

# Soccer shirts to Brazil

In a goodwill gesture, the Acton Soccer Club this week will donate five sets of uniforms, including jerseys, shorts and socks, along with soccer balls, to needy players in Brazil.

League treasurer Anne Stewart proposed the idea after talking with son-in-law Peter Nascimento, whose 12-year-old brother Kiko and his friends often play soccer there on the streets without jerseys.

Nascimento last year con-

tacted a church in his native country and asked if they would be interested in the attire. Nothing was heard until two weeks ago when the church called.

"The uniforms are going to kids who need them," Stewart assures, adding the soccer club initially contacted an Indian reserve in Canada to take the uniforms without success.

"Half the time these kids don't even have shoes on their feet," says Stewart.

# Corson now director in L.A.

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The Acton Tanner

Many men dream about Madonna calling on them, right out of the blue. But for former Actonite Ian Corson, it's a dream-come-true.

Corson, an aspiring writer-director and graduate of N.Y.U. Film School, last year won an award at the New York Film Festival for his thesis film *A Dollar and a Dream*.

CNN then picked up the story and interviewed him on camera early last summer. Madonna saw the interview, contacted Corson, and the rest, as he says, "has been like a fairy tale."

Since then the 30-year-old has directed his first film, *Malicious*, starring Molly Ringwald, and also directed a music video for Branford Marsalis and his group, Buckshot le Fonque.

"I was doing OK on my own," says Corson. "I had an agent handling me as a screenwriter, and lots of contacts in L.A. But since Madonna, everything has been a frenzy."

It could be said Corson's career began way back at Acton High, when he first read the biography of Jim Morrison and "realized anything was possible."

He lived in Acton with his family for five years, then went on to the University of Western Ontario, where he graduated with a degree in business.



AT THE WHEEL! Ian Corson, left, looks over a script with actress Molly Ringwald during filming of *Malicious*. (Submitted photo)

"But I hated it. I decided it was time to follow my dream."

Corson considers his move to New York City "the best thing I ever did," since it was from there that his career really got moving.

And though he now lives in Santa Monica and rubs shoulders with some big names, he still has the small town in him.

"It's interesting to come from a small town. You can draw from that body of experience. It also keeps you grounded," he says.

Filming for his next movie, which he is also writing, begins in the fall. Based on the novel by Christopher Moore, *Coyote Blue* is "a romantic comedy and spiritual journey" in a present-day

Native-American setting. And though it hasn't been cast yet, Johnny Depp's name has been bandied about for the lead.

There has been a "good response" to some screenplays Corson has written and he hopes recent meetings will turn into filming next spring.

He also says working on a film or music video with Madonna is "a definite possibility."

"I've been very lucky," says Corson. "Things don't usually happen this fast — it's a tough racket."

"My advice is to keep believing in your dream, take active steps towards making it happen, and keep plugging away."

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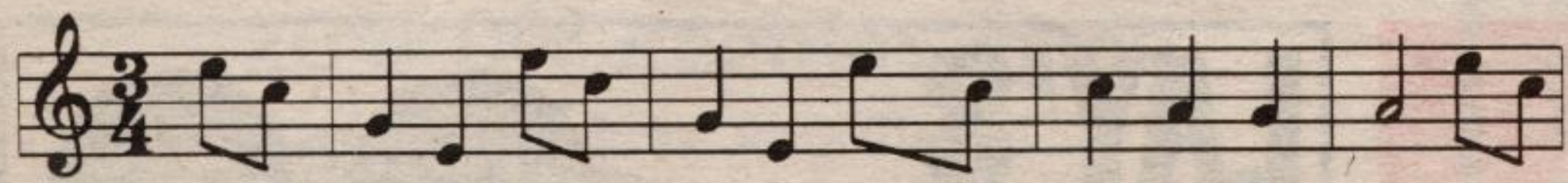
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All bus packages are \$12 for the day with the exception of Canada's Wonderland, which is \$24. Children must be accompanied by an adult (at least 18-years-old).

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