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Doreen Zhao and Miles Campos take a break from their immersion Chinese-language studies at China's respected Nanjing University. Doreen, a Corona del Sol graduate, and Miles are part of ASU's Chinese Language Flagship Partner Program. Doreen hopes to be an architect in China when she graduates. *Story, Page 2*

Photo courtesy Irene Hsiao, ASU

Sisters follow rigorous journey to Chinese-language proficiency

By Irene Hsiao

Corona del Sol graduate Carrie Zhao is taking on one of the most difficult languages for Americans to learn.

Carrie, a sophomore at Arizona State University, and her older sister, Doreen Zhao, a Chandler High graduate and ASU senior, knew that they needed more training if they wanted to use their Mandarin Chinese professionally.

Doreen is in China now; Carrie will make the trip later this year.

Despite the fact the sisters grew up in a family where Mandarin was spoken and attended a local Chinese school, they still had gaps in their knowledge of the language and culture.

"I wanted to improve my Chinese to where I could use it confidently in the workplace," Doreen Zhao said in a phone call from Nanjing, China.

Thanks to the Chinese Language Flagship at ASU, Doreen is pursuing her dream of working as an architect in China.

The rigorous program is training ASU undergraduates to achieve a superior level of proficiency in Chinese, which is considered one of the most difficult languages for Americans



Miles Campos and Carrie Zhao join fellow student Andre Bunnitt in Nanjing, China.

to learn, according to the Foreign Service Institute at the U.S. State Department.

Doreen is a member of the first cohort of students spending a year in China studying at the prestigious Nanjing University before doing internships in their career

domains in the spring; her sister and Corona grad Carrie, who is studying supply chain management along with Chinese, will be in ASU Flagship's second cohort, which will go to China later this year.

"I'm a little worried because I've never been in a different country by myself before," she said. "I'm also excited about all the learning opportunities and I'm looking forward to the food."

ASU's Chinese Language Flagship program is part of The Language Flagship program, a federal effort through the National Security Education Program.

The goal of Flagship is to produce global professionals who can function in a critical language at a professional level. Critical languages include Arabic, Korean, Farsi, Hindi, Russian and Mandarin Chinese, among others.

Prior to that year in China, the students spent an intensive year at ASU taking Chinese content courses. The students have taken courses such as "The History of Chinese Medicine" and "Chinese for Professional Purposes" that are all taught in Chinese.

Most of the students are double majoring in Chinese and another field. Majors range from history to sustainability to finance.

Students in ASU's Chinese Flagship program come from a variety of backgrounds. Most had no knowledge of Chinese until they attended college; others had some prior exposure.

Miles Campos, who is also in the first cohort, started studying Chinese at ASU and hasn't turned back since — delving into the language, the culture and the literature.

The Utah native's exposure to Chinese language and culture through Flagship have led him apply to the PhD program at ASU.

"If you want to study Chinese period, you can do a

major and minor. But, if you don't want it to stop there and you want to know how to function amongst Chinese people and know how they think and why and to go beyond just studying mere language and to actually study not just Chinese but *China* and Chinese people, if you're interested in something like that—Flagship is something you want to do," he said.

And this in-depth knowledge of China is aiding Doreen Zhao to make her goal of working as an architect in China a reality.

She is directly enrolled in architecture classes at Nanjing University and plans to intern at a local Chinese architecture firm.

"I haven't started the internship yet, but I now have a better idea of the architecture workplace in China and what life for a foreign architect might be like," Doreen said.

The Tucson-born Doreen put off attending architecture school so she could study Chinese through Flagship. She said it was a tough decision because she had also been accepted into the competitive, upper-division architecture program at ASU.

"In the end, I realized I would never get a chance to study abroad with the same intensity and focus on professionalism that Flagship offered," Doreen said. "I figured taking an extra year to graduate was a fair trade for a year of new experiences in school, work and daily life."

Flagship applications are due Jan. 31. Pre-Flagship applications are due Feb. 28. Prospective students can contact ASU Chinese Language Flagship's program coordinator Mia Segura at (480) 965-9221 or mia.segura@asu.edu

— Irene Hsiao is a communications specialist with the ASU Chinese Language Flagship Partner Program

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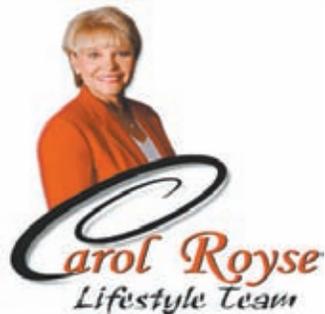


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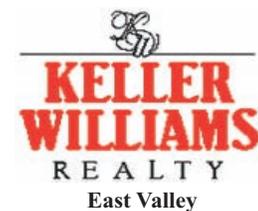
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Furnishings discounter to occupy former Costco Home

By Jeremy Banks

Kyrene Corridor residents will have a new option in coming months when they go on the prowl for discount furniture. With the economy showing signs of life but still in a recovery pattern, a new, more economical option for purchasing furnishings is about to become available.

Customers can satisfy their thirst for a bargain at The Dump, a division of Virginia's Haynes Furniture Store, when it opens next month at the former site of Costco Home, adjacent to the Costco Warehouse store at Kyrene and Elliot.

The store, which will occupy 230,000 square feet, is set to open Feb. 24.

While much about The Dump's operation is similar to other such stores, there are a couple of major differences.

Instead of being open six or seven days a week, The Dump operates only on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, noon to 8 p.m. on Sundays. The Dump says it eliminates

overhead with the shortened-week concept, and keeps its prices low by having no showroom or salespeople.

The store says it sells thousands of pieces of name brand furniture every weekend at 30-60 percent off the regular price.

The company will open its ninth store in Atlanta this month. It also has stores in Dallas; Houston; Hampton, Norfolk and Richmond, Va; Langhorne and Oaks, Penn; and Turner, N.J.

The company started as an outlet through which the Haynes stores could dispose of their slow-moving merchandise.

It wasn't long before the store began to gain in popularity, people began buying and business boomed. The company made its name on buying discounted closeout stock from manufacturers and retailers and selling them on the floor at a low price.

The Dump will sell thousands of pieces of furniture and other merchandise such as rugs, mattresses, living room and dining room pieces, genuine leather and home-office and home-theater pieces.

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Advocacy group due to finalize strategy

Prospective members of a community group hoping to build support for a scheduled school-bond override were due to hold their formal organizational meeting last week and, if officially constituted, begin to develop strategies for a get-out-the-vote campaign.

The group, which is being put together by the Arizona chapter of Stand for Education, will be charged with mounting an educational campaign for an election that would extend the Kyrene School District's existing override capacity that was initially approved by voters in 1983.

The same override has been continuously reappraised for 27-plus years.

If approved by voters, the override would continue to provide \$12.4 million a year for

programs in Kyrene classrooms. No increase in taxation is needed to fund the measure.

Stand for Education, which also has chapters in Colorado, Massachusetts, Oregon, Tennessee and Washington, focuses on efforts to elect strong local school boards and state legislators who champion public schools.

Organization members lobby state legislatures for greater K-12 investments and then help ensure that local school districts invest any such dollars wisely.

The Arizona group was organizing chapters in the Phoenix Union, Alhambra and Tucson districts when it heard about Kyrene's needs and approached the district on starting a chapter here.

Information: www.stand.org/az

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Residents signing up for Chandler's new Advanced HOA Academy will learn from the experts about building successful, sustainable homeowner associations.

The six evening classes begin Tuesday, Jan. 26 and will run every Thursday thereafter through March 2. Classes will be held from 6-8:30 p.m. at the McCullough-Price House, 300 S. Chandler Village Drive.

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Classes are free for Chandler residents, however space is limited to 30 participants.

To register, contact the Neighborhood Programs Division at 480-782-4348.

The Advanced HOA Academy is offered by Neighborhood Programs in partnership with The Leadership Centre. Visit www.TheLeadershipCentre.org for information.

Override organizer departs voter-awareness campaign

Organizational planner Olga Vives, who helped establish state and local chapters of the national advocacy group Stand for Children, has resigned from the organization, effective Jan. 22.

Vives' departure throws at least a temporary complication into the work of a recently formed group of parents who mobilized several weeks ago to support a Kyrene School District override that will be decided by voters on Tuesday, March 9.



In Vives' place, Kyrene del Cielo parent Rosalie Hirano will oversee efforts of the local planning group.

In a letter to members of the fledgling override-support group, Vives said that, while she enjoyed her role, she decided that she is not

sued to the management style adopted by the Stand organization, whose national headquarters are in Portland, Ore.

In a letter to members of the local chapter, Vives said of Stand:

"It is a great organization; however, I simply don't fit in their culture and I am wise enough to realize that."

She said she is confident that other Stand staff members will continue to support the Kyrene initiative.

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Commentary . . . by Slim Smith

Practice-field skirmish lends 'Insight' to narrow thinking

On the surface, the dispute over Insight Bowl's relationship with Corona del Sol High School seems far removed from the bigger issues of our time.

Yet, in some respects, the complaints that emanate from a small yet vocal group of Corona parents over the college bowl game's use of the Corona athletic facilities is emblematic of a troubling ideology that greatly undermines the nation's efforts to recover from the worst economic depression since the 1930s.

To understand both the local dispute and the national dilemma, it is necessary to note the emerging attitude of our time, which can be summed up this way:

"I want what's mine and I will have what's mine, and the common good be damned. I'm going to have my way and if somebody else gets hurt, well, that's their problem, isn't it?"

It used to be that in hard times, we rallied under the mantra, "We're all in this together."

Now we have torn down the Altar of Sacrifice and, in its place, erected the Shrine of Self Interest.

If the Insight Bowl dustup isn't the greatest example of America's inability to see beyond narrow self-interest, it is, at least, a tangible example that can be found in our own back yard.

For four years now, Corona has given Insight Bowl access to its practice fields, a relationship that will end this year if a handful of Corona parents have their way.

Although the visiting college team uses the facilities for less than a week, the fields are inaccessible for around

six weeks as the fields are over-seeded and manicured in advance of the bowl team's arrival.

Certainly, no one will suggest that losing access to those fields is not without inconvenience to Corona's sports programs, most notably the boys and girls soccer programs.

Yet whatever nuisances are created by the bowl's presence are largely mitigated by an agreement with the city of Tempe for the school to use its outstanding facilities on Kyrene Road, located a couple of miles from campus.

As a result, the bowl arrangement has had zero impact on scheduling. Corona coaches believe the larger dimensions at city's fields actually work to their advantage, in fact.

Conversely, the benefits Corona receives from the bowl more than compensate for the inconvenience, especially at a time when schools are hard-pressed to maintain facilities.

Thanks to the arrangement with the Insight Bowl, Corona's fields have been maintained at a high level and at no cost to the school. There is a reason that Corona today plays on well-conditioned fields while many of its neighbors are playing on dirt.

It's called The Insight Bowl.

The Insight Bowl also provides the school with two scholarships for its trouble.

Knowing those relevant facts, it's easy to understand why the source of the complaints has not emerged not from soccer coaches at the school. It appears the complaints

originate among a few parents.

Their argument is that the Corona soccer teams suffer while other programs, most notably the football team, benefits. This sort of persecution complex is getting pretty shopworn. Corona, like most high schools, does not have free-standing programs in the sense that each program operates independently.

There are not separate piles of money for each sport; the funds come from the same shrinking pile. In one way or another, what benefits one program benefits all.

None of this is to suggest that associations between the corporate sector and taxpayer-supported institutions should not be viewed with healthy skepticism.

We expect our school administrators to perform their due diligence in considering these arrangements and, after careful examination of the costs and benefits, make a decision based on what is best for the school and community as a whole.

Even as the tide of narrow self-interest washes against the shore of policy, we expect our administrators to stand firm in the defense of the common good.

The preponderance of the evidence strongly supports the idea that Insight Bowl's relationship with Corona del Sol has been beneficial.

It is on that basis that administrators should deny the demands of a few vocal constituents who demand appeasement even to the considerable detriment to others.



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Haiti crisis poses challenges, even for those who don't seem likely victims

Mental health expert shares experience in disaster recovery

By Jeremy Banks

As a mental health professional with world-wide credentials, Dr. Robbie Adler-Tapia has spent years training others how to respond in time of crisis.

With conditions worsening by the day in earthquake-ravaged Haiti, her years of teaching and volunteering have taken on new relevance.

The Kyrene Corridor resident's volunteer work is part of the EMDR Humanitarian Assistance Program, an international initiative that trains mental health professionals to treat trauma among survivors of natural and man-made disasters.

In 2008 Adler-Tapia traveled to

Nairobi with trainers and her daughter, Mauria, a Corona del Sol freshman and junior-varsity soccer player, shortly after the post-election violence there.

"It was horrible, horrible tribal fighting," she said. "And a lot of people were killed and burned."

In November Adler-Tapia took her second volunteer trip to Nairobi, Kenya, supporting EMDR's efforts to help communities become self-sufficient.

Now, as Haiti struggles to recover from the disaster that already is believed to have claimed hundreds of thousand of lives, Adler-Tapia holds valuable insight into the priorities that humanitarian aid must now address.

Haiti's situation, she notes, is

similar to others in which communities have experienced man-made or natural disasters.

First, she points out, people must have their safety and basic physical needs met, a requirement that also was true for those who experienced Katrina and 9/11.

And, she added, "As soon as we can, we need to get in with mental health services to prevent the onset of post-traumatic stress disorder."

Special populations have their own special needs, she noted.

"For children, safety and basic needs, including contact with an adult caregiver, are priorities," Adler-Tapia said.

Initially, she points out, play and

singing seem to be universal activities all children enjoy, and these help with stabilization after a disaster.

Just like the earthquakes in China, fires in Australia, war zones in Palestine, Gaza and Rwanda, and the post-election violence (EMDR) responded to in Nairobi, humanitarian assistance volunteers not only provide training and support for local professionals, but they themselves also need mental health services.

Adler-Tapia said that, in Nairobi, EMDR volunteers trained some of the United Nations psychologists who provide mental health services to the U.N. workers.

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The professionals in Haiti working in search and rescue right now will also benefit from services because of vicarious trauma, she said. For U.S. families untouched directly by conditions in Haiti, she noted, research indicates that watching televised coverage of disasters can contribute to vicarious trauma for individuals, especially children.

"This is a time to pull loved ones closer and talk about feelings regarding what we're seeing and feeling," she said.

"Children have questions and concerns they don't know how to articulate, so adults can ask. Don't assume that because they don't say anything that everything is OK. It never hurts to check in about how others are feeling about Haiti and other disasters."



Robbie Adler-Tapia with her daughter Mauria during a memorable humanitarian trip to Nairobi.

So. Tempe oral and maxillofacial surgeon Dr. John Gillis and his brother-in-law Dr. John Hodgson, a neurologist, plan to leave Saturday for a weeklong mission to Haiti. They will be part of a Grove Bible Church contingent.

Board's boundary vote would fill 75 open spots at Corona

The Tempe Union High School governing board was expected to expand open enrollment at its Jan. 20 meeting to help fill open spots at Corona del Sol and Desert Vista high schools.

If approved, the move would open 75 slots at Corona, rescinding a previous move that closed open enrollment as the school went through renovations.

The open enrollment would not affect the maximum number of students, which is set at 750 for each grade level.

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Reincarnated from trash heap of life, junk turns to treasure

One of few in U.S. who can restore practically anything

Story and photo by Geri Koeppl

Walk into Ron Hughes' yard and garage, and you might see piles of rusty old junk. But he sees treasures from the past.

The west Chandler man is a restoration expert, bringing objects such as vintage cars, Coca-Cola machines, jukeboxes, radios, gas pumps, clocks and toys back from the brink of the trash heap.

Most people who do restoration focus on one thing; he's one of a handful in the nation who can do it all.

Hughes is responsible for at least seven hands-on displays going into the Kids' Space at the newly renovated Tempe History Museum (formerly the Tempe Historical Museum), re-opening in February at 809 E. Southern Ave. next to the Tempe Public Library.

Most history museums don't cater to children, said exhibit coordinator Dan Miller, but he and other museum staff toured Hughes' store, Soda Pops, in Miami, Ariz., and got an idea.

"What if we have a truck for kids to climb on and dads to poke around in?" Miller asked.

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Another blast from the past is a coin stamping machine, which allows kids to stamp their name or a message onto an aluminum disk.

Miller was impressed with Hughes' ability to remember details about stock colors and fabrics in

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West Chandler resident Ron Hughes displays one of the vintage toy cars that's part of a huge collection at his home and in his shop in historic Miami, Ariz.

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Work starts on bus system linking Chandler riders with light rail

West Chandler residents got their first peak at the area's rapid-transit future last week with groundbreaking ceremonies for a pickup station that will link area passengers with light rail service in east Mesa.

The station, on the southeast corner of Elliot Road and Arizona Avenue, is among pickup sites scheduled for construction along a 12-mile route between downtown Chandler and the eastern startup point for METRO light rail.

Chandler Mayor Boyd Dunn joined his counterparts in Mesa and Gilbert to celebrate the start of construction of the new LINK transit service that will provide westside and other Chandler residents with their first direct connection to light rail service at Mesa's Sycamore Station, on Main Street just east of Dobson Road.

Phoenix-based D.L. Withers Construction will start construction on a total of 20 pickup stations along the route, including two artistic shelters



Chandler Mayor Boyd Dunn, center, and officials from other East Valley cities broke ground for the first of 20 bus rapid transit stops that will link riders with light rail service in east Mesa.

planned for downtown Chandler.

The new bus rapid transit service will provide a link from Chandler's Park and Ride at Germann Road and Hamilton Street to light rail service in Mesa.

Completion of all 20 stations along the route is expected by the time the connecting service goes into effect in July.

Total cost of the project is \$11.6 million, which includes shelter construction, landscaping, lighting, utility relocation, data and power hook-ups, dynamic messaging signs for bus arrival information, fare vending machines and bike racks. Additional elements include a traffic signal priority system and

some of the right-of-way acquisition.

Originally funded by Proposition 400 funds, the project would have been halted due to a downturn in sales tax revenues if not for the funds provided by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

The Valley Metro Board selected the Arizona Avenue/Country Club Road BRT construction for the stimulus funding in May.

Regarding a future connection to the Arizona Avenue bus rapid transit system via Chandler Boulevard, no funding has yet been identified for such a program.

Chandler Boulevard was selected as a future BRT/Light Rail route in a High Capacity Transit Study approved by a Chandler City Council resolution in February 2003.

A study at the time saw such a route being implemented in 10-15 years. Implementation will require a combination of federal, state, regional and local funds. Currently, such funds are in short supply.

BRT service on Chandler Boulevard is considered a significant upgrade to serve substantial demand between Ahwatukee, Chandler Fashion Center and downtown Chandler. Also in the planning stages is a BRT or light rail route in south Tempe/west Chandler, probably along Rural Road.

METRO Rail has been studying the feasibility of such a service, but METRO has yet to unveil their final recommendation. Like the Chandler Boulevard route, funding availability will be the issue.

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C.J. Schexnayder's photos capturing life in Peru are on display through Feb. 28.

Journalist's experiences in Peru form colorful backdrop for exhibit

Display runs through February at Bunna Coffee & Tea Market

By M.V. Moorhead

Hear the word "Peru" and it calls up vague pictures of chilly mountains, Inca ruins—maybe a whisper of airy flute music.

This was probably true of journalist and photographer C. J. Schexnayder as well, until he spent most of the past decade in the South American nation.

For any who'd like to bring these pictures into sharper focus, *Five Years in Peru*, a show of Schexnayder's photos, is now on display at Bunna Coffee & Tea Market, 7520 S. Rural, Tempe.

Schexnayder's large, striking images line the walls, chronicling the country's daily life: commerce, agriculture, food, street vendors, traditional and modern arts and crafts and political demonstrations.

"I really try to focus on the people," says the shutterbug.

Still, the large pictures are supported by smaller studies of animals, architecture and, of course, Machu Picchu.

"You've got to have Machu Picchu in there," Schexnayder admits.

A philosophy grad from University of Texas at Arlington, Schexnayder had spent years writing for newspapers like the *Dallas Morning News*. Finding himself at a career crossroads in 2003, he went to Peru to visit his father, a Professor Emeritus at ASU.

"My Dad had been doing an

exchange thing where he'd been teaching engineering at a school in northern Peru."

Laid off from a newspaper job, Schexnayder traveled to the Universidad de Piura, and soon decided that he could set himself up there as a freelance journalist covering the region.

"I went down there not speaking a lick of Spanish—didn't know anything about it—and I found it amazing."

He's been based in Lima ever since, covering all of Latin America, including engineering issues of expansion of the Panama Canal, for *Engineering News Record*, *Wired* magazine and the *San Francisco Chronicle*, as well as publications in the United Kingdom.

It was from this career shift that, out of necessity, Schexnayder got in touch with his inner photographer. "In the space of a few years, I became kind of adept."

The Bunna exhibition shows Schexnayder's keen, appreciative yet un sentimental eye on his adopted country.

"It's a fascinating place, and it's been a godsend for me to cover it. I see the tourists going to Machu Picchu, but there's a lot more to the country. Every little town has this diverse and fascinating story, but you have to get out of the tour bus to see it."

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Firepower depth helping Aztecs keep season soccer hopes alive

As of Jan. 18, Corona was No. 7 in power-points rankings behind three Tucson-area teams despite losing only one regular-season match. Corona is also behind Hamilton, San Luis and Gilbert in power

Corona's boys soccer team (15-2-1) has only one week of regular season play before getting a chance to avenge their early exit in the first round of last season's state tournament as the No. 1 seed entering the tournament.

The Aztecs became the first No. 1 seed to lose an opening match of the state tournament, falling to the Chandler Wolves.

It doesn't appear that the Aztecs

will have a chance of encountering the same problem this season because it's almost mathematically impossible for them to become the No. 1 seed in the tournament.

As of Jan. 18, Corona was No. 7 in power-points rankings behind three Tucson-area teams, Tucson, Salpointe Catholic and Buena, despite only losing one regular-season match. Corona is also behind Hamilton, San Luis and Gilbert in power points.

Even stranger, the only team to defeat the Aztecs, Brophy, was ranked 11th.

Regardless of power-point rankings, the Aztecs are still ranked No. 1 by the *Arizona Republic* and *Tribune* and have risen to No. 14 in the *ESPN's Fab 50* rankings based on their third place finish at the California High School Soccer Classic over the winter break and their championship finish in the Tempe Diablos Classic Tournament Jan. 9.

Corona demolished Desert Mountain in the finals of the Tempe Diablo, rescheduled due to rain, 8-1. Since the team returned after the winter break to Central region play, the Aztecs had kept their opponents scoreless through Jan. 19, scoring 18 goals to none.

Josh von Allworden is leading the team in goals and steals while **Trevor Allen** is topping the team in assists and shots at goal. Keeper **Matt Bersano** has six shutouts and 49 saves while backup keeper **Keith Williamson** has one shutout and 11 saves at goal.

As of Jan. 15, the Aztecs had scored 69 goals. What's more impressive is firepower depth that this Corona team possesses. Goals have been scored by 14 of the 20 players on the roster. **Allen** and **von Allworden** have both scored 10 while **Casey Phillips** has nine and **Austin Haas, Brian Hoyt, Austin Crothers** and **Daniel Van**

Vleet have six each.

Similar statistics are found in the assists and steals category with 14 players providing assists and all 20 players credited with steals. In addition to **von Allworden's** 11, **Haas** has seven assists, **Phillips** six, and **Derek Rusher, Christian Johnson** and **Van Vleet** all have four each. **Chris Murray** is third in steals after **von Allworden** and **Haas**.

Corona played at home against Fairfax Jan. 19 and Basha Jan. 22. Up next they will be at Dobson Jan. 26 before the last home game against Highland Jan. 29 which will be Senior day.

State soccer playoff will begin Tuesday, Feb. 2 for all boys divisions. The higher seeded teams will host the first and second round games, Feb. 2 and Feb. 6. Semi-final and final games will be held Feb. 10 and 13 at Campo Verde High School, 3870 Quartz St., Gilbert.



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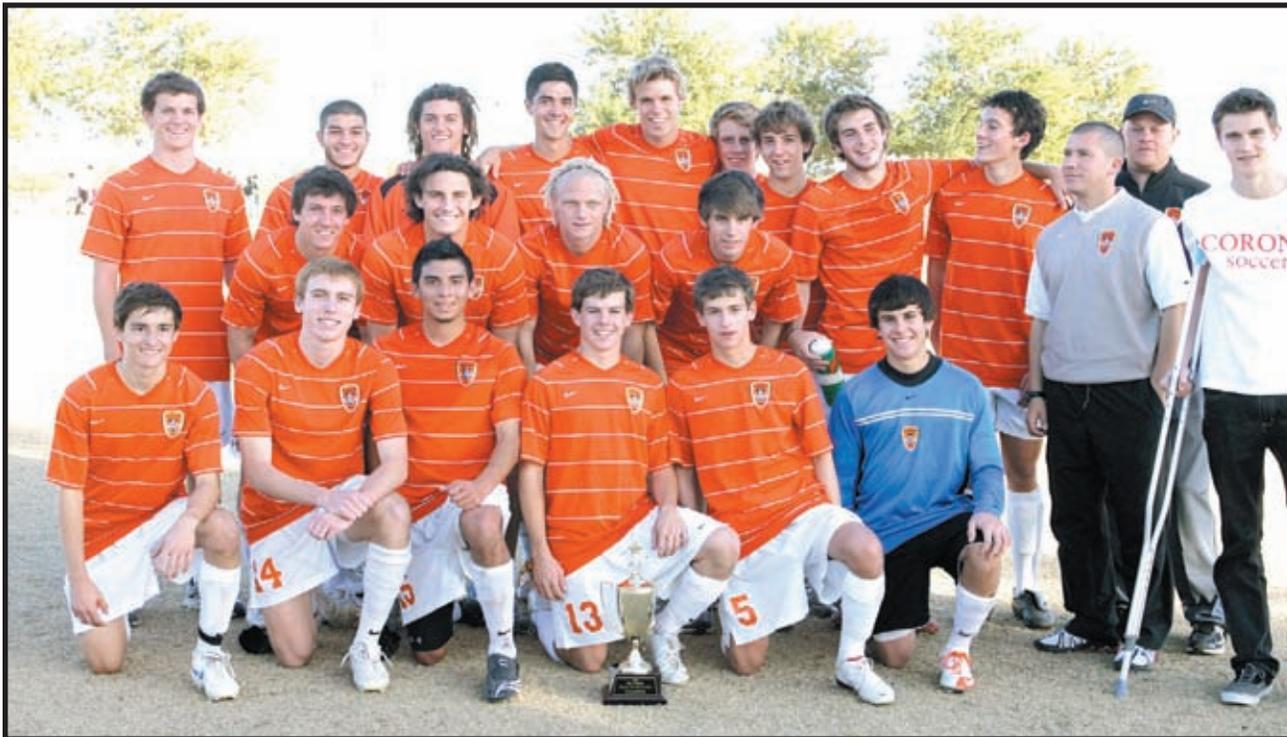
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Members of Corona del Sol High School's boys soccer team were crowned champions of the Tempe Diablo Tournament Jan. 9 after rain delays postponed the match until after the holidays. Team members included: Bottom row on knees, Graham Hemmingson, Garrett Baker-Slama, John Magana, Christian Johnson, Brian Hoyt, Brandon Johnson. Middle Row, Austin Crothers, Trever Allen, Daniel Van Vleet, Shay Connors. Standing in back: Austin Haas, Kevin Biniazin, Matt Bersano, Chris Murray, Josh von Allworden, Casey Phillips, Nate Flood, Derek Rusher, Greg Ketterer, Coach Dan Salas, Assistant Coach Brent Havins (in hat), Keith Williamson (on crutches).

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Aztec wrestlers on pace for '10 region finals

Despite a disappointing fourth-place finish at the 44th Flowing Wells Invitational held Jan. 16 in Tucson, Corona del Sol's wrestling team is on a pace similar to 2009, when the Aztecs claimed the 5-A state championship.

The Aztecs have only three region matches left in their season.

Until the Flowing Wells tournament, the Aztecs had literally crushed all their opponents, winning every team match except for their close 33-31 loss to Ironwood Ridge in the Westwood Warrior Classic

Dec. 12.

Despite the fourth place finish, Corona had four wrestlers in championship matches at Flowing Wells, with two of them taking home championship medals.

Blake Ortiz defeated Marana Mountain View's Caleb Crump 7-5 in the 160-pound weight bracket in a battle decided in the last few seconds.

Derek Felton won his second Flowing Wells championship, this year in the 171-pound bracket, by pinning all opponents in the tournament.

Mike Howard (285) experienced his first loss

all season in a close match that went into overtime before losing 4-2. **Ryan Miller** (152) lost his championship match 7-1.

The Aztecs won their own Aztecs Duals Tournament Jan. 8-9 by trampling Saguaro, Mountain Pointe, Desert Ridge, Gila Ridge, Dobson and Horizon by a total 366 points to 67.

Seven Aztec wrestlers were given championship medals at the Aztec Duals including **Brad Spadafore** in the 130-pound weight bracket, **Ryan Cox** (140), **Ryan Miller** (152), **Blake Ortiz** (160), **Derek Felton** (171), **Simon Allen** (215) and **Mike Howard**.

In their Central Region match against Highland Jan. 13, the Aztecs only won two of the first six weight classes before putting together eight wins in a row to win 53-16.

Spadafore (130) won a decision over Van Nguyen, 16-5, then **Cox** (140) pinned Terry Bonner in less than two minutes. **Kevin Thomas** had a major decision in his 9-1 win over Daniel Chaides in the 145 weight class.

Miller pinned Jake Markham in less than a minute, **Ortiz** had a major decision, 14-3 over Christian Allen, and **Felton** had a technical fall at 16-0 over Harrison Reed. **Sam Fulton** pinned Colten Oliver in the 189-pound bracket and **Howard**

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Blake Ortiz pinning Mountain Pointe's Terence Gibson at the Aztec Duals Tournament.

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pinned Jason Cook in 2:29.

No. 1-ranked Corona faced Central Region foe and No. 2-ranked Mesa Mountain View Jan. 6, and were leading by 47 points before Mountain View was able to put any points on the board. The final score was Corona's win 54-5.

Freshman 103-pounder **Kort Turner** pinned Mountain View's Atwood in 2:40. Sophomore **Robert Butler** pinned Stephens in the 119-pound bracket.

The Aztecs went on prove how loaded they really are at the higher weight classifications by conquering the last nine weight brackets. **Spadafore** (130) had a decision over Hiatt 9-7, sophomore **Jason Landrum** (135) pinned Huber, and then **Cox** (140), **Thomas** (145), **Miller** (152), **Ortiz** (160), **Felton** (171), **Allen** (215) and **Howard** (285) were victorious.

Corona traveled to Dobson Jan. 20 and will have two regular season matches, at Brophy Jan. 28 and at home against Mesquite Feb. 3 before Sectionals Feb. 13 at Corona.

The 5A State Individual Tournament will be held at ASU on Feb. 16-17 and the State Team Tournament will be Feb. 20.

Military vehicle show rolls into town Jan. 30-31

Kyrene Corridor military-vehicle buffs will be among enthusiasts Valley-wide gathering Jan. 30-31 at the Arizona National Guard Armory for a display of historic vehicles that have helped American troops defend against aggressors for more than 70 years.

Sponsored by the Arizona Military Vehicle Collectors Club, the event will include an impressive line-up of Jeeps, troop carriers and armored cars from World War II, Korea and Vietnam, as well as vehicles from Desert Storm, Iraq, Afghanistan and other fronts.

An indoor-outdoor swap meet of armed-service collectibles is scheduled for both days. Vehicles are not included in an auction of military surplus, which begins Saturday at 1 p.m.

The Arizona National Guard Family Assistance Fund will hold a food drive all weekend. The public is invited to bring non-perishable goods.

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Dictionary acumen spells success for Kyrene competitors; regional finals next on schedule

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Each participating Kyrene school sent its top 21 spellers in grades 4 through 8.

District winners were:

Hannah Miao, 6th grade, Aprende Middle School (also last year's winner), first place.

Nomith Murari, 5th grade, Kyrene de la Mariposa Elementary, second place.

Lucas Redshaw, 7th grade, Kyrene Middle School, third place.

Nomith was eliminated on the word "eiderdown." The championship word was "Buddha," and Hannah won in the 17th round.

The top five winners will participate in a regional spelling bee to be held Feb. 19. Winners of that event will compete against winners from Chandler, Mesa, Tempe and surrounding private, charter, and home school organizations.

The regional winner will then participate in the Arizona State Spelling Bee, winner of which will go to Washington, D.C., for the national finals.

Treasures

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Hughes admits restoration work is mainly a labor of love.

"It's rewarding to take it and put it back in circulation for future generations to enjoy it," he said.

It's a dirty job, though, and his garage is cold in the winter and hot in the summer – it can't be climate controlled, because blowing air will contaminate anything he paints. And it's painstaking, with loose nuts and bolts creating puzzles that must be pieced together to make stuff work. Hughes tried to teach his art to four or five people over the years, but "they realized it wasn't a money-making thing," he said.

"They didn't want to work that hard for the money."

He still does custom restorations when hired, though, and used to work frequently for a high-end antique store that sold his work to celebrities including Michael Jackson, Bruce Willis and Porter Wagoner.

He started as a teenager, collecting clocks in 1962. That led to "cars and anything to do with cars," Hughes said.

But after restoring cars for 20 years, he said, he got burned out. He started working on Coke machines 23 years

ago, and now has two warehouses full of about 7,000 pieces of memorabilia. A bedroom in his home is full of toys and clocks, and he shows off assorted prize pieces in his living rooms, such as a pristine 1951 pink Buick pedal car, a 1947 Rock-Ola jukebox and a 1938 Philco radio.

While working full-time as a contracts officer for the city of Tempe, Hughes and his wife, Marcia, opened Soda Pops in Miami in 1998.

He chose the area thinking it would become a retirement community, and because of the price: \$75,000 for a building downtown, as opposed to \$1.3 million for a similar-sized building in Prescott.

Over the years, he's also worked on restoring 15 buildings in Globe-Miami, which is now an antique mecca with 13 shops.

Hughes, now retired from the city, still hopes Globe-Miami will boom one day. He's helping restore a 1934 Mobil service station there with old pumps, a vintage Coke machine and tires so that car buffs and motorcyclists can come out for photo opportunities.

His dad used to own service stations, he said, so they hold a special place in his heart.

And adjacent to his store, he's restoring a 1914 soda fountain complete with booths, bar fixtures and stained glass.

"There used to be T-shirts out that said, 'The man with the most toys wins,'" Hughes said.

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Ace Hardware at McClintock and Baseline is among stores partnering with Salt River Project to provide energy-saving solutions to Valley homeowners.

In a promotion that runs through March 31, SRP electric customers can take advantage of a special buy-two, get-one-free offer on packages of Ace brand weather stripping.

SRP customers can visit www.savewithsrp.com to print a money-saving coupon, which also is available at the Ace Hardware location.

According to Debbie Kimberly, SRP's manager of Energy Efficiency and Policy Analysis, weather stripping is an easy, inexpensive way to increase the energy efficiency of Valley homes.

"Your doors, windows, switch plates and electrical outlets are potential sources of air leakage," said Kimberly.

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More information about SRP energy-saving programs is available at www.savewithsrp.com

Emergency sandbags available from Chandler Fire Department

The Chandler Fire Department has sand and sandbags available to residents who may need them.

The sand is in the parking lot of the Chandler Fire Department headquarters at 151 E. Boston St.; bags are available at the front counter from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday-Friday during this unusual weather period.

Both the bags and sand are free to residents; each address is limited to 20 bags.

Residents must bring their own shovels and will need to fill the bags themselves

South Tempe favorite hosts open-mic series

Area favorite Walt Richardson returns as host of Walk-in Wednesday, the popular Tempe Open Mic series at Tempe Center for the Arts.

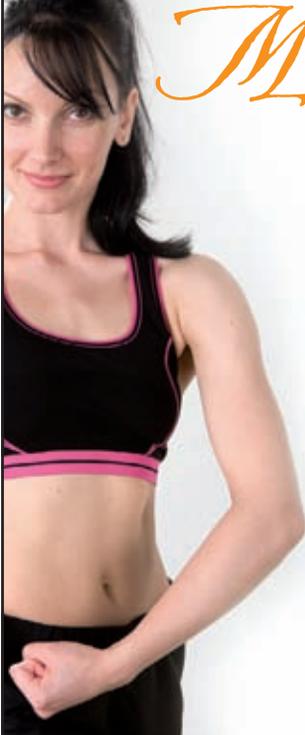
The series, which provides a forum for emerging singer/songwriters to showcase their original work, will run 6:30-11 p.m. Wednesdays through Feb. 24.

Admission is free and food and beverage specials will be available.

Participants will vie for an opportunity to perform on a televised event on Feb. 24.

Information: www.tempe.gov/TCA/wiw.htm.

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Corona del Sol's We the People team won the Arizona championship for the second year in a row, Jan. 8, at ASU West. First row: Kevin Thomas, Ajay Raikhelkar, Seam Magruder, Xandy Peterson, Connor Rawls, Roopa Krishnaswamy, Keith Ryu, Alex Austin, faculty adviser Timothy Smith. Second row: Rob Wiley, Samantha Pfothenauer, Cecilia Yocham, Tiffany Dayton, Sagar Patwardhan, David Choi, Louis Spanias, Brittany Duong, Rizwan Ahmad. Third row: Michael Okada, Jessica Lin, Selena Kuo, Richa Date, Achyut Patil, Juliana Park, Nafisah Ahmad. Fourth row: Lisa Adams (coach), Jo Jo Fritsche, Jentry Lanza, Marlene Neuer-Garcia, Mrs. Centanni (coach), Nikki Pakki.

Students' interest in government, spurred by election process, pays off in national 'We the People' competition

Corona del Sol High School's competition government class won its 11th We the People Arizona championships Jan. 8 at ASU West and, for the second year in a row, will be headed off to Washington, D.C., to compete for the national title in April.

Corona won its chance by defeating Hamilton (2nd), Dobson (3rd) and Lake Havasu (4th), according to **Timothy Smith**, long-time CdS competition government teacher.

The program's goal is to promote civic competence and responsibility among the nation's schools, which includes an instructional program to enhance the students' understanding of American constitutional democracy.

The 2008 presidential election drew the attention of young people everywhere, but most

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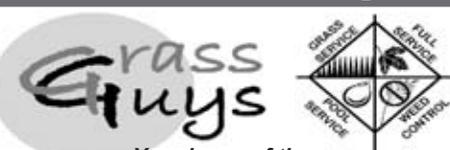
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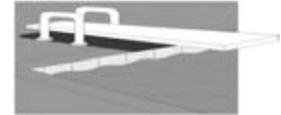
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Government

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students said they were surprised by how much more interested they become in government once they sign up for Smith's class.

"I was interested in the 2008 elections because I knew I was witnessing a momentous time in history," said student **Nafisah Ahmad**.

"However, it wasn't until I was in competition government and We the People that I became more interested in current events and understanding the history behind our government. It definitely piqued my interest in issues that are currently afflicting our nation."

"I look for more details than what just the local news says," said **Tiffany Dayton**.

"I read more than the comics and horoscope in the newspaper. I try my best to keep up with political current events. You never know when it can be used in competition."

Students learn about a variety of governmental areas, including the contemporary significance of the Constitution and Bill of Rights; their comprehension is then tested during a simulated Congressional hearing.

The entire class, divided into six cooperative teams of four to five members each, prepares and presents statements before a panel of community representatives who act as congressional committee members for this simulated hearing.

After the members hear the presentation, the students are asked questions, much like a real hearing.

This format gives students an opportunity to demonstrate their presentation skills and their critical thinking and problem solving capabilities when responding to questions.

"The biggest part of the competition is having a solid rebuttal," said Dayton.

"In rebuttal, we are asked random questions, so being able to think of something on the spot is crucial."

The students study and practice for months before the state

competition in the six competitive areas.

"Once we received our questions and wrote our speeches, we had mock trials," said Ahmad.

"Those hearings were the most helpful because they allowed us to think of good answers right on the spot."

Competing in the We the People competition has had an impact on how students view certain aspects of our government and its history.

"I understand the government from more of a historical standpoint because of the topics my unit discussed," said Ahmad. "I find myself thinking, what would the founders have wanted if they were here today? What issues did they expect the next generation to have problems with? Or what would the founders be especially happy about today in our government?"

"I love civil rights now," said Dayton. "I like the civil rights movement of the 60's and the Gay rights movement in the 70s through today. I believe that all humans deserve rights and the revoking of these rights is a high crime against humanity."

The students will soon be receiving questions for the National competition to take place in April and the same process of researching their topics and planning their speeches and rebuttals will start all over again.

Students who will be traveling to Washington include **Alex Austin, Jo Jo Fritsche, Sam Pfothauer, Louis Spanias, Rob Wiley, Nafisah Ahmad, Rizwan Ahmad, Marlene Garcia-Neuer, Nakhita Pakki, Achyut Patil, Brittany Duong, Jentry Lanza, Sean Magruder, Xandy Peterson, Connor Rawls, Taina Cai, Davie Choi, Selena Kuo, Jessica Lin, Cecilia Yocham, Richa Date, Tiffany Dayton, Michael Okada** and **Sagar Patwardhan**.

The students will also be involved in fundraising to earn money for their trip in April.

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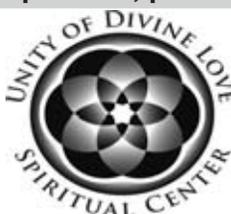
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KMS wrestlers pin their hopes on back-to-back season wins

Story & photo by Alex Zener

With new head coach **Kyle Leslie** at the helm, the Kyrene Middle School wrestling team picked up where they left off last year with back-to-back undefeated seasons and conference dominance by taking home the Kyrene District Middle School Championship Trophy for the second year in a row.

It was a repeat of last year for the KMS wrestlers, who won first- through third-place finishes in 13 of the 16 weight classes at the tournament Jan. 16.

Nine championship medals, one second-place and three third-place gave the Scorpions an astounding victory.

Another extraordinary fact is that four out of the 25 wrestlers who make up the Scorpions team are from the same family: one set of triplets and an eighth grader.

Three of the four **Farina** brothers earned championship medals. Sixth graders **Ryan** and **Marc** had first place finishes, **Ryan** in the 70-pound bracket and **Marc** in the 80-pound bracket. **Glenn**, an eighth grader, took first in the 108-pound category.

Rounding out the Farina pack is sixth-grader **Anthony**, who took sixth in the 95-pound weight class.

"**Glenn** has been very successful in wrestling as a two-time Conference Champion and should fit in nicely on a high school team," said coach Leslie.

Other first-place finishers included **Jameson Langlois** (120 pounds), **Brennan Kunitz** (127), **Ethan Tursini** (136), **R.J. Rhiner** (145), **Mike Clare** (155) and **Tristan Ezell** (165).

"In only his second year, **Jameson** has proven he's an animal on the mat, and **Ethan** is the hardest working young athlete I have ever coached," said Leslie.

"**Mike Clare** has developed into a tremendous competitor." Also, he said, "**RJ** has made incredible strides in his wrestling and overall athleticism. **Tristan** turned into an outstanding wrestler after only one season on the team with legs of steel and a winning attitude. You can never underestimate the toughness of **Brennan** who fought off a nagging back injury to win conference champion."

Brandon Dowland earned a second place medal in the 180-pound weight class while **Aalim Muhammad** (90 pounds), **Kaden Mendoza** (115) and **Vinny Vital** (200) took home third place medals.

"**Brandon**, another eighth grader, is a first-year wrestler with incredible strength and limitless potential at the high school level," said coach Leslie.

Rounding out the KMS team included **Riley Rayburn** in fourth, wrestling in the 100-pound bracket and **Evan Anderson** (85 pounds) in fifth place.

Overall, KMS was first, Altadena second, Aprende third, Akimal-a-al fourth, Pueblo fifth and Centennial sixth in this district-wide tournament. Kyrene Corridor

wrestlers who took home medals included 16 Aprende athletes and 14 from Pueblo.

Aprende earned enough points to come in third with championship medals in the 95-pound weight bracket for **Matthew Churchill** and **Dustin Nelson** (180 pounds). **Brix Kronborg** (200), **Joseph Federico** (108), **Raul Herrera** (100), **Zack Turner** (90), **Jamaree Johnson** (85) and **Jason Crupe** (75) all took home second place medals. Fourth place medals went to **Javien Hunter** (70 pounds), **Kyle Tornquist** (80), **Taylor Rico** (120) and **Chris Moore** (127). **Seamus McDonald** (115), **David Duran** (145) and **Paul Shaban** (155) finished fifth and **Omar Abdulrahman** (136) was sixth for Aprende.

Pueblo awards included two championship medals, **Colton Winstead** in the 115-pound bracket and **Andres Ortega** at 200 pounds. **Dominic Roybal** (155 pounds) took second while **Bridger Lewis** (70), **Alex Butler** (75), **Rhane Echeverria** (100) and **Sama Nakiso** (136) took home third place medals. Fourth place went to **Evan Solomon** (85), **Tyler Rojos** (90), and **Bridger Barker** (108). Fifth place finishers were **Anthony Destefano** (80), **Jenson Thelander** (95), **Wes Goodman** (120), and **Christian Conner** (127).

The KMS Scorpions will compete in the Arizona Junior High state championships Feb. 5-6 at Mountain View High School in Marana.

Last year's team finished in the top 10, but if everything goes well this year's team has a chance to take a top three finish, according to coach Leslie.

Special-ed fair helps with school-to-work transition

More than 400 special-education students, including those from Marcos de Niza and Corona del Sol high schools, will take part in the sixth annual East Valley Transition Fair to be held 5:30-9 p.m. Jan. 26 at Mesquite High School in Gilbert.

The fair is designed to provide students with information that can ease the transition from high school to the work or college environment.

Representatives from more than 50 organizations that serve individuals with disabilities are gathering in one location to offer information and support to students with a range of disabilities.

The fair is planned by Special Education staff from school districts in Tempe, Gilbert, Chandler, Higley, Mesa, Queen Creek, Apache Junction and Fountain Hills.

Information: Sharon Gilbert, 480-345-3863 or sgilbert@tuhsd.k12.az.us



Kyrene Middle School's wrestling team captured its second district-wide championship Jan. 16 at Mountain Point High School. Team members included, front, kneeling: Ryan Farina. Middle row: Marc Farina, Evan Anderson, R.J. Rhiner, Ethan Tursini, Aalim Muhaamed (in middle front), Glenn Farina, Anthony Farina, Vinny Vital, Riley Stanton, Riley Rayburn. Back: Mike Clare, Jameson Langlois, Travis Blaiser, Kaden Mendoza, Brennan Kunitz, Tristan Ezell, Brandon Dowland.

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Corona Briefs

Math and Science Olympiad Champions — Corona del Sol's Math and Science Olympiad won the State Championship Jan. 14 held at Scottsdale Community College according to coach **Leigh Trudgen**. Math students who participated in the win included **Nathan Yiin, Sumeet Patwardhan, Michael Kim, Collin Xa, Rishi Sharan, Ted Lin, Keith Ryu** and **Cyndia Yu**. Science participants were **Achyut Patil, Rizwan Ahmad, Arjun Chandrasekhar, Vikram Narayan, Rahul Mitra** and **Ben Ober-Reynolds**. The Project team included **Tommy Le, William Lee** and **Abhishek Dharan**.

DECA Wins Awards — Several members of DECA at Corona del Sol won awards at the Eastern Area DECA Career Development Conference held Jan. 14 at Mesa Community College according to staff advisor **Mike Lohmann**.

Receiving awards were **Tiffany Dayton, Michael Lemke, Sumit Singh, Timothy Brendon, Rachel Vaney, Rachel Stellwagen, Jessica Schaeffer** and **Scott Golembiewski**.

Dancing with the Staff — Corona's dance team held their first annual Dancing with the

Staff contest Jan. 9 to raise money for the CdS Dance Company to participate in some dance workshops in New York City this spring.

In this event, each staff member who participated learned a dance from two CdS dancers who then performed with them during this event.

The contest was judged by vice-principal **Jim Bell, Margie DiCesare**, a corona teacher and **Mark Nauffle**, a student participant. The staff winner was drama teacher, **Mr. Nicholas Taylor**, who performed a dance choreographed by **Danielle Willoughby** and **Doris Lynk**.

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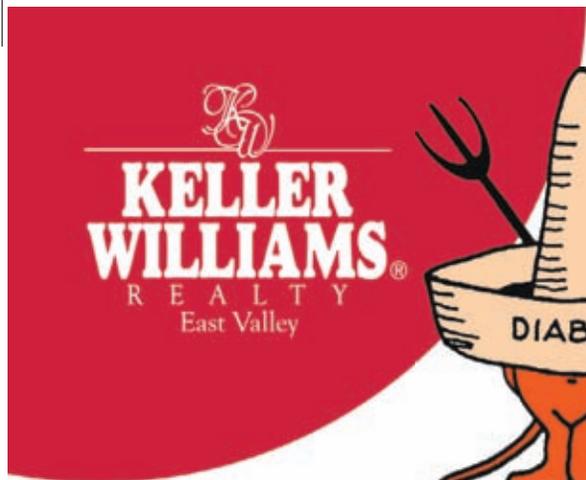



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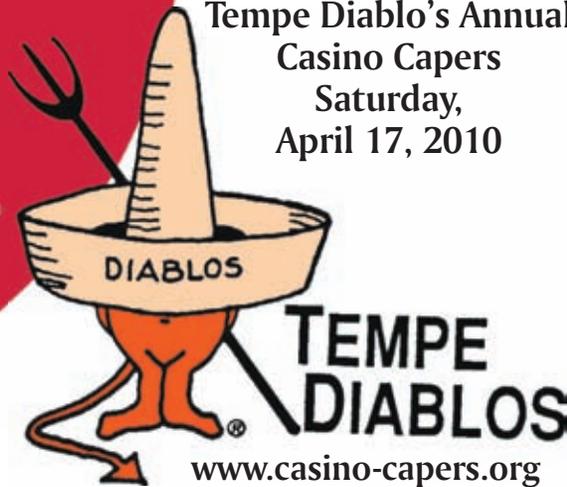



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