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He's hot on Spielberg's trail. By the way, did we mention? He's only 12. Story on Page 9.

— David Stone / Wrangler News



These regal contenders have decreed that being crowned Mr. Corona isn't as important as generating \$20,000 in donations for their high school's March of Dimes Club. The competitors face off at a Feb. 23 fundraiser, during which they'll be judged on talent, formal attire and responses to questions from an interview panel. Heralded as a fun way to raise awareness of March of Dimes programs, the event is coordinated by faculty sponsor Leah Fleming, who has reigned as unofficial queen of the affair since its inception three years ago. Candidates include, from left, Kevin Thomas, Mark Naufel, Juanpablo DeLeón, Nick Kwilosz, Grant Shidawasa and Mitchell DeGraaf.

— Photo by David Stone/Wrangler News

Editorial

Congratulations, Derek!

It has been a month since *Wrangler News* contributor Adam Schifter reported on the write-in candidacy of Corona del Sol senior Derek Lull in Tempe's mayoral contest.

Maybe it was unrealistic for us to think that a civic leader, perhaps even one of our elected office-holders, might see Derek's aspirations as evidence that some young people still have faith in the political system on which our community, and our nation, is built.

It would have been a perfect opportunity, it seems to us, to publicly congratulate this young man for ignoring the predictable outcome of

a campaign he surely knows has little chance of succeeding.

Although no such laudatory messages have arrived so far, one would hope that Derek and other young men and women like him will continue to strive for goals that even they realize may be unobtainable.

Indeed, many difficult challenges lie ahead for all of us, and it is comforting to know that there are Derek Lulls ready to confront them — even when the chances for success seem out of reach.

So we say:
Congratulations, Derek!

VooDoo Daddy's premises seized by center owner

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In a legal notice posted on an entry door, Arcadia Management Group Inc. said the owners also have exercised a lien on assets inside the building.

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U.S. Olympics, Stanford await standout Ashley Hansen

By Alex Zener

The glow of recognition is known to shine frequently over Corona del Sol High School but never more so than in the four years it has provided a home base for scholar athlete **Ashley Hansen**.

Hansen, who will graduate in May, has left an indelible mark, not only as a talented athlete but as a gifted student as well.

Along with being in the top five percent of her class and maintaining an un-weighted grade-point average of 3.9, Hansen is a member of the Student Council and National Honor Society.

In December, she signed a letter of intent to play softball at Stanford University and was selected to try out for the Olympic women's softball team.

Hansen began her high school athletic career as a freshman on Corona's varsity softball team. From that day on, she has been improving every year, delivering clutch plays and big hits—not to overlook a shotgun-like arm that lets her throw the ball like a bullet from home base to second while still on her knees.

Hansen attributes her athletic prowess—the same skills that caught the eye of Stanford and several other major university coaches a few years ago—to the coaching she received over the past 11 years. And, of

course, her parents.

Hansen is the fourth daughter of **Ginger and Kevin Hansen** to earn a softball scholarship. (Anyone who has been around Corona athletics for a few years will remember Ashley's older sisters, **Tammi, Tara and Megan**.)

Why did Hansen choose Stanford out of all the universities that were pursuing her?

"I fell in love with the campus," said Hansen. "I could see myself living and fitting in there for the next four years of my life. I was also looking for a prestigious academic school with a solid athletic program, and Stanford seemed to have it all."

If there was any doubt about Hansen being ready to follow in her sister's footsteps and step into the highly competitive ranks of collegiate softball, any such concerns can be put to rest.

"I feel very prepared," said Hansen. "It's more than the physical skills at the collegiate level, and I feel that my coaches have adequately prepared me mentally to face the next level."

Hansen also feels better equipped after playing with the Olympic-caliber softball players she met and competed with overseas.

Not many high school seniors can say that they




Ashley Hansen takes a big swing at her future.

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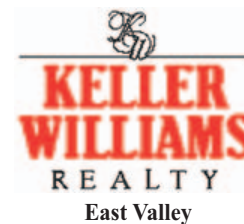
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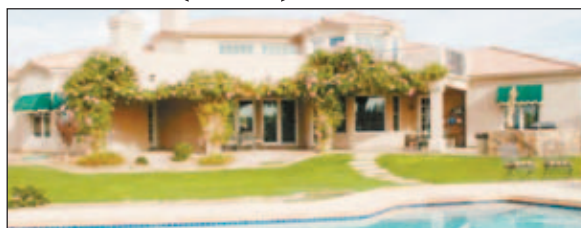
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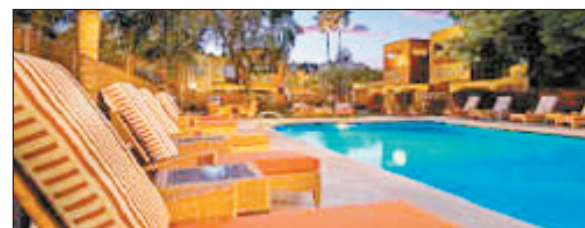
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Chandler again voted among best cities for young people

Comentary by Boyd W. Dunn
Mayor of Chandler

In its first three years honoring U.S. cities for their focus on youth, the America's Promise Alliance awarded our community the title of "100 Best Communities for Young People" each time.



With our latest honor, announced just last month, Chandler has joined an elite list of U. S. cities committed to providing healthy, safe and caring environments for young people.

Chandler was recognized as one of the 100 Best for a third time because of its passionate commitment to youth.

A leading force in that pledge is the Coalition for Chandler Youth. Created in 2006 to address youth issues on a community basis, the organization is

comprised of youth representatives, members of city government, private businesses and a variety of other organizations.

The group has been instrumental in disseminating the Five Promises of the program that provide for caring adults who are actively involved in kids' lives, safe places in which to learn and grow, a healthy start toward adulthood, an effective education that builds marketable skills and opportunities to help others.

Last fall, the Coalition instituted a 'Day of Play,' with every aspect developed according to the Five Promises with old-fashioned activities like double-dutch, hopscotch to flag football and rock climbing.

The entire event and healthy snacks were free to the estimated 1,500 in attendance.

Plans are already under way for this year's event.

Other ways in which the America's Promise judges found Chandler to be a great place includes Giggles,

Squiggles and Squirms a 32-week program created by the Chandler Education Foundation for 3- and 4-year-olds and their parents.

The program focuses on strengthening literacy and other key developmental issues.

Home liaisons meet with parents and give them books, supplies and activities to complete with their children.

At least 40,000 parents will be served by project activities during the five-year grant period.

Understanding that today's young people are tomorrow's leaders, the Chandler City Council, in 1994, developed a funding mechanism to help support community programs for youth.

The Youth Enhancement Program, or YEP, continues to grow and improve today.

The Chandler City Council has approved an increase to the annual allocation five times, from its original annual budget of \$400,000 to its

current annual allocation of more than \$650,000 with a total of more than \$8 million since inception.

These funds provide critical capital resources to local youth programs, and are just one example of how the City itself has supported Chandler's most critical asset.

There is so much more being done for Chandler's young people, and I want to again express our gratitude to the many community partners who support Chandler's young people.

This is an honor that the entire Chandler community can – and should – be very proud of.

The foundation for this award is deeply rooted across Chandler, as we all understand the significance of our young people and their need for opportunity and challenge.

Being one of the communities across the United States to be honored three straight years confirms that we are still on the right track.

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Science Made Easy Satellite's failure won't dim technology's future

By Julia Perez

Julia Perez is a Kyrene Corridor engineer whose columns in Wrangler News are designed to help explain the complexities of today's technology.

The U.S. military on Wednesday took a tentative—and hopefully successful—shot at destroying a failed satellite that threatened to re-enter the earth's atmosphere with a potentially dangerous payload.

It was a highly unusual challenge. These orbiting behemoths routinely function without a hitch, with space normally burning up on re-entry into the atmosphere. What was different in this case was that the targeted satellite carried 1,000 pounds of frozen propellant, with one estimate suggesting it could create a toxic cloud the size of two football fields.

While shooting it down seems a good idea, the military knows that destroying a satellite in space has the potential to result in a great deal of debris spinning over us. China, for example, left more than



Google Street View of Chandler Fashion Center

150,000 pieces of space junk floating above earth when it destroyed a satellite half the size. So let's hope that all went well with Wednesday's shot.

We want our satellites to work as flawlessly as possible, partly because they're absolutely integral to much of the technology we use every day to enhance the livability of our planet.

For example, you may not know that metro Phoenix is now available on Google Street View. I personally used it to find my new veterinarian's office. The visual of the location from the perspective of a pedestrian, along with the other

directions, were extremely beneficial.

Yet this new use of satellites, now available for 15 U.S. cities, is not without controversy. Some have raised concerns that it may violate an individual's right to privacy.

An international organization, Global Earth Observation System of Systems, headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland, has a satellite usage plan that is neither controversial nor in the news.

The 10-year plan is to coordinate the scientific data of approximately 30 satellites operated by the U.S., Europe, Japan, Brazil and a few private companies.

Potential satellite applications include forest fire prediction, precision agriculture, defense against natural and human-induced disasters, energy resources and water management.

The latter, for example, would require information regarding topography, vegetation, humidity, and water levels in lakes and rivers. Previously, scientists spent months developing specialized software to merge or compare data.

By the time you read this, the fate of the failed satellite may be known.

Whatever the outcome, satellites will continue to aid in communication, defense and the continuing evolution of consumer technology, perhaps with an international consortium helping to balance the effects we humans have on our environment.

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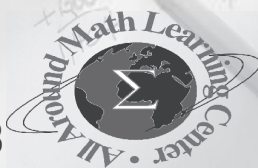
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Is the oldest rule in the investment handbook showing its age?

by Kevin A.
Kaesberg

DIVERSIFICATION . . . historically, one of the oldest rules in investing. Since the birth of modern finance many have believed diversification to be the utmost in risk management... if you lost a significant portion of your investments, then you just "didn't have enough diversification."

Defined as "An investment strategy that involves buying a variety of investment instruments that are not highly correlated to each other in order to reduce the risk of a portfolio," correlation is a key component to the success, or failure, of diversification and managing risk within your investments. Investments are highly correlated if, while one investment is moving in one direction, you can reasonably expect the other investment to follow suit. Therefore, low correlation relates to two investments that move independently of each other. Investments with low or negative correlation are needed for diversification to work appropriately. This provides for an investment portfolio that minimizes the negative movement of the portfolio while allowing positives changes to occur.

"Wide diversification is only required when investors do not understand what they are doing." -Warren Buffett

Historically, many considered a portfolio to be adequately diversified if it contained many different stocks or mutual funds, bonds, precious metals and international positions. This worked well because the correlation between these assets typically moved independently. The global economy of today was non-existent, trade was muted and business moved at a much slower pace.

Things are different today. Many economies rely heavily upon the same customers and suppliers, trade has become much more commonplace among virtually all

countries, and business seems to increase its speed exponentially. This provides for a more difficult time diversifying and requires a change in the expectations of your diversification efforts.

I often relate diversification to building a dam out of sand bags. It provides you with some defense against rising water, but it can't keep a massive rise or wave from flooding your house. Similarly, traditional diversification may be unable to hold back the rising risks associated with the world we live in due to the blending nature of many of the investment opportunities that were non-correlated in the past.

So how do you diversify in today's markets? There will never be a definite answer, but I believe it requires "thinking out of the box" investment strategies and an understanding that asset classes of yesterday look different than the asset classes of today. I don't see expectations of diversification keeping pace with the changes in our global economy. Consider managing your expectations appropriately and using different management styles to achieve additional protection. This may require that your whole portfolio is not invested in a "buy and hold" type strategy, but rather having some of your assets actively managed. Your costs of investing may increase, but I recommend focusing more on value than cost.

Find a professional who thinks out of the box and can provide you with insight in today's changing world. Keep in mind, it may be difficult to attain adequate diversification with smaller account values, but work towards continued diversification in light of our ever-changing world.

Are you over-diversified? Check in next time! —Kevin

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Kyrene Corridor Sports

By Alex Zener

The CdS boys basketball team finished its regular season at 15-10 after defeating both No. 1 Desert Vista, 55-46, and No. 5 Basha, 68-62.

The Aztecs had their backs against the wall and had to win these last two games to make it to the 5A-I state tournament for the fifth straight year under **Sammie Duane Jr.**

Corona not only made it to state as the No. 12 seed but managed to disrupt the tournament seeding for both Basha and DV in the process.

Corona has now won 7 of its last 11 games since Jan. 9, going into the first round of the state tournament

Feb. 20 against Tucson's Salpointe Catholic.

Earlier, the Aztecs easily beat Boulder Creek with a 70-42 score. CdS then traveled to St. Mary's, hoping to avenge the loss suffered in the McClintock Shoot-out championship game.

It was not to be, and the Aztecs came out licking wounds suffered during the rough play in St. Mary's intense green gym.

The Aztecs rebounded, beating then-No. 5 Mesa Red Mountain 69-65 in a highly competitive game with several lead changes.

The game went down to the wire, with the Mountain Lions needing a basket to tie or a 3-pointer to win with

less than 5 seconds to play.

Logan Roberts literally took the ball away from a Red Mountain player, then looked up the court to find a fast-breaking **Andrew Fox**, who easily scored two.

Several players contributed to the win, but **Nick Timpone** kept the Aztecs in the game by making several clutch shots from the charity stripe down the final stretch. **Timpone** was the high scorer with 21; **Fox** put in 18; **Alex Zener** 12; and **Mike McCoy** 9.

Corona next outing came during Central Region play against Mt. Pointe at home. This game also turned out to be a thriller when the Pride managed to keep the score close, making several 3-pointers and leading at the half 29-32.

Leland Devlin helped the Aztecs keep within range by scoring 11 first-half points. Unfortunately, he came down wrong on his good ankle just before the half and broke his leg.

Devlin remains out for the rest of the season and had surgery on both legs Feb. 1, so he'll be in a wheel chair for a few weeks.

CdS came out focused in the second half and pulled ahead. It took several made free throws to seal the victory, but the Aztecs finally prevailed by a score of 73-70. **Timpone** picked up the slack when **Devlin** went down, scoring 13 of his 15 points in the second half—several on free throws.

David Whitmore and **Nikhil Kulkarni** came off the bench to score 8 points each.

On Jan. 29, CdS lost to Desert Vista at home, 45-56, after a gallant effort. The Aztecs pulled within 4 at 38-42 with 4:30 left in the fourth quarter but never got any closer.

CdS continued Central Region play Jan. 29, at Basha. It was senior day for the Bears and the game was about an hour late getting started.

Basha got a lead shortly into the second quarter and pulled an old Mt. Pointe ploy—stalling. At one point, toward the end of the second quarter, the players stood for over three minutes. The Aztecs went into the locker room at halftime down 10

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points at 14-24.

CdS started pressing in the third quarter, effectively neutralizing the stall, and the Aztecs were able to cut the 10-point lead in half at 42-38. In a perfect world, the fourth quarter should have ended with a 52-52 tie.

Basha threw up a last second shot that missed. Players from both teams were struggling to get control of the ball when the buzzer sounded and a late whistle was blown. A foul was called against Corona and Basha went to the line making one of two for a one-point lead with 5 seconds to play. Basha went on to win 53-52.

Thankfully, the Aztecs played a team outside the Central Region on Jan. 30, easily beating Trevor Browne 98-60.

All 13 Corona players saw minutes, with top scoring honors going to **McCoy** with 17 points and **Timpone** with 16.

Roberts, starting in the place of the injured **Devlin**, scored 11. **Fox** and **Kulkarni** had 9 points each while **Mike Stahl** came off the bench to score 6.

The Aztecs visited Mr. Pointe on Feb. 1 for what promised to be a highly competitive game based on their previous meeting a week earlier.

CdS got off to a great start, though, and led throughout the game, sometimes by almost 30 points winning 78-54.

Roberts had a great game leading all players with 18 points. **McCoy** and **Zener** followed with 16 each, while **Tarik Smith** racked up 7 more. **Aaron Foshie** added 4 while **Louis Feinberg** came off the bench to score 2.

Grant Walton came in to run the point, dishing out a few assists while scoring 1 point. **Tory Gomez** also played quality minutes in the much needed win.

In addition to defeating Desert Vista on senior night, the Aztecs defeated Basha 68-62 during their last home game of the season.

It was probably the best defensive game the team has played all season. Offensively, **Kulkarni** was the leading scorer with 14 while **Roberts** and **McCoy** were close behind at 13.

Fox had 12, **Zener** 9 and **Timpone** 7. You can find the Aztecs game schedule, results, pictures and other information at the team's website: <http://cdsboysbasketball.com/>

Aztec wrestlers finish #2 in State 5A-I tournament

Corona's wrestling program entered the 2008 5A-I State Wrestling Team Tournament on Feb. 13, seeded No. 1 and acknowledged to have the best shot to knock off Mesa's Jackrabbits, who have come out on top on state tourney mats the last few years.

This year, Mesa, seeded No. 3, dominated in the middle weights, confirming they were still the team to beat by taking home their third consecutive state championship trophy, defeating the Aztecs 35-22.

CdS, although disappointed, was nonetheless able to make it to the finals and take home the state runner-up banner—a measurable

improvement over their performance in both 2006 and 2007 when Corona was seeded No. 4 but was outdistanced in the quarterfinals.

The Aztecs easily won (60-6) in the first round No. 16 Mesquite. CdS also overpowered No. 9 Brophy 47-24 and No. 4 Dobson in the second and third rounds, despite losing **Travis Fulton** (160) to a broken ankle the day before the start of the tournament.

In the finals, Corona and Mesa were tied at 6-6 after the third match but Mesa went ahead with **Victor Montano's** unpredictable victory over Corona's **Ryan Miller** in the 125 pound weight class 8-5.

Mesa won the next four matches to lead 24-6 before **Derek Felton** cut the lead in half, 24-12, by pinning his opponent in the 152 pound weight class.

Corona's two-time state champions **Luke Macchiaroli** (215) and **Trevor Stapp** (285) had hoped victories in their matches would be the icing on the cake for the championship trophy.

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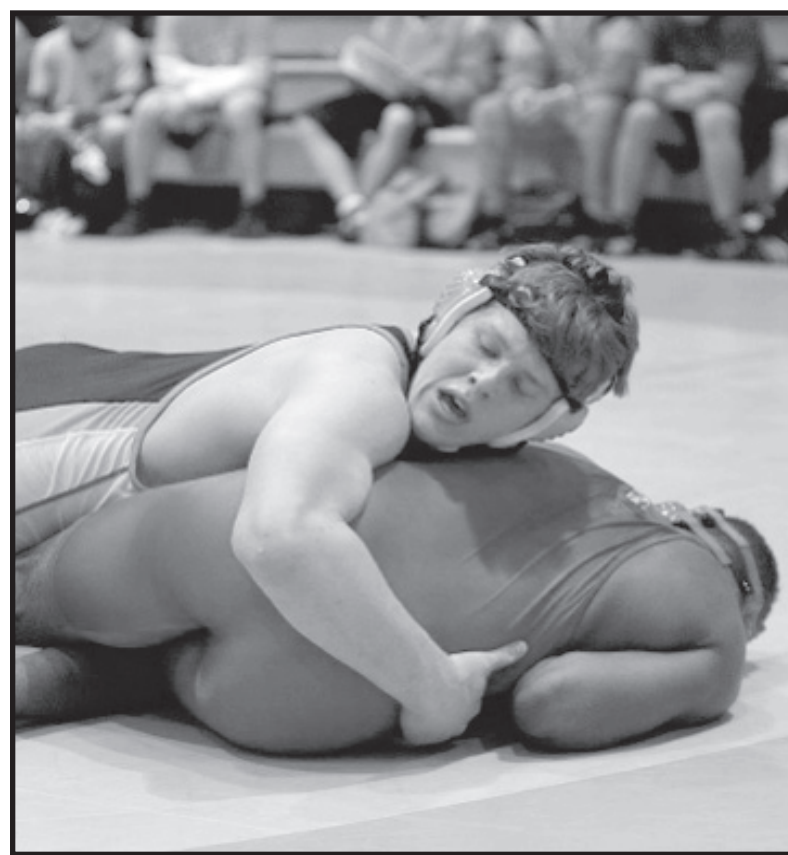
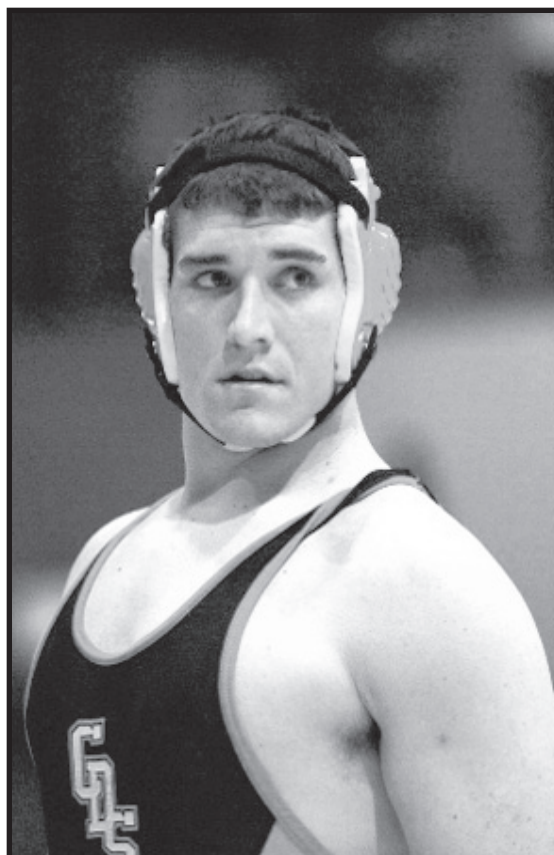
Mesa, unfortunately, had all but clinched the team title by winning the middle weights, essentially putting the title out of reach, before the Aztecs, who won the last three matches, could even step on the mats.

Individual state wrestling matches, held Feb. 7-9, resulted in Corona's **Justin Cullins** (103) taking fourth place, **Ryan Miller** (125) third place, and **Derek Felton** (152) second place.

Luke Macchiaroli (215) and **Trevor Stapp** (275) both took home first place medals.

Trevor Stapp, photo at left, and Luke Macchiaroli emerged as first-place winners in state individual wrestling competition. Stapp was outstanding wrestler in the tournament for the second year in a row. Other outstanding performances were turned in by Derek Felton, Ryan Miller and Justin Cullins.

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— David Stone / Wrangler News

Step back, Spielberg; Orsino's on his way

By Mark Moorehead

Dedicated students of cinematography routinely find the challenge of making a film to be all-consuming—no time for much of anything else.

Not so for Kyrene Corridor resident **Aidan Orsino**, who has more projects rolling than you'd expect from a fantasy directorial team of Spielberg, Coppola and Scorsese.

During a recent five-day period, his ultra-energized schedule included

recording the complete dialog of an Obama-for-President rally in downtown Phoenix, attending the advance screening of a soon-to-be-released major film, solving computer problems for a group of teachers and unlocking I-Phones for some appreciative technology clients, all while attending school full time.

If you're thinking this is a typical student working his way through college, you'd be off by a few years. Aidan is 12 and attends Kyrene Middle

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Kyrene Corridor Diversions

Vinyl-heads' rejoice as vintage record-store spins memories of a groovy past

By M.V. Moorhead

Today's teens and 20-somethings have little if any memory of the days when music was the product of vinyl phonograph records, their sounds produced by placing a needle into minute grooves cut into the record's surface.

This latter-day technology, replaced by tape and ultimately CD players in the '70s and '80s, now seems almost as quaint and remote as the Victrola must have seemed to those of us who bought vinyl LPs and 45s in the earlier decades of the last century.

Yet, like most old technologies, vinyl records still have their loyal devotees who refuse to give them up. There remain a great

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Screen Gems

With Downey as principal, 'Charlie Bartlett' gets best laughs since 'Juno'

M.V. Moorhead is a former movie critic for Phoenix New Times who writes regularly for Wrangler News.

The title character of *Charlie Bartlett* is a sweet, respectful, well-mannered teenage rich kid. There's much to admire about him—he's smart, articulate, genuinely well-intentioned and scrupulously free of snobbery.

On the other hand, he tends to the criminal.

The movie starts with Charlie being booted out of yet another posh private school, this time for expertly forging driver's licenses. Sent to public school—on the short bus—he shows up in preppy tie and blazer, and un-self-consciously befriends a mentally challenged kid he meets on the first day.

The response to him by his other new schoolmates, needless to say, ranges from derision to mauling to a "swirly" in the boy's room.

On the other hand, he makes a favorable impression on the only other student whose good opinion is worth very much—a smart, sexy, good-hearted girl who, alas, also happens to be the daughter of the principal.

Since Charlie has easy access to psychotropic medication—his neurotic Mom keeps a psychiatrist on call—he eventually decides to set up shop in that same boy's room to dispense amateur therapy, complete with prescriptions. He enlists the mohawked brute that toilet-dipped him

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Kyrene Middle Schooler Aidan Orsini is focused on his future.

— David Stone / Wrangler News

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School.

In addition to a love of tinkering with all things electronic, Aidan wants to become a professional movie director when he grows up. Until then he'll settle for finding one-of-a-kind projects that help build his resume.

Last week Aidan entered the Almost Famous Film Festival's 48-Hour Short-Film Challenge, sponsored by Ball Boy Productions and Majerle's Sports Grill.

This is a regional competition that attracts filmmakers from Arizona, California, Utah, Nevada and New Mexico.

Contestants are given two days to complete a film that is two to seven minutes in length, including these requirements:

Miscalculation must be the theme; "Are you sure that's it" must be included as a line of dialogue; and The turning of a key must be injected

somewhere into the story.

Not one to approach such a challenge unprepared, Aidan attended the International Short Film Festival on Valentine's Day to check out the competition before taking the lens cap off his own camera.

Instead of being intimidated, Aidan described what he liked and didn't like about the various short films. His candid responses could have come from an experienced critic. But that wasn't courage speaking—it was passion.

Aidan hopes to be accepted to the film school at the University of Southern California, which he says would be an awesome place to learn a lot more about film making.

Calm and polite, Aidan speaks softly with confidence and deference. He strikes one as a serious young man with many talents. He calls his first film a "dramedy," a combination of drama and comedy that is short and to the point—somewhat like him.

When he was reminded that Steven Spielberg grew up in Phoenix in the 1960s and began his film career when he was 14, Aidan replied he already knew that; he wrote a biography on Spielberg in third grade.

Relating to his film, Aidan seems to have had an experienced director's comprehension of what was wanted.

"It involves several doors, a key and a blind man who makes a mistake" says Aidan.

As if the two- to seven-minute requirement weren't restrictive enough, Aidan saved space at the end of his five-minute film for outtakes, a funny, irreverent reference to the final moments of many

longer comedies.

While there's plenty of competition for the \$3,000 top prize (82 contestants submitted entries), Aidan remains circumspect about the opportunity. Win or lose, he said, he's happy the festival allowed him to participate, and had a lot of fun making the film. He even managed to get the permission of a local convenience store to allow

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him to film on location.

After turning in his completed film, Aidan attended a brief ceremony at which he received a certificate for the youngest entrant in the organization's history.

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Spielberg was 14 when he made his first film, *Firelight*, with an eight millimeter camera, Aidan pointed out.

That film went on to provide the basis for *Close Encounters of the Third Kind*. And that, from Aidan's perspective, might be as good an outcome as a memorable line from Spielberg's famed 'Encounter': "It's better than Goofy Golf!"

The festival's winning entry will be announced later this month.

Pecan Grove Estates resident Mark Moorehead writes regularly for Wrangler News.



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Seating is open, no tickets required.

Armendt has performed in master classes of Gerard Souzay (French melodie) and Ralph Appelman (vocal technique), and has coached privately with John Wustman in song literature.

She previously taught voice at Otterbein College in Westerville, Ohio, and at the Capitol

Conservatory of Music in Bexley, Ohio.

Tempe Symphony Orchestra is under the direction of Dr. Richard Strange and is a program of the city of Tempe Cultural Services Division with support from the Arizona State University School of Music. Information: (480) 350-5287 or www.tempe.gov/arts/events/tso.htm

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by Peg Conway

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In many design plans windows can, and should, become the focal point of a room. Before you begin selecting your window treatment fabric and design, you first need to consider the size of your room. It's important that each custom designed window treatment be of the right scale and proportion in the room and on the window.

For instance, in a large room with small windows, your best design decision would be to extend the size of your windows with a beautifully designed window treatment. Conversely, if your room and windows are small, it would make more sense to work with a professional to design simpler treatments that would help make your room appear a bit larger.

If your ceilings are high, you might consider a deep valance or cornice to help visually lower your room. And in a low-ceilinged room, a ceiling to floor treatment will act as a counterbalance.


When windows are very narrow, draperies hung beyond the frame will have a widening effect. And a pair of windows that are too close together can be made to look like one by extending the side draperies beyond the windows, and hanging the center panels conventionally.

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Rows and rows of cases hold stack upon stack of records ranging from classics to curios, any one of which may give the boomer-era music fan a blast from the past.

Presiding over them all is proprietor **Stephen Wilkinson**, a local musician and music lover.

Wilkinson, however, is not himself a fanatical member of the vinyl cult.

"I wouldn't call myself an aficionado, or an audiophile," he admits. "I like both vinyl and CD."

He recognizes the qualitative difference between the two formats, but observes:

"I like CDs for the convenience,

but CD is sort of a flat, bombastic sound. Vinyl has always had a warmer tone to it...A lot of it is a matter of opinion, but a lot of it is a matter of your ear.

"I'm a musician, so I can hear sharps and flats, and I can hear the difference between vinyl and CD. I don't know what it is, but for some reason in this tide of MP3s and whatnot, vinyl has been extremely hot in the last few years."

Still, Wilkinson notes, Rockzone Records is so friendly to digital media that it offers disc-repair services for CDs, DVDs and video games, while you wait.

Wilkinson worked at the store that became Rockzone before purchasing it himself, when it was a location of now-defunct Rockaway Records. Rockzone purchased Rockaway's entire inventory in January of last year.

"The store has always had a rock basis," says Wilkinson, who names Kiss, the Who, Black Sabbath, Queen,

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Thin Lizzy, ELO and Alice Cooper, among others, as favorites.

But a stroll around the store reveals everything from jazz to movie soundtracks to stand-up comedy.

The store also serves as musical hotspot in its own right.

"Sometimes we have bands in to play an acoustic set," says Wilkinson.

Most recently, Swedish "sleaze rock" quartet Vains of Jenna performed in-store earlier this month.

Wilkinson remains an active musician himself, performing in cover band The Cradle Robbers, which plays venues like O'Kelly's in Mesa, Cactus Jack's in Ahwatukee and the Blooze in Phoenix.

Wilkinson explains the group's name thusly:

"It's a bunch of old guys, and if young girls want to see us and drool over us, that's OK. I'm the youngest guy in the band, and I'm 40."

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Ashley

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were selected to try out for the Olympic Women's Softball Team.

In fact, she was the only high school player in the nation even considered for the opportunity.

Every other candidate was not only much older than Hansen but had years of experience, either collegiate or professional. Though she was not

selected for the official team, Hansen was invited to play in a Junior Olympic Tournament in Holland during early August.

What's up next? There is the 2008 CdS softball season ahead for Hansen, who garnered several awards last season batting .547 with 43 RBI's and was picked as part of the 2007 All-AZ Softball team.

Corona was 2005 State 5A runner-up when Hansen was a freshman, and she is anxious to leave her mark

on this, her final high school season, by winning the championship.

Of the upcoming softball season, Hansen says:

"I'm excited to see what this team can do.

"We have a lot of our starters returning, and I feel that everyone has improved since last season so I'm looking forward to making a run at state, and hoping to get back in the championship game this year (with a different turnout)."

Utility consultant seeking election to SRP board on clean-energy platform

Electricity rates are due to go up again this summer, and **Amanda Ormond** says the increase shouldn't be necessary.

The Kyrene Corridor resident and energy consultant has announced that she's a candidate for the Salt River Project Board of Directors, elections for which take place April 21.

Ballots go out in mid-

March.

Ormond says she is basing her campaign on a clean-energy platform because SRP isn't doing its best to pursue alternatives to natural gas.

The board position is open as a result of the retirement of longtime board member Robert Kempton.

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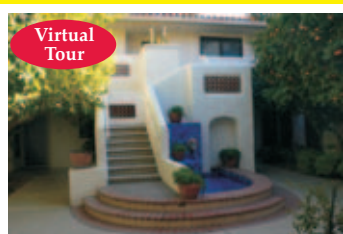
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Deadline is noon Monday, March 3.

Saturday, Feb. 23

- Author Lynne Reid Banks, at Changing Hands Bookstore discusses Tiger, Tiger at 2 p.m.
- Rhythm and Rhyme Time for Preschoolers at Sunset Library, 10:15 a.m.

Sunday, Feb. 24

- San Tan Chorale performs at Arizona Community Church, 3 p.m., tickets at the door

Monday, Feb. 25

- Author Lydia Millet, at Changing Hands Bookstore discusses How the Dead Dream at 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 27

- Evening story time for 3 to 6 year olds at Tempe Public Library, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 28

- Game-On at Tempe Public Library, 12- 18 year olds can play games and socialize, 4 to 5 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 29

- 2nd Annual Multicultural Fair in the Multipurpose room at Mariposa Elementary School, 5 to 7 p.m.

Saturday, March 1

- 1st Annual Fun Run/Walk at Mariposa Elementary School, proceeds to benefit the Kyrene Family Resource Center, 9 a.m.
- Clifford the Big Red Dog at Changing Hands Bookstore, 11 a.m.

Sunday, March 2

- Chandler Center for the Arts presents Mark Russell, 7 p.m., tickets at the box office

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in this enterprise as pharmacist, and pretty soon the two of them have a thriving practice of kids who seem genuinely to benefit from their headshrinking sessions in the stalls. Since he doesn't need money, Charlie's only motivation in all this is the usual one in high-school movies: popularity. Charlie's dreams are unusually frank. He sees himself wowing a vast

crowd with comforting platitudes, like a skinny, prodigal Tony Robbins. For a while, it looks like Charlie's dream is coming true. But eventually, of course, the psychiatry scheme hits a snag, and Our Hero finds himself in an escalating conflict with the principal. *Charlie Bartlett* bears some resemblance to *Rushmore* and some, perhaps, to *Ferris Bueller's Day Off*, though it lacks the subtlety and sophistication of the former and the bumptious jolliness of the latter. All the same,

it's a lot of fun, and with the exception of *Juno* it's probably the most imaginative teen movie since 2005's *Brick*. While the script by Gustin Nash is lively enough and the direction by Jon Poll is clean and swift, the movie gets by far its biggest boost from its actors. High-cheekboned and truly patrician-looking, Anton Yelchin makes Charlie's guilelessness seem plausible without making him seem either stupid or cocky, the balancing act without which the movie would be insufferable.

Beautiful, long-faced Kat Dennings, a delight as Catherine Keener's daughter in *The 40-Year-Old Virgin*, is just as charming here as Charlie's smiling, commonsensical new girlfriend, and Hope Davis brings a light touch to Charlie's dotty Mom. Tyler Hilton, Mark Rendall and Megan Park have strong turns in smaller roles. Still, without Robert Downey Jr. as the principal, a formerly happy history teacher promoted to alcoholic laughingstock status, *Charlie Bartlett* would be too lightweight even for its own modest goals. It's the principal who gets to articulate the

movie's moral center, when he firmly tells Charlie that what we do in this life matters. If the line had been given to Charlie or one of the kids, it would have seemed glib. Coming from Downey, it's refreshing. With his soulful, frayed-at-the-edges beauty and the lightning intelligence of his delivery, Downey should be a bigger star than he is, but at least we get to see him now and then in movies like *Kiss Kiss Bang Bang*, or this one, effortlessly sketching a decent-hearted, deeply flawed man who knows he's too smart to be such a wreck. As a movie *Charlie Bartlett* warrants a

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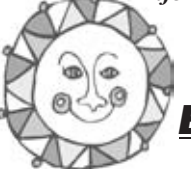
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The restaurant is at 1706 E. Warner Road, on the northwest corner of Warner and McClintock.

Employees reported they showed up for work to find the premises locked.

The company still owes back paychecks to some workers, who were told more than a month ago that the situation was temporary.

No payments have yet been received, however, an employee said.

Kyrene Corridor Briefs

School bullying topic of discussion

What happens when a child is bullied to the point of hopelessness?

Kyrene Corridor resident **Robin Todd** will lead a panel discussion addressing this silent epidemic at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 28, at Changing Hands Bookstore.

Todd, contributing author of *Bullycide in America: Moms Speak Out about the Bullying/Suicide Connection*, says bullying can take a toll on a child's mental health and even end in suicide.

Some of the stories Todd recounts have been featured on national television.

Navigating your HOA

Residents who'd like to better navigate the complexities of living in a homeowner-association neighborhood can learn the ropes at a series of public meetings coming up next month in Chandler.

The city of Chandler Neighborhood Programs office is offering a new session of its HOA Academy to help residents who would like to consider serving on the governing board of their HOA.

The academy is specific to Chandler and consists of three mandatory and three elective classes for a total of six credits.

Classes will be held Thursday, March 6, and continue from 6 to 8:30 p.m. weekly through April 3.

Participants can choose any three elective classes held weekly from Thursdays, March 20, through May 1.

Credit for one missed class may be received by attending a city-sponsored event such as the Congress of Neighborhoods, Neighborhoods! AZ or East Valley HOA Summit.

Graduates will receive a certificate of completion and group picture at a graduation ceremony June 12 during the Chandler City Council meeting.

Space is limited to 35 participants.

To register, contact the Neighborhood Programs office at (480) 782-2218 or download an application online at www.chandleraz.gov.

High school artwork featured

The best and brightest young artists from Corona del Sol, Marcos de Niza and other area high schools share their lives and perspectives through a broad array of artwork, including ceramics, drawing, painting, computer art and photography, during an exhibition at Tempe Public Library.

The exhibition, featuring more than 400 pieces of artwork, continues now through March 27.

Tempe Public Library is at 3500 S. Rural Road. Gallery hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Information: (480) 350-5287.

Open house at Gethsemane

Gethsemane Lutheran School is hosting an open house from noon to 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 23, featuring magician/comedian Michael Fisher.

The school is at 1035 E. Guadalupe Road, Tempe.

Information: (480) 839-0906.

Young boat builders clinic

A free boat building clinic will be held from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 1, at the Chandler Desert Breeze police substation, 251 N. Desert Breeze Boulevard West.

The program is designed to teach entrants how to build cardboard boats for the ninth annual

Rotary River Rally featuring the Great Cardboard Boat Regatta to be held in Tempe Saturday, April 19.

Clinic participants will learn how to create masterpieces out of nothing but corrugated cardboard, paint and glue.

All that's needed to attend are creativity and enthusiasm.

Tempe early voting through March 7

Registered voters in Tempe may continue to cast early ballots for the city's March 11 primary election at two locations.

Early voting will be available through March 7 at the Tempe Public Library, 3500 S. Rural Road, and at the Harry E. Mitchell Government Center, 31 E. Fifth Street, in the first floor of the inverted-pyramid City Hall building.

Hours at both locations are Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Friday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Information: (480) 350-8241.

Online classes offered

Corona del Sol and Marcos de Niza students interested in taking an online class can visit the Tempe Union High School District's website at www.tuhisd.k12.az.us to view the online classes that are available.

The online courses are located in the curriculum section of the site.

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Miss Arizona USA Kimberly Joiner shows off a bag donated for the recent East Valley Women's League fundraising auction.

— Photo contributed by Kris Cartwright

\$10,000 raised in league's charity auction

The East Valley Women's League, a seven-year-old non-profit organization, hosted its fourth annual Purse Gala and Auction Feb. 7 to benefit underprivileged women and children.

Nearly two hundred of the Valley's most charitable and fashionable guests bid on designer handbags during the evening's silent and live auction events. The event was held in the home of longtime Kyrene Corridor residents **Gregory and Tara Stainton**.

Guests took home more than 100 handbags with gross proceeds totaling nearly \$10,000, which will benefit

EVWL charities, including:

- Women's and Children's Service Project, which has made it possible for nearly 6,000 children to receive a holiday stocking as a gift from their incarcerated mothers;

- Packing for Success Program, which provides thousands of backpacks to underprivileged children in the East Valley;

- Cinderella Affair, which has enabled thousands of young people to attend their high school prom; and

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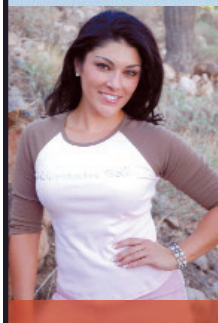
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Tempe Parents for the Gifted is hosting a family event with the Phoenix RoadRunners Feb. 29 to support gifted children and their education.

Discounted tickets are available to see the RoadRunners face the Alaska Aces at 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 29, at US Airways Center.

The regular game ticket price is \$19.95, but tickets to this special event are \$15. The deadline to purchase tickets is Wednesday, Feb. 27.

To purchase tickets, call Chelsey Hoffman at the Phoenix RoadRunners office, (602) 379-7868, or buy them online through Ticketmaster, at: <http://www.ticketmaster.com/promo/y77iv8>.

Two from KC schools among competition's top spellers

Raymie Humbert of Pueblo Middle School has been named first place winner of the Kyrene School District's annual spelling bee.

Summet Patwarden of Aprende placed fourth.

The top five winners participated in a regional spelling bee Feb. 9 at Kyrene Akimel A-al Middle School.

Winners of that event now

go on to compete with district winners from Chandler, Mesa, Tempe and surrounding private, charter, and home-school organizations.

The winner of the regional competition will participate in the Arizona State Spelling Bee to qualify for the Scripps National Spelling Bee, which takes place in Washington, D.C.

The public can attend.



Chandler's annual Multicultural Festival featured a program celebrating strides in the city's march toward diversity. Among guests attending a keynote luncheon were, from left, Ana Regalado, chair of the city's Human Relations Commission; Chandler Mayor Boyd Dunn; Gina Hill, the commission's vice chair; and Chandler Council member Matt Orlando. The event was part of the city's Celebration of Unity.

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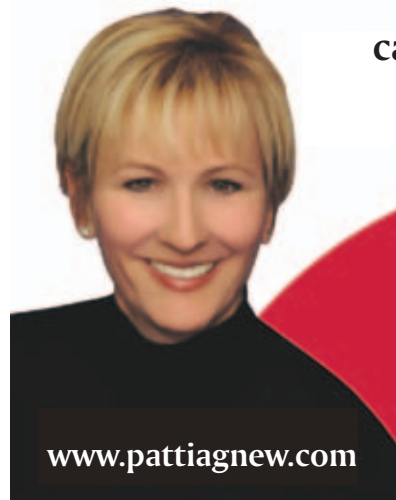
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