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## Prop 300 aims for more transit security

By Patty Talahongva

When voters go to the polls on March 12, they will be asked to pass Proposition 300, a ballot proposition that will allow the city manager to “enter into agreements with private entities, such as transit agencies or security contractors, to enforce civil ordinances, regulating conduct on transit property, including light rail vehicles, platforms, and city buses. Security contractors could enforce transit civil ordinances.”

In the sample ballot and publicity pamphlet there are four arguments in favor of passing Prop 300 and none against the measure. Councilman Tom Simplot is one of the supporters. He says this change to the city’s charter will make better use of police officers by allowing them to focus on patrols around the neighborhoods and not tend to tedious ordinance enforcements.

Currently the fare inspectors don’t have the authority to write tickets when someone breaks the law while riding the light rail in Phoenix. Prop 300 would change that by giving them the power to issue those citations.

“Currently, if they see something they have to call 911 and request police,” explains Simplot. “From a practical level this removes that step.”

“Many people don’t realize you can’t smoke on the platform either,” he adds. There are just things people

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Metrocenter Mall General Manager Brent Meszaros stands next to the 1936 Howard Hughes Aero-Mobile, used to race alongside Hughes’ Spruce Goose so that video could be shot of the plane taking off. The car, appraised at \$3.5 million, currently is on display in the mall’s new Auto Museum and will be auctioned off during the first Scottsdale International Collector Car Auction at Metrocenter Mall, March 15-16 (photo by Teri Carnicelli).

## Vintage cars find home at Metrocenter

By Stacey Hershauer

This year’s Barrett-Jackson auction may be over, but the Valley’s classic car excitement continues at Phoenix’s Metrocenter Mall, thanks to a newly signed lease with the Scottsdale International Metrocenter Auto Museum.

The lease welcomes Arizona’s largest vintage auto museum into more than 7,000 square feet of in-line mall space and kicks off a year of special events that will include car shows, community street fairs and classic car auctions.

“Phoenix has a proven appetite for vintage cars. People here love them, and we’re ready to give them more of what they love,” said Tommee “Vegas” Ranger, who founded the museum organization in 2010 with industry icons Leo Gephart and Jack Gartley.

“Metrocenter Mall is centrally located in the Valley and the perfect place to keep that collector car excitement going year-round. We hope it serves as a prototype for mini-museums that we can duplicate in malls across the United States.”

According to Ranger, the Scottsdale International Metrocenter Auto Museum at Metrocenter Mall will house approximately \$5 million in rare collector cars on display. It also features a unique boutique with a

range of vehicle-themed products, from artwork and T-shirts to high-end apparel and custom products from the GRG (Gephart-Ranger-Gartley) and Tommee Vegas lines.

The first Scottsdale International Collector Car Auction at Metrocenter Mall is scheduled for March 15-16 in the Metrocenter interior loop/parking area. The auction will feature the 1936 Howard Hughes Aero-Mobile (appraised at \$3.5 million and currently on display in the mall’s mini-museum) and the 1988 Mellow Yellow #51 NASCAR (valued at \$350,000) that was used in the 1990 hit movie “Days of Thunder” featuring film stars Tom Cruise and Nicole

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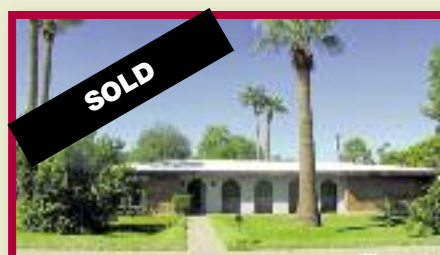
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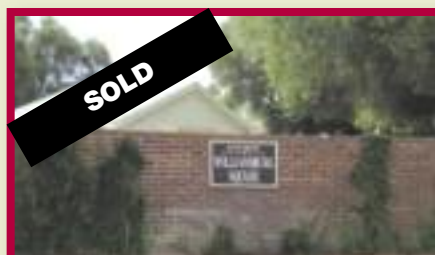
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Members of a local homeschooled youth group are organizing a charity yard sale on March 16 to benefit the Arizona Animal Welfare League (photo by Nicole Hellwig).

## Local youth organize charity yard sale

By Nicole Hellwig

The Teens and Tweens (TnT) group of Valley Home Educators will host its sixth-annual Charity Yard Sale on Saturday, March 16 in the carport of a North Central home. This year the TnTers will donate to the Arizona Animal Welfare League, the oldest and largest no-kill shelter in Arizona.

Valley Home Educators is an inclusive group supporting homeschooling families with infants to teens in Phoenix. TnT is a group of 40-50 homeschooled youths, starting at age 9, who also are learning to socialize and make new friends.

The TnTers first yard sale was held in November 2007, an idea thought up by now 17-year-old Amanda Nolan.

“For my 10th birthday we had some friends that gave me a letter that said they were donating 20 chickens to Heifer International, and I thought that was such a cool idea,” she recalls. “And in that fall we joined the Valley Home Educators (VHE) group because I wanted to make friends and decided to do a yard sale to benefit Heifer International so we could get everyone involved and meet people.”

So far the TnTers have donated \$4,875 to various charities including Bear Hugs, Cause for Paws, Feed My Starving Children, and Amani

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A glass atrium connects the renovated and expanded Phoenix College Hannelly Center with the new Enrollment Center, which was completed in January 2012 (submitted photo).

## PC Hannelly Center renovation completed

College officials, students and guests recently celebrated the completed renovation of the Phoenix College Hannelly Center, which in two years has been transformed into a facility sporting greater amenities for students and employees while carefully preserving its classic, collegiate look and legacy as the flagship institution of the Maricopa Community Colleges.

The 58,650-square-foot addition and remodel was made possible through voter-approved 2004 General Obligation Bond Funds, which allowed for a budget of \$17.4 million.

The revamped center creates a "one-stop" concept for student registration, financial aid, counseling and

more to ensure more efficiency and to create a gathering space for students. It also features a new cafeteria with a modern service area and a wraparound patio overlooking Sophomore Square.

The glass atrium connects the renovated and expanded Hannelly Center with the new Enrollment Center, which was completed along with a new Student Union in January 2012.

Offices inside Hannelly Center include Counseling, Career Services, International Student Services, the Testing Center, REACH/Trio Program, and Disability Resources & Services. Additional features include orientation and meeting rooms, a donor recognition wall, and built-in display cases to showcase memorabilia from Phoenix College's 92-year history.



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If Phoenix voters approve Proposition 300 this month, they can expect to see an increase in security personnel checking tickets and looking for other violations along the city's light rail route (photo courtesy of Valley Metro).

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don't realize. I live on a light rail (route) and I ride. I see issues."

The best part for Phoenix voters is that the additional security won't cost the city any additional funds.

Phoenix City Manager David Cavazos explains, "There's no additional cost (with Prop 300) because we're using existing sources." When the light rail opened in December 2008, Valley Metro, the division that has oversight on the metro line, contracted with a private security firm. Since the cities of Mesa and Tempe allowed private firms to issue citations, the fare inspectors were able to issue tickets to riders in those cities.

"We understand that it's been successful in Mesa and Tempe," says Cavazos. "My understanding is that this is something we should do system wide."

Other examples of what a passenger might be cited for are putting your feet on the seat, eating or drinking on the light rail, or jaywalking on the tracks. "The vast majority of regular riders want to make sure people follow the ordinances. Pay your fare. We're going to enforce that and this is the most efficient way," says Cavazos.

Valley Metro just signed an \$8.7 million contract in October with Allied Barton for three years. Susan Tierney, communications manager for Valley Metro, says this includes the fare inspection/security team of 67 for three key areas: light rail operations,

Operations and Maintenance Center, and the Valley Metro Mesa Bus Operations and Maintenance facility. Since the city of Phoenix already pays into the operational costs there is no additional costs associated with this proposition. The inspectors won't need additional training since they already issue citations in the other cities.

Fines start at \$50 and can increase depending on the number of citations a person has. Once the citation is issued it's turned over to the city where the offense occurred and that civil court then processes the case. All fines are payable to the city and not Valley Metro.

In December 2012 a total of 11 citations were issued in Phoenix and five of them were for failure to provide proof of fare payment, says Tierney.

Charley Jones, the president of the Pierson Place Historic District, also wrote an argument in favor of passing Prop 300. "I would rather have our police officers on the streets, in their regular capacity, working full time at keeping citizens and neighborhoods safe," he said. "Our current leadership (the mayor, council and police chief) recognize that security companies are suited to enforce rules and monitor crimes on the rail and that using police officers on the rail is no longer worth taking away from other police priorities."

He adds that officers will still be available if a major crime occurs on the rail, just like when they are called to any crime scene.

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Besides the typical cards, flowers and balloons the gift shop at PIMC also offers authentic Native American jewelry and crafts. Margaret Wood, right, stands with Amy Bailey, who has volunteered at the gift shop for nearly 18 years, surrounded by some of the items for sale and available for lay away (photo by Patty Talahongva).

## Indian hospital seeks volunteers

By Patty Talahongva

Several opportunities to volunteer at the Phoenix Indian Medical Center on 16th Street and Indian School Road are now open. Margaret Wood, the auxiliary president, says help is needed staffing the lobby gift shop. The shifts are from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. during the week only.

"We have a manager/buyer but it's staffed by volunteers," she says. "It's a nonprofit shop and we don't have to collect sales tax," she adds.

Volunteers are asked to commit to one shift a week and can work more if they wish. Because it's in a hospital that services American Indians, the shop does sell Native American art. "We do a long training program and you work with someone for months until you're really comfortable," Wood explains.

The gift shop also has a law-away program in which customers can pay off an item in three months without any fees.

Amy Bailey has been a volunteer for more than 17 years but she's quick to point out she's not the longest-serving volunteer. "I like it, the people are nice," she says. Bailey also appreciates how the revenues benefit students.

"We're working for scholarships for American Indians," she points out. For her, that gives the volunteering position more meaning.

The hospital gift shop also accepts gently used books and magazines as donations and sells them for \$1 and \$2. There are literally hundreds of items for sale in this unique hospital gift shop

that's roughly 250 square feet.

Another volunteer opportunity is the "Reach Out and Read Program" in the pediatric department. "It's a national program that gives out books to children who come in for well-child visits," says Wood. With permission from the parents, the volunteer reads to the kids in the waiting area and then the book is gifted to the child.

Volunteers must pass a background check and be up to date on their immunizations. They can be as young as 14 but in order to work in the gift shop they must be at least 18. During the orientation volunteers learn more about the hospital, which was first established as a Tuberculosis Sanatorium decades ago.

Volunteers also must join the auxiliary and dues are \$20 a year. If that fee is a hardship, it can be waived.

"I just think it's a very worthy cause," says Wood, who started volunteering in 2005. "It's a great group of men and women."

The PIMC Auxiliary also holds two fundraisers every year. A Book and Art Sale will be held on April 12 on the east patio. The money raised is used to help purchase items various departments need but are outside of the budget.

The auxiliary also funds the Indian Health Career Awards, a scholarship program for American Indian students studying in the health field. Twice a year they give out around 20 awards ranging from \$700 to \$1,000.

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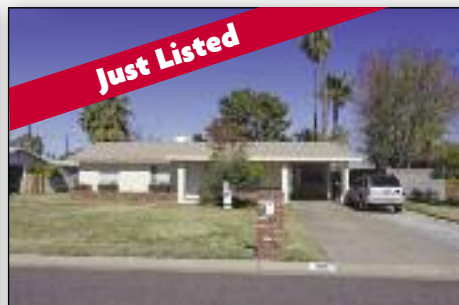
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### Milestones

#### McCullough joins U.S. Navy

Autumn McCullough, a 2012 graduate of Sunnyslope High School, recently was accepted into the U.S. Navy as an aviation technician. McCullough leaves for the Naval Station Great Lakes, near Chicago, in April when she begins boot camp. She then will complete her aviation technician training in Pensacola, Fla.

McCullough spent three years as a member of the Sunnyslope JROTC program and the school's marching band. She was a member of the track and field team, serving as captain her senior year for shot put and discus, and the school's wrestling team. She graduated with two Varsity letters.

#### Celley named to Dean's List

Pepperdine University student Caroline Celley, a native of North Central Phoenix, has been named to the Seaver College Dean's List for the Fall 2012 semester.

Celley graduated from Sunnyslope



Sunnyslope High School graduate Autumn McCullough stands among the flags of the Armed Forces prior to her being sworn in to the U.S. Navy on Feb. 13 (submitted photo).

High School in 2012 and was a member of the school's National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, and the Quill & Scroll Honor Society. She also served as a year-book editor, was a member of the Viking varsity tennis team and was recognized with an Outstanding Biology Student honor.



Caroline Celley

In order to earn Dean's List honors at Seaver College, students must be in the upper 10 percent of their class and maintain a 3.5 or better grade point average. Celley is one of only 290 students to receive the honor.

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#### Lieurance family welcomes baby

Anne Ireland Lieurance was born on Jan. 12 to Challis Ireland Lieurance, a project manager at Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold, and Chris Lieurance, the MIS director at Washington Elementary School District.

Anne weighed 7 pounds and 7 ounces and was 20.5 inches long; she was born at Banner Good Samaritan Hospital. This is the first child for the Lieurances.



Anne Ireland Lieurance

Challis is a lifelong North Central Phoenix resident who attended Madison Meadows, Madison Simis and Central High School. She returned to Meadows

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Domestic Partners can enter into a cohabitation agreement to decide if they want to share equity in the house or how to share expenses. The Domestic Partner Agreement is not too different in form from a pre-nuptial agreement or post-marriage agreement. The goal is that the partners feel comfortable living together; neither feeling vulnerable to paying more than a fair share of expenses or losing interest in property or having unrealistic estate planning.

Domestic Partners can be less legal strangers with the preparation of appropriate legal documents. For example, a healthcare power of attorney allows Domestic Partners to designate each other as the health care agent. Then if one is too ill to express consent for medicine or surgery, the other can act without getting approval from family members.

The health care power of attorney can also include powers for mental health care, in case one suffers from dementia or mental illness. Each Domestic Partner should list an alternate in case something happens to both of them.

For financial matters, a Durable Power of Attorney can allow Domestic Partners to assist each other in case of illness or incapacity. The Durable Power of Attorney allows the Domestic Partner to pay bills, make withdrawals from IRAs for the benefit

of the other, collect debts or contract for services, such as in home care assistance. It is "durable" because it remains effective even if the one who created it becomes incapacitated.

The Domestic Partners can execute mutual Wills or a joint Revocable Living Trust. These set out the desires for how assets should be used after death. That is, whether the surviving Domestic Partner should have all of the remaining assets or whether some should be saved for other family members. If these are executed along with a Domestic Partnership Agreement, then there can be requirements that estate planning changes can only be made by agreement of both Domestic Partners.

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This immaculate home in the Cheery Lynn Historic District is one of 10 homes that will be featured in the area’s first-ever historic home tour, set for March 9 (submitted photo).



as a teacher in the 1990s.

Anne’s maternal grandparents are longtime North Central residents Richard and Barbara Ireland. Barbara works at All Saints’ Epsicopal Day School and Richard is employed at Arrington Watkins Architects. Her paternal grandparents are Jim and Sybil Lieurance of Peoria, and Rozetta and Stan Watkins of Moon Valley.

First-time home tour comes to Cheery Lynn

The Greater Cheery Lynn Neighborhood Association (GCLNA) will hold its first Home and Garden Tour of the Cheery Lynn Historic District from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 9. Ten homes and gardens will be open for touring.

The Cheery Lynn Historic District, located between Thomas and Osborn off 16th Street, was first developed in the mid-1920s, and promoted at that time as being “ultra-modern and progressive homes on the road to the new Arizona Biltmore.”

In 1928, 14 Tudor Revival homes, “English types of the very latest designs,” were constructed, all featuring massive chimneys, half-timbering and gabled roofs, which vary from the medium

pitch of English Cottage Style to the very steeply gabled English Tudor.

Eventually another 23 homes were built, this time in the Adobe Mission, Monterey and Spanish Revival style, reflecting the latest trends in architectural styling coming out of California.

In 1934, with the advent of the FHA, styles started to give way to the more muted form with the building of the Transitional, Early Ranch and French Provincial Ranch style homes, characterized by an L-shaped floor plan, low-pitched gable or hip roofs and columned porches at the entry.

In addition to the tour, there will be a Classic Car show, live music and fun for all. There will be a doggie parade before the tour, starting at 9 a.m., and all of the proceeds from the parade will benefit Lucky Dog Rescue, a dog rescue serving all breeds, and Dr. Kitt, a charity dedicated to spaying and neutering stray animals. Both charities will be on hand to answer questions.

Tickets are \$12 day of the event, \$10 in advance. Tickets may be purchased online at: [www.cheerylynnhistoricdistrict.org](http://www.cheerylynnhistoricdistrict.org). The day of the event, tickets will be available at Lizabel’s Treasures, 3060 N. 16th St. (602-277-5251). For more information, call 602-374-3994.



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I asked local Realtor Lori Noonan of Long Realty Camelback

to give the North Central residents an insight into the current activity of our market.

Lori says, "As of the middle of February, North Central Phoenix is seeing terrific movement in listings. A 5 - 6 month's supply of homes is considered a balanced market. Looking at single family homes in the area between \$200K - \$500K we have a 2.75 month supply. This means, at the current pace of sales, we will sell all of these listings in less than 3 months. Recently, the numbers showed 98 active listings between \$200K and \$500K and 96 under contract. Remarkably, only 17 of the active listings are bank owned or short sales. As these 96 contracts close in the next month or two, I think we will continue to see strong sales. We are headed into our busiest months of the year and prices continue to rise."

If you or someone you know is interested in receiving a FREE home value estimate and need a referral to a local North Central Realtor, please contact me at [capelL@ctt.com](mailto:capelL@ctt.com) please put in the subject line "Home Value Estimate."

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Kidman. There also will be food, artists and vendors with vintage auto-related merchandise.

Many of the museum's events will benefit nonprofit groups such as the Dream Catchers Children Foundation. According to Metrocenter Mall General Manager Brent Meszaros, these are the types of attractions that not only align with Metrocenter's repositioning efforts, but also are critical for malls that want to thrive in an era of Internet shopping.

"The community mall has always been more than just shopping," said Meszaros. "It is about neighborhoods and friends and memories. This is Metrocenter's legacy and we intend for it to be its future as well. The Scottsdale International Metrocenter Auto Museum is a great leap forward in that effort. We are thrilled to have them here."

"We are all about the community, supporting each other and sharing our interests in a way that is fun and affordable," said Ranger. "It is tough to do this at the big car auctions, where it costs \$50 per person just to walk in the door. We are not like that. We are a fun place for husbands to visit while their wives are shopping, and for families to come together to see and learn and share the classic car experience."

The Scottsdale International Metrocenter Auto Museum is located on northwest side/lower level of the mall, near Sears and across from

Cinnabon. It is open Monday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday from 12 to 5 p.m. Admission is a \$5 donation per person and children 12 and under are free when accompanied by an adult.

Metrocenter Mall is also celebrating the Scottsdale International Metrocenter Auto Museum's grand opening by displaying dozens of vintage cars, motorcycles, wooden boats and other items throughout the mall until March 16.

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Children's Home. Each year the kids nominate a charity of their choice and they all vote to select which charity will receive the donation. Any items that do not sell are taken to donation centers around the Valley.

All the kids in the group put the yard sale together. They have certain committees to delegate tasks and everyone is involved in the process. Each committee consists of an older member who has participated in a previous year and a younger student who can learn what to do and be able to pass it down the next year.

Bailey Hill, 13, and Jackie Rippon, 13, are on the Advertising committee and are responsible for making fliers, advertising on the Internet and in various newspapers. Katie Gould, 13, along with Paige Hill, 16, are in charge of T-shirt design and slogans, while the rest of the kids help with making posters and decorating T-shirts.

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“Now since we’re running it, we have different jobs,” Hill explains. “Everyone is nominated. We have two people in charge of collecting votes and announcing the charity. We have advertising people getting ads out, and T-shirt people coming up with logos, sayings and patterns, shift directors, people making signs, and people getting pizza donated for after the sale is over.”

The yard sale will be held from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Follow signs from 15th and Northern avenues to reach the sale. Donations are gladly accepted and appreciated. For more information, call Deborah Nolan at 602-371-8816 or e-mail DAN7NOLAN@aol.com.

## Home tour returns to Coronado district

The 26th Annual Coronado Historic Neighborhood Home Tour & Spring Festival will take place 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday, March 3 in the historic Coronado district.

The tour will run along Coronado Road between 7th and 12th streets, and will focus on homes built in the 1920s. Located in midtown Phoenix, the Coronado neighborhood covers approximately 1.5 square miles and includes about 5,000 households. Three historic districts—Brentwood, Coronado, and Country Club Park—make up much of the neighborhood.

There will be vendors selling crafts, food, entertainment and more. Tickets are \$12.50 in advance online and \$15 the day of the tour. Tickets will be available that morning at the ticket booth, located at the southeast corner of Coronado and 10th Street.

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

## Laying the groundwork for financial stability

YWCA Maricopa County hosts a free “Own It Financial Education” program, a four-week curriculum that provides women and families the education they need to become financially stable.

The next series of free classes takes place 6-8 p.m. Wednesdays, April 3-24, at the Fresh Start Women’s Resource Center, 1130 E. McDowell Road. Childcare is available.

YWCA recognizes that many people are unable to dig themselves out of poverty because they lack a basic understanding of money management.

“Own It” provides them with the knowledge and tools they need to better their financial circumstances. The curriculum covers topics like budgeting, credit, finding money to save, etc. Attendees will receive classroom instruction, a handbook, resource material and certificate of completion.

To register, visit [www.ywcaaz.org](http://www.ywcaaz.org) or call 602-258-0990.

## Homeless dining room on Hatcher discussed

The next Sunnyslope Youth & Family Partnership meeting is set for 8 a.m. Thursday, March 7, at the Cowden Center, 9202 N. 2nd St.

The guest speaker will be Kerry Oliveri, dining room coordinator for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul’s Chris Becker Dinning Room on 10th Avenue and Hatcher Road. Oliveri will discuss the dinning room’s programs/services, best practices and challenges.

Complimentary coffee and continental breakfast items will be served at the meeting, which is open to the public. For more information, visit [www.sunnyslopecommunity.org](http://www.sunnyslopecommunity.org).

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### Developers, activists clash over Place Types

By Patty Talahongva

It's not quite "back to the drawing board" for the Place Type recommendation at Camelback and Central, but the plan will again be considered and clarified by the Alhambra Village Planning Committee (AVPC) and then presented—again—to the City Planning Commission on March 12.

The Place Types are important because they make recommendations for the kind of commercial development that could come in around the light rail line within a quarter-mile area. While they have no real "teeth," they do provide guidelines for future development and could, down the road, become actual zoning ordinance, according to city officials.

Nearly a year ago, the AVPC approved a plan put together by the Central and Camelback Coalition (CCC). At least that was the understanding of the group. But it took until last month for all 17 Place Types to go before the Phoenix Planning Commission for

review and recommendations, before forwarding them on to the Phoenix City Council for final approval. The idea was to do them all in one block.

But much to the surprise of Bruce Bilbrey, the spokesperson for the CCC, the Central and Camelback plan presented to the Phoenix Planning Commission was not the one he recalled having been approved nearly a year ago.

Bilbrey's group is focused on the Central and Camelback stop because that area happens to intersect with four historic neighborhoods. The group came up with a Place Type after several neighborhood meetings and talking to residents.

The CCC's recommended Place Type was a hybrid of suggested plans and was dubbed the "Urban Historic Neighborhood Place Type." The CCC presented its recommendations to the AVPC last February and it passed by a vote of nine to one.

The AVPC did make minor edits to the levels of design proposed by the CCC, including allowing buildings up to five stories in height. The base retail footprint was moved up from 20,000 square feet to 40,000 square feet.

That was in February 2012. But at the Planning Commission meeting last month, Bilbrey says a representative from Beus Gilbert, a lobbying firm, kept insisting the recommendation that the AVPC made included a stipulation that the area north of Camelback would be handled separately from the south side. That change in the AVPC's recommendation allegedly was made at a meeting in January.

"We didn't attend because we were told it was just a courtesy review," says Bilbrey, "not open for discussion or vote or changes."

There was enough confusion about what, exactly, was being recommended that the director for the city's Planning Department asked the Planning Commission to send it back to the AVPC one more time.

At issue is the height restrictions. Bilbrey worries that if it's left open, greater heights could someday make it into the General Plan. "We're going to push for as low as possible," he says. He also realizes the city has a mandate to get development designed on the line so the dirt lots don't stay that way for years to come.

Curt Upton, light rail planning coordinator for the city, expected this process would have been completed by



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the fall of last year. It appears the Place Types won't reach the City Council until late spring.

"We know that to some degree the market will dictate what's going to happen, the size of the property and how they're situated within the neighborhood boundaries," Bilbrey acknowledges. The CCC knows the city must create development to generate revenue, he adds. He says his group is not against development but they just want what they call "reasonable and sensible" development.

This is still Phase I of the project. Phases II and III could take up to three years to complete. City officials say the projected end time for those phases is December 2014. In Phase IV, potential rezoning efforts will start.

The Planning Commission will meet to review all the Place Types, including Central and Camelback, for a second time beginning 6 p.m. March 12 in the City Council Chamber, 200 W. Jefferson. The meeting is open to the public.

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To get started, visit phoenixpubliclibrary.org and click on "magazines & newspapers." A link to more detailed information about Zinio, the library partner providing the service, is located near the bottom of the page.

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The Hon Kachina Council is seeking nominations for the organization's 37th annual presentation of the Hon Kachina Volunteer Awards, taking place on Saturday, Sept. 21 at the J.W. Marriott Camelback Inn Resort & Spa.

Anyone can nominate a volunteer, high school age or older, who has dedicated time, talent and passion to causes including health care; neighborhood revitalization; youth and senior activities; pets; the arts, education; food banks and nutrition services; justice; social services or other volunteer activities.

Nominations are being accepted at www.honkachina.org. Those interested can either complete the nomination form and submit on line or by downloading the PDF and mailing it to The Hon Kachina Council, 3104 E. Camelback Road, Suite 212, Phoenix, AZ 85016.

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If filing jointly, both adults must be present to sign the form. For questions and information, contact the Arizona Community Action Association at 602-604-0640 or AARP at 888-227-7669, or visit www.211arizona.org and click on the red "Taxes" link in the upper right corner, or www.aarp.org/taxaide.

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## Kids Go to Summer Camp - Adults Should, Too!

By Bobby Kelly, CPT

Each year when summer comes around, children finish up the school year and dream of fun in the sun. They have worked hard all year academically, gotten up early to catch the bus and they have thrived in school sports and after school activities.

One of the coolest things 'kids' get to do is go to summer camp. Whether it is a sleep away camp at a lake, or a camp where they learn to be better at their sport or extracurricular activity, parents always know an amazing time is in store for their child. Sharing a room with 8-10 other kids in bunks, staying up late with no curfew and not having parents to deal with for a week to 10 days is exactly what they are looking for in their camp.

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## Specialists are for for pets, too

By Hillary Frank, DVM, Dipl. ABVP (avian)

If you have seen a medical or surgical specialist, you know how they made a difference in your level of care, often speeding the process of returning to health. You can also choose a veterinarian that is a specialist for your pet.

The amount of new information and knowledge regarding the medical field continues to increase dramatically. Your family physician no longer does most types of surgery, since a board certified surgeon has more experience and knowledge in this area, and a cardiologist can provide the best options for heart and blood vessel diseases.

In the past, your veterinarian treated the family horses and cows as well as the pet dogs and cats at the house. Like human medicine, some veterinarians have a special interest and choose to specialize in one type of medicine or surgery or one particular species type. Now there are specialists in many areas of veterinary medicine.

To become a veterinarian, it takes four years of undergraduate college followed by four more years of intensive training at an accredited veterinary college. Veterinarians that become specialists must then follow the requirements decided by each specialty board. Either a two-year residency at a university veterinary hospital or six years of specific clinical veterinary practice is required. Then, the veterinarian can submit an application for specialty certification, which includes two case reports suitable for publication, references, and documentation of extensive continuing education. If the board accepts the application, the veterinarian must then pass a two-day examination to be considered a specialist.

In the Phoenix area, we have many types of veterinary specialists. Some specialists have extra training in specific species groups, such as horses (equine), birds (avian), reptile/amphibian (snakes, lizards, tortoises and frogs), small exotic mammals (rabbits, rodents, ferrets), dogs (canine), and cats (feline) and are granted Diplomate status by the American Board of Veterinary Practitioners. ABVP is similar to Family Practice (ABFP) in human medicine and is based upon excellence in general clinical practice.

Neurologists treat brain or nervous system disorders. For pets with skin problems, dermatologists are available to help. Ophthalmologists treat pets for many eye diseases, like cataract removal and glaucoma treatment. Board certified surgeons are available for many types of surgeries, including complicated fracture repairs or skin grafts. Internal medicine specialists treat for disorders such as diabetes, cancer, or liver disease.

Should your pet see a specialist? If your pet has unusual or nonspecific signs or is not responding to treatment, a specialist can often find the problem more quickly and determine the most effective course of action. This can also be more cost effective in the long run. Also, a specialist will have a high level of skill and expertise to perform many different tests and procedures. Just like with your own health care team, your primary care veterinarian can work with the veterinary specialists to ensure your pet receives optimal care to keep happy and healthy.

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## Fashion show, lunch benefits AHS

Great fashions and loving pets seeking forever homes are just some of the highlights of the Arizona Humane Society's "Compassion With Fashion" benefit event, set for Saturday, March 23, at the Arizona Biltmore Resort & Spa, 2400 E. Missouri Ave.

Doors open at 10:30 a.m. for a silent auction, an exclusive raffle, and a meet-and-greet with some of AHS's adoptable pets. Guests enjoy a seated luncheon and fashion show beginning at 12 p.m., with fashions provided by My Sister's Closet.

Tickets start at \$150. Funds raised at Compassion with Fashion will support AHS' life-saving programs and services for homeless companion animals in Arizona. Visit [cwf.azhumane.org](http://cwf.azhumane.org) or call 602-997-7586, ext. 1039.



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Having nearly starved to death from neglect, this sweet and affectionate Pit bull is ready to be pampered and loved in a forever home (submitted photo).

## Pet of the Month

### A heart-wrenching story of survival

Margie, a 1-year-old Pit bull, was rescued by Emergency Animal Medical Technicians from starvation weighing in at only 27 pounds. She was too weak to even stand on her own. AHS vets purchased canine blood and began giving her transfusions and they started her on an intense feeding schedule.

After months in foster care, Margie now weighs in at 55 pounds and is an absolute sweetheart. She enjoys being the center of attention and this "Velcro doggy" will never leave your side. She is housetrained and knows a few basic

commands. She is excellent with children but this attention hog would prefer to be the only canine in her new home.

She is available now at the Sunnyslope Adoption Center located at 9226 N. 13th Ave. Her adoption fee is \$110 and includes her spay surgery and vaccines. For more information, call 602-997-7585, ext. 2045 and ask for animal ID number A421750.

## Altered Tails hosts Feral Cat Friday

Altered Tails, 950 W. Hatcher Road, will host a Feral Friday event on March 22 to help end the epidemic of free-roaming cat overpopulation. If you have a colony of free-roaming/feral cats and you need financial assistance to get them fixed, they can help.

To make an appointment to have your ferals fixed on March 22, call the Spay Neuter Hotline at 602-265-7729. Appointments are limited and are required to participate.

## Shelter pets to benefit from Mahalo Mondays

Hula's Modern Tiki restaurant, 4700 N. Central Ave., will donate 10 percent of all proceeds on Mondays throughout March to Friends of Animal Care & Control.

Proceeds will go to helping decrease the number of homeless animals in Maricopa County by funding free spay and neuter services through Maricopa County Animal Care & Control. No coupons or fliers are required.



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### ROAD WISE

## Advice on buying a used vehicle

By Jim Alauria, Master Mechanic

This is the biggest time of the year for used car sales. Car dealers stock up on inventory and crank up their marketing budgets to try and get their share of the public's tax refunds.

Buying a new or used car can be an exciting experience and the dealerships know exactly how to play on those emotions. The worst mistake anybody can make when buying a used vehicle is making an emotional decision and being hurried along into signing a contract. So, this month I want to give you a few steps to follow that will help you avoid buying a vehicle that you regret later.

The first thing you want to do if you are replacing an existing vehicle is to have your auto repair shop do a thorough inspection of the vehicle you plan on replacing. The reason you want to do this is two-fold. One, you want to know how much money it would take to get the vehicle into a condition that would make you happy with it again. Any repairs, maintenance, paint, detail, stereo, upholstery, etc., that are really driving you crazy about the car. Many times it is a much wiser investment to put some money into your existing car than it is to take on a car payment over the next 3-7 years. Sometimes just having a professional detail for \$150 done to a car can give it a fresh, new feel.

The second reason you want to know what the car needs is so that when you go to trade it in or sell it, you aren't taking the advice of the dealership on what its worth. If you look up the current market value on the Internet and then deduct the repairs it needs, you'll be in a much better position to negotiate what they are going to give you on a trade.

The next step is to do some research on what vehicles you like. Look at styles, makes, models and efficiency and pick a few that fit your budget and taste. Then call your automotive repair shop or any trusted mechanic and tell them which vehicles you are thinking about buying. They will tell you which ones to avoid like the plague and which ones would be a good option. Their advice may not be scientific but it will be based on the vehicles they are seeing in the shop and the problems that they run into with each. I

highly recommend you do this before you start looking.

Just last week one of our customers called the shop and asked us about a certain type of car. Before the mechanic could finish telling him why to avoid "that one," the customer reluctantly told him, "I already bought it." Why? Because the customer's emotions got the best of him on a "good deal" before he could get some professional advice.

The last step is the most important, yet it is the most neglected step by used car buyers. Always get a professional mechanic to perform a thorough inspection on any used vehicle, no matter how new it is or how low the mileage. You will spend between \$50-\$100 on an inspection but I will guarantee that it will be the best money you spend. Call it insurance.

Most of the time the inspection will give you enough information to negotiate the price down 5-10 times what it costs to have it done. A professional auto repair shop will lift the vehicle up and inspect it for any hidden leaks, prior damage, mismatch tires, deferred maintenance and on and on. They will find the things that used car dealerships use spray paint, power washers and Armor All to cover up. They can give you a complete, unbiased, evaluation that will help you decide if you are making a wise decision.

Although most states have a Lemon Law, dealerships are notorious for making it hard to get service after the purchase is complete. So, talk to your automotive professional before you buy.

*Jim Alauria is the owner of 3A Automotive Service, 1539 W. Hatcher Road. He can be reached at 602-997-7978. The information in "Road Wise" is provided as general information only. For specific advice on your automobile, consult your auto technician.*

## Local churches host Easter Egg Hunts

If you don't want to end up with too-well-hidden eggs rotting in your yard over the summer, consider taking your young children to a community Easter Egg Hunt this month.

Royal Palms Baptist Church, 8802 N. 19th Ave., hosts its hunt beginning at 9:15 a.m. on Easter Sunday, March 31.

Encanto Community Church, a United Church of Christ (UCC) Congregation at 2710 N. 7th Ave., will begin its Easter Egg Hunt around 11 a.m., after services. Both events are free and open to the public.



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## Community Calendar

### Youth Group Yard Sale

7 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, March 2  
Encanto Community Church  
2710 N. 7th Ave.

This sale is large and varied. Drop by and check out the array, from the ridiculous to the sublime. All proceeds benefit the church's Youth Group Camp Fund that helps send kids to Church Camp.

### PIMC Annual Social Pow Wow

Saturday, March 2  
Phoenix Indian Medical Center  
4212 N. 16th St.  
602-263-1576

The event is free and open to the public. It will feature Native American crafts and food, Native dancers and drummers, the Color Guard from Ira Hayes Post 84, and more. Gourd dancing takes place from 10 a.m. to noon, and the Grand Entry begins at 1 p.m. Bring your own camp or lawn chairs to sit on. No alcohol, tobacco or weapons are permitted on the PIMC campus. Service dogs allowed.

### 8th Annual Spring Shootout Cat Show

9 a.m.-4 p.m. March 2-3  
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There will be 16 different judges handling 62 breeds of cats, including some of the newer breeds. There will be a raffle, several cat-related vendors as well as a cat photographer on hand to take pictures. There will be a Junior Exhibitor ring at noon on Sunday. Admission is \$6 for adults, \$5 for seniors and \$4 for children age 10 years and older. Children younger than 10 are admitted free with a paid adult. Visit [www.desperadoscatshow.com](http://www.desperadoscatshow.com).

### Dobson Sheep Trail Story

7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 6  
Pueblo Grande Museum  
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Learn about a real sheep drive through the eyes of children's book author Cindy Shanks. The tale of "Emily Walks the Sheep Trail" shares the details of a young lamb's journey across the

Heber-Reno Sheep Trail. Free and open to the public.

### 22nd Annual Blues Blast

10 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday, March 9  
Margaret T. Hance Park  
3rd Street and Moreland  
602-516-8870

An annual blues music festival presented by the Phoenix Blues Society. Bands include local favorites The Sugar Thieves and Big Nick and the Gila Monsters. In addition, there will be fun activities for kids, food and merchandise vendors. Tickets are \$20 in advance online and \$25 the day of the event. Visit <http://www.phoenixblues.org> for information and [www.bluesblast13.eventbrite.com](http://www.bluesblast13.eventbrite.com) for tickets.

### Wheels of Britain Car Show

10 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday, March 10  
Heritage and Science Park  
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View beautiful classic and new model cars hosted by British Motor Enthusiasts. Admission is free.

### 'Labors of Love'

7-8 p.m. Thursday, March 14  
Burton Barr Central Library,  
Pulliam Auditorium  
1221 N. Central Ave.  
602-262-4637

Gretchen Freeman, art consultant and collector, will examine the whimsy of Valley yard art in this free public presentation, part of a series highlighting Phoenix's historic architecture and landmarks.

### Phoenix Writers Club

12-2 p.m. Saturday, March 16  
Bluewater Grill  
1720 E. Camelback Road

Western historian and award-winning author Jane Eppinga will speak about the early days of Arizona. The cost is \$15 for members and \$20 for guests. Reservations must be made by March 14. RSVP [neeliepubl@aol.com](mailto:neeliepubl@aol.com) with Phoenix Writers Club in the subject line. Members and the public are welcome.

### 30th Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade and Irish Family Faire

10 a.m. Saturday, March 16  
Midtown Phoenix  
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The parade sets off from 3rd Street  
*please see COMMUNITY on page 18*

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and Virginia and ends at Margaret T. Hance Park, 3rd Street and Moreland. The parade will feature pipe bands, marching bands, floats, Irish step dancers, and more. The Faire follows the parade and runs until 6 p.m. Admission is \$10 and includes two stages of Irish music and dancers, crafts, genealogy, Irish clubs, a kids area and more. Visit <http://www.phxirish.com>.

### 'The Status of Women in the World'

**6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 19**  
**Beatitudes Luther Life Center**  
**1616 W. Glendale Ave.**  
**602-510-1544**

AAUW (The American Association of University Women) will host Diane Post, who will discuss "The Status of Women in the World: How Does the U.S. Fare? Where Do We Go From Here?" Post practiced family law for 20 years and in 1998, began a career in human rights law that has taken her to 14 countries. Guests welcome. An optional dinner (\$14) will be served at 5:30. RSVP for the dinner by March 15.

### Sunnyslope WINS Community Meeting

**6 p.m. Tuesday, March 19**  
**Cowden Center**  
**9202 N. 2nd St.**

In addition to an overview of criminal activity for the past quarter, the meeting will feature Maria Uhing of the Phoenix Prosecutor's Office discussing foreclosures in the community and their impact on crime. Allow an hour and a half for the meeting; dinner will be provided courtesy of Lincoln Gives. Free and open to the public. Visit [www.sunnyslopecommunity.org](http://www.sunnyslopecommunity.org).

### 10th Annual McDowell Mountain Music Festival

**March 22-24**  
**Margaret T. Hance Park**  
**602-343-0453**

Eclectic music festival with a mixture of musical acts including bluegrass, reggae, jazz, and rock, as well as local band representation. There will be food trucks, a Kids Zone, vendor marketplace, and beer garden. Tickets are \$40-\$55 for single day admission and \$120-\$150 for a full weekend pass. Proceeds will be shared among three local charities. Visit <http://www.mmmf.net>.

### 49th Annual Arizona Scottish Highland Games

**7:30 a.m.-5 p.m. March 22-24**  
**Steele Indian School Park**  
**300 E. Indian School Road**  
**488-788-6694**

Competition, demonstrations, Highland dancers, ancient athletic events, children's games, clan booths, food, artifact & clothing vendors, reenactment groups, and more. Admission is \$15 for adults, \$10 for seniors and military, \$5 for children age 5 to 17, and children under age 5 admitted for free. Discount tickets available in advance online; visit <http://www.arizonascots.com>.

### Camel & Ostrich Races

**Saturday, March 23**  
**Turf Paradise**  
**1501 W. Bell Road**  
**602-942-1101**

The day features live music, \$2 draft beers, and a Family Fun Park with bounce inflatables, pony rides and face painting. There also will be a full card of traditional racing with horses. Grandstand admission is \$2 and kids 16 and younger getting in for free. Visit [www.turfparadise.com](http://www.turfparadise.com).

### American Indian Art & Artifacts Appraisal Day

**10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, March 23**  
**Heard Museum**  
**2301 N. Central Ave.**

Learn more about those items lurking in your closet or collecting dust on your display shelves. Leading Native art traders will examine your treasures and offer information about materials, dates, artists and traditions. Fee is \$30 for the first item, \$25 for the second item, \$20 for the third and subsequent item(s). Limit 10 items per person. Heard Museum members receive \$5 off per item.

### Parking Lot Sale

**8 a.m.-5 p.m. March 23-24**  
**Sunnyslope Historical Society**  
**737 E. Hatcher Road**  
**602-331-3150**

The sale will feature household items, small working appliances, books, tools, hobby/craft material, small furniture, office items, bicycles, sports equipment, toys, games, etc. Tax-deductible donations for the sale may be dropped off at the museum during regular business hours. The Society can make arrangements to pick up items (no heavy items).



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## Benefits Central 'Objects d'Art' Auction Event

**6-9 p.m. Friday, March 8**  
**Herberger Theater Center**  
**222 E. Monroe**  
**602-254-7399, ext. 105**

Live and silent auctions will offer the works of many talented local Arizona artists for guests interested in expanding their personal collections. Sponsored by Billie Jo and Judd Herberger, Objects d'Art is an evening of art, cuisine, cocktails and live entertainment. Tickets are \$50 each. All proceeds benefit the Herberger Theater Center's Youth Outreach Programs. Visit [http://www.herbergertheater.org/objects\\_art](http://www.herbergertheater.org/objects_art).

## Teaming Up for Girls Luncheon

**11:45 a.m. Thursday, March 14**  
**Arizona Biltmore Resort & Spa**  
**2400 E. Missouri Ave.**  
**602-288-4514**

Florence Crittenton's signature fundraising event raises money to help

further its mission of providing safety, hope and opportunity to disadvantaged girls. This year's event will feature a silent auction and raffle, lunch and a compelling program, including Keynote Speaker Laura Ling and HOPE Award recipient Jason Schechterle. Tickets are \$275 each. Visit <http://flocrit.org/events.html>.

## Phoenix Tour de Cure Saturday, March 16 REACH 11 Sports Complex 2425 E. Deer Valley Road

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## Valley Leadership Man & Woman of the Year Luncheon

**11:45 a.m. Thursday, March 21**  
**Arizona Biltmore Resort & Spa**  
**2400 E. Missouri Ave.**  
**602-952-6760, ext. 3**

The honorees are Tom Ambrose and Ambassador Barbara Barrett. Check-in begins at 11 a.m. Tickets are \$120 per person for the luncheon. Raffle tickets are five for \$50 or 12 for \$100. Visit [www.valleyleadership.org](http://www.valleyleadership.org).

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## Central United Methodist Church

### Holy Week Services

**Holy Thursday**  
Thursday, March 28  
7:30 pm in the Sanctuary

**Good Friday Services**  
Friday, March 29  
12:15 pm in Pioneer Chapel

### Easter Sunday Services

**Sunday, March 31**  
**Sunrise Service**  
6:00 am - Steele Indian School Park

**Service of Resurrection**  
8:00 am - Sanctuary  
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9:30 am - Kendall Hall  
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### **13th Annual Rock the Zoo**

**7-11 p.m. Friday, March 22**

**Phoenix Zoo**

**455 N. Galvin Parkway**

**602-273-1341**

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### **The 100 Club of Arizona's Annual Banquet**

**Wednesday, March 27**

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### **The Board of Visitors' Charity Ball**

**Saturday, April 6**

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By Harvey Amwake, C.P.A.

S corporations have certain tax advantages that you might consider for your small business in 2013—before it's too late.

An S corporation is a regular corporation that has opted to have all income or loss passed down to the personal tax returns of its shareholders rather than taxed at the corporate level. This avoids the dreaded double-taxation scenario—income first taxed at the corporate level and then taxed again as dividend income to the shareholders. Thus, S corporations provide the legal liability protection of a corporation, but have the tax characteristics of a partnership.

S corporations also have unique flexibility on how shareholder-employees are compensated. For example, if

more income is distributed as dividends and less as salaries, the corporation can potentially save on social security, Medicare, and unemployment taxes. However, certain rules govern how far you can go with this strategy, so understand the requirements to avoid problems.

Another S corporation advantage is that charitable deductions are not limited to 10 percent of income as they are with regular corporations. And S corporation shareholders can potentially deduct the company's losses against other personal income.

So what's the downside? S corporations can have only one class of stock and are limited to 100 shareholders. Shareholders cannot be partnerships, corporations, or nonresident foreigners. S corporations have a narrower range of tax-deductible fringe benefits available to their employees.

If you are considering an S corporation election for this year, you better hurry. Corporations with a calendar



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year-end have until March 15, 2013, to file their intentions with the IRS for the current tax year. New corporations have until the 15th day of the third month after incorporation to make the election.

The decision to become an S corporation is an important one. Don't go it alone. Talk to your financial adviser or contact our office to discuss this election in your own tax situation.

*This article is for general information only and does not constitute financial advice. If you have any questions about financial matters, consult a professional tax adviser. Harvey Amwake, CPA, is a tax and small business consultant with the accounting firm of Harvey E. Amwake, PLLC., at 6232 N. 7th St., Suite 105. He can be reached at 602-753-0377 or by e-mail at [Harvey@AmwakeCPA.com](mailto:Harvey@AmwakeCPA.com).*

## Business Briefs

### Ballinger receives arts advancement award

Jim Ballinger, The Sybil Harrington director of the Phoenix Art Museum, will receive the 8th annual Shelley Award at the 32nd Governor's Arts Awards. Ballinger is considered a nationally respected arts advocate and visionary who has guided the museum's physical growth and extensive reach,

The award, named in honor of former Arizona Commission on the Arts Executive Director Shelley Cohn, is presented to an individual who has advanced the arts through strategic and innovative work in creating or supporting public policy beneficial to the arts in Arizona.

Ballinger's award will be presented at the 2013 Governor's Arts Awards on Wednesday, March 6, when honorees will be recognized in six categories for their substantial and outstanding contribution to arts and culture statewide. The event takes place at the Herberger Theater Center, 222 E. Monroe. Tickets are \$150 and include hors d'oeuvres, silent auction, the awards ceremony and dessert.

For more information and to register visit [www.governorsartsawards.org](http://www.governorsartsawards.org).

### Half Price Books holds book drive

Half Price Books, the nation's largest family-owned new and used bookstore chain, is hosting its annual

Half Pint Library Book Drive through March 31. This program collects and distributes children's books to families and children in need through local nonprofit and community organizations. The drive accepts any type of children's book, including Spanish language books, as long as they are in good condition.

Located at 2102 E. Camelback Road, Half Price Books is open Monday through Saturday 9 a.m.-10 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m.-8 p.m. The store also purchased gently used books, DVDs, CDs and more, for cash or trade credit. For more information, call the store at 602-954-4653.

### Lieb is HomeSmart's top producer for 2012

Bobby Lieb with North Central's HomeSmart office was named the winner for 2012 as the No. 1 producing agent for HomeSmart worldwide, with more than \$47 million in sales. Lieb also won the award in 2011, as well as the award for most sales in HomeSmart with 110 sales for 2011.

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Lieb opened the Central Phoenix office, located at 5225 N. Central Ave., in 2011 and the office now totals 117 independent agents. HomeSmart is the largest Real Estate agency not only in Arizona but also in the southwest, with more than 4,700 agents. The company just opened a new franchise in China and now has 10 locations there.

Lieb also was named as one the top-10 producing Agents by *Homes and Land Magazine* in Maricopa County for 2012. He can be reached at 602-761-4646, or go online to [www.centralphx.com](http://www.centralphx.com).

**Sandau brings expertise to autism resource center**

The Southwest Autism Research & Resource Center (SARRC) has hired Laurie Sandau as its development director. Sandau brings with her an extensive background in nonprofits, business development and strategic marketing.

She previously served as the executive director of the Neurofibromatosis Association of Arizona and held business development roles at Lawyers Title National Commercial Services and Grand Canyon Title Agency.

Sandau has been involved with many community organizations through the years including National Association of Industrial and Office Properties, Arizona Commercial Real Estate for Women, Valley Partnership and Urban Land Institute.

Visit [www.autismcenter.org](http://www.autismcenter.org) or call 602.340.8717 to learn more.

**Erquiaga to lead Roosevelt Row CDC**

Dale Erquiaga, a local writer and cultural planner, has been named the new executive director of the Roosevelt Row Community Development Corporation.

Erquiaga recently returned to the Valley of the Sun after serving as senior advisor to Nevada Gov. Brian Sandoval. He has worked in government at the federal, state and local level and has a background in nonprofit consulting and strategic planning.

Long active in the arts, he is the immediate past chair of the Western States Arts Federation (WESTAF), and



# North Central Update

## Home Sales in the North Central Corridor

January 1, 2013, to February 20, 2013

Address	Sale Price	Sq. Ft	\$/Sq. Ft	Address	Sale Price	Sq. Ft	\$/Sq. Ft
311 E. Rose Ln.	\$1,100,000	4,000	\$278	6504 N. 14th Pl.	\$269,000	2,129	\$126
8025 N 11th Ave.	\$580,000	3,269	\$177	314 E El Caminito Dr.	\$252,500	1,993	\$127
540 W Royal Palm Rd.	\$420,000	2,653	\$158	1004 W Palo Verde	\$249,500	1,530	\$163
611 W Glenn Dr.	\$415,000	2,342	\$177	6225 N. 9th Pl.	\$234,900	1,140	\$206
41 E Colter St.	\$410,000	2,333	\$176	7228 N. 12th St.	\$227,500	2,053	\$111
1549 E Las Palmaritas	\$363,000	2,821	\$129	1007 W Bethany Home	\$226,000	2,149	\$105
227 W Georgia Ave.	\$360,000	3,249	\$111	1318 W Bethany Home	\$221,000	1,391	\$159
128 E Royal Palm	\$356,500	2,172	\$164	702 W Flynn Ln.	\$220,000	1,454	\$151
342 W Harmont Dr.	\$356,000	1,766	\$202	6102 N 9th St.	\$218,000	1,311	\$166
512 W Seldon Ln.	\$335,000	1,892	\$177	7004 N 12th Way	\$209,500	2,402	\$87
8430N. 15th Str.	\$330,000	2,163	\$153	1142 E Lawrence Rd.	\$200,000	1,870	\$107
6014 N 5th Pl.	\$322,000	2,700	\$119	1137 E. Fern Ln.	\$194,000	1,754	\$111
1321 E. Luke	\$315,000	2,738	\$115	715 E Claremont St.	\$180,600	1,104	\$164
101 E El Caminito Dr.	\$307,000	2,172	\$141	106 E Orchid Ln.	\$165,000	1,393	\$118
522 E Glendale Ave.	\$297,859	2,760	\$108	826 E Flynn Ln.	\$162,000	1,319	\$123
529 W. Las Palmaritas	\$295,000	2,922	\$101	1136 E Ocotillo Ln.	\$160,000	1,226	\$131
1315 E Gardenia Dr.	\$295,000	2,268	\$130	1142 E Lamar	\$160,000	1,114	\$144
7202 N. 12th Ave.	\$280,000	2,545	\$110	1013 E Oregon Ave.	\$150,000	1,152	\$130



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a former board member of Arizona Citizens for the Arts. He has worked with many local organizations including Valley Leadership, the Arizona Commission on the Arts and the Arizona Humanities Council.

Roosevelt Row Community Development Corporation is a non-profit organization established to further the unique cultural character and creative assets of the Roosevelt Row Arts District, to advocate for the continuing presence and role of the arts and small business in the revitalization of the district, and to foster a dense, diverse, and walkable urban community. For more information, visit [www.rooseveltrow.org](http://www.rooseveltrow.org).

Breier joins staff at  
Murphy Karber PLC

William H. Breier has joined Murphy Karber PLC, a Phoenix real estate and construction law firm, as an associate. Breier graduated from the Phoenix School of Law and holds a Bachelor of Science from Arizona State University's Del E. Webb School of Construction. Prior to law school, Breier

worked in the Phoenix and Las Vegas commercial construction industry for seven years, including five years as a project manager.

Breier is a member of the State Bar of Arizona Construction Section as well as the Maricopa County Bar Association Construction Section and Young Lawyers Division.

Goodman joins  
Fennemore Craig

Gail N. Goodman has joined the Phoenix office of Fennemore Craig as counsel practicing in the areas of ERISA and Employee Benefits.

Goodman has extensive experience working with companies in design, implementation and administration of various employee benefit and compensation matters ranging from qualified retirement plans and deferred compensation to equity compensation, fringe and welfare benefit arrangements. She also has extensive experience in compliance and reporting related to compensation and benefits issues.

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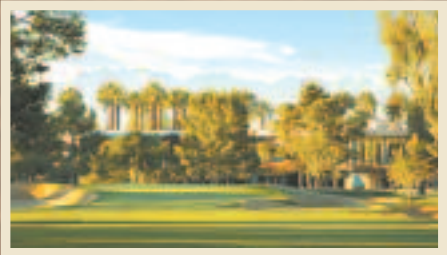
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540 W. Kaler Dr. ....	<b>IN ESCROW</b>	4671 SF	4BR/4BA	\$ 849,900
5034 E. Lafayette Blvd. ....		LOT		\$ 795,000
6899 N. Central Ave. ....	<b>IN ESCROW</b>	4283 SF	3BR/3.5BA	\$ 775,000
3434 E. Stanford Dr. ....	<b>JUST LISTED</b>	1889 SF	2BR/2.5BA	\$ 749,500
5961 E. Whitehorn Pl. ....	<b>IN ESCROW</b>	4159 SF	4BR/4BA	\$ 715,000
2749 E. Winchcomb Dr. ..	<b>JUST LISTED</b>	4029 SF	5BR/4BA	\$ 675,000
1128 W. Northview Ave. ..	<b>NEW PRICE</b>	3135 SF	4BR/2.5BA	\$ 650,000
8522 N. 10th Ave. ....		3525 SF	5BR/3BA	\$ 599,000
6828 N. 3rd Pl. ....	<b>IN ESCROW</b>	2926 SF	4BR/2.5BA	\$ 550,000
5649 N. 6th St. ....	<b>NEW PRICE</b>	3723 SF	4BR/4BA	\$ 524,000
721 E. Circle Rd. ....	<b>IN ESCROW</b>	3362 SF	4BR/3BA	\$ 499,000
5550 N. 2nd St. ....		2364 SF	3BR/3BA	\$ 495,000
3800 E. Lincoln Dr. #30 ..	<b>NEW PRICE</b>	2824 SF	3BR/2.5BA	\$ 475,000
601 W. Moon Valley Dr. ...	<b>JUST LISTED</b>	2994 SF	4BR/2BA	\$ 475,000
6838 N. 3rd Ave. ....		2025 SF	3BR/3BA	\$ 474,500
316 W. Glendale Ave. ....	<b>JUST LISTED</b>	3991 SF	5BR/4.5BA	\$ 450,000
312 W. Stella Ln. ....	<b>IN ESCROW</b>	2810 SF	4BR/3.5BA	\$ 435,000
8847 N. 4th Ave. ....		3133 SF	5BR/3BA	\$ 390,000
10257 N. Central Ave. ....	<b>IN ESCROW</b>	2950 SF	3BR/2.5BA	\$ 375,000
723 W. Glenn Dr. ....	<b>IN ESCROW</b>	2381 SF	3BR/2BA	\$ 359,000
201 E. Georiga Ave. ....	<b>IN ESCROW</b>	2225 SF	3BR/3BA	\$ 325,000
2 W. Beryl Ave. ....		1830 SF	3BR/2BA	\$ 310,000
821 E. Palmaire Ave. ....		3180 SF	5BR/4BA	\$ 269,000
1545 W. Glenn Dr. ....	<b>IN ESCROW</b>	1561 SF	2BR/2BA	\$ 199,000
7362 E. Rovey Ave. ....	<b>NEW PRICE</b>	1913 SF	3BR/2BA	\$ 199,500
1124 E. Rose Ln. ....	<b>IN ESCROW</b>	1959 SF	3BR/2.5BA	\$ 195,000
6517 N. 10th Pl. ....	<b>IN ESCROW</b>	1883 SF	3BR/2.5BA	\$ 185,000
18402 N. Maui Ln. ....	<b>IN ESCROW</b>	2757 SF	4BR/2BA	\$ 175,000
5136 N. 31st Pl. #622 .....		1224 SF	1BR/1.5BA	\$ 145,000
1401 E. Kristal Way ....	<b>IN ESCROW</b>	1136 SF	3BR/2BA	\$ 65,000
833 E. Echo Ln. ....	<b>IN ESCROW</b>	986 SF	2BR/1BA	\$ 60,000
235 S. 84th Way ....	<b>JUST LISTED</b>	410 SF	1BR/1BA	\$ 30,000

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529 W. Las Palmaritas Dr.	\$ 295,000	635 W. Coral Gables	\$ 230,000		
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## Breathe better this spring

By Shawn B. Mathews, M.D.

Do spring flowers mean annoying allergies for you?

For most people, simple over-the-counter medications and a change of season can relieve congestion. But if your nasal allergies turn into chronic sinusitis, one of the most common chronic health problems, then you may need further intervention in order to breathe easier.

The sinuses are a series of interconnected, hollowed spaces in the skull, lined with mucus-secreting membranes. When these membranes become infected or inflamed due to the common cold or allergies, the sinuses swell and block the nasal passages. This blockage or constriction makes drainage difficult and that can cause an infection. If a sinus infection lingers, patients can experience symptoms such as headaches, facial pain, congestion, fatigue and drainage for weeks. This is called chronic sinusitis.

Other symptoms include coughing, sore throat, ear pain and toothaches. Some people lose their sense of smell and taste over time. Try relieving your congestion with over-the-counter medication, as well as, some of the suggestions below:

- Drink more fluids as antihistamines and decongestants can thicken mucus and make it more difficult to drain.
- Use steam or saline sprays to introduce moisture to your sinuses to promote draining.
- Hot compresses can help alleviate facial pain and reduce swelling.
- Sleep with your head elevated. This helps with drainage so your sinuses don't become more inflamed.

Balloon Sinuplasty technology, which received FDA clearance in 2005, is used to restore normal sinus passages with specially designed catheters and balloons. The goal of sinus surgery is to open the sinuses so they can function normally, while preserving as much natural anatomy as possible allowing the nasal passages to drain, the infection to clear and the patient to breathe

easier. Recovery times vary after sinus surgery, but patients typically return to normal activities within 24 hours of treatment.

Shawn B. Mathews, MD, is an ear, nose and throat (ENT) surgeon with privileges at John C. Lincoln North Mountain Hospital. Reach him at 602-678-5001. The information in "To Your Health" is provided by John C. Lincoln Health Network as general information only. For medical advice, please consult your physician.

## Health Briefs

### Health, fitness expo set for March 22-24

The Arizona Health & Fitness Expo will bring together Arizona's vast community of health, wellness and fitness businesses March 22-24 at the Arizona State Fairgrounds, 19th Avenue and McDowell Road. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.

Attendees will be able to try new products, sample natural and healthy foods and listen to fitness and health experts give tips on exercise and nutrition.

Admission is \$5 at the gate, or purchase half-price admission in advance online at: <http://arizonahealthandfitnessexpo.com/>. You also will find a list of all exhibitors and programming there.

### Walk-in clinic offers extended office hours

Allied Clinic at 1147 E. Glendale Ave. has begun providing a diverse array of health care services to walk-in patients during extended office hours.

The no-appointment, walk-in clinic is operated by a group of highly skilled, compassionate, board certified health care providers who provide health care services for the entire family, from children to seniors. The hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Saturday and Sundays from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Allied Clinic also plans to offer free podcast seminars. For more information, call 602-279-3800 or visit [www.alliedclinic.com](http://www.alliedclinic.com).

### Grief support group set to begin April 2

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The church is located at the northwest corner of Central and Missouri avenues. Ample parking is available.

### Older patients get help from Piper Trust grant

The Virginia G. Piper Charitable Trust has awarded a capital grant of \$500,000 to renovate four hospital rooms for trauma patients in the G-60 program at John C. Lincoln North Mountain Hospital.

John C. Lincoln's G-60 program for geriatric trauma patients over age 60—the first of its kind in Arizona—was launched in June 2012 by trauma surgeon Alicia Mangram, MD, medical director for North Mountain's Trauma Services, to provide expedited treatment plans and intensified care for trauma patients aged 60 and older.

Trauma injuries in the elderly frequently are compounded by chronic medical conditions and interactions between the numerous drugs older patients are taking.

"We know that outcomes after trauma are strongly correlated with increasing age," Mangram said. "That means patients 60 and over need more attentive and complex care to achieve the same optimal outcomes experienced by younger patients. Trauma care for older patients needs to be distinct from care received for similar injuries incurred by younger trauma patients."

G-60 patients receive regular visits from a multidisciplinary clinical team led by the trauma surgeon that makes rounds to evaluate each older patient's progress and needs. The G-60 team includes trauma surgeons, trauma nurse practitioners and coordinators, hospitalists, physical medicine and rehabilitation specialists, floor nurse supervisors, nutritionists, physical/occupational/speech therapists, respiratory therapists, pharmacists, social workers and case managers.

The patient rooms that will be ren-

ovated, thanks to the Piper Trust grant, are adjacent to each other and will form a unit for older trauma patients and will be conducive to rounding by the G-60 multidisciplinary team.

### Yoga events in the park

Steele Indian School Park will become a massive outdoor yoga studio this spring through a partnership between the Parks Department and the nonprofit Yoga Rocks the Park events.

Indian School Park, 300 E. Indian School Road, will host outdoor yoga sessions the afternoons of Sundays, March 3, 10 and 17, that will include live music, yoga instruction, fun vendors and a special program for kids ages 3 and older called Camp Yoga Rocks. Online pre-registration is \$12, on-site registration is \$15. There is a \$10 fee per child for the camp.

Registration begins at 1 p.m. for each event, yoga and music from 2 to 3:30, and music, vendors and demonstrations until 4 p.m. A portion of event revenues will benefit Yoga World Reach, a nonprofit that brings yoga to needy areas.

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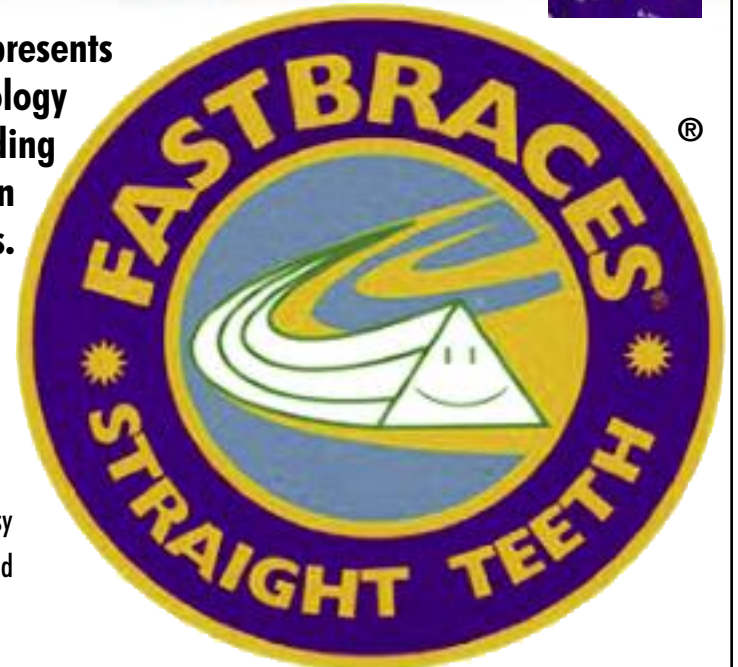
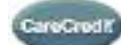
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## SCHOOL DAYS



The MTA Owls championship basketball team, from left: AJ Meyer, Jaxson Baker, Coach Kyle Williams, Chris Blessington, Zach McCarthy, Trey Dillard, Teddy Kruger, Juan Carlos Lopez, Sam Tiffany, Morgan Billingsley, Aaron Nach, and Coach Ian Serdenia. Not pictured are Abel Cortez and Coach Matt Williams (submitted photo).

## MTA wins boys basketball tourney

The Madison Traditional Academy Owls varsity boys basketball team on Feb. 5 defeated the Catalina Ventura Tigers 59 to 57 to win the 4A Boys Basketball Valley Athletic Conference Championship. The Owls raced out to a 35 to 25 halftime lead over the Tigers and maintained a double-digit lead until the fourth quarter.

In the fourth quarter, the Tigers staged a ferocious comeback but came up short when their last second 3-pointer missed its mark.

Jaxson Baker led the Owls in scoring with 20 points, 18 of which came in the first half. Zach McCarthy had 13 points and Chris Blessington had 12 points, AJ Meyer led the Owls in rebounds.

The Owls finished the year with 12 wins and one loss in Valley Athletic Conference play. Eight of the 11 players on the Owls grew up playing basketball in the neighborhood RAMMS basketball organization.

## Kiwanis honor local students

Eight local students were honored by the Kiwanis Club of Sunnyslope during its "Student of the Month" luncheon, held Feb. 14 at Sunnyslope High School.

Being honored as a Student of Month was Orlando Paralta, a fifth grader from Desert View Elementary. An avid club soccer player, Orlando was described as someone who is quiet

and thoughtful, who always gets his work in on time and maintains nearly all As in his classes.

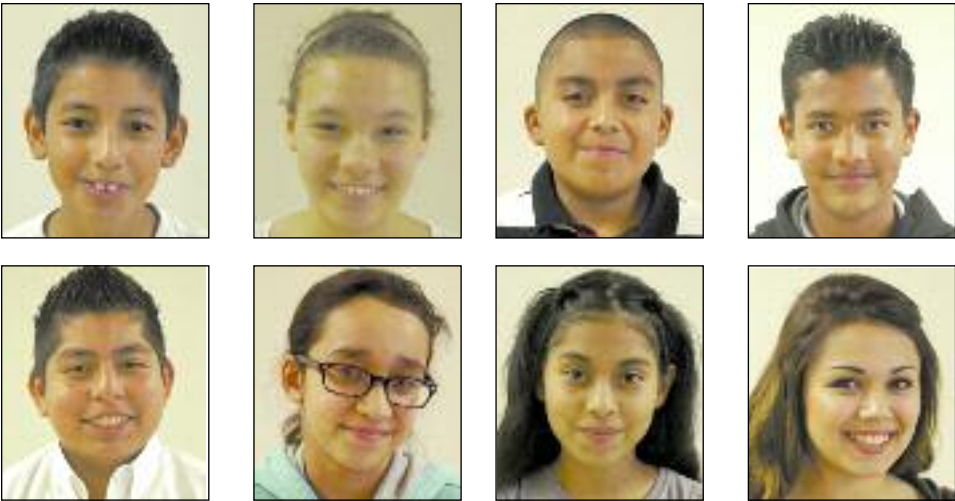
Also honored were seventh grader Stephanie Sherwood, and eighth grader Adrian Baxcajay from Sunnyslope School. Stephanie, whose favorite subjects are social studies and science, was praised for being an independent worker who has good study habits and is high achieving in all her classes. She hopes someday to be a chemist or a doctor. Adrian was lauded for being focused and always respectful in class, both to his teachers and his peers. While he enjoys riding his bike and playing video games, his goal is to someday be a dentist.

From Mountain View School, seventh grader Kenner Ardon and eighth grader Joshue Jaurez were recognized. An insightful young man of strong character, Kenner was described as being someone who brings positive energy with him to class and who thoughtfully contributes to class conversations. Joshue, who is a member of the school's Community Action Team (CAT), was recognized for being eager to take on new challenges and new ideas, whether in the classroom or for community service projects.

Other students who were highlighted at the luncheon were seventh grader Sayra Cabrera Portillo and eighth grader Iriss Pacheco Flores from Royal Palm Middle School. Sayra was praised for having excellent motivation, organization and dedication in all that she does, and for always being willing to help in any way. Already taking a sophomore-level geometry class, Iriss was applauded



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The Kiwanis Club of Sunnyslope honored eight local students at a luncheon in February. They included (TOP, FROM LEFT) Orlando Paralta, Stephanie Sherwood, Adrian Baxcajay, Kenner Ardon, (BOTTOM, FROM LEFT) Joshue Jaurez, Sayra Cabrera Portillo, Iriss Pacheco Flores and Nancy Delgado (photos by Teri Carnicelli).

ed for giving her best effort every single day and for being an attentive listener who enjoys learning.

From Central High, Nancy Delgado was recognized. Described as a “force of nature,” Nancy works part time to support her family while still maintaining top grades. She has been a member of the Key Club as well as the Diversity Leadership Alliance (DLA). She plans to attend Arizona State University to study international business.

The Kiwanis honor outstanding students each month as a way of applauding their academic and leadership successes and encouraging them to continue to set an example for their fellow students.

School Briefs  
CREIGHTON ELEMENTARY  
SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Strings program  
nurtures love of music

Biltmore Prep Academy is dedicated to teaching a love of music to children at an early age through its unique strings program.

The program began in 2011, when Nokuthula Ngwenyama, a Harvard-educated, world-renowned musician and a mom of a daughter enrolled in Biltmore Prep’s Foreign Language Immersion Program, learned of the desire for a strings program by many of the school’s families.

“I kept hearing from parents that they wanted to know where and how to start their children on an instrument. I remember my first lessons at the age of 5, and I wanted to be able to share this experience with my daughter and her friends,” Ngwenyama recalls.

Ngwenyama, who performs with symphonies all over the world and most recently as a featured soloist with the Phoenix Symphony, asked the school principal if she could start an after-school violin program for students between the ages of 4 and 8.

“I was thrilled that our students would have an opportunity to have this

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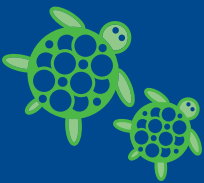
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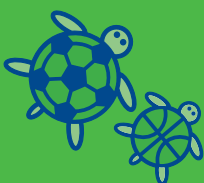
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level of instruction at such an early age," said Principal Faith Burtamekh. "I am unaware of any other school that offers this type of on-campus program for children in their very first years of primary school."

The violin classes are taught by some of the country's finest string players. In addition to Ngwenyama, there are two first section violinists with the Phoenix Symphony—Carter Pendell and Tessa Gotman—who juggle their performance schedules to provide world-class string instruction to the Biltmore Prep students.

"My children so look forward to violin class each week, and I have seen significant growth in their violin skills," said Sharon Gordon, a parent of two children in the Biltmore Prep strings program.

Biltmore Preparatory Academy is an "A- Rated" school by the Arizona Department of Education. For more information, contact Faith Burtamekh at [fburtamekh@creightonschools.org](mailto:fburtamekh@creightonschools.org) or call 602-381-6169.



Children ages 4 to 8 at Biltmore Prep Academy are receiving world-class violin instruction as part of an afterschool music program that launched in 2011 (submitted photo).

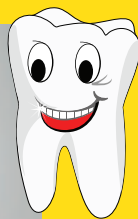
#### MADISON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT Rose Lane students get a sweet treat

Lynn Dolan's fourth-grade language arts class at Madison Rose Lane recent-

ly welcomed surprise visitors as a result of a business letter writing assignment. Emma Swanton had written a letter to Mary Coyle's Ol' Fashion Ice Cream Parlor at 5521 N. 7th Ave. to compliment them on their successful North Phoenix ice cream shop. In her letter

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Mary Coyle's Ol' Fashion Ice Cream Parlor employees Sarah and Annie visit with student Emma Swanton at Madison Rose Lane. The visit was the result of a business letter writing assignment in a fourth-grade language arts class, in which Emma wrote to compliment Mary Coyle's on the success of their shop (submitted photo).



she also suggested that they offer a new flavor, bubblegum.

After reading Emma's letter, not only did they add this new flavor to their delicious selection, but they also brought samples to the class to taste.

MTA raises funds with flower-grams

Madison Traditional Academy's National Junior Honor Society sold carnation grams for Valentine's Day to help raise money to fight childhood hunger. More than 500 carnation grams were sold at \$2 each.

The NJHS chapter was able to donate their profit of \$800 to Feed My Starving Children, which will provide 4,000 meals for hungry children. In addition, the NJHS members will visit the organization in Tempe to help make food boxes.

Healthy yogurt recipe wins student a prize

Madison Camelview fourth grader Henry Palmer, 10, took the top prize in the Blue Cross Blue Shield Walk On! Cooking Challenge, which asked kids ages 9-12 to submit their favorite, healthy lunchbox recipe. Henry's Brain Berry Parfait made with berries, yogurt and granola won with the judges. As the winner, Henry received a new bike.

"Eating healthy is helping me perform in my swimming and all the other sports I play," said Henry. "I don't like sandwiches in my lunch, so I came up with some different things I can make and take to school. And my mom

makes sure it's healthy."

Henry is an avid swimmer and also plays basketball, lacrosse and football. He also loves to eat asparagus, mushrooms, kale salad, spinach and yogurt.

The Walk On! Challenge is a fun  
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program that teaches elementary school students easy ways to eat better, to get enough exercise so that they can be strong, healthy and full of energy to do all the fun things they want to do (plus do well in school). It's a fight against childhood obesity.

The official challenge takes place in the month of February but the goal of Walk On! is good all year long and great for kids of all ages. The Walk On! goal is 5-2-1-0: Eat five fruits and vegetables every day; limit screen time (TV, video games, computers) to two hours or less per day; get at least one hour of physical activity each day; and avoid sweetened drinks, filling up on water instead.

### PHOENIX UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

#### Teacher job fair set for March 9

PUHSD will hold a Teacher Career Fair Saturday, March 9 at Metro Tech High School, 1900 W. Thomas Road, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Openings are



Madison Camelview student Henry Palmer won the Blue Cross Blue Shield Walk On! Cooking Challenge with his Brain Berry Parfait made with berries, yogurt and granola (submitted photo).

available in all subject areas. Screening interviews will be conducted from 8-10 a.m. by school and district personnel.

Prospective teachers should bring resume, transcripts, teacher certification, letters of recommendation and a copy of a fingerprint clearance card. It is recommended that applicants who have not completed a Phoenix Union online application complete one prior to the job fair. A general certified employee application can be accessed at [www.phoenixunion.org](http://www.phoenixunion.org).

For more information, contact Alvina Turman at 602-764-1519.

### Camelback athletes sign letters of intent

Camelback High School last month had three football players sign letters of intent to continue their academic and athletic careers at colleges.

Antonio Zepeda signed with the University of Nevada-Las Vegas, where the Rebels plan to use the 6-6, 250-pounder as a tight end. The All-Arizona First Teamer was also a defensive end in high school, but is glad that UNLV wanted him as a receiver.



Antonio Zepeda

Jamar Pinnock is headed to Scottsdale Community College, projected to be a cornerback. The 6-3,

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195-pound defensive back led the team in tackles last year with 53.

Angel Medina, the Spartan's quarterback this past season, will play free safety at Phoenix College. Medina, 6-1, 170 pounds, threw for more than 900 yards, and rushed for 610 yards. He also was a long snapper, a wide receiver and played safety for Camelback, recording 52 tackles.

This is the second year in a row that coach Brandon McNutt has seen three players move on to college. "We are getting noticed, and people are starting to come to Camelback to see our athletes. When college coaches see kids moving on to college, they are more inclined to come back each year," McNutt said.

### Central singers make All-Region Honor Choir

Central High choir students auditioned against more than 800 students to participate in All-Region Honor Choir in January. Two students, Ricardo Cisneros and Octavio Edgington, were selected to participate in the ensemble, which was held Feb. 15-16 at the All-Region Music Festival at Central High.

"Both of the students have auditioned past years, were not selected, but continued to work and improve. They both have a diligent work ethic and I am very proud of their success," said Choirs Director Troy Meeker.

The Concert Choir traveled to Flagstaff Feb. 8-9 to compete in the NAU Jazz and Madrigal Festival. The students enjoyed watching performances by the NAU choirs and seeing other high schools performs. Their performance earned a "superior" rating (the highest given at the festival) for the performance in the Madrigal genre. Their set included music from the 16th and 17th centuries in French and Latin, as well as a modern composition sung in Latin and German written in the chant style.

"This music was quite foreign to them as we began but they grew to love it and perform it quite well. They will be performing more world music at our Spring Concert on March 7," Meeker added.

### Ponce earns two boxing recognitions

Central High sophomore Jacob Ponce is the current Golden Gloves and Silver Gloves Boxing State Champion. He won the state title in December,

and qualified for a regional tournament in California, but the Arizona Junior Olympic chairman recruited Ponce to compete for a Jr. Olympic National title instead.

Ponce, a light bantamweight at 112-114 pounds, was the youngest person on the Arizona team at 16 years old, but he won a bronze medal, placing third in the nation in his weight class during the grueling five-day tournament in Reno, Nev. He is an alternate on the U.S. team that is going to the Ukraine this summer.

Ponce has competed in boxing for less than three years. He also has a State Golden Gloves title won in March 2012.

### Alegria a finalist in cooking challenge

North High Culinary Arts student Gustavo Alegria was named to the top 30 senior finalists at the Careers in Culinary Arts Program (C-CAP) Feb. 9 and has advanced to the March 16 State competition.

In addition, Leonel Sosa and Angela Pugliese were named Top 10 Juniors. Their reward: they will prepare the luncheon for the seniors and a guest during the final competition day. They will receive a gift and may receive a trip for a weekend to a culinary school out of state. North's Culinary teacher is Mary Sarwark.

### WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

#### Children receive books on birthdays

Birthdays will become extra special for children at the Richard E. Miller Elementary School thanks to the new Assistance League Birthday Book Corner, which was dedicated on Jan. 28. It is housed in the school's guidance counseling office.

The Birthday Book program enables all the children at the school to choose a new book on their birthday. Assistance League of Phoenix (ALP), which developed the program, provides and maintains a supply of books for various grade levels that the children can choose from.

R.E. Miller School, 2021 W. Alice Ave., is the ninth school in the Phoenix area to participate in the Assistance League Birthday Book program. Each school provides space for

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the book closet and arranges for the children to select a book on their birthday. The books then belong to the children and can be taken home.

Shannon Bonnette, principal at R.E. Miller School, is facilitating the program on site to ensure that all the students in the school receive a book gift from Assistance League of Phoenix this year.

“Many of these children have never had a book of their own, and often there are no books in the home,” said Linda Lammersen, an ALP coordinator for the Birthday Book Program. “We want to encourage reading skills and recreational reading, so we want children to feel that having a book is a special gift. This program does both in an exciting way. We often say that a book is a gift you keep opening.”

The Birthday Book Corner is one of several Assistance League programs that encourage and develop literacy skills among elementary school children in the Phoenix area. For more information, visit [www.alphx.org](http://www.alphx.org).



Celebrating the ribbon cutting of the new Assistance League of Phoenix (ALP) Birthday Book Corner at Richard E. Miller Elementary School are, from left: Assistance League of Phoenix Executive Director Aimee Runyon; students Taylin Cook and Cierra Gore-Brooks, whose birthdays were in January; Michelle Delaney, R.E. Miller School Community in Schools coordinator; and ALP volunteers Linda Lammersen and Sydney Wigle (photo courtesy of ALP).

### District to host teacher job fair

The Washington Elementary School District will host a Teacher Job Interview Fair Wednesday, March 6 from 7:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the

WESD Administrative Center, 4650 W. Sweetwater Ave.

The WESD is searching for kindergarten, math, science, language arts, music, special education and speech pathology applicants. Scheduled inter-

views will be limited. To obtain a prescheduled interview, you must apply online by Friday, March 1, 2013.

Interested applicants must apply online ([www.wesdschools.org](http://www.wesdschools.org)) by clicking on the Employment button above and then the Apply Now link. Scheduled interviews will be limited. Applicants must upload and attach proper documentation to the application to be considered. Successful candidates may receive a Letter of Intent to hire for the 2013-2014 school year.

If you have questions, call or e-mail Lydia Garcia in the recruitment office at 602-347-2622 or [lydia.garcia@wesdschools.org](mailto:lydia.garcia@wesdschools.org).

### RP student heads to state spelling bee

Royal Palm eighth grader Mariano Yanez Ibarra will be one of only 27 students statewide competing for the title of “best speller” as they step up to the microphone for the 2013 AEF Arizona Spelling Bee, 1 p.m. Saturday, March 23 at Eight/AZ PBS, 555 N. Central Ave., 6th Floor. The public is welcome to attend.

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Royal Palm eighth grader Mariano Yanez Ibarra won the WESD Spelling Bee and received a certificate and a trophy. He now advances to the 2013 AEF Arizona Spelling Bee March 23 (photo courtesy of WESD).

Mariano first won the 2013 WESD Spelling Bee after nine rounds with the word “gregarious.” This was the first time Mariano participated in the district bee and he said afterward that this year it was his goal to try hard and do his best in school.

He then advanced to the Regional Bee on Feb. 9, where he earned himself a spot on the stage for the state spelling competition. The top 27 spellers in the state compete in the Arizona Spelling Bee to determine who will represent Arizona in the Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C. The winner and an escort receive an all-expenses paid trip to Washington, D.C. to compete with spellers from all over the nation from May 26 through June 1.

In addition, the winner of the Arizona Spelling Bee will receive \$800, a trophy, a copy of Webster’s Third New International Dictionary, The Samuel L. Sugarman Award (\$50 value), and enrollment in his or her choice of one of 25 Rosetta Stone language programs and payment to take the College Level Examination Program/CLEP in chosen language from Harrison Middleton University. Four runners-up will receive a \$25 Amazon.com gift card and a trophy.

All 27 state finalists receive a medallion and their choice of The New Dictionary of Cultural Literacy or Merriam Webster’s Collegiate Dictionary from Harrison Middleton University.

### Revamped website easier to navigate

The Washington Elementary School District web address is the same—[www.wesdschools.org](http://www.wesdschools.org)—but the district has unveiled a new website with greater accessibility for families. The site will expand over time to allow parents more individualized access to information.

All schools in the WESD maintain their own websites that link to the district site or may be accessed directly by parents and community members. Check out the site(s) for upcoming events, news and announcements.

### PRIVATE AND CHARTER SCHOOLS AmeriSchools students raise funds and run

AmeriSchools Academy is in the midst of its sixth-annual Fundraising Raffle, which will benefit the 16 students selected to attend Catalina Island & Marine Institute this spring. Some of the many items in the raffle this year

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## SCHOOL DAYS



Sixteen students from AmeriSchools Academy in Central Phoenix participated in the PF Chang's Kids Rock Arizona 1-mile fun run in Tempe on Jan. 19 (submitted photo).

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include a bicycle, a 39-inch LCD television, a \$75 cash prize, gift certificates, and more. Tickets are \$10 each or three for \$25 and are available in the AmeriSchools office, 1333 W. Camelback Road, until the day of the drawing on April 17. For more information, call 602-532-0100.

Sixteen AmeriSchools students participated in the PF Chang's Kids Rock Arizona 1-mile fun run at Tempe Beach Park on Jan. 19, the day before the annual full and half-marathons.

The students prepared by training for two months, completing and documenting a total of 26 miles in order to participate in the event. Participants can become full marathon finishers by completing a 25.2-mile training program or they can just run, walk or jog the 1-mile course on race day. Every child was rewarded with an official race number, T-shirt, goodie bag, and colorful medal—just for finishing.

**Brophy senior wins debate competition**

Brophy College Prep senior Samir Reddy won the Golden Desert Debate Invitational at the University of Nevada in January. Reddy beat out students from 15 different states, 67 schools in all, to win the Las Vegas tournament in Lincoln-Douglas. In the final round Reddy got a 2-1 decision against Harvard Westlake.

In addition, juniors Max Waxman and Gavin Singer took third place at the Stanford University Speech and Debate tournament last month, bettering more than 100 debaters from all over the West Coast to earn them their first bid to the Tournament of Champions, May 2-6 in Lexington, Ky.

Brophy Speech and Debate attends the top debate tournaments in the country. This past fall, the National Forensics League (NFL) named Brophy's Speech and Debate team the Leading Chapter in Arizona for the 2011-2012 school year. This is the highest honor the League can bestow. Each year, only one school in each district achieves this distinction.

Brophy next heads to the Arizona State Finals March 15-16, followed by the National Qualifier April 4-6. For more information, contact Beth Clarke, Speech and Debate coach, at [eclarke@brohyprep.org](mailto:eclarke@brohyprep.org) or visit <http://debate.unlv.edu/index.html>.



Samir Reddy

**Student athletes lauded at Xavier**

Xavier College Preparatory seniors Megan O'Sullivan, Ellie Ladensack and Sarah Fakler were named 1st Team All-Americans by the Arizona Coaches Association and the Dairy Council of



SCHOOL DAYS

Xavier College Prep senior Sarah Fakler recently was recognized by both the Arizona Coaches Association and the Dairy Council of Arizona, along with The Gatorade Company, for her athletic and academic achievements (photo courtesy of Xavier College Prep).



Arizona for their athletic and academic successes and their outstanding community service.

O’Sullivan and Ladensack were recognized for volleyball, and Fakler for cross country, at the 20th Annual Arizona Coaches Association and Dairy Council of Arizona’s Winter All-American Awards Banquet at Mesa Community College in January.

In addition, Fakler was named the 2012-13 Gatorade Arizona Girls Cross Country Runner of the Year by The Gatorade Company, in collaboration with *USA TODAY* High School Sports. This is her third consecutive year in receiving this award.

The award—which recognizes not only outstanding athletic excellence, but also high standards of academic achievement and exemplary character demonstrated on and off the racecourse—distinguishes Fakler as Arizona’s best high school girls cross country runner for the third year in a row.

In addition to her athletic achievements, Fakler has maintained a 4.0 GPA in the classroom. A devoted member of her church community, she has volunteered on behalf of local environmental sustainability initiatives and as part of a project to design, build and supply solar ovens to a disadvantaged community in Ghana.

Fakler has verbally committed to an athletic scholarship at the University of Virginia beginning this fall.

Bryant moves to varsity team

Lamar-Renee Bryant has been named the new varsity volleyball head coach at Xavier College Preparatory. Since arriving on Xavier College Preparatory’s campus eight years ago,

Bryant has guided its junior varsity volleyball team to an impressive 121-7 record as head coach.

She played collegiate volleyball at Morgan State, which won back-to-back conference championships in 1997 and 1998, and appeared in the NCAA tournament for the first two times in the school’s history. Bryant was a two-time All-Academic Conference Selection and earned the prestigious Arthur Ashe, Jr. Scholars Award in 1999.

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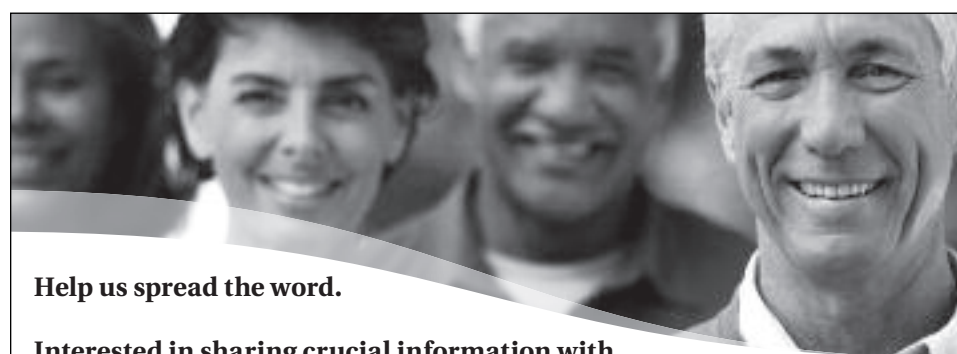
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## Senior Living

### Free seminars offered at SCAN center

Nutrition plays an important role in overall health and seniors' ability to manage chronic conditions and avoid illness. To help support seniors' efforts to eat well and be healthier, SCAN Health Plan Arizona is honoring National Nutrition Month with a free nutrition presentation, healthy cooking demonstration, and the start of an eight-week "Wellness Way of Living" workshop in March.

The "Wellness Way of Living" series begins 9:30-10:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 6, and continues Wednesdays through April 24. Each free workshop examines a different aspect of holistic, healthy living. The program is offered in cooperation with Empowerment Systems Inc. (ESI).

On March 11, SCAN will present "Healthy Nutrition for Seniors" from 10 to 11 a.m. This informative presentation will focus on the role of nutrition in overall health, portion distortion, guidelines for seniors, and tips to maintaining a healthy weight.

As part of its Healthy Cooking series, SCAN will host a cooking demonstration featuring food sampling, March 20 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The demonstration is provided by the Greater Valley Area Health Education Center (GVA-HEC).

All presentations are free and open to SCAN members as well as the general public; however, space is limited, so pre-registration is required. They will be held at the SCAN Connections Resource Center at 1313 E. Osborn Road. Anyone interested in attending may call 602-778-3420 to register.

### Those with dementia create herb pots

Banner Alzheimer's Institute has partnered with Summer Winds Nursery at 1515 E. Bethany Home Road to present a "Create Your Own Herb Container Garden Class," 10-11:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 27. This class is for those with memory loss and their care partners.

Cost is \$30 per person, which includes container pot, three herbs to plant and instruction. Call 602-839-6850 for more information.

### Duet hosts 'Five Wishes Workshop'

Don't wait until an older loved one is in a medical crisis to try and determine what their wishes for long-term care would be. Duet is addressing this issue through its Five Wishes advance directives workshop. Five Wishes is an easy-to-use tool that helps you, and those close to you, plan the kind of care you want to receive should you become seriously ill. This workshop is open to all Duet supporters, volunteers and neighbors free of charge.

Duet will offer two sessions of the Five Wishes workshop: 9 a.m.-11:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 19, and again 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, March 26, both at the Church of the Beatitudes, 555 W. Glendale Ave. When reserving your spot, indicate the date that works best for you. Reservations are required; call Duet at 602-274-5022.

### Nominate a great senior volunteer

The search is on for Arizona's outstanding senior volunteer. The Salute to Senior Service program, sponsored by Home Instead, Inc., honors the contributions of adults 65 and older who give at least 15 hours a month of volunteer service to their favorite causes.

Nominations for outstanding senior volunteers will be accepted through March 31. State winners then will be selected by popular vote at [SalutetoSeniorService.com](http://SalutetoSeniorService.com). Online voting will take place from April 15 to April 30.

Home Instead, Inc. will donate \$500 to each of the state winners' favorite nonprofit organizations and their stories will be posted on the Salute to Senior Service Wall of Fame. In addition, \$5,000 will be donated to the national winner's nonprofit charity of choice.

Self-nomination accepted. To complete and submit a nomination form online, and to view the contest's official rules, visit [SalutetoSeniorService.com](http://SalutetoSeniorService.com). Completed nomination forms also can be mailed to Salute to Senior Service, P.O. Box 285, Bellevue, NE 68005. For more information about Salute to Senior Service or the Home Instead Senior Care network's services, call 602-903-1346.



## GENERATIONS

## Kids & Family

### Music students donate pennies

Students at Music Works Academy began 2013 with a new addition to the studio: Penny the Practice Pig. As an incentive to practice hard for MWA's annual Spring Fling in March, students received one penny for every measure in a completed piece. All pennies went into Penny the Practice Pig.

"Penny" was stuffed fairly quickly and when emptied the count was a little under 7,500 pennies. Additional collection boxes were counted by music lab monitors on a daily basis, holding up to \$2,500 pennies each. The pennies continued to be collected through March 1, and then were placed in plastic bags in \$50 increments, or \$5,000 pennies each, and taken to Chase Bank to be converted to cash. Proceeds were to be donated to the Arizona Humane Society.

Music Works offers lessons in piano, voice, guitar, violin and brass. For more information, visit our website at [www.musicworkacademy.com](http://www.musicworkacademy.com), contact the studio at 602-264-5188, or e-mail [Carolyn@musicworksacademy.com](mailto:Carolyn@musicworksacademy.com).

### Teddy bears, other plush 'sleep over' at library

Century Library, 1750 E. Highland Ave., has scheduled a special Pajama Storytime for 6 p.m. on Wednesday, March 13, where children up to age 12 can enjoy stories in their pajamas with one of their stuffed animals from home—and when they leave, their plush friend gets to stay over for a special event!

For "The Great Stuffed Animal Sleepover," the treasured toys will stay in the care of librarians overnight—



Music Works Academy students Thuy-vi Tong, left, and Maggie Lindsay hold Penny the Practice Pig, which became stuffed with nearly 7,500 pennies as students were given one penny for every measure in a completed piece (photo courtesy of MWA).

with a full report to their owners the next day of all the activities that took place. The program is free.

For additional information, call 602-262-4636 or visit [phoenixpubliclibrary.org](http://phoenixpubliclibrary.org).

### A Pirate's Adventure at Symphony Hall

Walk the plank as the scalawag Phoenix Symphony musicians present swashbuckling favorites for the entire family during "A Pirate's Adventure," 2:30 p.m. Saturday, March 16 at Phoenix Symphony Hall 75 N. 2nd St.

Sail away with music from "Pirates of the Caribbean," "Pirates of Penzance" and much more. Dress up like a pirate and come an hour early to participate in pre-concert family activities such as the Instrument Petting Zoo, a treasure hunt through Symphony Hall, a make-your-own-banjo station, and more.

This concert marks The Phoenix Symphony's Fourth Annual Scout Day

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### Sunrays hosts special events

The Arizona Sunrays Gymnastics & Dance Center, 3110 E. Thunderbird Road, will host a "Supercamp" day camp program for ages 3 to 13, from March 11-15, 18-22 and 25-29. Children will get to enjoy gymnastics, dance, karate, sports, special guests, a bounce house, and more.

There is a half-day camp option from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Cost is \$35 per day. The full-day option is from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Cost is \$50 per day. Sibling discounts are available. Extended care is offered from 3 to 5:30 p.m.

There is a \$10 fee for same-day registration, so call ahead to 602-992-5790 to reserve a space.

In addition, Sunrays hosts a Pajama Party from 6 to 10 p.m. on Saturday, March 30, for ages 3 to 13. Dress the kids in their favorite PJ's so they can enjoy a great evening of gymnastics, organized games, sports, jumping in a bounce house and on trampolines, and then wind down the evening by watching a movie. Pizza, snacks, and drinks are included. Cost is \$25 per child with a \$5 off sibling discount. Advanced registration is required.

For more information, visit [www.arizonasunrays.com](http://www.arizonasunrays.com).

### Nominate a great kid for cash prize

Kohl's Department Stores is accepting nominations for outstanding young volunteers as part of its 2013 Kohl's Cares Scholarship Program. Nominations for kids ages 6 to 18 will be accepted through March 15 at [www.kohlskids.com](http://www.kohlskids.com), and nominators must be 21 years or older.

Through the program, Kohl's will award more than 2,300 young volunteers more than \$425,000 in scholarships and prizes to reward kids who have made a positive impact on their communities. Two nominees from each of the more than 1,100 Kohl's stores nationwide will win a \$50 Kohl's gift card.

More than 200 of the store winners will win regional scholarships worth \$1,000 toward post-secondary education. Ten national winners will be awarded a total of \$10,000 in scholarships for post-secondary education, and Kohl's will donate \$1,000 to a nonprofit organization on each national winner's behalf. To learn more, visit the website.

### Free Easter events at Metrocenter Mall

Metrocenter Mall is springing in to spring with a mall-wide Easter Celebration, being held Saturday, March 16 from 1 to 5 p.m. The day will include a children's fashion show, visit by the Easter Bunny and the event cornerstone—an all-mall Easter egg hunt.

The events of the day include:

- Mall-wide Easter egg scavenger hunt, with clues directing kids to various mall retailers and surprise treasures at each stop. (Begin at Guest Services Desk.)

- Appearance by Jungle Jill and her live rabbits, chickens and other spring buddies.

- Spring Fashion Show highlighting the season's newest styles for children and teens, modeled by youth from the community.

- Arts & crafts
- Photos with the Easter Bunny (for a fee).

For more information, visit the Metrocenter Mall Events page at [www.metrocentermall.com](http://www.metrocentermall.com). Updates also will post regularly on the Metrocenter Mall Facebook and Twitter pages.

### 'Spring Fling' offers family fun

The Sunnyslope Community Center, 802 E. Vogel Ave., hosts its annual Spring Fling event 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Saturday, March 16, at the park adjacent to the center.

The free event includes food from McDonald's and Blue Bunny Ice Cream, entertainment, bounce houses, face painting, an arts festival, resource booths and more.

For more information, call Jeff Katzman at 602-534-0530.

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## ARTS &amp; ENTERTAINMENT

## Actors Theatre halts remainder of season

Actors Theatre, the resident theater company at the Herberger Theater Center, is “taking a pause” to assess and redesign its business model and to consider options to take control of its future.

“We are not closing. We are stepping back because we need to change the way we operate our business,” said producing artistic director Matthew Wiener. “We had hoped to finish our season at the Herberger Theater Center but recently learned that two large foundation gifts we had anticipated receiving this fiscal year will not happen.”

As a result, Actors Theatre is immediately suspending the rest of the 2012-13 season and will relinquish its position as a resident company at the Herberger Theater Center. Wiener and managing director Erica Black will take the lead in this transition that includes exploring potential performance spaces in the Valley. The company will temporarily shrink its operational footprint by vacating its administrative offices, scene shop, costume shop and production storage.

For more information, visit [www.actorstheatrephx.org](http://www.actorstheatrephx.org) or Actors Theatre’s Facebook page.

## A & E Briefs

### ‘Maple and Vine’

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Fed up with their stress-filled and time-challenged lives, a couple decides to leave modern society behind and join a 1950s re-enactment community. Tickets are \$20 general admission, \$15 for seniors age 65 and older and members of the military, and \$10 for students age 25 and younger. Not appropriate for those younger than 17. Visit [www.thestudiophx.org](http://www.thestudiophx.org).

### ‘Everyone Could Use a Hero’ Exhibit

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Malcolm X, Tupac Shakur and others in charcoal, graphite and oil paint, artist T.M. Noël explores “heroes” in the mainstream, urban environments and historical struggles. Admission is free.

### Moio Brothers Concert

7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 5  
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### ‘Cursing Mummies’

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### Phoenix Youth Symphony with The Phoenix Symphony

3 p.m. Sunday, March 10  
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## ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

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Dominique Roe-Sepowitz and her 2-year-old daughter, Eloise Sepowitz, enjoy lunch at St. Francis, which offers free children’s meals for every adult meal purchased, seven days a week (photo by Teri Carnicelli).

Café Chat  
Local eateries offer  
kids free meals

By Patty Talahongva

Free food! Did that get your attention? That’s exactly what local restaurateurs are hoping to do when they offer free kids’ meals to families on a budget or other mixed groups of adults and children such as aunts, uncles and friends. Several local eateries offer these specials all week long, on select days or with some stipulations.

At **Mary Coyle ‘Ol Fashion Ice Cream Parlor**, 5221 N. 7th Ave., kids 11 and younger can eat free every Tuesday and Thursday evening. The special offer is valid between the hours of 4 and 8 p.m. when an adult meal is purchased. One free child’s meal is given per adult meal purchased.

“A family of four can eat dinner here and both children will eat courtesy of Mary Coyle,” said owner Mike Stoffey. Of course, the offer isn’t exclusive to families. Stoffey continues, “The promotion is a 1:1 offer; if you are an adult and you have a special child you want to spend a fun evening with, we hope you’ll choose Mary Coyle.” So aunts, uncles and friends, here’s an offer that includes you as well.

Kids can select from a menu that offers hot dogs, chili dogs, grilled cheese sandwiches, homemade chili, and chicken tenders with a side of fries. For more information, call 602-265-

6266 or visit [www.marycoyle.net](http://www.marycoyle.net). Not too far away at **St. Francis**, 111 E. Camelback Road, kids 10 and younger eat free all day long, every day. Family is central to this business that is owned by brothers and who instill a similar bond among the kitchen and wait staff.

Owner and Chef Aaron Chamberlin whips up a number of items for the kiddos, such as seasonal veggies with buttermilk dressing, a big hamburger with fries, a lil’ turkey sandwich with fries or pot roast with carrots. The daily special has allowed him to build up his clientele of families who may come to dine more than twice a week due to the offer. The special offer has been a success and soon more items will be added to the kids menu.

“I spent the last 15 years prior to coming to the Valley in San Francisco and New York City, working at stuffy restaurants that kids would never come to,” says Chamberlin. “When I moved to Phoenix my eyes opened up; it’s such a family-oriented place.”

He also comes from a family of seven brothers and sisters and 15 nephews and nieces.

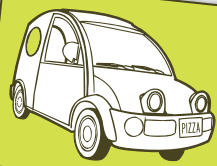
“When we decided to open I wanted a place where parents could come and have a nice glass of wine and the kids would feel welcomed as well.”

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**Chelsea's Kitchen**

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**Dining Briefs****Ride your bike to eatery, get a discount**

A new bicycle concept tavern, Spoke & Wheel opened its doors last month in the space formerly housing Dillon's on Top of Central. And Central Bar and Grille. And The Calico Cow. And Gregory's. And the list goes on.

But new owners Heinrich Stasiuk and Chef Mercer Mohr believe they have the right formula to see this Central Avenue restaurant space finally find long-lasting success. And they

know something about success, as the business partners of Wild Thyme Restaurant Group, which also owns the nearby Timo wine bar, as well as Brick pizza at the Arizona Center and Ken's Creekside in Sedona.

The building located at the north end of the Murphy Bridle Path at 8525 N. Central Ave. is a popular spot—for those who like to park there and then walk, jog or bike along the adjacent canal path or the bridle path. Combine that with an already limited parking area and the previous restaurants suffered not enough parking to fill the three dining rooms plus outdoor patio.

Stasiuk is combating this issue with a bicycle-friendly concept, from the name to discounts on food and beverages for those who ride their bikes to the eatery. He also commissioned some "artsy" bike racks to keep those diners' bicycles safe while they enjoy their meal.

Other changes include opening up the walls of the patio for better views of Central Avenue, more seating on the patio and a fire pit. In addition, the plumbing has been upgraded throughout the property.

Stasiuk says that it will be more of a San Francisco-styled tavern with a Southwestern twist to it. There will be many local beers on tap, wines on tap and a fun cocktail list with the focus on house-made syrups.

All beef will be grounded in house, and the bread will be baked there as well. The menu sports organic salads, many small plates and a lot of game-time favorites such as wings, nachos, and more.

There are more than 20 flat-screen televisions to show all major sport events and two private dining rooms will be available for larger groups.

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**Culinary Dropout opens; Little Cleo's is next up**

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Dropout, which made its bow on Feb. 11. A James Beard nominee, Executive Chef Andrew Ashmore, 29, is leading the culinary team at The Yard. Ashmore will serve as the Corporate Culinary Chef for Culinary Dropout and The Arrogant Butcher. Ashmore has been the driving force behind the development of the Culinary Dropout menus and recipes.

"The food will be upscale modernized gastro-pub food that's made fresh every day from scratch," Ashmore explained.

Set to open at The Yard sometime this month is Little Cleo's fish house and oyster bar, with additional merchants following later in the year.

The Yard is located at 5632 N. 7th St. For more information, visit <http://www.foxrc.com>.

### Terra Java has gluten-free menu

Terra Java coffee shop, 3619 E. Indian School Road, is a locally owned place to get your caffeine fix or just hang out with friends. For those on restricted diets, the shop makes its tasty menu items all gluten free using local

ingredients; it also offers allergy-friendly and vegan-friendly selections.

Due to customer demand, Terra Java recently extended its hours to 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sundays and 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mondays.

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For more information, call 602-840-5282 or visit <http://terrajava.biz>.

### Culver's donates to children's hospital

Culver's will host its second-annual "Day of Giving" event on Tuesday, March 5, to benefit Phoenix Children's Hospital.

Culver's is partnering with PCH and is inviting the public to stop by one of its 14 Valley locations to dine, including the restaurants at 825 E. Camelback Road and 10225 N. 28th Drive, at Metrocenter Mall. Simply enjoy your favorite burger, sandwich, dinner or fresh frozen custard on

*please see DAY OF GIVING on page 48*

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March 5 and Culver's will donate 10 percent of its proceeds that day to PCH. For more information about Culver's, visit [www.culvers.com](http://www.culvers.com) or [www.culvers.com/facbook](http://www.culvers.com/facbook).

Vasquez new chef at Squaw Peak eateries

Pointe Hilton Squaw Peak Resort's restaurants recently welcomed Cesar Vasquez as the new sous chef. Vasquez is responsible for managing the kitchens at both Rico's American Grill

and Hole-in-the-Wall. He will also be involved in the development of Hole-in-the-Wall's seasonal menus. A graduate of the Scottsdale Culinary Institute, Vasquez has developed his culinary skills through years of experience in the kitchen and on cater-

ing teams. Prior to joining the team at Pointe Hilton Squaw Peak, he held an executive chef position at Wild Vine Restaurant Bar in Anthem, where he prepared dishes and catering orders daily, as well as created and implemented new recipes and menu items.

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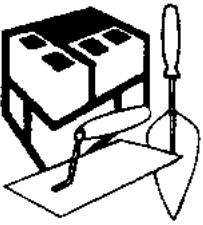
  
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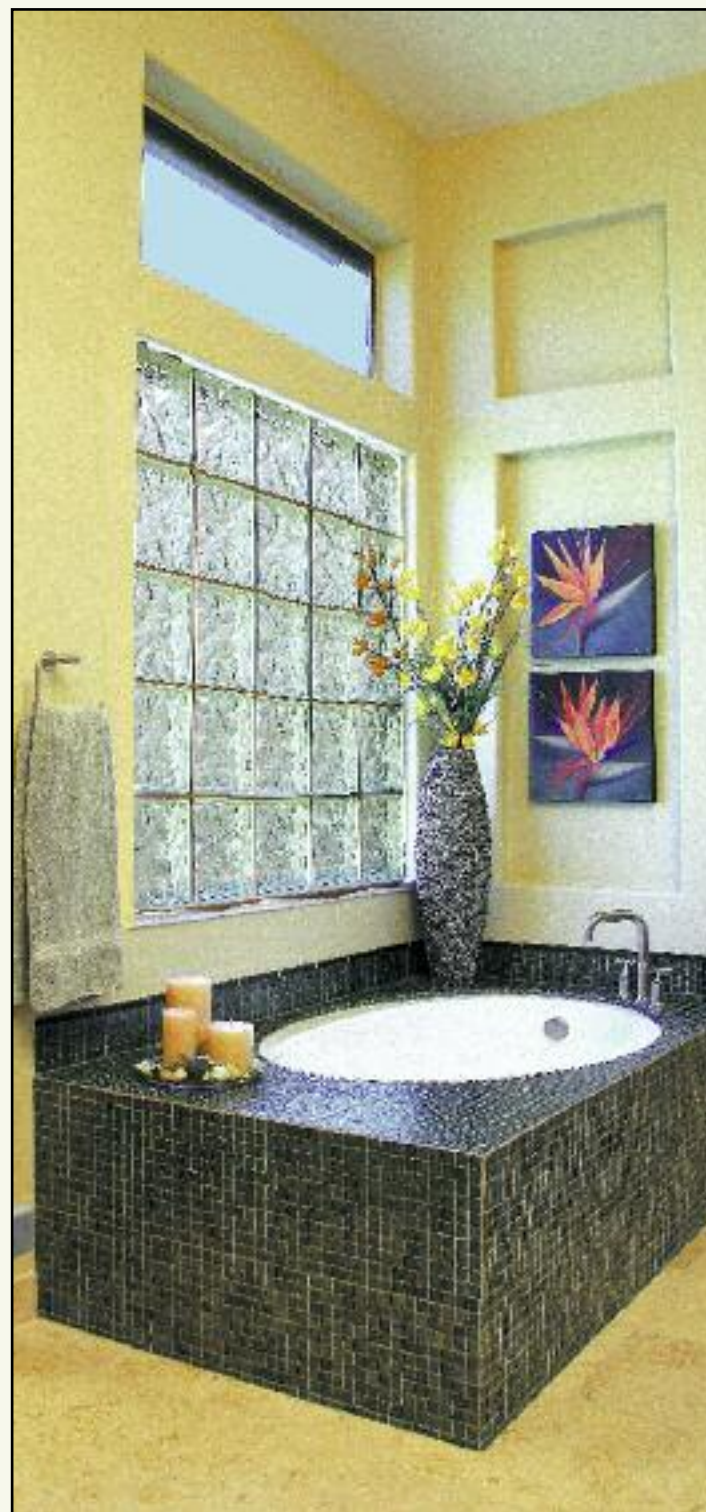




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