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## So, What is Happening with the Protest in Thailand?

Vy Truong

*Reporter*

Youths in Thailand are leading pro-democracy protests fighting for change in a nation influenced by its monarchy.

As it started with a small group of students, this event has become a nationwide protest against the current king, Maha Vajiralongkorn. They are brimming with passion and demands.

[BBC News](#) reported, "Protesters have also been seen giving a three-fingered salute, a gesture taken from the Hunger Games film franchise where it's a rousing symbol of defiance against an authoritarian state." They

want to reform Thailand into a democratic government because of the deprivation of political justice, human rights abuse, legal unfairness, and LGBTQIA bigotry.

Another catalyst that prompted this act of rebellion was King Maha Vajiralongkorn's stay in Germany.

With COVID-19 and the economic damage it caused, Thai citizens are in distress. According to Thai scholar Pavin Chachavalongpun, they blame their king for handling these issues poorly and believe he is not responsible.

Since the protests are picking up speed, the government is intervening.



# NEWS

photo courtesy of Annie Payne

Riot police have arrested more than 15 protesters since the initial start of the movement. They have used weapons like water cannons and tear gas to dispel them.

Chloe Truong, a P.h.D candidate in biochemistry at Arizona State University, stated, "It is inevitable that people, especially the youths, voice their opinion and concern for such matters."

The government has violated the rights of its

citizens, and activists are getting arrested despite their innocence.

It is unclear whether the Thailand monarchy will reform. However, these protesters have not surrendered, and their government is under pressure.

[Washington Post](#) stated, "the monarchy's popularity has also eroded in recent years amid deep slides in the country's democracy and ongoing political instability."

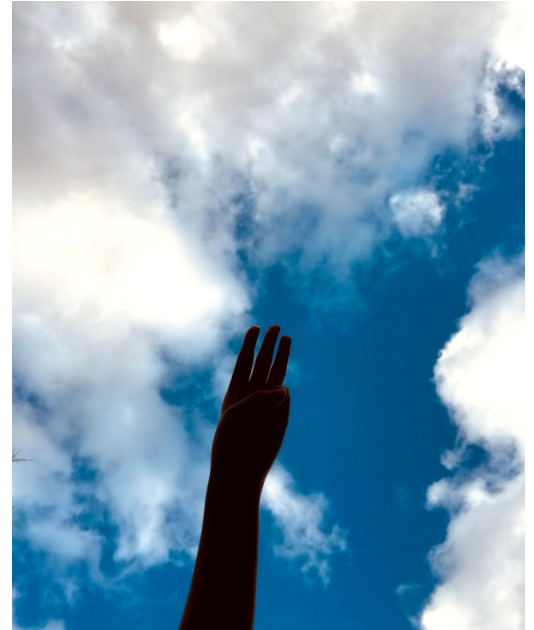


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## 2022 Olympic Boycott For Human Rights

Brianna Bromley  
*Reporter*

Beijing, China was given the honor to host the 2022 Olympics back in 2015, when concerns of human rights violations there had been discarded; however, once China was chosen, the suspicions of unfair law towards minorities rose again.

Similarly, when Beijing, China hosted the 2008 Summer Olympics, the same accusations were being received.

Following those games, the Olympic organizers stated that China promised to improve its human rights record as part of the agreement to hold the games.

Reinhard Bütikofer, a member of the European Parliament and a part of the Inter-Parliamentary Alliance in China stated, "China has moved in the "total opposite" direction."

As countries looked onto China to correct its human rights mistakes, many were disappointed when nothing had changed and eventually worsened.

Now in 2020, China is in the midst of over 160 human rights groups asking the International Olympics Committee (IOC) to boycott the games in Beijing and take away China's ability to host the 2022 Winter Olympics, the

Washington Post reports.

Most of these complaints are due to the mistreatment and incarceration of more than a million Uighurs, a mostly Muslim ethnic group.

No boycotts of the 2022 Olympics have been official, only hearsay from human rights groups or politicians.

Lee Jones, an Asian political researcher, stated, "China has reacted furiously to any suggestion that it is even mistreating the Uighur population, so it is likely to react very negatively if other governments start to lead a boycott campaign."

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<b>Foot Locker Scholar Athletes Program</b> \$20,000 3.0 GPA	<b>Gator Bowl Charities Award of Excellence Scholarship</b> \$2,500 3.0 GPA.	<b>Fukunaga Scholarship Foundation</b> \$20,000 3.0 GPA, Hawaiian Descent	<b>Inclusion and Action Scholarship &amp; Internship</b> \$25,000 African-American who shows leadership skills
<b>Islamic Heritage Fund</b> Award Varies 3.0 GPA, Muslim	<b>John Deere Woman in Engineering Scholarship</b> \$2,000 woman, Engineering Major	<b>LEAD Scholarship</b> \$5,000 3.0 GPA, African Descent	<b>Park Foundation Scholarship</b> \$2,000 3.0 GPA

REMEMBER: Applying to many smaller scholarships is always a good idea, they usually have less applicants, so funds add up quickly!

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# Slavery in the 21st Century

Annie Payne

*Reporter*

Around the world and in the United States, slavery has been prevalent ever since the 16th century. Transatlantic slave trade is a historical display of this. Currently, slavery is taking place in the 21st century and this system is called modern-day slavery.

Modern-day slavery can involve trafficking, forced labor, bondage, etc. This trafficking is a common issue that has cultivated this year. Presently, more and more people are forced into captivity. As the amount of trafficking is increasing, so is the amount of organizations that are helping the situation. Elizabeth Metcalf and Camilla Selous, both reporters for the Wiley Online Library, say “We designed a

two-part teaching session for medical students at Cardiff University. Part 1 provided students with sufficient content information regarding the different types of modern slavery and pathways of referral. Part 2 provided training for students to communicate safely and effectively with these vulnerable patients.” This program is teaching young adults how to notice and pick up when slavery is happening and how to evaluate the situation.

Since citizens are unaware of the signs and indications of trafficking, this opens the door for more cases to come. Marjorie Saylor, the CEO of a non-profit organization called “The Well Path,” states, “Most teens and

adults are naive about the issue and don’t educate students about the risks and risk factors. Knowing the signs can help reduce the percentage of slavery and trafficking nowadays.” She has experienced modern-day slavery first hand. Marjorie says that her mindset when going through slavery hurt her in the end. “I was already sexually abused as a child, so I might as well get paid for it. That is what my mindset was back then, and that is how I got into slavery,” she said.

With more citizens forced into trafficking and slavery, more organizations like Saylor’s have been very prevalent. These organizations are helping survivors and trying to keep the percentage from rising any further.



## COVID-19 and the Holiday Season

Madeline Moran

*Reporter*

This year, many lives have been affected in one way or another because of the COVID-19 outbreak. Now that the holiday season is quickly approaching, people all around Arizona are wondering how much has to change. Will they have to continue altering their plans?

In a [New York Times article](#), Dr. David Hirschwerk, an infectious disease physician said "...I think that the C.D.C. reminders, really more than anything, should have us all pause to think about what our plans are..." The [CDC](#) says that in-person gatherings pose a high risk and that attendees should take precautionary measures.

One of the annual traditions in Arizona is the Tumbleweed Tree Lighting Festival. The tree lighting festival began 63 years ago in 1957. It has been held annually in Downtown

Chandler ever since. As of right now, the Tumbleweed Tree Lighting Festival and the parade that occurs afterward are both canceled.

When asked about her plans for this holiday season, an Arizona mother of three said that she is planning on staying home with her family. She won't be hosting her annual Christmas party but instead will be using the time to spend with her family. She said, "We have been taking all of the recommended precautions when we're in public and we plan to continue doing so."

Many people's plans have been affected since the onset of COVID-19 early this year. This holiday season, it seems as though plans must continue to change. The CDC suggests that people keep an eye out for updates on the CDC guidelines and keep track of cases in your area this season just to be safe because anything could change at a moment's notice.

photo courtesy of Madeline Moran

Annie Payne *Reporter*

## Arizona Fire Season

### Information

Arizona's fire season is already increasing due to humans and weather. The state currently has no moisture and due to the carelessness of humans, the numbers of fires are growing everyday.

#### EFFECTS ON FIRST RESPONDERS

The workload of the fires have been very effected on firefighters. The fires have been so strenuous, the departments are lending counseling for first responders.

#### WEATHER

The state has no moisture and needs more. "The unbearable heat and little rain is the perfect storm for a rough fire season". says Shawn Gilleand with Rural Metro Fire Department

#### CARLESSNESS

There are 771 wildfires so far this year and 741 are human caused. Abandoned campfires, unsecured tow chains and target shooting are the main causes from humans.

#### STATS

There is currently 53 active big or small fires active in Arizona right now

Source:  
<https://www.fireweatheravala.nche.org/fire/state/arizona>

Madeline Moran, *Reporter*

## A Frigid Winter

IN ARIZONA, THERE WAS RECORD-BREAKING HEAT IN THE SUMMER OF 2020. ACCORDING TO AUDREY JENSEN OF AZ CENTRAL NEWS, "THE AVERAGE HIGH TEMPERATURE IN AUGUST WAS 110.7 DEGREES, WHICH OFFICIALS SAY IS THE WARMEST EVER RECORDED."

ISAAC SMITH, A METEOROLOGIST WITH THE WEATHER SERVICE, SAID. "ON AVERAGE, JULY IS HOTTER THAN AUGUST. TO SEE THAT AUGUST ENDED UP BEATING JULY IS PRETTY IMPRESSIVE." AUGUST THIS YEAR HAD AN AVERAGE TEMPERATURE OF 99.1 DEGREES, WHICH SURPASSED THE ALL-TIME RECORD AVERAGE OF 98.9 DEGREES IN JULY.



ACCORDING TO THE OLD FARMERS ALMANAC, "WINTER WILL BE COLDER THAN NORMAL, WITH COLD WEATHER PREDOMINANT FROM MID-DECEMBER TO MID-JANUARY AND IN MID-FEBRUARY."

THIS IS BASED ON THEIR ANNUAL WEATHER SUMMARY MADE FOR NOVEMBER 2019- OCTOBER 2020 AS WELL AS THE NOVEMBER 2020 LONG-RANGE WEATHER FORECAST FOR THE DESERT SOUTHWEST.





# FEATURES



## LGBT+ acceptance around the world

According to a study from UCLA

### THE MOST ACCEPTING COUNTRIES

Iceland, Norway, the Netherlands, and Canada



### THE LEAST ACCEPTING COUNTRIES

Ethiopia, Senegal, Somaliland, and Tajikistan



Definition of Acceptance: the action or process of being received as adequate or suitable, typically to be admitted into a group.

### GOING BACKWARDS?

The study also concluded that the least accepting countries had gone down in acceptance from 2002 to 2017

### INTERVIEW WITH MALCOLM MCDONALD

Malcolm Macdonald resides in London England with his partner, Ray. The two have traveled just about everywhere. When asked about any places he had visited where he felt unwelcomed because of his sexuality, he responded "We went to St. Petersburg Russia in 2008...Ray and I probably wouldn't travel to Poland, Russia, or Hungary just yet..." He said the place he felt most accepted was the city of Berlin.

By Atticus Benfield, Reporter

Yushin Son, *Editor*

# 2020

## A TRAINWRECK UNLIKE ANY OTHER

### JANUARY

The impeachment trial of Donald Trump.  
The threat of WWII after a drone killed an Iranian general.  
The Australian bushfires.

### FEBRUARY

Funeral of Kobe Bryant and his daughter.  
First round of democratic primaries .

### MARCH

Shutdowns across the globe.  
The World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a "Pandemic".

### APRIL

Protests against quarantine in the USA.  
Worldwide cases hit the millions, the US with a million on its own.

### MAY

George Floyd is killed.  
The resurgence of BLM and protests against the police and for justice.  
USA hit 100,000 coronavirus deaths.

## JUNE

BLM and George Floyd protests go global.  
Trumps holds his first campaign of 2020: Tulsa.

## JULY

NASA launches Mars 2020 rover. John Lewis dies.  
COVID-19 cases reach over 12million worldwide. Global death toll 600,000.

## AUGUST

Murder Hornets enter the USA.  
The Beirut explosions.

## SEPTEMBER

Global COVID-19 death toll reaches 1,000,000.  
Ruth Bader Ginsburg dies.

## OCTOBER

EU takes legal action against UK for breaking Brexit agreement.  
Nations returning to quarantine and lockdown measures.

## NOVEMBER

2020 US Presidential Election.  
Joe Biden is declared president elect.  
Kamala Harris is the first black, Asian, female vice president.

## DECEMBER

TBD

Here's to 2021.

## Back to school: **FIRST IMPRESSIONS**

After 220 days, students have been able to return to Chandler High School for in-person classes. The transition from online to in-person may have seemed daunting at first, and yet this first quarter back is nearly over. Even with block classes everyday, the time goes by quickly. Students have been able to regain a fragment of normalcy these past few weeks. As we all finish up this quarter of in-person school, the sun shining overhead the pillared building, friends laughing, sprinklers splashing the sidewalk, we can enjoy this time we have to be together again and work to make the next quarter even better.

Imani Davis, *Editor*



"I've been able to interact with my classmates in a distraction free environment."  
Natali Rodriguez

Asia Cruz, *Editor*

## Happy Holidays

Wanna make your holidays more festive?

### World of Illumination

Enjoy the animation of your favorite holiday characters brought to life in the World of Illumination drive thru

Locations: Tempe and Glendale, Arizona  
Date: 11.6.20 - 1.3.21  
Time: open nightly 6pm - 10pm

**Ticket information**  
Weekday tickets- \$29+taxes per vehicle  
Weekend tickets- \$39+taxes per vehicle  
Best to buy tickets online

### Zoo Lights

Come experience one of Arizona's greatest holiday traditions, where you can see Christmas light animal sculptures with family and friends

Location: Phoenix, Arizona  
Date: 11.7.20 - 1.31.21  
Time: 5:30 pm - 10pm

**Ticket information**  
Child 3 - 13: \$17  
Adults 14+: \$25  
Best to buy tickets online  
Closed on Christmas day

# CLIMATE CHANGE

AN EXISTENTIAL  
THREAT TO  
HUMANITY

Written by Griffin Eckstein and Kira Partlowe  
Photo courtesy of Kira Partlowe

# STUDENT PERSPECTIVES

Photo courtesy of Kira Partlowe

Climate change is a hugely important issue for many members of our generation. It's an issue lots of us see as a threat to our future, and many wonder what we can do about it. We gathered a small variety of student perspectives on the issue.

**"It's nerve-racking to think about, but at the same time I have hope for science and humanity. WE will find a way to fix this"**  
**-Ricky Tapia, 11th**

**"Our generation is more aware of this issue because it impacts us directly. We are the future"**  
**-Kyle Collins, 11th**

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**"I think in today's society we skim over the importance of our climate... We only have one earth, so why not treat it kindly?"**  
**-Lily Taylor, 11th**



Since 1750, 2.2 trillion tons of CO<sub>2</sub> have been emitted, warming our climate by at least 1 °C.

**"With unchecked emissions of climate pollution, there is at least a 10% probability for climate change to pose existential threats to Homo sapiens and all other species."**

**-Veerabhadran Ramanathan,  
Chair in Climate Sustainability  
Scripps Institution**

# EXISTENTIAL THREAT

Photo courtesy of NASA

**"Sea level changes are occurring on scales that threaten coastal communities, cities, and low-lying islands."**

**-Intergovernmental panel on climate change**



Coastal cities will sink into the sea as tides rise, and coastal ecosystems will collapse.

**"More than 50% of climate pollution is caused by the wealthiest one billion people, while the poorest three billion people emit only 5% of the climate pollution"**

**-Veerabhadran Ramanathan**

Despite this, climate change is hitting the poor hardest today. Wealthy individuals may have the means to escape climate catastrophe, but they will still be impacted in the future. Climate change isn't just an environmental issue, but also a human rights issue. We must value preservation and justice for future generations above our own comfort.

# CLIMATE JUSTICE



Photo courtesy of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Low-lying nations like Bangladesh and the Maldives could possibly face an existential threat with a sea level rise of just

# 1 METER

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Today, extreme weather events cause over

# 20 MILLION

people to be displaced every year. That number is only going up.





# OPINIONS

photo courtesy of Alyssa Rosenberg

## Is the Economic Boom in Chandler Worth the Urban Sprawl?

Alyssa Rosenberg

*Editor*

As the Chandler housing market has skyrocketed in popularity over recent years, the newfound immigration of people has brought extensive economic growth and prosperity; and the effects of urban sprawl have changed the city we call home.

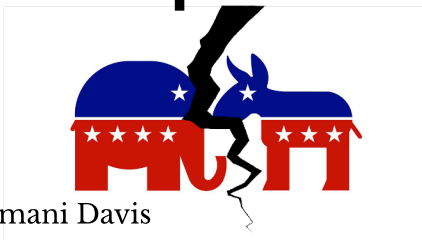
The average price of a house right now in Chandler is \$368,266, according to Zillow. This is an 11% increase from the same time last year, which means immigration to Chandler is occurring rapidly. This has caused

noticeable change in the way the city has looked within the past 10 years. In an interview with Lucinda Oliver, a Chandler resident of 17 years, she said, "It used to feel like my little country home in the San Luis Valley of Colorado, but now it's getting bigger and more city-like. More opportunity for my grand-kids. I guess I like it."

In an interview with a Phoenix real-estate agent, Kyle Lapp, he said, "New housing is crucial for the population to continue to expand, and the economic benefits of new people

coming to Chandler is astronomical." Old plots are continuously being converted into new functioning housing developments, which has nothing but a positive impact on the area around it. This is also the only way to counteract an extreme increase in Chandler housing prices, keeping them affordable to middle class Americans. With a middle class in prosperity, the city is perfectly functioning and well developed, which is the desired economic goal in a region.

## Oh Bipartisanship, Where Art Thou?



Imani Davis

*Editor*

The last time America saw a publicized bipartisan effort was in 2017 when John McCain gave a speech urging his fellow members of Congress to work together. For three years, while mass media has gained a larger role in politics and misinformation spreads like wildfire, bipartisanship was quietly hiding in a corner. In the COVID-19 crisis, Congress has attempted to calm the storm, while politicians dive into it. They have too, being the spearhead of parties that focus

on image, not policies.

Lee Drutman, the author of *Breaking the Two-Party Doom Loop*, wrote "Voters now vote the party, not the candidate. Candidates depend on the party brand. Everything is team loyalty. The stakes are too high for it to be otherwise." Bipartisanship depends on prioritizing policy, but in a society where the public prioritizes people, policy has been set on the back-burner.

In the early days of America's government, George Washington warned against factions forming in Congress. Buds of America's very first factions had already formed in his cabinet --

Federalists vs. Democratic-Republicans. This polarization in politics was predicted in the first years of America's life, but it seems to have reached a new high today. Algorithms and media help to divide by showing only what you want to see. People and politicians fight hard for what they believe is right but fail to realize is that the "enemy" is sometimes fighting for the same thing. Different ways, different stories, same battle.

When we realize that America is one country, not truly split down the middle, perhaps it will become easier for people and politicians alike to work together.

## What's the Point of Banning Books?

Atticus Benfield

*Reporter*

To Kill a Mockingbird, Animal Farm, Of Mice and Men, Fahrenheit 451. These books have one thing in common: they have all been banned.

Another year and another 'Banned Books Week' has come and gone. We see the usual line up: The Catcher in the Rye, 1984, The Grapes of Wrath, etcetera, etcetera.

But it's the 21st century, surely no one is banning books now, right? Of course, that's not the case. In Nashville 2019, Catholic priest Dan Reehil demanded the removal of all Harry Potter books from the local school's library. The community insisted on an explanation. Reehil explained that he had been assured: "the curses and spells used in the books are actual curses and spells; which when read by a human being risk conjuring evil spirits..."

To say that his reasoning is outlandish is an understatement. While J.K Rowling has not commented specifically on this 'controversy' surrounding the Harry Potter series, we can infer that her intention when creating Harry Potter was not to try to persuade kids to become wizards but to write a fun story. Most of the time, the author isn't intentionally trying to persuade anyone to think a certain way or to

participate in certain activities.

You could make the argument that books like Animal Farm and Fahrenheit 451 are trying to warn of a complete take over by the government. Even then, the author's goal isn't to brainwash people. Ray Bradbury himself said that "Fahrenheit 451 is not a story about government censorship...[Rather]a story about how television destroys interest in reading literature."

Books are often our first hint at life. We shouldn't be taking that away from kids and teenagers. Books teach us about empathy, human kindness, betrayal, and pain. Books teach us that we aren't alone in our struggles. They teach us to be observant, mindful, and determined. To take all that away because it has a few curse words, or a few spells, or because it teaches people to think for themselves, is an idiotic reason to ban books.

photo courtesy of Atticus Benfield



# #End SARS:

## Why this movement matters

### Why Does It Matter?

Since footage of police killings earlier this year in the U.S. sparked protests across the country, citizens have been acutely aware of the issue that is police brutality. The increased attention to intersectionality among movements has caused many supporter of anti-police brutality movements, such as Black Lives Matter, to place emphasis on the support of all people fighting against police brutality. Protests against SARS have spread across the globe as citizens and celebrities express their support of the movement.



### What is #EndSARS?

The Special Anti-Robbery Squad is a federal police unit in Nigeria created to combat dangerous crimes, such as armed robbery. Since its formation, the task force has been accused of physically harassing and abusing citizens. The hashtag was first started in 2017 by activists in Nigeria who want to end SARS.

The hashtag recently resurfaced after a video released on October 4 showed officers shooting a man, prompting citizens to protest. On October 11, the Nigeria Police responded to riots by announcing the disbanding of SARS and the firing of two officers. The Nigerian government has made many failed attempts at reform which has left citizens unsatisfied with the lasted pledge, including the creation of the Complaint Response Unit, which has yet to hold any officer responsible for the torture or killing of a detainee.



### Protests Continue

According to Amnesty International, the deaths of 56 unarmed Nigerians have been confirmed since protest began. On October 20, members of the Nigeria Police force opened fire on peaceful protestors at a Lekki tollgate causing what is now known as the Lekki Massacre. The Nigerian government has since been accused of covering up the details of the massacre causing the unrest to continue.



# Entertainment

photo courtesy of Madeline Moran

photo courtesy of Yushin Son



Yushin Son  
Editor

## Esports 2020: The Year That Almost Didn't Exist

***One would imagine that Esports of all things would be able to survive in 2020.***

Esports competitive leagues have always consisted of in-person venues so an adjustment was to be had, and it wasn't necessarily smooth for everyone.

The CS:GO 2020 season didn't even exist as ESL and Valve, the organizer and company behind the game, decided to cancel the 2020 Rio de Janeiro Major in lieu of the pandemic. However, in their statement when declaring the cancellation of the event, the ESL team also promised "We, and Valve, are committed to return with the CS:GO Major to Brazil when it is safe to do so."

The League of Legends' 2020 Worlds championship used a unique solution as they decided to continue, employing a 'bubble' tactic as the championship took place in person. ESPN's Rand and Ocal wrote in observance of the bubble tactic, "Players from around the world were placed in a hotel to quarantine upon their arrival in China and underwent a 14-day mandatory isolation period. ... Thus far, no player or staff member has contracted the virus." In the end, Damwon Gaming came out victorious.

Moving forward into the 2021 season, how it all plays out is a coin toss depending on how the pandemic ultimately goes, but fans can still hope to look forward to the future of Esports.

## INTO A WINTER WONDERLAND

Vy Truong  
Reporter

photo courtesy of Vy Truong



### How the Grinch Stole Christmas



How the Grinch Stole Christmas movie poster

Viewed on Netflix and rated TV-PG. A story of the Grinch who despises Christmas and decides to go to Whoville to ruin their festivity.

### White Christmas



White Christmas movie poster

Unrated and viewed on YouTube or Amazon Prime Video. Set in World War II, White Christmas is a whimsical musical about the winter time in rural Vermont.

### Polar Express



Polar Express movie poster

Rated G and viewed on YouTube or Amazon Prime Video. A young boy wanders into a magical train that takes him to the North Pole.

### The Christmas Chronicles



The Christmas Chronicles movie poster

Viewed on Netflix and rated TV-PG. Sibling duo Kate and Teddy schemes to capture Santa Clause but ends up helping Old Saint Nick in an adventure to save Christmas.

**Cara Gaffney, a high school student in Arizona, states all these movies "share the same feeling of nostalgia during this time of year."**

## Restaurant Spotlight

Griffin Eckstein  
*Editor*



**Mingle and Graze** is a Chandler spot serving the prettiest cheese boards in town.

[48 S San Marcos Pl, Chandler, AZ 85225](#)



**Pizza on 87** is a classic pizza place for the whole family.

[1368 N Arizona Ave, Chandler, AZ 85225](#)



**Peixoto** is a local coffee shop with house-roasted and grown beans.

[11 W Boston St, Chandler, AZ 85225](#)



**El Sol** is a Chandler institution. Our staff reporter Atticus interviewed Alessia De la Cruz from El Sol. She said COVID has hit them hard, but they are “so lucky to have such a loyal community.” Try the carnitas!

[760 N Arizona Ave, Chandler, AZ 85225](#)



**West Alley BBQ** is a black-owned business in the heart of Downtown Chandler. This Tennessee-style spot serves up some of the most authentic and delicious barbecue in the valley.

[111 W Boston St, Chandler, AZ 85225](#)



**Tacos Chiwas** is a fantastic place for authentic Mexican food! Try the Rajas Gordita & Los Calabacitas taco!

[2160 N Alma School Rd, Chandler, AZ 85224](#)



**Singing Pandas** has dinner and a show! You can expect an unforgettable night!

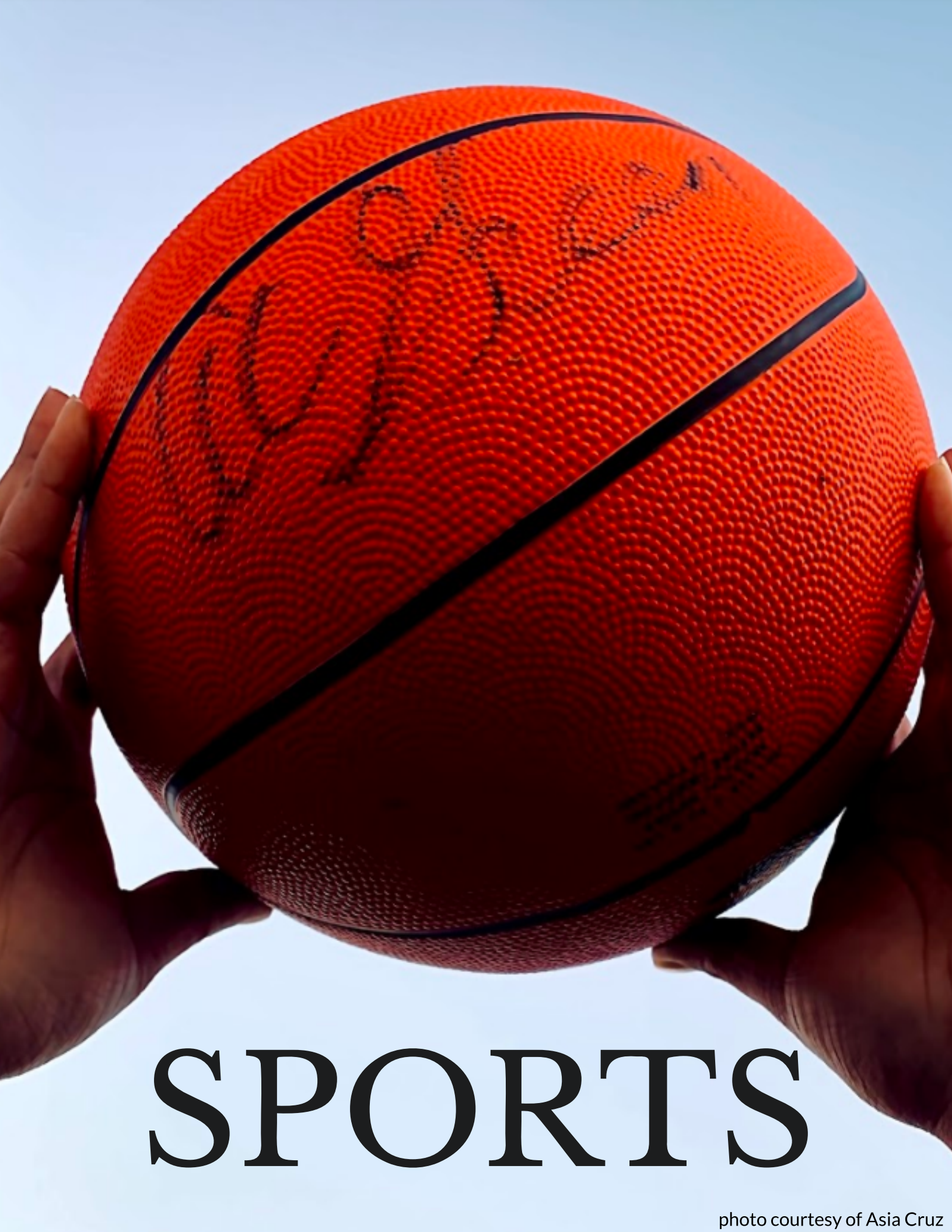
[757 E Chandler Blvd, Chandler, AZ 85225](#)



**Chon Thai** is a Thai restaurant that does a lot to support the community!

[2330 N Alma School, Chandler, AZ 85224](#)

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# SPORTS

photo courtesy of Asia Cruz



# Fans' Influence on Athletes

Asia Cruz

*Editor*

Think about a big, intense football game, the players raise their hands up and down, signaling to the crowd to be louder. Grasp onto how boring an event is when the fans aren't as passionate about a definite team. Recognize, athletes want the crowd to quiet down at a certain point in a game. It is because athletes are looking to the fans for certain energy levels. After all, they know how it could affect their overall performance. But why does it matter so much?

Fans can give off a specific reaction to specific plays in a sporting event. If an athlete misses a kick or a hit, it is normal for the fans to yell the common term "boo" in an ill-mannered way. Shayla Cruz, a former volleyball, basketball, and track athlete, said, "Negative energy from anywhere whether it is sports or anything else brings



photo Courtesy of Asia Cruz

everyone down." In comparison, when a basketball player makes a breathtaking slam-dunk or a volleyball player gets a blistering hit, winning the team a point, the crowd is ecstatic. Shayla also said, "more positive energy built my confidence and made me work harder." The fans make the athletes want to work harder.

A crowd is a blessing but also a curse. Joseph Husbands, author of [Can Fans Influence The](#)

[Outcome?](#) says, "The crowd can be a scary thing and affect your performance negatively if they are against you. However, the crowd can be a wonderful thing; if they are on your side you can thrive on their support, and your performance can improve and in turn affect the outcome of a match."

The fans have more of an impact than you think. When push comes to shove, the fans are a great resource.



# FALL SPORTS RECAP

## Football

**Overall: TBD**

**Receiving Yards: 226.2**

**Rushing Yards: 252.2**

**Tackles: 87.0**

**Interceptions: 6**

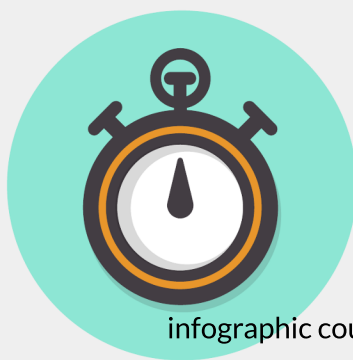
## Volleyball

**Overall: 10-8**

**Kill Per Set: 9.9**

**Total Blocks: 99**

**Serving Aces: 156**



## Highlights of the 2020 Football Season

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Chandler High School football is back and ready to defend another state title. The Wolves come into the season as the reigning champions for the fourth consecutive season. The team is off to another hot start firing on all cylinders, and they are currently undefeated.

Wolves' Defensive end, Brandon Buckner was interviewed about the great start. Brandon said, "We are clicking on both ends of the field, everyone is playing their roles and contributing in a major way to the team." The inconvenience of a pandemic is that anything could cancel at any time. Buckner was questioned about how he and the team have maintained focus. His response was, "Coach G tells us every day to control what we can control. We do not know what the rest of the season will look like, we are only focused on one day at a time getting ready for the next game."

Chandler has a high powered offense, averaging 49.5 points a game. Quarterback, Mikey Keene, has been well leading the offense. He is averaging about 217 passing yards alongside 2.5 touchdown passes on the year. Eli Sanders is the main running back this year, and he has been terrific. He is averaging just about ten yards a carry, with 144 yards per game

The defense is also dominant this year. The players are giving up just under five points a game on average, not to mention they have kept teams scoreless a number of times this season.

Brandon Buckner is leading the team in total sacks with an average of 1.5 a game. With continuous improvement, it is easy to see how strong the team is.

CHS football has its eyes on something more important than winning regular-season games. The state title is unable to leave any of the athletes' minds. If successful, the team could win State Championships for the fifth consecutive time. History is in the making of this talented group. Enjoy their success while they are here, and tell everyone in future years we witnessed a rare football team.



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