the coffee shop markets to the community through newspaper ads and direct mailing.

The investment paid off. Santa Cruz said the shop has received support from the community; in return, he likes to give back.

"One of our favorite things to do is work with fundraisers for schools and other local organizations," Santa Cruz said.

Santa Cruz said Bunna Coffee has been a success.

He's hoping for more support and progress, and even is considering more changes in the future.



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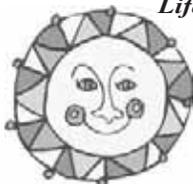
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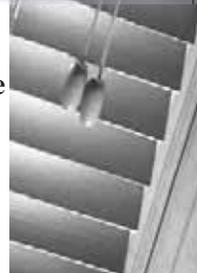
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Screen Gems . . . with M.V. Moorhead

'9': Magical, yes, but not a film for kids

Under a murky sky, in the ruins of a war-ravaged future, humanity carries on in the form of nine tiny, burlap-skinned doll-people.

These little homunculi have camera-lens eyes and zippers running up their bellies where they've been implanted with human consciousness.



M.V. Moorhead

They have numbers on their backs, and the last of the line is the title character of the computer-animated film 9. (This movie is not to be confused, by the way, with the live action

film *Nine*, an adaptation of the Broadway musical due in theaters in a few months.)

The animated 9 is a wistful sci-fi tale in which our hero (voiced by Elijah Wood), initially finding himself alone in the wrecked world, falls into the company of one of his fellow "stitchpunks" (so dubbed

by the filmmaker), the kindly 2 (Martin Landau).

Minutes after they meet, however, 2 is carried off by The Beast, a hideous cybernetic grab-bag of skeleton and machine parts. 9 wants to go rescue him, but the leader of the stitchpunk community, the autocratic and cautious 1, (Christopher Plummer), forbids this.

Of course, 9 embarks on his rescue mission anyway, accompanied by the loyal 5 (John C. Reilly). Along the way, they have various weird adventures and meet other members of the stitchpunk line, including the intrepid stitchpunk-ette 6 (Jennifer Connelly). They also accidentally reawaken a rampaging monster machine that wreaked much of the destruction back in the days of humans, and in the process learn the truth about themselves.

9 is rated PG-13, and it's full of startling and haunting scenes. The style of the director, Shane Acker, is in the debt of such animators as the Quay Brothers and Polish stop-motion master Wladyslaw Starewicz, and like these greats, his work is often magical and enchanting, but it isn't necessarily for kids.

There can be no doubt that Acker is a fine talent, which is why it's frustrating that

9, so beautiful and arresting visually, is so conventional as drama. What is it about feature-length animation that makes it fall into that same dreary template almost every time: the sweet sensitive underdog hero who must overcome a lack of confidence, the adventurous heroine as his love interest, the loyal sidekick, the sinister and/or brutish villains?

You'd think a movie like 9, which isn't solely focused on the kid audience, could excuse itself from at least some of these obligatory elements. But Pamela Pettler's screenplay (based on Acker's story) serves them up dutifully, and doesn't even season them with much humor.

Animation and sci-fi aficionados will still savor the atmosphere of the film, and Acker's vivid imagery. The battle between the stitchpunks and the robotic pterodactyl would have justified sitting through the movie's brief running time if it was the only highlight, and it certainly isn't.

But my pleasure at these diversions was undercut by the flat dialogue and the anticlimactic ending. 9 has its moments, to be sure, but it's less than the sum of its parts. — 9 is currently playing at Harkins Chandler Fashion Center 20.

— M.V. Moorhead is a former film editor with *Phoenix New Times*. He writes regularly for *Wrangler News*.



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Tempe Opportunities, the brochure of city recreation and arts classes, is no longer being mailed to every Tempe household.

The change in delivery, which started with this fall's issue, will help reduce waste and costs.

Residents still will be able to pick up hard copies at many city facilities and access the brochure online at www.tempe.gov/brochure.

Each time a new issue is ready, an e-mail will be sent to members of a Tempe Opportunities distribution list, letting them know when the brochure will be available online.

To sign up for the electronic distribution list, visit www.tempe.gov/brochure and click the "Going Green" button.

Those who wish to continue receiving the brochure via the U.S. Postal Service can register by providing their name and address by calling 480-350-5315 or by e-mail at brochure@tempe.gov.

Get your oompah on at 2009 Oktoberfest

Tempe's Oktoberfest@Tempe Town Lake, now in its 37th year, is keeping all the tradition you love and adding new, fun activities for all ages!

This year's Oktoberfest is scheduled for Oct. 2 (5 p.m. to midnight), Oct. 3 (10 a.m. to midnight), and Oct. 4 (10 a.m. to 6 p.m.) at Tempe Beach Park, 80 W. Rio Salado Parkway. Admission, entertainment and kids activities are free.

The festival will feature four stages of entertainment and local bands, German brats and strudel,

non-stop polka, and games and activities for every age.

New highlights this year include a John Madden Video Football Tournament, a "Garage Band" tournament, bounce houses, water games and crafts for kids.

Oktoberfest is produced by Tempe Sister Cities volunteers to raise money for international student/teacher exchanges and international humanitarian aid projects.

For more details on transportation, parking and food/beverage tickets, visit www.tempeoktoberfest.com.



Tardeada celebrates Tempe's Hispanic heritage

All are invited to the 11th Annual Tempe Tardeada from noon to 8 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 11, to celebrate and recognize Tempe's Hispanic roots.

This free festival will take place at the Tempe Community Center Complex, 3500 S. Rural Road, at the southwest corner of Rural Road and Southern Avenue.

A tardeada is a vibrant afternoon festival and social dance featuring continuous entertainment, traditional Mexican foods, arts and crafts for children, community booths and fun

for all! In conjunction with National Hispanic Heritage Month, the festival's goal is to celebrate and experience the legacy of Tempe's Hispanic culture.

Some of the many performers set to appear include Power Drive, Mariachi Corazon Latino, and Miss Arizona 2009, Alicia-Monique Blanco. Colorfully dressed folklorico dancers will add to the fun.

For more information, including transportation options and photos from past events, visit www.tempe.gov/tardeada or call Ginny Belousek at 480-350-8979.

Lace up your shoes for Walk to School Day

The weather soon will be cooler and that means residents can get outside and enjoy all that Tempe has to offer.

Tempe's 11th annual Walk to School Day on Wednesday, Oct. 7, invites children and parents to ditch their cars and take to the sidewalks to promote community involvement and a healthier environment.

Children at participating Tempe schools will receive a

giveaway for walking.

Each school will receive a tree to demonstrate how trees make walking more pleasant and help the environment.

For more event information or a list of participating schools please call 480-858-2215, or visit www.tempe.gov/tim.

Trick or treat at Family Halloween Carnival on Saturday, Oct. 31, at Kiwanis Park

Your family will have a bewitchingly good time at the free Halloween Carnival, featuring live entertainment, costume contests and face painting.

Local civic groups will provide carnival games and

food booths as a fundraiser, and tickets are only 25 cents each.

The carnival will run from 5:30 to 9 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 31, at Kiwanis Park, Mill Avenue and All-America Way.

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