

HOME ROOM



Cesar Correa, above, teaches and coaches the wrestling team at Armijo High. His wife, Mireya Lopez, teaches at B. Gale Wilson K-8.



Her students at B. Gale Wilson know what it is at stake each week. Any assignment receiving a score of 80 or higher will result in Mireya Lopez doing a push-up on Friday. One week, she had to drop and do 17.

One would have been a challenge for Lopez not so long ago because she has never thought of herself as an athlete. She may have danced with a folkloric troupe at UC Davis during her college days, but that is about it.

Lopez has no idea how she fell for a member of the troupe who was also a wrestler at UC

So long, sideline

Davis. Or maybe Cesar Correa did the falling.

"I don't know what he saw in me," Lopez recalled. "I told him he

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Adam Levine chats with Executive Board member Nickole Nesser in his classroom at Fairfield High School.

My name, his fame

Lost luggage is nothing new for those who take to the friendly skies, but Adam Levine was not feeling all that friendly when his flight from Sacramento arrived in Seattle and his bags were missing. The English teacher at Fairfield High School searched for his bags for 30 minutes before finally asking a Southwest clerk for assistance.

His bags had been taken away because someone read the tags and wondered if the passenger was “the” Adam Levine, the lead singer of the pop band Maroon 5 and a coach on the NBC show “The Voice.”

“Did they really think Adam Levine would fly coach on Southwest and check his bags?” Levine said with a chuckle. “It was annoying at the time, but now it’s amusing.”

Levine has come to embrace his celebrity connection and even uses it as his handle on Instagram (@theonlyadamlevine). “I’m hoping that Adam will want to pay me for that handle,” said Levine, who finds it humorous that one of his students addresses him as “Mr. Maroon 5.”



Adam Levine is the lead singer of Maroon 5 and a coach on the NBC show “The Voice.”

The Wax of Life

Curiosity led Melissa Greenwell and Brittany Kensiski to take a detour during their shopping trip for school supplies and go into a hobby store. Little did the first-grade teachers at Dan O. Root II Health and Wellness Academy know where that turn would lead them.



They purchased a candle-making kit and tried it out. Their first candles were so bad that they ditched the kit and figured out how to make their own. They were so pleased with their first batch that Kensiski jokingly posted on Facebook that they would soon be selling their candles.



When their colleagues and friends started placing orders, they had little choice but to go into business together.

Melissa Greenwell, left, and Brittany Kensiski

“We were forced into doing it. We really didn’t talk about it,” Kensiski said. Greenwell added, “We just went for it. It took us some to find our groove. We had to learn how to keep track of our budget and orders.”

Go to their “Shine. Candles” page on Facebook to learn more about their candles and to place orders. And remember it is Shine with a period because Greenwell said the period “makes a statement.”

A period is an end, but they are just getting started.

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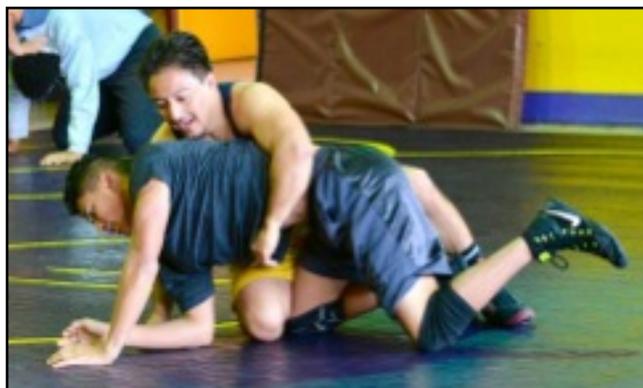
should have gone for an athletic girl.”

Correa decided instead to stick with Lopez, and the two have been married 10 years. Since then, Lopez has left the sideline and joined her active husband.

Once Correa’s wrestling career ended, he jumped into jujitsu. Lopez was not interested because “those girls would break me like a twig.” Correa, who is a teacher and coach at Armijo High, then found a new challenge by competing in a Spartan obstacle race.

Lopez eventually grew tired of being left out and entered a Spartan race despite being out of shape.

“I threw up four times afterward,” she



Cesar Correa is the wrestling coach at Armijo High.

said, “but I finished.”

When the couple competed in a Spartan race in November, Correa finished ahead of Lopez and then doubled back to find her. He ran with her until she crossed the finish line. With more races in the future, Lopez is far from finished.

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