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K.C. children greet the season with holiday choir concert

Newly formed Chandler Children's Choir will be celebrating the season by performing its winter concert, "Holiday Blessings," in Tempe and Sun Lakes on Dec. 12 and 13.

The concert features more than 50 children ages 7-14, singing a holiday program with favorites such as "O Holy Night," "Pat-a-Pan" and "Still, Still, Still."

The non-profit group was formed last year to provide an opportunity for children to sing in a classical-based children's choir in the east Valley.

This season, a second, more advanced choir has been added, in which the singers' abilities can continue to be stretched with more sophisticated harmonies and pieces. The advanced group is geared for youth ages 10-16.

The choir is based in west Chandler, and while it draws talented singers from throughout the east Valley, many of the members are from the Kyrene de la Paloma Elementary/Pueblo Middle School area, says Adam Stewart, the choir's business manager.

Both the junior and advanced choirs will be singing in the upcoming Chandler Children's Choir "Holiday Blessings" concerts.

Performances will be at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12, at Epiphany Episcopal Church, 2222 S. Price Road, Tempe, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13, at Sun Lakes United Methodist Church, 9248 E. Riggs Road, Sun Lakes.

Tickets are \$10.

For more information visit www.ChandlerChildrensChoir.com or call Cindy at 480-961-4355.



Non-profit west Chandler-based children's choir, comprising members from Paloma and Pueblo schools, plans performances Dec. 12, 13.

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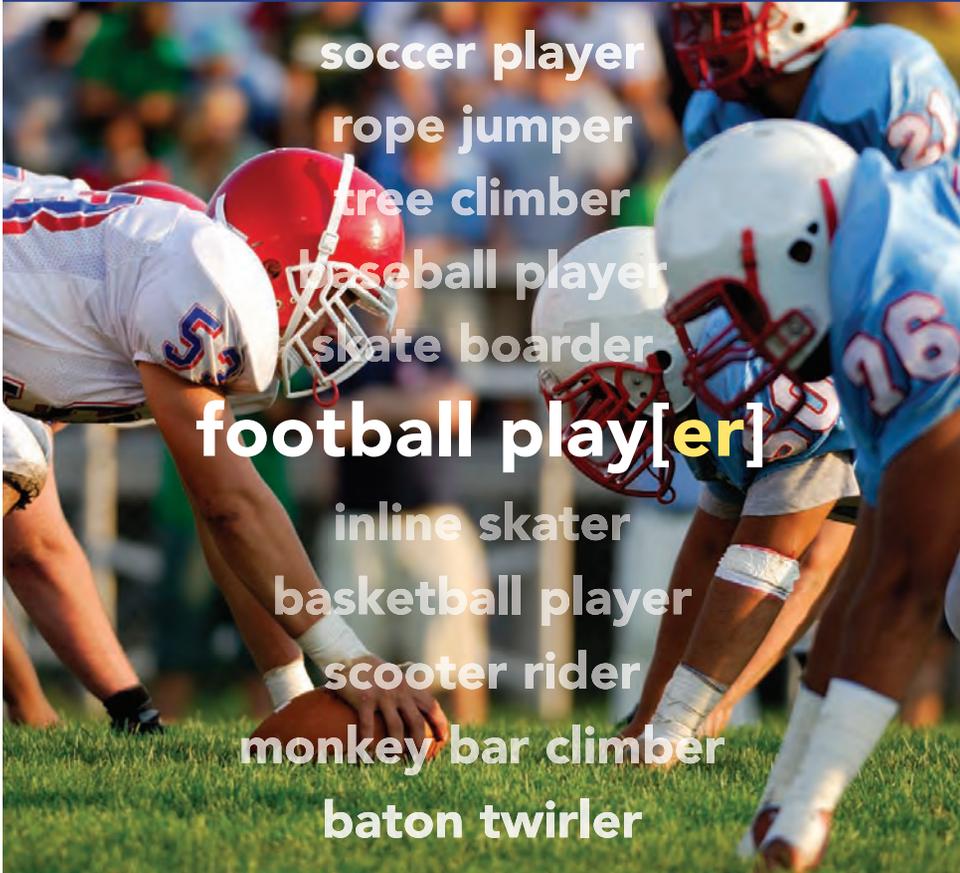
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‘Phenom’ Palin draws a crowd at south Tempe book signing Admirer calls visit ‘best day’ of his life

By Geri Koepfel

Chants of “Sarah! Sarah! Sarah!” filled the Costco in south Tempe as Sarah Palin strode into the center of the sprawling store wearing a rose-colored blazer, black high-heeled pumps and her signature spectacles.

She balanced a barefoot baby Trig on her left hip as Kid Rock blared through the warehouse’s sound system.

Palin is on a tour to promote her new book, *Going Rogue*, which already has sold more than a million copies. Hordes of fans and followers lined up as early as 8 a.m. Monday outside the store in hopes of meeting her and getting their books signed.

The stop at Costco on Elliot Road and Priest Avenue drew about 1,250 people by the time doors opened at 10 a.m., a store spokesperson said, and more arrived after that.

Close to 200 people were allowed inside before the store opened; the rest were in a line snaking around the

back of the building past the receiving docks. Palin signed more than 1,000 books from about 10:40 a.m. to 2 p.m., another spokesperson said.

Rick DeMars of south Tempe arrived at 9:45, stopping “on a lark” instead of hitting the gym. He said he didn’t know why Palin would continue to bother with politics, but still wanted to see her run for president in 2012.

“She’s kind of a phenom,” he said. “The white Oprah, maybe.”

Drew Sweatte, a self-described “political junkie” from Palm Springs, Calif., was the first in line. He was celebrating his 23rd birthday on Tuesday.

“I’d call it the best day of my life, easily,” he said. “Nothing else compares.”

“Most government is corrupt and takes away liberty from the people,” he added, but Palin is the one politician he would work for on staff if she

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Palin

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happened to invite him.

Many people camped out at Costco overnight in folding chairs with blankets and hot coffee. Costco also provided water, hot drinks and snacks.

Some spent their time in line reading Palin's book, fiddling with their BlackBerrys, doing crossword puzzles or making new friends. Others wrote letters to soldiers in Iraq.

Mark Ang drove from his home in Los Angeles to see Palin, getting in line at noon on Monday. He compared the energy on the scene to a political rally.

"This is actually my third time meeting Sarah, and she remembered me, so I was really stoked," he said.

"I got her a Snuggie blanket."

Tempe police cars blocked Costco's west entrance, and police officers and firefighters with walkie-talkies were an obvious presence inside and outside.

'You feel like you know her,' said Betty Sinclair of south Tempe. 'I feel like I could go to Alaska and visit her.'

Not that there were any reports of trouble.

Several people who waited in line and who later got a chance to see Palin complimented Costco for its organizing of the event.

"We were expecting more chaos, but it's very well-run," said Susan Rees of Anthem.

The crowd was well-behaved, too, and in high spirits, eager to get even a glimpse of Palin. Photos weren't allowed, but many lined up in the jeans aisles to peek through the black fabric partitions that were set up around the signing area. Many snapped shots

with cellular phones and tiny cameras.

Palin sat at a table in what looked like a makeshift office, with bookshelves behind her (lined exclusively with copies of *Going Rogue*) and flanked by U.S. and Arizona flags.

Boxes of red, pink and white roses and carnations sat on the platform to the right and left of her.

Dawn-Cherie Kruse of Tempe was pleased with the experience.

"As fast as that was, she was so personable," Kruse said of Palin. "She asked my name. She made sure to look at me."

"She's so real," said Kruse's mother, Cheri Kruse. "And her dad gave us a hug."

Several other were happy to express what they like about Palin as well.

"She's an amazing woman; very confident in her convictions and beliefs, and I admire that in her as a leader," said Daniel Stefanski of Glendale.

"You feel like you know her," said Betty Sinclair of south Tempe. "I feel like I could go to Alaska and visit her."



A proud supporter displays her sentiments.
— Wrangler News photo by David Linehan

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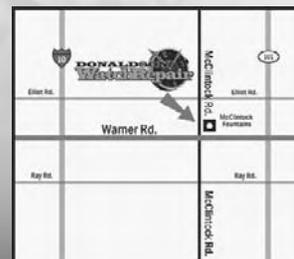
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Cajun origins propelling local band into national spotlight

By Jeremy Banks

The Preserve, a band with south Tempe roots, is creating a new type of sound which takes its listeners on a magic carpet ride.

The band, which formed in 2004, combines roots rock and delta blues. Singer Kyle Domangue said the band's Cajun sound helps them stand out. Their first album, "The Setup," has them excited. They're ready to share their music with the world.

"I think what proves us unique is two of us (Domangue and Jacques Billeaud) are from south Louisiana and the other two (Chris Fiscus and Pat Flannery) are from here. We're all pretty excited about roots music, music that has roots in a particular area," Domangue said.

"What's unique about this first album is really sort of roots, Louisiana music. It's a variety of different sounds from that region from Mississippi Delta blues, to a hint of Cajun and country. It all has sort of a rock backbone. It's pretty eclectic."

Fiscus, a south Tempe resident who plays drums, said The Preserve's sound catches the listener's attention.

"Our music is different because it has a vintage feel to it. It isn't like the brand-new pair of \$200 designer jeans," he said. "Our music is more like the jeans that you've done a million different things in but you slip them on and they still feel right. Real not stuffy, authentic, great fit."

"We also weren't afraid to mess around with different sounds and feels and try something different. We toss roots rock and Delta blues and zydeco and Cajun music into a big pot, and throw in some blues and even some country and then wait to see what happens."

"It think that's fun and keeps things fresh. From song to song you never really know what you're going to get next."

Five years ago, Fiscus, Billeaud and Flannery had only limited aspirations of becoming a band. They just loved to play music together when they had free time.

"We didn't plan on starting a band. It just happened. Three of us would get together every once in a while in Jacques' home studio playing old Jimmy Hendrix songs or U2 or The

Meters, just messing around," Fiscus said.

"Jacques said, 'You know I have a friend who sings...' and one day Kyle joined us in the studio. Everything clicked and we never looked back."

Billeaud's and Domangue's wives worked at the same hospital. One day they met and instantly struck a friendship. They had so much in common. Both men were from Louisiana and shared the same love for music. Domangue joined the band in 2007.

"He's the real deal," Fiscus said of Domangue. "Many people can sing, but Kyle *sings*. We all bring something to the table, but between his vocals and songwriting, and his vision, Kyle definitely takes us to a whole 'nother place."

Domangue said he marvels at Fiscus' ability on percussions. Flannery and Billeaud can play almost any instrument.

Fans have enjoyed the band's album. The Preserve wanted to make their album an experience.

"We have been amazed and humbled by the response that we have

been getting. The people that have purchased the album are really excited about it. You're hitting with one song and the next song is a completely different key and a different genre and a different feeling and sound," Domangue said.

"We purposefully wanted to make sure we're not putting together two or three slow songs or two or three fast songs. We wanted to think about the whole album, as you would listen to it, and (create) sort of like a rollercoaster—ups and downs. It's more dynamic versus a static delivery."

The experience has been one which has brought the band closer together.

"Being in the studio, especially when you're making a CD with this much time and money invested in it, can be a challenge," Fiscus said.

"The whole process puts a lot of stress on a band. But for us, the whole experience really brought us together even more. We're more tight musically but also personally because of it."

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The Preserve's schedule has been busy. They're scheduled to perform in the Phoenix metro area and Louisiana in coming weeks.

The group held a release party in October at Club Red in Tempe. They are also planning to perform at the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl Block Party on Dec. 31.

Domangue said the group plans to make great music together for quite a long time.

"We are hopefully going to continue writing and recording music, and we would like to put out a few more CDs.

"Currently we're working on an album that focuses on southwestern music," he said.

"We hope in five years to still be great friends.

"We'd still be writing and recording and putting out albums and playing out in public from time to time."



South Tempe resident and The Preserve's drummer Chris Fiscus: Contemporary music with a 'vintage' feel.

— The Preserve

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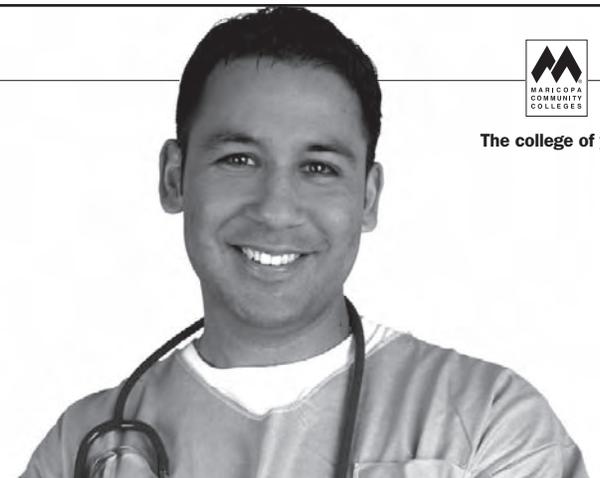
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Police offer cool-weather tips for protecting your home

As temperatures drop and doors and windows are left open more often, Tempe police are asking residents to turn up the heat on criminals by safeguarding their homes and vehicles.

Working toward its number-one goal of fighting crime, the Tempe Police Department has launched a "winter crimes" operation to provide information about crimes that commonly occur during the cooler

months. The program runs through the end of January.

Monitoring of crime statistics through the use of high-tech data analysis will result in saturation patrols and precision-targeted operations, according to Tempe Police Sgt. Steve Carbajal.

Added South Patrol Commander Vince Boerbon:

"We are committed to remaining vigilant in our prevention and enforcement efforts to keep our community safe during this holiday season."

Police ask that residents remember these tips:

- All doors should be locked when at home and every time you leave the house.
- All entryways should have sturdy deadbolt locks installed into the door frame.
- Be sure that the overhead garage door has a lock. Don't rely solely on an automatic opener.
- A dowel or a pin to secure a glass door should be installed to prevent the door from being shoved aside or lifted off the tracks.
- Every window in a home should

be equipped with a working lock or securely pinned.

• Valuable items, such as TVs, stereos and computers, should be inscribed with an identifying number.

Tempe park news now on Facebook

Tempe has launched a Facebook page to help keep residents in the know about events and news related to parks and recreation.

Internet visitors can connect with the page by searching for Tempe Parks and Recreation and becoming a fan. Fans can utilize the page to see photos, newsletters, discussion questions and more.

Parks and Recreation encourages fans to offer feedback, suggestions and ideas via Facebook by posting to the wall and commenting on posts.

In addition to the Parks and Recreation Facebook page, Tempe can also be found on Facebook and on Twitter at @Tempegov.

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Good Reads: Novel adds an uplifting twist to occasionally grim reality

Editor's note: Emily Jacobson graduated from Corona del Sol High School and is currently a student in the master's degree program at ASU. She writes about topics of interest to her and, she hopes, the readers of Wrangler News.

By Emily Jacobson

Consider myself a relatively observant person. As such, I have noticed that historical fiction is not everyone's favorite genre. Never mind that as a history major and avid reader, I have a hard time understanding said people; I'll cut them some slack and make allowances for differences in taste.

However, for those of you who were embittered against history by a boring class or uninspiring teacher, *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society* by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows might go a long way toward changing your outlook.

Set directly after World War II in London and Guernsey Island, the novel is told through a series of charming, though sometimes tragic letters. As a result of a coincidence, the main character, Juliet Ashton, begins a correspondence with several Guernsey Islanders who make up the Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society (you'll have to read the book to learn about its purpose).

The letters relate the story of the

island's occupation during World War II and show the way in which the principal characters' lives are changed through close friendships and a shared sense of honor.

I'll admit that I didn't know anything about Guernsey Island prior to reading this book. A stretch of land about 25 square miles that has bounced back and forth over the centuries between England and France, the island was primarily used in trade.

From 1940-1945, Guernsey Island was occupied by Nazi forces hoping to use its close proximity to England as a military advantage.

During the occupation, the Germans cut off all communication with the outside world. Radio,

newspapers, and letters were outlawed.

Although their treatment of the islanders was initially lenient, starvation and cruelty occurred toward the end of the occupation.

Though at times sober and heartbreaking, *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society* was, on the whole, uproariously funny. I have recommended it to everyone I know who seems in need of a good book and an uplifting story.

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Four-week online classes in Excel and PowerPoint, chemistry, critical reading and Chicano literature are among those offered, with most earning three credit hours. Classes run from Dec. 19 through Jan. 15.

In addition, two one-week counseling classes will be offered the week of Jan. 11.

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\$250k grant helps MCC broaden its skill training

As the United States struggles to recover from its worst economic crisis in 90 years, the emphasis on college and skilled training has never been higher.

Now, thanks to a grant from software billionaire Bill Gates, a program to support those efforts has arrived in Kyrene and other nearby areas.

Mesa Community College, the city of Mesa and Mesa Public Schools have been awarded a \$250,000 grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and the National League of Cities.

The grant represents the initial stage of a program designed to boost graduation rates among community college students by improving coordination among cities, schools and post-secondary educational institutions.

Goal of the plan is to double the number of low-income young adults who earn a post-secondary degree or certificate-level skill by the time they reach age 26.

The grants will support a nine-month collaborative planning effort and is the first phase in a process that enables the affected organizations to apply for a three-year, \$3 million implementation grant from the Gates foundation.



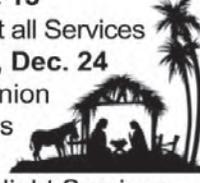
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Chandler Regional posts advances in newborn care

In the last year, 37 babies were able to spend time bonding with their mothers during their first few days of life instead of being transferred to another facility, thanks to some important advances made to the nursery at Chandler Regional Medical Center.

In August 2008, Chandler Regional was designated as the Southeast Valley's only Level IIEQ nursery by the Arizona Perinatal Trust, allowing the hospital to care for infants born as early as 28 weeks gestation, and to provide specialty care for defined maternal and neonatal problems.

Since APT's designation through October 2009, 32 babies between 28 and 31.6 weeks were born at Chandler Regional and five were transferred from other facilities. These babies join the more than 4,400 born at Chandler Regional each year.

"We were concerned at the number of moms and babies who were being separated in those early days of infancy since we know the importance of the bonding that can take place during that time," said James Zozobrado, M.D., F.A.A.P., the chairman of Chandler Regional's Department of Pediatrics.

"This is the primary reason we worked so hard to qualify for the upgraded certification – to keep

newborns and their moms together, even if the baby needs extra care."

In addition to ensuring time for babies and moms to bond, this progression has saved medical costs by preventing the expensive transfer of a pregnant patient or a newborn to a higher acuity medical center, say program officials.

APT reviewed the data supporting the safety and viability of the hospital's processes for Nasal Continuous Positive Airway Pressure and Mechanical Ventilation programs, both critical to the early treatment of babies born prematurely.

Chandler Regional obstetricians also provide coverage for at-risk maternal patients, as well as consultation from maternal-fetal medicine specialists. A neonatal nurse practitioner is in-house and a neonatologist is on call 24 hours a day, seven

days a week.

According to the March of Dimes, one out of eight babies is born prematurely, before 37 weeks gestation, and the percentage of premature babies is on the rise.

The rate of premature births increased almost 35 percent between 1981 and 2005.

"The level of care we have been able to provide to these families in the past year is priceless," Zozobrado said.

"We are grateful to those who worked so hard to get us to a place where we could receive this designation, to those moms who have allowed us to care for them and for their babies, and to the excellent team of obstetricians and clinical staff who provide that care. We look forward to a long future of caring for premies and their moms."

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Party at the Lake . . . Final installment in a series of special reports

'Tempe Town Lake Turns 10' Community Celebration Dec. 12

As birthday parties go, this one will be the envy of lakes all over the country.

On Saturday, Dec. 12, Tempe will host a celebration of Tempe Town Lake's tenth year of being the Valley's recreational hub and the heart of downtown Tempe. The birthday party, which is expected to draw 50,000 revelers, is free and open to the public. Free kayaking on Tempe Town Lake begins at 2 p.m. with the rest of the festivities kicking off at 3 p.m. Santa Claus will arrive by boat at 5:30 p.m. to visit with children, and the celebration will conclude with the APS Fantasy of Lights Boat Parade at 7 p.m. and fireworks at 8 p.m.

Like any good birthday party, Tempe Town Lake Turns 10 will feature activities for all ages, music, cake and gifts.

In lieu of traditional party games, Tempe Parks and Recreation will allow party attendees to sample kayaking and erg fitness, two of the many programs offered annually at Tempe Town Lake.

Kids and adults can also test their quarterback skills in a football toss, and fun art projects will be available for children.

There will also be a booth for individuals and families to register for Tempe's fun and affordable Winter 2010 recreational and educational programs.



Music is a must at any birthday bash, so Chuck E. Baby and the All Stars will rock the party with everybody's favorite tunes from many genres. Top Valley musicians, including Walt Richardson, Hans Olson and more, will also take turns jamming throughout the celebration. And since Tempe Town Lake is thousands of times larger than a normal 10-year-old, thousands more guests are needed to sing "Happy Birthday." Chuck E. Baby and the All Stars, Tuba Christmas and the Tempe City Council will lead a huge "Happy Birthday" sing-along at 6:30

p.m.

To celebrate the sweet success of Tempe Town Lake's first 10 years, the Valley's best resorts and restaurants will compete for the best birthday cake in the Cake at the Lake contest at 3 p.m. Entrants include The Buttes Resort, Heidi's Catering, Mill Avenue Farmer's Market, Romancing the Bean, Caffe Boa, The Cake Lady, Suckerpunch Sally's, Jonathan Robins Bakery, Honeymoon Sweets, Chipotle, Arizona Grand Resort, The Pastry Shop and ASU Catering. After the contest, party guests can taste slices of the

cakes for a small donation to Tempe Community Council. Tempe-based Cookies From Home will also showcase a six foot cookie replica of Tempe Town Lake and auction it off to the highest bidder.

For Tempe Town Lake's birthday, the excitement of gifts is being passed on to Tempe's less fortunate residents. Tempe Community Council is asking that party-goers bring gifts and donations for Tempe's disadvantaged. TCC will accept non-perishable food, water, toys, books, diapers, hygiene products and clothing. Donations will benefit local agencies, including Advocates for the Disabled, Association for Supportive Child Care, CASS, Chrysalis, Communities in Schools of Tempe & Kyrene, East Valley Adult Resources,

East Valley Boys and Girls Club, Homeward Bound, Save the Family, TCH/The Centers for Habilitation, Tempe Salvation Army, Tumbleweed Center for Youth Development and the United Food Bank. Items may be dropped off at the Tempe Community Council booth during the birthday celebration at Tempe Beach Park from 3-9 p.m.

For more information on the Tempe Town Lake Turns 10 birthday bash, visit tempe.gov/lake or call (480) 350-8625.

Unique people deserve unique gifts; give creative Tempe stuff this season

Gift giving is hard, especially during the holiday season when Kyrene Corridor shoppers have so many things to purchase for so many people. It's tough to please everyone.

No one wants gym socks. Really. And rarely do brooms or mops make good holiday presents. If last year's fruitcake is still around, chances are it's not a good gift this year.

You can be the hero of those you remember by using Tempe's guide to shopping. Visit <http://www.tempe.gov/shoptempe/> and click on Gift Ideas to pick out local treasures.

The people you purchase them from are likely your neighbors, like Patricia and Zach Berning, owners of longtime south Tempe mainstay Berning's Fine Jewelers.

Berning's, in Cobblestone Village at Warner and McClintock, has Lovelinks, a line of beads that allows you to engrave the name of the ones you love

on them. Give an entire bracelet or necklace or just one. <http://bernings.com>

Here are some more ideas for the creative gift-giver:

For the chef: A Decio Pasta basket filled with flavors like Szechuan Orange Spice and Saffron. www.deciopasta.com

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For the small condo dweller: Anything from IKEA will do, but maybe a minifangst. A what, you ask? Hey, we aren't pronouncing it for you. It's a hanging basket in which things like toys, shoes, and mail can be stored. It's only \$1.49, so you can pick up a few of them in various colors. Tempe has the only IKEA store in Arizona, and it's on Warner Road just east of I-10 in our

Kyrene Corridor neighborhood. www.ikea.com

For someone sweet: Oh, Tempe has so many great bakeries. It would be hard to choose one. Honeymoon Sweets, Great Harvest, Short n Sweet, The Cake Lady and Jonathan Robins for those party creations that take your breath away.

For the runner: PF Chang's Rock n Roll Marathon isn't too far after the holidays. If you get your friend new shoes now, they can break them in by race day. Try Tempe's own foot strike analysis specialists, Performance Footwear. They videotape your stride and find shoes to help support the way you move. Gift card! www.performancefootwear.net

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For the community-minded: Make a donation of your time or money to any Tempe charity in the name of your favorite person. Visit www.tempekarma.org to get some ideas of things you can do to help your fellow humans.

Whatever holiday you celebrate, enjoy it. And remember, the best gift you can give is you time and your love.

Sports Notebook . . .

by Alex Zener

Lady golfers score surprise ranking in state 5A-I tourney

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With only two returning golfers from last season, Corona's girls golf team was not expected to be in the mix at the 5A-I state golf tournament. Instead, the Lady Aztecs hung on for a fifth-place finish behind perennial favorites Xavier Prep and Hamilton.



Alex Zener

"I am really proud of the girls for the effort they put in, not only during the season but in the off-season," said coach **Pat Reed**. "We only had two returning golfers back from last year, and most people had counted us out."

Dana Finkelstein shot a 152 for the two-day tournament held at Aguila Golf Course in Laveen, coming in ninth out of 40 golfers who qualified for the state tournament.

Alex Haun shot a personal record score of 78 and finished in 19th place after shooting a

163 total at the two-day event.

Marlee Johnson, Mary Spiel and Victoria Haun were the other Corona golfers that represented the Lady Aztec team during the 2009 season.

Boys Soccer

Corona del Sol's boys soccer team is on a mission this year to win the state 5A-I championship, motivated by an early exit in last year's tournament after being defeated by the Chandler Wolves in the first round.

What makes it so easy to stay focused and vigilant this season is that no one will let the 14 returning players forget that the Aztecs' first round loss made history, which is not always a good thing.

It was the first time a No. 16 seed had beaten a No. 1 seed in Arizona boys soccer history.

Even with returning players and a reason to practice and play hard, the road to glory and the state title is not going to be an easy one for the Aztecs. The first challenge will be surviving in the newly aligned Central region after playing the likes of defending champion Gilbert Highland, Gilbert and Mesa Mountain View.

"All of the teams in the Central region are going to be difficult this season," said coach **Dan Salas**. "The realignment really put together a great soccer region."

Having said that, Salas has a team packed with talent ready to show they can play with the best of them. In addition to nine returning starters, Salas

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Fluke leads to new career as demand grows for safety magnets

By Jeremy Banks

Kathy Alto never intended for her life to lead her in this direction. She never expected to come across a discovery such as this.

Her discovery was a south Tempe-based company called Safety Magnets, and the two came together after she answered an ad in the newspaper.

After working for years as a real estate agent, Alto was looking to change careers. She decided to search for leads in the newspaper.

"I was looking for some work and I came across an ad in the Wrangler News," she said. "I saw the ad and I called on it. Sure enough it turned out to be Safety Magnet."

Safety Magnet is a company that provides promotional refrigerator magnets which display potentially life-saving information. The information ranges covers topics such as CPR, heart attacks and strokes.

"Everything to do with safety," Alto said. "If you name it, we can do it. People can get very creative with these things."

When she answered the ad, Alto

visited with Safety Magnets president Pete Weisburg. Alto said she was impressed with his passion for the product. She also believed he was building the business for the right reasons.

"The reason this all started was his child was choking on a piece of meat," Alto said. "He was calling 911 but they had nothing to refer to. That's how the whole company came about."

Alto decided she wanted to be a part of the effort. She was soon hired as national director of sales.

With flu season upon us, Alto said the H1N1 magnets are especially in demand. The magnet provides information on how to take precautions and directions to follow if infected.

"It's life-saving material," Alto said. "Nurses are using the Swine Flu ones. And nurses, when the hospitals have no money, they pay cash between themselves to buy these magnets to pass out."

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attempting to address the problem. Alto said it is a resourceful tool, which is useful in situations when help is needed immediately.

"You can take CPR classes and you can do all that, but to have something right at your fingertips when you need it and to actually read about it makes a difference too," she said.

Safety Magnets has been in existence for only two years. It's still relatively new. Alto said the company has been working hard to make the name a well-known commodity. To inform the community about the safety magnets, Alto said the company has been issuing samples to local businesses and organizations.

She said the public's reaction has been good. Alto said she also keeps a few around with her just in case.

"I carry these in my purse everywhere I go, all in the little shops in Tempe," she said. "It's good to get the word out."

Alto never saw herself in this

position, with a company such as Safety Magnets.

She said sometimes she stops and thinks about it. Her life is different now and she would have it no other way.

"I'm glad. I love it. I just love it. I wish it could grow more, and it is."

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has 12 seniors who bring experience and leadership to the team.

"All of our seniors have had a great deal of experience," said Salas. "Four of them have been starters on varsity all four years."

Senior forward **Trevor Allen**, All-State and Central Region Soccer Player of the Year, already knows how great it feels to become a state champion.

Allen was on the Corona baseball team that won it all last spring. Now he's back for his last season, playing soccer looking better than ever and hoping to help his Aztec team win a championship trophy. He's made everyone's list in the preseason as "one to watch," so he's hoping to make the most of his last high school season before heading off to play baseball for ASU next fall.

Junior goalkeeper **Matt Bersano** is an important contributor to the Aztecs' success. He's a player who leads by example and works to be the best every time he steps on the field, according to Salas.

In addition to returning starters **Bersano**,

Kevin Biniazin, Josh von Allworden, Chris Murray, Casey Phillips, Derek Rusher, Brian Hoyt, Allen and Dan van Vleet, other returning seniors expected to add skill and depth to the team are **Dylan Harris, Garrett Baker-Slama, John Magna** and **Austin Crothers**. The Aztecs have two other seniors returning to the corps.

Nate Flood played club soccer exclusively for two seasons but has come back in an attempt to help the Aztecs bring home a trophy his senior year. **Austin Haas** is also returning after successfully recovering from an injury that kept him out all last season.

Salas is expecting all seniors to be leaders by example, but **Allen, Allworden** and **Haas**, the team captains this season, will be expected to assume leadership positions on and off the field.

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Rounding out the team and providing added depth are juniors **Graham Hemmingson, Christian Johnson, Greg Ketterer** and **Shay Connors**. The lone freshman on the team is backup goalkeeper **Keith Williamson**.

This season's team strengths should be speed, experience and individual skill, according to Salas. Most of the players agree but also toss in team chemistry and depth.

"We have amazing team chemistry, and there's also not a weak player in our starting lineup," said senior outside defender **Baker-Slama**. "Also we have a lot of strength and depth from the bench."

"We have a group of very skilled players who are also very fun to be around," said senior forward **van Vleet**. "Our team chemistry is godlike."

One aspect the Aztecs will be on the lookout for is their tendency to play down to the level of their opponents.

"Anyone can be competition if we play down to their level," as senior defender **Allworden** so aptly put it.

The Aztecs entered the regular season ranked No. 1 and ready to get the show on the road. Coach

Salas seemed almost excited as the boys did to start playing actual soccer matches.

"I'm excited for the boys to start playing together again," said Salas. "I've coached this group of players for almost three years now and they're a great group of kids."

The Aztecs were scheduled to play at North on Dec. 1 and then at home against former Central region foe Desert Vista Dec. 4. Last season was the first time the Aztecs had defeated the Thunder in quite a few years and they planned on repeating that feeling of success when they met Friday night.

Next up will be the Diablos Soccer Classic at the

Tempe Sports Complex, Dec. 7-12. The Aztecs will then play two matches, Dec. 14 at home against Cesar Chaves and Dec. 18 away against perennial powerhouse Brophy before the holiday break. All matches are scheduled to start at 6 p.m.

At the end of 2009, the Aztecs will be traveling to play in the California High School Classic Dec. 28-31. Corona was invited because last year's team was ranked nationally.

It is quite an honor and the Aztecs will gain a great deal of experience playing against some of the best boys high school soccer teams in the West.

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By M.V. Moorhead

What's the big deal with the brightly colored pebbles?

All day long, people are in and out, checking out little pebbles of different colors and getting all excited about them. If they were tidbits of steak, or hamburger, or chicken, if they were bits of rawhide, even if they were chewy bones or squeaky toys, I could understand the enthusiasm.

But shiny little stones and hoops and dangly chains to hang from wrists and fingers and ears? I don't see the appeal...

These, one might speculate, could be the thoughts that run through the mind of Jewel, the canine-in-residence at Berning's Fine Jewelry in south Tempe.

But if so, Jewel keeps such reflections private, and takes seriously the role of store mascot, greeter and marketing consultant.

If you visit the Berning's website, for instance, you'll see that it's Jewel who offers the message of welcome, and to whom visitors address their

emails.

Jewel is perhaps in charge of store security, too. The four-year-old Shih Tzu yapped when I entered the store recently, and I felt duly warned that she would brook no nonsense. Patricia Berning assured me, though, that these were merely barks of greeting, and Jewel was certainly willing to let me pet and scratch her.

I was also treated to a demonstration of her impressive repertoire of tricks. Jewel can execute a lovely ballet pirouette, give a high five, and pantomime an attitude of prayer. Most spectacularly, she can remove the cap from a plastic bottle and tip it back in order to shake the treats inside into her mouth. Patricia says that her son Zach taught Jewel most of the tricks, but that last one, she insists, is self-taught.

"She thinks she belongs on the counter," Patricia says of her quadrupedal colleague. At least once, Jewel assisted a customer with a sale.

"Some years ago there was a lady at the counter who couldn't decide between two pieces, so she held Jewel up and said, 'Which one, Jewel?' And Jewel picked one."

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Girl's Soccer

Corona girls soccer coach **Matt Smith** is ready to carry the Lady Aztecs' winning tradition forward and accept the challenges that await his relatively young soccer team playing against different teams in the newly realigned Central Region.

"We are getting new region opponents and will have a battle to defend our region crown," said Smith.

Corona's team finished last season as Central

Region Champions with a 13-7-4 (5-1 region) record. Returning from that team are 15 players—six of them starters. This season's team also has 12 freshman and sophomore players on varsity.

"We are young, we will make some mistakes, but I think we will be exciting," said Smith. "We have a lot of promise but it's still pretty early to tell. I do expect us to play with a lot of pace and a lot of energy."

Expected to provide leadership to Corona's young team will be captains **Jessica Johnson, Heather Crothers** and **Julie Vande Berg**.

For the second year in a row, though, Corona will need to find players to pick up the offensive threats and replace strikers lost to graduation. Last season's team had three prolific scorers.

"We lost some great senior athletes to graduation

including **Ashley Kniffen, Whitney Miller** and **Lexie Schroeder** — all three starting strikers from last year," said Smith. "Lexie was region player of the year and they were our three leading scorers."

In addition, Smith will be looking for players to step up and have a definite impact this season on both ends of the field.

"I'm looking for senior **Hailey Hayes** to continue her dominance as one of the best goalkeepers in Arizona," said Smith. "Few players in the state can make as big an impact."

"**Jessica Johnson**, another senior, playing the centerback position, is a dominant defensive player and dangerous on free kicks," said Smith.

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"I'm looking for Jessica to keep us organized on the field this season."

"Another centerback and midfielder, **Sammie Weber**, just a junior, is one of the best soccer players in the state," said Smith. "I may use her more as an attacking player this year."

"One other player that could be big for us is another junior, defender **Micah Jones**," said Smith. "We are waiting on MRI results after she hurt her knee last Monday."

Smith is predicting the Lady Aztecs' main competition in the Central Region to come from Gilbert and Highland, but Mesquite should be in the mix.

"Mesquite will be an interesting game as my brother Scott has taken over there after nine years as my assistant at CdS," said Smith. "Kevin Chavez, another former CDS assistant, has joined Scott at Mesquite."

Smith is also predicting the top five 5A-1 teams in the state to be Xavier, then Gilbert, Highland, Hamilton and Corona. If his prediction materializes, three of the top five teams would come from the newly realigned Central

Region.

Currently, Smith is not too worried about his team scoring or defending; he has depth and tradition on his side.

The Lady Aztecs have done exceptionally well since their inaugural season in 1993-94 by making it into the state 5A-I tournament every year and at least the quarter finals or higher every season except two—1997-98 and 1998-99. Corona was crowned state champion in both 1995 and 2005.

"We have a winning tradition and I think that means something to our players," Smith said. "Having said that, we should be able to possess the ball pretty well and we will be strong defensively."

Another part of Corona's tradition is the number of players who play at the next level. Current players looking to play at the college level include **Vande Berg**, who has committed to the University of Wyoming; **Johnson** who committed to Western Carolina University; **Tori Papp** to Chandler-Gilbert Community College; and **Melissa Pestalozzi**, who has been taking official visits to several colleges but has not made a final decision.

Corona opened the regular season at home Dec. 1 against North. The Lady Aztecs were then scheduled to play at Tucson Salpointe Dec. 2 and Desert Vista Dec. 4.

Major tournaments Corona is scheduled to play in include the Diablos Soccer Classic at the Tempe Sports Complex, Dec. 7-12 and the Dobson Mustang Invitational, set Dec. 28-31 and Jan. 2.

Information about Corona's girls soccer team can be found at the CDS website, http://web.me.com/dspadafore/Aztec_athletics/Soccer/Soccer.html or at the team's website at <http://www.coronagirlssoccer.com/> which has a complete listing of rosters and statistics dating back to 1993.

Corona Boys Basketball

Corona's boys basketball coach **Sammie Duane** was optimistic before his team played its first game this season with seven returning players and a bevy of new cast members on his 2009-10 varsity roster.

Making it into the semifinals of Mesa High School's Fear the Hop tournament over the Thanksgiving weekend did nothing to dispel that optimism.

"Although we are still a work in

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progress, right now, we have a chance to be a very good team," said Coach Duane. "We have great team quickness and our guys play extremely hard." The Aztecs lost two impact players when **Leland Devlin** and **Andrew Fox** graduated but still have three players with experience starting from

last season's team.

In addition to expecting his older players to bring experience to the court, Duane is expecting seniors **David Whitmore**, **Damani Parrish** and **Brooks Tennyson** to supply leadership for the younger players.

Duane sees quickness and ability to score as the Aztec's strength.

Duane is also looking for his team's performance to improve once everybody figures out their role on the team and focuses on rebounding.

In addition to returning players **Calaen Robinson**, **Marcel Towns**, **Kyle Noon**, and **Tarik Smith**, coach Duane is looking for newcomers to varsity, **Scott Campbell**, **Jason Kam** and 6-5 **Nick Siefker** to mix in and contribute within their team roles.

Duane is also looking for 6-7 **Whitmore**, who missed six months with a torn meniscus and is just getting back to playing, to be big for Corona in the middle.

Whitmore's 17 points against Desert Vista and game high 24-point effort in their semifinal matchup at the Fear the Hops tournament should be an indication he is on his way back.

Corona defeated Desert Vista, 75-51 Nov. 24, and earned a spot in the

semifinals against Hamilton Nov. 27. **Robinson** scored 19 of Corona's 75 points, while **Noon** scored 14, **Towns** 7, **Siefker** 6, **Tennyson** 5, **Parrish** 4 and **Campbell** 3.

Corona lost to Hamilton 64-58 in the semifinals. Hamilton went on to be defeated in the finals by the home team, Mesa High School.

The Aztecs started the regular season Dec. 1 at home against Perry and played at Desert Ridge, Friday, Dec. 4.

Corona will then play at Westview, Dec. 8, and at home against Camelback, Dec. 10.

Corona will open Central region play at home against Mesquite Dec. 11 continuing

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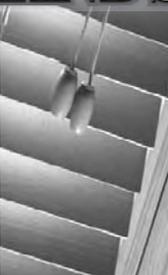
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Tempe weighs budget options for 2010-11

Tempe is working to find solutions for a General Fund budget shortfall for the 2010-11 fiscal year of at least \$22.4 million, due in part to declining sales tax revenues and other factors.

Throughout November, the city launched a budget Web site and hosted forums for employees and community members, in order to share information and gather feedback.

In early January, City Manager Charlie Meyer and city staff members will recommend a plan to the City Council for balancing the 2010-11 budget. It could include measures such as a consolidation of city departments, reductions or eliminations of some city programs, a reduction in the numbers of city employees, and ideas for increasing revenue.

Throughout early 2010, community members and city employees will again be invited to submit feedback online or attend any of several forums that will be held about the budget. Tempe needs input from its many stakeholders in order to create the strongest possible plan for continuing to provide quality services in a challenging economic environment.

For more information on the 2010-11 budget, as well as a feedback form that can be submitted online, visit www.tempe.gov/budgetplan.

The Web page features a number of other resources, including transcriptions and video of prior forums, a list of early City Council budget priorities, a copy of the presentation made at the November forums, a list of city-staffed teams that examined solutions, and more.

To see Charlie Meyer discuss Tempe's budget challenges, tune in to the December episode of Tempe 411, which airs daily throughout December for Cox cable subscribers on Tempe 11.

You can also check out Tempe 411 segments anytime on the city's YouTube channel.



P.F. Chang's Rock 'N' Roll Arizona Marathon and Half Marathon

Thousands will test their endurance when the P.F. Chang's Rock 'N' Roll Arizona Marathon and Half Marathon winds through Phoenix, Scottsdale and Tempe on Sunday, Jan. 17. More than 60 live bands will encourage runners along the course. A finish line and more bands await runners at Arizona State University.

The marathon begins at 7:40 a.m. and the half-marathon starts at 8:30 a.m. Freeways will be open, but expect delays, especially on I-10 around Seventh Avenue and in downtown Phoenix from 6-9 a.m., and on the Loop 202 around Mill Avenue, Scottsdale Road and Rio Salado Parkway from 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. For information on road closures and traffic restrictions, visit www.tempe.gov/tim or www.rnraz.com and click on "Course Information."

2010 U.S. Census:

Be Counted for Tempe!

In conjunction with the U.S. Census Bureau and local partners, the City of Tempe has begun its efforts to reach out to the community about the ease and benefits of responding to the 2010 Census next year.

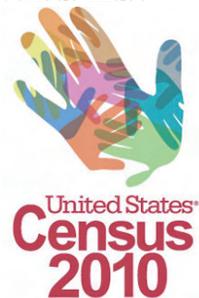
A 10-question Census questionnaire – the shortest ever – will be mailed to all households nationwide in March and April 2010.

Each household is asked to respond with how many people are living in the residence at that time. Citizenship is not a consideration.

By law, the Census must remain confidential and individual information is not shared with even the President of the United States.

Tempe needs all residents to be counted because the federal government uses population figures provided by the Census to distribute funds for everything from schools and roads to public safety and human services. A substantial portion of Tempe's General Fund is comprised of federal funds allocated based on Census population numbers. Our community benefits when everyone is counted.

For more information on Tempe's efforts, as well as links to national Census resources, visit www.tempe.gov and click on the Census link under "Hot Topics."



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Call for 2010 Neighbor of the Year Nominations

Do you know an exemplary neighbor who consistently contributes to and displays commitment to Tempe neighborhoods?

We encourage you to take a moment to think about local residents and businesses who strengthen our community through their involvement. The annual Neighbor of the

Year Awards is the perfect opportunity to recognize those extra-special residents who work diligently and often behind the scenes to make our neighborhoods great.

Nominations are due by Feb. 18. For more detailed information and guidelines or to obtain a nomination form, go to www.tempe.gov/

neighborhoods or contact the city's Neighborhood Services Division at 480-350-8234 or neighborhoods@tempe.gov.

The Awards will be presented by Mayor and Council at the start of the 2010 Neighborhood Workshop, a free half-day event to be held Saturday, April 10, at the Pyle Adult Recreation Center.

Notebook

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Dec. 14 at Mesa Mountain View. All the teams in the newly realigned Central region are very good teams, according to Duane, including teams the Aztecs will play after the holiday break: Highland, Dobson and Gilbert.

Duane is looking for the state competition to come from North, Hamilton and Dobson this year. You will get a chance to see Corona play Dobson on a televised game Jan. 14 on Cox channel 7. For more information about Corona's boys basketball team visit the CDS athletic website at http://web.me.com/dspadafore/Aztec_athletics/Basketball/Basket.html

Corona Girls Basketball

The Corona girls basketball program under second year head coach **Andy Strom** needed to reload after losing several key players to graduation last May. With only one returning starter, senior **Sydney Vanda**, this season could be challenging for the relatively inexperienced Lady Aztecs, especially since they will be playing in the newly realigned Central region.

"We will be playing in a tough region," said coach Strom. "Gilbert should be the favorite, with Dobson and Mesa Mountain View right behind."

Strom, though, has been pleased with the progress the team has made since getting together last month. He is looking for the two other seniors, **Cecilia Yocham** and **Amy Foster**, to help provide leadership on and off the court to his relatively young team.

Moving up to Varsity this year are juniors **Sarah Rueckle**, **Allison Gordon**, **Kelley Nero**, **KK Villocino**, **Sina Christie** and **Angelique Reys**. Also expected to contribute and add depth are sophomore **Elandra Lee** and freshman **Alexa Hogberg**.

"We have a chance to be good if we can handle pressure and take pride in playing defense," said Strom

The Lady Aztecs started the season playing in the Scorpion Shootout at Desert Edge over the Thanksgiving weekend. They were scheduled to play at Perry High School Dec. 1, and at home against Desert Ridge Dec. 4. Up next will be Dec. 8 at home against Westview, Dec. 10 at Camelback and Dec. 11 at Mesquite. All games are scheduled to start at 7 p.m.

Aprende Track

Aprende Middle School's cross country teams capped off a terrific season when the boys team won the 2009 Kyrene Athletics Programs Championship meet and the girls team

took home a second place plaque to add to the Jaguars' trophy case.

"We are so proud of the Aprende Middle School cross country team," said coach **Cynthia Washington**. "They had another great season."

Cross country, a no-cut sport for 6th, 7th and 8th grade girls and boys in the Kyrene School district, has a strong following at Aprende.

"Our three teams, *Vision*, *Hard Work* and *Commitment*, all trained hard and it paid off for this awesome group of kids," said coach **Garth Cupp**.

The boys team put together a 6-1 regular season record before entering the KAP Championship meet, where all seven Aprende runners earned medals. **Blake Fischer** was named the 1st Place Individual Champion. Crossing the finish line close behind were **Ryan Normand** (3rd), **Josh Ambre** (5th), **Andrew Eversden** (7th), **Jonathan Novakowski** (9th), **Andrew Truswell** (16th) and **Eric Villatoro** (17th).

Fischer was again Aprende's top runner at the Arizona Junior High State boys meet, finishing 13th out of 236 runners. Altogether Aprende had four runners win medals to propel the team to an eighth place finish out of over 30 schools competing in the meet.

The girls cross country team also finished with a 6-1 regular season record and had all seven runners earn medals when they took home the 2009 Girls KAP Championship 2nd Place Plaque.

Shelby Brown, in her first season running cross country, finished seventh after leading the pack for the first 800 meters, according to Washington.

Mason Swenson, a sixth grader, was 11th closely followed by **Grace Ashu** (12th), **Marissa Seelhammer** (13th), **Adrianna Fill** (17th), **Mason Kuluris** (19th) and **Jennifer Hebert** (23rd).

At the Arizona Junior High State meet, Aprende's girls' team finished 11th out of more than 30 schools, with Brown once again the Jaguars' leading runner and medal winner, crossing the finish line 30th out of 213 competitors.

Corona's cross country coaches can look forward to four of the top boys medal finishers in the KAP championship, and Brown, Aprende's top female runner, competing for a spot on the the Aztecs competitive cross country teams next fall, according to coach Washington.

Don't fret about the Jaguars' team next fall, though. A number of this season's sixth graders should keep Aprende in the running, including **Jamaree Johnson** and **Wade Young**, who lead the way on the JV team, and **Swenson**, another sixth grader who was highly competitive on the girls team this season, according to coach Washington.



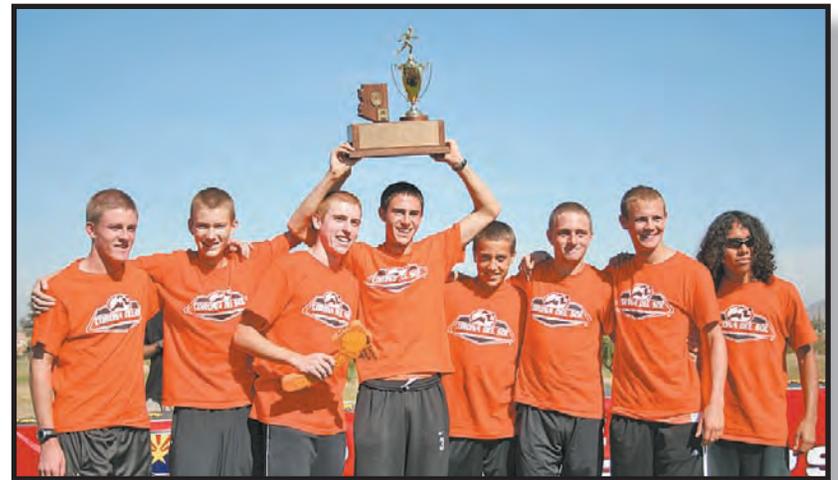
Corona girls golf team had a great season, winning the Tempe Girls Invitational, the City tournament and Super Regionals. Team members include, from left, Alex Haun, Marlee Johnson, Dana Finkelstein, Mary Spiel, Coach Pat Reed and Victoria Haun.

— Photo by Alex Zener



Brittany Messer, the lone senior and only returning member from last year's state championship badminton team, helped lead the Lady Aztecs to an 8-6 season record.

— Photo by Kris Cartwright



Corona boys cross country team took second place in the 5A-I state tournament. Team includes, from left, Wade Hooke, Daniel Wrapp, Garrett Baker-Slama, Matt Whitlatch, Jake Whitney, Jared Hirschl, Dylan Barr and Arturo Guzman.

— Photo by Chris Huch



Corona's relay team of Taylor Thorn, Dena Khani, Amanda Watts and Brittany White took first place in the backstroke relay event at Mesa Relays.

— Photo by Christy Telep



Members of CdS girls cross country team ran their best race of the season, finishing fifth in the state meet. Group includes, from left, Christina Freeman, Sydney Buck, Katie Huch, Ellen Dunn, Danica Ganje, front row Frankie DiCesare, Dani Lemieux, Tori Papp. Coach Jon Drury is at rear.

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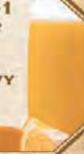


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