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## Property taxes will rise in Phoenix

By Teri Carnicelli

The fiscal year beginning July 1 will have Phoenix homeowners seeing a bump in their property taxes as the city sets to increase its secondary rate while anticipating overall increased revenues from primary property taxes.

In the meantime, one of the city's largest school districts also looks to increase its revenues.

On May 17, the Phoenix City Council adopted its budget for fiscal year 2016-17, which included a proposed \$0.35 increase to the secondary property tax rate to generate approximately \$37 million needed to address ongoing debt service payments. Secondary property taxes are used by the city to pay for its debt services, such as general obligations bonds that are used to buy land, build new city-owned facilities, and more.

Although the city expects to have a \$60 million

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North Central resident and jewelry designer Gerri Dames, who recently launched "Gerri's Beading Parties," teaches a group of kids how to make their own beaded bracelets during a workshop last month at the Shemer Art Center (submitted photo).

## New businesses tap into 'creative' needs

By Teri Carnicelli

Some Valley women are taking their experience in the arts and turning it into new, vibrant businesses that serve unique niches.

Retired educator Gerri Dames, a lifelong North Central resident, has introduced "Gerri's Beading Parties" for ages 7 and older. Dames created this business as an alternative to traditional children's parties but also has seen adult clients who want a fun addition to their bridal showers, birthday parties or just a Wine Wednesday girls-night-in gathering.

Materials and instruction are provided for attendees over the course of the two-hour event, allowing the participants to design, construct, and wear their jewelry home.

Dames is a respected jewelry designer whose work is featured online at [www.GerrisJewelryDesigns.com](http://www.GerrisJewelryDesigns.com) as well as in local museum gift stores.

"I got started with jewelry design when I needed several pieces of jewelry repaired," she recalled. "I decided that I would try it myself. I've always loved natural stones, pearls and glass.

"The party business was purely by accident," she explained. "The Shemer Art Center in Phoenix was having an event last October that included a juried

art exhibit, and my jewelry was accepted. Part of what they do is teach children art activities at the event. I offered to teach a group of children how to make bracelets. We had a fantastic turnout and the children were so creative. Several of the mothers there suggested that I have parties." And so it began.

Dames continues to teach workshops at the Shemer Art Center, but is also available for private events in your home or office. Scheduling and event pricing are available on her website or by phone: 602-770-6366.

Phoenix native Chelsea Early is a former professional ballet dancer who worked with Ballet Arizona

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### Help the homeless, elderly this summer

Scorching temperatures are a health hazard to the Valley's homeless and elderly shut-ins, and one nonprofit organization is mobilizing to prevent heat-related deaths and illnesses among this vulnerable, growing population.

Phoenix Rescue Mission is partnering with several municipalities and businesses to launch its fourth-annual "Code Red: Summer Heat Relief Campaign," which runs through Aug. 31. While the Mission has conducted annual summer water drives for several years, "Code Red" elevates the urgency of the call to action with a public plea for water, white socks, toiletries, cool snack packs, hats, light-colored T-shirts, sunglasses, sunscreen, lip balm, chilly neck coolers and more.

The latest data shows that annual heat-related deaths in Maricopa County are down since the campaign started in 2012.



Volunteers with Phoenix Rescue Mission's Hope Coach hand out heat-relief items, including bottled water, to members of the homeless community during the summertime (photo by Cliff Danley).

Public drop-off sites for water, socks, sunscreen, hats, toiletries and other heat relief items are located throughout the Valley. For a complete list of drop-off locations, visit [www.phoenixrescuemission.org/codere d/locations](http://www.phoenixrescuemission.org/codere d/locations) or call 602-346-3330.

In addition, all Phoenix fire stations *please see HELP on page 7*

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General Fund budget surplus this coming fiscal year, rather than using those funds to pay down the debt service—a one-to-two-year fix at best, city officials say—the city manager and some council members want to put that surplus toward other uses, such as adding police body cameras over the next 4-5 years, addressing chronic veteran homelessness in the city, and partially restoring employee compensation. The Phoenix City Council was set to vote on the tax increase at its July 1 meeting, and if approved, it will go into effect immediately.

In addition, the Phoenix City Council held a public hearing June 15 regarding changes to primary property taxes. The city actually will decrease the primary property tax rate from \$1.34 to approximately \$1.33 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation for 2016-17. However, the overall growth in the value of Phoenix homes will result in an actual increase in the primary property tax that homeowners pay, by about 1.3 percent. The city anticipates that this will bring in an additional \$1.845 million in primary property tax revenues during the next fiscal year.

Since residential property valuations conducted by the Maricopa County Assessor's Office are only updated every 18 months or so, the city's budget office says the anticipated tax increase is usually accurate to within a percent or two.

Homeowners residing within the Phoenix Union High School District boundaries will see an even bigger property tax bill as the district's Governing Board voted in favor of an increase to its primary property tax rate at its June 21 meeting.

The Governing Board approved an increase in its primary property tax levy of \$750,000. The new rate will cause Phoenix Union High School District's primary property taxes on a \$100,000 home to increase from \$132.75 to \$134.48. That new rate also goes into effect July 1.

What that all means for Phoenix homeowners will be determined by the most current Maricopa County valuation of their home. For more information about your home's current valuation, visit <http://mcaselector.maricopa.gov/> and type in your street address or call 602-506-3406.

## Local girl lauded for doughnut idea

Last month, Bashas' Supermarkets named 13 kid finalists who came up with some of the most mouthwatering flavor suggestions as part of the grocer's Donut Flavor Craze Contest. Among them was North Central youth Gracie Monk, 12, who walked away with the "People's Choice" award after the online voting concluded.



Gracie Monk

Gracie's concoction was the Cupcake Doughnut—literally, a small cupcake placed inside the hole of the doughnut. For her entry, Gracie received a \$25 Bashas' gift card and one dozen doughnuts.

## Celebrate Frida Khalo's birthday

Fiesta de Frida, a celebration of Mexico's famous female artist, Frida Kahlo, takes over Steele Auditorium at the Heard Museum, 2301 N. Central Ave., 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, July 9.

Free with museum admission, the event features artworks by The Phoenix Fridas in the Steele foyer, along with a Mercado of creations by this local, award-winning Latina artists' collective. Party guests will enjoy the sounds of Mariachi Pasi6n, an all-female ensemble, performing between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Hear a spoken-word presentation about Frida Kahlo, and enjoy the beautiful dances of Ballet Folk6rico at 2:30 p.m.

Younger guests can try their hand at make-and-take crafts and coloring pages (while supplies last). The first 25 Frida look-alikes to arrive will win swag bags and will strut their looks for a fashion procession. And in homage to the painter who single-handedly created the selfie trend, a photo booth with props will be available for those who want to capture the spirit of the event on camera phones.

Special food and drinks will be available for purchase at the museum's Courtyard Caf6 and a birthday cake will be served to party guests at 3:30 p.m. (while supplies last).

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## Real Estate Corner

# Bobby Lieb

*Your North Central and Biltmore residential real estate specialist*

## A look at assisted living

Residential Assisted Living is fast becoming one of the most desirable options for Seniors needing care. There are some great options right here in North Central for those wanting to keep their loved ones within our community. One of those options is Constant Care Assisted Living. I



spoke with owner Jamie Kimmel today about their residential care homes in North Central and Arcadia. She and her husband, Matt Schaub, are preparing to open their newest assisted living home in North Central early Fall 2016.

**Bobby:** What is the benefit of a residential care home over a larger assisted living facility?

**Jamie:** Residential care homes are a wonderful option for anyone needing more individualized care. Most homes will have 1-2 caregivers for 10 or fewer residents, and have the ability to create a very personal plan of care in a home environment. Also, meals are home made and served family style and contribute to the feel of truly being at home. The small number of residents allows for easy accommodation of various dietary preferences.

**Bobby:** That sounds like the next best thing to being able to actually stay in your own home. Are care homes regulated by any certain agency and how can prospective clients find the right home for their loved one?

**Jamie:** Every care home in the Valley is licensed and regulated by the Arizona Department of Health Services and each home is inspected annually. These inspection reports are public and posted on the AZ DHS website. At Constant Care, our caregivers have all had extensive training and are licensed through the state of Arizona. They are trained in CPR & First Aid and hold a Level 1 fingerprint clearance card.

Choosing the right care home is a highly personal decision with many factors at play. I always encourage people to ask for a list of references both from families of residents as well as medical professionals who provide services inside the homes (home health and hospice nurses, physicians, etc). Some things to consider when choosing a home are cost, location, level of care offered, caregiver to resident ratio,

and any activities provided. In our homes, we provide activities to promote both physical and mental well-being. Some of these activities include: our weekly fitness class, music therapy with live musical performances, and our very popular weekly pottery painting class.

Usually when a family comes to tour, they will know right away when they have found the right place. Although we believe our homes are among the best in the Valley, we always encourage families to tour several places before they make a decision - there are some great options in North Central!

**Bobby:** Congratulations on your newest home, it seems like a very convenient location and close to all the great new restaurants on Central Ave and 7th Street. When do you anticipate opening your new home and how many residents will you be able to accommodate? Also where can people find more information on Constant Care Assisted Living?

**Jamie:** As we enter our 5th year in business, we are so excited about this new home and the opportunity to provide excellent care for more people right here in our community. We anticipate opening in early fall 2016 and will host an open house for anyone who would like to come and tour and learn more about the care environment we provide. You can find us (and like us!) on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/constantcareassistedliving](http://www.facebook.com/constantcareassistedliving), email at [constantcarehome@gmail.com](mailto:constantcarehome@gmail.com) or call me directly at (602) 803-5642.

Matt and I love living in North Central and raising our family in this part of the Valley. We feel very honored to provide care to so many wonderful families right here in the community that we love.

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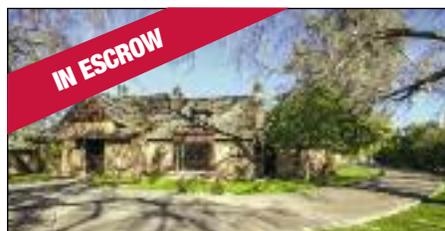
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**Stark appointed interim District 3 representative**

The Phoenix City Council on June 14 appointed Debra Stark to serve as the District 3 Councilmember until a special election is held. That special election will determine the councilmember to fill the remainder of the term, which runs through 2019.

Phoenix City Councilman Bill Gates, who represented District 3 since 2009, resigned his seat on May 31 to make a run for the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors. The City Charter states that when a vacancy occurs with more than one year remaining in the term, the City Council must appoint an individual to fill the vacancy until a special election is held to fill the remainder of the term.

There were nine contenders for the fill-in position, and Stark was selected with a 6-1 vote. She will now face five challengers in the fall special election: Dan Carroll, Chris DeRose, Charles Hargrave, Jim Mapstead, and Ann Wallack.

Stark, who has lived in District 3



Bidding farewell to former District 3 City Councilman Bill Gates, center, who stepped down from his seat on May 31, are four of the six fall special election contenders to replace him, from left: Chris DeRose, Dan Carroll, Debra Stark—who will fill the seat until the special election—and Jim Mapstead (photo by Teri Carnicelli).

for almost 30 years, has experience in both city and county government in that she previously served as the Planning and Development director for the city of Phoenix from October 2005 to October 2012, when she left to serve as the Planning and Development

director for Maricopa County. She resigned her position with the county in April to run for the vacant Phoenix City Council seat.

The city will hold a special election on Nov. 8 to fill the District 3 Council seat for the remainder of the term.

**'Memory Bash' helps remember loved ones**

"Passed and Present: Keeping Memories of Loved Ones Alive," by Emmy-award-winning journalist Allison Gilbert, is the feature of a family event from 2-4 p.m. Saturday, July 9 at Changing Hands bookstore, 300 W. Camelback Road.

The "Memory Bash" led by Gilbert will engage children with a "show and tell" followed by a commemorative craft activity. Please bring a photo of your loved one to display.

Gilbert also will share her inspirational story of loss and healing as she is interviewed by Lin Sue Cooney, Hospice of the Valley's director of Community Engagement and former news anchor. New Song Center for Grieving Children, a program of Hospice of the Valley, co-sponsors the event with Changing Hands.

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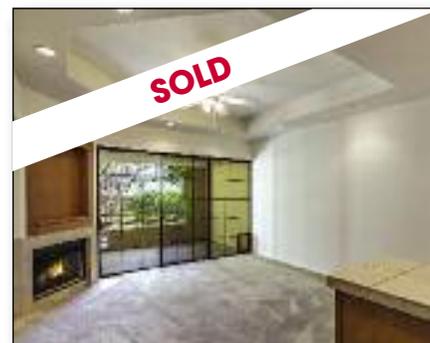
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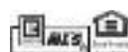
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for more than 10 years. After a serious injury to her foot, she decided to use her time off to learn how to sew under the direction of the ballet's wardrobe department. After her retirement, she worked at a local ballroom and dress-maker shop, which further ignited her passion for fine fashion and the craft of sewing.

She left to start her own Etsy shop named Poika Tytto. Her sister, Heather, joined the business late 2014, and that's when the shop evolved into Luckyleo Dancewear.

Heather danced professionally with Ballet Arizona for many years. She also trained at Pacific Northwest Ballet and did summer intensives at School of American Ballet. During her time at Pacific Northwest Ballet, she sustained a serious injury to her ankle. Shortly thereafter, she moved back to Phoenix, and started Luckyleo Dancewear with Chelsea. They now work out of a small crafting shop near 12th Street and Indian School Road, hand creating one-of-a-kind leotards using local suppliers whenever possible.

"Dancers always need to wear a leotard for classes and rehearsals, and when we danced as students and professionally we felt limited by the style and color options available to wear," Heather said.

"As ballet dancers, we always wanted to rehearse and take class in beautiful leotards that would brighten our day and make us feel confident in class, rehearsals, and on the stage," Chelsea added. "Through the success of Luckyleo, we are able to provide that feeling for the dancers of today."

The company has steadily grown into a successful family business, and Chelsea loves working every day with her sister, Heather, and mom, Karen Saari, who monitors quality and individually wraps each leotard by hand before it goes out.

The custom leotards are for ages 6 to adult. Thus far they have sold their dancewear to more than 29 countries.

Luckyleo Dancewear recently was named a winner of The American Small Business Championship and will go on to compete for the grand prize of \$25,000 this fall. The business has seen a 900-percent increase in revenue in just one year with help from Greater Phoenix SCORE, a free business mentoring assistance group.



North Central business Luckyleo Dancewear is a family affair, with sisters Heather Walker (left) and Chelsey Early, and mom Karen Saari (submitted photo).

Luckyleo Dancewear received a \$1,000 Sam's Club gift card, an all-expense-paid trip to one of three SCORE training events, SCORE mentorship for one year, and promotion throughout the year to showcase the company's story from a grant from Sam's Club.

"This is just the beginning for Luckyleo Dancewear," Chelsea said. "We don't plan to stop here."

For more information, visit <http://www.luckyleodancewear.com>.

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will serve as drop-off locations for donations of bottled water as part of Central Arizona Shelter Services' annual Heat Relief Campaign. Water donations also can be made at the Vista Colina Emergency Family Shelter at 1050 W. Mountain View Road.

The city of Phoenix Human Services Department also is participating in a summer Heat Relief campaign to assist the homeless. Items being collected include unopened water bottles, sunscreen, new underwear, white socks, white T-shirts, insect repellent and prepackaged snack items. Donations can be dropped off at the Sunnyslope Family Services Center, 914 W. Hatcher Road (602-495-5229), between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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## Debunking the Myth of the 'Female Driver'

### Q&A with Shahe Kolloukian, owner of Mazvo Auto Car Care Center

Raise your hand if this sounds familiar: a meek damsel in distress, standing over her steaming car engine on the side of the road, pacing in confusion while on her cell phone. We've all seen this tired old scene on TV and in movies. For decades, the world of cars has been one of the most clichéd in terms of gender stereotyping – a bastion of male competence where women are perceived as helpless, dithering drivers, ripe to be overcharged and oversold. In short, ripped off!

But Shahe Kolloukian, owner of Mazvo Auto Car Care Center – a full-service repair facility – has made it his mission to change this. With a clientele that is 82% female, Mazvo strives to educate its customers so that they understand the fundamentals of auto repair, while providing a personal service experience like no other. "Even if you're not 'into' cars, it's important for women to equip themselves with some basic knowledge about their vehicles," says Shahe.

We caught up with Shahe to get a few pointers and asked him an all-important question: what should we look for in an auto repair shop, and how can we get past our fear of being swindled?

The most important thing you can do right from the start, he recommends, is to ask plenty of questions and expect answers. "This will let the facility know that you're on top of what you're about to be told," he says. "The goal is to build a relationship built on communication and trust so that you can continue to do business with one repair facility instead of the 'coupon of the week.'" Some questions Shahe suggests:

- Ask how old their equipment is
- Ask if the facility is fully insured
- Ask about the credentials of their technicians
- Ask if their invoices itemize parts and labor for all repairs
- Request a tour of the shop

Additionally, says Shahe, a good auto repair shop will listen to your concerns. "If they don't listen first, they're basically telling you that you don't know what you're talking about," he advises. "Your mechanic is like a doctor; it's important to have a clear line of communication. Listening is one of the most important aspects of my business." Shahe's tips:

- Explain why you brought your vehicle in
- Understand the repair shop's hourly rate
- Clarify what the diagnosis is going to cost
- Make sure to go for ride with the technician so that they can see and hear what you're concerned about, rather than assuming what they hear is what you're talking about

Shahe believes that a little automotive education goes a long way, which is why he and his staff are so committed to helping clients really understand what's being done. "You will be amazed at how just a few pointers about the workings of your vehicle can make a huge impact on how you deal with your car repairs," he says. Armed with the right questions to ask, you can be sure you're making the best decisions – and not being underestimated in the process.

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Valley residents will see this mobile billboard truck traveling around town this summer to remind residents of the dangers of leaving children and pets in hot cars (submitted photo).

**New campaign raises awareness of hot cars**

As Arizona settles into triple-digit temperatures, the Maricopa County Attorney's Office has launched its "Don't Leave Me Behind!" vehicular heatstroke awareness campaign. A mobile billboard truck will be traveling throughout Maricopa County this summer, warning of the dangers of leaving young children and animals in unattended vehicles.

"Every year we see this very preventable tragedy occur, claiming the lives of children and pets," said Maricopa County Attorney Bill Montgomery. "We want to remind residents that leaving a child or pet in a vehicle is potentially fatal and, in some circumstances, a criminal offense."

The rolling signage, which features images of a child and a small dog left inside a parked car, is part of a public awareness campaign created by the Maricopa County Attorney's Office aimed at reducing the number of deaths and injuries resulting from vehicular heatstroke.

Vehicular heatstroke is No. 1 cause of death in non-collision fatalities for children 14 and younger, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Since 1998, 668 children have died nationwide as a result of adults leaving them in a vehicle—11 already this year (as of June 9).

Data compiled by the nonprofit KidsandCars.org rank Arizona as one of the top five states for these fatalities. Statistics compiled by San Jose State University ranked Arizona third nationally for child deaths due to heatstroke from being left in a hot car.

The risk of vehicular heatstroke can occur in air temperatures of 80 degrees or less and even as low as 57 degrees. Interior temperatures can quickly rise to 125 degrees even with the windows slightly rolled down. Young children are especially at risk because they can fall asleep during a car ride, making it easier for a driver to not notice them when the vehicle is parked. Safety experts advise leaving something you will need in the back seat, such as a purse, wallet or cell phone, as a reminder to always check the back seats for children or pets when arriving at your destination.

The County Attorney's Office will be providing regular updates on sitings of the billboard through Facebook and Twitter, as well as information and safety tips. For more information on vehicular heatstroke and safety tips, visit the SafeKidsAZ website at [www.safekidsaz.org/vehicular-heatstroke](http://www.safekidsaz.org/vehicular-heatstroke).

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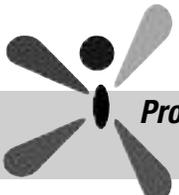
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**Local kids collect water for homeless**

A group of kids in the Willo Historic District spent the month of June collecting bottled water for the homeless. Their efforts were on behalf of Central Arizona Shelter Services (CASS), which provides shelter and support services to men, women and children with diverse needs to end their homelessness.

Among the young volunteers were Cici and Jules McKenzie, Bailey and Declan Reynolds, Spencer Bodell, and Olivia and Ruby Sibiski.

We all know the summer heat puts us all at risk for heat-related injuries such as heat stroke, heat exhaustion and dehydration. Homeless men, women and children are particularly vulnerable. Their exposure to the summer’s elements not only increases their chances of injury, but also increases the potential for death.

CASS’s Heat Relief Campaign continues through August, and water donations can be dropped off at any Phoenix Fire Station. For more information, call 602-417-9800 or visit [www.HeatReliefAZ.org](http://www.HeatReliefAZ.org).



Clockwise from bottom left: Spencer Bodell, Cici McKenzie, Bailey Reynolds and Jules McKenzie show off some of the bottled water that they collected for the homeless to Congressman Ruben Gallego, who stopped by to cheer them on (submitted photo).

**AZ children’s book authors featured**

Local Arizona children’s book authors will read their stories at Pueblo Grande Museum’s Arizona Authors Summertime Storytelling & Craft Saturdays this summer. In July from 10 a.m. to noon, children in pre-kindergarten through fourth grade will enjoy a story time lead by the authors, then get to do a fun story related craft, and enjoy a light snack.

Each program is \$5 and includes entrance to the museum, located at 4619 E. Washington St.. Pre-registration is not required but recommended as space is limited. All participants must be accompanied by an adult. Visit [www.pueblogrande.com](http://www.pueblogrande.com) for more information on each story and to register, or call 602-495-0901 for more information.

Featured books include:

- July 9, “Hohokam: Prehistoric Inhabitants of Pueblo Grande” by PGM Staff
- July 16, “The Twelve Days of Christmas in Arizona” by Jennifer J. Stewart
- July 23, “Addie Slaughter: The Girl Who Met Geronimo” by Reba Wells Grandrud and Susan S. Krueger
- July 30, “La Madre Goose” by Juana Martinez-Neal

Each book will also be available for purchase in the museum store so that families can have a signed copy of their favorite stories.

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This 1-year-old bulldog loves cuddling and napping; just be prepared for some serious snoring (submitted photo).

### Pet of the Month

**Princess is a lapful of love**

Princess may not be the most graceful of dog royalty, but one can't help but succumb to her big ol' mushy face and sweet brown eyes—which take sappy puppy eyes to a whole new level.

This gregarious, gentle giant steals everyone's heart with her happy wiggles and eagerness to cuddle close and the overly friendly bulldog will lug her burly and brawny 62-pound frame into your lap for snuggles. It doesn't take much to tucker her out and after a short walk, this lazy 1 year old quickly settles on the couch or a comfy dog bed for her 10-hour power nap. It may sound like a thunderstorm throughout the house, but it's just Princess snoring.

Although she also loves sunbathing by the pool, she's no swimmer and without a life vest, this little tank will sink like a rock. Instead, Princess prefers to cool off in the sprinklers or splash around in a shallow kiddie pool. Her love and loyalty are unmatched.

Princess is available at the Arizona Humane Society's Sunnyslope Campus

located at 9226 N. 13th Ave. Her adoption fee is \$200 and includes her spay surgery and vaccinations. For more information call 602-997-7585 and ask for animal number A536898. She may have been adopted by the time you visit the shelter but you can see all the pets in need of a home by visiting [www.azhumane.org](http://www.azhumane.org).

### New tethering law goes into effect

Beginning July 1, a new tethering law goes into effect in the city of Phoenix, to protect dogs from abuse and neglect.

"The tethering ordinance ... will aid our law enforcement in pursuing animal cruelty cases," Councilwoman Thelda Williams said. "I've seen firsthand the results of neglectful and abusive behavior on our pet population. A person who is capable of abusing animals will eventually be involved in violent crimes against domestic partners and other family members, which may lead to violent crimes outside the home. We owe it to the most vulnerable among us to attempt to stop the violence."

The new ordinance, passed by the Phoenix City Council on June 1, outlaws restraining a dog outside using a restraint that unreasonably limits the dog's movement during extreme weather conditions, when the outdoor temperature is below 32 degrees or above 100 degrees Fahrenheit, when a heat advisory has been issued or when a monsoon, hurricane, tropical-storm, dust-storm or tornado warning has been issued.

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dog; is in length shorter than 10 feet; places the dog in unsafe or unsanitary conditions; causes injury to the dog; or does not permit the dog access to food, water, shade, dry ground or shelter.

A person found responsible for a first offense of the ordinance would be subject to a fine. Subsequent violations are a Class One misdemeanor with increasing fines and jail time. To report a suspected case of animal abuse or a violation of the new tethering ordinance, call the Phoenix Police Department's non-emergency line at 602-262-6151.

## Keep your pets safe on the 4th

Maricopa County Animal Care & Control (MCACC) shelters are over capacity and unfortunately, the busiest time of the year is still ahead with the coming of the July 4 holiday and an onslaught of lost pets resulting from fireworks festivities.

MCACC advises that pet parents take special precautions on July 4, particularly if they are going to be away from home. Make sure your pet is secured indoors, and that all doors (included the dog door) and windows are latched. If your dog is particularly anxious, crating him or her could help keep them calmer and also prevent damage and destruction to the interior of your home.

It's also a good idea to keep your pet indoors even if you are home on July 4. The sound of fireworks even a few

blocks away may terrify your pet. Explosive noises may damage your pet's hearing, or pets may be injured by fireworks.

In the event your pet does get out, it is critical that he or she is wearing current ID tags to make reunification a much smoother process.

Should your pet become lost, members of the public can visit [www.maricopa.gov/pets](http://www.maricopa.gov/pets) and search for their pets in a variety of ways. Circles for dogs and triangles for cats show the approximate location where stray animals have been found and brought to MCACC shelters.

In addition, members of the public can add lost and found animals of their own onto the map.

## AAWL offers low-cost microchipping

One in three pets becomes lost during its lifetime, with only 15-20 percent of dogs returned home and less than 2 percent of cats.

The Arizona Animal Welfare League is reminding pet owners to have current identification on their pets at all times, and recommends your pet be microchipped.

If your pet isn't microchipped, AAWL offers to chip your pet at its walk-in clinic for only \$20 per pet, including registration. Owners can also get pets vaccinated at the clinic; all vaccines are \$18 each or \$45 for three vaccines (same pet).

*please see MICROCHIPPING on page 14*

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- All overheated pets need to have a veterinary exam ASAP.
- Parasites are more common and put pets & people at risk.
- Monsoon thunder & fireworks can frighten or injure pets.
- Microchips help pets get back home.
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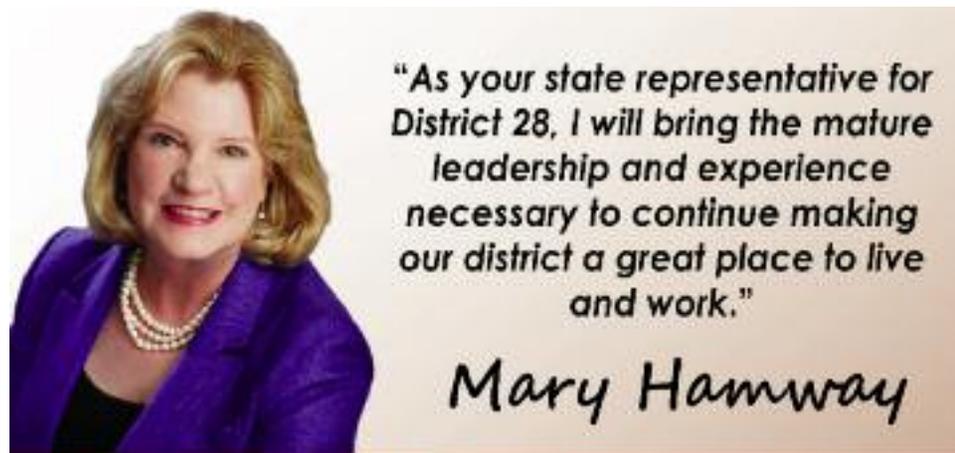
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### MICROCHIPPING *continued from page 13*

The next clinic will take place 8 a.m.-12 p.m. Saturday, July 16 at the AAWL Sonia Breslow Adoption Center, 25 N. 40th St. All dogs must be on a leash or in carrier and cats must be in carriers. You must be in line by no later than 11:30 a.m. to be seen.

For more information, go to [www.aawl.org](http://www.aawl.org) and click on the Vet Services tab, or call 602-358-7267.

### Comedy show benefits animal rescue groups

Pet rescue organizations from across the Valley will unite on July 23 for the 4th Annual Dog Days of Summer Benefit Comedy Show.

It's a fun night—with a serious side. Maricopa County boasts the second-highest euthanasia rate in the United States, behind Los Angeles County. There are more than 140 rescue groups in the Valley, yet healthy, adoptable animals are still euthanized daily. With more funds, Valley rescue groups can save more dogs and cats from this fate.

The night of comedy for a cause for the first time features two show times: doors open at 4 p.m. for the 5:30 p.m. show, and doors open at 8:30 p.m. for the 9:30 p.m. show. Four local comedians will perform. Adults 18 and older are invited and admission is a \$25 donation in advance (\$30 at the door), which will benefit 24 different rescue groups in Arizona.

The shows take place at the Shrine Auditorium, 522 N. 40th St., just a few blocks south of the Loop 202. Drinks and food will be available for purchase, cash only. An interesting twist is this year some auctions will be done online before the show and seats are assigned, so early birds are closer to the stage. There still will be some raffles and auctions during the event, as well as a 50/50 raffle.

No adoptable animals will be at the event, and no animal companions are allowed, other than service animals. Tickets can be purchased online through a participating rescue group, including North Central Phoenix-based Boxer Luv Rescue (<http://www.boxerluv.org/info/events>), or at: [www.twistedevents.org](http://www.twistedevents.org).

Contact Christa Sorenson at [christasboxers@gmail.com](mailto:christasboxers@gmail.com) or 602-292-3200 for more information regarding raffle donations and corporate partnership opportunities.

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## Two local teens earn Girl Scout Gold Award

North Central resident Sophia Kirkland-Lopez, a sophomore at Phoenix Country Day School, is already an international traveler, having spent some time this spring on a school trip to Cuba no less, and already scheduled to spend her junior year as an exchange student in Italy.

But it is not her globetrotting ways that she is best known for. In fact, it is her accomplishments here at home that have garnered her some prestigious attention.

Sophia has always had a desire to become more active in her community. She noticed there was a dilapidated wall at her church, St. Joan of Arc, in need of repair. She recognized the opportunity to turn the wall into much more. Her goal was to increase knowledge of gardening and sustainability by transforming the wall into a raised garden, which could be used to teach children about vegetation and sustainability.

Sophia worked with the leaders at the church and gardening experts to



LEFT: Sophia Kirkland-Lopez recently was honored for a project she initiated to turn a dilapidated wall at her church into a raised garden (submitted photo). RIGHT: Tess Grossman, who founded a support organization for the deaf and hard-of-hearing called Hear & Now, was honored in March with a Girl Scouts Gold Award (submitted photo).

research, plan, organize volunteers, and build the garden, as part of her “Operation Wallflower.” Thanks to Sophia, the children at St. Joan of Arc have a beautiful garden where then can learn and play. For her efforts, Sophia, a Girl Scout for seven years, earned her



Girl Scout Gold Award, the highest honor in Girl Scouting.

Also receiving the Gold Award in March was fellow Girl Scout and North Central resident Tess Grossman. She was born profoundly deaf in both ears and was later fitted with cochlear implants

and taught to communicate orally.

Tess established and founded a support organization for the deaf and hard-of-hearing called Hear & Now. She focuses on educating children and parents about deaf culture, the struggles of being disabled, services offered by speech experts, and creating an environment for deaf/hard-of-hearing people. She has found that having a hearing loss also empowers you; there is nothing you can't do as long as you are persistent, confident, and accept yourself for who you are.

Tess also gives auditorium-based college lectures for schools such as Colorado State University, A.T. Still University and Gallaudet. Tess hopes to study English literature in the U.K. in pursuit of becoming a goodwill ambassador for the AG Bell Association for the deaf and hard-of-hearing.

The Gold Award requires a girl to initiate meaningful, sustainable change locally, nationally, or globally through a unique “Take Action” project of her own creation. The young women who earn this award leave a lasting impact in their communities.

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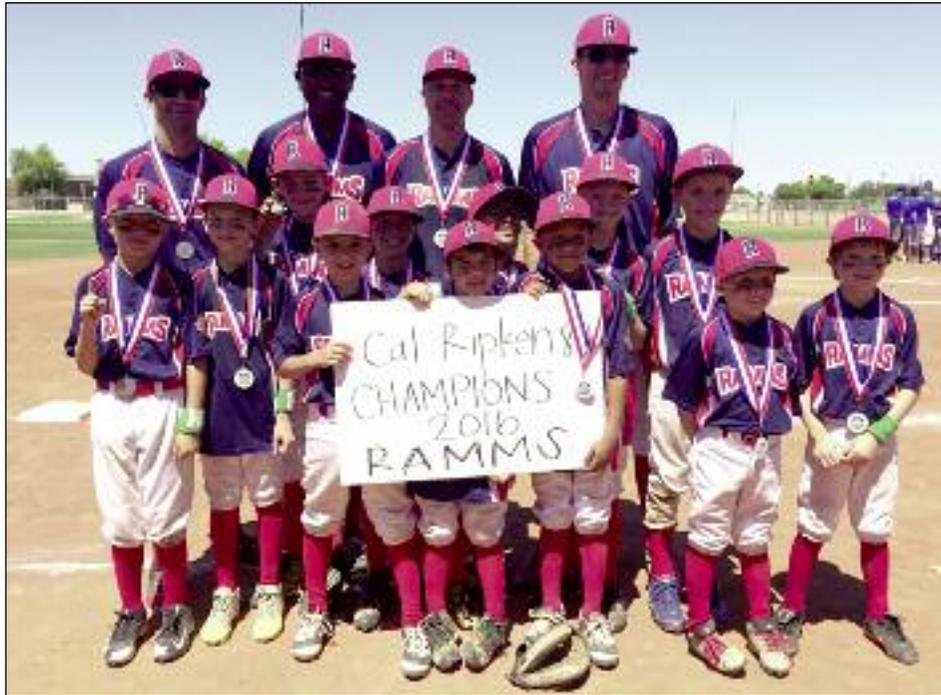
### RAMMS 8U wins state championship

The Recreation Association of Madison Meadows-Simis (RAMMS) 8 and Under team won the Cal Ripken 8U State Championship on June 12. The RAMMS 8 and Under beat the Yuma Blue team by a score of 9-5 in the championship game in Yuma..

The Cal Ripken tournament included eight teams from Scottsdale, Casa Grande and Yuma. The RAMMS 8U went undefeated with a 6-0 tournament record. The team outscored its competition 100-15 in total runs.

The RAMMS 8U team includes players from Madison Tradition Academy, Madison Simis and SS. Simon & Jude Cathedral School. Players are Will Bohn, Owen Brite, Darren Desmond, Parker Dixon, John Fahrendorff, Aidan Garcia, Wes Griffin, Jake Keebler, Jack Petroff, Rex Richardson, Chase Simpson and Connor Woodward.

The team is managed by Gregory Simpson, and coached by Darren Desmond, Thomas Griffin and Wes Richardson.



Players and coaches of the RAMMS 8 and Under celebrate their win at the Cal Ripken 8U State Championship game on June 12 (submitted photo).

### New Song Center volunteers sought

New Song Center for Grieving Children needs community volunteers to facilitate grief support groups for children and their families following a

significant death in a child's life.

The program helps children, teens and young adults cope with their grief and loss by sharing stories and experiences, as well as art, music and recreation. Trained volunteers lead support groups under the direction of professional staff.

The next five-class volunteer training course will be held in late August at Hospice of the Valley's central Phoenix office, 1510 E. Flower St., with a registration deadline of Aug. 10. A one-year volunteer commitment is requested; groups meet once every two weeks. To register, call 480-951-8985.

For more information, visit [www.hov.org/welcome-new-song-center-grieving-children](http://www.hov.org/welcome-new-song-center-grieving-children).

### Donate to wildfire relief aid at Bashas'

With wildfire seasons growing longer every year, Bashas' Family of Stores has announced that it will continue the company's long-standing partnership with The Salvation Army to collect monetary donations benefiting wildfire relief efforts in Arizona. Shoppers can make donations at the register of any Bashas', AJ's, or Food City grocery store from now through the end of July.

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## Volunteer drivers for cancer patients

An estimated 32,510 Arizona residents will learn they have cancer this year. To ensure patients get to the critical care they need without additional stress, the American Cancer Society Road To Recovery® program can help provide free transportation to and from treatment for people who have cancer and who do not have a ride or are unable to drive themselves.

“Every driver has what it takes to save lives,” said Monica Escalante, mission delivery manager for the American Cancer Society. “We’re urgently asking drivers to donate their passenger seat and volunteer to take cancer patients to treatment.”

Many cancer patients don’t own a vehicle, can’t afford the extra gasoline, or don’t have access to public transportation. Some patients may be elderly and unable to drive, too ill to drive, or have no family members or friends who are able to provide regular assistance with transportation. Even the best treatment can’t work if a

patient can’t get there.

Volunteer drivers donate their time and the use of their cars so patients can receive the cancer-related treatments they need. Drivers also provide encouragement and support. To volunteer, you must have a valid driver’s license, a safe and reliable vehicle, and proof of automobile insurance. Drivers must be 18 years of age or older and have a good driving history. They arrange their own schedules and can commit as many or as few hours as their schedule allows.

The American Cancer Society provides free training to drivers and conducts criminal background and driving record checks.

Volunteer coordinators also are needed and help schedule the requested rides. Coordinators can work from any location that is convenient for them. Great organization and communication skills can make a major impact on the well-being of cancer patients in the community.

For information about the Road To Recovery program and other Society programs and services, call 1-800-227-2345, or visit [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org).

## Public meetings focus on CPTI issues

The Community and Police Trust Initiative (CPTI) was formed by the Phoenix city manager in 2015 to review police-community relations which affect all residents. The initiative was composed of 17 community members selected by the city manager to represent the residents of Phoenix, including those from the disability, immigrant, LGBT, millennial and refugee communities.

After a nine-month process, they presented city leadership with 15 recommendations to enhance the Phoenix Police Department’s relationship with those they serve. The public is invited to learn about the recommendations and provide feedback.

Upcoming public meetings regarding the CPTI recommendations include: 11 a.m.-12 p.m. Saturday, July 9, Steele Indian School Park Memorial Hall, 300 E. Indian School Road; and 6-7 p.m. Tuesday, July 26 at the Sunnyslope Community Center, 802 E. Vogel Ave.

Representatives from the City

Manager’s Office and the Phoenix Police Department will be in attendance at all events. All sessions will have translation service available and are ADA accessible. More information on these events is available at [www.phoenix.gov](http://www.phoenix.gov) or by calling 602-262-6937.

## City finds partner to recycle palm fronds

Palm fronds have always been labeled as “problem materials” when it comes to disposal and reuse. Phoenix receives about 34,000 tons of palm fronds each year, all of which end up in the city-owned landfill. With a city-wide goal of diverting 40 percent of trash from the landfill by 2020 under the Reimagine Phoenix initiative, finding an alternative to burying tons of palm fronds became a priority.

The Phoenix City Council last month unanimously voted to award a palm fronds diversion services contract to Palm Silage Arizona, LLC, an Arizona limited liability company and subsidiary of Palm Silage, Inc. The company is based in California and has been transforming palm fronds into nutritional livestock feed in pellet form, as well as dairy chop.

“This contract shows that regenerating and repurposing our resources can extend the life of our landfills and create jobs at the same time,” said Phoenix Mayor Greg Stanton.

Palm Silage will process the palm fronds that residents and businesses bring to the two city-owned transfer stations. Using specially designed equipment, Palm Silage will grind the fronds until they have a hay-like consistency. The ground fronds are mixed with other nutritional ingredients, including dates as a natural sweetener. Palm hay or pelletized feed is produced as the finished product. According to the company’s research, palm fronds have the same nutritional value, or even higher, than the usual alfalfa used in livestock feed.

The city will pay Palm Silage, Inc. \$12 per ton of processed fronds it collects, which is \$5 less per ton than what the city currently pays to transport and bury these materials to the landfill. This contract could potentially generate 12 jobs and up to \$10 million in taxable sales each year.

Diverting 34,000 tons of palm fronds will increase Phoenix’s waste diversion rate by about 3 percent.







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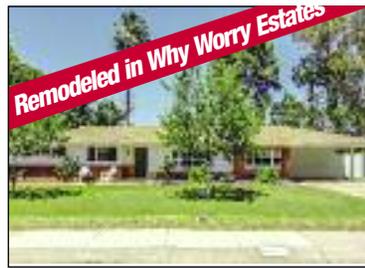
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## North Central Flower Girls named for 2017

Forty-eight high school seniors have accepted the invitation from the Board of Visitors to become Flower Girls. These young women will participate in events all year long including the Annual Fashion Show Luncheon on Dec. 10 at the Arizona Biltmore Resort, and a philanthropic event at The Board of Visitors Ryan House next spring. They will be presented by their proud fathers at the culminating event, The Board of Visitors 102nd Annual Charity Ball, on April 8, 2017 at the JW Marriott Camelback Inn Resort and Spa.

The Board of Visitors 2017 Flower Girls from the North Central area are Quinn Anderson, Chelsey Brutlag, Emma Cisneros-Luebke, Katie Clelland, Tatum Donley, Annie Grant, Alex Hendricks, Colleen Kelly, Megan Lawless, MJ Machen, Sienna Murphy, Lauren Schubert and Kate Witt.

Established in 1908, The Board of Visitors is the oldest charitable organization in Arizona. For more information, visit [www.theboardofvisitors.org](http://www.theboardofvisitors.org).



Thirteen young women from North Central are among the 48 high school seniors recently invited to serve as 2017 Flower Girls for the Board of Visitors (submitted photo).

## First-person account of helicopter rescue

You suffer an immobilizing injury on the trail. Now what happens? Now what do you do? Rick Kamel discusses “After the Fall: My Helicopter Rescue Off the Mountain,” 12 p.m. Saturday, July 30, at the North Mountain Visitor Center, 12950 N. 7th St.

Kamel will share what he learned and how he handled his helicopter rescue off of Turtle Head Mountain. Kamel’s real-life experience will provide those who attend this workshop with meaningful insight should a disabling trail mishap befall them.

The free program is part of the free Brown Bag Series, hosted by the Save Our Mountains Foundation. Bring a

bag lunch to enjoy. Register at [cheryltolo@gmail.com](mailto:cheryltolo@gmail.com).

## Learn about upcoming nature programs

The Cultural Wellness & Family Enrichment Center (CW FEC) presents a free community introduction to the “Let’s Get WILD Arizona!” Public Awareness Campaign, 6-8 p.m. Thursday, July 28, at the North Mountain Visitor Center, 12950 N. 7th St.

Discover how nature-based educational programming can increase youth engagement and connection, as well as whole human development and healthy childhood experiences. You’ll hear about upcoming programs, include an adult workshop series, public events, WILD Wednesdays, and A River Runs Through Arizona Spring Break Adventure 2017 (open to youth ages 15-17).

To register for this free community introduction, send an e-mail to [info@culturalwellness.org](mailto:info@culturalwellness.org). Include full names of all registrants, telephone numbers, and e-mail addresses.

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### 'At the Fork' Screening

7 p.m. Wednesday, July 13  
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Whole Foods Market has partnered with The Humane Society of the United States to bring an eye-opening documentary about the complex world of animal agriculture. This documentary provides a look into the complex world of animal agriculture and shows how consumers' purchasing decisions can directly impact farmers and how they raise their animals. To purchase tickets, visit [www.AtTheForkFilm.com](http://www.AtTheForkFilm.com).

### Canyon Conversations & Cocktails

5-6:30 p.m. July 14 & 28  
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Join the Heard to take part in engaging conversations in the museum's Crossroads/Dennis Lyon Family Gallery Arizona history. Each event presents a different speaker and topic; Marshall Shore, the "Hip Historian," will be the guest speaker on July 28. Other speakers are TBA. The final two dates are Aug. 11 & 25. Admission is \$10; museum members admitted for free. Cash bar available for those age 21 and older. For more information, call or visit <http://heard.org/event-tickets>.

### Learn about Sunnyslope's History

10-11 a.m. Saturday, July 16  
 All Saints' Episcopal Church  
 6300 N. Central Ave.  
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The Sunnyslope Historical Society & Museum is the focus of this month's Coffee & Conversation. The guest speaker will be Clark Thomas, a resident and knowledgeable volunteer. Learn more about the history of the area and the famous residents in our midst. This event is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served and reservations are not required.



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**What gives a neighborhood its mojo?** It's a combination of location, architectural appeal, connectivity, and hipness. Urban dwellers today are drawn to pedestrian-vibrant places that offer not only convenience by way of accessibility to transit corridors, but also feature the latest in technology and green living. Residents who embrace the urbanism movement are gravitating to properties introduced by LivURBN, The Mason and CONTOUR on Campbell Ave, a company that 'gets' that people wish to live steps away from their favorite local coffee shop and restaurants, or where they can take in the best view of the city, or cut their commute time to work.



Walkout facilities, pet salons, shaded balconies, and rooftop gathering places are some of the perks in LivURBN communities.

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### CONTOUR'S "Your Space" Option

In selecting a 1-bedroom or a 2-bedroom condominium at CONTOUR on Campbell Ave., you can choose a Social Kitchen or Chef's Kitchen, and every floor plan has a "Your Space" option—a room that is ready for your interpretation and interests whether that be a home office, dining area or yoga room. Priced from mid-\$300s to the low-\$600s. It is apparent from the very first glimpse at the architectural plans how forward thinking prevailed throughout the design process, from the use of post-tensioned concrete and exterior façade, to smart home technology in each dwelling. Keenly aware of what living environments resonate with owners LivURBN continues to unveil projects like The Mason and CONTOUR on Campbell Ave. By choosing to build in cool neighborhoods, using innovative design and creating "I-love-living-here" lifestyle, it's no wonder the company is landing on the smartphone screens of interested buyers.

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Watt Communities of Arizona, before it razed an office building that will make way for new upscale apartments, allowed the Phoenix Fire Department conduct real-time training for approximately 120 recruits and 50 active firefighters (submitted photo).

**Firefighters train in site to be torn down**

Days before it demolished an old retail building to make way for View 32—the North 32nd Street corridor’s first new urban apartment project in decades—Watt Communities of Arizona turned the space over to Phoenix firefighters for a rare opportunity to kick, drag and drill through interiors as part of real-time emergency exercises.

“Firefighters don’t typically get to conduct training in actual buildings, so this was unique,” said Steve Pritulsky, president and CEO of Watt Communities. “We were thrilled to offer up our property, and we want to spread the word to other building owners. This is a simple way to make a tremendous contribution to our firefighters.”

Located just north of the northeast corner of 32nd Street and Shea Boulevard, the vacant building was constructed in the mid 1980s as an office/retail center. It was most recently occupied by six retail tenants who gradually vacated the property in preparation for its demolition and the construction of View 32, a 135-unit upscale, for-rent apartment complex.

“This building was perfect, because while it was empty, all of the interiors and infrastructure were still in place—doors, walls, wiring and ventilation,” said Phoenix Fire Department Battalion Chief Mark Huff. “It gave us a realistic setting with an important benefit: we could break down walls,

conduct a roof attack that coordinated our Engines and Ladder companies, and complete other exercises that firefighters have to execute regularly on actual emergency calls.”

The department also used the 32nd Street building exercises as an opportunity to shoot a training video, which it is in the process of completing now. According to Huff, the department has had 10 or fewer opportunities like this in the last two to three years, but they are always seeking more. “It is a constant need that we don’t get fulfilled often enough,” he said.

To volunteer a vacant building for Phoenix Fire Department exercises, contact Mark Huff at 602-534-6081 or mark.e.huff@phoenix.gov.

**Business Briefs**

**Business networking group meets at FUMC**

A new business networking group has formed in Central Phoenix and meets the second and fourth Fridays of the month at First United Methodist Church, 5510 N. Central Ave. The one-hour meetings begin at 7:30 a.m. in the Centennial Room on the west side of the church.

There is no cost to join, just bring your business cards. Attendees will introduce themselves and the businesses they are looking to grow. Everyone is welcome. For more information, contact either Stacey Gross at Stacey.gross@caliberhomeloans.com or Mindy Smidt at msmidt@cox.net.

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## TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS

### Local woman joins Girl Scouts board

North Central resident Susan Brichler Trujillo has been appointed to the Girl Scouts–Arizona Cactus-Pine Council Board of Directors. The Arizona Cactus-Pine Council serves more than 25,000 girls grades K-12. Its membership also includes more than 11,000 adult volunteers who serve as leaders, trainers, consultants, and board members.

Trujillo, a Phoenix partner with the national law firm of Quarles & Brady LLP, serves as the Phoenix office's chair of the Health Law Practice Group.

In addition to her work with the Girl Scouts–Arizona Cactus-Pine Council, Trujillo currently serves as the president of the Community Legal Services, Inc. (CLS) board of directors. CLS is an Arizona nonprofit that provides legal assistance, advice, and representation to individuals that are below the federal poverty level. CLS assists survivors of domestic violence, victims of consumer fraud and abuse, and tenants against unlawful and unfair practices by landlords.

### Best Glass marks 25th anniversary

Bob Hittenberger has seen some ups and some downs since starting his business, Best Glass, on a shoestring budget 25 years ago. But he is marking his company's Sliver Anniversary with a positive outlook and with a great deal of gratitude to his customers and his loyal staff.

Looking back, it was a tough start for Hittenberger's new company with minimum capital available and no experience in the glass business. He knew he needed to surround himself with talented, experienced glass people—and that's exactly what he did.

After 25 years, Best Glass, 5049 N. 7th Ave., has emerged as one of the leading full service glass companies in the Greater Phoenix area. Hittenberger says none of the business's success would have been possible without the experience and loyalty of the Best Glass staff.

"Our core staff has been with us for 15 years on average and they have brought a lot expertise and consistency to our company. I'm incredibly grateful to each and every one of them."

Best Glass is a full service glass company providing automotive, residential and commercial glass installation, repair

and replacement to the Greater Phoenix area. For more information, call 602-437-2378 or visit [www.bestglass.com](http://www.bestglass.com).

### Stylist can help you put best foot forward

Many women feel like they wear the same items again and again or aren't sure how to put them together to achieve the look they want. Rather than continue to buy more, consider working with a personal stylist to restyle what you own and help you project the image you want.

Loren North is a personal stylist based in North Central Phoenix who collaborates with her clients to define their style and create outfits to reflect that style. She helps her clients save money by focusing on reusing what they already own.

North also provides tips and tricks to conceal areas that a client wants to de-emphasize, to accessorize, and to accentuate features that clients want to highlight. If a client opts for shopping services, she will work with them to fill the gaps from local consignment stores or national sustainable brands/designers. She also helps clients evaluate whether their items can be repaired or altered.

For more information, visit [www.throughtheclosetdoor.com](http://www.throughtheclosetdoor.com) or e-mail Loren North at [loren@throughtheclosetdoor.com](mailto:loren@throughtheclosetdoor.com).

### New store has modernist twist

For the People, a new home décor and furnishings store located at 5102 N. Central Ave., celebrated its grand opening May 12.

It is co-owned by Shawn Silberblatt and Chad Campbell. They carefully select new furnishings to feature in the store that fit with their Modernistic viewpoint, as well as support local artists by featuring their products in the store. Many of the artists are creating pieces exclusively for the new store.

Other products include kitchen and housewares, lighting, desktop accessories, games, and more.

Silberblatt has a background in architecture, and he and Campbell also own Modern on Melrose.

The store is open 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Sundays. For more information visit [www.forthethepeoplestore.com](http://www.forthethepeoplestore.com) or call 602-954-4009.



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35 E. Myrtle Ave. ....	<b>.IN ESCROW</b> .....	5150 SF .....	4BR/5BA .....	\$1,475,000
600 W. Berridge Ln. ....	<b>.NEW PRICE</b> .....	5239 SF .....	5BR/4BA .....	\$1,295,000
3814 E. Mountain View Rd. ....	<b>.NEW PRICE</b> .....	5138 SF .....	5BR/5.5BA .....	\$1,240,000
512 E Tuckey Ln. ....	<b>.NEW PRICE</b> .....	5112 SF .....	5BR/4.5BA .....	\$1,095,000
1316 W. Myrtle Ave. ....	<b>.IN ESCROW</b> .....	Lot .....		\$ 975,000
1721 E. Myrtle Ave. ....	<b>.NEW PRICE</b> .....	3936 SF .....	4BR/3.5BA .....	\$ 939,000
26 W. Kaler Dr. ....	<b>.NEW PRICE</b> .....	4221 SF .....	5BR/4BA .....	\$ 910,000
5323 N. 2nd St. ....	<b>.IN ESCROW</b> .....	4058 SF .....	4BR/3.5BA .....	\$ 921,768
5741 N 4th St. ....	<b>.NEW PRICE</b> .....	3310 SF .....	4BR/3.5BA .....	\$ 849,999
101 W. Morten Ave. ....	<b>.JUST LISTED</b> .....	3435 SF .....	4BR/4.5BA .....	\$ 825,000
7201 N. Central Ave. ....	<b>.NEW PRICE</b> .....	3269 SF .....	4BR/3BA .....	\$ 799,000
1815 E. Palmaire Ave. ....	<b>.NEW CONSTRUCTION</b> .....	3110 SF .....	4BR/3.5BA .....	\$ 799,900
7837 N Central Ave. ....		4597 SF .....	4BR/5.5BA .....	\$ 799,000
5318 N. 2nd St. ....	<b>.IN ESCROW</b> .....	4058 SF .....	4BR/3.5BA .....	\$ 754,900
5322 N. 2nd St. ....	<b>.IN ESCROW</b> .....	4058 SF .....	4BR/3.5BA .....	\$ 744,900
5319 N. 2nd St. ....	<b>.IN ESCROW</b> .....	3501 SF .....	4BR/3.5BA .....	\$ 734,900
5314 N. 2nd St. ....	<b>.IN ESCROW</b> .....	3501 SF .....	4BR/3.5BA .....	\$ 724,900
5310 N. 2nd St. ....	<b>.IN ESCROW</b> .....	2863 SF .....	3BR/2.5BA .....	\$ 694,900
7208 N. 3rd St. ....	<b>.NEW PRICE</b> .....	3677 SF .....	4BR/3BA .....	\$ 692,000
105 E. Lamar Rd. ....	<b>.NEW PRICE</b> .....	4200 SF .....	5BR/5BA .....	\$ 684,000
5311 N. 2nd St. ....	<b>.IN ESCROW</b> .....	2863 SF .....	3BR/2.5BA .....	\$ 675,000
700 W. Drey Dr. ....	<b>.JUST LISTED</b> .....	3850 SF .....	4BR/3BA .....	\$ 675,000
5301 N. 6th St. ....	<b>.IN ESCROW</b> .....	3200 SF .....	8BR/4.5BA .....	\$ 650,000
600 W. Las Palmaritas .....	<b>.NEW CONSTRUCTION</b> .....	2935 SF .....	4BR/3BA .....	\$ 625,000
210 E. Keim Dr. ....		2182 SF .....	3BR/2.5BA .....	\$ 599,995
7148 N. 13th Pl. ....	<b>.IN ESCROW</b> .....	2504 SF .....	4BR/3BA .....	\$ 579,000
5810 N. 25th Pl. ....	<b>.JUST LISTED</b> .....	2432 SF .....	2BR/2BA .....	\$ 525,000
1579 W. Lawrence Ln. ....		2884 SF .....	3BR/5BA .....	\$ 479,900
7234 N. 11th Ave. ....	<b>.IN ESCROW</b> .....	2310 SF .....	5BR/3BA .....	\$ 450,000
301 E. Rovey Ave. ....	<b>.JUST LISTED</b> .....	1819 SF .....	3BR/2BA .....	\$ 447,500
2631 N. Walker Way .....	<b>.NEW CONSTRUCTION</b> .....	2267 SF .....	4BR/2.5BA .....	\$ 415,000
101 W. Southern Hills Rd. ....	<b>.JUST LISTED</b> .....	2709 SF .....	4BR/3BA .....	\$ 410,000
33 E. Butler Dr. ....	<b>.IN ESCROW</b> .....	3146 SF .....	3BR/3BA .....	\$ 410,000
2607 N. Walker Way .....	<b>.IN ESCROW</b> .....	1870 SF .....	3BR/2BA .....	\$ 409,685
2647 N. Walker Way .....	<b>.IN ESCROW</b> .....	18740 SF .....	3BR/2BA .....	\$ 402,634
2623 N. Walker Way .....	<b>.NEW CONSTRUCTION</b> .....	1870 SF .....	3BR/2BA .....	\$ 393,748
2627 N. Walker Way .....	<b>.NEW CONSTRUCTION</b> .....	1870 SF .....	3BR/2BA .....	\$ 386,000
5729 N. 13th St. ....	<b>.JUST LISTED</b> .....	2059 SF .....	4BR/3BA .....	\$ 375,000
1613 E. Sierra Vista Dr. ....	<b>.JUST LISTED</b> .....	1789 SF .....	3BR/2BA .....	\$ 375,000
9007 N. 14th Dr. ....	<b>.NEW PRICE</b> .....	2332 SF .....	4BR/3BA .....	\$ 349,900
2891 E. San Tan Dr. ....	<b>.IN ESCROW</b> .....	3097 SF .....	4BR/3BA .....	\$ 319,900
4220 N. 19th St. ....	<b>.IN ESCROW</b> .....	1971 SF .....	3BR/2BA .....	\$ 295,000
6155 N. 18th Ave. ....	<b>.IN ESCROW</b> .....	1640 SF .....	3BR/2BA .....	\$ 289,000
550 W. Maryland Ave. #112 .....	<b>.IN ESCROW</b> .....	1323 SF .....	3BR/2.5BA .....	\$ 265,000
3601 E. Bloomfield Rd. ....	<b>.IN ESCROW</b> .....	1662 SF .....	3BR/1.75BA .....	\$ 235,000
6518 N. 10th Pl. ....	<b>.IN ESCROW</b> .....	1883 SF .....	3BR/2.5BA .....	\$ 229,500
1834 W. Citrus Way .....	<b>.NEW PRICE</b> .....	1752 SF .....	3BR/2BA .....	\$ 199,000
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9202 N. 52nd St.	\$1,850,000	550 W. Las Palmaritas	\$ 675,000	3103 E. Hazelwood St.	\$ 445,000	1640 E. Aurelius Ave.	\$ 350,000	3312 N. Randolph Rd.	\$ 214,000
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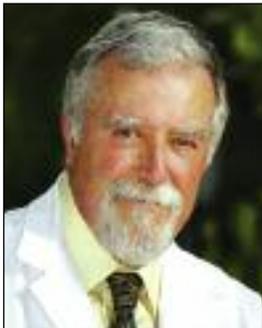
A few weeks ago, HBO aired Everest, a movie based on the experiences of two expeditions to Mount Everest in 1996. The film is visually spectacular—it was released in IMAX 3-D—and the story is tragic: eight people died on the mountain. Everest is well-made; the screenwriters, actors and cinematographers obviously worked hard to make us spectators to what the people on the mountain experienced. This story has also been put on film before, from a very different viewpoint. In 2008, David Breashears made the documentary, Storm Over Everest. Most of the film consists of interviews with the expeditions' survivors. In Storm Over Everest, we are not observers at a distance; real people tell us what they lived through. The difference between the two movies is obvious. The emotional impact of the survivors' recollections is almost too much to sit through and more than what a commercial IMAX creation could support.

An even more striking difference (and the reason I've turned movie reviewer this month) is what the expedition members wanted to talk about. Their memories are introspective and impressionistic. Climbing Everest is "access to a dream". The desolate mountain terrain "helps you to put yourself in perspective with what life's all about." Summiting is "just so hard" but brings a sense of "massive contentment—everything falling into place".

What rapturous descriptions of an event that caused such traumatic loss—and then there are the two climbers who literally experienced a physical resurrection. Beck Weathers had been left for dead twice on the climb when he roused himself from a state of irreversible hypothermia to stumble back down to camp. "I was as good as dead, when I saw my wife and children in front of me—that got me up and going".

Makalu Gau was stranded and facing death at 27,000 feet; when he noticed faint lights on the horizon, his thought was, "These must be the lights you see on the way to hell". Hallucinating, he saw his family and friends urging him to return. He stood up and walked back to camp on feet frozen so solid that they later had to be amputated. Hypoxia can cause hallucinations, and seeing visions during near-death experiences apparently is not uncommon. Ken Kamler, a physician and climber, believes that these memories of loved ones activated parts of the brain that overrode normal physiology and took control of frozen bodies. As Beck Weathers said, "The definition of character is what you do when nobody is looking. And when we were up there, everybody did pretty much what the inner person, the real them, the exposed them would do."

In extremity on Everest, the "real them" showed these men what really mattered in their lives. It also activated physiologic responses that should in theory be totally impossible. I've been thinking about the non-IMAX version of these events a lot. I personally have no trips to the Himalayas planned, but I've started to ask myself, "What will be my Everest, and what will I come to decide is important?"



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**HEALTHY LIVING**



LEFT: Susan Levine, left, will retire as Hospice of the Valley's executive director July 1, and Debbie Shumway, senior vice president, will assume the top leadership position (submitted photo). RIGHT: Rhonda Forsyth, who oversaw the merger of John C. Lincoln Health Network and Scottsdale Healthcare, will retire Dec. 31 as president of HonorHealth (submitted photo).

## Health leaders stepping down

Two longtime leaders in the Valley health care industry are retiring, leaving some big shoes to fill and two impressive legacies behind them.

Susan Levine will retire as Hospice of the Valley's executive director July 1 after 23 years leading one of the nation's largest and most highly regarded not-for-profit hospices.

"It has been an honor for me to lead an agency entrusted by the community with making one of the most important times in life the best that it can be," said Levine. "What a privilege and a gift."

"Susan's contributions are immense," said Lanny Lahr, chairman of Hospice of the Valley's board of directors. "Her passion, expertise and determination have created a community treasure that has brought comfort to tens of thousands of people at the end of life and supported their families. The fact that Arizona has one of the highest hospice utilization rates in the country is largely because of her efforts."

Debbie Shumway, senior vice president, assumes the top leadership position. Debbie has served at Levine's side throughout the 23 years. A certified public accountant, Shumway has overseen the agency's financial operations, expanding her areas of responsibility over the years to include fund development, volunteers, information services and clinical offices.

Levine, 75, feels confident in her successor's ability to sustain and adapt HOV to the current dynamic health-care marketplace.

"Deb possesses the heart of a servant leader and the brain and guts to go with it," she said. "We are extremely lucky to have her ready, willing and way more than able to assume the leadership role."

In 1994, Hospice of the Valley served 140 patients a day with 120 staff members and a \$5 million budget. Today, the agency cares for 2,900 patients a day with 1,300 staff, 2,300 volunteers and a \$130 million budget. About \$10.3 million provides charity care for people without insurance or financial means. For more information, visit [www.hov.org](http://www.hov.org).

After dedicating 30 years to leadership in the healthcare industry, Rhonda Forsyth, president of HonorHealth, is retiring. Forsyth helped guide the successful merger of two long-time Valley healthcare organizations into HonorHealth—John C. Lincoln Health Network, and Scottsdale Healthcare.

Forsyth was honored in April at the Assistance League of Phoenix's 45th Annual Celebration of Caring. "Rhonda has been a great supporter of ours for many, many years," said Brenda Sperduti, CEO and executive director for ALP. "It was because of Rhonda and John C. Lincoln that we found the property where our Philanthropic Center is located."

ALP partnered with Desert Mission, providing HUGS bears for the Dental Clinic and books for Desert Mission Food Bank recipients, demonstrating a true partnership, Sperduti said. "Rhonda has been involved in so many positive things that make our community better.

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When she sees a need, she gets involved and makes things happen.”

Forsyth will retire from HonorHealth on Dec. 31, and will continue to lead HonorHealth through her transition date.

“Nothing makes me prouder than to be connected with this great organization,” said Forsyth. “And nothing humbles me more than to think of the thousands of people whose lives we touch. Every single day of my work life has had meaning because of what we do to care for people.”

Forsyth started working at John C. Lincoln Health Network in 1987 and served in numerous roles overseeing managed care and revenue cycle operations. She served as CEO of what is known today as HonorHealth John C. Lincoln Medical Center and HonorHealth Deer Valley Medical Center, before being named president and CEO of the former John C. Lincoln Health Network in 2009. When John C. Lincoln Health Network combined with Scottsdale Healthcare, Forsyth assumed the role of president of HonorHealth.

## Health Briefs

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Also this month, Isabelle Barter offers her Community Roll & Restore

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### Pima fully opens new campus

Pima Medical Institute on June 16 held a grand opening and open house of its new, 37,500-square-foot campus, located at West Thunderbird Road and Interstate 17.

“We’re very excited to welcome the public to this new, spacious campus, where we offer several in-demand healthcare education programs,” said Pima Medical Institute President and CEO Fred Freedman. “This new location will provide career training, create jobs and generate positive economic activity to those living in west Phoenix,

Glendale, Scottsdale and beyond. We have many more programs scheduled to begin at the campus in the future.”

The campus includes a dental assistant laboratory, animal care facilities, the phlebotomy and medical assistant programs’ injection and blood draw labs, and the new central sterile processing program’s lab.

The campus is located at 13610 N. Black Canyon Highway. It first welcomed students last fall after relocating from its previous location on Indian School Road. Pima Medical opened the original campus after it agreed to finish teaching students who had previously attended Anthem College. The final cohort of former Anthem College students will graduate in August.

Programs now offered include the veterinary technician associate degree and healthcare training programs in central sterile processing, dental assistant, medical administrative assistant, medical assistant, phlebotomy technician, and veterinary assistant.

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Margo S. O'Neill, Head of School at Villa Montessori School (fifth from left) is joined by members of the staff and school community in breaking ground on the school's \$5.8 million expansion (photo by Elizabeth Van Wie).

**Villa Montessori expansion under way**

Construction began in March on Phase I of the Villa Vision, a \$5.8 million plan to bring new facilities, resources and entrepreneurial programs to Villa Montessori's preschool-eighth grade campuses. An official ground-breaking ceremony was held on May 14 at the adjacent Mountain View Christian Church.

Thanks to a combination of donations and finalization of a bond initiative, major changes will be visible on all campuses by the start of the 2016-17 school year. Most notably, Villa's two middle school locations will be unified on a single campus, just east of Villa's early childhood campus near 28th Street and Campbell Avenue.

Phase I for the new middle school campus includes six new classrooms, an administration building and an alumni wall. Bringing the middle schools together in one location is the realization of a 10-year effort.

"Last year, we celebrated our 50th year as a school," said Margo S. O'Neill, Head of School at Villa Montessori School. "So we created a plan to take a deliberate step with as much impact on the next 50 years as was taken by the founding families when they started Villa five decades ago."

Upcoming improvements for the elementary campus include a new multipurpose room with stage (which will

be available to the community), refurbished sports court, and extended shade structures at the pick-up and drop-off areas. On the early childhood campus, the playground space will be transformed with creative play and climbing structures, in addition to enhancements to the infant/toddler play space.

Fundraising efforts are underway for Phase II, which includes adding several specialty teaching and community gardens, art walls, a greenhouse and botany shed, and nature-based play spaces.

"With these new additions, including a working garden that will serve as a business for the middle school, students will learn real-world skills with emphasis on activities outside the classroom and in the community," O'Neill added.

Founded in 1965, Villa Montessori is a school that serves 645 students in the Metro Phoenix area. The school currently has an early childhood campus, an elementary campus and two middle school campuses. Additional information about Villa Montessori is available at [www.villamontessori.com](http://www.villamontessori.com).

**Girls fitness program seeks sites for fall**

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tive youth development (PA-PYD) program that inspires girls in third through eighth grade to be joyful, healthy and confident. The volunteer-led program brings together groups of 8-20 girls for a 10-week season that encourages personal development, team building and connection to the community.

“One of the joys of coaching Girls on the Run is witnessing the girls’ growth in self-confidence and self-acceptance. It’s also wonderful to see them use the communication strategies we talk about and work together as a team,” said Lisa Hegarty, a past Girls on the Run coach.

Each team is led by trained volunteer coaches like Hegarty who create a positive, inclusive environment where girls feel comfortable to grow and share their insights and opinions. Girls in the program also learn the value of giving back to their community through a service project they complete during the season.

Each team will meet twice a week for 90 minutes. The season will culminate in a celebratory 5K event that provides the girls with a tangible sense of accomplishment and shows them the power of pursuing their goals.

You can bring Girls on the Run to your school, church, community center, or other location. Visit <http://www.gotrnc.org> and click on the Locations tab for information about starting a new program site.

**School Briefs**

**GLENDALE UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Two young men named National Merit Scholars**

The National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) announced this year’s National Merit \$2,500 Scholarship winners, and among them were Mark Morrissey of Thunderbird High School, and Sean Miller of Sunnyslope High School.

The \$2,500 Merit Scholar designees were chosen from a talent pool of more than 15,000 outstanding Finalists in the 2016 National Merit Scholarship Program.

National Merit \$2,500 Scholarship winners are the Finalists in each state judged to have the strongest combination of accomplishments, skills, and potential for success in rigorous college studies.

These Scholars were selected by a



Mark Morrissey of Thunderbird High School, left, and Sean Miller of Sunnyslope High School were chosen as Nation Merit Scholarship winners (submitted photo).

committee of college admissions officers and high school counselors, who appraised a substantial amount of information submitted by both the Finalists and their high schools: the academic record, including difficulty level of subjects studied and grades earned; scores from two standardized tests; contributions and leadership in school and community activities; an essay written by the Finalist; and a recommendation written by a high school official.

Sean Miller hopes to pursue a career in computer engineering. Mark Morrissey wants to study neuroscience.

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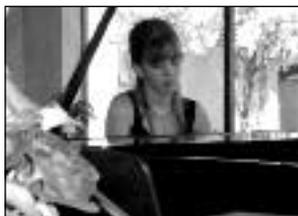
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#### MADISON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT Madison expands Spanish at No. 1

After collaborating with parents, teachers, and the community, the Madison School District has developed an expanded Spanish offering at Madison No. 1 Middle School. An expansion of Madison's Spanish Immersion Signature Program, the Spanish Fluency Signature Program will begin in the 2016-17 school year.

At Madison Heights, the Spanish Immersion program was begun in first grade only, and with just the science curriculum, in the 2012-13 school year. Students quickly became proficient and parents asked for the program to be expanded. Eventually it grew to all four grades and included the subjects of science, social studies and language arts.

"The families at Heights had been waiting on the Spanish Immersion plan for fifth grade and when it was presented last fall, we were all taken aback that it had been cut so drastically without any warning," said Hillary Frank, whose two daughters have been enrolled in the

Spanish Immersion program at Heights. Her oldest, Jessica, is moving on to fifth grade this fall.

"To me, it would make more sense to have the immersion program at Madison Meadows which has an international focus, but No. 1 is a great school and the principal, Mrs. Warren, is very receptive to the Spanish program," Frank added.

"We spent significant time reviewing the potential options for Spanish Fluency, and are extremely dedicated to this program," said Casey George, director of Signature Programs for district. "Students will have the opportunity to obtain high school credit while still in middle school, and we are excited to watch these students advance in their bilingual education."

"We are happy they heard our concerns and responded by implementing what we asked for," said Karen Gresham, who up until the end of the school year had three kids at Madison Heights (one is now moving to No. 1) and is a member of the Heights PTO. Gresham was part of a large group of parents who spoke before the Madison School Board on April 5 to express their concerns about a lack of continuation in the

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Spanish Immersion program after students leave Heights.

The Spanish Fluency program at No. 1 will begin with fifth grade, and additional grades will be added each school year until all 5-8 grades carry the program.

Students feeding into Madison No. 1 from Madison Heights will be offered Spanish Social Studies and a Spanish Fluency class, to be taken along with their core classes of Math, Science, and English Language Arts and their choice of an additional Visual Performing Arts elective.

There will be an opportunity to test into the Spanish Fluency program for students who did not attend Madison Heights but have an intermediate Spanish proficiency.

OSBORN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT New dual-language preschool now open

The shuttered Montecito Community School, 715 E. Montecito Ave., reopened in February with a new dual-language preschool,

thanks in part to a federal Community Preschool Grant.

Due to low enrollment and budget issues, the district was forced to close the campus beginning with the 2011-12 school year. "It was devastating to have to close that campus. It was one of our newest ones and it is beautiful," says Virginia Shuss, director of Student Services for the district.

Superintendent Patty Tate put together a task force of parents, teachers, and other district stakeholders to come up with an idea of what to do with the school. The consensus was a community center with a focus on early childhood education.

Shuss applied for the federal grant and then the process to get licensed for preschool use began.

The preschool offers two-way immersion (English-Spanish/Spanish-English) early childhood education learning opportunities. Arizona State University will come in for research and observation of the efficacy of dual language immersion at a young age. Tempe-based children's theater

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Childsplay will offer innovative classroom programs with the children.

The preschool opened on Feb. 1, and there are still plenty of spots available for families of 3 and 4 year olds who can pay on a reasonable sliding scale. For additional information, contact Osborn Community Education Coordinator Vanessa Asarisi at [vasarisi@osbornsd.org](mailto:vasarisi@osbornsd.org) or 602-707-2510.

**OMS Firedrums wow audiences**

When Osborn Middle School Music Teacher Julia Georges started the Firedrums in 2013 as a 21st Century afterschool percussion ensemble, she couldn't have imagined the group would be making a name for itself by entertaining throughout the Phoenix community.

Making their debut at the SOSaz Expo3 last fall, the members of the Firedrums got a standing "O" for their performance at the AZ School Board Assn Equity Conference and an invita-



Osborn Middle School music teacher Julia Georges, upper right, started the "Firedrums" afterschool percussion ensemble in 2013 and the group has since been in demand to perform throughout the Phoenix community (submitted photo).

tion to headline the 2016 awards luncheon for the AZ School Public Relations Association. With more invitations on the books, these creative musicians are "catching fire" with their enthusiastic drumming on non-traditional percussion instruments.

**PHOENIX UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT****Tercero honored by White House**

Phoenix Union's Cyndi Tercero was recognized as one of 12 "School

Support White House Champions of Change" for 2016. These individuals were selected by the White House for their leadership and tireless work to ensure that students in our nation's schools receive the support and motivation they need to be succeed.

Tercero is the dropout programs developer for Phoenix Union where she has been a champion for public education and at-risk youth for more than 20 years. In her work and in her numerous volunteer efforts, Tercero has helped students stay engaged in school so they graduate with a high school diploma.



Cyndi Tercero

"I take advantage of every opportunity to connect the importance of educating the whole student and bringing together community partners to eliminate learning barriers," Tercero said.

Tercero is a recent graduate of the Georgetown University School Justice Reform Certificate Program.

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### Miramontes wins first in art competition

Carlos Medrano Miramontes, a junior in North High's Advanced Art 1 International Baccalaureate class, recently learned that his mixed media collage self-portrait, "Exodus" was awarded first place in the 2016 Congressional Art Competition for Arizona's 7th District.

The piece was selected by Congressman Ruben Gallego and the Art Competition Committee. There was a reception on May 9 to recognize Miramontes. The piece will hang in Washington, D.C., for a full year. Miramontes and a parent were flown to Washington for the installation.

### Academics no challenge for swim, dive teamers

North High's swimming and diving program this school year had four Academic All-Americans: seniors Daniel Cardoza, Alexa Martinez, Alison Faller, and William Witmer. Witmer attends Bioscience but swims for the Mustangs.

The award is given by NISCA (National Interscholastic Swimming



Carlos Medrano Miramontes of North High School is congratulated by Congressman Ruben Gallego for winning first place in the 2016 Congressional Art Competition for Arizona's 7th District (submitted photo).

Coaches Association). All-Americans must be on varsity swim and/or dive for a minimum of two years with one being their senior year, have a 3.75 or above on the NISCA grade scale through seven semesters, recommendations from the coach and a verified application from school officials.

### Student to speak in Colorado this summer

Anna Deogratias, a senior at North High School, was selected to be the student speaker at the AVID (Advancement Via Individual

Determination) Summer Institute in Denver, Colo. this summer. She will speak in front of approximately 3,500 educators from all around the country.

Deogratias was one of the three students selected to speak (out of thousands of applicants) at this national event. AVID pays for her flight and hotel and she will receive a college scholarship from AVID, as well.

She is the fourth ever from Arizona to be selected to speak at this conference and the first from Phoenix Union.

### Chess Club defends state champion title

Metro Tech Chess closed out its season in winning fashion. Metro returned as region champs and defended its state champion title in the Canyon Athletic Association

Metro Tech fielded five full teams and two finished first and second in the CAA Chess State Championship on April 18. Team Rook was champion, and Team Paladin came in second.

In the Individual Championships April 25, Metro's Jonny Lopez was second board champion, and Juan Pena

took second in first board play.

Coach Ricardo Gardea had only four seniors this year, so Metro Tech will enter the AIA Chess competition next year with a great deal of depth and success.

### WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

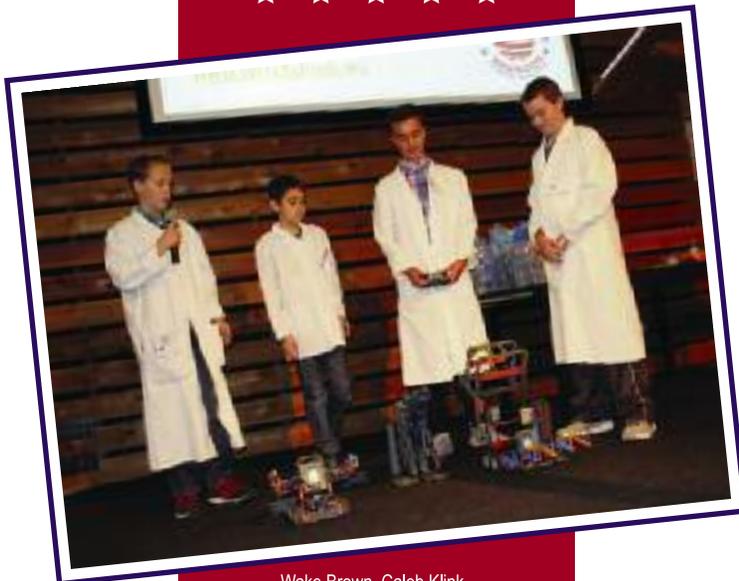
#### Three staff named as Teachers of the Year

Three Royal Palm Middle School teachers were among those honored as Teachers of the Year by the Arizona Middle Level Association in early May. The association is dedicated to ensuring the success of middle-level students in Arizona. Congratulations to math teachers Kristen Pollard, Sam Lafon and Emily Wiersema for receiving this distinction.

#### Washington district hiring support staff

The Washington Elementary School District currently is hiring support staff members for the 2016-17 school year. Positions available include teacher assistants, paraprofessionals,

*please see STAFF on page 38*



Wake Brown, Caleb Klink, Jude Encinas, Ilan Wieser  
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Xavier receives grant  
D-backs Foundation**

Xavier College Preparatory was honored by the Arizona Diamondbacks Foundation and the University of Phoenix on April 5 with a D-backs School Challenge grant award for the school's making and robotics program.

Xavier's longtime principal, Sister Joan Fitzgerald, BVM, making and robotics instructor Nathan Ward, and marketing director Erin Alaimo accepted the award on Xavier's behalf during the pregame show at Chase Field, and a large Xavier contingency helped cheer the D-



Accepting the D-backs School Challenge grant award from Xavier College Preparatory are, from left: Marketing Director Erin Alaimo, Pricipal Sister Joan Fitzgerald, BVM, and Nathan Ward, making and robotics instructor (submitted photo).

backs to an exciting come-from-behind victory over the Colorado Rockies.

An innovative component of Xavier's approach to science, technology, engineering, art, and math (STEAM) learning, the school's mak-

ing and robotics program merges the intellectual with the experiential for its 1,200-plus young women in the ninth through twelfth grades.

"Through the graciousness of the D-backs grant, we will be able to give

young women hands-on experience using tools that marry high-tech equipment with their creative ideas to explore areas that will help them achieve at the next level," Ward said.

The grant funds will be used to purchase a full-spectrum laser cutter, CAD software, and soldering equipment.

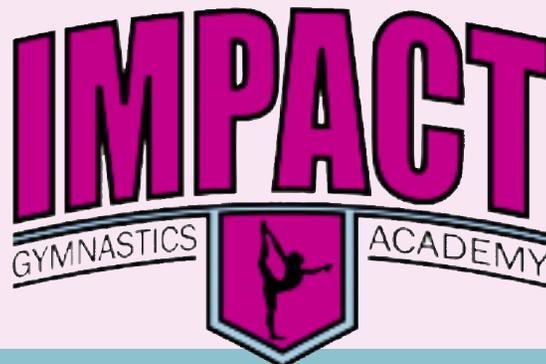
**Tesseract continues elementary program**

Tesseract School, a not-for-profit private school located at 4800 E. Doubletree Ranch Road, has returned to its roots of working with early childhood to grade eight students. It has consolidated on one campus, with a new board of trustees.

The school was forced to make a major reorganization after discovering significant financial shortfalls, which meant that there were not enough funds to continue its popular high school program.

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### Xavier clubs, teams finish year strong

Xavier College Preparatory's Xpress student publication captured First Place honors from the American Scholastic Press Association in its national 2015-2016 Scholastic Newspaper Awards competition.

In addition, Xavier's sand volleyball team captured its fifth consecutive state title on May 4 by defeating Tucson Salpointe Catholic in the Division I state championship match at Mesquite High School in Gilbert.

The Xavier Lacrosse team captured third place accolades in the state lacrosse tournament, and the school's program was honored by the Arizona Girls Lacrosse Association with the



Members of Xavier's award-winning Xpress student publication for 2015-16 are, from left: back row, Elizabeth Vietor, Tori Tanigawa, Breagh Watson, Katie Harris, Kara Barberich, and Maeve McIntyre; front row, Arden Schraff and Shaloni Pinto (submitted photo).

"Honor The Game" Award for the second consecutive year. Also, four Xavier students were selected to the 2016 All-State Lacrosse Team. Junior Caitlin Blomo was named the sport's Attack Player of the Year; she and senior Kate

Howard were selected to the All-State First Team. In addition, juniors Kayla Swanson and Katie Hobaica were named to the All-State Second Team. Blomo, Howard and Hobaica are all North Central Phoenix residents.

### PCDS senior named scholar semifinalist

Phoenix Country Day School senior Anita Sheih has been named a semifinalist in the 2016 U.S. Presidential Scholars Program. She was one of 689 semifinalists in the United States, selected from nearly 4,700 candidates that applied.

Of the 689 semifinalists chosen, 12 students have graduated from high school in Arizona, and Sheih, who lives in Sunnyslope, is the only semifinalist in Arizona to attend a private school.



Anita Sheih

Sheih was selected on the basis of superior academic and artistic achievements, leadership qualities, strong character, and involvement in community and school activities.

Sheih had been a student at PCDS since fifth grade. She is an accomplished musician (playing cello with

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the Phoenix Youth Symphony and all-state musician), was a three-sport varsity athlete (swim, soccer, and softball), and was co-editor-in-chief for both the student newspaper and yearbook. She has committed to attend Brown University in the fall and hopes to study journalism.

Earlier this year, Sheih was named a National Merit \$2,500 Scholarship winner.

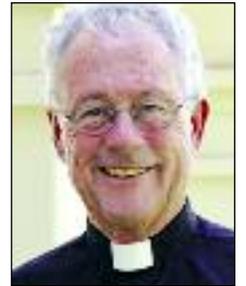
**Brophy president leaving school**

Brophy College Preparatory President, The Rev. Edward Reese S.J., is stepping down at the end of the 2015-16 school year. Reese has accepted a position as President of Saint Ignatius College Preparatory in San Francisco, effective July 1.

“Father Reese has led Brophy, in collaboration with its students, faculty, administration and entire Brophy community to become a nationally recognized Jesuit high school,” said John Strittmatter, chairman of the Brophy

Board of Trustees. “We will miss him greatly. However, we are happy that our sister school in San Francisco can benefit from his proven success as a leader, visionary and change agent.”

Reese has been president at Brophy since 1996. The Board of Trustees has appointed Brophy Vice President Adria Renke as the school’s acting president beginning June 2016 while a national search is conducted. Renke has been vice president at Brophy for 19 years.



The Rev. Edward Reese

**Rivera wins first in Spanish exam**

More than 170 Xavier College Preparatory students achieved gold, silver, bronze, and honorable mention recognition for their results in this year’s National French Contest and National Spanish Exam. Among them was North Central resident and freshman Gracie Rivera, who captured a state award for 1st Place-Spanish.



Gracie Rivera

**McIntyre scores 100 percent on ACT**

Xavier College Preparatory junior Maeve McIntyre, who lives in North Central Phoenix, received a perfect score on the ACT national college admissions examination.

The ACT exam consists of tests in English, mathematics, reading and science. Each test is scored on a scale of 1-36, and a student’s composite score is the average of the four test scores. While the actual number of students earning the highest possible ACT composite score of 36 varies from year to year, less than one-tenth of one percent of all testers achieves this distinction.



Maeve McIntyre

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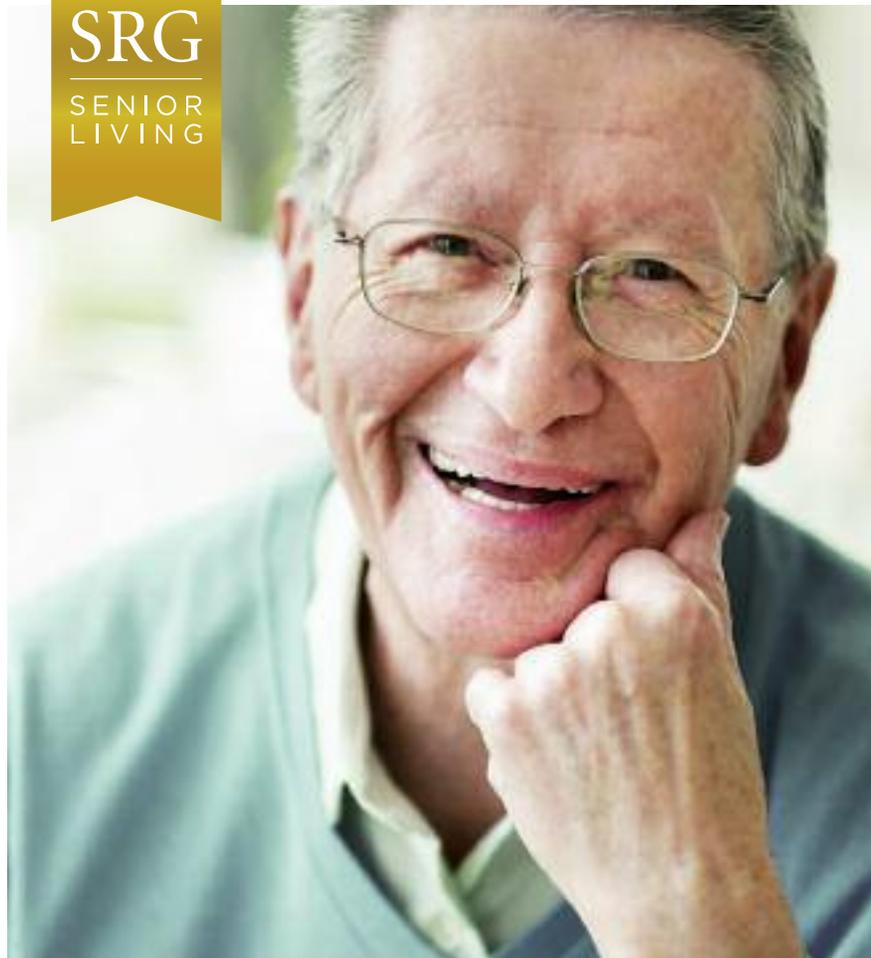
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## Local couple marks 70th anniversary

Madison Meadows, a Holiday Retirement community located at 7211 N. 7th St., hosted a surprise anniversary dinner for two of its residents on June 11.

Mary and Dean Jones' love story is one for the ages. Unbeknownst to one another, they grew up less than 25 miles apart in Montana and shared many mutual friends. It was not until they both attended Montana State College—now Montana State University—that destiny stepped in to the situation.

All students chipped in on daily chores in the spirit of co-op life at the college, and it was then that Mary and Dean were both assigned to scrub the dining room floor and serendipitously backed into one another. The two fell in love and were married June 9, 1946. Now, 70 years later, Mary and Dean are just as in love as they were in the 1940s.

Friends, family, and fellow residents at Madison Meadows, a local independent senior living community, helped the pair celebrate their platinum anniversary with a surprise dinner at the community. Following dinner, the couple's favorite entertainer, the Rip James Show, serenaded residents as they danced the night away.

## Senior Living Dial-a-Ride adjusts in July

Traveling around the Valley will get easier for those who rely on Dial-a-Ride (DAR) services to access employment, education and entertainment. In July, Valley Metro and five regional paratransit systems will begin to implement consistent policies and procedures to benefit seniors and people with disabilities, most notably the elimination of transfers between DAR service areas.

After an 18-month review of Dial-a-Ride services by representatives from cities, towns and the disability community, a plan was developed to improve current programs. In addition to eliminating transfers, improvements include a consistent, region-wide approach to serving ADA eligible visitors, a more consistent approach for measuring on-time performance, and more consistent policies for the level of assistance dri-



The flame is still burning for Dean and Mary Jones, who celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary June 11 (submitted photo).

vers are able to provide with child car seats and packages. To learn about Regional Paratransit Plan enhancements, visit [www.valleymetro.org](http://www.valleymetro.org).

"People with disabilities will finally have the same opportunity to travel regionally and with freedom as do other Valley Metro passengers," said Phil Pangrazio, President and CEO of Ability360, which offers and promotes programs designed to empower people with disabilities. "Improved Dial-a-Ride services will better enable those with disabilities to seek employment, attend educational or rehabilitation services and fully enjoy the full range of amenities our Valley has to offer."

As Valley Metro and paratransit systems work toward these improvements, a Valley Metro Accessibility Advisory Group is being established. This advisory group will be made up of community leaders and members who will advise Valley Metro on programs, services and policies that impact seniors or people with disabilities. To learn more, visit [www.valleymetro.org/accessibility/vmaag](http://www.valleymetro.org/accessibility/vmaag).

## Clinic geared toward seniors opens in Phoenix

Christian Care Inc. has opened a Physician's Clinic located at Fellowship Square Phoenix's Pendleton Center, 11830 N. 19th Ave.

The clinic, headed by Dr. Christian Rainer, is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. It will service residents at Fellowship Square/Christian Care Phoenix and at-large community members on an appointment basis.

Services include same or next day appointments, extended office visit time with the physician, follow up with patients, and 24-hour access to the physician via his private cell number. Patient messages and test results are han-



## GENERATIONS

dled by the physician himself.

To make an appointment, call Office Manager Robin Allen at 602-443-5447. Medicare and some insurance will be accepted.

### Learn more about Social Security benefits

The Arizona office of the Social Security Administration hosts a free program about Social Security retirement planning, 6 p.m. Thursday, July 21 at the Cholla Branch Library, 10050 N. Metro Parkway E.

Jack Burns, Social Security Administration public affairs specialist, will answer questions such as: What are the requirements to receive the benefits; what are some different filing options I have; can I work and get benefits at the same time; how is my benefit calculated (what years are used); how does Medicare fit into my Retirement benefits; and how can I create a personal my Social Security account to see my earnings history and benefit estimates?

The agency recommends that you create a free my Social Security account online at <http://www.ssa.gov/myaccount/> prior to attending.

The program is free, however, pre-registration is recommended. Visit [www.phoenixpubliclibrary.org](http://www.phoenixpubliclibrary.org) and click on the Calendar tab, then find the program box for July 21.

## Kids & Families

### Free admission at museum on July 24

Each fourth Sunday in July, August and September, the Heard Museum will offer free admission for all. On these days from 11 a.m.-5 p.m., children can be creative in activities designed just for them. Kids of all ages

can enjoy music performances in the Steele Auditorium at 12:30 p.m. and 2 p.m. See artists at work during artist demonstrations inside the museum.

Don't forget to stop in at the Courtyard Café and the Coffee Cantina at Heard Museum Phoenix for some great lunch items.

The museum is located at 2301 N. Central Ave. Find a schedule of performing and demonstrating artists at [www.heard.org](http://www.heard.org).

### Boys enjoy 'Ninja Zone'

For boys ages 6 to 11, there is a new, specially designed, boys-only "Ninja Zone" class at The Arizona Sunrays Gymnastics & Dance Center, 3110 E. Thunderbird Road.

Ninja Zone is an all-new sports discipline inspired from obstacle course training, gymnastics, street dance, and martial arts. It is offered Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 3:45 p.m.; class is approximately 55 minutes.

For more information or to register, call 602-992-5790 or visit [www.arizonasunrays.com](http://www.arizonasunrays.com).

### Free pool safety event has fun, food

The public is invited to join the City of Phoenix Parks & Recreation Department's Aquatics Section, Phoenix Revitalization Corporation and Phoenix firefighters for fun days of free food, fun and frolic with an emphasis on water safety, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, July 16 at Coronado Pool, 1717 N. 12th St., and Cielito Pool, 4551 N. 35th Ave.

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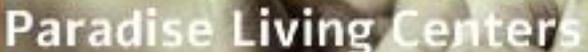
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**'Avenue Q'**  
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Part felt, part flesh and full of heart, this laugh-out-loud adults-only musical follows Princeton, a recent college grad and his new neighbors. The show, starring both puppets and humans, is still fresh, fast-paced and exuberant and explores, among other things, "What Do You Do with a B.A. in English?" and why "Everyone's Little Bit Racist." For mature audiences only. Tickets are \$36-\$81 plus fees. Visit <http://www.phoenixtheatre.com/events>.

**'Space & Sc-Fi' Exhibit Opening Reception**  
6-9 p.m. Friday, July 8  
180 Degrees Automotive  
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602-476-2475

According to Manny Burrue, the best television when he was a boy included every Apollo space mission and all the old science fiction and monster movies. His artwork in this show is a nostalgic look back at both subjects. Burrue is showing mono-silkscreen prints, a type of screen-printing in which he paints directly onto a mesh silkscreen and transfers the image to paper with a squeegee. Manny depicts images in vibrant colors and occasionally uses acrylic paint to add emphasis. The reception is free and open to the public. The exhibit runs through Sept. 30.

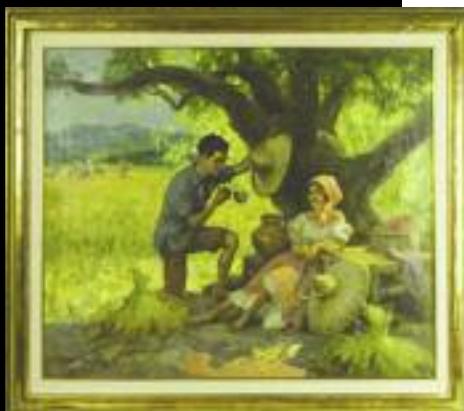
**'Monterey Pop'**  
1 p.m. Sunday, July 10  
Third Street Theater,  
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No Festival Required Independent Cinema, in conjunction with Phoenix Center for the Arts, presents the 2016 Summer Music Series, which begins with the seminal rock concert film from 1967, directed by D.A. Pennebaker and featuring concert performances by Jimi Hendrix, Big Brother and the Holding Company, Otis Redding and many others. Pennebaker pretty much wrote the book on how to film a rock concert, and set the stage for the later and more elaborate film "Woodstock." Doors open at 12:30 p.m.; tickets are \$7.50 in advance, \$11 at the door. Visit <http://www.nofestivalrequired.com>.

**'Judy Garland: A Musical Legacy'**  
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**'Catch A Rising Star'**

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This annual summer concert series features performances by young Arizona jazz artists. The musicians range from high school to recent college graduates between ages of 18-24, who either are based or were raised in Arizona. On July 14, enjoy performances by a jazz quintet comprised of: Miranda Agnew, trumpet; Ben Stowers, tenor saxophone; Michael Kocour, piano; Dylan Holly, bass; and Nathan Hooker on drums. Tickets are \$15 for general admission/\$8 for students. More information is available at [www.thenash.org](http://www.thenash.org).

**The Storrs Objection:**

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10:30 p.m. Friday, July 22

Space 55 Theater

636 E. Pierce St.

[www.space55.org](http://www.space55.org)

Local comedian Matt Storrs is known for bringing his law background to the stage, especially when fact-checking other comedians' material after their sets. "The Storrs Objection" will now give Storrs the opportunity to fact-check other comedians' material DURING their sets. Along with this monthly co-council, Storrs will rebut and rebuke comedians in the middle of a premise or punchline, throwing off timing and train of thought, and maybe starting a fight or two. "The Storrs

Objection" is heckling with a wrecking ball. Tickets are \$5 at the door.

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Owners Dan Sevilla, his wife Autum Perry-Sevilla and Andrew Diamond, along with Derek Still, general manager of The Angry Crab Shack, prepare to dive into a plethora of seafood and barbecue. The bibs are part of the dress code at the restaurant (photo by Patty Talahongva).

## Café Chat

**Happy diners found at the Angry Crab**

By Patty Talahongva

The Angry Crab Shack is anything but, as diners have been happily discovering since the eatery opened in October 2014 at 2808 E. Indian School Road.

The play on words gives you a peek into the ownership circle of five guys who have created a brand that offers fresh seafood and tasty barbecue in a causal atmosphere that's fun for all ages—and where bibs are part of the dress code for everyone.

“Angry just means the food can be ordered hot and spicy,” explains Dan Sevilla, one of the owners who also adds that crabs aren't happy. And the shack part? “... so people know it's casual,” says Andrew Diamond, another owner.

The two and their partners (Dave Eng, Ron Lou and Jason Lopez) wanted to create a fresh seafood restaurant that was casual, family friendly and affordable. The tables are covered in butcher paper that kids can color on and everyone can eat off of when the bags of boiled lobster, crab legs, oysters and shrimp are delivered.

Sevilla and Lou are college friends. Lou's family owned a well-known Chinese food restaurant in Chandler. He and Eng bring the expertise of

keeping seafood alive in tanks. Most of the seafood arrives alive and lives in the tanks until a customer places an order. “Ron sources the food, Dave keeps it alive and Andy and I sell it,” quips Sevilla. Lopez is the culinary expert and chef in the bunch.

Diamond is the bean counter; it says so on his card. “He brought structure,” says Sevilla. Diamond clarifies. He says when he was first brought on board he asked one question: Let me look at your finances. “They brought me four boxes of receipts.”

With Diamond at the financial helm, the restaurant group has grown to five locations in two years. The Phoenix location was the second one to open. The partners have four other restaurants in the Valley and one in Tucson. They are now looking at expanding into other states.

The partners seem to have hit on a recipe for success. The menu features seafood (blue crab, clams, snow crab legs, mussels and more) at market prices, which of course vary. You also can try alligator bites or fried frogs legs. Or you can mix it up with some barbecue or even a hamburger. The average cost runs about \$23—unless you go for the lobster or the king crab legs.

Ordering the bag boil is a fun process. First you select your seafood then you decide what sauce you want and then you can kick it up a notch by adding some spice. Angry Crab Shack also offers a vegetarian version with the

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Kids have their own menu featuring chicken strips, fried shrimp or cod fish with a side dish and a drink, all for \$5. Po'Boys and Samiches also are on the menu and there are plenty of sides to select as well. The mac n' cheese features smoked cheese and Cajun spices that adds a distinct flavor.

Specials include Mixed Bag Mondays, which features three seafood items plus one side for \$20. Teacher Tuesday offers a barbecue platter for \$5. For everyone else the price is \$10, which is still a great deal. First responders such as police officers, firefighters and military receive 10 percent off all the time.

During happy hour (at the bar) you can get a shrimp cocktail with a glass of wine for \$8. Other items on the \$5 menu include barbecue pork sliders, clam-mari basket, ACQ kettle chips, and angry wings.

Drink specials range from a \$4 craft draft to \$3 house wine and well drinks. Local beers are served in mason jars and wine is served in jelly jars. Why? "It's the shack!" points out Diamond.

"I've been in the industry for more than 25 years, and this is the first place where they mean what they say," says Derek Still, the general manager. "This is a place where they take care of people. You work with passion."

Still oversees a staff of 60 people at this location. Diamond concurs, "I've been a part of businesses that are successful and ones that aren't. This is the most fun!" He's also proud to note that most of the managers started out as servers and were promoted.

The fun extends to being environmentally aware and that's where Sevilla's wife, Autum Perry-Sevilla, comes in. "We compost all the paper products and food waste," she says. Dubbed the "Green Fairy" on her business card, she actually handles human resources for the company. "I'm so proud of my card," she laughs.

Large groups can reserve the patio or space in the dining area at no charge other than food and drink. Angry Crab Shack doesn't take reservations unless you have a party of 15 or more. Catering is restricted to the barbecue menu because seafood is so perishable.

For Sevilla, social media is a bonus. "It gives me the ability to connect with

customers." If you post or tweet, you can be sure it's Sevilla replying to your comment or photo.

Check the Facebook page or website to see the First Responders Special planned for July. The partners will select an organization to donate a portion of their monthly proceeds.

The Angry Crab Shack is open daily at 11 a.m. and closes at 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday, and 11 p.m. Friday and Saturdays. Happy hour is Monday through Friday from 3-6 p.m. See the menu and locations at [www.angrycrabshack.com](http://www.angrycrabshack.com) or call the North Central location at 602-956-3088.

**Dining Briefs**

**Breakfast weekend returns around Valley**

Valley chefs and restaurateurs are uniting for an event that celebrates the most important meal of the day: breakfast.

The second-annual Arizona Breakfast Weekend hits eateries July *please see BREAKFAST on page 48*



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**FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

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28-31. The brainchild of and produced by Arizona Restaurant Association, Arizona Breakfast Weekend offers lovers of all things egg, bacon, toast the chance to dine on special breakfast dishes and brunch experiences at restaurants, diners, and hotels around the Valley of the Sun. Chefs will have the chance to curate new recipes and to wow breakfast lovers by elevating and celebrating the morning meal.

Diners will enjoy special dishes at breakfast and brunch spots offered at \$7, \$10 and \$15 price points.

A full list of participating restaurants and menus is available at [www.arizonabreakfastweekend.com](http://www.arizonabreakfastweekend.com). For updates, visit [Facebook.com/AZBreakfastweek.com](https://www.facebook.com/AZBreakfastweek.com).

**Creamistry to open at Uptown in July**

Liquid nitrogen freezes milk crystals at -321 degrees Fahrenheit, creating the most indulgent and creamy ice cream possible—and this scientific feat will happen daily at the Valley’s newest

ice cream shop, Creamistry, tentatively scheduled to open July 11 in the Uptown Plaza at Central Avenue and Camelback Road.

To celebrate, the new store will offer several grand opening specials: July 18-21, buy one ice cream treat, get one of equal or lesser value free; July 22, 50-percent off of the day’s sales will benefit Phoenix Children’s Hospital; and July 23, a free ice cream giveaway from 12-2 p.m. Receive a free single ice cream treat.

Two Valley entrepreneurs, former Arizona Cardinal and co-founder of Impact Church Andre Wadsworth and real estate expert Ryan Zeleznak, have joined forces to open more than 20 locations of the California-based franchise over the next five years.

Creamistry has a unique take on creating the perfect ice cream treat. Customers choose a size or specialty (ranging from shakes to floats to waffle bowls and more); then an ice cream base (including premium organic, Greek yogurt, non-dairy, vegan and gluten free options including sorbet and coconut milk); one of nearly 40 flavors (ranging from birthday cake to sea salt caramel to

Madagascar vanilla bean or blood orange sorbet); and finally toppings (candy, fruit, nuts, cookies/cake). Everything is mixed with liquid nitrogen for a smoky and satisfying visual showcase, complete in just about two minutes.

In addition to ice cream, sweet treat lovers can choose from layered parfaits, shakes, floats, affogatos, chocolate bowls, waffle bowls and brownie bowls.

Creamistry will be open daily from 11:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. For more information, visit [www.creamistry.com](http://www.creamistry.com).

**Il Posto, The Lounge under new ownership**

A longtime favorite Sunnyslope dining spot has recently changed hands, and while the menu has changed slightly, regulars will find some old favorites still available.

Originating in 1993 as Our Gang Café by Robert and Dino Brescia, the restaurant was transformed and updated in 2007 by the brothers into a Northern Italian style bistro called Il Posto, with a new look and menu. This local landmark is now in the capable hands of Chef Greg Ziegler (a.k.a.

“Ziggy”), who founded NYPD Pizza.

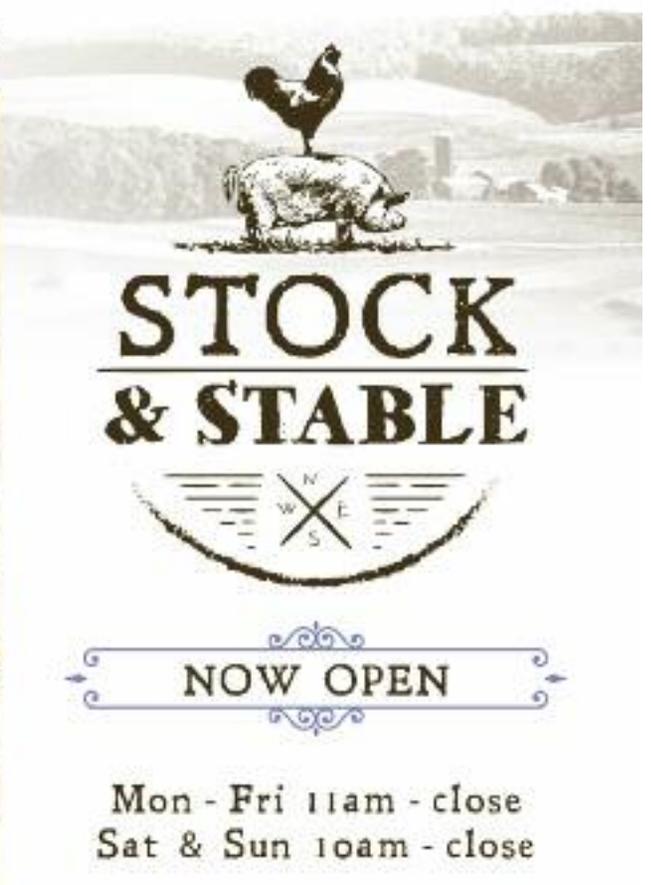
As fate would have it, Ziegler met the owners of Our Gang in 1996 when he purchased his original pizza ovens from the Brescias. Twenty years later, Ziegler and his wife, Cindy, are carrying on the 23-year tradition of the former Our Gang as Ziggy’s Il Posto. “Il Posto” means “place” in Italian, so it’s literally “Ziggy’s Place.”

Regular customers will find some old favorites along with new pizza additions. House specialties include the *Zuppa de Pesce*, baked tortellini and seafood manicotti. P.E.I. mussels, Littleneck clams, U.S. wild-caught shrimp and center cut salmon are mainstays of the menu. The eatery uses locally made sausage, with Ziegler’s homemade meatballs and a house marinara sauce that simmers for three hours before being ready to serve.

The restaurant has a large outdoor patio and bar and an upscale lounge next door, which offers live music several nights a week.

Ziggy’s Il Posto is located at 9832 N. 7th St. For more information, call 602-870-4122 or visit [www.ziggysitalianpizza.com](http://www.ziggysitalianpizza.com).

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#### Cocktail lounge opens above Stock & Stable

The all-new cocktail lounge, Honor Amongst Thieves, is set to steal the hearts of cocktail lovers Valley-wide following its June 19 opening in the heart of Central Phoenix's red-hot 7th Street dining and drinking district.

Housed inside a stylish second-floor space directly above the new Stock & Stable gastropub, 5538 N. 7th St., Honor Amongst Thieves is led by renowned mixologist Stephanie Teslar, formerly of Hotel Palomar and FireSky Resort, and general manager Corbin James (a renowned wine expert formerly of Tarbell's).

Open daily from 6 p.m. to close, the striking, wood-accented Honor Amongst Thieves tempts with an extensive list of handcrafted drinks, "stolen from the honored classics." Not to mention, a compact yet mouth-watering menu of bar bites and cheese & cured meat boards whipped up by chef Joe Absolor of Stock & Stable.

Accessed via a staircase located around the back of Stock & Stable (as well as a second entrance hidden next to Stock & Stable's kitchen), Honor Amongst Thieves patrons will discover a cozy 80-person space with intimate lighting and the complete lack of windows (like a true cocktail lounge should be). Then get ready to sip and savor your way through an artful menu of cocktails, martinis and tonics, as well as unique offerings such as Cheekies and Citywides.

For more information visit Honor Amongst Thieves' website at [www.honoraz.com](http://www.honoraz.com).

#### Summer Sampler returns to Sauce

Now through Aug. 31, Sauce Pizza + Wine offers its Summer Sampler, which includes your choice of salad, pizza and two glasses wine for just \$20. Choose from a variety of salads, \$8 and under, and indulge in any gourmet pizza, \$10 and under, and two glasses of any \$6 and under wine.

Bring the kiddos to this family-friendly, fast-casual Italian concept for \$5 kids meals, offered year round. Selections include Sauce's famous mac n' cheese, grilled cheese or spaghetti marinara (includes kid's drink).

In addition, the seasonal watermelon salad (\$8) is back by popular demand, with watermelon, feta cheese,

jicama batons in a blend of arugula and spinach, all tossed in a white balsamic vinaigrette.

Sauce is located at 7th Street and Glendale Avenue, and 1st Street and Camelback Road. For more information, visit [www.saucepizzaandwine.com](http://www.saucepizzaandwine.com).

#### Fun drink combos at Z'Tejas on weekends

The Weekend Fun Bar is in full swing at Z'Tejas Southwestern Grill and can help you keep you cool off this summer.

Offered every Saturday and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., for just \$6.50 a drink, people get their choice of a Bloody Mary, mimosa or a screwdriver. Build your own Bloody Mary with carrots, hot sauces, Worcestershire sauce, clam juice, A1, pepper, celery, garlic or bleu cheese. Feel like something a little fruitier? Class up your mimosa or screwdriver with two types of berries and choose between cranberry, orange juice or mango juice.

Order your preferred spirit at your table and then take it over to the build-your-own Weekend Fun Bar for a creation that is uniquely yours.

Z'Tejas Southwestern Grill, located at 1525 E. Bethany Home Road, offers a menu inspired by culinary influences from Louisiana, Texas, California and New Mexico. For more information, visit [www.ztejas.com](http://www.ztejas.com).

#### Enter your best sandwich idea

Summer is finally in full effect and what better way to enjoy the warm weather than a sandwich that can be spiced up in a variety of ways. With an endless amount of possible tasty combinations, sandwiches allow for culinary creativity, while satisfying hunger any time of day.

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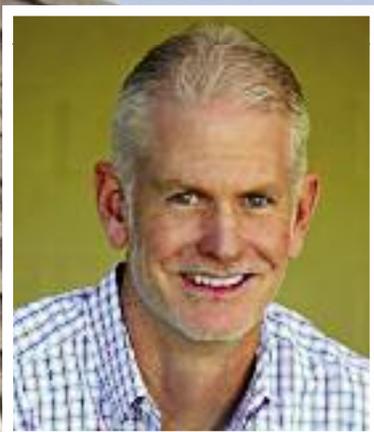
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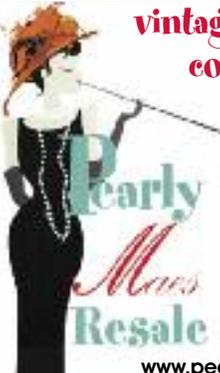
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Hello Neighbors and Friends: As we approach Independence Day it's a time for all of us to honor all the brave men and women and fallen soldiers that risk their lives every day for our freedoms. As my family walks through our neighborhood I'm proud to show to my children all the American Flags. As an immigrant I love and cherish the patriotism that our neighborhood exhibits. My wife always jokes that not only have I been fortunate enough to have found her as my soulmate but I have been blessed to have connected with Tucker, who she calls my business soulmate. Tucker, who was a Marine and served our country, is a Phoenician, was born and raised in Arcadia and graduated from ASU. Tucker Blalock is a very modest, focused, and driven business person, and a great family man. He wrote an amazing article in the Arcadia news that I wanted to share with my neighborhood friends as well!

"I have always thought of Arcadia as a patriotic, all-American place where neighbors protect each other and American flags fly proudly on the front patio. Nothing has made me believe more in my assessment of our culture than what transpired this past month when my friend and Arcadia native, Charlie Keating, gave his life rescuing other Americans.

Charlie and I grew up together through Hopi, Ingleside, and Arcadia High School. Not only was he the best runner that our neighborhood has ever produced, but he was also one of the most genuine and humble people I have been around. This is a guy who had already put his life on the line during three previous tours and received a bronze star during combat operations, yet you wouldn't have heard one peep from him about his exploits. Although he was a decorated warrior, his goofy sense of humor coupled with his laid back approach allowed him to be understated and approachable. We shared a common bond of service to our country, but the conversation would usually turn quickly to our high school shenanigans or what he loved to do in his free time such as surfing, or free diving. He was truly a professional serviceman and his signature smile will surely be missed by the entire Arcadia family.

I would ask that the neighborhood continue to keep the Navy Seal community in its thoughts and prayers. The neighborhood has three other brave men that are currently serving in the Seal teams. Charlie was the first of them to reach the teams and I know that each of the others looked up to him as a role model. I pray that their resilience sees them through this adversity and that they can carry on the legacy of Charlie in their duties.

Some of my fellow Arcadia alumni will be petitioning to name the Arcadia track in Charlie's name. If you have any pull or resources at the school, please reach out to me so that I can connect you with the group. Your help would be greatly appreciated and would be the least that we could do to honor a true Arcadia hero."



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