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NEWS



New year, new you

Video-game rage expands fitness options but, say the experts, it's no substitute for 1-on-1 training

By Slim Smith

If ever a movie were made about the most revolutionary change in the video game industry over the past few years, the title might be "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Gym."

Long demonized by health officials as the arch enemy of exercise, video games took an unexpected turn in May 2008 when Nintendo's Wii Fit arrived in the United States. Suddenly, video games were no longer an obstacle to fitness but an asset.

Wrangler News photo by Alex Zener

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Alta Mirada neighbors meet, greet in celebration of season



Judy Aguilar-Woertz greets neighbors at Alta Mirada outing.

The weather may have been inclement on Sunday, Dec. 13, but that didn't dampen the spirits of the residents of the Alta Mirada neighborhood as they toured home remodels and then gathered at the community pool for fun, food, and prizes.

The event was sponsored by the Alta Mirada HOA; prizes were donated by Fred's Flowers, Sign of the Whale, Great Harvest Bakery, Supercuts Landscapers, Sunflower Pet Supplies, Just 4 You Facials, Safari Pools, Seattle Express Coffee, Signature Hair & Nail Salon, Walgreens, Definitely Debra, Pure Fitness and City Property

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Judy Aguilar-Woertz, State Farm agent and one of the organizers of the gathering said:

"This was a great way for neighbors to meet neighbors, get into the spirit of the holidays and promote "buying local."

Participants received prize-drawing tickets at each remodeled home they visited.

Later, they brought favorite appetizers and desserts to share and listened to holiday music.

Alta Mirada is near the southeast corner of Warner and McClintock. This was the second year the community has sponsored the event.

Two community groups join override initiative

By Jeremy Banks

With time running short, two advocacy organizations have joined forces to increase understanding of an upcoming vote, passage of which would allow the Kyrene School District to exceed its operating budget by 10 percent annually.

The approved override would generate an estimated \$12.4 million each year it is in effect.

Organizations that have launched the collaborative effort in support of the measure are Stand for Children and Yes Public Ed.

Members of both groups met last week at the

home of Mitzi Epstein, who is with Yes Public Ed. Their goal: to select officers and lay out strategy.

Olga Vives, with Stand for Children, said the organization will help Yes Public Ed with volunteers and organizers for campaigns.

"(The groups) will work together," Vives said. "The main issue, of course, is to develop a campaign so the voters know what they're voting on, and also make sure the information is assimilated around the district once mail-in ballots get to people's homes."

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New From the cover

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"But before long, it was the moms who were using them for their own workouts. I'd say there are a lot more adults using the game than kids at this point."

Mary Hall, 49, is typical.

"I got mine last July," said the south Tempe resident. "I use it about four times a week. I get up at 5 or 5:30 in the morning and it's the first thing I do."

For Hall, the workout games – she has a couple of them now – have been an alternative to a gym membership.

"Working out at home works best for me," she said. "I was always coming up with excuses for not going to the gym. I think it's a pretty good option for people who wouldn't go to a gym."

That possibility raises an interesting question for gym operators and personal trainers: Should the games be viewed as a competitor or a complement to the services they provide?

Laura Clark, owner of Fast Athlete at Warner and Kyrene, doesn't believe the games are a threat.

"People typically do not use anything very long unless they have people following up with them," Clark says.

"That's why people use personal trainers. They need that accountability. I know in my own family, it worked out that way. We got the Wii Fit last year, and after a couple of weeks my kids lost interest. Once the novelty goes away, it's like anything else."

Another potential problem, says personal trainer Rose Courtney, is using the games properly.

"I do know people who have had injuries using the games," says Courtney, owner of Fitness By Rose.

"Like anything else, you're a lot better off working under supervision of someone who is a trained expert."

Despite those misgivings, both Clark and Courtney do see some value in the workout games.

"Hey, anything that gets people up and exercising, I'm for it," Clark said.

"It could be a good start," Courtney agrees.

Hall, for whom exercise has always been integral to her lifestyle, says the games do provide some accountability through the "virtual" trainer that is part of the game.

"As you are doing the workout, the trainer character will say you're not doing it right or you're not on pace, so there is a little accountability built in," she says.

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Everyone loves a parade



Viewers of this year's Tournament of Roses Parade may have caught a glimpse of some familiar faces.

For the fourth consecutive year, members of the Tempe-based Cowgirls Historical Foundation rode in popular New Year's Day parade.

A group of 10 CHF members "Saddled Up For Service" in support of the Veterans Medical Leadership Council's "Returning Warriors Fund" at the landmark parade in Pasadena, Calif. The fund provides a financial safety net for military personnel who are enrolled at the Phoenix VA Hospital as they make the transition to civilian life.

"Appearing in the Tournament of Roses Parade for the fourth consecutive time is an honor, but it's even more special this year because of our partnership with the Returning Warriors," said Patricia Gomez, president of the CHF. "Our veterans are true heroes and we're proud to dedicate the ride to these brave men and women."

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Three new businesses thrive in a challenging market Entrepreneurs find adversity their roadmap to success

By Jeremy Banks

No matter the diversity of their pursuits, three of the businesses in the shopping center at the southeast corner of Elliot and McClintock in Tempe share a common goal: to separate themselves from the pack.

Standing side by side, Luigi's Pizza, Polka Dot Skull and Short 'N' Sweet Bakery have unique stories and early beginnings.

Mike Lersch, owner of Short N'Sweet Bakery, said his wife's medical condition opened the door for a different approach to baking: In August 2007, she was diagnosed with celiac, a disease also known as gluten intolerance.

"That means baked goods like pies, cakes, cinnamon rolls—all that kind of stuff made with flour— she can't have," Lersch said.

One out of 133 people in the United States have been diagnosed with celiac. So, confronted with this challenge, Lersch took action.

"What we've done here is developed a line of gluten-free products," he said. "As of now we are one of a very small group of bakeries that do that, and it has been a very popular part of our business."

Chris Shippey, owner of Polka Dot Skull boutique, also used an unfortunate

situation as a springboard to a business idea.

"I owned a computer company for 10 years and did very well. Unfortunately, the economy last year, as with everybody, took my business from super successful to dead," he said. "I had to decide very quickly. Do I move, sell my home and live in a box with my four kids? Or do I get creative—take the American dream and do something with it?"

Shippey and his wife developed the concept of Polka Dot Skull in their living room. They decided to start a website, selling clothes. "I asked (my wife) 'What are your two favorite things?' She said 'Polka dots and skulls.' I said 'Polkadotskull.com.'"

The website was so successful the two decided to open a boutique in Gilbert. A few months ago, they expanded to Tempe.

"I knew this center had potential," he said. "I think this will be a very successful location."

Corey Holmes, owner of Luigi's Pizza, took a chance on a struggling restaurant and has given it some new life. He said he wanted to change the environment and give the restaurant a new personality.

"The environment used to be a very old, traditional look, almost very Greek-looking. Now it looks more modern," Holmes said.

"The colors are more modern. The music is more modern, more of a nowadays look as opposed to a traditional look."

Holmes has worked in the food-service business as a manager, and owning a restaurant of his own has always been a dream.

"I love pizza. I love a good pie. I wanted to be a business owner. I really wanted to have a restaurant myself," Holmes said.

Shippey said Polka Dot Skull has been successful because of its exceptional approach. The boutique sells unique items that give the customer a sense of individuality.

"When I buy a bag, I buy one, maximum two. Once it's gone, it's gone," Shippey said.

"We try and do it a little differently. That way everybody can be individualistic rather than just becoming one of the masses. So far that formula has been successful."

Shippey said Polka Dot Skull provides high-quality products, such as custom-made shirts, jewelry, flip-flops, bags and swim suits, all at a lower price than most stores.

"I believe in one thing. I'd rather have a little of something, rather than all of nothing. If I can give a customer (a screen-

printed shirt) for \$32 and they went to Buckle and wanted the same shirt for \$70, I've given them the ability to come in and buy two shirts rather than just one," he said.

At Short N'Sweet, Lersch said the bakery's products have been in demand. People travel from Tucson and Fountain Hills to visit their store.

"They just can't find it anywhere else," Lersch said.

To make sure the flavor doesn't disappear when gluten is removed, Lersch occasionally does blind tests with customers who don't typically select the gluten-free option.

"They can never tell the difference," he said. "They virtually taste the same."

Short N' Sweet sells regular bakery products in addition to gluten-free. Cakes and cookies are also on the menu, and the bakery's cinnamon rolls come in 12 different flavors.

"Our cinnamon rolls are actually kept frozen in their own microwavable container. People can take them home, heat them up any time, day or night," Lersch said. "That's pretty unusual. We've kind of taken cinnamon rolls to the next level."

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Jan. 21 orientation session designed to guide new kindergarten enrollments

The Kyrene School District will hold kindergarten orientation sessions at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 21, at all school locations.

Kindergarten is available to children who will be five years old on or before Sept. 1.

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No registration is needed.

Families, community organizations, scout groups, school clubs and church groups are encouraged to participate.

Walkers should arrive at their assembly points by 10 a.m. Chandler, Gilbert, Phoenix and Scottsdale participants will meet at the Tempe Town Lake Marina on the north side of Tempe Town Lake.

Participants from Tempe, Mesa and ASU will meet at ASU Lot 59.

Visit www.tempe.gov/diversity/regionalunitywalk for a map to the assembly points. Both walking routes are about one mile to the Tempe Art Park. Walkers are encouraged to carry flags, signs or banners announcing their group's identity and proclaiming the Valley's diversity.

Each walker will receive a free T-shirt, which will be color-coded for each of the participating cities. ASU walkers are encouraged to wear gold

attire.

A festival will begin at the Art Park as walkers arrive, featuring a welcome by dignitaries, a keynote speech by Alonzo Jones, entertainment, jump houses for the kids and food.

The festival will end at noon.

Information: 480-350-8979.

Meet your legislators Feb. 3

Tempe residents are invited to join the mayor and City Council at the State Capitol, 1700 W. Washington St., on Wednesday, Feb. 3, from 10:30-11:30 a.m. to meet their legislators, learn about the city's legislative program and tour the Arizona House of Representatives and State Senate.

Residents are encouraged to share the stories of their neighborhoods and find out how the legislature will impact the future of our community.

For those planning to attend, contact the Neighborhood Services Division by Feb. 1 at 480-350-8234 or neighborhoods@tempe.gov.

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Kyrene Corridor Sports

By Alex Zener

Three Corona athletes recently accepted athletic scholarships for next fall. **Kelsey Lawson** signed to play tennis at DePaul and Aztec quarterback **Chase Cartwright** verbally committed to Northern Arizona University. **Mary Spiel** signed a letter of intent to play softball at Arizona State University.

After being crowned the 5A-I singles champion and being awarded the Arizona Republic's 2009 Girls Tennis Player of the Year last May, Corona senior

Kelsey Lawson divulged that her ultimate goal has always been to win a Division I college scholarship. That's exactly what she did.

Kelsey Lawson signed a national letter of intent Nov. 10 and will be heading off to DePaul next fall. But first she will be defending her 5A-I state championship singles title and helping the Corona's girls tennis team try to win the 2010 team championship next spring. Corona was state champion runner-up to Tucson Salpointe Catholic last season.

"I can't wait until next fall! I think I first wanted to play college tennis when I was 11, and since then, that's been my number one goal," said **Lawson**. "Everything I've done since then has been to get to this point, so I'm really excited. I can't wait to wear the blue and red and represent my school."

Lawson decided to become a Blue Demon after six weekends of consecutive official visits to other universities earlier this fall.

"My first visit was the unofficial to ASU," said **Lawson**. "Then my officials were to: LSU in (Baton Rouge, Louisiana) James Madison University (in Harrisonburg, Virginia), the University of Kentucky in (Lexington, Kentucky), and University of San Francisco. My last visit was to DePaul."

Although DePaul, located in Chicago, was the last place the No. 1 ranked player in the United States Tennis Association's Girls 18 Southwest Section visited, **Lawson** felt it was a perfect fit right from the beginning.

"I loved the size of the campus, the location and that it was the easiest place to get to from Phoenix," said **Lawson**. "I loved the girls on the team and the coach. They were a family, and they really made me feel at home. Plus it was the perfect balance of tennis and academics."

Something new for **Lawson** at DePaul will be indoor tennis. DePaul doesn't even have tennis courts. The team practices and plays at an indoor club.



Mary Spiel, left, and Kelsey Lawson win college scholarships

"I've been told that my game is suited for indoor tennis, but I don't really know because I've never played indoors before," said **Lawson**. "We will have a few outdoor tournaments in the fall and DePaul's spring break trip my freshman year is scheduled to be here in Tempe, so I'm still going to get a few chances to play outdoors."

Chase Cartwright, at 6-3, 215 pounds, was Corona's starting quarterback for the past three years. He verbally committed Dec. 15 after Northern Arizona's head coach, **Jerome Souers**, visited him at home. He had been talking to ASU, Utah, Idaho, Kansas, and Michigan State before making his decision.

"When the head coach visits you, you know that it has to be legitimate," said **Cartwright**. "These guys don't waste their time on guys they're not recruiting, so for them to take the time to visit me was an extreme honor."

Cartwright, who completed 115 of 225 passes for 1,593 yards and 13 touchdowns last season, likes the direction the NAU coach is taking the football program and his chances of getting a starting position soon.

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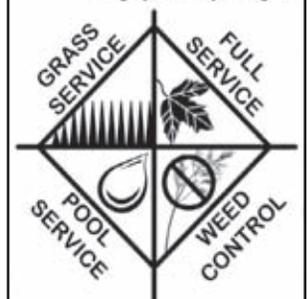
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"I like the talent that they have on all sides of the ball and the program they are in the process of building," said **Cartwright**. "Not only will I be working with some of the best players and coaches in the country, but the coaches have told me that I will be able to come in and battle for the starting spot right away."

Cartwright feels he can contribute to the team by bringing his work ethic, dedication and leadership to the NAU program and also his sense of commitment and enthusiasm for the game of football.

"I plan to bring my passion for the game, my teammates and my coaches," continued **Cartwright**. "I can bring a sense of family to NAU's team. If necessary, I can bring the mentality of putting a team on my back and carrying them to where we want to go."

Cartwright, who plans on studying business or communication, was looking more for a fit than location but now that his mind is made up, he's also happy to be close to family and friends.

Mary Spiel, who signed a letter of intent to play softball at Arizona State

Nov. 10, was recruited for the speed, power and athleticism she will bring to the already highly competitive Sun Devil softball team.

Spiel, an outfielder for Corona's girl's softball team, is unique because she bats left handed and is known for her competitive spirit in both softball and golf. She played competitively this past fall, her senior year, on Corona's girls golf team.

Spiel received several post-season awards after her junior softball season including being named to the 5A-I All-State softball team. She hopes to help the Lady Aztecs make it far in the 5A-I softball state tournament this

West Point scholarship for Corona grad Zeric Butters

By Alex Zener

Corona del Sol graduate and lacrosse player **Zeric Butters** has accepted a scholarship that could lead to him playing goalie at the United States Military Academy at West Point.

Butters, recognized as a member of the 2009 First Team All State by the Arizona Lacrosse High School Coaches Association, will spend his first year at a prep school in Connecticut before

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enrolling at West Point's campus in New York.

"West Point has recruits attend a prep school program for a year to provide academic, military and physical instruction to motivate candidates for success before attending West Point," said Butters.

"I will be attending a civilian boarding school from a list they gave me, Salisbury Prep, in Salisbury, Conn., my first year," said Butters. "Salisbury has everything but the military part, and they have a very good lacrosse team."

Butters, at 6-1 and 195 pounds, recorded 11 sacks as defensive end on Corona's football team and was able to play football as a second sport at Salisbury.

Attending West Point, it turns out, would answer a longtime goal.

"Even though a military school was not the only place I was looking to attend college, I always thought if I was ever given the chance, I would go without question," said Butters. "In addition to getting a chance to serve my country, they have an amazing athletic program and the school and education is remarkable."

The college experience Butters is going to get at USMA is going to be very different than the typical college education and environment.

"West Point focuses on a lot of things that are not normally seen as essential in a college environment, such as discipline, authority and respect," said



Zeric Butters

Butters. "I value these qualities and I think that West Point's environment, academic and physical challenges would be a perfect fit for me."

Butters, who was recruited by a few lower Division I schools before deciding to pursue West Point, is thinking about a pre-law degree. He will have to serve five years in the Army after he graduates.

Right now he is enjoying playing lacrosse and getting to know a different part of the country.

Butters was anxious and excited when he left to attend the private east coast school and to meet lots of new people.

"Regardless, I plan to work as hard as it takes... and to play as a (West Point) Black Knight," said Butters.

"My goal is to become an All-American within the next five years."

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Kyrene Corridor Sports

Former Corona star's epic game spurs growth of Arizona adult baseball

Profile by Slim Smith

The most memorable game of Josh Tarnow's baseball career could just as easily have been his most forgettable.

In the first inning of the championship game of the Arizona Amateur Baseball League Tournament, Tarnow was called out on strikes on what the former Corona del Sol player says was a pitch "about eight to 10 inches outside."

To say that Tarnow took the call gracefully would be to grossly overstate his reaction.

"Yeah, I was pretty upset," Tarnow admits with a chuckle. "I was still chirping about it when I went back out into the field the next inning. The umpire on the bases called time out and warned me to let it go. So, yeah, I almost got tossed out."

It turned out to be fortuitous for Tarnow and his Chandler Titans teammates that the umpire exercised the full measure of restraint. There is no doubt that the outcome of the title game turned on Tarnow's continued presence.

Tarnow hit three home runs and drove in five runs as the Titans defeated the Senators, 7-5, in the AABL wood bat division title game, thanks largely to epic hitting performance by Tarnow.

The AABL, now in its second year, consists of players age 18 and over. There are 16 teams in the league, eight in the wood bat division and eight in the aluminum bat division.

The more advanced players compete in the wood bat division, where many of the players – including Tarnow – have played professionally.

Although Tarnow, 25, had enjoyed a stellar career in high school and played pro ball in the Baltimore Orioles organization for two years, the AABL championship was the high-water mark of his baseball career.

"I had never hit three home runs before," he said, "not even close."

The Titans, who entered the tournament as a prohibitive underdog, rode Tarnow's bat to an unlikely championship. After his team finished sixth in the regular season with a 5-10 record, Titans manager Brian Kreps, had modest hopes for the tournament.

"About the only bright spot was that our first game turned out to be against the Dirtbags, and even though they had

finished in third place, we had beaten them two out of three games in the regular season," Kreps said. "We figured if we could beat them again, well, who knows? We might get on a roll."

That is precisely how it turned out. The Titans beat the Dirtbags in the tournament opener, and then beat the Chandler Beavers behind a standout pitching performance from David Hoover, another former Corona star.

That win put the Titans in the title game against the Senators, who had

finished first in the league in the regular season.

The Senators quickly confirmed their status as favorite, jumping out to a 2-0 lead in the first inning. As it turned out, it only set the stage for Tarnow's heroics.

In his second plate appearance, Tarnow drove a pitch down the left-field line for a homer to cut the deficit to 2-1.

After the Senators added two runs in the fourth to take a 4-1 lead, Tarnow again came to the rescue with a three-run shot to left to tie the score.

With the Titans nursing a precarious 6-5 lead in the top of the ninth inning, Tarnow again delivered with a solo shot to left-center to give the Titans an insurance run in what ended in a 7-5 Titans win.

"I've never seen a player dominate a game like Josh did in that one," said Kreps. "I was coaching third base. When he hit the first home run, I was thinking, 'OK. Great. He's got us back in it.'" Then, when he hit the second one, that was really big for us. "OK," I said. But when he hit that last one, I couldn't believe it. I couldn't believe they would even pitch to him in that situation, to be honest."

Tarnow said the homers weren't a conscious thought while he was in the batter's box.

"I don't think anybody really believes they're going to hit three homers in a game," Tarnow admits. "I mean, what are the odds of that?"

"It was a heckuva way to finish, that's for sure," Kreps said. "I'll never forget it. I'm sure Josh won't, either."

The AABL is actively looking for players as the league makes plans for its third season.

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Kyrene Corridor Sports Notebook

Aztec soccer advances to semi-finals in matchup with nation's top 20

By Alex Zener

Corona's top-ranked boys soccer team made it into the semifinals before finishing in a tie for fourth place in their first out-of-state premier tournament, the Oceanside Nautical Cup Dec. 28-31 in San Diego.

Corona, which was ranked first by the Republic and 10th by ESPN going into the tournament, competed against seven of the top 20 nationally ranked teams.

The Aztecs tied Cathedral Catholic in the first round of pool play 2-2 in the Southern California tournament.

Trever Allen and **Daniel van Fleet** scored with assists from **Nate Flood** and **Austin Haas**. Keeper **Matt Bersano** saved three goal attempts.

In the next round, the Aztecs defeated tournament favorite Servite, 3-2. The Aztecs struck first with a goal by **Haas** in the first period.

Casey Phillips and **Derek Rusher** scored in the second period. It was **Rusher's** first goal of the year. **Allen**, **Graham Hemmingson** and **Van Fleet** each picked up an assist during this game.

The Aztecs advanced to the quarterfinals after winning their pool. They easily defeated Torrey Pines 4-0 after scoring three goals alone in the first period. **Josh von Allworden** scored with a header goal right after the game started and **Van Fleet** added a second goal within minutes of the first.

Junior **Christian Johnson** kicked in the third goal before halftime.

After his team ended the first period up 3-0, coach **Dan Salas** subbed-in backup goalkeeper **Keith Williamson**, a freshman, who played 10 minutes before being injured.

Van Fleet scored his second goal of the game in the 4-0 win.

Allen picked up two more assists and defender **Von Allworden** and **Chris Murray** were credited with an assist each. **Bryan Hoyt** took his 21st shot, a goal during the win. Keeper **Bersano** had five saves.

The anticipated rematch with Brophy, the only team to defeat the Aztecs up to that point and the only other Arizona team in the tournament, did not materialize when Brophy lost to Watsonville.

Corona played Watsonville on Dec. 30 for a chance to be in the finals.

Unfortunately, Corona came out flat, giving up three quick goals in the first half to Watsonville.

The Aztecs came out after half time with a new focus and were able to almost recover from their first-half mistakes, but ran out of time.

Von Allworden scored on an assist by **Rusher** with 27 minutes left in the game. Five minutes later, **Rusher** made the score 2-3 on his second goal of the season after a pass from **Allen**.

Although the Aztecs totally controlled the game in the second half, they were unable to score a third equalizing goal before the final whistle.

Losing 2-3 in the semifinals to Watsonville gave Corona a tie for fourth overall in the tournament.

Watsonville lost in the championship Dec. 31 to Servite, the same team Corona defeated earlier in the tournament.

Corona was scheduled to play at Kingman Jan. 5 and then at Mesquite Jan. 8. The Aztecs have a home match Jan. 12 against Mesa Mountain View before heading to Gilbert on Jan. 15.

Volleyball All-Central, All-State teams

Several Corona girls volleyball players recently received Central Region and all-state awards. Leading the team was **Bethany Jorgensen**, who made first-team all-region and class 5A all-state first team.

Close behind was **Cassie Ronda**, who was first team all-region and class 5A all-state second team. Ronda will be heading to University of Denver to play volleyball at the Division I school next fall.

Receiving an all-region second team award was **Katherine Gatz**. Gatz also received honorable mention on the 5A all-state team.

The fourth member of the team to be recognized was setter **Cassie Fish**, who was named to the all-region and all-state honorable mention teams. Libero **Haley Kesteloot** was named to the all-region honorable mention team.

Football awards

The E.V. Tribune listed five Corona football players as part of its Honorable

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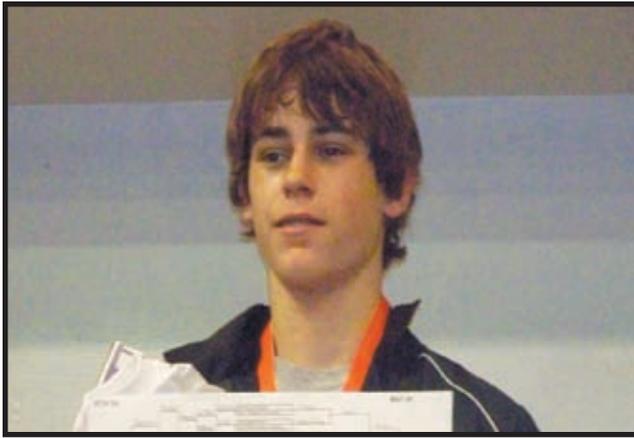
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Champion wrestlers Glenn Farina, above, Ethan Tursini, below (details, Page 14)



Mention team. Recognized were: Senior **Sione Letio**, defensive back; junior **Todd Peat**, defensive linebacker; senior **Kyle Benson**, linebacker; senior **Billy Johnson**, wide receiver; and senior **Kyle Homewood**, offensive linebacker.

Girls soccer

The Corona girls soccer team entered the Dobson Mustang Classic soccer tournament Dec. 29 looking to provide experience for its younger players and compete with some of the better East Valley teams that frequent this tournament.

This year's team—consisting of six freshmen, six sophomores, six juniors and only nine seniors—easily won its first two matches with a 4-0 win over Chandler on Dec. 28 and a 5-0 win against Ironwood on Dec. 29. The next two matches were much more

competitive.

The Lady Aztecs played strong against Hamilton on Dec. 30, but lost a close one at 1-2. Their Dec. 31 match against Desert Vista in the quarterfinals was also a tight one. Tied 1-1 with the Thunder at the end of regulation, the match went into overtime.

Despite Corona's defense allowing Desert Vista only nine shots at their goal, the Lady Aztecs were unable to score in overtime, losing to the Thunder 1-2.

Corona, 7-5, was scheduled to play three home games during the first week in 2010. The first was against Kingman on Jan. 5 and Xavier on Jan. 6. The Lady Aztecs entered Central region play Jan. 8 against Mesquite.

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Up next will be two more Central region teams, Jan. 12 at Mesa Mountain View and then back at Corona Jan. 15 against Gilbert.

Boys basketball

The Aztecs made it into the third round of the McClintock Holiday shootout held Dec. 26 through 31 at McClintock High School before losing a close one to Seton Catholic, 75-79, on Dec. 29.

Corona easily defeated Higley 70-27 on Dec. 26. The Aztecs then went on to defeat Mountain Ridge 48-37 on Dec. 28. Losing to Seton Catholic dropped Corona into the losers bracket, where they faced and defeated McClintock 76-67 on Dec. 30.

The Aztecs, 9-4, were set to play Gilbert in a Central Region match Jan. 5 before playing the Chandler Wolves in a non-region match Jan. 8.

Up next will be Basha Jan. 12 and Dobson at home on Jan. 14.

Kyrene wrestling

Five Kyrene Middle School wrestling teammates, who have logged in hours in the gym and on the wrestling mats this offseason, recently competed in the AZ Sunkids Classic held at Tempe High School on Jan. 2.

Winning medals were **Glenn Farina, Tristan Ezell, Brandon Dowland, Ethan Tursini** and **Trysten Griffith**. Four of these teammates wrestle in the offseason for Sunkist Academy wrestling club.

Farina took home a championship medal in the 104-pound weight class in a close 8-7 decision.

Ezell was runner-up in the 167-pound championship match to a New Mexico wrestler, ending up with a second place medal.

Two wrestlers took third place. **Tursini** won in a 3-1 decision over an independent wrestler in the 167-pound weight class and **Dowland** won a decision in the 180-pound bracket over a Deer Valley wrestler.

Griffith took home a fourth place medal in the 88-pound bracket.



Grayson Howell, member of Arizona Youth Lacrosse League, is just one of an increasing base of kids who participate in the sport.

Lacrosse growing in popularity among kids

Arizona Youth Lacrosse League has added a new division for third- through fifth-grade players, opening the door for the Aztec Youth Lacrosse Club, centered in south Tempe, to field a team in that age group this spring.

Lacrosse is the fastest growing youth sport in the U.S., and the Aztec club is continuing to see the same growth locally by introducing this new team for the younger players.

Offering this new team will give players an opportunity to learn the sport at a earlier age.

Lacrosse is a team sport played on field similar in size to a soccer field. It has constant action where 10 players are on the field at a time.

Substitutions are frequent, so it gives all of the players a chance to participate.

Lacrosse is a game based more on skill and speed than size. This early class will focus on the basics of the game so that any player, regardless of size, can be successful on the

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The new kids like the non-stop action of the sport, where everyone is involved and there is lots of scoring. A team typically scores at least 10 goals in an average game.

The youth program is meant to introduce new players to the sport, teach the fundamentals and be a feeder program to our middle school and the Corona and Marcos club teams. Players who start in the youth program can continue to play lacrosse in high school and even in college. All Aztec lacrosse teams compete in the Arizona Youth Lacrosse League (www.azlax.com).

New players can now register for the upcoming season for this young division and the middle school team (sixth-eighth graders).

Games start this month and run through February. Deadline for new players in this younger division and for the middle school team (sixth-eighth graders) is Jan. 15. Games start later in January and run through February.

For more information, go to www.aztecyouthlax.com or contact Cliff Prausa at tempelacrosse@aol.com.

— Alex Zener

Kyrene Corridor Sports

Chandler teen skating his way into national spotlight

By Jan Krygier

If he has his way, Chandler resident and Intelli-School Charter High School senior Nicholas Noble will be the next Tony Zane. Tony who? He'll be at the top of the WSA. W-S-huh? He'll make a career out of rexing. Say again?

In other words, Noble is pursuing a career in roller skating.

Well, roller skating with a twist. Call it jam skating, break skating, rhythm skating, straight skating and, yes, even, rexing, a competitive sport that combines dexterity on skates with the artistry and skill of dance moves and stunt maneuvers.

Upon graduation, Noble, who has been skating since he was seven, will attempt to break into the WSA (World Skating Association) to pursue his dream in earnest – a dream that includes matching the competitive and marketing success of his idol, WSA superstar Tony Zane.

"I see it as a hobby right now, but I look at people like Tony Zane who inspire me to see if I can push myself to the limit because in order to be the best you have to watch the best and then you have to train to be the best," Noble said. "You just can't go out there and expect yourself to all of a sudden be good one day. So I'm trying to see if I can really get far by going in next year to the WSA and how far it can take me in my first year."

The WSA is the official governing body of the sport worldwide, sanctioning qualifying events throughout the year that culminate in the national championships. First-year participants run a trial event and then are placed in one of two groups – elite or pro.

"There's a kid who is 14 who is an amazing skater who just turned pro after this last year competing in the elite circuit," Noble said. "He's sponsored by the new major skate company called Vanilla who Tony Zane is the spokesperson for."

Zane, an 21-year-old Illinois native, has probably done the most to popularize the sport. He and his crew, Team Breaksk8, perform on MTV's "America's Best Dance Crew" as well as serve as the official skate team for NBA, WNBA, and NCAA games.

Until now, Noble has viewed his skating mostly as a hobby. But that will all change if he gains admittance to the WSA.

"I'm going to be pushed to a limit where I have to focus on how to be better than the next person and that's what will take you to the next level," Noble said.

"Because when you're skating in competitions with the WSA and the other skating companies that are putting on these expos or these competitions you have to be able to learn a move or have a move that someone else can't do to kind of get them out of your way to win."

Noble said it is important for skaters to develop a unique style.

"Dance skating has been around for a long time, and it's evolved quite a bit," Noble said.

"Tony Zane has been skating two years less than I have and it just comes natural for him to put moves into it. But everyone's style differs so, hey, the judges might like my style over his just because either I'm smoother or I have a move that he can't do or the choreography of what I put into it."

You can usually find Noble developing his skills at Skateland Chandler, Skateland Mesa, Glendale Great Skate, and Skate Zone in Goodyear as he pursues his dream of skating stardom. But no matter what path Noble's career takes, skating will always be a part of his life.

"Even through hard times, skating is something I can look forward to as getting stress relief or just to go out there and express myself without even having to say anything," he said.

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January auditions for Tempe Little Theatre

South Tempe performers interested in trying out for roles with Tempe Little Theatre can attend auditions for the classic musical "Sweet Charity" at 7 p.m. Jan. 18-19 at Tempe Performing Arts Center.

"Sweet Charity," based on a Neil Simon book with music by Cy Coleman and lyrics by Dorothy Fields, will be directed by Jeffrey Middleton.

Both females and males are needed for main roles with an eclectic and energetic ensemble of performer/dancers to round out the cast. All ensemble members will be involved in multiple parts of the show.

People interested in auditioning should bring a photo and resume if available, prepare 16 bars of a

musical-theater piece and be prepared and dressed for some dance movement.

Cold readings from the script will also be required. An accompanist will be provided.

Performances of "Sweet Charity" begin March 20 and run through April 3 at the Tempe Center for the Arts, 700 W Rio Salado Parkway at Tempe Town Lake.

Ticket prices are \$20 for adults, \$18 for seniors (55 plus) and students. Tickets go on sale Feb. 22 and reservations can be made by calling the TCA box office at 480-350-2822 or by visiting www.tempe.gov/TCA.

Vol fair has something for all

South Tempe residents can learn about ways to kick off the new year as a community volunteer during Tempe's Volunteer Fair from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Jan. 9 at Bethany Community Church, 6240 S. Price Road.

The city is seeking volunteers for the recently renovated and soon to be reopened history museum and for the new book shop at the Tempe Public Library.

The city also has openings for docents, ushers and ticket takers at Tempe Center for the Arts.

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And, unlike those old Jane Fonda workout tapes of the past, the game provides some feedback, measuring and tracking the player's BMI (body mass index) and weight.

Hall says there are also a variety of workout regimens, which not only help alleviate boredom but provide a challenge.

"You can really adapt the game to whatever shape you are in," Hall says.

"A couple of my girlfriends who had never exercised got the game and they love it. Whether you are a beginner or someone like me who has been exercising for years, you can get a good workout.

So. Tempe-based Edward Jones among Chamber-award finalists

The Tempe Chamber has announced names of the finalists for its 2010 Business Excellence Awards. The awards promote the advancement of responsible business leadership in the community and publicly recognize local businesses demonstrating a passion for excellence.

Through the awards, the chamber identifies companies whose practices in business growth, employee development, community involvement and customer service exemplify excellence.

This year's six finalists embody

School board meeting switched to Jan. 14

The Kyrene School District Governing Board has re-scheduled its first meeting of the year from 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 12 to Thursday, Jan. 14.

"I know when I do the yoga program and get through the six poses, I'm definitely sore the next day."

As for the prospects of people losing interest in the game after the novelty has worn off, Remtema has yet to see it.

"All I can say is that over the past year, I've worked at four different stores and I've seen no more than six games come in for resale," Remtema says. "We never see them, so that tells you something."

Although Courtney does not recommend the game as an alternative to working with a personal trainer, she does like the buzz it has created.

"Anything that focuses attention on exercise is a good thing, especially for kids," she says.

Makes you wonder what's next: Wii Clean Your Room or Wii Eat Your Vegetables?

those characteristics and are being recognized for that distinction, said Sean Donovan, the chamber's public information director.

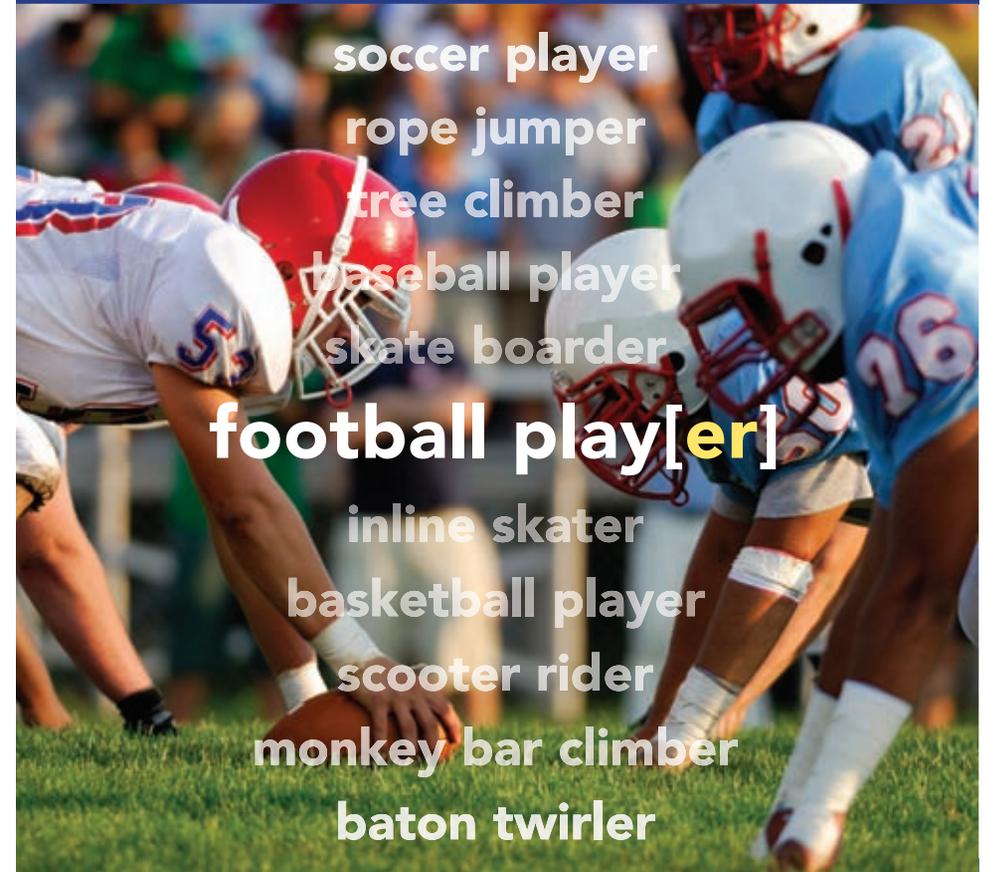
The 2010 finalists are south Tempe-based Edward Jones; House of Tricks, Benefits by Design; Educational Option; Southwest Gas; and Veolia Transportation.

The recipient will be announced and honored at a Breakfast for Chamber Champions event in February.

For more information on the date, location and ticket information, call (480) 967-7891 or visit www.kyrene.org/gb/

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Override

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The election is scheduled for Tuesday, March 9.

Vives said she believes STAND and Yes Public Ed can be very effective together.

"Because of the laws that are in place, (Yes Public Ed) can fundraise for the expenses of the campaign. They can engage in political activities, endorsements and things of that nature.

"It was important to have that arm of this campaign in place," Vives said.

"I think it's going to be a good combination of having (Yes Public Ed) out there in support of this override along with Stand for Children, trying to get parents and teachers to know what's going on and how important it is that the voters approve this initiative for the kids in Kyrene.

"I think a lot of parents and people in the district are very concerned about the state of public education in Arizona and they're worried about the cuts in funding, and they understand that if this override is not passed that it would be very detrimental to the Kyrene schools."

Becky Simblinger, a member of Yes Public Ed, said an increase in school funding would create improvement on a number of fronts. She said the money could be spent on placing aides in kindergarten classes, adding technology and maintaining quality. Schools could also have smaller classes and more teachers.

"It's better for the children. The teachers can spend more time with all the children," Simblinger said.

"With smaller classes the teacher is able to work with the students more. They get more time with the teacher, which is always beneficial."

Simblinger said several strategies aimed toward informing the public will be implemented in the coming days.

"We're going to use robo calls. We're going to send out fliers," Simblinger said.

Word of mouth and representation at schools are also important, she added. Vives said enthusiasm for the promotion of education is growing in Arizona.

"I see a lot of interest, people wanting to know more and people reaching out to others so that they can go out and vote on this on March 9," Vives said.

Teacher viewpoint

Kelly Pappala has spent 23 years as a teacher. She is also a mother whose children are educated in the Kyrene School District. She has recently become involved with STAND.

"I'm a teacher and a parent. I work with student teachers for (Northern Arizona University) in the Valley. I'm fully involved in education," she said. "(Education is) vitally important for preparing future leaders. (Working with STAND) is a wonderful opportunity to impact lives."

After hearing a STAND representative speak at a council meeting, Pappala decided she wanted to become more involved.

"My youngest is going to (Aprende Middle School) next year. When (STAND) extended the opportunity to Aprende parents, I felt like that's where I wanted

to put a little bit more of my time and energy," she said.

"I'm excited to work with the other members of the committee to support education in Kyrene.

"It's a good opportunity to bring about change. I hope it makes a big impact on the community and bringing about some changes. There's a good organized effort to make an impact on the future of Kyrene schools."

Mail-in ballots will be in mailboxes by Feb. 11. With little time remaining, Vives said work has to be fast and effective.

"It's not far away. We have a few weeks to get this geared up. This is why there's an urgency on this," she said.

For more information visit standforchildren.org or yespubliced.wordpress.com

Jan. 14 deadline for MLK Day camp signups

Kyrene schools are offering a one-day Kyrene Kids Club camp for students on Monday, Jan. 18, when schools are closed in observance of Martin Luther King Day.

The camp is open to Kids Clubs members and non-members and will operate from 6:30 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. The fee is \$25 for K-5th grade, \$30 for pre-schoolers.

Registration ends Jan. 14 and online registration ends Jan. 12.

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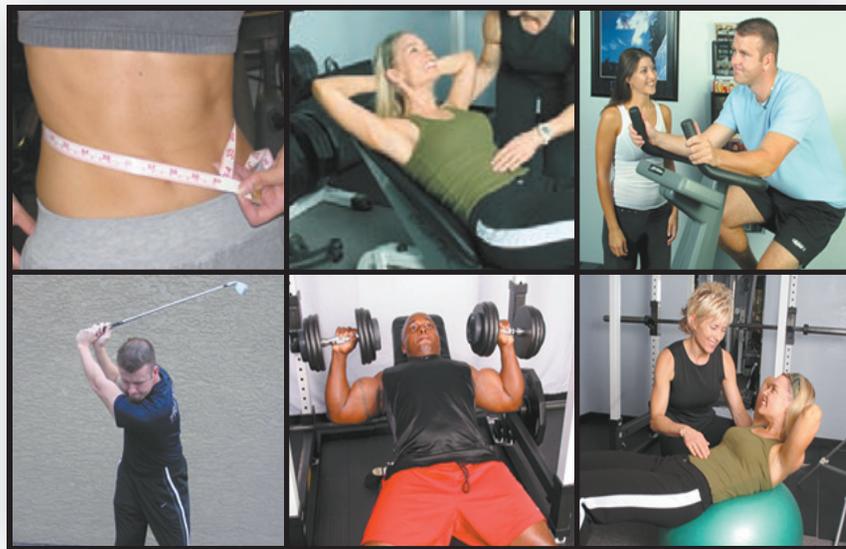
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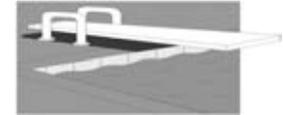
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Changes coming to Orbit and bus systems

On Jan. 25, changes to the existing Orbit neighborhood circulator and fixed-route arterial bus systems will occur in Tempe.

Affected routes include 30, 62, 65, 66, 76, 77, 81, 92, Orbit Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars and Jupiter.

The majority of the changes include hours of operation and frequency reductions during non-peak hours and weekends.

In addition, many of the Orbit and arterial bus routes were modified to reduce redundancies along major streets.

These changes are due to the slow economy, which has decreased the amount of funding that flows to the program through a dedicated half-cent sales tax.

Tempe has reevaluated its transit system to make it more efficient in order to reduce costs. The changes were based in part on public comments received from residents this fall, and were approved by the City Council in December.

To view the modified routes, visit www.tempe.gov/tim or call 480-858-2350.

Another round of public meetings will occur in February and March to get input on additional route changes that may occur in July.



Renovated Children's Library opens

Come explore the new colorful and vibrant space of the Children's Library on the lower level of the Tempe Public Library.

The six-month renovation of the lower level of the Tempe Public Library is complete.

The space is now home to a larger children's library with exciting colors, designs and spaces for children of all ages.

Among the new features is a family computing area, with seven computers, where parents can work on computers

while their little ones play nearby.

A teen area provides computers, work tables, booth seating and a game area. The lower level will also house new meeting rooms, which will be available this summer.

The main floor renovation will continue through this summer and will include a new quiet reading room, larger computer commons area, media area and more study tables.

For more information on the renovation, visit www.tempe.gov/library or call 480-350-5500.

Arcadia Citrus Program starts in February

The annual Arcadia citrus collection runs every Saturday morning from Jan. 30 through March 27 from 8 a.m. to noon at the Scottsdale Elk's Club, 6398 E. Oak St.

Several years ago, after discovering roof rats in their neighborhoods, residents of the Arcadia section of Phoenix began donating their fruit to Native American communities, local charities, food banks and senior centers.

Tempe residents are able to take advantage of the program and drop off quality citrus.

Roof rats can be prevented by harvesting citrus and nuts promptly

and completely, and picking up fallen items from the ground.

For more information, contact the Tempe Neighborhood Services Division at 480-350-8234, or via e-mail at neighborhoods@tempe.gov.

More resources are available at www.tempe.gov/neighborhoods/roofrats.htm.

COMMUNITY MEETING ON ROOF RAT PREVENTION

Monday, Feb. 8, 6 p.m.
Pyle Adult Recreation Center
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Tempe City Council candidates announced

Four candidates will vie for three City Council seats during a March 9 Primary Election. The city also will hold a May 18 General Election.

The candidates were required to submit at least 789 but no more than 1,578 nomination petition signatures from registered Tempe voters by the Dec. 9 deadline; petitions of the applicants were determined to contain the required number of signatures.

Confirmed candidates are Robin Arredondo-Savage, Shana Ellis, Mark Ortiz and Onnie Shekerjian.

Ortiz is employed by locksmith and lawn care companies. Ellis is Tempe's current Vice Mayor. Arredondo-Savage is a Tempe Union High School District board member. Shekerjian is a current City Councilmember.

Prior to each scheduled Thursday night City Council meeting until May 6, Tempe 11 will broadcast "open mic" appearances by City Council candidates.

Candidates will have five minutes each to speak, beginning at 4 p.m. The taped remarks are played back on the channel starting at 5 p.m.

The channel is viewable in Tempe on Cox Cable Channel 11, or online at www.tempe.gov/tempe11.

From Feb. 16 through March 5, early voting in person will be available at the Tempe Public Library, 3500 S. Rural Road and the ASU Safety Escort Office, 330 E. University Drive, Tempe.

The voting locations are open Monday-Thursday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Registered voters may request early ballots in order to vote by mail.

Voters also can place themselves on a Permanent Early Voting List by contacting the Maricopa County Elections Department.

For more information, visit the Tempe City Clerk's Web page at www.tempe.gov/clerk and click on the "Election Information" link.

Voter registration for the primary ends Feb. 8. To get registered to vote, visit the City Clerk's Web page or call 602-506-1511.

Film Faze

with M.V. Moorhead

Surviving its failings, 'Imaginarium' succeeds as a work of wonder, wit

Terry Gilliam's *The Imaginarium of Dr. Parnassus* was the final film of the late Heath Ledger, who died before he had completed his scenes. To fill the gaps in the story, the filmmakers devised a gimmick by which Ledger's character could be handed off to three other young stars for one scene apiece: Johnny Depp, Jude Law and Colin Farrell (the three reportedly donated their salaries to Ledger's daughter).

The result is clearly a patch job, but it really doesn't come across all that strangely in the context of the movie, and that, perhaps, gives some idea of what a bizarre, mercurial work *The Imaginarium* is.

Like most of Gilliam's films, it's terribly uneven and, on the whole, it probably can't be called successful.

Yet in its parts it's so full of wonder and sinister beauty and freaky wit that it sticks in the mind far more than many more coherent films.

The title character, played by Christopher Plummer, is the bearded, wizardly master of a sideshow that rattles around the desolate riverfront of modern-day London, staffed by the Doc's lovely teenage daughter Valentina (Lily Cole), a youthful magician and barker (Andrew Garfield), and a diminutive driver (Verne Troyer).

Their show consists of a magic mirror which can transport those who step through it into a shifting, surreal wonderland created from their own imaginations, sometimes with terrifying results.

The Doc claims to be centuries old, having gained

immortality through a deal with The Devil, amusingly played by a relaxed, muttering Tom Waits. The Devil's end of the deal, however, involves Valentina's soul, and the debt is about to come due.

The story, which is somewhat confusingly explicated, also involves a character named Tony, played by Ledger, who falls in with the Imaginarium gang when they rescue him from an apparent suicide attempt.

Tony somehow provides the key to getting Parnassus and his daughter out of the Devil's clutches.

Make no mistake, *The Imaginarium* isn't for everyone, and it should probably be noted that despite its fairy-tale flavor it isn't for kids.

But if you're a Gilliam fan, all you really need to know is that the film has many of the strengths as well as the weaknesses of his earlier works. It reels from one sequence of whimsy and pageantry and visual splendor to another. There were many times when I didn't know what, exactly, was supposed to be going on, but there was no point at which there wasn't something fascinating onscreen.

There's splendor in the acting, too. Christopher Plummer brings a ravaged, weary-of-existence grandeur worthy of King Lear or Prospero to the role of Parnassus (the name, by the way, comes from the mountain in Greece that was traditionally the home of the Muses).

Waits is all too elegant and likable as Old Scratch, and Cole, Garfield and Troyer are good, companionable company.

As for Ledger, abetted by his three surrogates, he managed to create one last portrait for what was, at the time of his death, a gallery of memorable characters that most actors twice his age could have been proud of.

The Imaginarium of Dr. Parnassus plays at Harkins Arizona Mills, Harkins Tempe Marketplace and Harkins Chandler Fashion 20, among other theaters Valleywide.

And the winners are . . .

Phoenix Film Critics Society, of which I take pride in being a founding member, has announced its 2009 Awards. Here are the winners in some of the major categories:

Best Picture: *Inglourious Basterds*.

Top 10 Films of 2009 (in alphabetical order): *Avatar*, *District 9*, *(500) Days of Summer*, *The Hurt Locker*, *Inglourious Basterds*, *Precious*, *Sherlock Holmes*, *Star Trek*, *Up*, *Up In The Air*.

Best Director: *Quentin Tarantino*, *Inglourious Basterds*.

Best Performance by an Actor in a Lead Role: George Clooney, *Up In The Air*.

Best Performance by an Actress in a Lead Role: Meryl Streep, *Julie and Julia*.

Best Performance by an Actor in a Supporting Role: Christoph Waltz, *Inglourious Basterds*.

Best Performance by an Actress in a Supporting Role: Mo'Nique, *Precious*.

Best Acting Ensemble: The cast of *Inglourious Basterds*.

Best screenplay written directly for the screen: *Up*.

Best screenplay adapted from another medium: *Up In The Air*.

Best Live Action Family Film: *Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prince*.

Overlooked Film: *Moon*.

Best Animated Film: *Up*.

Some on this list reflect my choices; some do not.

Nonetheless, there are lots of movies on it worth seeing.

Here's my list, roughly in order of preference:

Inglourious Basterds; *The Road*; *District 9*; *The Hurt Locker*; *Moon*; *Crazy Heart*; *Harvard Beats Yale 29-29*; *Up*; *The Bad Lieutenant: Port of Call New Orleans*; and *A Serious Man*.

— M.V. Moorhead is a former film critic for Phoenix *New Times*. He writes regularly for *Wrangler News*.

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Businesses

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At Luigi's, Holmes says his transformation of the store seems to be gaining recognition.

"The community support has been great. They all came in here. They've noticed changes. They've started coming in more," he said. "They're really happy to see us coming to life more."

He said Luigi's always had good food. Now it has the surroundings to match. Holmes said he has found a way to improve the restaurant without changing it dramatically.

"I always knew the food was really good," he said. "What I'm doing is merely enhancing the food and also bringing up the environment. I think it's effective. People feel more comfortable eating in a place that's a little more newer, a little more lively."

As to the collective energy shared by the owners of the three up-and-coming businesses, the partnership of ideas seems to be yielding benefits.

"We all have a great working relationship," Lersch said. Shippey also believes the group's collaborative efforts will help each other grow.

"As long as we continue to help each other, we will all succeed," he said.

First Person

Once-timid traveler now a public-transit devotee

By Emily Jacobson

Emily Jacobson graduated from Corona del Sol High School and the University of Arizona. She writes about the joys and travails of pursuing adulthood in a challenging new world.

Until recently, there were a few things about myself that I knew absolutely: Changing a flat tire was akin to quantum mechanics; using my very own vehicle was a necessity of life; and public transportation was the utmost horror of all things horrific.

The bus was certainly not for me. Let's face it. I like my car. First of all, and most importantly, why would a Tempe girl like me adhere to a schedule? With my own vehicle, I set my own—often late, I admit—agenda. The bus was just more trouble than it was worth, went my reasoning.

That reasoning went immediately out the window when I discovered the astronomical parking fees at Arizona State University. It's amazing how quickly I found that public transportation *is* for me after all. I have discovered that riding the bus and the light rail is simple, cheap (especially for students), and a great way to lower my environmental impact.

For neophytes who are inexperienced with local buses, here's an example:

I take the number 65 northbound. It picks me up at Kyrene and Warner and takes me to the stop outside my school building on Mill and University. The wait time is about 30 minutes between buses, so it helps to have a Transit Book—a free resource found in public libraries or on some buses, which gives the user the exact route schedule.

Also, prepare for a slightly longer commute as opposed to driving your own car. On less busy days, my particular route takes about 25 minutes.

For those who prefer the Internet to a printed schedule, <http://www.valleymetro.org> is an invaluable resource. One can get information on fares, passes, routes and timetables. Students have it a bit easier than the average customer. They need only to go to ASU's Parking and Transit Services building and pay \$40 for a semester-long all-inclusive pass that applies to both bus and light rail services.

Some might say that public transportation is a scary endeavor—I was definitely one of them prior to this year. However, I was surprised by the

typical bus-goer. Although I have heard worrisome stories about the users of public transportation, I have never had the misfortune of having to deal with menacing individuals or anyone causing a ruckus. Students and professionals occupy the majority of the seats, although I don't know if they could be counted on to rescue their fellow passengers in an emergency.

In fact, my experience on the bus so far has led to my use of other routes. There are plenty of eateries nearby that can be reached by public transportation. In addition, I have used the 65 to head in to the environs of Tempe Town Lake on a weekend or two. I can now have a nice dinner and a couple of drinks at a restaurant without the worry that I will have to drive or find parking.

I find it hard to believe that I opted out of the conveniences of public transportation for so long. The people close to me now hear me spout things like, "Timetables are efficient!" and "Who wants to pay for gas?"

The flimsy justifications I once had for ignoring the usefulness of public transportation didn't hold up, which leads me to my next hurdle: learning how to change a flat tire.



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