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Open house at Desert Breeze Police Substation gave West Chandler residents a chance to meet their neighborhood law-enforcement team, all under command of Chief Sherry Kiyler, front. On hand were, from left, Cmdr. Joe Brugman; Off. Carl Schott; Lt. Lucas Hunt; Chief Kiyler; Lt. James Peterson; Off. Susan Shilling; and Sgt. Ken Phillips.

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*David Stone
Wrangler News*

America's annual celebration of love is just around the corner, and Wrangler News contributor Mark Moorhead profiles some folks who have special Valentine's Day stories to share.

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Kiwanis Park baseball clinic for kids gives Ryan Wagner a chance to try out his pitching skills.



Next stop: the pro's.

Spring fever

Although spring training is still a month away, baseball fever is already in full bloom. Tempe South Little League took advantage of the balmy weather to offer clinics for big league hopefuls, with another player showcase for ages 9 -12, both Majors and Minors, scheduled Feb. 12 at Kiwanis Park. Season's opening day will be March 28, featuring a parade and competitive events. The regular season extends through early May. For more information contact Tempe South Little League at www.templittleleague.com or, for Chandler American Little League, <http://eteamz.active.com/chandleramerican/>

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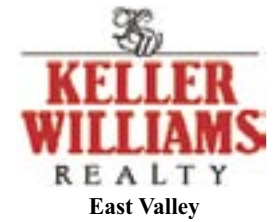


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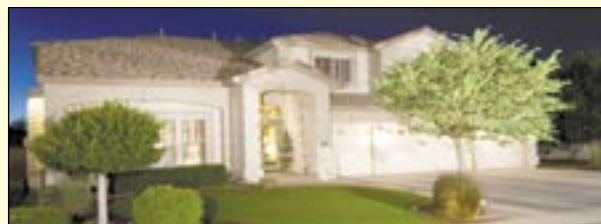
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Conservative fiscal policies don't offset \$1.5 million budget cuts

Contributed by the Kyrene School District

A recent budget decision by the Arizona State Legislature means the Kyrene School District must reduce this school year's maintenance and operations budget by \$1.5 million.

That amount is equal, for example, to 26 teacher/administrator salary and benefit total compensation packages.

Kyrene must also reduce the soft capital budget by about \$385,000.

This includes dollars that purchase instructional materials such as textbooks,

copiers and software.

As Superintendent Dr. David Schauer has previously stated, the Kyrene Governing Board and Administration are fiscally conservative and always have an eye toward the future.

The Kyrene School District has been in declining enrollment for nearly a decade and during that time has continually been evaluating programs and making adjustments for cost efficiencies.

Kyrene has some of the lowest administrative costs in the state and spends more money in the classroom than most comparable districts.

Last fall when the state's economy began to point to pending shortfalls, Kyrene took several pro-active measures.

These included pre-paying a portion of certain expenses such as insurance and health care and cutting from 15 to 30 percent of unspent dollars from the current year budget to reserve funds for this kind of situation.

At this time we do not see any IMMEDIATE changes to services Kyrene students and families are receiving.

The next challenge for the Arizona State Legislature is to create a balanced budget for 2009-2010.

The deficit for next year is even greater than the current budget year and therefore, is of great concern to us.

The initial proposals were that Kyrene would experience reduced funding of nearly 17million dollars for 2009-2010. A reduction of this type would have a devastating impact on our programs.

The Kyrene School District recently informed all Kindergarten Instructional Assistants that their positions in kindergarten would not be continued for the 2009-2010 school year.

This change aligned our Kindergarten program with the level of funding provided by the state. Eighty-nine positions were involved in this decision, saving approximately \$1.25 million.

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Analysis

No changes in AIMS scores following 3-year experiment

By Mark Moorehead

More than 100 audience members at a Jan. 29 report session, predominately Kyrene administrators and teachers, heard an Arizona State University professor report that there has been no measurable increase or decrease in Kyrene AIMS scores as a result of a class-schedule restructuring program.

Dr. David Garcia presented the results of a three-year study to determine the impact on middle-school student scores from a comprehensive organizational change implemented in 2005.

In that year, class periods were reduced to six periods a day from eight, and the length of each period increased to 68 minutes from 45.

Also as part of the project, reading and writing classes, which had been divided into separate periods, were combined into one, educators wanting to know what impact the changes would have on the scores.

Surprisingly, Garcia indicated, the results showed that the new school-

day schedule had little impact on the scores.

"At the district level there was only a 1 percent change," he said.

"In the end, over time, you come to the conclusion there was really no change in the percentage of students meeting or exceeding the standards during this three-year period (grades 6 through 8 from 2005 to 2008)."

"You're probably wondering whether or not Kyrene is an anomaly," he said.

"I did look at statewide trends. And, it is almost exactly the same."

The study concluded that Kyrene achievement trends are largely consistent with statewide results and that organizational changes are less influential on achievement than changes in teaching and learning.

In addition, the study included a teacher satisfaction survey, taken in 2006 and again in 2008.

The study showed that teacher satisfaction in Kyrene schools improved on average by 6 percent by 2008. Finally, the study tracked student disciplinary referrals from

2004 through 2008.

During the period of 2006 to 2008 class disturbance referrals doubled from 987 to 1,856. And, the number of tardies between 2006 and 2008 doubled from 165 to 343.

Jenny Doering, a member of the Kyrene Parenting Network, said that in 2005 parents were told that the classroom program changes were implemented to save money for the district, and wanted to know the answer to that question. "Where's the money savings?"

"If AIMS scores are not improving, perhaps they (Kyrene School District officials) should re-evaluate the current model," said Doering.

Kyrene School District Community Relations Director Nancy Dudenhoefer said, "We cannot draw any conclusions to the study at this time and are waiting to see the results of the entire study in four weeks."

Marty Starling, a science teacher at Aprende Middle School, offered her opinion of the outcome:

"In all honesty we don't know why it had little effect on AIMS scores;

however the fact that scores did not go down as a result of the model is a good thing.

"Many opponents to the change in model thought it would have a detrimental effect on scores. I also agree with Dr. Garcia's comment that the instrument of measure (AIMS scores) doesn't measure everything.

"For example, most science teachers feel the longer class period is a benefit for science learning as it gives more time for completing and processing labs.

"It would be interesting to see how our AIMS science scores compare to the state scores as a result of the change."

However, the other side of the story at this meeting was not the charts and graphs and the lengthy deliberation of statistical analysis.

Most impressive was the huge turnout at a public meeting of more than 125 Kyrene educators, staff and administrators on a Thursday evening, all eager to hear the results of an

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important study few Kyrene parents were
moved to attend.

The educators questioned the data,
the methodology of the study and the
model itself. And, they asked what
conclusions were drawn from the results.
Dr. Garcia responded that no conclusions
were drawn because they were not an
objective of the study. Yet, no one left
the room frustrated or disappointed. Not
even the green flier passed out at the
beginning of the meeting, reminding all
those in attendance of yet further cuts
in spending for education, was able to
distract or discourage the educators in
the room from continuing to assess and
reflect on the numbers measuring student
achievement.

In spite of the lack of change in AIMS
scores, Dr. Garcia told the attendees that
their approach to implementing and then
following up on program changes was
laudable.

“Let me start out by congratulating
you. I have been in small researching
schools since graduate school, and doing
something like this is extremely rare.

“Most school districts initiate policies
without doing research at all.”

Kyrene asks community involvement in budget crisis

Kyrene school superintendent
Dr. David Schauer has
asked district parents,
students, teachers and community
members to become more
informed about how decisions at
the legislature may impact local
classrooms.

He also is hoping to enlist
parent and community support for
a campaign that would encourage
lawmakers to consider alternative
approaches.

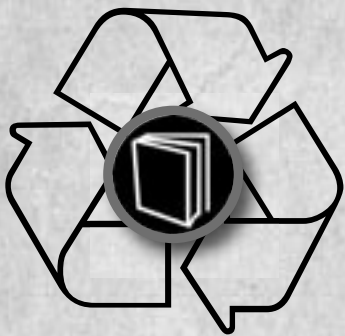
Announcement earlier this
month of legislative plans to
cut funding for K-12 education
prompted the request.

If those plans were to take
effect, Kyrene will need to reduce
operating expenses by \$1.5 million
between now and June 30, the end
of the budget year, Schauer said.

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Neighborhood **News & Notes** . . . with Tracy Doren

No matter how we do it, our neighborhoods are better when we communicate

Email, texting and social networking sites like Facebook and My Space have created a society in which face-to-face interaction almost seems to have become obsolete.

All across the world, people don't have to be in the same hemisphere, let alone the same room, to stay in touch.

Some may see this as an advantage, others



as the breakdown of real social connection. No matter your view, electronic communication has become indelibly entrenched in our everyday lives.

The Carver Terrace neighborhood in Tempe can attest to the value of electronic communication following an event that occurred recently.

The situation was not one that anybody wants to experience: returning home in the middle of a quiet weekday afternoon to find that your home has been burglarized.

Jewelry, golf clubs, even the vacuum cleaner, were missing.

It has to be one of the most frustrating moments a person can face, not to mention frightening and infuriating.

A sense of helplessness is likely to wash over most of us, a sense of violation penetrating to the core.

Although none of us wants to find out how we would react in such a situation, the residents of the Carver Terrace neighborhood mobilized and acted immediately.

Using a combination of telephone tree and group email, nearly the entire neighborhood was alerted of the break-in within hours.

The stream of back-and-forth support and suggestions was orchestrated, at least initially, by a single email alert sent by neighborhood organizer **Jill Cohen**.

Support for the victim poured in from all corners of the neighborhood. Suggestions, ideas and

general well wishes were flying through cyberspace.

Considering that this is a neighborhood with no homeowners association and that the entire response was gathered by a few individuals who realize the importance of keeping a neighborhood close, it proved to be an impressive organizational feat.

Through some great police work, observant and helpful neighbors—and a little luck—most of the stolen goods have been recovered and suspects taken into custody.

There is little doubt that, without the people-to-people connection, the conclusion would have been different. Some years ago I remember hearing that the automatic garage-door opener ultimately led to the death of close-knit neighborhoods.

Opening the garage from the comfort of your car, pulling in and shutting the door behind you leaves little

opportunity to say hello to the next-door neighbor.

Now, with a 21st century spin, the moral we've heard any times before has new relevance: Knowing your neighbors is important, whether it's meeting face-to-face or exchanging conversation across our new electronic superhighways.

In a perfect world, I'd hope it could be both.

TCH unit an award nominee

Assured Security Document Destruction, a division of Tempe Centers for Habilitation, has been named a finalist for the Tempe Chamber of Commerce's 2009 Business Excellence awards.

Harley Davidson group to host wedding-vow renewal

Harley Davidson of Chandler will host an unusual event at the motorcycle shop on Saturday, Feb. 7.

For the past two years the group "Black Sheep—Harley Davidsons for Christ" has performed a ceremony of wedding-vow renewal at the store.

According to manager **Ron Milanovic**, it is a very popular event. "Last year 20 couples participated; we're

planning for even more this year," he said.

The ceremony will take place at 11 a.m., followed by cake and refreshments.

Following the vow renewal at noon, the group will have a bike blessing. Harley owners are invited to bring a bike in to have it blessed for the year ahead.

Information: 496-6800 or www.ChandlerHarley.com

Inaugural parade honors

Kyrene Corridor resident **Daniel A. Bogert** joined classmates at the Virginia Military Institute who marched in the inaugural parade in Washington, D.C.

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Like Taj Mahal, south Tempe restaurant was built on a foundation of love

Story by M.V. Moorhead, photo by Tracy Doren

Somewhere behind most human endeavors, it seems, can be found a love story. Consider the Taj Mahal. The monument was built in the mid-1600s by order of Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan to honor the memory of his late wife Mumtaz Mahal.

Fast forward to 2009 and Sign of the Whale, a seafood-and-burger restaurant at Warner and McClintock in Tempe.

According to owner **Bruce Sandground**, it's standing there because of Sandground's desire to "appease his wife."

So with Valentine's Day fast approaching, I sat down with Sandground and his wife, Kathleen who, unlike Mumtaz Mahal, is very much alive to enjoy it.

While I snarfed a savory bowl of Nantucket Seafood Chowder, the Sandgrounds told me their romantic tale, overlapping and interrupting and gently teasing each other in a way that bespeaks deep affection in a couple who've been together a long time.

Sandground, a Washington, D.C. native, comes by his love of the restaurant business naturally.

"My father was a lawyer with a passion for fine dining," he says. "He started a restaurant with four Frenchmen when I was about seven. The waiters were all on skates."

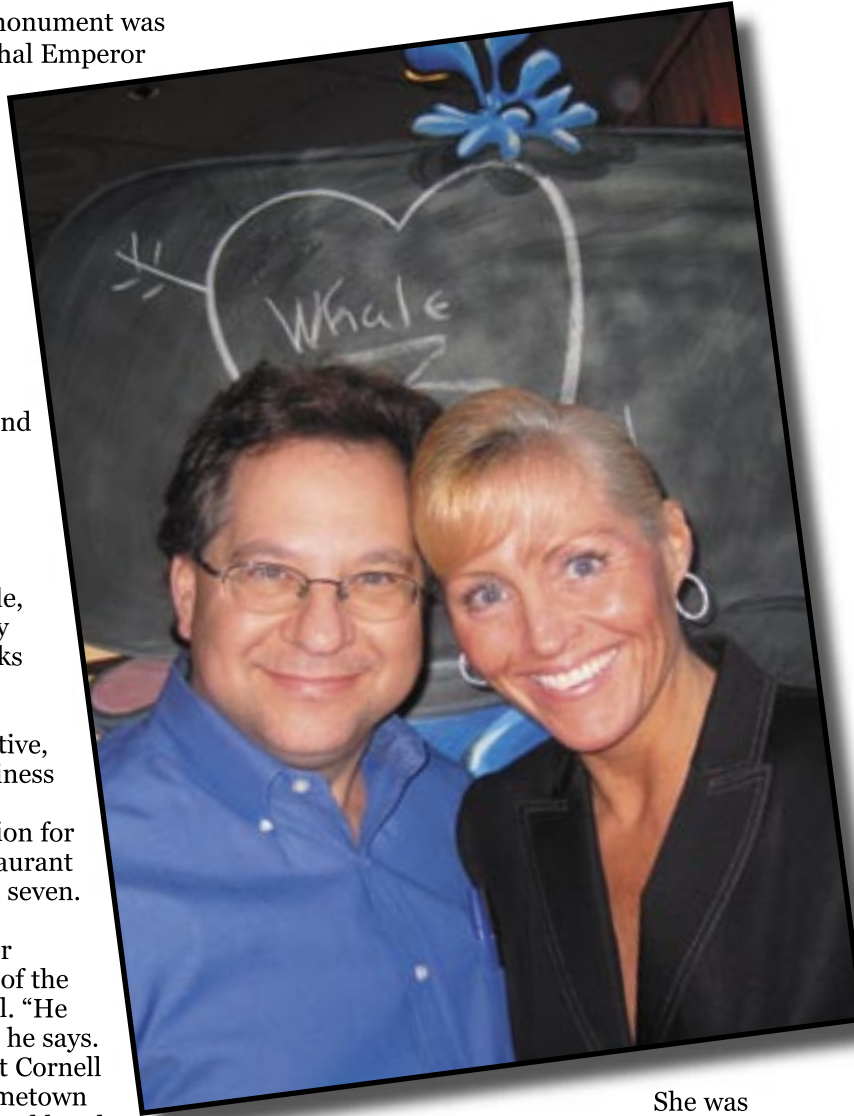
Bruce started working for his mentor Tommy Goss—later his partner in Sign of the Whale—while he was still in high school. "He (Goss) took me from busboy to owner," he says.

Sandground attended hotel school at Cornell University; when he returned to his hometown he went to work at The Regent, a high-end hotel in D.C., as an assistant executive steward.

"I went to college to be a dishwasher," he recalls ruefully.

It's at this point that Kathleen Sandground, nee Anderson, enters the story. A Wisconsin native

who had attended Boston Conservatory of Music, Anderson was a musical-theater actress who had played Maria in *The Sound of Music* and Fruma-Sarah in *Fiddler on the Roof*.



She was also a lounge singer, and when she went to perform at The Regent, she made a strong impression on the assistant executive steward. "He'd say, 'Would you like to go out?'" she recalls with a turned-up sneer that has no-way written all

over it. "Would you like to go to my father's house for a cookout?" And I'd go, "No, no, I'm too busy." When Kathleen returned for a gig at The Regent after a few years of singing on cruise ships, she was startled by the greeting she received.

"When I came back, he was there," she recounts, with a note of horror in her voice.

"I said, 'it's him! It's the same guy, but now he's in a suit.' He said 'Kathleen! I heard you were back! I was looking for his nametag. 'Bruce!' He was the manager of the lounge. Then I started to like him...I thought, 'I'm going to marry this goober. Are you kidding me?'"

Not long after that, Sandground made his move.

"After tea training one day, he pushed me up against the wall in a hallway, and kissed me. These days it could be considered sexual harassment."

In Bruce and Kathleen's case, however, it led to matrimony, a few years later.

"We had the Batman-and-Robin wedding," says Bruce, "because my wife's Catholic, and I'm Jewish. So we had a rabbi and a priest."

By then, Bruce was a partner in the Falls Church, Va., location of Sign of the Whale, so the wedding program included a coupon for a free meal if the nuptials failed to happen.

None of the guests, of course, was able to redeem it. But how, you may ask, does all this lead to the pleasant, sunlit dining room of Sign of the Whale in Tempe, with its whale-shaped weathervane over the bar and marine-life artwork by Robert Lyn Nelson?

After struggling with rheumatoid arthritis and other health issues for some years, and finding, after visits to her parents in Arizona, that the climate here agreed with her, Kathleen persuaded her husband to sell his suburban D.C. location of Sign of the Whale and move permanently to the Valley in 2002, along with kids Lauren, now 17, and Forrest, 14.

Bruce worked as a traveling salesman in the restaurant sector until September of last year, when he launched the Kyrene Corridor's own spin-off of his D.C. success story.

So if some evening—Valentine's Day, perhaps—you find yourself enjoying Sign of the Whale's delicious Eastern-style seafood out here in these dusty climes, remember that you have a love affair to thank for it.

What to give your honey on Valentine's Day: Gemologist can help you decide

Of the classic Valentine's Day offerings, jewelry probably beats both flowers and chocolate as the most difficult to get right. The potential for pleasing the recipient is highest, but so, usually, is the expense involved, and so is the potential for choosing poorly.

What's a lovesick petitioner for another heart's favor to do?

Well, it might help to learn a bit about some of the pretty gemstones out of which that jewelry is made. To help with this, geologist and gemologist Richard Allen, founder of GemLand, will be giving a talk at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 12, at Sunset Branch Library, 4930 W. Ray Road, Chandler.

Allen, a Montana native and a graduate of the University of Utah who studied gemology in

Bangkok, Thailand—"The colored gemstone capital of the world"—will offer a slide show introduction to the gemstones of Arizona, and will also demonstrate his portable gemological lab, and give people a look through his microscope. According to Allen, "Arizona is the leading gemstone mining state."

The four major gems here in Arizona, Allen says, are turquoise, amethyst, garnet and peridot. Asked if any of these are particularly appropriate for romance, Allen seems uncertain.

"In Indian lore," he says, "turquoise symbolized fertility and life." Amethyst was regarded, back to ancient times, as a cure for drunkenness. Not quite a perfect fit, somehow.

"Garnets from the Navajo nation are a deep red," Allen suggests.

"Which could be great for Valentine's Day."

In any case, notes Allen, any of these stones have as much traditional claim on Valentine's Day as the old standby, the diamond.

"That whole thing about diamonds [and romance] is made up by the diamond trade. 'A diamond is forever?' That was made up by De Beers. The tradition doesn't exist before, I think, the '30s."

For beauty, Allen will stack Arizona's colorful gemstones up against diamonds. "Natural stones, unaltered, untreated, that's what I like."

"And they're moderately priced, which is nice," he adds. For details go to gemland.com, or call the Sunset Branch Library at 480-782-2842.

— M.V. Moorhead

Improvements at Tempe recycling center result in costs below U.S. average

South Tempe residents joined their neighbors in Guadalupe and other parts of the city in delivering a whopping 119,000 tons of household hazardous waste to Tempe's Household Products Collection Center in the 100-day period that it was open in 2008.

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Students prove the theory that math does, indeed, count Teachers use national program to inject 'fun' into problem-solving

By Emily Jacobson

I have always been unreasonably biased against math. Some would say my sub-par ability to complete basic mathematical problems was to blame for my illogical dislike of the subject. (I like to argue that my parents are responsible for my self-proclaimed and seemingly genetic ineptitude).

It has taken many years, but I now believe that my love and talent for the liberal arts was based on simple encouragement.

Had I possessed instructors like **Marilyn Rutter** and **Joanna Wilson** as math teachers, my stubborn hatred of all things math-related might have been dispatched early in life.

Rutter and Wilson are Aprende Middle School's coaches for a national program, the Mathcounts Foundation, a sponsored and volunteer-based program dedicated to enhancing achievement in middle school mathematics throughout the U.S.

On Jan. 24, the teachers' six grade-math students took first place at the Chandler-Gilbert Community

College Excellence in Mathematics competition.

Students were scored individually on a 40-problem work sheet, and the top four students of each participating school determined the overall tally.

Lihong Tang, Sumeet Patwardhan, Matthew Askins and **Hao Xuan Wu** were Aprende's winners, with a 126 out of a possible 160 achievement.

Sanju Kalagara and **Hongfan Wang** also skillfully competed. The eighth graders are coached in math skills ranging from pre-algebra to honors geometry, the equivalents of sophomore-level high school mathematics.

Rutter has been a teacher at Aprende for 12 years and involved in Mathcounts for 10. Wilson is currently teaching her first year at Aprende, but has been a part of Mathcounts for three years.

Both say they teach math because it's "fun, challenging, and there's always a right answer."

The Mathcounts team meets once a week to go over problems and formulas, and is supported by the student council with tax credits.

Rutter and Wilson encourage the students to further their math skills and be investigative in their learning.

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Teachers Marilyn Rutter, left, and Joanna Wilson, right, joined class members in celebration of their achievements in the Mathcounts program. Students include, from left, front row: Matthew Askins, Sumeet Patwardhan, Hao Xuan Wu; back row: Hongfan Wang, Lihong Tang, Saisanjana Kalagara.

Math

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Sometimes kids think they can't [complete the math], but they really can."

If any place could be especially well equipped to handle of challenge of fine-tuning math skills, Rutter and Wilson believe that Aprende is it. "Remember," they told me, "Aprender' means 'to learn' in Spanish."

It seems to me that the competition

Mathcounts offers and the challenge it inspires is just the kind of activity that encourages young Americans to become involved in the maths and sciences of later life.

I only wish I had been exposed to the heat-of-math battle in my middle-school years.

Aprende's excellent Mathcounts team will compete at the Papago Chapter Mathcounts competition Feb. 28 at Dobson High School in Mesa. Information: <http://mathcounts.org>.

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Top U.S. competition lists Corona del Sol senior among 40 finalists

Corona del Sol senior **Smitha Ramakrishna** is among 40 finalists in the Intel Science Talent Search Award, America's oldest and most prestigious science-talent competition for high school students.

Smitha's scientific research project was one of 1,608 submitted by entrants nationwide. If she wins the final competition, she would receive a

\$100,000 scholarship from the Intel Foundation.

Right now, as a finalist, she is guaranteed a \$5,000 scholarship and a new laptop computer.

Earlier, Smitha was selected as one of the 300 semifinalists nationwide but received notification Jan 28 that she was also picked as a finalist to compete in Washington D.C., March

5-10. She has already received a \$1,000 scholarship for being a semifinalist; an additional \$1,000 was given to Corona.

The Society for Science and the Public joined Intel to find the best and brightest young scientific minds in America to compete this year for \$1.25 million in scholarships.

Each student was given the goal of tackling challenging scientific questions and developing the skills to solve the problems of tomorrow, according to Intel.

The only finalist from Arizona this

'My love for science began when I was really young, and I was exposed to the new technologies and scientific studies by my parents.'

year and the second one from Corona since 1997, Smitha studied a chemical-environmental issue. The title of her research project was "Analysis of the Chemical and Biological Degradation of Sucralose in Synthetic Wastewater."

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Screen Gems

with M.V. Moorhead

A belated tribute to Newman's style, abundance

James Earl Jones provided perhaps the most touching moment in the recent Screen Actors Guild Awards show.

Accepting his own much-deserved lifetime achievement award, Jones concluded his speech by saluting Paul Newman, who died last September, with the line, "Somebody down here likes you."

It's still hard to believe that Newman has passed on. Has any star ever aged better than he did?

One or two have come close, perhaps—Sophia Loren comes to mind, and so does Jack Lemmon.

But while age gave Lemmon a gravity and dignity he didn't always have as a breezy younger actor, it also dimmed his virility, while Newman's seemed to strengthen. Similarly, while Loren lost none of her goddessy sensuality as she aged, it can't honestly be said that she gained any, either, while Newman's sexual magnetism seemed almost enhanced by age.

When he and Melanie Griffith flirted with each other in *Nobody's Fool*, for instance, he then nearly 70 and she in her 30s, there was nothing implausible in the notion that the attraction was real for her as well as for him.

I wanted to suggest some films to watch if you want to see the "essential" Newman, but when you scan his filmography, you quickly realize that he

made too many top-notch pictures to really boil down to five or six.

He made plenty of forgettable movies, of course; all actors with really substantial careers do. But after his debut film, *The Silver Chalice* (1954), a Biblical-era epic which he himself derided (especially the "cocktail dress" he wore in it), Newman starred as Rocky Graziano in *Somebody Up There Likes Me*—a role that fell to him after James Dean's death.

From then on, his average of good films to dull films was about as high as any actor could hope for, and there was hardly any out-and-out junk, although I fondly remember *When Time Ran Out...* (1980), a star-studded, laugh-out-loud terrible disaster-adventure movie about a volcano in which Newman reluctantly starred due to a contractual obligation. I wish they'd release it on DVD.



Paul Newman

Of course, in some cases Newman's performance was precisely the reason that the movie wasn't junk. Even when he was badly miscast—as a Mexican bandit in 1964's *The Outrage*, for instance—he was still riveting.

Much has already been written about Newman's excellence as a cocksure young leading man in *The Hustler*, *Hud*, *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof* or *Cool Hand Luke*, the sexy, princely ease of his mature years in *Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid*, *The Sting* and *Slap Shot*, the simple beauty of his style in his

later starring vehicles like *The Verdict* and *The Color of Money*, or about the increased versatility that even allowed him to admirably play character roles in films like *Blaze*, *Fat Man and Little Boy*, and *The Hudsucker Proxy*.

So I'd like to suggest that you check out Newman in some of his less-remembered stuff—like his methodish turn as Billy the Kid in *The Left-Handed Gun*, or his Ben Quick in the Faulkner adaptation *The Long, Hot Summer*.

Watch his rage—quietly controlled except in one stunning scene—in the criminally underrated newspaper drama *Absence of Malice*.

Check out his dazzling flamboyance in *Fort Apache*, *The Bronx*. Check out the film of Ken Kesey's *Sometimes a Great Notion* (1971; also known as *Never Give an Inch*) if only for the harrowing scene in which Newman attempts to pass air to the drowning Richard Jaeckel.

Even in a fairly cheesy picture by Newman standards, *The Towering Inferno*, you see his diligence and honesty as an actor.

When he sees a coworker (Normann Burton) get badly burned, Newman doesn't react like a movie star trying to be cool and play the hero, but rather as a guy who doesn't normally see this sort of thing. He lets you hear the screechy panic in his voice, and the result is that his subsequent heroism is all the more moving.

In other words, watch pretty much anything that Newman's in, and you probably won't feel you've wasted your time.

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Honored were **Alex Bolton, Josh Knutsen, Zachary Kroeger, Tres Kwilosz, Austin Lahr, Parker McLaughlin, Daniel Rasmussen, Taylor Shelberg, Jason Soronson, Matthew Thomas, Grant Walton and Kevin Witte.**

EVBSC is a philanthropic group that reaches out to the community through hours donated annually. Boys ranging from sixth to 12th grade make up the membership.

The group's most recent general meeting, held at Arizona Community Church on Jan. 25, was attended by 200 members and their parents.

Boys interested in the program can learn more by visiting www.evbsc.org or e-mailing Ellen Bolton at ebolton@cox.net

Members of East Valley Boys Service Club who were honored for their community efforts included, from left, front: Tres Kwilosz, Zachary Kroeger, Parker McLaughlin, Matt Thomas, Grant Walton and Josh Knutsen; back: Kevin Witte, Austin Lahr, Alex Bolton and Jason Sorinson. — Contributed by Cara Husk

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Cds coach Tim Kelly promotes culture of hard work, accountability. — David Stone / Wrangler News

New CdS coach hopes to build winning team on predecessor's track record

By Alex Zener

Tim Kelly has big plans for the track program at Corona del Sol High School. Kelly, the Aztecs' new head track coach, is focusing on a program that teaches, develops and achieves commitment, character and a championship mentality among his young student athletes.

With more than 15 years' experience helping young people strive to be their best, Kelly says his goal is to develop a culture of hard work, accountability and work ethic that will lead to responsible student athletes with winning attitudes.

A 1987 CdS graduate, Kelly started coaching football, wrestling and track at Corona while working on his teaching certification after graduating from Arizona State University with a BA in history. He was also a long-term substitute teacher and security guard at CdS.

He started teaching full-time at Corona in 1997 and continued his education by earning a master's degree in education from ASU.

Kelly is replacing **Dave Vibber**, who has been coaching three sports at Corona for years.

"Coach Vibber has given over 28 years of coaching to Corona," said Kelly. "We are indebted to his many years of service at Corona and for the thousands of kids whose lives he has impacted coaching football,

wrestling and track."

Kelly has hired or retained seven coaches to assist him in the track program.

"We have hired a lot of highly qualified coaches to assist us in our track program," said Kelly. "Several of our coaches are very highly respected statewide."

One assistant coach is **Pete Pond** who has over 20 years of coaching experience and is knowledgeable in every track event. He has coached several state champions according to Kelly.

Another is hurdle coach **Anne Benson** who is returning to coach at Corona. During the three earlier years she coached at CdS, she had several state placers.

Long time boys cross country coach **Pat Smith** will be in charge of the distance program. Smith has coached at Corona for over 14 years and has numerous state placers according to Kelly.

Newcomer **Cynthia Washington** brings her experience as the new sprint coach.

"Cynthia is very highly respected in the track community," said Kelly. "She built a great and successful program at Aprende and comes over from Dobson where she had a lot of successful state placers in the sprinting category."

Corona alumni **Jon Whaley** is staying on as the pole vault coach. Whaley was a state placer in the

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pole vault for CdS and also vaulted at Arizona State University and Northern Arizona University before returning to coach at Corona.

"Jon has been coaching the pole vaulting program at Corona for four years," said Kelly.

"He has done a terrific job in rebuilding our pole vaulting tradition."

Long-time shot put coach **Gary Venturo** will continue developing state placers.

"Coach Venturo has had eight state placers and a state runner-up in the shot put during his tenure as shot put coach," said Kelly. "Last year he had two sophomores and a junior place in the Central region and move on to the state meet."

Darren Ridge, who has coached both boys and girls basketball at Corona, will continue coaching track under Kelly this season.

"Darren is excellent working with students and getting the most out of the athletes he coaches," said Kelly. "He always puts kids first and does what is best for the kids."

Kelly is not just concerned with developing students into competent track athletes. His goal is to leave a lasting impression on young students that will carry them into adulthood.

He plans on providing student athletes with an opportunity to experience being successful in some endeavor during their formative years by participating in his track program.

His aim is for all track athletes to come out of his program having learned how to be competitive, successful and responsible as students, athletes and citizens. He wants to help students develop a responsible winning attitude and develop a desire to keep growing and learning throughout their lives.

Corona track starts Feb. 9 after two weeks of pre-season camp where 100 kids learned about and participated in different track events after school five

days a week.

"The number of kids who came out to the pre-season camp was encouraging," said Kelly.

"We had kids come to attend camp this year who had taken last year off.

"The pre-season camp gave the kids a variety different events to participate in and they all worked really hard. The camp also gave us an opportunity to teach everyone multiple events in track."

Kelly wanted to expose Corona athletes to the different track events because he wants to build a team attitude and unity for the track team.

"We will be asking kids to help the team in any way they can and this pre-season camp was a great opportunity for them to see where else in track they

can help the team," said Kelly.

Kelly and the other coaches are on a quest to assemble a Corona track team that can not only contend in the region but in the state in track events.

"We have gone on an extensive recruiting plan on Corona's campus this year," said Kelly.

"Together we sought out and identified athletes who had participated in track or other sports in the past and have contacted them about coming out for track this season."

This extra effort appears to have been successful because Kelly is expecting a team of over 200 track athletes based on the number at the pre-season camp and the ones still competing in winter sports that he expects to come out.



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Aztecs fall to 'Cinderella' team in surprise soccer-title loss

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Corona del Sol's boys soccer team lost in the first round to No. 16 seed Chandler in overtime 2-1 and 4-3 in penalty kicks on Feb. 3 after winning the Central Region title outright.

That Jan. 27 win, 3-2 over Desert Vista, represented the first region title for Aztec coach **Dan Salas**.

Before losing to Chandler in the state tournament, the Aztecs had finished their regular season 12-0 and earned the No. 1 seed in the State 5A Division I tournament.

Chandler, losing four out of its last five matches, ended the regular season with a 7-5 record but made it in as the 16th seed after earning considerable power points by beating Hamilton and Highland earlier in the season.

The Aztecs barely beat out Red Mountain for the No. 1 seed (90.4167 to 90 power points) and were in the top half of the draw, while Red Mountain, in the bottom half, easily beat Dobson 4-0 Feb. 3.

Ending up as the No. 1 seed apparently did not prove to be the best position for Corona going into the state tournament.

Many Valley soccer fans had thought that Corona's first-round match against Chandler would be a potentially difficult

game.

The assumption was that Chandler might be the Cinderella team that could potentially win it all. It was the first time a No. 16 seed had beaten a No. 1 seed in the 5A-I state tournament.

The Aztecs got to the top of the rankings and won Central region outright by having incredible depth on their team and by playing solid defense.

Corona beat Central region rival Mountain Pointe 6-1 Jan. 23, with goals by **Dan Van Vleet, Nick Cavaretta, Chris Murray, AJ Stojonovic, Kaue Martins** and **Dylan Harris**.

Corona then outplayed Camelback, a solid team with plenty of talent, according to Salas, winning 3-1 on Jan. 26, with strong defensive and outstanding offensive skills.

"The whole defensive back line of **Joey Cavaretta, Chris Murray, Kevin Biniazin, Josh Von Alworden** and **Garrett Baker-Slama** have been solid all season," said coach Salas.

"Each one adds a different talent to the game and the team. The offense was able to score goals by **Trevar Allen, Dan Van Vleet** and **Bryan Hoyt**."

Next up for the Aztecs was a rematch of a thriller of an earlier match against Central

region rival Desert Vista—except this time it was on the Thunder's home turf. Corona had several players who were exceptionally good in more than one position this season, evidenced by 11 different players scoring goals.

Most of the time, it came down to Salas finding the right mix of players in the right positions.

"With our team, we have tons of talent to go around," said Salas. "Against Desert Vista it was a game in which finding the right combination of players was key."

"Once that happened, we just built some momentum. It was just a matter of time after that. We got down, but we had plenty of time to equalize and eventually won 3-2 on a penalty kick by sophomore **Nick Cavaretta**. The boys just didn't want to lose."

Putting everything on the line to beat Desert Vista for the second time was a big confidence booster for the Aztecs. The key to winning this second match may have been just knowing that they could beat Desert Vista and, secondly, staying focused, according to Salas.

Goals scored by Von Alworden, Murray and Nick Cavaretta and the outstanding defensive play of sophomore goal keeper **Matt Bersano** helped the Aztecs win the game.

"Matt is one of the top goalie in Arizona high school soccer," said Salas. "He continued to keep us in games with saves he's supposed to make, and then ones that he's not. Those are the ones that win games."

The Aztecs honored their four seniors, **Kaue Martins, Matt Widjaja, Jackson**

Allen and **Nic Salhuana** at their final home game, a 3-2 win, over Basha Jan. 29.

The good news is that the Aztecs will lose only four players to graduation and can expect to have their core players back next season. They should return 10 varsity players who will be seniors and eight who will be juniors, including goal keeper Bersano.

Coach Salas should benefit from having a young team this season who saw a lot of playing time in various positions all over the field.

Boys basketball

Taking games down to the wire may best describe Corona's basketball team so far this season. The Aztecs have played in 12 games that have been decided by five or fewer points.

Seven of those games went into overtime and two have been double-overtime.

So Corona has played in nine overtime periods and won five out of seven games, according to coach **Sammy Duane**.

Early in the season, the Aztecs found themselves on the wrong side of the score in overtime and close games.

Lately, all that experience appears to be paying off because the team has been winning close games, evidenced by beating Mountain Pointe 85-83 in overtime Jan. 27 and then Desert Vista 56-54 in double overtime Jan. 30.

"**Andrew Fox** tipped in a basket in double overtime for the win against Desert Vista," said Duane. "We are finding ways to win, and we are executing down the stretch

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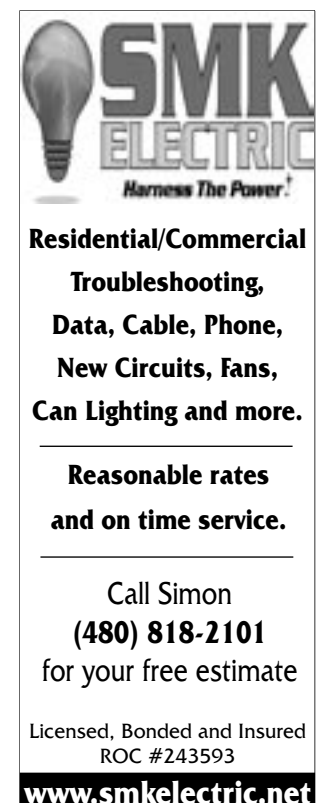
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in games.”

The Aztecs need to continue finding ways to win unless they want to be out of the state tournament for the first time since Coach Duane took over six years ago during the 2003-04 season.

They are currently in the 18th power point rankings and have only two options open to get into the state tournament.

“We either need to win the Central Region title, which will give us an automatic qualification, or we need to basically win the rest of our games and get help from other teams losing,” said Duane.

“We have been talking up region play as a best-of-four series, and the team has been responding well to this mindset. Either way, win region or win games, will put us in the state tournament.”

To win region, Corona needs to take care of its home court and treat every game as a playoff series. Wins against Mountain Pointe and Desert Vista were on the road.

In order to win and make it into the state tournament, the Aztecs will continue to depend on the leadership and solid play of senior guards Andrew Fox and **Leland Devlin**.

“Leland has been playing well and is as healthy as he has been in two years,” said Duane. “Andrew has been playing solid basketball on both ends of the court lately.

“He made the key plays in both the Mountain Pointe game, hustling to save a ball from going out of bounds and getting it to **David Whitmore** for the game winner, and the Desert Vista game where he tipped in the winning basket. Both Leland and Andrew have a great desire to win.”

Other players who have stepped up their game include junior guard **Kyle Noon** and freshman point guard **Calean Robinson**.

“Kyle has been very good lately and has stepped up his play and given us great minutes on the boards and in scoring for us,” said Duane.

“Calean has been outstanding distributing the ball and has really solidified our guard situation.”

The game against Basha on Feb. 3 could have been a huge confidence booster and put the team in a better position to win Central region, but the Aztecs ended up losing that game at home 38-52.

Corona has four more chances to make it into the state tournament in games Feb. 5 at Trevor Browne, Feb. 10 at home against Desert Vista, Feb. 12 at Basha and Feb. 19 at home against Mountain Pointe.

The game at home against Mountain Pointe will be the last time seniors Devlin, Fox, **Tory Gomez**, **Michael Stahl** and **Grant Walton** will have a chance to play in Corona’s Sam Duane Sr. gym.

“The one great thing about our playoff situation: We control our own destiny,” said Duane.

Middle school wrestling

A wrestling tournament held at Marcos de Niza High School Jan. 24 saw wins by wrestlers from several Kyrene middle schools. **Jesus Morales** won the 125-pound state championship for the KMS Scorpions.

Trysten Griffith (78 pounds), **Coleman Griffith** (83 pounds) and **Billy Clemens** (111 pounds) took fourth place in their respective weight classes, wrestling for their club team, Sunkids. **Zach Roybal** took sixth place in the 104-pound bracket for Kyrene.

Aprende’s **Patrick Buck** took second place in the 118-pound class, losing a close match 6-8 in the finals, and **Zach Turner** took fifth place in the 73-pound class.

The middle school state tournament was held at Marana Mountain View High school near Tucson Jan. 30. This tournament is only open to middle schools, not club teams, and more than 50 middle schools were competing for medals.

KMS wrestlers placed sixth out of 53 teams, with Morales taking second in the 125-pound class, **Glenn Farina** fifth in the 98-pound class, Coleman Griffith fifth in the 83-pound bracket, Trysten Griffith sixth in the 78-pound bracket and **Byran Giron** sixth in the 180-pound class.

Girls soccer

Corona girls soccer not only won the Central Region title for the fourth straight year by beating Basha last week but shot up to No. 1 spot in 5A-I power points and the top seed in the state tournament when Hamilton beat Gilbert Jan. 30. Corona was set to play No. 16 Buena at home Feb. 4 in the first round.

The Lady Aztecs have come together as a team and picked up their focus toward a third state championship in four years going on a five-game winning streak before

losing to Desert Vista Jan. 27.

Corona beat Mountain Pointe 2-1 in overtime in their first Central Region matchup Jan. 13. The Lady Aztecs were the first to score on a goal shot by senior striker **Ashley Kniffen** but then Mountain Pointe came back to tie the score at 1-1 forcing overtime. Senior striker **Whitney Miller** crossed the ball from the corner where **Kniffen**, somehow keeping the ball away from Mountain Pointe’s goalie, managed to get the ball out to senior forward **Lexie Schroeder**.

“The ball popped out to the six yard line and I crushed it into the goal,” said Schroeder. “We went up 2-1 on that goal and eventually won the game.”

The Lady Aztecs continued winning that same week beating Desert Vista 4-3 in penalty kicks Jan. 15. With

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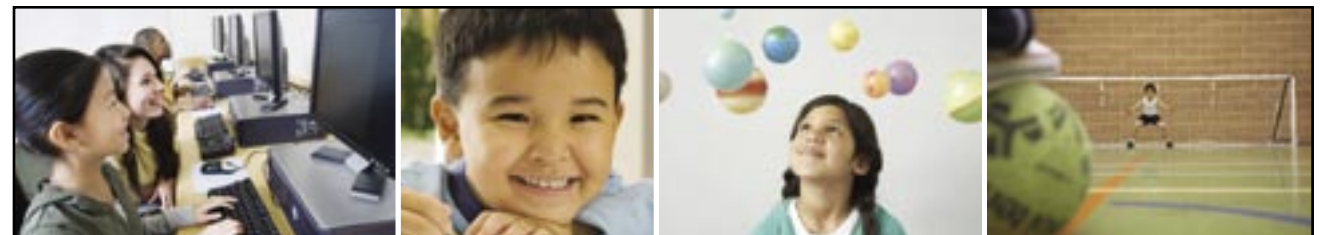
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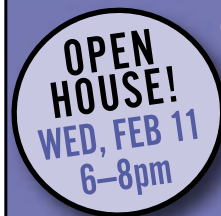


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CdS soccer team from left, top row: Matt Bersano, Daniel Van Vleet, Derek Rusher, John Magana, Shay Connors, Josh VonAllworden, Kaue Martins, AJ Stojanovic, Chris Murray, Austin Haas, Patric Pray, Greg Ketterer and Coach Salas. Bottom row: Garrett Baker-Slama, Casey Phillips, Trever Allen, Nick Cavaretta, Joey Cavaretta, Jackson Allen, Matt Widjaja, Kevin Biniazin, Nic Salhuana and Brian Hoyt.

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three minutes left in the game, Desert Vista, up 2-1, thought the game was over. The Lady Aztecs never gave up and Schroeder sent the game into overtime after kicking the ball in the upper left corner of Desert Vista’s goal off her left foot.

“I was just so proud of our team for not giving up in the final minutes to send it to overtime,” said Schroeder. “We never give up until the game is completely over because our team has so much heart.”

No one scored in overtime so the winner of the Desert Vista game had to be determined by penalty kicks. With the score tied at 3-3 in penalty kicks, Schroeder put one into the goal, and goalkeeper **Hailey Hayes** saved the next penalty kick by a Desert Vista player, giving the win to Corona 4-3 in PK’s.

“I had a good feeling when the Desert Vista game went into penalty kicks,” said Hayes. “When I have good feelings about penalty kicks, we usually end up on top.”

On Jan. 20, the Lady Aztecs beat Basha 2-0. Next up was Mountain Pointe at home on Jan. 22. The team, still on an emotional high after beating Desert Vista in overtime, saw another region title within their reach and came out determined to win. Schroeder scored the first goal off a corner kick and CdS freshman striker **Mackenzie Bader** scored another goal.

Mountain Pointe continued to play tough against the Lady Aztecs but another Schroeder goal put the game away at 3-2 for Corona.

“Everyone came out with high intensity and a desire to win,” said goal keeper **Colby Bounds**. “Everyone played excellent and we got it done.”

The second time Corona played Desert Vista the Lady Aztecs were not as lucky losing 1-2. The only Corona goal came off the foot of **Whitney Miller**. Desert Vista was highly motivated to win and came out playing in top form.

“Desert Vista brought it hard because we had already beaten them three times in a row in extremely close games,” said Kniffen. “They needed the win. If we play them again during the state tournament, we will prove that we’re the better team.”

The Desert Vista score would maybe have been higher if not for the excellent play by some of Corona’s defensive players and goal keeper Hailey Hayes.

“The best defensive play that night was when a Desert Vista player shot the ball at our goal and Hailey Hayes jumped up to try and save it,” said Schroeder. “The ball bounced off the top of Hailey’s fingers and midfielder **Angela Williamson** ran in behind to kick the ball up and out before it could go into the goal.”

The Lady Aztecs honored their seven senior players, **Kristen Hobson, Stephanie Holladay, Ashley**

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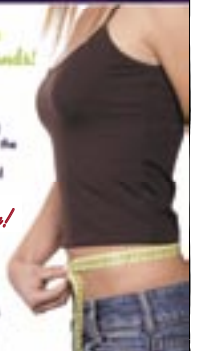
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Smitha credits her CdS chemistry teacher, **Steve Morgan**, for giving her a foundation in chemistry which, she says, "really helped with the project."

"Mr. Morgan not only taught me chemistry; his continual support has motivated me to continue my research," said Smitha. "My counselor, **Debbie Moore**, has supported me in everything I do, which I truly appreciate."

Smitha has been involved in environmental issues as the president of the Earthworks club. She received the 2008 Youth Conservationist of the Year award from the Arizona Wildlife Federation and was selected as the Governor's Young Innovator of the Year for her involvement in the Science Research Club.

Smitha was born in Arizona and has lived in Chandler for almost 15 years. Her love of science may have come naturally because both her parents are science professors.

"My love for science began when I was really young, and I was exposed to the new technologies and scientific studies by my parents," she said.

"I also have an older sister, a second-year medical student in Cleveland, who is a great role model for me."

Smitha should be getting familiar with Washington, D.C. this spring. Altogether, she will be traveling there twice—once for the Intel Science Award competition and again in April when she goes with Corona's state-winning "We the People" competitive government class to compete for that national award.

— By Alex Zener

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Kniffen, Lauren McGill, Whitney Miller, Angela Williamson, and Lexie Schroeder by winning their last home game Jan. 30 against Basha 3-0.

"We played hard against Basha to win our fourth straight Central Region title outright," said junior defender **Katie Huch**. "**Whitney Hayes** scored two goals and sophomore **Sammie Weber** had a laser shot that ricocheted down off the crossbar and went in for our other goal."

This Central Region title was special because it will be the last one for Corona in the foreseeable future. Next year they will be playing in the new East Valley Region. Before they can worry about their opponents next season, though, the Lady Aztecs need to take care of business in the state 5A-I tournament to win their third 5A-I state title for the senior players.

When the Lady Aztecs were bumped up to the No. 1 seed, two of their toughest opponents, Xavier and Gilbert the No. 2 and No. 3 seeds respectively, ended up in a different halves of the state brackets. Corona is in the top half while both Xavier and Gilbert are in the bottom half of the brackets which means the Lady Aztecs would not play

either one until the finals.

If Corona makes it into the third round or semi-finals, though, they will most likely face the winner of the No. 4 Desert Vista versus No. 5 Highland matchup. If the winner is Desert Vista, it will be the fifth time the Lady Aztecs will have faced them this season winning three out of four previous meetings. If Highland ends up their opponent, the Lady Aztecs should be highly motivated hoping to avenge their loss last year in the second round of the state tournament against Highland.

"The early loss to Highland last year will help us stay focused this year," said Kniffen. "It felt really bad losing so early in the tournament last year because we had so much potential and didn't make it to the semi-finals. Just that feeling alone will keep us motivated."

With the power point rankings going back and forth all season, there is really not clear cut prediction on the winner. Anything can and often does happen in state tournaments so it will be up to the Lady Aztecs to constantly stay focused and play hard against every opponent to make it to the finals.

"I think the state tournament is going to be really intense and fun because anyone can win it this year," said Hayes. "It's going to take a lot of heart and fight to show everyone that we are better and that we aren't going to let anyone take it away from us like we did last year."

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Club members are collecting Nite-Nite packs to be donated to children five years and younger at the Arizona Adoption and Foster Care Center/Child Crisis Center in Tempe. Each pack will include a small backpack filled with the essential comfort items of childhood: a new security blanket (approximately 3 by 4 inches), a new or gently used age-appropriate children's book and a new stuffed animal (12 to 15 inches).

Individuals and groups are invited to participate by creating and donating a Nite-Nite pack, donating any of the essential contents or purchasing a pre-assembled pack for \$30.

Nite-Nite packs and their contents will be collected

during February at the Lakes Beach and Tennis Club, 5501 S. Lakeshore Drive. Monetary contributions, which are tax deductible, can be given to event chairpersons **Tamara Reddy** and **Denise Rentschler**.

"Our entire organization is very excited about Project Nite-Nite," said Rentschler, the project co-chair. "Our goal is to provide the Child Crisis Center with 150 Nite-Nite packs. We hope the packs make each child feel special."

According to AAFC's website, more than 10,000 children are in "out-of-home care" in Arizona. Information: Tamara Reddy, 480-456-8696 or Denise Rentschler, 602-329-1955.

Open house at Center for Educational Excellence

Center for Educational Excellence, a K-through-8 charter school, will begin accepting enrollment for the 2009-2010 school year on Wednesday, Feb. 17.

An open house is scheduled from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 11. Classrooms will be open for tours and teachers and staff will be on hand to answer questions.

It has been named an excelling school for the past six years by the Arizona Department of Education.

The school is on the northwest corner of Elliot Road and McClintock Drive, Tempe.

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Fulton Homes seeks Chapter 11 reorganization

South Tempe-based homebuilding titan Fulton Homes has sought legal protection by filing for reorganization under the Chapter 11 bankruptcy code.

A hearing of creditors is scheduled March 3 in federal bankruptcy court.

The 35-year-old company has been under the control of president **Doug Fulton** in recent years.

According to the bankruptcy filing, Fulton Homes owes \$100 million to \$500 million to Bank of America and a large number of other creditors.

The company's estimated assets are \$100 million to \$500 million, the filing indicates.

Although it appears Fulton Homes will continue to operate, the bankruptcy filing likely will make it harder to sell houses to prospective buyers or to get financing from lenders. It also remained unclear whether previous buyers would be able to obtain home-warranty service.

Church sponsors Feb. 7 flea market

A flea market sponsored by Mission del Sol Presbyterian Church will be held at the church from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7.

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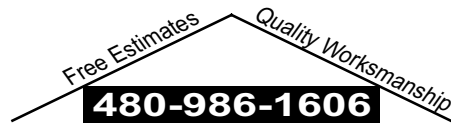
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Cielo 'Extravaganza' to feature food, silent auction — and fun

The Castle at Ashley Manor will be the venue for the first annual "Cielo Extravaganza," a fundraiser to benefit Kyrene del Cielo Elementary School scheduled Wednesday, Feb. 11.

Guests will be treated to cocktails poured by Four Peaks Brewing Company beginning at 6:30 p.m., followed by dinner provided by Great Harvest Bread Company and Outback Steakhouse. Mom's Bakery of Mesa and Starbucks will provide dessert and coffee.

A silent auction as well as live music provided by the band Back At It Again will top off the evening.

Raffle tickets for a 6-day/5-night stay on the Garden Island of Kauai, Hawaii, are also available; the winner will be announced during the event.

Proceeds from the event will go toward enhancing the sun protection for students on the elementary school's South Tempe/Northwest Chandler campus, as well as to purchase additional safety equipment.

"We've been encouraged by the tremendous support we've received from Cielo's parents and supporters in the community in putting together this amazing event," said **MarJean Steinkamp**, event co-chair.

Tickets are limited, but can still be purchased by contacting Steinkamp at night4cielo@yahoo.com.

— Contributed by Rosalie Hirano

Diversity consultant to explore societal influence of hip-hop, rap

Hip-hop and rap are arguably the post-Civil Rights era's highest creative, extemporaneous, ever-evolving form of communication and expression, according to a theory being discussed Thursday, Feb. 19, by Dr. Matthew Whitaker.

Whitaker is the author of "Race Work: The Rise of Civil Rights in the Urban West" and CEO of the Whitaker Group, a human-relations, organizational development and diversity consulting firm.

The free presentation is scheduled for 7 p.m. in the Connections Café at Tempe Public Library.

Whitaker's commentaries on popular culture, race class, gender, presidential politics and U.S./African relations have appeared on NPR, PBS and other media outlets.

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The occasion was right and the crowd was pumped as Payton's Place hosted a party for the Super Bowl-bound Arizona Cardinals. Several hundred turned out for the merrymaking.

— Stephen Denton / Wrangler News

At Kiwanis Rec Center, a special evening for that special little lady

Valentine's Day isn't far off, and it's not too early to start planning an evening with that special little lady in your life.

Planners at Kiwanis Recreation Center are already at work on the 15th annual Daddy/Daughter Sweetheart Dance from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Feb. 13 and 14.

"Daddy's Little Girl" will celebrate the unique bond between a father and his "little lady" at a gala that includes dancing, games, crafts, snacks and more. She'll even go home with a photo memory of the night's festivities.

Friday night's dance includes daddies and their daughters ages 4 to 8 years old; Saturday's festivities are for those little girls ages 8 and up.

Registration is \$28 per couple, with \$9 for each additional child and \$5 for additional photos. Space is limited and registration is required.

Information: <http://pkreconline.tempe.gov/>. The registration code for Friday is 14143; for Saturday it is 14144.

Budget

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The amount is equal to salary and benefit packages covering 26 teacher and administrator positions, he said. Loss of teachers typically results in increased class size, Schauer noted.

Kyrene also would need to reduce \$1.6 million in funds used to purchase instructional materials such as textbooks, copiers and software.

The Kyrene website, www.kyrene.org, is designed to provide community members with information about the issue. By clicking on the budget-update link, site visitors can access information about the

budget, view current income and costs, link to the email of area legislators and share their views via an "on-line" suggestion box.

"Kyrene has already cut from 15 to 30 percent of unspent dollars from this year's budget in order to reserve funds for whatever may occur," said Schauer.

"We are also examining programs to look for cost efficiencies. We have been told by legislators they *want* to hear from the public to know how it feels about education budget cuts," he said.

"I implore the Kyrene community to contact their legislators to express views regarding how to fund public education.

"The Kyrene strategic plan holds us accountable for the education of every child; we should demand that the legislature is held equally accountable."

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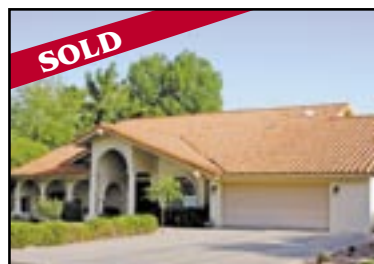
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Meet your neighbors

It was billed as a Meet-Your-New-Officers Open House but it turned out more like a neighborhood social. West Chandler residents shook hands with officers from Chandler PD, who joined other city officials greeting area residents at the Desert Breeze Substation. On hand for the event were, clockwise from top, motor Sgt. Dean Lavergne and Officer Loren Reeves; Cmdr. Joe Brugman and Lt. Lucas Hunt; and Patrol Sgt. Bill Nocella (podium and at desk with residents).

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Wrangler News





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