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## Shelter dogs get a walk on bridle path

By Teri Carnicelli

Many North Central residents often can be found enjoying the season's perfect outdoor weather on the historic Murphy Bridle Path, which runs along Central Avenue from Missouri Avenue north to the Arizona Canal.

And more often than not, you see those walkers accompanied by their canine companions.

Some of those dogs are now sporting canine apparel that lets passers-by know these are not your regular four-legged companions. Rather, they are shelter dogs that are looking for their forever home.

The Arizona Humane Society (AHS) last month launched an off-campus dog-walking program for adoptable dogs housed at AHS' Sunnyslope Campus. The new Bridle Path Program gives AHS volunteers the opportunity to take adoptable dogs out of the shelter and for walks along the 2.5-mile dirt path,

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President Barack Obama talks with Central High School Principal John Biera, center, and Kent Scribner, Phoenix Union High School District superintendent, during the president's visit to Central High School on Jan. 8, 2015 (Official White House Photo by Pete Souza).

## Behind the scenes of president's visit

By Patty Talahongva

The new year has barely begun and already students at Central High School have bragging rights for 2015. Their school was chosen by President Barack Obama to deliver a speech on Jan. 8 that included changes to Federal Housing Administration rules to lower home mortgage insurance.

But before the president even landed in Phoenix, there were many details that had to be sorted out. Dr. Kent Scribner, the superintendent of the Phoenix Union High School District, was in the middle of the winter holiday break when he received the call. "Mayor (Greg) Stanton called me at home to indicate the possibility that we might host a presidential visit," he said. "The White House confirmed it soon thereafter on New Year's Eve."

Meanwhile, Central High Principal John Biera was on holiday with his family in Texas when he got word his school would soon host the president of the United States. Biera came from the Scottsdale Unified School District where he spent 14 years. He had been at Central for just six months.

Together, Scribner and Biera worked with the White House to ensure a safe visit. The three days leading up to the actual speech were hectic.

"We spent countless hours throughout the holi-

days working alongside United States Secret Service and the president's advance team," Scribner recalls. "Their attention to detail and professionalism was truly remarkable."

That attention to detail trickled down to the students. "We were really excited about it," says Debbie Kitcheyan, a senior at Central. She was part of the choir Voce, which sang at the presidential event. "We started practicing non-stop."

Biera says the advanced team also had ideas on what groups of students they wanted to invite to the speech based on the president's topic. Among them were students from the National Honor Society (NHS), English Language Learners (ELL), students

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**O'Connor visits exhibit on her life and legacy**

By Caroline Woodiel

As one of modern-day America's most influential women, Sandra Day O'Connor's life has been filled with an incredible collection of stories and accomplishments. It is no surprise those accomplishments have been woven together into a single traveling exhibit organized by the National Cowgirl Museum and Hall of Fame of Ft. Worth, Texas.

"The Cowgirl Who Became a Justice: Sandra Day O'Connor," reflects on O'Connor's childhood on an Arizona ranch and the experiences that ultimately influenced her nomination and appointment as the first female Supreme Court Justice of the United States.

This exhibition is not the typical retrospective. Drawing largely from the book co-authored by O'Connor and her brother, H. Alan Day, "Lazy B: Growing Up on a Cattle Ranch in the American Southwest," the exhibition expands upon moments from her life. Issues of practicality connect both ranch life and bench life, plus other distinctive issues faced either on the ranch in Arizona or during confirmation in Washington, are explored.

The exhibit is filled with scenes from various eras in O'Connor's life: images of a young Sandra Day atop her



Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States (Ret.) Sandra Day O'Connor, led by Head Librarian Chas Moore in the McClelland Library at the Irish Cultural Center (photo by Patricia Sahertian).

favorite horse, Chico, on the Lazy B. Ranch; a law student at Stanford University; and the newly appointed Justice on the cover of *Time* magazine.

O'Connor took her first tour of the exhibit after speaking at a women's empowerment luncheon sponsored by the YWCA of Arizona at the Irish Cultural Center on Jan. 13. Chas Moore,

head librarian of the McClelland Library—where the exhibit currently is housed—and retired Arizona Supreme Court Chief Justice Ruth McGregor accompanied O'Connor as she made her way through the exhibit.

"Justice O'Connor provided some fascinating anecdotes on her life prompted by the imagery of the exhib-

it," remarked Moore. "The windmills which provided water for the lifeblood of the ranch were a favorite memory and she recalled the soothing clacking sound they would make at night."

As some of the most well known members of the Irish-American community, the O'Connor family has left an indelible imprint on this country as well as in Arizona.

"The Cowgirl Who Became a Justice: Sandra Day O'Connor" is on display through May 23 for public viewing at the McClelland Library, located at the Irish Cultural Center, 1106 N. Central Ave. Further information about the exhibit can be found at [www.azirishlibrary.org](http://www.azirishlibrary.org) or by calling 602-864-2351.

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which offers a shady, tree-lined trail in central Phoenix.

“Since our Sunnyslope Campus lacks walking paths and has limited space within our play yards, the program is a fun new way for both AHS pets and volunteers to get some fresh air, and maybe even meet their new pet parent along the way,” said AHS President and CEO Dr. Steven Hansen.

The Bridle Path Program is one of a variety of new programs the Arizona Humane Society has launched in the past year in an effort to better showcase their adoptable animals.

“Humans can get some exercise, shelter dogs can get some exercise, and they both get to utilize one of our great walking paths,” said Phoenix Mayor Greg Stanton. “If you are looking for a great volunteer opportunity and you love animals, there is no better place to go.”

Sharon Kinsella, director of Volunteer Engagement for AHS, says the dog-walking program will initially be available to existing volunteers who have spent some time at the shelter



Phoenix Mayor Greg Stanton is joined by Dr. Steven Hansen, president and CEO of the Arizona Humane Society, as they walk two of the Sunnyslope Shelter’s dogs along the Murphy Bridle Path as part of the Jan. 15 launch of AHS’s new shelter dog-walking program. Stanton is walking Yogi, who was heading to his new forever home later that morning, and Hansen is walking Mona Rose, a young boxer mix who was found as a stray and is very good with other dogs (photo by Teri Carnicelli).

working with dogs. However, she anticipates more volunteer dog walkers will be needed by early summer.

New volunteers must be at least 16 years of age and must go through an orientation, which is held every month, and then spend a little time volunteering at the shelter before being eligible for the

dog-walking program. Kinsella explains that this is to see how well the volunteers interact with the dogs and that they can handle the dogs when away from the shelter environment, particularly when walking them in an area with vehicle traffic, bicycle riders, joggers, and of course, other neighborhood dog walkers.

Kinsella says the program will most benefit those dogs that don’t do well in a shelter environment. A good walk can tire them out for the day, making them less stressed when back at the shelter.

For more information about becoming a volunteer for the Arizona Humane Society, call 602-997-7585, ext. 1040 or e-mail [skinsella@azhumane.org](mailto:skinsella@azhumane.org).

**Final three murals installed at Newton**

Phoenix Phabulous Experience will introduce three new Phoenix history murals on Feb. 19, completing a 15-mural collection of iconic murals on display at Changing Hands Bookstore-Phoenix at the First Draft Book Bar, located at 300 W. Camelback Road.

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## Slain boy remembered with memorial garden

By Teri Carnicelli

The Madison Elementary School District is a tight-knit community of families, teachers and administrators who are dedicated toward the betterment of their children. So it was a great shock to this community when one of their own, a young boy, was tragically murdered by his father on Dec. 31, 2013.

David Sebastian Sherrill, 13, known to his friends as Sebastian, was a caring young man who always had a smile on his face, recalls his Madison No. 1 Special Education teacher, Joella “Jo” Bever. She and other teachers, as well as Sebastian’s friends and schoolmates, attended an impromptu candlelight vigil at the boy’s North Central Phoenix apartment just days after his death.

Still, it’s hard to find closure after such a shocking and violent act on an innocent child. Bever and her Special Education co-teacher at Madison No. 1, Gretchen Olson, began to come up with a plan for a permanent memorial for the boy on the school campus, something that would lessen the sadness when it was looked upon and raise the spirit.

That idea eventually bloomed into a garden.

The two teachers went to Summer Winds Nursery at 1515 E. Bethany Home Road to look at ideas for potted flowers and trees. “As we were asking questions, the garden assistant asked us what it was for,” recalls Bever. “We told them about the memorial and they said we should talk to Cheri (Morgensen).”

Morgensen is the garden coach at Summer Winds. After hearing their story, Morgensen approached the nursery managers about donating the supplies. “They were touched by David’s story and more than willing to help,” Bever says. “It is so heartwarming to see that people can be so generous for a small boy they did not even know.”

Morgensen even personally visited the site, located adjacent to the school library, to determine what flowers and trees would work best.

Summer Winds ultimately donated more than \$400 in pots, various kinds of flowers, and a beautiful tree. In addition, The Madison No. 1 Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) purchased a memorial stone bench from Memories To Stone to be placed in the small garden. The bench reads, “A life that touches others goes on forever.”



Former classmates and friends of Madison No. 1 student David Sebastian Sherrill, who was killed on Dec. 31, 2013, gather around a memorial garden installed in his honor outside the school library. The garden was dedicated on Dec. 17, 2014 (photo courtesy of the Madison School District).

The memorial garden’s dedication was held on Dec. 17, 2014. Sebastian’s mother, stepfather, stepsister and stepbrother attended, along with many of his former classmates, teachers, and friends. There was sadness, but also a sense of love and, perhaps finally, closure.

## Recycle one, buy another

Don’t know what to do with those old electronics cluttering up your office or garage? Bring them to an Electronic Recycling Event set for 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7, at AmeriSchools Academy, 1333 W. Camelback Road.

Sponsored by the National Junior Honor Society (NJHS), the event will accept laptops, desktops, printers, cell phones, business phones, monitors, keyboards, stereos, and routers. All products received from the e-waste drive will be recycled in an environmentally safe manner by OCM Recycle West in Tolleson.

In addition, AmeriSchools Academy will hold a computer sale, where you can purchase gently used and refurbished equipment at great prices. Laptops with software range from \$125-\$350; desktops with software are \$75-\$300; and 17-inch monitors start at just \$25. Credit and debit cards will be accepted.

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Hosted by Metrocenter mall and organized by nonprofit group Fairy Godmothers of AZ, the third-annual Metrocenter Prom Fair is set for Saturdays, Feb. 14 and 21.

High school junior and senior girls can shop for and purchase a new or gently used prom gown for as little as \$10, and accessories for \$2 to \$6.

No appointment is necessary, but selection and appointments are first come, first served. Girls must have a valid student ID or report card. All purchases are cash only.

Hours of the event are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days. Metrocenter is located at 9617 N. Metro Parkway West. Enter the mall near Sears; the event is located inside the space formerly occupied by Forever 21 on the second level.

Volunteers also are needed to serve as personal shoppers and on-site seamstresses. Visit [www.mypromdress.org](http://www.mypromdress.org) to register, or e-mail [fairygodmotherpa@mac.com](mailto:fairygodmotherpa@mac.com); various time slots are available. Must be 18 years or older to volunteer; seamstresses will need to bring their own sewing machines and supplies.

If you have clean and gently used formal dresses and accessories you would like to donate this prom season, there is still time to do so through the East Valley Women League's annual "Cinderella Affair."

Dresses and accessories will be collected Feb. 1-28; North Central Phoenix drop-off locations are available

for donations. To find a list of Phoenix drop-off locations, visit [www.cinderellaaffair.org](http://www.cinderellaaffair.org) or e-mail Traci Estenson at [t.mariana@att.net](mailto:t.mariana@att.net).

**Romance and rum cake at The Classy Kitchen**

Hearts and flowers bring romance to The Classy Kitchen this month, starting with "Romantic Tabletops for Intimate Dinners" on Feb. 3. Brian Vetter, professional floral designer, will teach you how to create beautiful tabletops for two or 10, from 6:30-8 p.m.

Professional artist Kathie Kelly presents "Valentines and Hearts Painting," 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 11. Take home your own Valentine's creation with guidance from Kelly.

Then from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 23, Cathy Bua will teach you how to make her layered, luncheon Rainbow Sandwich along with an easy-to-make appetizer and simple and delicious salad. And it wouldn't be an afternoon without enjoying a slice of Bua's famous rum cake.

Vetter returns to The Classy Kitchen 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 24 with a repeat of his popular class, "BYOC." Guests bring their own container and leave with a beautiful, fresh flower arrangement made with assistance from Vetter.

Cost is \$35 per person for each class. The Classy Kitchen is located at 7118 N. 7th St. For more information or to register, call 602-870-3530 or visit [www.theclassykitchen.com](http://www.theclassykitchen.com).



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I just saw that Sweet Tomatoes just closed, which brought back some memories for me since I had the Jockey Club there from



1988-1995 and before my dad and I had that club it was Navarre's. I have written in this article many times that change is evident in our neighborhood and I think change has a positive effect on our values. I have heard there are going to be a lot of exciting new restaurants and businesses going into Uptown Plaza. I look forward to the new stores.

Congratulations to my good buddy **Rick Stark**, owner of **Starion Custom Residences**, for being featured in November's *Phoenix Home and Garden* magazine for his creation of two North Central homes located on Central Avenue just south of Glendale. One of his homes is a French country-style home and is built to blend in with the older residences on Central Avenue. The home has an incredible gourmet kitchen, second-story game room, copper gutters, brick windowsills, copper chimney pots, 24-foot-high ceilings accented with beams and a tiered iron chandelier, all located on Murphy's bridal path. Rick tore down an old ranch style home many years ago and replaced that home with two beautiful masterpieces. Rick also just purchased another smaller ranch home and is doing a major remodel for his son and his family to relocate from

Tempe back to North Central. The area keeps on getting younger! If you are looking to remodel or build a new home you can contact Rick at [rstark@starioncustomresidences.com](mailto:rstark@starioncustomresidences.com).

Each year in February, my wife, MaryAnn, and the team at **Raising Arizona Kids** magazine put on **Camp Fair AZ**, a FREE community event. See the box below for details on this year's event.

I want to congratulate North Central resident **Mara Blom Schantz** on her successful photography studio. I asked Mara to write up a few paragraphs about what she does:

Professional Photographer Mara Blom Schantz is working on her third photography book in her *Celebration of Life* series. *A Celebration of Fatherhood*, due out March, features portraits of fathers with their children. I am excited to say that I will be included in this project. Her first

two books, *A Celebration of Childhood* and *A Celebration of Motherhood*, feature the classic black and white portraits for which Mara is known.

In a world where selfies, Instagram and Photoshop is the norm, Mara's work stands out for the timeless quality that is achieved through her use of real film, the highest quality papers and special darkroom techniques. Mara is an expert in her field, having been in business for 16 years. She specializes in working with children and families to create heirloom portraits for your home.

Mara's biggest concern about how photography has changed is that people do not print their photographs anymore. "There is going to be an entire generation without one printed photograph of themselves anywhere in their home. What happens when your computer crashes or your hard

drive is erased or the cloud is hacked?" She wants to encourage everyone to have a professional photograph of their family, one which they can hang on their wall, not just look at on a phone or computer screen. The first three people to call her studio and voice what image of their own family means the most to them will win a complimentary studio portrait session and 10-inch portrait.

Mara is a long-time North Central resident and her studio, **Artistic Impressions by Mara Fine Photography**, is located at 3120 North 44th Street. To learn more about Mara or view her portfolio, please visit [www.artisticimpressionsbymara.com](http://www.artisticimpressionsbymara.com) or call 602-263-5098.

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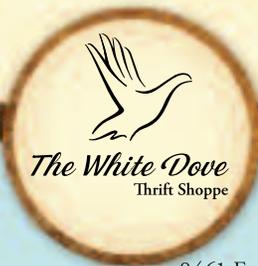
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studying economics, and members of the DECA club, which prepares emerging leaders and entrepreneurs for careers in marketing and finance, among other fields.

"We felt we needed an overall representation of Central," he explains. "We felt we had that."

The school's JROTC was called upon to help the Secret Service with security. Sophomore Giovanni Geneeha says the squad arrived at the school at 5:30 a.m. the day of the big event. "We were at the metal detectors making sure everyone had their ID." He reported no problems with the long line of people who showed up for the speech.

His mother, Gwen Begay, actually stood in line to get a ticket to the event. She arrived at 4 a.m. the day the free tickets were released. "I was 98 in line to get a ticket," she says. "My family thought I was crazy."

Six student journalists also received media credentials to cover the event. They worked side-by-side with journalists from the *New York Times* and ABC News.

"As I was taking pictures of the event I noticed people were still waiting in line, and I heard that some people would not be allowed in; that was my moment of gratitude," said Central High student Acacia Hawkins-Sanders, who works on the student newspaper staff. "I thought about the amazing opportunity I had been presented with. Standing on that tier with the press felt natural, yet in the same moment, it felt surreal. My lens wasn't just pointed at a man. It was facing the President of the United States."

"Never would I have thought that I would be that close to President Obama," Hawkins-Sanders said. "I had always dreamed of being given the opportunity to meet him. Seeing him meant that even your wildest dreams can come true."

While both the principal and the superintendent express regret that not every student or teacher could attend the speech, they were able to include the whole school by streaming the speech live into every classroom. Teachers also prepared lessons that tied into the president's speech.



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About 10 substitute teachers were on hand that day to help cover the teachers who were at the speech. Students and teachers alike were thrilled to hear President Obama call out to the student body at the beginning of his speech.

“He recognized all students. He made them feel like they were part of the event,” says Biera. “It was a great day for Central High School.”

Just before he took the stage the president met the two school leaders. “Dr. Scribner and I had the chance to meet President Obama as he arrived. We took some pictures and talked a little bit,” says Biera. “It was surreal. But he’s very approachable. There’s something about meeting the president that just makes you feel like you’re somewhere else.”

“We had a very nice chat,” says Scribner. “The president had been briefed about our district’s success in the areas of improving college and career preparedness and the increase in merit scholarships and financial aid applications.” In 2011 Scribner was appointed by President Obama to serve

as a Commissioner on the White House Initiative on Educational Excellence.

Weeks after the president’s visit, students were still talking about that day. “They understand it’s a once-in-a-lifetime thing to have a sitting president on your campus,” says Biera.

Scribner echoes his sentiment. “Despite the tremendous effort on behalf of our district and school staff, we would do it again in an instant.”

**Volunteers needed to share elder rights**

The Ombudsman program of Area Agency on Aging, Region One, Inc. is looking for caring individuals to visit assisted living homes in order to make residents aware of their rights. Volunteers will take part in a comprehensive and in-the-field training and receive support from the Ombudsman staff.

For more information about the Ombudsman program in Maricopa County, contact Fran Atkinson at 602-241-6132 or e-mail [fran.atkinson@aaaphx.org](mailto:fran.atkinson@aaaphx.org).

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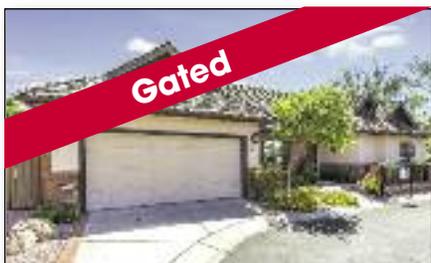
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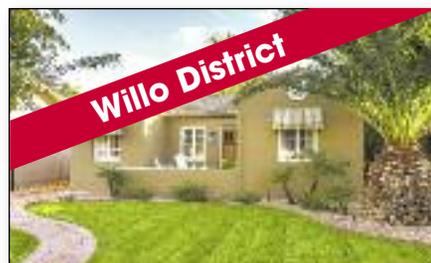
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## Local girls honored in calendar contest

In 2015, more than a dozen Arizona students will have their artwork displayed in offices and in homes across the Valley. Among them is Abby Rojeski of Midtown Primary School.

Students from seven public and charter elementary schools were chosen in the 10th Annual Valley Metro Cool Transit STUFF 3rd grade art contest. Third grade students across the Valley were asked to design artwork showcasing this year's contest theme, "Valley Metro... It's How We Roll." The winning artwork is displayed in a calendar that is distributed to Valley transportation leaders and the general public.

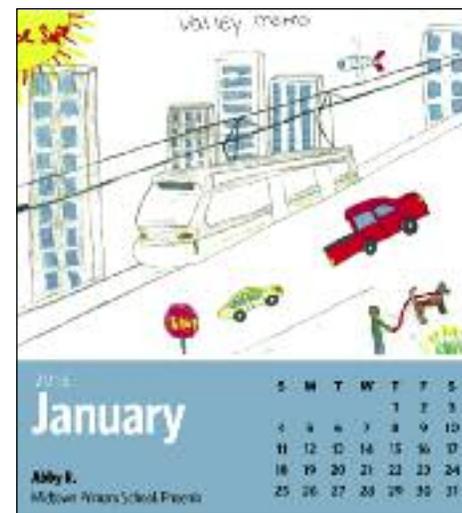
For the 2015 calendar, more than 400 schools participated and 335 students entered. Abby Rojeski's drawing is featured on the January page of the calendar, and Ana Payan of Madison Camelview Elementary was given an Honorable Mention.

To celebrate the growing community involvement and the 10th anniversary, the 2015 calendar includes a commemorative card featuring Best of Show winning artwork from 2005 to current.

The contest is an annual program that incorporates the communities Valley Metro serves. The goal is to generate excitement about public transportation and highlight how transit helps to improve air quality and reduce traffic congestion.

## Girl Scout cookies return with newbies

For six weeks each year, Girl Scouts in Arizona participate in the largest girl-led business: the Girl Scout Cookie



Local youth Abby Rojeski had her artwork selected to appear on the January page of Valley Metro's 10th Annual Transit Calendar (submitted photo).

Program. Through March 8, more than 17,000 girls in central and northern Arizona will be walking around neighborhoods with delicious cookies in hand and boothing in front of local stores.

Girl Scouts-Arizona Cactus-Pine Council (GSACPC) has introduced two new varieties this year, including the Rah-Rah Raisins, a modern take on oatmeal raisin cookies with Greek yogurt chips, as well as gluten free cookie, called Toffee-tastic. It's a buttery shortbread with toffee bits. It sells for \$5 a box, a dollar more than the other flavors, and is available in very limited quantities.

These new flavors join the traditional favorites: Thin Mints, Samoas, Tagalongs, Trefoils, and Do-si-dos.

If you don't know a Girl Scout and you want to find where they are hosting booths in the community, there is an app that will guide you in the right direction. Visit [www.girlscoutcookies.org](http://www.girlscoutcookies.org) or install the free Girl Scout Cookie Finder app on your mobile device from Google Play or the Apple store.



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Hundreds of Valley families gather information about summer camps during the annual Camp Fair AZ presented by *Raising Arizona Kids* magazine (submitted photo).

## Sign up now for summer camps

It's never too early to start planning what your kids will be doing this summer. Two events this month will offer an array of options for summertime fun.

The Kids Day Off Activity Showcase and Expo will take place 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7, at the Phoenix Convention Center, 100 N. 3rd St. Admission is free.

Families are invited to come out and play and gather information from local kid-friendly businesses. Learn all about activities for your kids to do over Spring Break, and visit a variety of booths with information about summer camps.

There will be free face painting and photos and live music and entertainment. More than \$3,000 in prize giveaways will be awarded.

Register for camps at the event to take advantage of on-site deals. For more information, visit [www.pbjevents.com](http://www.pbjevents.com).

*Raising Arizona Kids* magazine will provide Valley families with an "up close and personal" opportunity to learn about local day camps and overnight camps in Arizona, throughout the Southwest and around the country.

Camp Fair AZ is set for 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21 at Tesseract School, 3939 E. Shea Blvd. Parents and children can talk directly with staff members from the various camps, ask questions and learn just how fun a summer camp experience can be. Admission is free.

Registration packets will be available for popular camps, which fill quickly. Some camps offer on-the-spot discounts on registration fees. Others bring hands-on activities to show kids

what they can expect to do at camp. Find a list of participating camps at: [www.campfairaz.com](http://www.campfairaz.com).

## School district to host teacher interview fairs

The Washington Elementary School District (WESD) will host a series of Teacher Interview Fairs to hire teachers for the 2015-2016 school year. Upcoming fairs will be held 4-8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 10 at Abraham Lincoln Traditional School, 10444 North 39th Ave.; and 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21 at the WESD Administrative Center, 4650 W. Sweetwater Ave.

Teaching positions include kindergarten, elementary education, special education, language arts, mathematics, science, social studies, music, art and special needs preschool teachers, as well as speech pathologists. Successful candidates may be recommended for a 2014-2015 teaching contract.

In order to obtain a prescheduled interview, interested teachers (or soon-to-be teachers) should apply online at [www.wesdschools.org](http://www.wesdschools.org). Applicants will need to attach the following documentation to their application:

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This young American shorthair is playful and also easy-going, so she would fit in just fine with a family that had other cats, kids, or even dogs (submitted photo).

### Pet of the Month Playful Daisy also gets along with dogs

Very curious, Daisy likes to hide in fun places like the laundry basket and leaps out to chase her toys. The American Shorthair appears reserved at first, then she steps into the light to have you entertain her.

Her favorite thing to do is pop up as you're reading or writing. She tries to help you turn the page or assist in your penmanship. She uses the spiral binding of a notebook or binder to scratch her chin.

This social 2-year-old kitty would fit into any home and is great with dogs, other cats and even kids.

Daisy is just one of the many cats waiting for a new family at AHS' Sunnyslope Campus, located at 9226 N. 13th Ave., but she may have been adopted by the time you visit the shelter. For more information call 602-997-7585 and ask for animal ID number A503058. To see all the adoptable pets, visit [azhumane.org](http://azhumane.org).

### Get your female cat spayed before spring

"Kitten season" is just around the corner and that means animal shelters throughout the country are going to hit maximum capacity as litters of kittens enter shelters by the dozen each day.

To help reduce the number of homeless cats born this spring, the Arizona Humane Society is offering a special "Beat the Heat" promotion sponsored by PetSmart Charities. During the entire month of February, AHS will spay domesticated female cats for a special rate of just \$20. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 602-997-7585 and mention "Beat the Heat."

Altered Tails also is participating in this promotion. Call 602-943-7729 to schedule an appointment at the Barnhart Clinic, 950 W. Hatcher Road.

### Class benefits animals with medical issues

Kinesphere Center for Movement Education hosts a "Down Dogs for Paws" yoga class 8:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 7. This is an alignment-based yoga class, led by instructor Tami Link, that benefits M.A.I.N. (Medical Animals In Need). One-hundred percent of the proceeds from this event will go to the organization. All ages and skill levels welcome. A minimum donation of \$5 is suggested.

Kinesphere is located at 711 E. Missouri Ave., Ste. 180. For more information, visit [www.kinesphere-studio.com](http://www.kinesphere-studio.com), email [info@kinesphere-studio.com](mailto:info@kinesphere-studio.com), or call 602-532-3111.

### Altered Tails hosts pet food, supply drive

Altered Tails is hosting a pet food and supply drive for Chuck Waggin Pet Food Pantry, which provides food and litter to those struggling to care for their cat or dog.

The donation drive is seeking dry and wet cat and dog food, as well as cat litter. Donations can be dropped off at the Altered Tails Barnhart Clinic, located at 950 W. Hatcher Road (602-943-7729).

If you or someone you know is facing financial hardship and needs help feeding their pets, contact Donna Barker at Chuck Waggin Pet Food Pantry at 602-686-8104.

### Make a custom paw print tile

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Call Noble Beast at 602-256-4223 to sign up for a time to get your print done. Space is limited. Taking the print will take less than 10 minutes.

## Whether feral or stray, try to help

There are tens of millions of them in the United States and, chances are, a few in your own neighborhood, ducking and diving and trying to survive. But are they ferals, or are they strays? Ferals were born and raised in the "wild," and keep their distance, explains Jane Ehrlich, feline behaviorist ([www.CattitudeBehavior.com](http://www.CattitudeBehavior.com)). Strays can, very cautiously, hover around the patio or food bowl.

"Unlike many strays, ferals aren't going to be truly socialized, and no shelter wants them," Ehrlich points out. "When they're under 10 weeks, there is a reasonable chance their 'edges' can be softened; it's that 2-10 week period for them to be socialized that's crucial. Even with a lot of human love, they won't be as tamed in nature."

Strays, once owned but now abandoned or lost, have adapted to the harsh outside life. Those "community cats," as they're sometimes called, are more at ease around people, even with the caution that comes with harsh survival, and are more reliant on compassionate people for food.

"Life's difficult out there," Ehrlich says. "Those kids suffer weather extremes: cold, snow, intense heat, rain. They also face starvation, infection and attacks by other animals."

According to the ASPCA, half of feral kittens die from disease, exposure or parasites before their first year. If a feral survives kitten-hood, his lifespan is fewer than two years if living on his own. "If lucky enough to be in a colony that has a caretaker, he may reach, perhaps, 10 years," Ehrlich says.

"As a feline behaviorist, I've rarely seen ferals that old, but with a dedicated person or group offering TNR (trap/neuter/return), regular meals and proper shelter, they can live a reasonable life of several years."

Contact Altered Tails (602-943-7729) or the Arizona Humane Society (602-997-7585, option #5) for low-cost spay and neuter information for ferals.

## Homeless, at-risk vets get services

Arizona StandDown 2015, an event to recognize and assist homeless and at-risk U.S. veterans, will take place 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Feb. 12-14 at the Veterans Memorial Coliseum, 1826 W. McDowell Road.

Veterans will be connected with programs and services to assist them with housing, V.A. benefits, legal aid, Social Security, driver's licenses/state IDs, V.A. mental health services, and more.

If you have outstanding court issues, court registration will take place on Thursday, Feb. 12, with court resolutions taking place on Saturday, Feb. 14. There also will be closing ceremonies at 10 a.m. on Saturday.

On-site services for Thursday and Friday include meals, clothing, haircuts, showers, and pet care; all domestic animals welcome. Note there are no services available on Saturday.

Free transportation will be available beginning at 8 a.m. from the VA Medical Center at 650 E. Indian School Road and the St. Vincent de Paul dining hall at 9227 N. 10th Ave. Additional shuttle locations can be found on the website. There is no free parking at the coliseum; those with vehicles are encouraged to park at the VA Medical Center and take the free shuttle. For more information, call 602-340-9393 or visit [www.arizonastanddown.org](http://www.arizonastanddown.org).

## Local woman leads study trip to Mexico

North Central resident Virginia Ramos Foster, Ph.D., will lead a Spanish Study Program in Cuernavaca, Mexico in late spring 2015.

Foster is a professor emeritus at Phoenix College and is resident director of the Spanish Study Program, which will take place June 12-27. The program is open to all students and members of the community.

Students study at the Universidad Internacional Center of Multicultural Studies, where they are totally immersed in the study of Spanish language and culture. Students are not only taught by Mexican university professors, they also live with pre-screened Mexican families.

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The series, which premiered Sept. 4, takes viewers to a world of treasures as appraisers evaluate and discuss diverse keepsakes of Arizona residents. Season two premieres in fall 2015.

The weekend-long evaluation event featuring Beth McDonald, series host and popular radio personality for Phoenix-based 99.9 FM KEZ, takes place the weekend of April 11-12, and will be recorded to form the basis for the thirteen 30-minute episodes of the second season of "Arizona Collectibles."

The submission deadline is April 1. Registrants will be notified by e-mail in the beginning of April if their item(s) have been selected for tickets to attend



Longtime Valley radio show personality Beth McDonald will continue on as host of "Arizona Collectibles," which currently is looking for collectors to apply to appear on Season Two. The application deadline is April 1 (submitted photo).

the "Arizona Collectibles" event. The notification email will include additional instructions and an assigned arrival day and time. To apply, visit [www.azpbs.org/collectibles/attend.php](http://www.azpbs.org/collectibles/attend.php).

For a special invitation to Eight's studio to get their collectibles evaluated, interested guests can become a member of Eight, Arizona PBS with a \$125 pledge of support. As a thank-you gift, they will be allotted a time slot to appear in the studio and will be able to have up to three items evaluated by professional appraisers at no additional cost. Based on the outcome of the appraiser's evaluation of their items, guests may be invited to appear on camera with their collectibles.

Eight also offers interested collectors the option to submit photos with a brief description of their item(s) for a possible admission ticket. Tickets are limited, so not everyone who submits will be invited. Of those invited, they will have the chance to be selected by producers to possibly be featured on the show. Invited guests can purchase two additional evaluations for \$35 each along with their one free evaluation.

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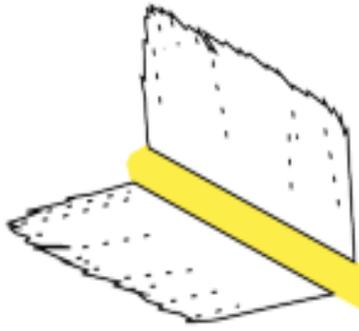


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The 52nd legislative session has begun. Catch up with Rep. Kate Brophy McGee with an update on what to expect this year. Enjoy complimentary coffee and pastries. McGee also is accepting donations for the 100 Club of Arizona to honor police and first responders. If you wish to contribute, bring your donation to the meeting and receive a free "Coffee With Kate" mug.

**Phoenix Chinese Week  
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**Feb. 13-15**

**Margaret T. Hance Park  
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480-352-3467**

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**Valentine's Dinner  
& Dance**

**5-7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 14**

**VFW Post 9400  
804 E. Purdue Ave.**

This special event is being presented

by the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 75; the VFW has offered the use of its dining hall. The menu includes steak and all the trimmings. Following dinner there will be music by Mykel Montana. Cost is \$15 per person or \$25 per couple. Tickets can be purchased in advance by calling Crystal at 602-647-2298 and leave a message and she will return your call. There also will be two gift baskets raffled off that evening.

**A Discussion About  
Common Core**

**6:30 p.m. Tuesday Feb. 17**

**Beatitudes Luther Life Center  
1616 W. Glendale Ave.  
602-992-8145**

The Phoenix Branch of AAUW (The American Association of University Women) hosts Heidi Huusko, who will present a program on Common Core. Huusko, an AAUW member, is a Common Core math teacher at Oakwood School in the Peoria Unified School District. She is a math coach, grade level chair, and is highly qualified in both math and science. An optional dinner (\$15) will be served at 5:30 p.m. RSVP for the dinner to Sue at 602-992-8145 by noon on Feb. 13. Visitors are welcome.

**Spring Fling**

**5-7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 20**

**First United Methodist Church  
5510 N. Central Ave.  
602-263-5013**

The church and the Weekday School host this free event, which includes face painting, a petting zoo, bounce houses, a balloon artist, a trackless train, silent auction, and more. There will be four food trucks on site for food purchases. For more information, visit [www.firstchurch.church](http://www.firstchurch.church).

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**Phoenix Writers Club****12-2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21****Bluewater Grill****1720 E. Camelback Road**

Guest speaker is Gayle Shanks from Changing Hands Bookstore. Cost is \$15 for members and \$20 guests. Reservations must be made by Feb 18. RSVP to neeliepubl@aol.com with Phoenix Writers Club in the subject line. Members and the public are welcome.

**Nature Sketching & Journaling****9 a.m.-4 p.m. Feb. 21-22****North Mountain Visitor Center****12950 N. 7th St.****480-659-7211**

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**Greater Phoenix Career Expo****12-4 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 24****Phoenix Convention Center****100 N. 3rd St.**

Goodwill of Central Arizona is teaming up with local organizations to bring thousands of job seekers to one hiring event. Hundreds of companies with immediate hiring needs will be in attendance, along with thousands of job seekers. Goodwill will host pre-expo workshops in advance of the event where anyone in need of assistance in finding a job can come to develop skills for the expo, such as resume writing, how to make a positive impression with a recruiter, and professional attire do's and don'ts. Workshop dates and locations are available at [www.goodwillcareerexpo.com](http://www.goodwillcareerexpo.com).

**Graffiti 101****6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 24****All Saints' Episcopal Church****6300 N. Central Ave.****602-550-1050**

Have you ever been curious about the different types of graffiti you may see in your neighborhood and the meaning behind it? Are you interested

in how the city fights back against graffiti, and how you can make a difference in those efforts? Learn the history of graffiti, links between graffiti and crime, the penalties associated with graffiti, resources for removal, and much more. Refreshments will be served and there is no fee for this event. Presented by Central Village. For more information and to RSVP, e-mail [cvaradmin@centralvillagephx.org](mailto:cvaradmin@centralvillagephx.org) or call.

**Benefits Central****'A Love Not****Forgotten' Gala****5:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 14****Camelback Inn****5402 E. Lincoln Drive****602-528-0545**

Greg O'Brien, a former Phoenix resident now living on Cape Cod, will talk about the effect Alzheimer's disease has had on his relationships and his family. O'Brien was diagnosed in 2010 with early on-set Alzheimer's disease and has chronicled his experiences in a book, "On Pluto." The gala is a black-tie preferred event. It starts with a cocktail reception (open bar) and silent auction, followed by dinner, a live auction and dancing starting at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$250 each and are available through the Alzheimer's Association Desert Southwest Chapter.

**'Beach Ball' Gala****6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 28****The Phoenician****6000 E. Camelback Road****602-933-2602**

Presented by the Phoenix Children's Hospital Foundation, this year's theme is the Lemonade Soirée, inspired by the positive attitudes of Phoenix Children's Hospital (PCH) patients who every day find ways to make lemonade out of the proverbial lemons that life has handed them. Attire is beach barbecue. The event includes dinner, live and silent auctions, entertainment, and more. Tickets are \$500 per person. Proceeds benefit the Hospital's Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders. Visit [www.pchbeachball.com](http://www.pchbeachball.com).

**HERO Awards****6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 28****Omni Resort at Montelucia****4949 E. Lincoln Drive****602-909-5291**

The annual awards give special recognition to animals that have shown

*please see HERO on page 18***HAPPY HOUR WITH HERSCH**

I'm starting to get Derby Fever, even though it is roughly 90 days away. The Kentucky Derby has become my favorite sporting event. This was not the case in my youth. The turning point came when I was the director of a race and sports book in North Las Vegas in the late 90's. I figured when I took the job that the sports side, which I knew much better, would peak my interest. However, it was just the opposite. I became enamored with the Sport of Kings. The Derby, being the jewel of the sport, had me from that moment. I do not love it because I think I will win, I know most years I will not. But the pomp and circumstance, the party atmosphere, the fashion, the majestic beauty of the creatures and the potential to have a Powerball type of winning is intoxicating. My favorite horse over the last 20 years did not even win. That horse was Point Given and he was heavily favored and came in 5th. No real reason but just a bad day for him. He redeemed himself by coming back and winning the Preakness Stakes and crushing his rivals in the Belmont Stakes!

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courage and strength through a service to the community or through life saving work as well as honor members of the community devoted to animal welfare. Proceeds benefit Friends of Animal Care & Control. Registration and cocktails begin at 6 p.m. Attire is formal. Cost is \$235 per person. For more information, visit <https://azfriendsofanimals.org/news-events/hero-awards/> or contact Leanna at [ltaylor@azfriendsofanimals.org](mailto:ltaylor@azfriendsofanimals.org).

**Garden Tea Party**

9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 28  
Franciscan Renewal Center  
5802 E. Lincoln Drive  
602-776-9000

A fundraiser that supports Circle the City's Medical Respite Center. This year's event includes breakfast stations provided by Amici Catering, a silent auction, a 50/50 raffle and live entertainment from folk violinist Tobie Milford. Tickets are \$50 and must be purchased by Feb. 13. For more information, visit [www.circlethecity.org](http://www.circlethecity.org).

**Teaming Up For Girls Luncheon**

11:45 a.m. Friday, March 6  
Arizona Biltmore Resort  
2400 E. Missouri Ave.  
602-288-4555

Six-time Olympic Gold Medalist (swimming) Amy Van Dyken-Rouen is the keynote speaker. The HOPE Award Recipient is Shanna Parker, an advocate for and mentor to victims of human trafficking, who will share her story. The event begins at 10:30 with a reception and raffle. Tickets are \$175 each. Proceeds benefit Florence Crittenton.

**'Celebration of Caring'**

5:30 p.m. Saturday, March 14  
Omni Resort at Montelucia  
4949 E. Lincoln Drive  
602-944-7636

Presented by the Assistance League of Phoenix, this year's theme is "Springtime in Paris." Being honored at the event are Derrick Hall, CEO of the Arizona Diamondbacks; BHHS Legacy Foundation; and Joe Ducey, ABC15 consumer protection reporter. Visit <http://alphx.org>.

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This historic home in the Arcadia area, which is filled with an extensive collection of Mexican and Spanish Colonial antiques and fine art, is one of four unique homes on this year's Friends of Mexican Art annual Home Tour and Mexican Mercado (submitted photo).

Mexican art featured in annual home tour

The doors to four Phoenix homes will be opened to the public as part of the Friends of Mexican Art's annual Home Tour and Mexican Mercado scheduled for 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 22. Tickets are \$35.

Ticket holders for this special fundraising event will be invited to experience homes that have historical importance and contain fascinating and eclectic art adorning all available surfaces. What pulls these collections together is the homeowners' love of the art works and their inventiveness in displaying it.

Home on the tour include El Chaparral, which was built in 1936 as the winter home of Jack and Henrietta Louis, and currently is home to their granddaughter and her family. This beautifully preserved Arcadia residence was designed by the architect of Camelback Inn, Edward Loomis Bowes, and is on the National Register of Historic Places. The homeowners are enthusiastic art collectors and have works by Kevin Sloan, Jim Davis, Jon Muth, and Philip Curtis to mention a few.

A completely remodeled 1957 ranch in Sherwood Heights houses an eclectic art collection that is the result of the homeowner's world travels,

which includes visits to 48 countries.

Casa Amable, or "friendly house," is an Arcadia adobe with history, character, and artwork everywhere. Originally built in 1915, though a portion of the structure is believed to date back to 1895, this home has been cared for lovingly by its residents over the years and was a Designer's Showcase home in 1990. The current owner purchased the home in 1997 and filled it with his extensive collection of Mexican and Spanish Colonial antiques and a wide array of fine art.

A 1952 ranch style home in Fairway Park features a sprawling desert landscaped front and a generous open backyard. Inside, the original rounded brick fireplace shares space with artworks by R.C. Gormon, Frank Howell, Delona Roberts, Diane Hansen and Alexandra Nechita, to name but a few. The home has a wonderful southwestern feel along with a varied assortment of artworks. It will be the location of this year's Mercado, which will host several dealers in Mexican art, jewelry, crafts, collectibles, and more.

Tickets are available at The Purple Lizard, 2827 N. 15th Ave., Phoenix, 602-728-0980. Tickets also can be purchased online at www.friendsofmexicanart.org. On the day of the home tour, call 602-334-6585 for the location where tickets can be purchased directly.

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## HOME &amp; GARDEN

'Carnival de Coronado'  
home tour, street fair

The 28th Annual Coronado Home and Garden Tour is set for 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, March 1, and includes a street fair and car show.

Located in midtown Phoenix, the Coronado neighborhood (often called Greater Coronado) covers approximately 1.5 square miles and includes about 5,000 households. Three historic districts—Brentwood, Coronado, and Country Club Park—make up much of the neighborhood.

The western side of the neighborhood was constructed largely between 1920 and 1930 and reflects the California Bungalow and Spanish Colonial revival building styles; the northern side is predominantly the ranch styles common of the 1940s.

This year's tour will highlight Edgemere and 13th streets, both an easy .4-mile walk from one end to the other. From Monte Vista to Virginia, the Edgemere Street Fair will showcase many artisans from the Coronado neighborhood itself.

Food trucks will form the outer edges of the Oak Street Family Square entertainment venue and provide plenty of room to enjoy your treats while listening to live musical entertainment. The Coronado Classic car show on Oak Street right next to the square will provide a ride back in time.

The families of Coronado will parade down Oak Street beginning at 8:30 a.m. The Kids Parade features colorful bikes, wagons, strollers and babies, kids and adults alike.

Home Tour tickets are \$15. Children's tickets are \$5 for ages 4-12 and free for age 3 and younger. Tickets can be purchased at the ticket booth at Oak and 12th streets or at most homes on the tour. Cash sales will be at the ticket booth only.

For more information, visit <http://www.gcna.info>.

A mix of styles in  
Willo Home Tour

The Willo Historic District Annual Home Tour will take place 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 8. Willo is between Thomas and McDowell roads, from 1st to 7th avenues, and features a variety of homes dating from the 1920s through the 1940s. The self-guided tour includes about one dozen homes,

and one historic firehouse.

Tickets can be purchased the day of the event at 3rd Avenue and Monte Vista. Tickets are \$20 the day of the tour.

Free parking is available in the Central Credit Union garage located at 2020 N. Central Ave. With street closures and pedestrian traffic, parking in the garage is recommended.

A street fair will include vendors offering handcrafted goods, unusual gifts, jewelry, antiques, local artwork and a variety of food options. For more information on the street fair or vendors who are participating, visit WilloHomeTour on Facebook.

Sogetsu Ikebana class  
at downtown garden

Ikebana, the art of Japanese flower arrangement, is subtle, sensitive, sophisticated, and meditative. A Sogetsu Ikebana class, taught by instructor Ping Wei, takes place 1-3 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 8 and also March 22 at the Japanese Friendship Garden of Phoenix, 1125 N. 3rd Ave.

Each session is unique and teaches you a different design element of Sogetsu Ikebana. Cost is \$30 per person, per class; \$25 for Garden members. For more information or to register, call 602-256-3204 or visit [www.japanesefriendshipgarden.org](http://www.japanesefriendshipgarden.org) and click on "Cultural Programs" under the Events tab.

'Fine Art in the Garden'  
returns to Shemer

The 49th Annual Fine Art in the Garden festival returns to the Shemer Art Center, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, March 21. This spring tradition features 20 artists working in watercolor, oil, pastels, printmaking, jewelry, ceramics, fused glass, quilting and sculpture, with displays spread throughout the center's grounds and gardens. Artwork will be for sale.

A raffle of 20 donated works will benefit the Shemer Art Center's education programs. The drawing will be at 3 p.m., and the winner does not have to be present to win.

Live music will take place from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. and light refreshments will be available. Open to the public; admission is free.

The Shemer Art Center is located at 5005 E. Camelback Road. For more information, call 602-262-4727.

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### TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS



Progexion employees donated cash and clothing to Homeward Bound after a month-long drive to support the local charity (submitted photo).

## Progexion donates to families in need

Progexion, a company dedicated to ensuring fair and accurate consumer credit reports, recently presented a check for more than \$10,000 as well as donations of clothing and toys to Homeward Bound.

Progexion call center employees from its Phoenix location collected cash and the items for more than a month for Homeward Bound families in need.

Progexion’s operations director, Jason Stevens, made the presentation to Homeward Bound on Dec. 22 at the Homeward Bound offices, 2302 W. Colter St. The local nonprofit provides housing and multi-phase social services that address the needs of the entire family, both children and parents. The organization works to help families break the multi-generational cycle of poverty and helps them begin a new life of economic independence and safety.

Progexion prides itself in creating a fun and positive corporate culture that includes sponsoring several charitable efforts throughout the year to support the community.

## Business Briefs

### Special hair class at Hair Again

Hair Again offers a fun, hands-on class from 5-7 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 13. Bring in a friend, daughter or mother to learn and share during “Sweetheart Hair.”

Hair demonstrations include braids, fish tails and ponytails; creative curling; blow-dry techniques; and fabulous up-dos. Cost is \$25 per person, half of

which will be donated to a local charity.

A graduate from Paul Mitchell the School-Phoenix and a former stylist at the shop, Kara McAllister-Dommel purchased the salon in late 2013. She remodeled the shop at 2047 W. Glendale Ave. with a new look. Inspired by Paul Mitchell’s black-and-white theme and fashion maven Coco Chanel, the salon has a warm, shabby chic feel.

Hair Again’s year-round specials include 50-percent off your first haircut, \$25 gel nails with nail art and/or manicure, and a pedicure for \$35 (first time only on both).

Contact Hair Again at 602-579-3349 for more information or to make an appointment for “Sweetheart Hair” or any other services.

### Newly revamped spa offers holiday specials

An imaginative new spa has emerged at the Arizona Biltmore Resort following a complete makeover that has revamped and repositioned every aspect of the facility.

The new Spa Biltmore menu employs the healing power of touch in conjunction with organic, raw, vegan and gluten-free products. It also features current and ancient body-work techniques, and the latest noninvasive skin care technology.

For Valentine’s Day, the revamped spa offers four specials Feb. 12-15, including a Couples Massage Workshop (\$495). Gain knowledge through body mechanics and demonstrated massage techniques, along with useful tools for preparation. The workshop is three hours.

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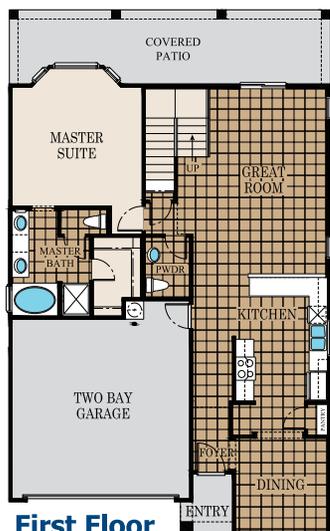
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Three other specials would make great gifts for the loved ones in your life. A 45-minute HydraFacial to Cupid's Delight (\$225) will cleanse, exfoliate, extract and hydrate while simultaneously providing the skin with cellular supportive serums and hydration. Followed by a Farmhouse Fresh Whipped Whoopie! hand and foot treatment, featuring shea butter laden with soft notes of white velvet buttercream.

Or get "Polished Under a Pink Moon" featuring your choice of manicure (\$70) or pedicure (\$85). Refresh with a bamboo aloe scrub, touched by honey glaze. Then soften with hydrating Pink Moon shea butter.

Enjoy a full-body "Infinitely Loving Restorative Massage" (\$155). This 50-minute massage restores with anti-inflammatory properties of organic sesame, sunflower and jojoba oils, along with the aroma of Chinese jasmine.

For more information, call Spa Biltmore at 602-381-7632, or visit [www.arizonabiltmore.com/spa-biltmore](http://www.arizonabiltmore.com/spa-biltmore).

**Gonzales joins RepublicBankAz**

Franchesca Gonzales has joined RepublicBankAz as Business Development Officer. She will be responsible for providing commercial financing deposit and cash management solutions for locally owned and operated businesses.

"Franchesca is a trained, seasoned business development professional who understands the challenges facing local businesses," said president and Chief Executive Officer Ralph Tapscott. "She is extremely committed to providing business owners with the credit and deposit services they need to grow their business from a bank that is responsive to their needs."



Franchesca Gonzales

Prior to joining RepublicBankAz, Gonzales was a business consultant and regional director with Direct Connect Payment Solutions. In addition, she has held a variety of positions with Wells Fargo Bank, specializing in providing businesses with payroll, merchant, and credit services.

Gonzales currently is an ambassador with the Greater Phoenix Chamber of Commerce, where she actively promotes chamber services and memberships to businesses. She holds a B.S. degree in business management with the University of New Mexico.

**New product helps prevent hair breakage**

A new product to enter the hair care arena is being offered in Phoenix by Salon Estique, 40 E. Camelback Road, Ste. 105, in the Uptown Plaza.

Olaplex is a stylist's answer to being able to give clients maximum blonding and/or frequent color changes without breakage, according to Brenda Barnaby, a partner in the salon.

Free of silicone or oils, Olaplex links broken bonds in the hair during and after chemical services, making them stronger than they were before. "We can push hair farther than you every have before without breakage," Barnaby explains. "We are one of the first salons in Arizona to offer this product to clients, and for only \$15-\$25 added on to the cost of their hair color, it's worth every penny."

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- Social Coordinator to work with individual and group activities (stimulating mental and physical health)
- Case Worker to provide a continuation of community resources such as caregiver support groups, faith-based communities, etc

**FAST FACTS**

- Social setting reduces risk of depression caused by isolation and loss
- Research indicates participation in Day Program may slow cognitive loss
- Respite from caregiving maintains the caregiver's mental and physical health by providing relief from caregiving duties and the ability to continue employment

*Care Givers A Hand "MeetUp and Support Each other as Family Caregivers" • The Public is invited to join other family caregivers to support and access community resources for family caregivers. • Meetings are the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at 6:30 to 7:30 pm at SunTree Day Center, RSVP is required at 602-441-4900 to attend and indicate if you will be bringing a loved one (free respite care while attending the support group). • Check out [www.meetup.com/Family-Caregiver-Support-Meetup/events/219840175/](http://www.meetup.com/Family-Caregiver-Support-Meetup/events/219840175/)*

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facturers' hair colors and does not affect future coloring services. In fact, clients can purchase the product to take home to use once a week to strengthen hair further or to use as a pre-treatment to a future chemical service.

Call 602-0248-00077 or visit [www.salonestique.com](http://www.salonestique.com) for more information.

### Shamrock opens warehouse concept

Shamrock Foods, one of the top-10 foodservice distributors nationwide, is expanding its business model by introducing the Shamrock Foodservice Warehouse in Phoenix. It opened to the public on Jan. 15 at 2430 W. Indian School Road.

The warehouse concept offers the commercial foodservice products professional chefs use, such as restaurant quality and sized food products as well as restaurant equipment and supplies. No membership fee is required and all products are available at competitive warehouse prices.

The store provides a convenient way for not only restaurants to shop, but also small businesses, caterers, non-profit organizations and others.

"Foodservice trends are evolving and restaurants in particular are seeking cash-and-carry options in addition to traditional full service foodservice distribution," said Ann Ocana, chief marketing officer for Shamrock Foods Company. "Our new warehouse concept meets this need."

The warehouse offers approximately 7,000 professional food and foodservice items specializing in center of plate (meats, fish, poultry), fresh produce, dairy, oil and shortening, and more, including party, janitorial and business supplies. Plus, hundreds of items are Arizona grown or processed.

The Shamrock Foods Foodservice Warehouse concept was first introduced in Albuquerque, New Mexico and recently expanded into El Paso, Texas. In Phoenix, the hours are 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Sundays. For more information, visit <http://shamrockfsw.com> or call 602-266-8044.

### NMBA hosts first meeting of 2015

The North Mountain Business Alliance (NMBA) invites local business owners and community activists to attend its next meeting, set for 11:30

a.m.-1:15 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 26 at the SSC Boring building, 1951 W. North Lane.

The meeting is free; lunch is provided. Connect with your business neighbors, hear updates about the progress of the city-designated redevelopment area (bordered the I-17 freeway, 19th Avenue, Mountain View Road and Cholla Avenue), get the latest crime statistics for the area, and more.

RSVPs are requested to [Marcia@nmballiance.org](mailto:Marcia@nmballiance.org) or by calling 602-997-6164.

### DeLong joins local law firm

Blake DeLong has joined the Phoenix law firm of Jaburg Wilk as a partner, bringing his knowledge and expertise of insurance coverage and defense to the firm's Insurance Group.

Prior to joining the firm, located at 3200 N. Central Ave., DeLong was in-house counsel for a major insurance company and was a partner in a large Phoenix defense litigation firm. He is admitted to practice in both state and federal courts in Arizona.



Blake DeLong

DeLong received his J.D. in 2002 from Louisiana State University, where he was chairman of the Moot Court Board. In 1999, he received his B.A. in journalism, magna cum laude, from the University of Georgia.

### Free wood-turning demonstration day

Rockler Woodworking and Hardware has partnered with internationally renowned Robert Sorby Tools of England, to present a unique demonstration on woodturning, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday, Feb. 13 at the store, 4626 E. Thunderbird Road.

Whether you are new to woodturning, would like to learn new techniques, or master solutions to your turning challenges, Robert Sorby's U.S. Sales Manager, Jeff Farris, will demonstrate the latest tools and innovative turning solutions.

There is no charge to attend, and visitors will receive 20-percent off all Sorby turning tools during the demo day.

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7152 N. 23rd Pl. ....		4891 SF	....	4BR/4.5BA	.....	\$1,750,000
5600 N. 4th St. ....	<b>JUST LISTED</b> .....	5731 SF	....	6BR/6BA	.....	\$1,595,000
2211 E. Camelback Rd. #302	<b>NEW PRICE</b> .....	3000 SF	....	3BR/3BA	.....	\$ 999,000
7339 N. 2nd Dr. ....	<b>JUST LISTED</b> .....	4246 SF	....	5BR/4BA	.....	\$ 975,000
14838 N. 15th Ave. ....	<b>IN ESCROW</b> .....	3968 SF	....	4BR/3.5BA	.....	\$ 799,000
6854 N. Hillside Dr. Lot 52		Vacant land	.....		.....	\$ 795,000
1117 W. Tuckey Ln. ....		3253 SF	....	4BR/2.5BA	.....	\$ 749,900
405 E. Montebello Ave. .	<b>NEW PRICE</b> .....	3399 SF	....	4BR/3.5BA	.....	\$ 714,900
41 W. Marlette .....	<b>NEW PRICE</b> .....	5640 SF	....	6BR/5.5BA	.....	\$ 700,000
6833 N. Central Ave. ....	<b>NEW PRICE</b> .....	3411 SF	....	4BR/3.75BA	.....	\$ 699,000
8420 N. 15th Ave. ....	<b>NEW CONSTRUCTION</b>	3069 SF	....	4BR/3BA	.....	\$ 639,900
5302 N. 6th St. ....	<b>IN ESCROW</b> .....	2789 SF	....	4BR/3BA	.....	\$ 639,000
9139 N. 82nd St. ....	<b>NEW PRICE</b> .....	2820 SF	....	4BR/2BA	.....	\$ 599,000
331 E. Tuckey Ln. ....	<b>IN ESCROW</b> .....	2975 SF	....	4BR/3BA	.....	\$ 599,000
8 Biltmore Estates #102 .	<b>JUST LISTED</b> .....	1708 SF	....	1BR/1.5BA	.....	\$ 525,000
201 W. Palmyra Dr. ....	<b>IN ESCROW</b> .....	2332 SF	....	4BR/1.75BA	.....	\$ 525,000
8915 N. Drey Ln. ....	<b>JUST LISTED</b> .....	2510 SF	....	3BR/3BA	.....	\$ 495,000
4427 E. Montecito Ave. .	<b>JUST LISTED</b> .....	2555 SF	....	3BR/3BA	.....	\$ 495,000
7911 N. 16th Dr. ....	<b>NEW CONSTRUCTION</b>	2483 SF	....	3BR/3.5BA	.....	\$ 489,900
7915 N. 16th Dr. ....	<b>NEW CONSTRUCTION</b>	2483 SF	....	3BR/3.5BA	.....	\$ 489,900
7919 N. 16th Dr. ....	<b>IN ESCROW</b> .....	2483 SF	....	3BR/3.5BA	.....	\$ 469,900
77 E. Missouri Ave #54		3184 SF	....	4BR/3BA	.....	\$ 445,000
7755 N. 7th Ave. ....	<b>IN ESCROW</b> .....	2283 SF	....	4BR/3BA	.....	\$ 425,000
6317 N. 10th Pl. ....	<b>NEW PRICE</b> .....	2894 SF	....	4BR/3BA	.....	\$ 419,000
2735 S. Kenneth Pl. ....	<b>NEW PRICE</b> .....	2451 SF	....	4BR/2.5BA	.....	\$ 369,000
9409 N. 17th Way		2447 SF	....	3BR/2BA	.....	\$ 365,000
77 E. Missouri Ave. #41 .	<b>NEW PRICE</b> .....	2664 SF	....	3BR/3BA	.....	\$ 355,000
1502 E. Berridge Ln. ....	<b>IN ESCROW</b> .....	1739 SF	....	4BR/2BA	.....	\$ 329,000
310 W. Oregon Ave. ....	<b>IN ESCROW</b> .....	1770 SF	....	2BR/1.75BA	.....	\$ 310,000
1313 W. Rose Ln. ....	<b>IN ESCROW</b> .....	1728 SF	....	3BR/3BA	.....	\$ 275,000
5508 N. 5th Ln. ....	<b>IN ESCROW</b> .....	2338 SF	....	3BR/2BA	.....	\$ 274,000
3017 W. Glendale Ave. ....		Land	.....		.....	\$ 260,000
1133 E. Gardenia Dr. ....		1916 SF	....	3BR/2BA	.....	\$ 259,000
514 W. Townley Ave. ....		1568 SF	....	3BR/2BA	.....	\$ 258,000
7004 N. 11th Way. ....	<b>NEW PRICE</b> .....	1267 SF	....	3BR/2BA	.....	\$ 180,000
6047 N. 9th Ave. ....	<b>NEW PRICE</b> .....	1753 SF	....	3BR/2BA	.....	\$ 179,000
1145 E. Orangewood. Ave.		Vacant Lot	.....		.....	\$ 100,000

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6033 N. 20th St. \$1,491,000	809 W. Claremont St. \$ 739,582	7212 N. 15th Ave. \$ 520,000	10 E. Laurie Ln. \$ 419,900	1130 E. Glenn Dr. \$ 234,500	8755 W. Ocotillo Rd. \$ 142,000	8755 W. Ocotillo Rd. \$ 142,000
5752 N. 2nd Ave. \$1,325,000	5844 N. 2nd Ave. \$ 725,000	141 E. Kaler Dr. \$ 517,500	34 E. Canterbury Ct. \$ 415,000	7 W. Cheryl Ln. \$ 340,000	4149 N. 42nd St. \$ 230,000	1009 E. Weldon Ave. \$ 140,000
5401 E. Calle Del Medio \$1,200,500	5640 N. 3rd Ave. \$ 722,000	3039 E. Stella Ln. \$ 500,000	903 W. Claremont St. \$ 405,000	9433 N. 19th St. \$ 340,000	7718 N. 15th Ave. \$ 225,000	207 W. Clarendon Ave. #15F \$ 140,000
5726 N. Central Ave. \$1,095,000	6502 N. 1st Pl. \$ 720,000	340 E. Rose Ln. \$ 499,000	22 E. Laurie Ln. \$ 400,000	5302 N. 6th St. \$ 337,000	18410 N. 12th Pl. \$ 215,000	5704 E. Aire Libre #1067 \$ 133,000
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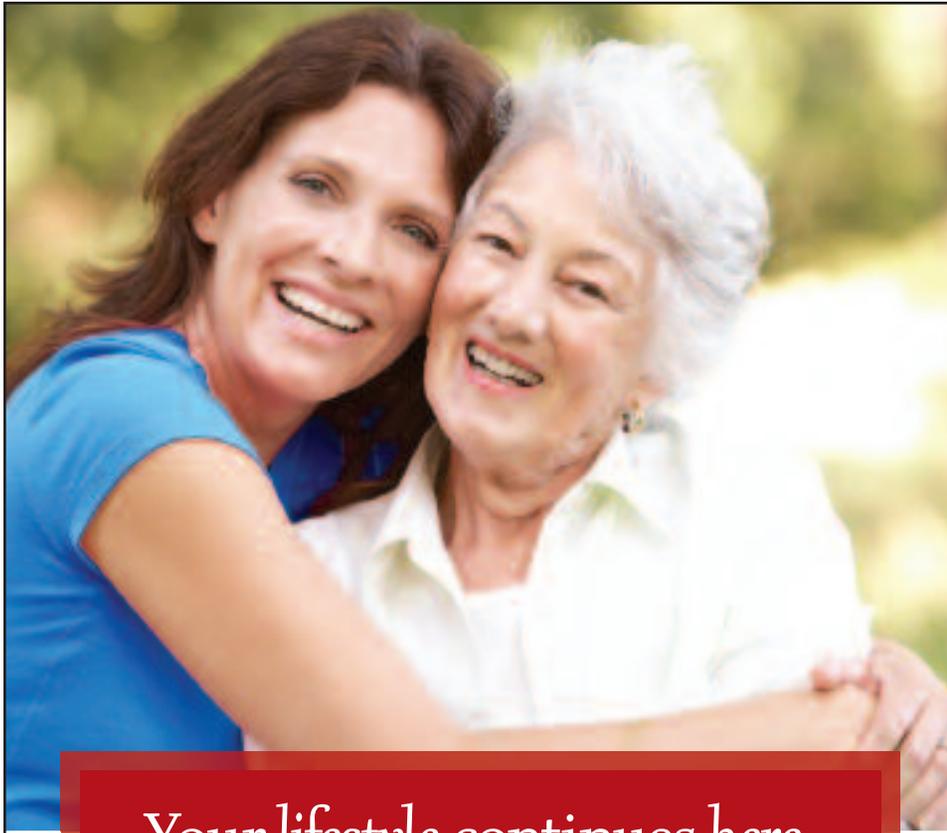
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### HEALTHY LIVING



One of the hottest new trends in exercise is Core Bar from Norway, which is being taught twice a week at Fit'N Lean studio on 16th Street (photo by Teri Carnicelli).

## Fitness studio marks first anniversary

By Teri Carnicelli

Whether you are looking to tone your muscles, increase your flexibility, lose weight, or just have a fun day out with friends, this local workout studio has a little something for everyone.

Fit'N Lean Exercise Studio, located at 6522 N. 16th St., Suite 10, celebrated its one-year anniversary on Jan. 24 with a big party for clients, guests, and those who were curious about just what the studio offers.

And what it offers is a wide array of cutting-edge fitness classes as well as personal training sessions. Aerial Yoga, Zumba and Barre Core continue to be popular, particularly the yoga and Zumba classes, which sometimes bring in groups of friends looking for something fun and different to do. They even hosted an Aerial Yoga bachelorette party once, says studio partner Lori Cochran.

In the year since opening, Fit'N Lean has kept up with current trends, adding two new class offerings: Pound, and Core Bar. Pound is a full body cardio jam session, combining light resistance with constant simulated drumming.

In Core Bar, class participants use a 2.2-pound weighted bar that provides support and stability while they go through a high-impact workout of traditional aerobics, resistance training, martial arts and even some Pilates moves.

To celebrate one year of business, Fit'N Lean is offering a special to new customers, which also is a great way to try out a couple of classes and see what

best fits your ability and interest. The package is any three classes for just \$25. Find the schedules and sign up in advance on the website, [www.fitnleanexercise.com](http://www.fitnleanexercise.com).

Personal training services also are offered by the two women business owners, Cochran and her partner, Vickie Gambill. Cochran is a certified as a personal trainer, certified Zumba instructor and also teaches aerial yoga. Gambill has a master's degree in exercise physiology and more than 10 years of experience as a personal trainer. She also competes professionally in women's bodybuilding.

Right now the studio is offering a personal training special, which includes two 30-minute training sessions a week with unlimited classes, for \$250 a month. Call 602-254-4400 to schedule a free fitness assessment.

## Heath Briefs

### Those with heart conditions gather

The Valley of the Sun Mended Hearts support group, sponsored by John C. Lincoln Hospitals, invites the public to an evening of support and education for individuals with heart conditions.

The support group meets 6-7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 5 at the Cowden Center, Center 9202 N. 2nd St. The group is free and open to the public. Upcoming meetings include April 2 and June 4.

For more information, e-mail [alice.montoya@JCL.com](mailto:alice.montoya@JCL.com) or call 623-879-5583.

## HEALTHY LIVING

**Exercise in the studio, at home**

Kinesphere Center for Movement Education offers refreshing movement/exercise options in the studio, or from the comfort of your own home. Lisa Perry will lead a “Happy, Healthy Hands” workshop 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 10. Learn to maintain or regain a fuller range of motion and flexibility in your hands, elbows, shoulders and neck. Cost is \$40.

Then, Brena Maggio and Tim Harris, master teachers of Restorative Exercise™, will share their knowledge of biomechanical movement in fun and energetic moving sessions, 9:30-10:30 a.m. Feb. 27-28. Each session is \$30; an early-bird special rate of \$50 is available if purchased together and before Feb. 20.

Kinesphere has launched an online Self-Care Video Library. When you need to re-enforce the tools and techniques learned in class, use your video library for successful self-care at home. A free seven-day trial is available; review the library on the website at [www.kinesphere-studio.com](http://www.kinesphere-studio.com).

Kinesphere is located at 711 E. Missouri Ave., Suite 180. Call 602-532-3111 or consult the website for more information, or to register for class.

**Positive pathways to fight cancer**

The monthly Cancer Support Group offers support for patients, families and community members dealing with all types of cancers. The next meeting is 6-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 19, at Bink's Midtown, 2320 E. Osborn Road, in the large meeting room. Complimentary valet parking is provided.

The guest speaker is Jasmine Huang, M.D., who will discuss “Esophageal and Lung Cancer: Positive Pathways.”

Admission is free. Complimentary refreshments will be served, however, seating is limited and an RSVP is requested by Monday, Feb. 16.

For more information or to RSVP, call Terry Ratner at 602-527-3776 or e-mail [Tjrwriter@aol.com](mailto:Tjrwriter@aol.com).

**Local dentist earns Fellowship Award**

Dr. Prabidhi Adhikari of Artistic Dental at The Biltmore joins the top 1 percent of the nation's dentists after completing 500 credit hours beyond her doctorate in dentistry.

Dr. Adhikari recently earned the Fellowship Award from The Academy of General Dentistry (AGD). The AGD is an association of more than 37,000 general dentists who provide dental care and oral health education to the public.

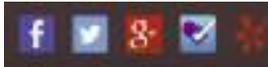
After graduating from New York University's School of Dentistry in 2009, Dr. Adhikari continued her education at the University of California, Los Angeles with an advanced education residency. There she specialized in complex treatment planning and managing difficult patient cases.

She graduated from UCLA in 2010 and joined a private dental practice in Los Angeles before moving to Phoenix in 2011. Dr. Adhikari joined Dr. John Dougherty of Artistic Dental at the Biltmore in 2012.

Artistic Dental is located at 2333 E. Campbell Ave. To learn more, visit [artisticd.com](http://artisticd.com) or call 602-840-5400.



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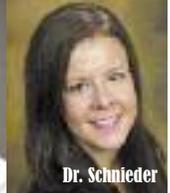
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Dallas Hickman



Ben Norman



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### 'Achievement Above All' winners honored

The Glendale Union High School District Governing Board in November recognized this school year's Achievement Above All winners from Sunnyslope High School. The awards highlight the accomplishments and commitments of one teacher, student, support staff member, student group, and volunteer.

This year's Achievement Above All Teacher was Dallas Hickman. Hickman joined the district in 1992 as one of the original social workers, and in 1995 he came to SHS where he served, inspired, and led the football program for 11 years and through two region championships with strong showings in the state playoffs. From those he assisted as a social worker, to the football players on his varsity football team as head coach, to his students in U.S. History and AP U.S. History, Hickman has given much to Sunnyslope over the course of 20-plus years.

The Achievement Above All student was Ben Norman. Along with academics (he takes a full load of AP classes), Norman enjoys Speech and Debate where he was a semifinalist in impromptu and oratory speaking. Additionally, Norman has been an officer in Student Council over his four-year tenure. In fact, this year, he is the student body president. Norman is dedicated, disciplined, and hardworking. His peers and teachers know him to be focused, caring, humble, and spirited. He leads by example and never complains.

The Achievement Above All Student Group is the Sunnyslope High School Link Crew Program, boasting more than 110 student members with leaders coming from each of the upper class levels. Their mission, as described by Link Crew sponsor Bryant Johnston, is to provide incoming freshman the opportunity to prepare for the

challenges they may face, and present a support mechanism to help them achieve success in their new surroundings. These young individuals inspire the freshmen to move on and take up constructive, contributing roles in their communities.

Sunnyslope's Achievement Above All staff member was Title I instructional Aide, Andy Page. In his tenure at SHS, Page has been instrumental in the success of the Title I Math Ascend program, the Read 180 program, and the Viking-Center tutoring facility. He also has coached baseball for three years, softball for four years, football for two years, girls basketball for eight years, and has been a co-senior class sponsor for the last two years. In addition, Page is one of the go-to guys for those extra duty assignments that keep Sunnyslope's campus functioning, including serving as an announcer and the master of ceremonies at many athletic events.

The Achievement Above All Volunteer was Kathie Nunn. As past president, current treasurer, and long-standing member of the Viking Parent club (since 2005), Nunn has been instrumental in carrying on the traditions of the Viking Parent Club and its support to the students, teachers, clubs, sports, and activities of Sunnyslope. Nunn also is a long-time member of Sunnyslope's School Council and has been volunteering in the school setting since 1998.

### Suns Charities offers scholarship opportunity

Applications for the 2015 Phoenix Suns Charities' "SunStudent" Scholarship Program are now available. The program will award 10 scholarships, each worth \$5,000, for students to use for educational expenses at the post-secondary college or university of their choice, as long as it is located in the state of Arizona. Seniors currently enrolled in an Arizona high school are encouraged to

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One additional student will be selected as the 2015 Kevin Johnson Scholar, receiving a \$7,000 scholarship. Scholarship candidates must have a minimum 3.5 GPA to apply and participate in community service with a charitable organization, church, civic group, student government or other related organization. In addition, applicants must be eligible for financial aid, based on the FASFA criteria.

As part of the application, each student must submit an essay of at least 350 words, describing how the scholarship will benefit his or her education and personal life goals. Essays will be judged based on the development plan students have created to achieve their goals, as well as their overall vision for the future.

Scholarship recipients will be notified in March, following the deadline. For more information, contact Maggie Cortez at 602-379-7767.

**Families sought for exchange students**

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Each ASSE student is fully insured, brings his or her own personal spending money and expects to contribute to his or her share of household responsibilities, as well as being included in normal family activities and lifestyles. The students are well screened and qualified by ASSE. Families can choose their students from a wide variety of backgrounds, nationalities and personal interests.

Those interested in obtaining more information about becoming a host family should call toll free: 800-733-2773 or go to [host.asse.com](http://host.asse.com). There are many students to choose from, so call or go online and begin the process of selecting your new host son or daughter today.

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The luncheon helped the special needs students build relationships with positive mentors in their community.



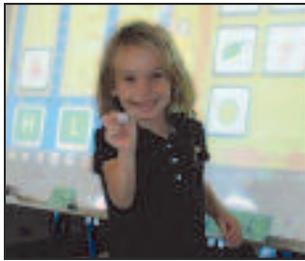
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### Phoenix Rotary 100 donates dictionaries

Every Osborn fifth grader received a brand-new dictionary with a personalized nameplate from Rotarians Mike Hoskings, Jeff Winney, Tom Krepich, Jim Soudriette, Sam Thumma, Steve Goldston, Mo Bronson and Virginia Soudriette.

As they distributed the books, the members of Phoenix Rotary 100 asked students to look for interesting facts and respond to questions, with Soudriette gently nudging students to offer firm handshakes. The partnership with Phoenix Rotary 100 has been both rewarding and enlightening.

### PHOENIX UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

#### Former coach passes away

Longtime Central High boys basketball coach Bob Strong, 69, passed away Jan. 6 after a long battle with cancer. He coached the Bobcats for more than 25 years. He also was a history teacher and student government adviser.



Jim Soudriette of Phoenix Rotary 100 hands a personalized dictionary to a fifth-grade student in the Osborn Elementary District as part of the organization's annual dictionary distribution program (submitted photo).

Strong began his teaching and coaching career in 1969 at Phoenix Union High School, and moved to Central High in 1983 when Phoenix Union closed its doors. He was per-

haps most proud of creating and coordinating "Quest for Excellence," with APS, a program that hired urban youth for summer jobs at the Palo Verde Generating Station and provid-

ed guidance in their education and career development. Over the years, the program benefited several hundred graduates.

Services were held Jan. 24 at the Church of the Beatitudes. Donations in Strong's name can be made to Hospice of the Valley ([www.hov.org](http://www.hov.org)) or St. Vincent de Paul ([www.stvincentdepaul.net](http://www.stvincentdepaul.net)).



Bob Strong

### Phoenix Suns Charities continues its support

Phoenix Suns Charities awarded more than 200 "SunsCentral" students for collectively reaching 14,848 tutoring hours during "Incentive Day" on Jan. 9 at Central High School. Students that completed 10 or more hours of strategic tutoring and demonstrated academic growth during the fall semester were awarded with Suns autographed memorabilia, Carl's Jr. gift cards, tickets and more. "Incentive Day" also recognized students for vol-



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unteer hours as well as improved attendance in class and at other “SunsCentral” events.

In addition, on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, the Suns hosted a “Dream Big” event for 50 students from the “SunsCentral” program prior to the Suns-Lakers game at Talking Stick Resort Arena. The event was designed to encourage the students to follow their dreams despite setbacks and challenges.

Students heard from a panel of Suns employees and Suns Community Ambassador and alumnus, Steven Hunter, about the various career opportunities in the sports industry. In addition, students were treated to a behind-the-scenes tour of the arena. The event concluded with free hamburgers, courtesy of Carl’s Jr., tickets to that evening’s game and “Dream Big” t-shirts.

Phoenix Suns Charities is continuing to support the “SunsCentral” program at Central High School for an additional school year, extending the grant to \$650,000 over three years (2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15). Phoenix Suns Charities launched the



Phoenix Suns Charities recently awarded more than 200 students at Central High School for providing nearly 15,000 hours in volunteer tutoring as well as improved attendance in class (photo courtesy of Phoenix Suns Charities).

“SunsCentral” partnership with Central High School in September 2012. This unique partnership is increasing the graduation rate through four key factors: success in the classroom, attendance at school, mentoring and individual tutoring support.

### District to create new small school

Superintendent Kent Scribner announced plans for PUHSD to create a new small school for coding and programming, located adjacent to Central High School in a building being con-

structed. The school is set to open in 2016.

Meanwhile, the Suns-Diamondbacks Education Academy, which had originally been slated for the new building on Central Avenue, will have a new classroom building constructed on available property on the Metro Tech campus. That school also is slated to be ready for 2016. Currently, Suns-Diamondbacks leases a building on 7th Street.

### FBLA students to offer tax help

Metro Tech High School’s Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA), in cooperation with the city of Phoenix and the Federal and State Internal Revenue Services, are volunteering to be a part of the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program. The VITA program offers free tax help to low-to-moderate income individuals and families who cannot prepare their own tax returns.

Metro Tech is the first high school in the state to be a part of this exciting program. FBLA hopes to save many

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parents and employees the high cost of having their taxes prepared and have the prepared filings sent by E-filing (electronic) for free.

FBLA students and advisors underwent 20 hours of training and testing in January in order to be ready to prepare taxes for PUHSD parents, guardians, and employees making below \$56,000. They will be preparing taxes on Saturdays and during the weeks after school until April 15.

This commitment was undertaken by more than 100 students who attended the orientation and dedicated their time to this project.

**North football alum makes Sports Illustrated**

Former North High student Alan Williams was featured in the Dec. 1 edition of *Sports Illustrated*.

Williams, now a senior at University of California-Santa Barbara, is arguably the most productive big man in college basketball. At 6-8, 265-pounds, he is not unlike Charles

Barkley's "Round Mound of Rebound" nickname, averaging over 14 rebounds and 25 points per game.

He has acquired almost as many nicknames as Barkley, from "Big Al," to "Big Sauce" to "Beast Warrior." The magazine's headline was "Beast of the Beach." He has already outplayed a projected top draft pick from Kansas, and he is on the NBA's radar as a first-rounder himself.

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**Orangewood School gets STEM furnishings**

Orangewood School is the recipient of new classroom furnishings designed to facilitate and enhance STEM (science, technology, engineering, math) instruction and learning.

MooreCo Inc., a family-owned, Texas-based school and office furniture company, spearheaded a STEM Makeover Project for the art room and gifted program classrooms at Orangewood.

On Dec. 18-19, representatives from MooreCo Inc., installed ergonomically designed desks, tables, chairs and other furnishings that feature unique designs to encourage a multitude of collaborative STEM activities, ranging from STEAM art classes to Robotics Teams.

MooreCo is dedicated to improving STEM learning for students of all ages throughout the southwestern United States. Their uniquely designed desks, tables and other classroom furnishings encourage STEM learning and student collaboration by providing flexibility in placement configurations and out-of-the-box design features.

**Employees of Month honored in January**

The Washington Elementary School District honored several staff members as the Employees of the Month for January. Among them were: Amy Maiorella, ELL tester, Desert View Elementary School; Erica Smith, health technician, Sunnyslope School; and Indira Frederking, ELL specialist, Washington Elementary School.

The WESD Employee of the Month recognition is bestowed upon employees who have exemplified the vision, mission and values of WESD. These employees serve as an inspiration to others by maintaining high customer



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Xavier Coach Laurie Martin (holding the trophy) celebrates another win with Xavier's Division I state championship tennis team (submitted photo).

service standards and a commitment to student achievement. Honorees enjoyed breakfast with the superintendent and received a plaque commemorating their special recognition.

**PRIVATE AND CHARTER SCHOOLS  
Tennis coach named a 'coach of the year'**

Xavier College Preparatory tennis coach Laurie Martin has been named Tennis Industry's "Champions of Tennis 2014-High School Coach of the Year."

In addition to leading Xavier's varsity team to three consecutive Division I state championship titles, she coaches nearly 60 students on Xavier's freshmen women team.

In the fall, Martin was named to the United States Tennis Association's "No-Cut Coach All-Star Team" for her commitment to welcoming all interested Xavier students to join their school's tennis team.

**Preschool also educates parents**

The UU Co-Op Preschool (UUEEC), 4027 E. Lincoln Drive, not only holds its regular preschool classes for children from ages 1-5, but also holds monthly parent meetings that focus on parent education. The meetings are held at lunchtime and cover topics ranging from handling preschooler fears and parenting, to sharing favorite children's literature and suggestions for sensory play at home.

This is just one of the many unique features of UUEEC. To learn more, the preschool invites the community to an open house set for 9 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 21. The school director, teachers, parents and children will be available to

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**Xavier to host Mock Trial event**

Xavier College Preparatory's Elias M. Romley Xavier Mock Trial Team will host its 10th Annual Xavier Classic Invitational from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 14 from on Xavier's campus.

The competition will draw more than 100 mock trial students and coaches from high schools across the state to scrimmage in preparation for Arizona's Regional and State Mock Trial championships in March. Maricopa County judges and attorneys will judge each of the competition's two rounds.

For further information, contact John Cosden at 602-240-3303 or [jcosden@xcp.org](mailto:jcosden@xcp.org).



Nearly 40 music students from the Arizona School for the Arts (ASA) participated in musical and string performances for Arizona senators during the opening of the 2015 legislative session (photo by Timon Harper).

**MHP hosts VEX event, advances to semifinals**

Madison Highland Prep (MHP) welcomed 36 teams to the first-annual MHP VEX Robotics State Qualifying Competition 2015 on Jan. 10. The charter school hosted the high school VRC competition and middle school

VEX IQ competition, with winners earning a berth to the Arizona VEX Robotics State Championships on Feb. 28 at Arizona State University.

The MHP Heat Robotics team advanced to the semifinals of the competition. Heat Robotics finished ninth in the qualification rounds to advance

to the eliminations. In the elimination rounds, the Heat Robotics team, coached by Nick Bonds, won its quarterfinal match against Arete Prep and Desert Vista Thunder by a score of 2-1. In the semifinals, the Heat Robotics forced a third game against Desert Vista Lighting and Cave Creek before falling to the event champions by a score of 2-1.

MHP Heat Robotics team members include Jarod Flores, Asif Razack, Trevor Oakes, Jose Chavez, Storm McCord and Sean Grantham.

**ASA music students perform for Senate**

Student musicians and singers from public charter Arizona School for the Arts (ASA) performed in the Senate Chambers as the 2015 Arizona State legislative session convened on Jan. 12. The program consisted of musical and string performances by nearly 40 ASA students and included "Palladio" by Karl Jenkins, followed by singing the U.S. National Anthem while spread out throughout the Senate Chambers. Students concluded their performance



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with a special song with beautiful harmony during the Senate recess.

This is the second time ASA students have been invited by the Arizona Senate to perform.

“Our students and faculty rehearse and prepare all year long for opportunities to share the gift of music with our broader community, so to be able to perform for our lawmakers is rewarding and validates all of their hard work,” said Arizona School for the Arts Head of School/CEO, Leah Fregulia Roberts.

### Snow spotted at Christ Church School

On Wednesday, Jan. 14 and Thursday, Jan. 15, snow ‘drifted’ into the parking lot at Christ Church School as part of its “Snow Days” event.

CCS preschool students made the most of this unusual occurrence and spent those mornings sledding, building snowmen, and making snow angels in the 8 tons of snow.

After a morning in the snow, students were happy to return to their cozy classrooms to change into dry clothes and enjoy warm cocoa.



Children and adults enjoyed “Snow Days” at Christ Church School in January, after the school arranged to have 8 tons of artificial snow delivered to the campus (submitted photo).

### Theater departments tackle six fairy tales

Xavier/Brophy Theatre will present “The Secret in the Wings” as its spring drama production, March 5-7.

Written by Tony Award and MacArthur Fellowship recipient Mary Zimmerman, the play is a fantastical adaptation of six European fairy tales. Performances are set for 7 p.m.

Thursday, Friday and Saturday, with a 2 p.m. matinee performance on Saturday, March 7. All performances will be held in the Kemper and Ethel Marley Theater in the Virginia G. Piper Performing Arts Center on Xavier’s campus, 4710 N. 5th St.

Tickets are \$7 for all patrons, and may be reserved either by contacting the Jackson Box Office at 602-240-3161 or [pacbox@xcp.org](mailto:pacbox@xcp.org), or by purchasing them at the door. There will be general seating for all patrons.

### Education adds up at Math Bowl contest

In honor of Phoenix hosting Super Bowl XLIX last month, All Saints’ Episcopal Day School celebrated with its own “game day” on Jan. 23.

A fun middle school Math Bowl was held in the school gymnasium. The Math Bowl is an intense but thrilling math competition between two teams of students representing fifth through eighth grade. A qualifying round kicked off the bowl, by narrowing down the students to two teams of five students: Team

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Pi, and Team Pythagoras. The two teams competed in a total of eight rounds.

Team members faced off against each other by grade level—fifth grader vs. fifth grader, etc.—and then each team had a chance to answer one general question that any team member could buzz in on. In the end, Team Pi took the Math Bowl champion title.

Hands-on math learning is a regular and instrumental part of All Saints’ approach to math curriculum.

**Local school marks 60th anniversary**

In 1954, SS. Simon & Jude School was founded in Central Phoenix by five nuns from Navan, Ireland. Sixty years later that same order of nuns, known as the Loreto Sisters, are still the heart and soul of the school.

Nearly 500 students are enjoying this special school year that celebrates 60 years of academic excellence and a commitment to teaching children to become true followers of Jesus Christ.

SS. Simon & Jude’s theme of “60

years of Blessings” has been filled with plenty of special touches and celebrations which have both students and parents feeling just how special the community of SS. Simon & Jude is. Each Wednesday during this celebratory school year, the children wear a colorful 60th Anniversary T-shirt to an all-school assembly to celebrate the accomplishments of its students.

Anniversary touches are everywhere, with commemorative rosaries, books, and most recently a celebration to honor the Loreto Sisters service to the school. Nearly 500 parents, alumni and friends of the school attended a dinner in the school’s gymnasium to reflect on the past 60 years.

During the last 10 years, the school has undergone extensive campus renovations including a complete remodel of all of the classrooms as well as the school library. Additionally, in 2010, the school opened a 22,000-square-foot facility known as Our Lady of Loreto Center, which includes an indoor gymnasium/auditorium, six junior high classrooms and a state-of-the-art science lab.

The school will continue throughout the remainder of the academic year to celebrate. For more information, call the school office at 602-242-1299 or visit [www.simonjudeschool.org](http://www.simonjudeschool.org).

**Basketball, soccer teams ranked high**

The Madison Highland Prep boys basketball team, led by coach Victor Rodriguez, is currently ranked second in Arizona Division I/II basketball. The girls soccer team, led by coach Alexis Morales, is currently in fourth place in conference and competing for the final berth in the state championships.

**Military families scholarships offered**

The Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation is accepting applications for the 2015-2016 academic year. The deadline to apply is March 1.

Since its inception in 1962, the Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation has awarded 33,000 scholarships valued at nearly \$90 million to students nationwide. In the current 2014-2015 academic year, 96 students from and/or attending school in Arizona have received more than \$272,000 in scholarships from the foundation’s Arizona Campaign.

These Arizona students have proven

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Each Wednesday students at SS. Simon & Jude School wear a colorful 60th Anniversary T-shirt to an all-school assembly to celebrate the accomplishments of the school and its students (submitted photo).

themselves to be focused and career minded, boasting an 86 percent graduation rate—more than double the national average. Eighty-nine percent attend four-year universities, and 50 percent are first-generation college students.

“My father has raised both my sister and I with the Marine Corps values: honor, courage, and commitment,” said Austin Parris, Arizona scholarship recipient. “Living by these values have helped me get to where I am today. I thank you for this incredible opportunity to take my education to a higher level and for helping me on my journey to become a Marine officer.”

To be eligible for a scholarship, students must be the child of an active duty, reserve or veteran U.S. Marine or U.S. Navy Corpsman who has received an honorable discharge or was killed while serving in the Corps. The student must meet income requirements, have a minimum GPA of 2.0 and plan to attend an accredited higher education institute. Special attention is given to children whose parent has been killed or wounded in action. To apply, visit [www.mcsf.org/apply](http://www.mcsf.org/apply) by March 1.

“The sacrifices Marines make are legendary, but sending their children to school shouldn’t be one of them,” said Antonio Rosacci, Arizona Campaign Scarlet & Gold Committee chairman. “We award a college or vocational school scholarship to every eligible applicant as our way of recognizing the service of that Marine or Navy Corpsman parent.”

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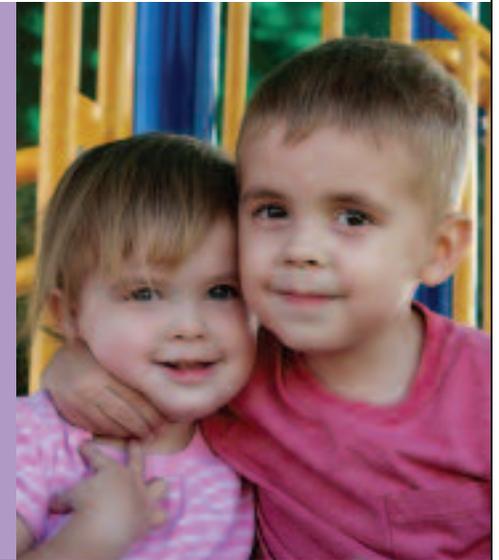
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Enjoying some karaoke at the Sunnyslope Senior Center are, from left: Jim Wahl, entertainer Kristina O'Boyle and Carey Mavor (submitted photo).

**Singing spurs fun, strengthens memory**

Kristina O'Boyle has been using karaoke music to entertain members of retirement communities, those with Alzheimer's or other forms of dementia, and even hospital patients for more than 15 years.

Using karaoke software, O'Boyle projects the words on a large TV screen and then, joined by her partner, David Robin, they begin to sing. The duo watches as people with Alzheimer's start reading the words on the TV and start singing along.

"George, who lives at one of the Brookdale senior living facilities, never participated," O'Boyle recalls. "After about six months of entertaining there, I tried the song by Cole Porter, 'Don't Fence Me In.' Out of the blue George

turned toward the TV screen and started singing. It's like that song woke him up."

O'Boyle admits she's had activity directors at senior living facilities and senior center tell her that "people don't want to sing along, they just want to be entertained."

"Yet when I come in singing with the words on their large screen TV, somehow the shy and socially inhibited become less restrained and join in with the singing," O'Boyle explains. "They love being able to read the words to favorite songs of their youth and I have some actually take the microphone."

O'Boyle believes music can be more therapeutic than medication. "It brings back the feeling of life when nothing else can," she says. "I see people dancing in their wheelchairs when they hear a certain song."

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and memory. Reading the words to a song is not only entertaining, it exercises the eyes and their brains, O'Boyle points out.

"Karaoke helps recognize, comprehend and communicate the English language."

O'Boyle and Robin will bring their karaoke stylings to the Sunnyslope Senior Center at 10 a.m. on Monday, Feb. 9, and the Devonshire Senior Center at 12 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 27.

For more information, call 602-625-0062, e-mail [singingfireball@aol.com](mailto:singingfireball@aol.com) or visit [www.kristinaofoyle.com](http://www.kristinaofoyle.com).

## Senior Living

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Learn easy ways to make smart food choices and how to include an easy exercise into your day, 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 12 at the Devonshire Senior Center, 2802 E. Devonshire Ave.

Ann Costa, Desert Mission's Nutrition Outreach representative, will present ways of increasing the consumption of fruits and vegetables in meals, and increasing physical activity throughout the day. Her talk will be accompanied by a cooking demonstration and a physical activity demonstration. Wear tennis shoes— this event will be lively. Light refreshments will be served. The program, presented by Central Village, is free and open to the public.

For more information and to RSVP, e-mail [cvarmin@centralvillagephx.org](mailto:cvarmin@centralvillagephx.org) or call 602-550-1050.

### Free guardianship clinic on Feb. 13

Do you know whether you need to be the legal guardian of your grandchildren? Duet can help answer that question during a free guardianship clinic, 3-5 p.m. Friday, Feb. 13 at the Duet offices, 555 W. Glendale Ave.

If you are raising a grandchild or a minor relative, you will need formal custody to obtain benefits such as health care or to enroll the child in school. Duet has partnered with the Children's Law Center (Volunteer Lawyers Program) to provide a free monthly clinic to help you complete proper paperwork. Reservations required; call 602-274-5022, ext. 31.

In addition, Duet hosts a bimonthly support group for grandparents who are raising their grandchildren. For February, the meetings are 9-11 a.m.

Feb. 12 & 26, at the Duet offices. The meetings are free, but an RSVP is requested at 602-274-5022.

### HOV offers grief support group

Hospice of the Valley offers an ongoing grief support group in North Central Phoenix. The drop-in group meets 3-4:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at the Stratford Assisted Living, 1739 W. Myrtle Ave.

Grief support groups are open to adults 18 and older who have experienced a loss through death. The agency's bereavement counselors address a range of topics, including dealing with loneliness, understanding the grieving process, adjusting to life without the loved one, taking next steps, and finding meaning and reinvesting in life.

There is no fee and participants may attend whenever they wish. For more information, call 602-530-6970.

### Monthly webinars look at dementia

Banner Alzheimer's Institute has announced a new, free webinar series entitled "Dementia Dialogues," to provide caregivers with helpful information and tools to better understand and care for loved ones living with dementia.

Since caring for somebody with dementia can be time consuming, confusing and difficult, the Dementia Dialogues educational series will be fully accessible from anywhere at any time, with full lecture information available online and accompanying audio versions as well.

Webinars are hosted on the third Wednesday of each month from 12 to 1 p.m. MST and can be viewed on the Banner Alzheimer's website after the initial showing. Every month, a new topic surrounding Alzheimer's and dementia care will be discussed by experts and guest caregivers.

For more information about the series, contact Veronica Flores at Banner Sun Health Research Institute at 623-832-3248, or visit [www.BannerHealth.com/ResearchOnlineEdu](http://www.BannerHealth.com/ResearchOnlineEdu)

## Kids & Family

### VYT holds youth auditions Feb. 10-11

Valley Youth Theatre (VYT) will hold auditions for its spring production of "The Musical Adventures of Flat

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For more information, call 602-992-5790 or visit www.arizonasunrays.com.

### Phoenix Boys Choir offers free workshop

The Phoenix Boys Choir’ free music workshop returns Saturday, Feb. 14, with a special theme spotlighting Black History Month and patriotism.

Boys from around the Valley are invited to participate in the morning workshop to learn how to sing, read music and perform through fun activities themed around patriotic music, including the study of the “Star Spangled Banner” and spiritual African music. The workshop culminates in a short performance for parents and friends to showcase everything the boys learned in the workshop.

Boys will also enjoy a short performance by the Phoenix Boys Choir.

The PBC Experience Music Workshop takes place from 9 a.m.-noon at the Phoenix Boys Choir building, 1131 E. Missouri Ave. There is no

cost for the camp. Snacks and water will be provided. Registration is at www.PhoenixBoysChoir.org.

Participating boys will sing alongside current Phoenix Boys Choir members studying the fundamentals of expressive choral singing, music literacy, and concert etiquette lead by members of the Phoenix Boys Choir Artistic staff and Phoenix Boys Choir alumni. Campers will participate in team-building activities to help build character, self-confidence, and promote a unified ensemble.

The PBC Experience Music Workshops are supported by Scottsdale League for the Arts. For information, call 602-264-5328, ext. 21.

### ‘Magic Flute’ special events at kids museum

In anticipation of the Phoenix production of “The Magic Flute,” Arizona Opera and the Children’s Museum of Phoenix have partnered to bring families a fun, interactive series of programs to discover Mozart’s magical opera.

Members of Arizona Opera will visit the museum with special demonstrations and programs for kids to learn more about this opera. The schedule includes:

- Mozart Story Time, 10 a.m. Friday, Feb. 6. Actor/singer Josh Borths presents The Magic Flute Reader’s Theater, a 30-minute version of the adventures of Papageno and Tamino, the heroes of Mozart’s “Magic Flute.”

- Instant Opera, 10 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 11. Kids join Arizona Opera’s teaching artists to create their own opera. This fun, interactive program brings the magic of opera to life as the kids develop their own adventurous story and perform their mini-opera, all in a 45-minute program.

As part of the partnership, The Children’s Museum of Phoenix will offer \$2 off admission for these days for families wishing to attend the educational programs. Following the programs, families can visit the museum and make it a special day. Visit www.azopera.org to print coupon and present at the door to receive \$2 off admission.

Arizona Opera also offers a special Magic Flute Ticket Package, which includes 50 percent off tickets for kids/students (under 18 years), dinner at Cibo Urban Pizzeria, a commemorative Magic Flute poster and a free download of The Magic Flute Readers Theater, as performed by students from the Arizona School for the Arts. Visit www.azopera.org/flutefamily.

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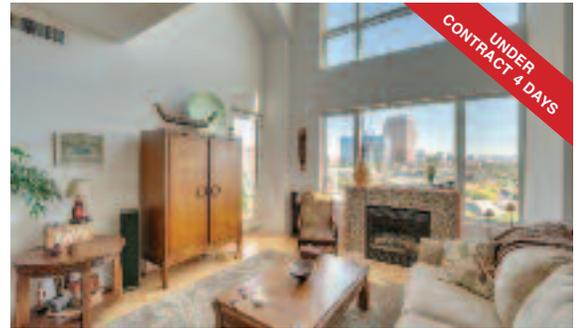
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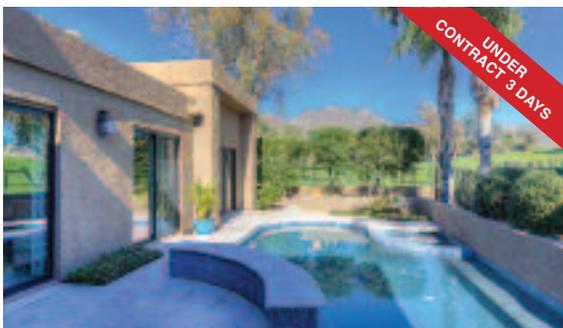
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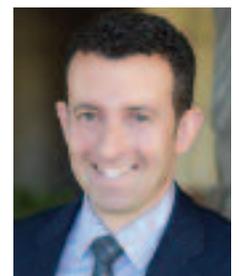
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Derrick Suwaima Davis (Hopi/Choctaw) was the 2014 World Hoop Dance Champion. The World Championship Hoop Dance Contest returns to the Heard Museum in Phoenix, Feb. 7-8 (photo courtesy of the Heard Museum).

more versus fewer hoops and those whose music is faster versus others who dance to slower beats.

The Heard Museum is located at 2301 N. Central Ave., and opens at 9:30 a.m. The Hoop Dance Finals begin at 2 p.m. on Sunday. Admission per day is \$18 general admission; \$13.50 seniors (65+); \$12 Heard Museum members and American Indians; \$7.50 children 4-12; and free for children under 4. Tickets include the event and museum admission. Buy tickets in person or online at [www.heard.org/hoop](http://www.heard.org/hoop).

## A & E Briefs

### 'Five Presidents'

**Arizona Theatre Company**  
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It's April 27, 1994. In Yorba Linda, Calif., the five living Presidents—Gerald Ford, Jimmy Carter, George H. W. Bush, Ronald Reagan and Bill Clinton—gather in a room to wait for the start of Richard Nixon's funeral. A speculation on what may have happened at this true-life event, with five great men trying to find relevance in the world's most exclusive club after being the most powerful people in the world. Tickets are \$36-\$67 plus fees. Visit [www.arizonatheatre.org](http://www.arizonatheatre.org).

### 'The Emperor's New Clothes'

**Feb. 6-22**  
**Valley Youth Theatre**  
 525 N. 1st St.  
 602-253-8188, ext. 2

A timeless fairy tale about vanity and foolish pride. Tickets are \$18 plus fees. Show times are Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, with evening performances on Fridays and twice-daily matinees on weekends. Visit [www.VYT.com](http://www.VYT.com).

### 'Systems & Sensations' Artists Reception

**6:30-8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 6**  
**@Central Gallery,**  
**Burton Barr Library**  
 1221 N. Central Ave.  
 602-262-6157

A contemporary art exhibit featuring the monoprints of North Central artist Sarah Kriehn, and ceramic sculptures by

## Hoop Dance contest returns to Heard

The Heard Museum World Championship Hoop Dance Contest combines artistry, athleticism and cultural traditions to create a unique competition. Top American Indian and Canadian First Nations hoop dancers are preparing to compete for the prestigious title of world champion during the two-day event at the Heard Museum on Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 7-8.

Hoop dancing is a long-standing tradition in many Native cultures. This unique dance can involve the use of more than 50 hoops. Passed down from one generation to the next, hoop dancing communicates individual and tribal stories using hoops to create symbols and depict animals of great meaning.

The continuous circle of the hoops symbolizes the circle of life and the continuous change of the seasons. It's not clear which tribe founded traditional hoop dancing, because many tribes have a history of the practice in various ceremonies.

Modern-day hoops are made from reed and plastic hose because of the durability of the material when traveling. The hoops are then decorated with tape and paint to symbolize the changing colors of each season. Traditional wooden hoops still are used on rare occasions.

Dancers are judged on precision, timing/rhythm, creativity and speed. Creativity and speed help balance the scores between competitors who use

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Tristyn Bustamante. Kriehn's monographs depict her reaction to experiences resulting from particular events. Bustamante's sculptures explore the nature and process of feedback loops and the functionality of systems. The exhibit runs through March 20 and is free and open to the public, as is the reception.

**Arizona Folk Ensemble****3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 8****First United Methodist Church  
5510 N. Central Ave.**

The Ensemble will be joined by members of Run Boy Run, Telluride Bluegrass Festival Band Contest winner. Run Boy Run, from Tucson, offers touches of classical, jazz, and folk, which express themselves through the old-time core of the band's unique sound. The concert is free; however, a free-will offering will be taken.

**'An Unusual Love Story...'****David+Lisa'****Scorpius Dance Theatre  
Feb. 12-14****Hormel Theatre,  
Phoenix Theatre  
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David+Lisa tells the tale of two young adults who meet while in a treatment center for mental and psychological issues. An unlikely attachment is developed, and a love story unfolds between the volatile individuals. Show times are 8 p.m. Thursday and Friday, and 2 and 8 p.m. Saturday. Tickets are \$30, and students, military and seniors save \$5 when purchasing in person at the box office. For online tickets, visit [www.scorpiusdance.com/shows](http://www.scorpiusdance.com/shows).

**'The World of Warhol'****7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 18****Phoenix Art Museum,  
Whiteman Hall  
1625 N. Central Ave.  
602-257-1880**

Free and open to the public. Thomas W. Sokolowski, former director of The Andy Warhol Museum in Pittsburgh, warms up Phoenix for the arrival of "Andy Warhol: Portraits," an exhibition organized by and featuring original works from The Andy Warhol Museum, which opens March 4 in Phoenix.

**'Crowning Glory' Concert****Phoenix Boys Choir  
Feb. 21-22  
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Spotlighting the magnificent music performed during coronation ceremonies, including the British Crowning Coronation Anthem by Handel, and the premiere of "Unxerunt Salomonem" by Le Sueur, the choir and orchestral music at the coronation of Napoleon as the Emperor of the French in 1804. Show times are 7:30 p.m. Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday. Advance tickets: \$27/main floor, \$22/balcony. All tickets \$27 at the door. Visit [www.PhoenixBoysChoir.org](http://www.PhoenixBoysChoir.org).

**'The Mineola Twins'****7:30 p.m. Feb. 26-28 & March 5-7****John Paul Theatre,  
Phoenix College  
1202 W. Thomas Road**

The story follows the lives of twin sisters and spanning over 30 years. Myrna, the good sister, is wholesome and virtuous, set in her conservative ways. Myra, the bad sister, is exactly the opposite—rebellious and much too liberal for her time. Author Paula Vogel takes the reader on a journey following the lives of the twins, their romantic partners and, later, their children. There will be an 11 a.m. matinee on March 6. All tickets are \$10 general admission, \$7 PC alumni, and \$5 students with ID. Tickets are available at the box office one hour prior to performance or online at [www.phoenixcollege.edu/theatre](http://www.phoenixcollege.edu/theatre).

**'Taste, Touch, See'****Phoenix Girls Chorus  
7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 27  
Camelback Bible Church  
3900 E. Stanford Drive**

The chorus's three younger choir levels, Dolce, Harmonia and Melodia, will perform this Teacher Appreciation Concert. Ticket prices are \$12 for premiere seating and \$6 for general seating. Tickets are available by calling the Phoenix Girls Chorus at 602-252-5562 or at may be purchased at the door.

**'Hunger for Sale'****1:30 p.m. Sunday, March 1  
Third Street Theater,  
Phoenix Center for the Arts  
1202 N. 3rd St.**

This film by Yves Billy looks at some of the key challenges in producing food for the future—and in feeding the planet's current population. Tickets are \$7 at the door; \$6 for students with ID. Doors open at 1 p.m.; cash bar available.

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The family behind the popular Aunt Chilada's restaurant in North Central Phoenix could soon find themselves to be the stars of a network reality television show. Family members include, from left: Tiffany Allison, Jenni O'Brien, Ken Nagel, Candice Nagel, Michele Woods and Tami Butcher (photo by Briana Ivy).

## Café Chat

### Local eatery ventures into reality television

By Teri Carnicelli

Tiffany Allison has a lot on her plate. Not only is she the chef and part owner of the popular Aunt Chilada's restaurant, she also recently formed her own production company, Tiffany Allison Productions.

Far from being a way out of the restaurant industry, Allison started the production company for one main purpose: to pitch the idea of turning her family business into a reality TV show.

"Aunt Chilada's: The Next Generation" will be based on passing the ownership of a family-owned business, located at 7330 N. Dreamy Draw Drive, from one generation to the next and all the comedy and drama that goes with it.

Allison is one of four daughters of the next generation assuming leadership of the restaurant, which has a colorful history. In the 1800s, Aunt Chilada's originally gained notoriety as a trading post, bar and brothel servicing Dreamy Draw mercury miners and weary travelers alike. It was the first Arizona business to receive a liquor license.

Over the last 30 years family patriarch, Ken Nagel, built Aunt Chilada's into a must-see destination with a stellar reputation, both as a restaurant and as an employer.

"My dad is an amazing human being with a great heart and moral compass. He treats all the staff like family, which is why we've had very little turn over; some staff members have been with us for literally decades," Allison says.

But Nagel's recent health issues prompted the family to decide it was time to pass the reigns down to the four daughters: Allison, and her sisters Jenni O'Brien, Michele Woods and Tami Butcher.

"With four diverse personalities at the helm anything can happen," Allison points out. "We all have different ideas about what direction we want to take the business. So there will be some drama for sure, but also a lot of love and humor."

Allison said with their unique history and strong family core, there had been suggestions over the years about ways to share their story.

"We always thought about writing a book; then reality TV came along," Allison recalls. She says the original idea was to create an online TV channel and film "webisodes," which customers, friends, family and fans could watch on their laptops, tablets, cell phones, and other media devices. She pitched her idea to the folks over at Spectrum Video & Film Ltd., who are very familiar with the eatery and its owners—since their company offices are practically next door.

Spectrum felt the timing was right



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for a reality show that focused on not only a family business but one in the restaurant industry. They gave Allison an estimated budget to produce the webisodes, and the money was eventually raised. Soon filming was scheduled. Then something unexpected and fortuitous happened. Reality TV host Billy Derian walked into the restaurant.

Derian was actually in town to buy a present for his fiancée, and they decided to go out for some tacos and margaritas. They strolled into Aunt Chilada's and wound up staying until past 2 a.m., chatting with Allison and the staff about everything under the sun—including the family's planned Internet television show.

Derian is best known for hosting the Discovery Channel shows "Backyard Brigade" and "Rods N Wheels." He currently is the host and lead designer on the DIY Network show, "Extra Yardage." He has been the executive producer/creator of several network and cable shows. But what most people may not know is Derian is a self-taught chef and former restaurant owner himself.

Allison said he got really excited

about their concept and offered to help them get it to the next level, since networks are hungry for more reality show ideas and there currently aren't any focused on a family restaurant business.

"I knew I needed someone like him but I didn't have the budget. I certainly couldn't afford anyone of his stature," but Derian offered to do the job for next to nothing because he really loved the concept, Allison explains.

Derian offered to help with producing a "sizzle reel," which is a short video that often is used to pitch a television concept by hitting the highlights of what the show will be about. Sizzle reels are then sent out to be reviewed by major cable networks.

The reel was completed last month. Now it's a waiting game, but Allison hints, "We're really close to getting picked up by a network. I'm really excited about it, but we can't say anything yet."

The rest of the family is on board with turning their Internet TV show idea into a network-hosted reality TV show, despite the fact that it will mean having their personal lives seen by millions, instead of thousands.

"You don't have to be a perfect family, you can have these very different characters but can still all love each other," Allison points out. "It would be nice for the public to see you can run a company that way."

Allison encourages everyone to join the show's Facebook fan page—Aunt Chilada's the Next Generation—to follow the show's progress.

## Dining Briefs

### Cookbook features local chefs, recipes

Looking for something a little different to give your Valentine this year? Something that might inspire more "together time"? Why not try a cookbook that lets you experience some favorite local recipes that you can make together.

The Arizona-centric cookbook, "100 Years, 100 Chefs, 100 Recipes" has been re-released and is now available at [www.100years100chefs100recipes.com](http://www.100years100chefs100recipes.com) for \$32.95, plus tax. The book also is back in stock at local bookstores including Barnes & Noble.

Originally created as part of Arizona's

2012 Centennial celebration, this updated version features more than 200 pages of beautifully photographed and illustrated recipes collected from Arizona's James Beard award-winning chefs, mom-and-pop chefs, old-time favorite restaurants, and all the passionate professionals who have contributed to our state's flavors.

Part of the proceeds from "100 Years, 100 Chefs, 100 Recipes" will be donated to food banks across Arizona. Spend a romantic evening cooking a favorite local recipe with your significant other. To see the restaurants and chefs featured in the cookbook, or to order a copy, visit [www.100years100chefs100recipes.com](http://www.100years100chefs100recipes.com), or call 602-222-DINE (3463).

### Silvana's 'Barrios' get fresh makeovers

Phoenix restaurateur and chef Silvana Salcido Esparza has brought her popular "barrio" eatery to the North Central community, with the opening of Barrio Urbano on Jan. 5.

Barrio Urbano fills the space vacated by Lola Tapas, inside The Yard at 5632 N. 7th St. The space was first redesigned by *please see BARRIO on page 50*



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Ideation Design Group (IDG), a Phoenix-based interior design and architecture firm that previously worked with Esparza on Barrio Café at Phoenix Sky Harbor and the development of Tinta at Arizona Mills.

The 1,768-square-foot restaurant will accommodate approximately 40 diners and serves south-of-the-border-inspired breakfast, lunch and dinner, as well as all-day menudo. It also sports a full bar.

The walls feature murals created by a collaboration of local artists. Diners will have the option of indoor or outdoor seating that overlooks the courtyard and offers views of the fully exposed kitchen. The restaurant is open seven days a week, with late hours on weekends. Like them on Facebook at BarrioUrbanPHX, or call 602-287-9000.

IDG also will work with Esparza on her expansion of the original Barrio Café, located 16th Street just south of Thomas Road. The project will include a private dining room that seats up to 25 guests, new larger restrooms, a second bar, and stage for live music.



Taco Guild has added the "Founder's Gayaba," with a specially selected tequila, to its list of unique libations (submitted photo).

**Taco Guild adds new specialty drink**

Taco Guild has added an intriguing new cocktail to its lineup of tequila-based beverages.

The Founder's Gayaba is made with guava, lime and Taco Guild's Herradura Double Barrel Select Reposado. The tequila masters at Taco Guild went to Mexico and hand-selected this reposado as the tequila for their Taco Guild brand.

Taco Guild is a tacos and tequila gastropub in Midtown Phoenix on the northwest corner of Seventh Street and Osborn Road. The bar features more than 150 different varieties of tequila as well as craft beers and draught wine, and tequila flights are available for purchase.

Taco Guild, 546 E. Osborn Road, is open seven days a week. Happy hour is 4-7 p.m. weekdays, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m.-close on Sundays. For more information, visit [www.TacoGuild.com](http://www.TacoGuild.com) or call 602-264-4143.

**Del Frisco's gets new GM, chef**

Del Frisco's Grille recently announced the hiring of General Manager Lawrence Macias and Executive Chef Jimmy Ton.

Macias has spent his entire career in the restaurant industry, most recently as the GM of iPic Theaters in Scottsdale. Prior to that, Macias was the GM of Sapporo and the managing partner at Bluewater Grill, where he oversaw the re-branding of this Camelback Corridor landmark formerly known at The Fish Market.

In fact, Macias says part of the appeal of working at Del Frisco's Grille

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Executive chef Jimmy Ton, left, and General Manager Lawrence Macias have joined the team at Del Frisco's Grille (submitted photo).

was returning to the Biltmore area, and working for a company that really cares for its staff and guests.

Which is why Macias' top priority is, "getting out onto the local community, building partnerships and working with local organizations and charities to make sure Del Frisco's is doing its part to be valued member of the neighborhood and beyond."

A Pacific Northwest native, Ton might be a newcomer to local diners, but his resume speaks for itself. After an injury caused him to lose his University of Hawaii football scholarship, Ton turned to his passion for food—learning how to cook traditional Vietnamese food at his mother's knee—and wrote to celebrity chef, Thomas Keller, to beg for an unpaid internship at Bouchon Bistro.

More recently, Ton has worked at a variety of recognizable restaurants, ranging from the posh Napa Rose at Disneyland and Skycity at the Seattle Space Needle, to the Del Frisco's Grille in Santa Monica, Calif.

Here in Phoenix, Ton has overseen the roll out of an all-new seasonal menu, including the Cali Chicken Sandwich with crushed avocado, lettuce, tomato, lemon-tarragon mayo on toasted challah, the Mesquite Smoked Pork Chop with Anson Mills grits, bourbon-apple glaze, and brunch favorites such as the Southern Fried Chicken & Waffles with spicy maple syrup, thick-cut hickory-smoked bacon.

Del Frisco's Grille is located at 2425 E. Camelback Road. For more information call 602-466-2890 or visit [www.delfriscosgrille.com](http://www.delfriscosgrille.com).

### Hula's reaches goal with Mahalo Mondays

When Hula's Modern Tiki restaurant first launched its Mahalo Mondays program in early 2010, the idea was to "do something positive for our community," explains M. Dana Mulé, a partner in the swank midtown eatery.

Each month, Hula's has donated 10 percent of the proceeds from every Monday to a nonprofit organization.

"The goal from day one was to donate \$100,000 to local charity in our first five years," Mulé explains.

As the five-year anniversary of the charitable giving program approaches at the end of this month, Mulé is proud to announce that Hula's will reach that impressive goal.

"Of all the things we've done as a restaurant/business, this is what I am most proud of," Mulé says. "We opened at the bottom of the second-worst economy in the history of this nation. Yet, we stuck to our ideals, and never wavered in our support for this community."

And that support continues. The charity benefiting from this month's Mahalo Mondays is Boys Hope Girls Hope of Arizona, which has its programs based in North Central Phoenix. No flier is required; just come in and dine on any Monday this month, and help struggling youth find a brighter future in central Phoenix.

Hula's is located at 4700 N. Central Ave., on the northwest corner of Central and Highland avenues. For more information on the restaurant or the Mahalo Mondays program, visit [www.hulamodernniki.com](http://www.hulamodernniki.com).

### Wine event returns to garden setting

Desert Botanical Garden's Corks & Cactus returns as a two-day festival, Feb. 21-22 from 1 to 5 p.m. Guests can sample a variety of wines from different regions of the world and to talk with representatives from the different wineries.

All wines featured will be available for sale at the event and all proceeds benefit the garden's education, conservation, research and horticulture programs. Wine can be purchased by the bottle or case.

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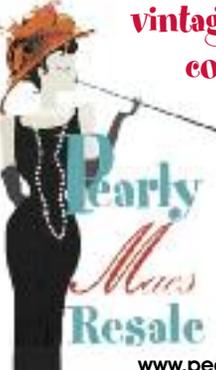
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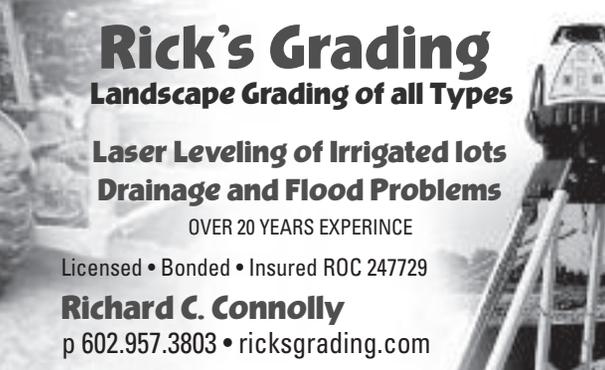
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