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City bodies differ on apartment plans

By Teri Carnicelli

The Alhambra Village Planning Committee could not agree upon a position. The Phoenix Planning Commission voted 4-2 in favor of it. Now, the future of an apartment complex planned for two side-by-side lots at 138 and 140 W. Camelback Road rests in the hands of the Phoenix City Council, which will make its own determination on Wednesday, Feb. 5.

Proposed for this 1.14-acre parcel located just east of the northeast corner of 3rd Avenue and Camelback Road is a four-story, multi-family development of 50 apartment units ranging from one to three bedrooms, with the bottom level serving as a parking garage along with a leasing office and community space.

The development would abut the historic Medlock Place neighborhood, with access in and out of the apartment complex garage from a 20-foot alley between the back side of several homes along Pasadena Avenue, and the property in question.

Currently the property is zoned C-2 (commercial), and Candor Builders needs it to be rezoned to R-5 (residential) in order to allow for the density they are looking for. If it remained C-2, a maximum of 17 multi-family units could be built there.

The developers contend that this proposal gets rid of a vacant and an underdeveloped parcel and provides workforce housing within a quarter-mile of two

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Lunchtime is always busy at Sunbrite Corner and parking is at a premium for those visiting shopping center eateries including Luci's Healthy Marketplace, pictured, and the adjacent Dick's Hideaway and CJ's Talley's Pub (photo by Teri Carnicelli).

Restaurant plans at Sunbrite up in the air

By Patty Talahongva

After the late-2013 announcement of a new restaurant tenant for the Sunbrite Corner strip center, located at the northwest corner of 16th Street and Bethany Home Road, construction is stalled and questions are being asked about the delay.

The tenant in question was to be Baby Kay's, which late last year closed its doors at the Town & Country Shopping Center. The Cajun-style eatery was to fill the vacant space left after restaurant icon Richardson's Cuisine of New Mexico burnt down—however, initial plans indicated the new building would be two stories in what otherwise is a single-story center.

That announcement left other Sunbrite Corner tenants worried, given that parking is already stretched thin at the busy shopping center that also houses Luci's Healthy Marketplace, Dick's Hideaway, The Garage, CJ's Talley's Pub, and non-food businesses like The Bookshop, Barry's Koller True Value Hardware, Poor Little Rich Girl resale boutique, and Delete Tattoo Removal & Laser Salon.

The owner of the property is MPB Realty Services, and Michael Buekers Sr., one of the partners, says they are not ready to comment about the delay. He described the situation as being in a "state of flux."

According to Alan Stephenson, acting planning and development director for the city of Phoenix, MPB has hired an independent parking contractor to assess the parking situation at the site.

"They are approved to do the interior modifications but they have stopped right now, as far as we know," says Stephenson. "They are trying to work out the parking issues that deal with overflow."

Stephenson says part of the problem is that part of the back parking area is being used for storage by an adjacent pool company. "The parking spaces for Baby Kay's will be met if they do the re-striping and remove the storage stuff. Physically, they have to go out and

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Volunteers support hungry children

As the nation commemorated the legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. through the annual MLK Day of Service, more than 100 local volunteers on Jan. 20 served Valley families by helping to end hunger—a cause shared by Dr. King and Valley of the Sun United Way.

Of the 82,000 households in Maricopa County that experience chronic hunger, nearly half include children. For these children, weekends are an especially difficult time. Without school breakfast and lunch programs—sometimes their only reliable source of food—they cannot count on getting regular meals over the weekend.

To help nourish local children during the weekends, United Way volunteers assembled food bags with non-perishable meals for 1,400 WeekEnd Hunger backpacks. These nutritious, low-fat meals will be provided to six Phoenix Destination Graduation partner schools to help local children get through the weekends and come to school Monday ready to learn and encouraged to pursue their dreams.

Valley of the Sun United Way is located at 1515 E. Osborn Road. Visit www.vsuw.org to learn more about how you can help end hunger in the community.



More than 100 local volunteers worked an assembly line during the Martin Luther King Day holiday on Jan. 20 to fill 1,400 WeekEnd Hunger Backpacks for local children, provided by the Valley of the Sun United Way in Phoenix (submitted photo).

Beer and bites tour aids Madison schools

The Madison Education Foundation will host a unique fundraiser on Wednesday, Feb. 26, with the goal of garnering enough proceeds to bring the Phoenix Symphony's "Bach 'n' Roll Assemblies" to all eight Madison Elementary District schools.

The Madison Tasting Tour will provide participants with the opportunity to ride a traditional yellow Madison school bus to "taste" several of Phoenix's best-loved gastropubs and microbreweries:

OHSO Eatery + nanoBrewery, 20 Highland Tavern, SunUp Brewing Company, and Old World Brewery. Generous beer tastings with food pairings will be served at each location.

Seating is limited to 100 guests. Two groups of 50 each will depart at 5:30 and 6 p.m., respectively, from the Madison District Office at 5601 N. 16th St.

A donation of \$75 per person benefits the Madison Education Foundation, which supports music and the arts in our local Madison district schools. Tickets for the Madison Tasting Tour may be booked online at

<http://madisoneducationfoundation.org/events/>. For more information, call 602-664-7964.

Prom Fair provides low-cost dresses

Hosted by Metrocenter mall and organized by nonprofit group Fairy Godmothers of AZ, the second-annual Metrocenter Prom Fair is set for the weekends of Feb. 15-16 and Feb. 22-23.

Prom Fair makes it affordable for high school junior and senior girls to dress for their prom, regardless of financial hardship. Students can purchase a new or gently used prom gown for \$10, and accessories for \$2 to \$6.

No appointment is necessary, but selection and appointments are first come, first served. Open to high school junior and senior girls only with a valid student ID or report card. After signing into the event, students are assigned a "personal shopper" to assist with the selection of a gown, and accessories. All purchases are cash only.

Hours of the event are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sundays. Metrocenter is located at 9617 N. Metro Parkway West. Enter the mall at the South Entrance.

Volunteers also are needed to serve as personal shoppers and on-site seamstresses. Visit www.mypromdress.org to register; various time slots are available. Must be 19 years or older to volunteer.

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competes for cash**

The Assistance League of Phoenix, a North Central nonprofit serving area low-income women and children, has been selected as a finalist to compete in Desert Schools Federal Credit Union's Shine On campaign, offering a \$30,000 grand prize.

For the next nine months, the six charities selected, representing different categories, will vie for the \$30,000 prize provided by Desert Schools, with the winner being chosen by a public vote concluding in October.

Assistance League of Phoenix, the competition's education organization, will compete to raise funds for its "Operation School Bell" program, which fosters self-esteem and self-confidence in lower-income children by providing them with new school uniforms, tennis shoes, and toiletries each school year, thereby improving academic success. Operation School Bell is housed at ALP's Philanthropic Center, located at 9224 N. 5th St. in Sunnyslope.

"Through Shine On, we intend to



Aimee Runyon, executive director of the Assistance League of Phoenix, accepts a "starter" check of \$7,500 from Desert Schools Federal Credit Union as part of the Shine On campaign (submitted photo).

spotlight those charities and projects that we feel best represent our values as an organization," said Susan Frank, President and CEO of Desert Schools.

"These six finalists are making a real, positive impact in our communities and we want to help them further these projects by bringing awareness to the larger community as a whole."

ALP and the other five finalists were each presented with a funding "boost" in January of \$7,500 to initiate their project efforts. Throughout the year, the public will be encouraged to visit www.shineonaz.org to vote for their favorite participating organization. The Shine On website also will feature videos and updates from the contestants as they make progress on their spotlight projects.

**City cracking down
on illegal signs**

The city of Phoenix ordinance governing signs in the right-of-way includes severe penalties for anyone violating the ordinance, ranging from \$250 to \$2,500 for each violation. The purpose of the ordinance is to ensure Phoenix thoroughfares and neighborhoods remain safe and well maintained. Examples of illegal signs in the right-of-way include weight loss advertisements posted on utility poles; signs on the shoulder of the road promoting a business; A-frame signs placed on sidewalks; and garage sale signs on boxes placed on sidewalks or posted on utility poles, among others.

Illegal signs can become a hazard if they fall into the street. They can block the view of drivers and pedestrians and they can damage the structural integrity of utility poles. Signs also litter our neighborhoods and contribute to blight conditions.

Right-of-way areas include streets, curbs, medians, utility poles, unimproved shoulders of streets, etc. The sign ordinance allows police officers to cite individuals placing illegal signs and businesses or individuals who may benefit from the illegal signs, even if the business or individual did not post the sign.

Business owners may post signs on their property with proper permits obtained from the Development Services Department, 602-495-0301. For more information, download a brochure and view examples of the most common illegal signs at phoenix.gov/NSD. To report a violation, call 602-534-4444, email illegal.signs@phoenix.gov or use the smart-phone app, "MyPhxAz."

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If a minor child is going to be a recipient or beneficiary of assets, then a trust is always necessary. The assets for a minor need to be governed by a trustee so that your intentions can be properly carried out. If a minor receives more than \$10,000 in a year, then the court has to be involved in a conservatorship. Those funds are then held only until the child is 18 years old. The legal fees for a conservatorship can exceed the cost of a trust by 500 percent.

Similarly, a trust is necessary if one wants to leave assets to an adult who depends on governmental benefits that will stop if the adult receives a significant inheritance. A special needs trust can be used so the inheritance can supplement the government benefits.

When assets are being left to adults, accounts can be transferred without probate by using a "pay on death" designation forms of the financial institution. For real property held in Arizona, a beneficiary deed can be recorded. The beneficiary deed is effective only upon the death of the owner. The beneficiary needs only to record a death certificate and then title is transferred.

However, if you are leaving assets to more than two adults, and there is a chance that one or more of them will not work together, then

a trust is better than using pay on death designations and beneficiary deeds. Also, a trust is needed for assets that cannot have a "pay on death" designation, such as a business.

A trust keeps the courts out of the business of your estate and protects your privacy. If the court is involved, all legal heirs must receive notice of your Will. A trust empowers the person of your choice to coordinate the collection of assets, payment of bills and distribution of assets. If there are several beneficiaries involved with differing personalities, the centralized control of a trustee is economical and expeditious.

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Micro-buildings and microbrews

MicroDwell: A Builder's Showcase of Alternative Spaces for Simple Living is an exhibition of owner-built and human-inhabited micro-dwellings, that will be on display from Feb. 15 through March 23 at the Shemer Art Center & Museum 5005 E. Camelback Road.

The exhibit will showcase the design-build features of small modular structures, their varied uses, alternative construction techniques and cost effectiveness.

On opening weekend, Feb.15-16, Arizona wineries and Arizona breweries will be featured in the "micro-dwellings." On Saturday, Cellar 433 will present distinctive handmade wines from AZ Angel, Dribble Creek, Fiddleender and Jerome Winery. On Sunday, beer tastings will begin at noon with the following breweries: Four Peaks, Sleepy Dog, Mud Shark, Mother Road and Prescott Brewing Co.

Food trucks, Short Leash Dogs and J'licious Gourmet Tacos also will be on site. Admission is \$5; hours are 10



An exhibit showcasing small modular structures that can serve as mini-offices or tiny guest houses comes to the Shemer Art Center Feb. 15-March 23 (submitted photo).

a.m.-6 p.m. both days.

For various reasons, people around the world are living and working in small spaces. In densely populated areas, available living space demands small-sized dwellings. For some, the benefits of small architectural spaces are economic, which means less percentage of income is spent on housing and operating costs, leaving more funds available to meet other needs. And for others, the choice of a minimalist lifestyle is appealing and deliberate

because of their desire to reduce their footprint on the environment, or simply to spend less time and expense on property maintenance.

Within the movement towards small, affordable housing and work spaces, there are those who have taken the idea even further, and are creating extremely small, pre-manufactured, modular structures that can be easily built, moved and configured to meet a variety of needs.

The MicroDwell exhibit will showcase varied designs from practical to artistic, as well as the creative effort of each builder. Structures on exhibit are required to be 600 square feet or less, self-contained, modular, and portable. MicroDwell 2014 also will highlight the positive benefits to the environment by conscientious material selection, use of salvage materials, and minimization of waste.

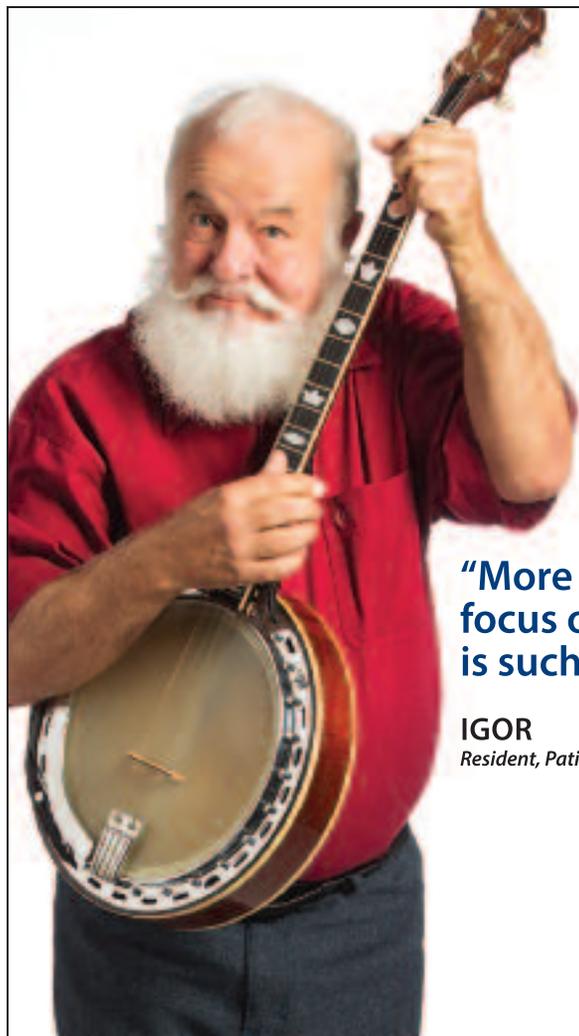
Free workshops and various do-it-yourself demonstrations are planned during the run of the exhibit as well as lectures by knowledgeable speakers. For up-to-date information on all events, visit www.shemerartcenter.org.

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Reward offered for leads on vandals

The neighborhood that lies east of 7th Street and south of Glendale Avenue, in December experienced a second rash of car vandalisms in less than a year in which at least two vehicles had some of their windows blown out with what responding officers later determined to be some type of BB gun.

Seven months prior to this incident, several other cars in the neighborhood were damaged in a similar fashion.

N. 10th Place Neighborhood Watch members are offering a reward for any information that leads to the arrest and conviction of the perpetrator or perpetrators. Those with any information or who suffered similar damage to their vehicles around this time are asked to call Phoenix Police Sgt. Brett Ivankovich in the Property Crimes Unit at 602-495-6728. Reference Police Report No. 201302259865.

If you have seen any suspicious activity in the area, call the Phoenix Police Department's non-emergency number at 602-262-6151. If you see a crime in progress, call 9-1-1.

Local woman leads study trip to Mexico

With an internationally recognized culture, Mexico remains one of the most enticing tourist destinations for Americans. Just ask North Central resident Virginia Ramos Foster, Ph.D., who will lead the 27th-annual "Learn, Live and Love" Spanish Study Program in Cuernavaca, Mexico in 2014.

Foster is a professor emeritus at Phoenix College and is resident director of the Spanish Study Program, which will take place June 13-28. The program is open to all students and members of the Phoenix Metro community.

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

Classes are held daily from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and students study intensive Spanish conversation three hours a day in small classes with five students and one professor. The rest of the program includes classes on Latin America and workshops on different subjects such as music, art, dance, literature and history.

Cost of the trip, which includes registration, room, board and tuition, ranges from \$785 to \$860 per person. Not included are transportation, books and spending money. Students fly on their own to Mexico City and then take a bus to Cuernavaca.

Families with children are welcome to participate. Alternative dates for study can be arranged. For more information, contact Foster at vrfvrf@gmail.com or 602-254-9620.

Buses provided to travel to art show

First United Methodist Church presents a Silent Auction and Art Show 6:30-9 p.m. Friday, March 14, at the Zelma Basha Salmeri Art Gallery, 22402 S. Basha Road, Chandler.

Those interested in attending this fundraising event are invited to meet at the church, located at Central and Missouri avenues, and travel by chartered bus to and from the gallery, where attendees will view the largest private collection of western art in the United States. Tickets are \$65 per person and include hearty hors d'oeuvres and drinks. The bus transportation is an additional \$10 fee.

Proceeds benefit the FUMC Foundation, which includes scholarships, missions and programs of the church. RSVPs must be received by no later than March 3. The busses will depart the church parking lot beginning at 5 p.m. and leave once everyone is on board. The busses will depart Chandler for their return to Central Phoenix at 9 p.m.

For more information or to RSVP for this event, call 602-263-5013.

Volunteers needed to pack 100,000 meals

Feed My Starving Children is an international food aid organization that has partnered locally with First United Methodist Church of Phoenix. A MobilePack meal packing day will take place on Saturday, March 1 at the church, located at 5510 N. Central Ave., at the northwest corner of Missouri and Central avenues.

Hundreds of volunteers are needed to pack 100,000 meals of dried vegetables, soy, chicken and rice, which are separated into quart-sized plastic bags. The dry meals are then shipped to areas in need around the world. The training

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is easy and no experience is required. There are standing as well as sitting volunteer jobs to fill.

Two-hour shifts are available throughout the day, beginning at 8 a.m. More than 100 volunteers are needed per shift.

Pre-registration is strongly encouraged by visiting <http://goo.gl/YGa5oL>. If you have questions, call 602-263-5013 or e-mail tina.olson@asu.edu.

Monetary donations also are welcome. A \$20 donation per person/\$40 donation per family will help cover the cost of the meals. Make checks out to First Church-FMSC, or visit the website and click on “Give Now.”

Cocktail Week: the art of mixology

Calling all cocktail lovers: 2014 Arizona Cocktail Week (AZCW) Wristbands are now on sale at www.arizonacocktailweek.com/wristband. For only \$10, wristband wearers are entitled to an entire week (Feb. 14-21) of exclusive discounts at dozens of bars, lounges and restaurants participating in this third-annual salute to Arizona thriving cocktail culture as well as a handful of exclusive ticket-only events.

Even better, a portion of the proceeds from each wristband sold will go to support JDRF (Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation) and its efforts to help fund type one diabetes research.

In exchange for their \$10, AZCW Wristband wearers will be offered discounted cocktail specials all week at participating venues, which in Phoenix include Christopher's & Crush Lounge at the Biltmore Fashion Park; St. Francis on Camelback Road; Geordie's at the Wrigley Mansion; and the Phoenix Public Market Café downtown.

AZCW wristband wearers also will be granted exclusive access to some of AZCW's signature events. Visit www.arizonacocktailweek.com for a list of events and participating venues.

Homeless, at-risk vets get services

Arizona StandDown 2014, an event to recognize and assist homeless and at-risk U.S. veterans, will take place 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Feb. 14-15 at the Veterans Memorial Coliseum, 1826 W. McDowell Road.

Veterans will be connected with programs and services to assist them with

housing, V.A. benefits, legal aid, Social Security, driver's licenses/state IDs, V.A. mental health services, and more.

If you have outstanding court issues, court registration will take place on Friday, with court resolutions taking place on Saturday and also on Sunday. On-site services for Friday and Saturday include meals, clothing, haircuts, showers, and pet care; all animals welcome. There also will be a job fair for veterans beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday. A StandDown ceremony will take place prior to that at 9 a.m.

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

Local charities need your votes

Three local charities will receive \$1,000 or more as part of Dunn Orthodontics' new charitable organization called Our HOPE Phoenix. How that money is distributed depends on the votes of the public.

Beginning Feb. 1, the three charities—Horses Help, Growing Together: A Giving Garden, and Relay for Life Central Phoenix—will be featured on the website: www.ourhopephoenix.org. People are encouraged to visit the website, learn about the three featured charities and vote for their favorite. The charity with the most votes will receive \$5,000, second place will receive \$3,000 and third place will receive \$1,000.

“Not only do these charities receive the money, but thousands of people will learn about the good work these charities are doing,” says Dr. Matthew Dunn, a partner with Dunn Orthodontics. “Hopefully, some of these people will be inspired to either donate directly to that charity or volunteer their time.”

Last quarter's winners were Arizona Camp Sunrise, Valley Youth Theatre, and Hope for Hypothalamic Hamartoma.

Dunn Orthodontics is located 1515 E. Bethany Home Road, #130. For more information, call 602-864-0004.

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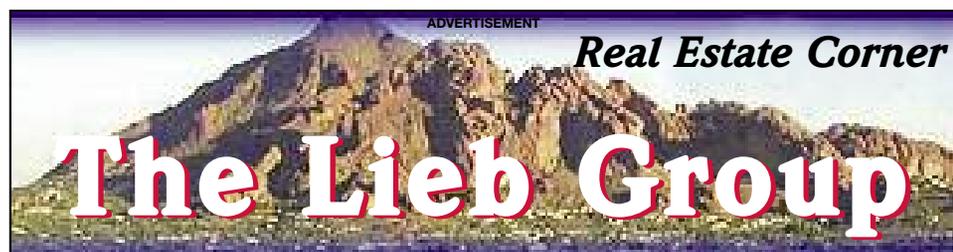
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It's a new year!

I have to send congratulations to my long-time friends Christo and Connie Panagiotakoulos on their son Alexi's March 1 wedding to Alexia Stamas and also to Zach and Nancy Brooks on their son Micah's Feb. 16 wedding to Amanda Cooper. I sure do feel old when I see these guys getting married but I could not be happier for both families. The best part is I get to



enjoy great food and drinks at the reception and they pay!!

I have a new gated subdivision that I am honored to be involved in called Sendero Villas, located just north of Northern on Central Avenue. There are only 10 home sites and three models to choose from: Plan 3701 is 1,694 square feet, plan 3702 is 2,165 square feet and our largest home is 2,500 square feet. The prices range from \$385,000 to \$415,000. The 3701 plan is our only single-story home and it is three bedroom. The subdivision is being developed by Porchlight Homes, which also is doing the 15-home gated development that we have on 7th Avenue between Bethany Home and Maryland. We have now sold seven homes in that subdivision with three models ready to move into now. I represent Porchlight Homes, which now will have 25 new homes in Central Phoenix, and Magee Builders, who are planning 24 new homes ranging in price from \$750,000 to \$900,000 over the next 18 months. Contact me if you want to get on the ground floor for any of these homes. I also have 40 currently active listings including a beautiful 8,000 -quare-foot home in

Paradise Valley listing for \$2.75 million. The market is very strong at the current time and I am thrilled about all the activity that I am seeing out there.

Our family took in a great kid, Jesse Milleston, about five years ago and it has been exciting to watch him grow into a man. Jesse played basketball and football at Sunnyslope and was on the State Championship basketball team in 2009. He played two years of football at Glendale Community College, had numerous scholarship offers after his sophomore year and chose to play at the University of Memphis, where he will graduate in May. He is pursuing his dream of playing professional football in the National Football League as a tight end. We wish him well in his pursuit and, considering his incredible work ethic, I have no doubt he has a chance to play on Sundays. I played four years of college baseball including one year playing for Coach Jim Brock at ASU and I always wanted to play pro baseball since many of my teammates were drafted but not me. I know what Jesse is going through in his mind and I only hope his dream comes true.

Have a great February and good luck in finding a couple of empty seats in our every crowded neighborhood restaurants on Feb. 14. Finally, happy third birthday to my boxer, Layla. She loves me unconditionally!!

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make the improvements, to show they meet the plan we have approved.”

Still, parking may be an issue in the tight corner. “The city prescribes the minimum amount necessary ... but the practical parking need may be greater than the required,” explains Stephenson. He says MPB also is looking at overflow parking remedies, such as leasing nearby space for valet parking, during evening hours to ease the parking concerns.

Construction permits for the current approved site plan are good for one year from the time they were issued last November.

“We’re anxiously awaiting this as well,” Stephenson says. “There are a lot of great things happening in that area. But it comes with great responsibility of the owners and leaders.”

The owners of the center have invested quite a bit of money and effort into making it attractive for both tenants and shoppers. In 2009 the aging center was refreshed with a new color scheme with metal accents and additional brickwork reminiscent of the original center. It was rebranded as Sunbrite Corner, inspired by the community grocery store, Sunbrite Market, which decades ago sat in the corner where the Luci’s now resides.

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light rail stations. The developers will receive tax credits for making it an affordable housing complex suitable for those falling in the 30- to 60-percent range of Maricopa County’s median income, such as teachers, paramedics, nurses, grocery store and retail workers. Ten to 20 percent of the units will be market rate housing.

Larry Lazarus of Lazarus, Silvyn & Bangs, P.C., who represents the developer, said they anticipate that a good portion of the renters would be non-drivers and would value the “walkability” of the area, with nearby restaurants and shops, and excellent public transportation options.

He pointed out that the Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) overlay for the area requires the property to have restricted vehicle access, such as from the alley rather than from Camelback Road, so that it doesn’t impinge on the walkable environment. The south side of the complex, which fronts Camelback Road, would have 8-foot-wide sidewalks with trees interspersed for shade and beautification.

In addition, Lazarus states the development meets the goals of the TOD overlay, which is to create pedestrian-scaled, mixed-use development located within a short walk of high-capacity light rail stations. According to the TOD language, “The intent of TOD is to making walking, bicycling and using transit convenient, safe and enjoyable for daily life.”

Sherry Rampy, who lives in the Pierson Place historic neighborhood on the south side of Camelback, spoke in favor of the development at the Jan. 14 Planning Commission meeting. “We need diversity of housing and we need quality workforce housing,” said Rampy, a Phoenix real estate agent who sits on the Phoenix Historic Preservation Commission. “This gives us that. It is good for the health of our community.”

There’s little question that the development would eliminate the visual blight of a vacant and an underutilized lot. However, some question whether the TOD standards and the adopted “place type” for this area are really being followed.

Last year the city of Phoenix adopted eight “place types” that make recommendations for the kind of commercial and residential 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.

The one for the Central and Camelback station was dubbed the “Historic Neighborhood Center.” It allowed for up to five stories for commercial or residential and a maximum of 20 dwelling units per parcel, adjacent to the light rail station at Central and Camelback.

With the support of the four surrounding historic neighborhoods, the intention was to have the north side of Camelback Road and the developable property there be a step-down in intensity as it approached the residential communities.

“The place type was especially important to manage high rises backed up against historic district homes,” says Ellen Bilbrey, secretary for the Medlock Place Neighborhood Association. “The TOD place type approved by the City Council allows for up to five stories, but that also stipulates it must be low intensity. This project is premature and is a wildcat, speculative zoning project that should not be approved.

“Windsor Square, Pierson Place

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and St. Francis all will potentially have the same issues if C-2 zoning can be so dramatically upzoned,” she adds.

Since the Historic Neighborhood Center Place Type is considered a guideline at this point and until more definite design plans and even zoning overlays are set in place, what happens to any piece of land in this area is still subject to its underlying zoning.

That’s why getting the change from C-2 to R-5 is critical for the developers. The Phoenix City Council meeting will begin at 3 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 200 W. Jefferson. Those wishing to comment, or to just indicate whether they are in favor or opposed to the zoning change, are asked to fill out a comment card in advance of the agenda item. If you are unable to attend the meeting, e-mail your comments to City Councilwoman Laura Pastor at council.district.4@phoenix.gov. Include the address of the property in question, your name and your home address with your comments.

Since agenda items can be pulled prior to the council meeting, check the agenda at www.phoenix.gov the day

before the meeting. Go to “City Government,” then “Public Meetings.” Select “City Council Meetings” and find the agenda posted for Feb. 5 under “Formal Meetings.”

Seminar helps you target your debt

Certified Financial Coach Taras Collum Sr. will present a seminar on “Tackling Debt” 6-8:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 24, at Longview Community Church, 1301 East Whitton Ave.

Collum is trained and endorsed by bestselling author and personal financial authority Dave Ramsey. He teaches individuals and families how to organize their finances to eliminate debt and create wealth the right way.

Collum will cover “Myths and Truths about Debt,” “Understanding Your Credit Score,” and “Saving for Retirement.” Cost is \$20 per couple; singles may bring a friend.

For more information or reservations, contact Betty Thompson at 602-246-0463 or BettyBruce@cox.net. Child care is available with prior reservations.

In communications, timing is everything. Fortunately for Seth, we feel the same about cardiac care.

Seth wears many hats – radio host, speechwriter, author. Thanks to the speed and expertise of the chest pain experts at John C. Lincoln, he can now add heart attack survivor to the list. Our cardiology team quickly opened his blocked artery and restored blood flow. Three days later he was back home, and back behind the mic. And now, less than a year later, he has run his first marathon.

To read Seth’s story, visit JCL.com/Seth.



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Kindergarten Roundup

Madison School District will be hosting Kindergarten Roundup on February 6, 2014 from 6 – 7 p.m. at all Madison elementary schools.

You will have the opportunity to tour the school, speak with administrators, and receive information on enrollment for the 2014 – 2015 school year. We hope to see you there!



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Built in 1937, this adobe home in the historic Del Norte Place neighborhood has a decidedly Mexican style. The Talavera tile in nearly every room—installed by the homeowner—that gives the home its true flavor, enhanced by ceramic figurines, dramatic art masks, and a tiled fireplace. Outside, a Mexican fountain from Guadalajara, a pond, and a sunken spa turn the backyard into a hidden oasis with a south-of-the-border feeling (submitted photo).

**FOMA tour highlights
art in local homes**

The doors to five Phoenix and Paradise Valley homes will open to the public as part of the Friends of Mexican Art's Home Tour & Mexican Mercado,

set for 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 23. Tickets are \$35 per person.

A home in the Willo historic neighborhood features vintage decorative radiator covers sharing space with gold-leafed screens and mirrors, doors and windows from India, and Chinese Foo Dogs. Botero posters and paintings and Botero-like murals adorn the walls along with a variety of artistic styles.

Ticket holders for this special fundraising event will be invited to experience homes that contain fascinating, even spectacular collections. Art—especially Mexican art—dominates, adorning all surfaces in these homes. What pulls these collections together is the homeowners' love of the artworks and their inventiveness in displaying it.

At the mercado, which will be held at one of the homes, dealers in Mexican art will have items for sale. A portion of the proceeds also will benefit Friends of Mexican Art and its goals.

Tickets are available at The Purple Lizard, 2827 N. 15th Ave. or purchase online at the FOMA website: www.friendsofmexicanart.org. For more information, call 602-334-6585.

**Lots of produce
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Metro Tech High School hosts the Market on the Move from 8 to 11 a.m. the second Saturday of the month in its east parking lot, located off 19th Avenue just north of Thomas Road.

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For more information to find additional distribution sites in the Valley, visit www.the3000club.org.

Japanese flower arranging free class

Linnea Storm will demonstrate the Japanese art of flower arranging, known as Ikebana, while sharing some of the history of this 600-year-old art form, 2-3 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 20 at the Saguro Library, 2808 N. 46th St.

The program is free and open to the public. It is sponsored by the Friends of the Phoenix Public Library, Saguro Chapter. For more information, call 602-262-4636 or visit www.phoenixpubliclibrary.org.

A mix of styles in Willo Home Tour

The Willo Historic District Annual Home Tour will take place 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 9. Willo is between Thomas and McDowell roads, from 1st to 7th avenues, and features a variety of homes dating from the 1920s through the 1940s.

Tickets can be purchased the day of the event at the neighborhood park at

3rd Avenue and Holly. Tickets are \$20 the day of the tour. Presale tickets are \$18 and can be purchased online at www.willohistoricdistrict.com.

A street fair will feature more than 100 vendors offering handcrafted goods, unusual gifts, jewelry, antiques, local artwork and food. There also will be live music throughout the day.

Coronado community offers diverse homes

The 27th Annual Coronado Home and Garden Tour is set for 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, March 2, featuring around a dozen homes and gardens along historic Palm Lane, Granada and Monte Vista as well as Hubbell Street, the epicenter of the Home Tour and host of the Street Fair and Car Show.

To have your car (pre-1970) featured in the Car Show, e-mail home_tour@gcna.info for more information and to receive a Car Show application. There is no cost to showcase your car, and you will receive two free tickets to tour the homes and gardens.

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.

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

Early Bird tickets are available online now for \$12.50. Tickets purchased the day of the tour will be \$15 each. For tickets, visit <http://www.gcna.info> and click on the orange Home Tour button.

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Cheryl and Roger Naumann, owners of the Second Home Pet Resort, visit with some of the dogs participating in the facility's drop-off daycare program (photo by Teri Carnicelli).

Pet resort launches dog training program

Second Home Pet Resort recently celebrated five-plus years of providing boarding and day-care services for cats and dogs.

"People who love their pets often struggle with the decision to go away on vacation; they can feel guilty about leaving their pet behind," said Roger Naumann, owner and CEO of Second Home Pet Resort.

Naumann says the 17,000-square-foot Second Home Pet Resort is a home-away-from home for pets. The brainchild of Naumann, a 27-year Hyatt Hotels and Resorts veteran, and his wife, Cheryl Naumann, who served as the CEO of the Arizona Humane Society for five years, the facility features petite suites for little dogs, TLC suites for geriatric or sensitive dogs, kitty condos and three-level cat pent-houses for those felines who are truly spoiled, and spacious pavilion and elite suites for dogs, some of which include adjoining outdoor patios.

There also are flat-panel TVs and, for a small extra charge, Webcams suites so you can watch your pooch from a computer anywhere in the world.

Since its beginnings the facility has expanded to include grooming services, and on Feb. 1 will launch a new dog obedience training program that includes behavior modification. The new dog obedience training program will include classes on-site as well as optional in-home training sessions.

The full-service salon and spa offers a spacious, inviting environment where pets can be bathed,

clipped, brushed, well-cared for and pampered, either while staying as a resort guest or when just dropping in for the day for salon services.

Second Home also works closely with various Arizona animal rescue organizations by providing housing until these pets find foster homes, or ideally permanent homes with forever families.

Rates are competitive with other boarding facilities in the community, and significant discounts are offered for multiple-pet families. Mention this article and receive 15-percent off of a stay that is three nights or more, or 15-percent off of grooming services (excluding exit baths).

Second Home Pet Resort is located at 747 E. Thunderbird Road (behind the Walgreen's). Bring your pet in for a free tour anytime during normal business hours. For information, visit www.secondhomepetresort.com or call 602-997-6600.

Enjoy sweet treats at Humane Society event

Join the Arizona Humane Society Saturday, March 29, at the Arizona Biltmore, 2400 E. Missouri Ave., for the 16th annual Compassion with Fashion: Pets Make Life Sweet!

More than 1,000 attendees will enjoy lunch, a silent auction and a fashion show featuring AHS' special "sweet 16" adoptable pets.

Proceeds raised support the lifesaving programs and services that help AHS care for the 121 animals that enter its doors every day.

For tickets, visit <http://www.azhumane.org/cwff/>.

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This mellow yellow Lab has a sunny disposition and is great with other dogs, cats and children. His adoption fee is only \$35 (submitted photo).

Pet of the Month

Mellow yellow Lab needs a family

Sonny arrived at the Arizona Humane Society in critical condition after he was bitten by a poisonous spider, but the yellow Labrador's life was saved and he made a full recovery in the trauma center.

Now the 6-year-old fellow has a new "leash" on life and is ready to find a loving home. This mellow boy is mature and well trained and enjoys spending most of the day lounging around the house. He will sprawl out in the middle of the hallway for his afternoon nap with the hopes that anyone who passes by him will stop and give him a good belly rub.

Although he is past his puppy stage and doesn't require vigorous exercise, he would appreciate a casual stroll around the neighborhood each night and a bone to chew afterwards. He is great with other dogs, cats and, of course, kids and is the ultimate family companion.

Sonny's adoption fee is just \$35 and that fee includes his neuter surgery and vaccines. To set up a family meet and greet or for more information call 602-977-7585, ext. 2045 and ask for animal ID number A460439.

Sonny may have been adopted by the time you call, but the Arizona Humane Society has dozens of other animals awaiting their forever homes. Find more information on them at: www.azhumane.org.

'Beat the Heat' and spay your cat

The Arizona Humane Society (AHS) and the Altered Tails Barnhart Clinic, in conjunction with PetSmart

Charities, have launched a "Beat the Heat" campaign for the month of February.

Did you know that cats can have kittens three times in a year? Valley cat owners who have unspayed female cats can have them fixed for just \$20 as part of the program, which aims to prevent the cats from going into heat in February and March.

The Arizona Humane Society is located at 1311 W. Hatcher Road and open from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Altered Tails Barnhart Clinic is at 950 W. Hatcher Road and open from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. There are a limited number of appointments available at this reduced rate. Call AHS at 602-997-7585, option 4, or Barnhart Clinic at 602-943-7729 to make an appointment, and be sure to mention the "Beat the Heat" promotion.

Pamper your pooch and you at fundraiser

Mane Attraction Salon, 3156 E. Camelback Road, has joined forces with RESCUE, a local nonprofit animal rescue organization, to host its 14th Annual "Beauty to the RESCUE" event from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, March 2.

For a minimum donation (\$30-\$50 for haircuts, \$10 for Deep Conditioning Masque, \$20 for Blow Dry Style, and \$20 for Makeup Applications), anyone can partake in a day of personal pampering all while raising funds to support RESCUE in its fight against pet euthanasia.

While human participants are beautifying themselves, they can pamper their pooches with an on-site mobile dog groomer as well as look into their pet's past or future with an on-site pet psychic. Guests also will enjoy food and beverages, along with kid-friendly activities and live entertainment. And of course, there will be several ready-to-be-adopted dogs present and looking for forever homes.

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Rev. Dr. Donald Longbottom of the Church of the Beatitudes United Church of Christ presents Beatitudes Campus President and CEO Michelle Just with a check for \$400,000 as part of the Greatest Generation Capital Campaign (submitted photo).

Senior care home receives big check

Rev. Dr. Donald Longbottom, transitional senior pastor at Church of the Beatitudes United Church of Christ, recently presented Beatitudes Campus President and CEO Michelle Just with a check for \$400,000.

“We are very grateful for the con-

tinuing strong partnership between the Church of the Beatitudes and Beatitudes Campus,” says Just. “Our alliance with church has been transformational for older adults.”

The beginnings of Beatitudes Campus can be traced back to a nursing home visit by Rev. Dr. Culver “Bill” Nelson, founding pastor at Church of the Beatitudes. The appalling conditions he witnessed led his congregation to sponsor an alternate retirement community. The congregation voted to build Beatitudes Campus even before the church built its own sanctuary. Today, Beatitudes Campus is nationally recognized as a center of excellence and leader in the field of aging services.

“Church of the Beatitudes’ history is rich with innovative outreach projects that have improved the lives of many people, including the founding of Beatitudes Campus,” says Longbottom. “We are bound together by our call to serve others in faith.”

Church of the Beatitudes pledged \$1 million to Beatitudes Campus during the Greatest Generation Capital Campaign. The presentation of this check fulfilled that pledge.

Beatitudes Campus is a faith-based, not-for-profit continuing care retirement community offering a wide spectrum of services for older people including independent living, assisted living, skilled nursing, memory support and home care services. Beatitudes Campus offers memory support services, and serves older adults across the spectrum of memory loss and dementia, including Alzheimer’s disease. For more information, visit www.beatitudescampus.org.

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Outdoor festivals abound in February

The Valley of the Sun's beautiful winter weather brings a bevy of outdoor events, highlighting different cultures from around the globe and tempting the taste buds of local foodies and beer aficionados. Check out what's coming up in the next two months:

Chinese Week Culture & Cuisine Festival

Presented by the Phoenix Sister Cities Commission, this celebration honoring the Year of the Horse is a series of cultural, social and educational events highlighting China's diverse culture. It takes place Feb. 7-9 in the east end of Margaret T. Hance Park, 1202 N. 3rd St.

Enjoy entertainment including the famous dragon and lion dances, martial arts demonstrations, folk and traditional dances, musical performances, Children's Pavilion activities, Chinese Culture and History Booth and more. Shop at souvenir and arts and crafts booths, experience cultural performances, and taste authentic Chinese cuisines.

Admission is free. Hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. For a full schedule of events and activities, visit <http://phoenixchineseweek.org>.

Arizona Strong Beer Festival

Designed for the true craft beer lover who enjoys a strong beer and discovering new boutique breweries, the festival takes place 1-5 p.m. Feb. 15 in the Steele Indian School Park Memorial Hall, 300 E. Indian School Road.

Although strong beers (those with high alcohol content) are the focus, a variety of craft beers—as well as specialty styles and unique, just-for-this-event brews—are made available to festival-goers, who will receive a commemorative 4-ounce tasting glass and 15 tasting tickets for the price of admission.

And because food and beer naturally go together, there will be plenty of top-notch food vendors on hand, serving up tasty eats. Live music will keep the atmosphere rockin'.

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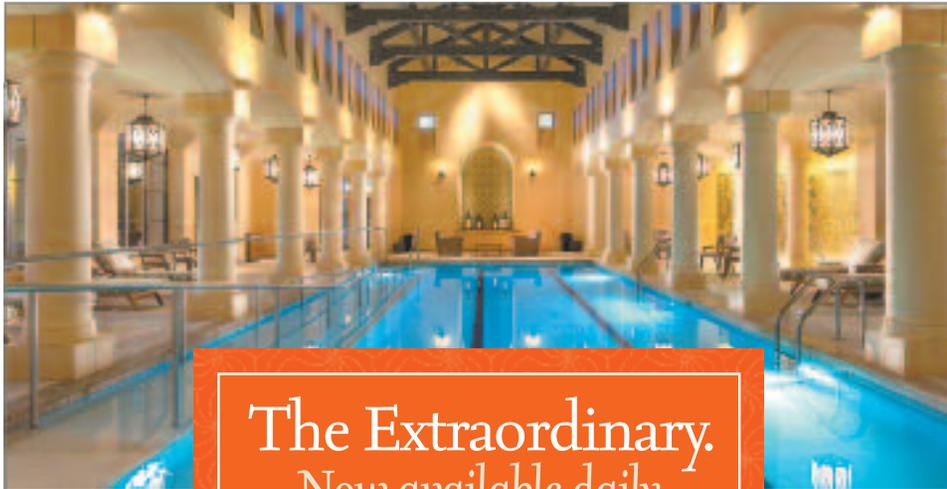


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Phoenix teens learn more about calligraphy, a type of visual art related to writing and popular in ancient Chinese cultures, during the annual Chinese Week Culture & Cuisine Festival, which takes place Feb. 7-9 at a new location, Margaret T. Hance Park (submitted photo).

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the door. Designated drivers pay only \$10. For more information, visit <http://arizonabeerweek.com>.

Matsuri: A Festival of Japan

This 30th-annual event highlights Japanese culture with entertainment,

authentic crafts, food and fine arts. It takes place Feb. 22-23 at Heritage & Science Park, 115 N. 5th St.

Visitors will enjoy martial arts demos, Taiko drums, Bonsai displays, entertainment on three stages, and audience participation in traditional Japanese folk dances. The Asahi Beer Garden will serve Asahi beer and three different premium sakes.

In addition, there will be an Odori & Mikoshi Parade beginning at 10 a.m. on Saturday. Anyone in Japanese attire is invited to participate. Begin gathering next to the Plaza Stage at 9:30 a.m. Admission is free. Festival hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days. The beer garden opens at 11 a.m. Call 602-262-5029 or <http://www.azmatsuri.org> for additional details.

M7 Street Fair

The M7 Street Fair returns this year with the familiar classic car show and food vendors, as well as a beer garden and live music stages.

The event takes places 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, March 2, along 7th Avenue in the Melrose District, between Campbell Avenue and Indian School Road. The road will be blocked off to all vehicle traffic.

Originally consisting of a few 6-foot tables, a few dozen classic cars and a few hundred people, the Melrose District street fair has grown to more than 150 booths, food, rides and crafts for the kids, live music, more than 200 classic cars pre-dating 1979, and 20,000-plus visitors.

For more information about the street fair, visit www.m7streetfair.com or call 602-703-2620.

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Lifetree Café

12-1 p.m. Mondays, Feb. 3, 10 & 24
 First United Methodist Church,
 Centennial Room
 5510 N. Central Ave.
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The hour typically includes a short original film and guided conversation. A local host directs the hour. Topics for February include: "News from the Future: A Futurist Gives a Sneak Peak" on Feb. 3; "Finding the Family I Never Knew: A Story of Separation, Adoption and Reunion," on Feb. 10; and "Do Good Dogs Go to Heaven? Questions about Animals and the Afterlife," on Feb. 24. Admission is free. Snacks and beverages are available, or you can bring your own sack lunch. See weekly previews at www.facebook.com/LifetreePhoenix.

Foundation for Education Scholarship Dinner

6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 7
 Renaissance Phoenix Downtown
 50 E. Adams St.

The Phoenix Union Foundation for Education hosts its sixth-annual event, which is the major fundraiser for the foundation, providing post-secondary scholarships for Phoenix Union High School District students. A reception and silent auction begins at 6 p.m. followed by dinner is at 7 p.m. There will be student entertainment and participation throughout the evening, and the Foundation will present three awards. For more information on how to participate, visit www.foundation4education.org/events/scholarship-dinner.

World Championship Hoop Dance Contest

9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Feb. 8-9
 Heard Museum
 2301 N. Central Ave.
www.heard.org/hoop

Experience the fast-paced precision and grace of hoop dancing, with more than 70 top Native hoop dancers from across the United States and Canada competing for cash prizes and the coveted World Champion title. Delicious frybread and other American Indian foods will also be available for purchase. Tickets are \$18 for adults, \$13.50 for seniors 65 and older, \$12 for American Indians and Heard

Museum members, and \$7.50 for children ages 4-12. Cost includes event and museum admission.

Mahj and More

Mitzvah Event
 12:30-4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 9
 Beth El Congregation
 1118 W. Glendale Ave.
 602-318-5068

Enjoy a day of Mahjong, Scrabble, and a Texas Hold-Em Poker Tournament with prizes for the top winners. Appetizers, snacks and desserts will be provided; entry fee is \$36. Beginner and new Mahjong players are welcome; learning tables with instructors will be provided. This event started four years ago as a way to honor the memory of dear friend and Mahjong partner, long time North Central resident Denise Simmons. The charities that will benefit from the proceeds are ones that she favored during her lifetime. For more information contact Deborah Lavinsky at dmlavinsky@yahoo.com.

Arizona Archaeology Society Meeting

7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 13
 Pueblo Grande Museum
 4619 E. Washington St.

The guest speaker is Nancy Serwint of Arizona State University. She will talk on "City of Gold: Archaeological Excavations at Ancient Marion and Arsinoe." Serwint, associate professor of Art History in the ASU School of Art, will detail some of the stories behind the artifacts from the two ancient cities of Marion and Arsinoe on the island of Cyprus, and will share vignettes about her archaeological life. The meeting is free and open to the public. For more information, e-mail nferth@aol.com.

Phoenix Writers Club

12-2p.m. Saturday, Feb. 15
 Bluewater Grill
 1720 E. Camelback Road

Whether you are a published author or just beginning to put your ideas on paper, come join Phoenix Writers Club for lunch and Arizona historical documentary producer Bill McCune. Cost is \$15 for members and \$20 for guests. Reservations must be made by Feb.12. RSVP neeliepubl@aol.com with Phoenix Writers Club in the subject line. Members and the public are welcome.

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AAUW Dinner

6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 18
Elaine's Dining at Beatitudes
1616 W. Glendale Ave.
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The Phoenix Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) will feature Linda D. Hallman, executive director of the AAUW Association, speaking on "Updates from the National Office." This will be the latest from Washington on AAUW fellowships, grants, and the Legal Advocacy Foundation. An optional dinner (\$14) will be served at 5:30 p.m. RSVP for the dinner. The program begins at 6:30.

Wine, Women and Horses Benefit

12-4 p.m. Saturday, March 1
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Grab that floppy hat and wedge heels and enjoy wine, food and horse racing, with proceeds benefiting the Child Crisis

Center. On-site registration begins at 11 a.m. The event features lunch; mystery gifts, raffle prizes; a hat contest; and lots of horse racing action. Tickets are \$65 per person and sponsored tables also are available. The event is also seeking in-kind contributions and advertisers for the event day program.

Sandra Day O'Connor Lecture

9 a.m. Saturday, March 1
Valley Presbyterian Church
6947 E. McDonald Drive
www.encoreuniv.org

Sandra Day O'Connor was the very first woman to serve as a U.S. Supreme Court justice. She worked for 25 years, retiring in 2006 to her home in Arizona. The presentation is affiliated with the church's new Encore University, an educational program serving Baby Boomers and seniors in the area. All breakfasts take place at 7:45 a.m., with the presentation starting at 9 a.m. Tickets are \$20.

Heather Farr Memorial Co-Ed Golf Tournament

9:30 a.m. Monday, March 3
Arizona Country Club
5668 E. Orange Blossom Lane

Presented by the Xavier College Preparatory Dads' Club. The tournament begins with breakfast and pre-tournament activities, followed by a shotgun start at 11 a.m., and an awards reception following the tournament. All proceeds from the day will benefit Xavier students. Contact Sharon Colleran at 480-600-1270 or sharoncolleran@cox.net for details.

AAHA! An Auction of Heirlooms and Art

6 p.m. Saturday, March 15
Arizona Biltmore Resort
2400 E. Missouri Ave.
602-636-6380

The signature fundraising event for Hospice of the Valley includes dinner and live and silent auctions with collectible pieces by renowned artists, antiques and one-of-a-kind experiences—including a European river cruise and a Napa Valley wine getaway. Tickets are \$250 per person or \$200 for young professionals (40 and under). All proceeds benefit the not-for-profit organization's patients and families. Hospice of the Valley provides compassionate end-of-life care in Maricopa and northern Pinal counties. Visit www.hov.org/art.

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The team behind My Sister's Closet includes, from left: Ann Siner, founder and CEO; Tess Loo, sister and head stylist; and Jenny Siner, co-founder and co-owner (submitted photo).

Business Briefs

My Sister's Closet moves—a short way

It's been 22 years of happy shopping and sisterly bliss since Ann and Jenny Siner opened their first location of My Sister's Closet in a quaint space at the Town & Country Shopping Center, located near 20th Street and Camelback Road.

Starting at 8 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 8, the same day shoppers get their first peak at springtime looks, My Sister's Closet and Well Suited will open its stylish doors in a new contemporary space just behind Nordstrom Rack at the Town & Country center.

Seated on cement floors underneath an exposed ceiling, the new 6,373-square-foot space at Town & Country will offer shoppers a more modern and fashionable feel with the same killer deals on designer handbags, shoes, clothing, hats, accessories and jewelry.

To celebrate this occasion, the first 100 people lined up outside My Sister's Closet at 4859 N. 20th St. on Feb. 8 will get a free Swag Bag filled with goodies from nearby merchants.

Shoppers at all stores also will get first dibs on one-of-a-kind spring looks during the annual Spring Unveiling. For a list of all Valley stores, visit mysisterscloset.com.

Hair salon under new management

Hair Again, owned by Linda Taylor Laughren for 30 years, is now under new ownership. A recent graduate from Paul Mitchell the School-Phoenix and a stylist at the shop, Kara McAllister-Dommel purchased the salon on Dec. 1, 2013.

To get the new year started off right, Kara has remodeled the shop at 2047 W. Glendale Ave. with a new look. Inspired by Paul Mitchell's black-and-white theme and fashion maven Coco Chanel, the salon has a warm, shabby chic feel.

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

Contact Hair Again at 602-242-5475 for more information or to make an appointment.

Let Lani help your garden grow

Landscape designer Lani Hammond of Everything Grows has a knack of looking at someone's overgrown, neglected or barren yard and knowing exactly what kind of TLC it needs.

A certified Master Gardener with 12 years of experience, Hammond does all the work herself, not outsourcing to some anonymous "crew." That's because she enjoys digging her hands

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into the soil and making a garden grow. With her skills in landscape design, maintenance and gardening, she can turn any yard into something to be proud of, whatever the season. “I don’t just chop weeds; I take care of your yard,” she says.

Hammond recently completed two projects in the Melrose District. Glowing customer references are available upon request. Also, you can check Everything Grows’ rating on www.HomeAdvisor.com. To get more information about Everything Grows, call 623-755-0452 or e-mail everythinggrows1@yahoo.com.

Kennedy opens Allstate office

Joe Kennedy recently opened his independent Allstate Insurance Company office at 1831 E. Camelback Road, Suite Pb03.

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Tree company earns Angie’s List award

North Central-based Mike Macchiaroli Tree Company recently earned a 2013 Angie’s List Super Service Award, an honor given out annually to approximately 5 percent of all the companies rated on Angie’s List, a leading provider of consumer reviews on local service companies. This is the third consecutive year that the business has won the award.

“This award signifies the excellence in customer service we aspire to achieve,” said company founder Mike Macchiaroli.

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For more information, visit www.angieslist.com.

WESD hosts teacher job fair on Feb. 20

The Washington Elementary School District (WESD) will host a Teacher Interview Fair to hire teachers for the 2014-15 school year on Thursday, Feb. 20, from 3:30 to 8 p.m. at Moon Mountain Elementary School, 13425 N. 19th Ave.

Positions include elementary teachers, special education teachers, language arts, mathematics, science, music teachers as well as kindergarten, Head Start, special needs preschool teachers and speech pathologists. Successful

candidates may be recommended for a 2014-15 teaching contract.

In order to obtain a prescheduled interview, interested teachers (or soon-to-be teachers) should apply online by Thursday, Feb. 13 at www.wesdschools.org. Applicants will need to attach a resume along with the following documentation to their application:

- Copy of most recent teacher or student teacher evaluation
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- Walk-in applicants are welcome, but interviews will be limited. Walk-ins should bring the documentation indicated above and be prepared to complete an application. For more information, contact the WESD Recruitment Office at 602-347-2622 or e-mail lydia.garcia@wesdschools.org.

Office building gets much-needed update

Parkway Fountains, a four-story Camelback Corridor office building, is getting a \$600,000 renovation and being reintroduced to the market this month.

New owner and operator Griffin Partners of Houston is making a foray into the Metro Phoenix office market. The company is starting with Parkway Fountains, located at 1702 E. Highland Ave. The 80,315-square-foot property was built in 1986. This will be the first renovation work since it opened.

Renovations include removing the fountain from the lobby and adding travertine marble tile, new modern stainless steel and glass guardrails and a lighter, fresher overall paint throughout all common areas.

New energy-efficient light fixtures have been installed throughout the remodel, as well as new modern ceiling tiles throughout corridors. Other highlights include a modern interactive directory and a new fire alarm system.

"It's an entirely new product and we are pleased to offer our current and future clients a more efficient, modern and stylish office experience," said Lee Moreland, executive vice president.

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Stanton named managing partner

Nicole Stanton recently was named the managing partner of the Phoenix office of national law firm Quarles & Brady LLP. Her term began on Jan. 1.

In her new role, Stanton becomes one of the few women to lead one of the largest law firms in Phoenix.



Nicole Stanton

Stanton, an award-winning litigation attorney in the firm's commercial litigation practice group, also serves as the firm's associate general counsel as well as claims and ethics counsel for the Phoenix office. She is one of three women who serve as office managing partner among the firm's eight locations, highlighting the strong leadership of women within Quarles.

Stanton is a member of Charter 100 Women, serves as a founding board member and past president of the Women's Metropolitan Arts Council of the Phoenix Art Museum and is an adjunct professor at Arizona State University Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law, teaching professional responsibility. She was selected by her peers in 2011 and 2012 for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America.

A graduate of Valley Leadership Class XXIX, Stanton was the YWCA of Maricopa County's 2011 Tribute to Women honoree in the business leader category. She was recently named as one of the 50 most influential women in Arizona. She received her law degree, magna cum laude, from the University of Arizona and her bachelor's degree from the University of Utah.

Brophy elected to partner at firm

North Central resident Joseph A. Brophy was elected partner in the Phoenix office of law firm Jennings, Haug & Cunningham L.L.P., located at 2800 N. Central Ave., Suite 1800.

Brophy's practice is focused in general business litigation, surety and fidelity law, bankruptcy, creditors' rights and insurance defense matters. He joined the firm in 2009.



Joseph A. Brophy

Brophy earned his law degree from the University of San Diego School of Law in 2008, where he graduated cum laude. In 2000, Brophy graduated from the University of San Diego, earning his Bachelors of Arts.

Just promoted to president, CEO

Michelle Just has been elected president and Chief Executive Officer at Beatitudes Campus by the Board of Directors, effective Jan. 1. Just formerly was senior vice president of Health Services at the campus.



Michelle Just

Just succeeds Peggy Mullan, who has held leadership positions at Beatitudes Campus for 25 years, most recently as president and CEO since 1997.

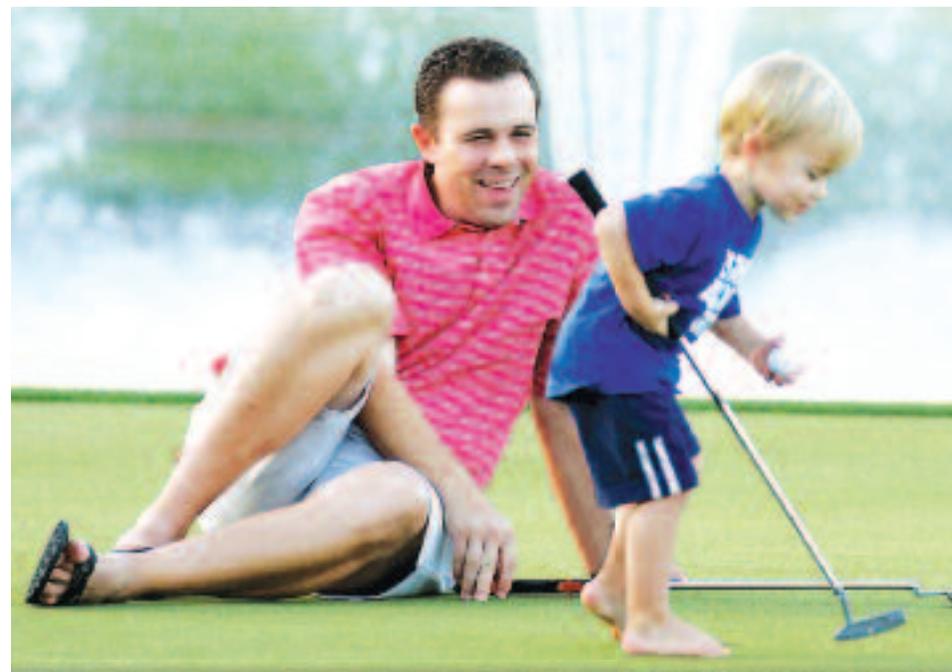
As CEO, Just will provide leadership across the continuing care retirement community and the wide spectrum of services for older people that Beatitudes Campus offers.

"Michelle has an authentic leadership style and a passion for working for older people and a desire to make a difference throughout the field of aging services," said Ken Husband, chair of the Beatitudes Campus Board of Directors. "Since joining Beatitudes Campus, she has championed the model of wellness for older adults that promotes soundness of mind, spirit and body."

Recognized as an innovator in the field of aging services, Just has 16 years of experience in aging services, long-term care and continuing care retirement community management. She has been a leader in service and advocacy for older adults.

"I am committed to and inspired by the mission and core values of the campus in the way we serve older adults," Just said. "As CEO, I look forward to continuing the work of Peggy Mullan in helping to provide a uniquely welcoming community spirit and outstanding quality of care for older adults."

Prior to joining Beatitudes Campus, Just served as admissions manager and associate director of social services at IHS of Cherry Creek in Denver. Just earned a bachelor's degree in healthcare management and finance from Metropolitan State College of Denver.



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6500 E. Cheney Dr.7926 SF6BR/5.5BA	\$2,600,000	
34 E. Cactus Wren5198 SF5BR/4.5BA	\$1,595,000	
5401 E. Calle Del Medio ...	JUST LISTED ...	4000 SF	.....	.5BR/3.5BA	.....	\$1,500,000
5752 N. 2nd Ave.	4400 SF	.....	.5BR/4BA	.....	\$1,395,000	
5726 N. Central Ave.	JUST LISTED ...	4350 SF	.....	.4BR/4.5BA	.....	\$1,375,000
1114 W. Seldon Ln.	JUST LISTED ...	4645 SF	.....	.5BR/5BA	.....	\$1,150,000
2109 E. Kaler Dr.	IN ESCROW ...	4110 SF	.....	.3BR/3.5BA	.....	\$1,180,000
2326 E. Georgia Ave.	LOT	.....	1/3 Acre	.....	\$ 975,000	
8534 N. 16th Pl.	JUST LISTED ...	4957 SF	.....	.4BR/4BA	.....	\$ 950,000
7151 N. 3rd St.	JUST LISTED ...	4250 SF	.....	.5BR/4BA	.....	\$ 899,000
6502 N. 1st Pl.	JUST LISTED ...	4430 SF	.....	.5BR/3.5BA	.....	\$ 850,000
5844 N 2nd Ave.	NEW PRICE ...	5126 SF	.....	.6BR/3.5BA	.....	\$ 849,000
6111 N. 2nd Pl.	IN ESCROW ...	3552 SF	.....	.4BR/3.5BA	.....	\$ 824,900
105 E. Lamar Rd.	NEW PRICE ...	4200 SF	.....	.5BR/5BA	.....	\$ 799,000
2348 E. Brown St.	NEW PRICE ...	4800 SF	.....	.5BR/4BA	.....	\$ 790,000
722 W. Claremont	IN ESCROW ...	3529 SF	.....	.4BR/3.5BA	.....	\$ 735,000
22 E. Marshall Ave.	IN ESCROW ...	2820 SF	.....	.4BR/2.5BA	.....	\$ 675,000
719 W. Claremont St.	JUST LISTED ...	2811 SF	.....	.3BR/2.5BA	.....	\$ 645,000
7619 N. 11th St.	NEW PRICE ...	3304 SF	.....	.5BR/3BA	.....	\$ 620,000
810 E. Harmont Dr. ....	.....	3687 SF	.....	.5BR/3.5BA	.....	\$ 625,000
4800 S. Nevada St.	NEW PRICE ...	4587 SF	.....	.5BR/3.5BA	.....	\$ 575,000
1231 E. Moss St.	NEW PRICE ...	3713 SF	.....	.6BR/4BA	.....	\$ 590,000
7212 N. 15th Ave.	NEW PRICE ...	4001 SF	.....	.4BR/4BA	.....	\$ 549,900
1147 W. Northview Ave. ...	IN ESCROW ...	2911 SF	.....	.4BR/3BA	.....	\$ 549,500
903 W. Claremont St. ....	.....	3121 SF	.....	.3BR/2.5BA	.....	\$ 519,900
1652 E. Rose Ln.	JUST LISTED ...	3014 SF	.....	.5BR/3BA	.....	\$ 499,000
1338 W. Hayward Ave.	IN ESCROW ...	2396 SF	.....	.3BR/2BA	.....	\$ 450,000
6330 N. 7th Ave.	NEW PRICE ...	2025 SF	.....	.3BR/3BA	.....	\$ 445,000
6119 N. 5th Pl.	NEW PRICE ...	3046 SF5BR/3BA	\$ 449,000
8205 N. 3rd Ave.	NEW PRICE ...	3398 SF5BR/3BA	\$ 449,500
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7001 N. 2nd St.	2467 SF4BR/1.75BA	\$ 385,000
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821 E. Palmaire Ave.	NEW PRICE ...	3446 SF5BR/4BA	\$ 335,000
1104 W. Seldon Ln. #1	LOT	\$ 325,000
701 E. Northview Ave.	JUST LISTED ...	1582 SF	.....	.3BR/3BA	.....	\$ 279,000
18410 N. 12th Pl.	IN ESCROW ...	1817 SF	.....	.4BR/2BA	.....	\$ 225,000
702 E. State Ave.	JUST LISTED ...	1335 SF	.....	.3BR/2BA	.....	\$ 219,000
6533 N. Maryland	IN ESCROW ...	1530 SF	.....	.3BR/2BA	.....	\$ 185,000
10617 N. 37th Ave. ....	.....	2568 SF	.....	.4BR/3BA	.....	\$ 175,000
7003 N. 11th Way	IN ESCROW ...	1260 SF	.....	.3BR/2BA	.....	\$ 169,000
8755 W. Ocotillo Rd.	JUST LISTED ...	1776 SF3BR/2BA	\$ 159,900
1009 E. Weldon Ave.	IN ESCROW ...	996 SF3BR/1BA	\$ 150,000
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4438 N. 47th Pl.	\$1,065,000

2012 Sales

5302 N. 47th St.	\$2,600,000
450 E. Ocotillo Rd.	\$1,350,000
6014 E. Jenan Dr.	\$1,248,000
6622 N. 31ST Pl.	\$1,170,000
5856 N. Echo Canyon	\$1,125,000

2011 Sales

12234 S. Honahlee	\$3,250,000
79 Biltmore Estates	\$2,750,000
7110 N. Central Ave.	\$1,800,000
5000 E. Desert Park	\$1,185,000
13297 E. Summit	\$1,050,000

2010 Sales

307 W. Lamar	\$1,375,000
5902 E. Lafayette	\$1,350,000
8344 N. Sendero Tres	\$1,050,000
5600 N. 4TH St.	\$1,000,000

2009 Sales

5320 E. Palo Verde	\$2,600,000
6518 E. BAR Z	\$2,225,000
7315 N. 4TH Dr.	\$1,380,000
5580 E. Royal Palm	\$1,300,000
4743 N. 54th St.	\$1,249,000
5015 E. Doubletree	\$1,225,000
5302 E. Mercer Ln.	\$1,000,000

2008 Sales

6920 E. Hummingbird	\$3,500,000
815 E. Orangewood	\$1,925,000
48 W. Foothill	\$1,125,000
4307 E. North Ln.	\$1,100,000
27 W. Montebello	\$1,032,000
37 W. Sierra Vista	\$1,000,000

2007 Sales

30 Biltmore Estate	\$5,860,000
7110 N. Central Ave.	\$3,200,000
4117 E. Fanfol	\$1,615,000
4954 E. Lafayette	\$1,380,000
36 E. State	\$1,300,000
324 W. Rose Ln.	\$1,100,000
6428 N. 30th Pl.	\$1,050,000
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3920 E. Mountain View Rd.	\$1,670,000	8702 N. 7th Ave.	\$ 615,000	3800 E. Lincoln Dr. #30	\$ 410,000	6159 N. 9th Ave.	\$ 317,500	635 W. Coral Gables	\$ 230,000	15178 W Taylor St.	\$ 128,000
3958 E. Northridge Cr.	\$1,350,000	115 W. Morten	\$ 585,000	105 W. Harmont	\$ 405,000	26427 N. 42nd Pl.	\$ 317,000	723 W. Cactus Wren	\$ 224,000	8434 N. Central Ave. B	\$ 111,000
4438 N. 47th Pl.	\$1,065,000	6022 N. 3rd Ave.	\$ 580,000	1511 E. Villa Theresa Dr.	\$ 402,500	1040 E. Osborn Rd. #203	\$ 315,000	5629 N. 8th Dr.	\$ 219,900	817 E. North Ln. #3	\$ 100,000
6445 E Calle Del Media	\$ 980,000	2626 E. Az. Biltmore Cr. #10	\$ 575,000	601 W. Moon Valley Dr.	\$ 400,000	77 E. Missouri Ave. #8	\$ 302,000	848 N. 54th Cr.	\$ 210,000	3516 E. Everett Dr.	\$ 97,500
9427 E. Sonoran Sunset	\$ 915,000	24 W. San Juan Ave	\$ 546,300	1151 E. Ocotillo Rd.	\$ 400,000	421 E. Locust	\$ 300,000	2319 E. Glenrosa Ave.	\$ 210,000	225 E. Orchid Ln.	\$ 90,100
2211 E. Camelback Rd. #805	\$ 900,000	314 W. Vista Ave.	\$ 530,000	1738 E. Myrna Ln.	\$ 400,000	2 W. Beryl	\$ 295,000	1545 W. Glenn Dr.	\$ 195,000	3510 W. Orangewood	\$ 87,560
2359 E. Brown St.	\$ 900,000	77 E. Missouri Ave. #37	\$ 524,250	803 W. Rancho Dr.	\$ 395,000	529 W. Las Palmaritas Dr.	\$ 295,000	7362 E. Rovey Ave.	\$ 192,000	2103 E. Virginia Ave.	\$ 76,000
5750 N. Central Ave.	\$ 875,000	6828 N 3rd Place	\$ 520,000	1325 E. Ludlow Dr.	\$ 395,000	1315 E. Gardenia Dr.	\$ 295,000	1124 E. Rose Ln. #10	\$ 185,000	833 E. Echo	\$ 70,000
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3617 E. Hazelwood St.	\$ 805,000	7023 N. 2nd St.	\$ 500,000	347 W. Hayward	\$ 380,000	399 W. Marshall Ave.	\$ 285,000	207 W. Clarendon #22E	\$ 181,000	6723 W. Wolf	\$ 47,500
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5034 E. Lafayette Blvd.	\$ 750,000	7739 N. 11th Ave.	\$ 475,000	10257 N. Central Ave.	\$ 375,000	1844 E. Hazelwood	\$ 277,000	9205 N. 3rd Ave.	\$ 171,374		
727 W. Seldon Ln.	\$ 727,700	6838 N. 3rd Ave.	\$ 457,500	4925 E. Cordia Way	\$ 375,000	102 W. Seldon Ln.	\$ 275,000	837 E. Rosemonte	\$ 170,000		
306 W. Claremont Ave.	\$ 717,800	6014 N. 3rd Ave.	\$ 453,000	7142 N. 14th St.	\$ 365,000	7633 N. 7th St.	\$ 271,000	6517 N. 10th Pl.	\$ 170,000		
5961 E. Whitehorn Pl.	\$ 715,000	1221 E. Palmetto Dr.	\$ 435,000	501 E. Colter St.	\$ 365,000	6135 N. 16th Pl.	\$ 267,500	750 E. Northern Ave. #1403	\$ 165,000	6125 N. 5th Pl.	\$ 440,000
25 W. Frier Dr.	\$ 685,000	1017 W. Claremont St.	\$ 433,000	1940 E. Osborn Rd. #1403	\$ 352,000	2248 E. Virginia Ave.	\$ 257,600	750 E. Northern Ave. #1034	\$ 165,000	5302 N. 6th St.	\$ 337,000
		77 E. Missouri Ave. #40	\$ 431,000	6409 N. 11th Dr.	\$ 349,500	1042 E. Myrtle Ave.	\$ 257,500	9432 N. 17th St.	\$ 155,000	202 W. Turney Ave.	\$ 295,000
		6905 N. 18th St.	\$ 425,000	1254 S. Nassau Dr.	\$ 341,000	77 E. Missouri #37	\$ 250,000	2 W. Northern Ave. #3	\$ 145,000	4149 N. 42nd St.	\$ 230,000
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HEALTHY LIVING



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Fixing heartbeat abnormalities

By Mark Seifert, M.D.

Just like your house, your heart has an electrical system. And sometimes that system goes awry.

Atrial fibrillation (a-fib) is the most common form of abnormal heart rhythm, or arrhythmia, requiring treatment. In a-fib, the upper chambers of the heart (the atria) pump too quickly, or quiver and twitch in an irregular, unpredictable way. This can cause blood to pool in the atria and form a blood clot that can travel to the brain, causing a stroke. Atrial fibrillation can lead to additional heart rhythm problems and heart failure.

Fortunately, there often is a way to repair the heart's electrical pathway, control the heart rate, restore normal

heart rhythm and prevent blood clots.

Anti-arrhythmic medications: This is the first-stage treatment for a-fib, to decrease and normalize the heart rate.

Electrical cardioversion: Performed under sedation, this procedure interrupts and resets heart rhythm with an electrical charge transmitted through paddles on the patient's chest.

Pacemakers and defibrillators: Some cardiac patients require pacemakers or defibrillators to artificially regulate their heart rhythms. New technology allows the devices to be placed in a pouch that releases antibiotics, preventing infection in high-risk patients. After surgical placement in the patient's chest, the pouch gradually dissolves.

Zero Fluoro: Many minimally invasive cardiac procedures use new technology that often eliminates radiation entirely.

Catheter ablation: An electrophysiologist, a cardiologist specializing in rhythm disorders, uses radiofrequency energy to heat atrial tissue through intravenous lines, the least invasive approach available to cure a-fib, and does not require surgery.

Surgical ablation: The leading surgical treatment for a-fib is "maze" surgery. This includes minimally invasive techniques (mini-maze surgery) and open-heart surgery. A maze-like pattern of small cuts or burns is made on the heart's atrium, isolating cells that produce abnormal electrical signals. Scar tissue eventually forms, repairing the heart's electrical pathway.

Mark Seifert, M.D., a cardiologist specializing in electrophysiology, is on the John C. Lincoln North Mountain Hospital medical staff. 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.

Learn more

You can learn more about a-fib symptoms, diagnosis and treatment at a seminar conducted by Mark Seifert, M.D., FACC, from 6 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 26, at the Cowden Center, 9202 N. 2nd St., on the campus of John C. Lincoln North Mountain Hospital.

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Health Briefs

Kinesphere lauds benefits of yoga

Kinesphere Center for Movement Education announces that February is Yoga Month, featuring several unique events at the studio.

Tami Link for Down Dogs for Paws will present a donation-only class to benefit M.A.I.N. (Medical Animals in Need) on Saturday, Feb. 8. On Wednesdays beginning Feb. 12, Kirsten Kele from Happy Hearts Yoga for Kids hosts a Children's Yoga workshop series.

Friday through Sunday, Feb. 14-16, Master Teacher Hilary Cartwright offers Yoga for Dancers (non-dancers welcome). And Feb. 18-23, Karen Washburn-Ness will lead Gyrokinesis pre-training.

Additionally, there is a second benefit event, a Foam Roller Workshop on Wednesday, Feb. 19 taught by Amisha Klawonn, DPT. Fifty percent of the proceeds from this event will benefit Benji's Buddies Rescue.

To register for any of these February

events, call 602-532-3111, or drop in the studio at 711 E. Missouri Avenue, Suite 180.

Fitness studio adds new medical clinic

Vitality Health and Fitness, 505 E. Camelback Road, recently celebrated 10 years of business by adding to its personal training, health and fitness services in the North Phoenix community.

Vitality HF welcomes the addition of an integrated medical clinic within the 4,000-square-foot facility, taking a complete wellness approach to what it offers to the studio's clients and patients.

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Preparing for the "Mock DUI Crash" demonstration at Washington High School are Drama Club students Issie Ocampo and Carlos Rabago, who pours fake blood on fellow Drama Club student Roxanne Caswell, under the supervision of Connie Sasser, R.N., from St. Luke's Hospital and WHS Drama Club advisor Robert Johnson (photo by Teri Carnicelli).

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Students shown the dangers of DUI

By Teri Carnicelli

The girl lay sprawled on the ground, her pretty white dress covered with blood and one shoe missing. Nearby her boyfriend frantically called 9-1-1. The operator instructed him how to give the girl CPR until help arrived ... but it was already too late for her.

Nearby, piercing screams came from a girl trapped behind the wheel of her vehicle, as her boyfriend fell in and out of consciousness next to her, his face unrecognizable and covered in blood.

This gruesome scene played out before hundreds of students from Washington High School, on their football field, during a special assembly on Jan. 17. The "Mock DUI Crash" between two passenger vehicles was a collaboration of the City of Phoenix Fire and Police Departments, with help of sponsors from the Governor's Office of Highway Safety, Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD), St. Luke's Hospital, and the Maricopa County Medical Examiner's Office.

The smashed cars were provided by Western Towing, and the car crash victims were ably played by students from Washington High's Drama Club, including: Sam Strate as the drunk driver who

ran a red light; Roxanne Caswell as his girlfriend killed in the crash; and Alex Rios as the driver of the car that was hit, who suffered multiple leg and pelvic fractures and had to be extricated with the "jaws of life," by a crew from Phoenix Fire's Ladder 20.

The passenger in Alex's car, who was bloodied and unconscious with head and face injuries because he was only wearing his lap belt, was portrayed by Phoenix Firefighter Curtis Knobbe, because he later was airlifted from the scene by Phoenix Firebird 10—something the public safety officials who organized the event wouldn't have done with a student actor. So Knobbe stepped in to play the role.

Other on-scene public safety responders were Fire Engine 30, Rescue 30, multiple Phoenix Police motorcycle officers, and later, the Coroner's Office van.

This highly dramatic portrayal of the consequences of driving while drunk—including the "dead" passenger being put into a body bag—was played out in an effort to drive home the message that it's not only illegal for students to be drinking at all, but to do so and then get behind the wheel just isn't worth the potential consequences.

"So many people are impacted by one person's choice to drink and drive," explained Phoenix Firefighter Kelly

SCHOOL DAYS



The Kiwanis Club of Sunnyslope honored eight local students during its “Students of the Month” luncheon in December, including (TOP, FROM LEFT) Eric Kennedy, Hiba Wafi, Elizabeth Garcia, Darrick Begay, (BOTTOM, FROM LEFT) Dustin Gorsuch, Leticia Guerrero, Melissa Dominguez and Allison Spencer (photos by Teri Carnicelli).

Liebermann, who emceed the event. “The purpose of all this is to prevent death and injury because of poor choices made by young drivers.”

Editor’s note: To see additional photos from this event, visit www.northcentralnews.net and go to the Schools page.

Kiwanis honor local students

Eight students were honored by the Kiwanis Club of Sunnyslope during its “Student of the Month” luncheon, held Jan. 16 at Sunnyslope High School.

Among those recognized were eighth-graders Eric Kennedy and Hiba Wafi from Royal Palm Middle School. Eric is a member of the National Junior Honor Society, plays basketball and is on Royal Palm’s Academic Excellence List. This future sports announcer was praised for being mature, respectful and gregarious. Hiba is a strong leader in the classroom who helps others and is not afraid to ask questions to better herself. She hopes to someday be a dentist.

From Mountain View School, seventh-grader Elizabeth Garcia and eighth grader Darrick Begay were honored. Elizabeth is a self-motivated and conscientious young woman who goes above and beyond in class and is generous with her time and resources, and is very caring and giving. Darrick comes to class ready to learn and prepared to ask questions. Described as being exceptional in academics across the board, Darrick’s favorite subject is science.

Also recognized were seventh-grader Dustin Gorsuch and eighth-grader Leticia Guerrero of Sunnyslope School. Dustin is a quiet, polite young man who has made his education a top priority. This football player is always ready to lend a hand in

class, enjoys Language Arts and hopes to become a video game designer. Leticia, who is in her first year of English-language learner class, is a tenacious student with a fierce desire to learn. Her favorite subject is biology and she hopes to someday be a rocket scientist.

From Central High, Melissa Dominguez was honored. Melissa, a teacher’s assistant in the school’s counseling center, enjoys Language Arts and hopes to become a video game designer. Leticia, who is in her first year of English-language learner class, is a tenacious student with a fierce desire to learn. Her favorite subject is biology and she hopes to someday be a rocket scientist.

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ing office, is a persistent young woman who is focused on her future. She has volunteered with organizations such as UMOM New Day Centers and the Phoenix Public Library. She has been accepted to Arizona State University and plans to study business or pre-med.

Allison Spencer, a senior at Sunnyslope High School, also was recognized. Allison is an exceptional student who doesn't let the stress of academic pressure keep her from being cheerful and playful with her friends and teachers. This two-time state volleyball champion also is an outstanding athlete. She hopes to attend either the Naval Academy or the Air Force Academy.

The Kiwanis honor outstanding students each month to applaud their academic and leadership successes.

Free workshop on filling out FAFSA

College-bound seniors are faced each year with rising tuition and higher expenses as they pursue their higher edu-

cation dreams. For students and families of all financial situations, completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) remains the most critical first step in applying for any type of financial assistance, yet many students do not complete this important form or turn it in too late, missing out on available aid.

Arizona's College Goal Sunday & Saturday TOO! Financial Literacy Initiative provides students and families with much-needed assistance in navigating the student financial aid process with free, in-person FAFSA workshops.

The FAFSA form is required to apply for all federal financial aid programs and is also required by the state for all state financial aid programs. Additionally, institutions and scholarship donors often require the FAFSA to be completed in order to apply for aid, which is often administered on a first-come, first-served basis to eligible students.

In addition to receiving help in completing the FAFSA at College Goal Sunday & Saturday TOO! events, each student who submits a completed FAFSA at the event will have an opportunity to win one of several \$1,000

scholarships or one of several new Kindle Fire HD e-readers.

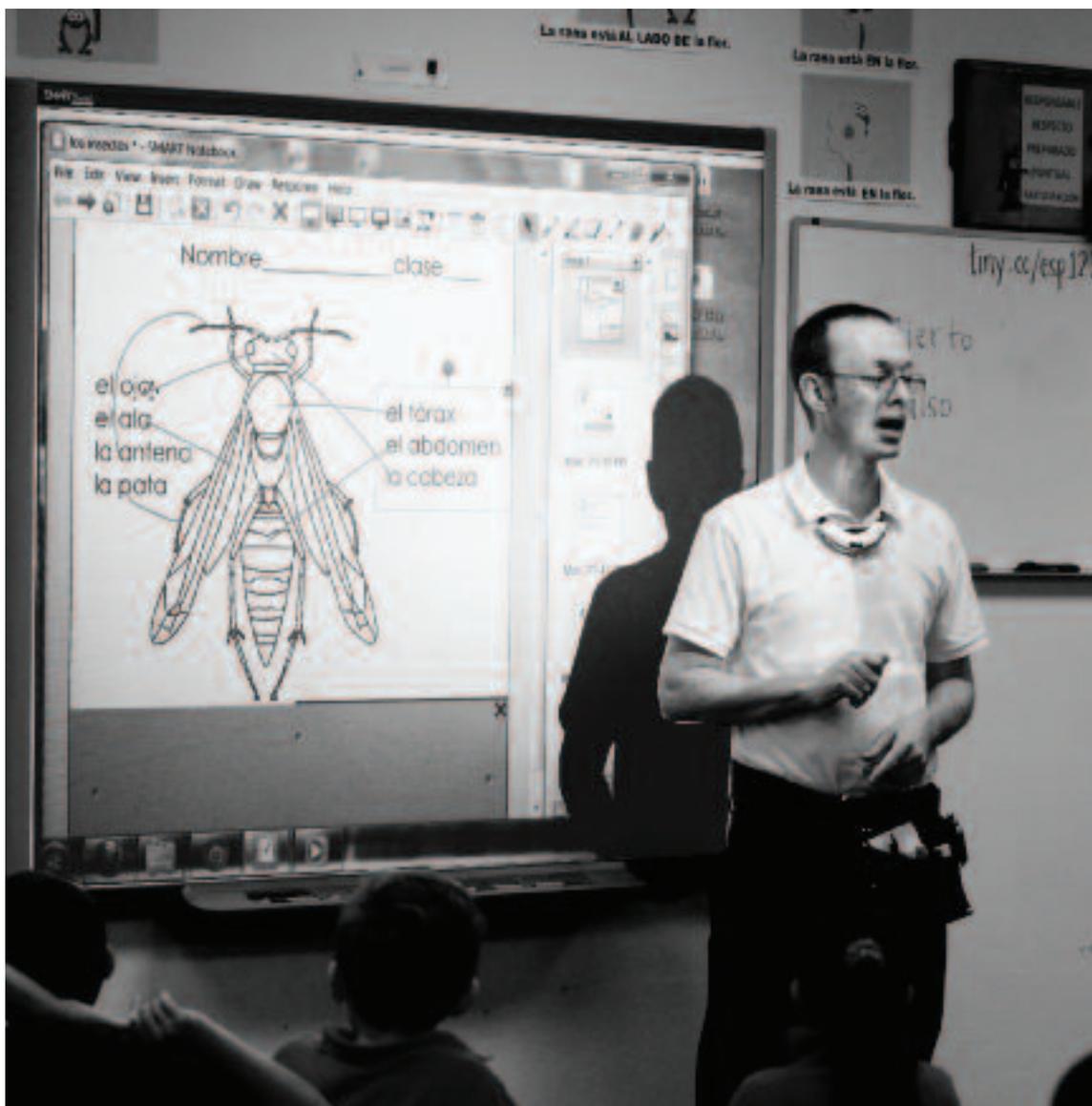
In-person events are scheduled for 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 22 at the following locations: Arizona State University Downtown, NHI2 Nursing Building, 500 N. 3rd St.; Paradise Valley Community College, Computer Commons, 18401 N. 32nd St.; and Phoenix College, Library Computer Commons Lab, 1202 W. Thomas Road.

For a list of what items to bring to the event, visit <http://www.collegegoal.sunday.com>, and under Event Information, select "What to Bring." No pre-registration is necessary.

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lege freshmen. In order to qualify for one of the scholarships, the students must be able to illustrate perseverance in their ongoing education, and also demonstrate their commitment to serving the community. The student also must be a member, or the child or relative of a current member of Desert Schools Federal Credit Union.

High school seniors bound for an accredited two- or four-year Arizona college or university in fall 2014 qualify for the scholarship, provided they have completed at least 50 hours of community service between Jan. 1 and Dec. 31, 2013.

Also available to college freshmen, Desert Schools provides scholarship opportunities to those who graduated high school in spring 2013 and have completed a minimum of 30 hours of community service between Jan. 1 and Dec. 31, 2013.

All scholarship applications must be mailed and postmarked by March 4. For more information or to download an application, visit www.desertschools.org/scholarship or contact Lourdes Sierra at lourdes.sierra@desertschools.org.



Members of the Sunnyslope High School girls volleyball squad celebrate their victory as state champions in Division II (submitted photo).

School Briefs

GLENDALE UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

SHS takes volleyball championship—again

By Phillip Roberts

Aces, kills, and spikes abounded as the Viking volleyball team from Sunnyslope High School captured the 2013 state title.

The tournament finals were held at

Mesquite High School on Nov. 12. The team consisted of seniors Jenny Thompson, Evanne Gilbert, Allison Spencer and Piper Sperduti, along with juniors Kali Romley Cass, Molly Fleury and Felicity Gesina.

Joining them on the court were sophomores Emma Wright, Emily Spencer, Libby Fleury, Katie Oleksak, Sarah Martinez, and Skylar Wine. The team is coached by Amber LeTarte.

“We decided on keeping our game *please see VIKINGS on page 32*

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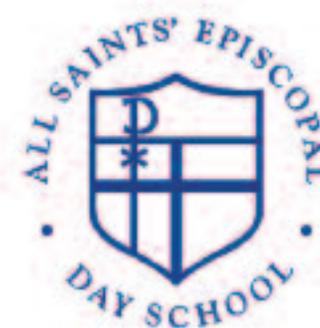
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plan primarily offensive and put as much pressure on the opponents in the first set as we could," LeTarte said. "Offensive game strategies worked for us all year so we didn't want to change now."

The Vikings squad was matched up against Campo Verde High School in the final round. Both Sunnyslope and Campo Verde were undefeated in their rounds at the state tourney.

As a team, the girls were able to end the first set with a 25-23 score, and the second and third sets with 25-12 and 25-8, respectively. Along with winning the state championship title for Division II, the team ranked fourth overall in the entire state.

"This year has been the most exciting and fun season of my career," Thompson said. "I am grateful for being a part of the team for my final year of high school."

The green team had reached the finals after a 16-1 season, boasting 3-0 set shutout games with the only loss being a 2-3 close game.

The players entered the state com-

petition with again all 3-0 set shutout games all the way up to the finals.

"We were able to play the game while staying on target and playing as a team and that resulted in our victory this year," LeTarte said.

This season was a good improvement from last year's season when the team went 11-6 overall and got eliminated in the first round of the state tournament. This year's state championship win was the fifth in six years for the Vikings girls volleyball team, with 2012-13 being the only loss.

Editor's note: Phillip Roberts is co-editor-in-chief of Viking Views, the student newspaper at Sunnyslope High School.

MADISON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Meadows student meets state senator

Madison Meadows fifth-grader Jake Grunewald recently got an invitation to the state capitol thanks to his involvement in a First Lego League group project. Jake is the only student from the Madison School District on the team, and has been involved in the First Lego



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Madison Meadows student Jake Grunewald, fourth from right, and his team meet with Sen. Steve Farley of Tucson at his state capitol office to show him their First Lego League group project, a portable warning light for cars that are caught in dust storms (submitted photo).

League group since this past fall.

His team won its regional competition and went on to compete in the state finals at Arizona State University. The team placed 10th in the Robotics competition for the state and received a trophy for its research on their project.

Each team developed a safety-related invention as part of the competition as well as their entry into the Robotics competition. Jake's team came up with the idea of a triangle-shaped warning light that could be placed on a motorist's car during a dust storm. Team members researched the types of light that could be visible in a dust storm. Jake created the PowerPoint for the project, with some edits from his father. He also credits his computer teacher, John Murphy, for teaching him how to use the software presentation program.

Arizona State Sen. Steve Farley from Tucson saw the team's project at the competition at ASU and asked the team members to come down to meet with him at the capitol, where the students also were given a tour of the senate and the capitol building. Sen. Farley was interested in their project and encouraged them to keep working in the area of dust storms.

Learn more about kindergarten classes

The Madison School District hosts a Kindergarten Roundup 6-7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 6 at all five Madison schools that offer kindergarten: Madison Camelview, Madison Heights, Madison Rose Lane, Madison Simis, and Madison Traditional Academy (MTA).

Tours and information will be pro-

vided and prospective parents can receive information about the enrollment process. No RSVP is required. For more information, call the office of the school you are interested in: Camelview, 602-664-7200; Heights, 602-664-7800; Rose Lane, 602-664-7400; Simis, 602-664-7300; and MTA, 602-745-4000.



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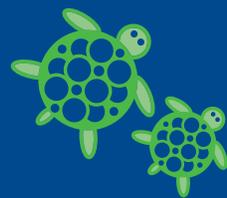
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Tour day set for prospective students

Madison School District presents its annual REACH Shadow Day, Wednesday, Feb. 26.

REACH is the program for highly gifted children at Madison Heights, 7150 N. 22nd St., and Madison No. 1, 5525 N. 16th St. Prospective students shadow an existing student while parents receive tours and other information.

RSVP required. Call Rosalinda Cruz-Flores at 602-664-7934 or e-mail her at rcruz-flores@msd38.org.

PHOENIX UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT Two honored in video contest

Two students from Metro Tech High School were finalists of My Message, a Valley-wide contest to create a 25-second video public service announcement (PSA) that encourages teens to avoid behaviors that can lead to criminal activity.

A panel of judges selected five finalists, including Angie Ibanez and Daniel Omar Gomez, out of 130 entries; the



Maricopa County Attorney Bill Montgomery presents a certificate to Metro Tech High School student Angie Ibanez, who was a top-five finalist (along with Daniel Omar Gomez, pictured below) in the Fall 2013 My Message video contest (submitted photos).

finalists each received a \$500 gift card. The Fall 2013 winners were announced on Dec. 18. This is the second year in a row that Metro Tech had two students among the top-five finalists.

The twice-yearly competition is open to all Maricopa County residents 13 to 18 years of age. Eligible topics include illegal drug use, underage drinking, prescription drug abuse, bullying, and truancy. Winning entries are available for viewing at www.SafeTeensAZ.org/events.



Daniel Omar Gomez

Central teens win Rotary awards

Central High School students Clarissa Duran, Esperanza Loya, Kristalyn Mitchell, Boweh Momoh, Carmen Moreno, and Betsy Rodriguez have won Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA).

The students attended the RYLA Conference in Prescott Jan.17-20, where they honed their leadership skills. Topics explored at the conference include: Fundamentals of Leadership; Ethics and Leadership; Communication Skills in Effective Leadership; Problem-Solving and Conflict Management; Building Self Confidence and Self-Esteem; and Elements of Community and Global Citizenship.

Their all-expenses-paid participation was sponsored by Phoenix Rotary 100, the club that sponsors Central High's Interact Club.

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International teachers visit PUHSD schools

Phoenix Union will partner with the ASU International Leaders in Education Program again this spring semester, bringing in 16 international teachers to work with host teachers at five campuses.

In the North Central community, Metro Tech will have seven teachers, North High will welcome four, and Central High will host one. The teachers are from Bangladesh, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Kenya, Malaysia, Philippines and Tanzania.

The teachers will intern for 80-90 hours with their host teachers in the classroom. The international teachers met their host teachers and attended an orientation and cultural workshop on Jan. 24.

Robotics teams meet at Central

Central High hosted the FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) Robotics Kickoff event, Jan. 3-4, for 50 high school robotics teams and some 700 students.

The teams were involved in workshops and also watched—along with 70,000 high-school students around the world—a webcast from FIRST headquarters in New Hampshire, introducing this year's task and regulations. Once the students were briefed, they picked up their parts kit, and began the six-week construction of their robots.

This year's challenge, Aerial Assist, is played by two Alliances of three teams each. Alliances compete by trying to score as many balls in goals as possible during a two and a half minute match. Robots work together to score goals, and throwing and catching balls over a truss suspended 5 feet above the floor.

"This is more than a game," said John M. Grusfeld of NASA. "This experience highlights what you will do in your career. Experience in this competition is similar in many ways to how we design, build and test NASA robots."

IB students meet with Albright

Former U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright met with North High International Baccalaureate (IB) juniors to discuss the importance of international diplomacy and respond to their questions during a visit to Phoenix Jan. 10.

This event was held in conjunction with an exhibit at the Phoenix Art Museum of her collection of pins, often worn to send subtle diplomatic signals in the course of her work.

North High was one of a select group of schools invited to identify a total of 50 students to participate in an hour-long program with Albright in the museum's Whiteman Lecture Hall. IB student Yohan Sivakumar shared the stage with Albright and after participating in a question-and-answer session, presented her with a silver Mustang pin to add to her collection.

WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT Two teachers earn board certification

Two teachers from Mountain View School, 801 W. Peoria Ave., were among five teachers in the Washington Elementary School District to earn National Board Certification (NBC), an advanced teaching credential that is the highest level of distinction a classroom teacher can achieve.

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Kristin Roberts, eighth grade Language Arts teacher, and Jessica Looper, sixth grade Language Arts teacher, received their certifications in Early Adolescence English Language Arts

These teachers were among 122 in Arizona to receive certification this year and among more than 4,000 teachers nationwide. Arizona is ranked 12th in the nation in the number of teachers who received certification in 2013.

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teachers demonstrate their knowledge and skills through a year-long series of performance-based assessments, including a portfolio of lessons and samples of student work, videotapes, and rigorous analysis of their classroom teaching. Teachers also complete a formal written evaluation that probes the depth of their teaching knowledge.

Register now for free kindergarten

Registration for free, full-day kindergarten for the 2014-15 school year in the Washington Elementary School District begins Feb. 3 and continues through the summer.

Parents and guardians are invited to register their kindergartner at the WESD Welcome and Registration Center, located just west of Cholla Middle School at 3200 W. Cholla St. Free, full-day kindergarten will be held at all 27 elementary and K-8 schools in the Washington District.

Children must be 5 years old before Sept. 1, 2014 to be registered for kindergarten. Parents should remember to bring with them: A certified copy of the

child's birth certificate; immunization records; proof of residence (e.g. lease agreement, recent utility bill); and legal papers regarding custody, if applicable.

The Welcome and Registration Center is open Monday through Friday from 7:15 a.m.-4:30 p.m. On Wednesdays, the center is closed from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Call 602-896-6950 for more information.

PRIVATE AND CHARTER SCHOOLS
Primary students get digging in the dirt

Midtown Primary's third and fourth graders went on an overnight science field trip to the Desert Outdoor Center (DOC) at Lake Pleasant in early January. They had classes on ecosystems and desert survival, went on nature hikes, became Dinosaur Detectives, and played Desert Jeopardy. During their Aquatic Life class they used microscopes to examine lake water to search out and identify creatures they had no idea were there. The enthusiastic group was amazed and readily shared each other's finds. The rangers are very animated in their teaching approach; it is very hands-on. Students who took the overnight trip unanimously agreed that it is "an amazing place to go to learn stuff," and a "really good science field trip."

Jordan accepted into national scholars group

North Central resident Emily Jordan, a senior at Xavier College Preparatory, has been selected to become a member of the National Society of High School Scholars (NSHSS). The society recognizes top scholars who have demonstrated outstanding leadership, scholarship, and community commitment.



Emily Jordan

Membership in NSHSS entitles qualified students to enjoy a wide variety of benefits, including scholarship opportunities, academic competitions, free events, members-only resources, publications, participation in programs offered by educational partners, and more. For more information about the society, visit www.nshss.org.

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Recently honored with Catholic Community Foundation Christian Service Awards are St. Francis Xavier students, from left, Patrick Schramm, Maddie Reinhart, Allison Scardello, Tatiana Rosales and Alex Fessler (submitted photo).

Awards given for 'Christian Service'

St. Francis Xavier School eighth grade students Alex Fessler, Allison Scardello, Maddie Reinhart, Patrick Schramm and Tatiana Rosales recently were awarded the Catholic Community Foundation Christian Service Award.

The CCF Christian Service Awards recognize practicing Catholic eighth grade students who demonstrate Christ-centered behavior through volunteer service to parish, school, and community. These prestigious awards are accompanied by an \$8,000 grant to the Catholic High School the student will attend.

ASA students talk shop with Albright

Former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright visited the Phoenix Art Museum on Jan. 10 for a book signing and special tour of her "Read My Pins" exhibit. Arizona School for the Arts (ASA) was invited to select 50 students to attend the special assembly and prepare questions for Albright.

The ASA String Quartet opened the one-hour program, during which the six-student panel offered questions ranging from Albright's experience as the first woman U.S. Secretary of State to her thoughts on the handling of the attack on the U.S. Consulate in Benghazi, Libya.

The experience was a once-in-a-lifetime event, bringing ASA students in direct contact with one of the most influential women in history. At the conclusion of the program, Albright commented that the caliber of ques-

tions and student engagement was the finest she had seen in a long time.

Xavier College Prep hosts Mock Trial tournament

Xavier College Preparatory's Elias M. Romley Xavier Mock Trial Team will host its 9th Annual Xavier Classic

Invitational on Saturday, Feb. 15. The Mock Trial tournament will take place from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Xavier's campus, 4710 N. 5th St.

The competition will draw more than 20 mock trial teams from high schools across the state to scrimmage in

preparation for Arizona's Regional and State Mock Trial championships in March. Maricopa County judges and attorneys will judge each of the competition's two rounds.

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Receive continuing support and information at Duet's bimonthly Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Support Group. The next group is scheduled for 9-11 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 27, also at the Church of the Beatitudes. Attendance is free. Call 602-274-5022 for more information.

Kids & Families

Babies get a free splash in the pool

Hubbard Family Swim School, 13832 N. 32nd St., Suite 100, offers free "baby splash" swim classes every day of the week for babies 8 weeks to 5 months of age.

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Advanced registration is required. Call 602-971-4044 or go to: www.hubbardswim.com.

Event set for kids who are grieving

Stepping Stones of Hope presents a "One Day at Camp" for kids, teens and adults from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, March 8, at First United Methodist Church, 5510 N. Central Ave.

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teenager after they experience the death of a loved one? There is a need to talk about the good times and memories, as well as the pain. In a fun-filled and supportive environment, youth and their families learn they are not alone and realize the thoughts and feelings they may be experiencing are normal.

Registration fee is \$20 per participant; partial scholarships are available. Register online at www.steppingstonesofhope.org. For more information, call 602-264-7520.

Valentine's camp offers night out for children

The Arizona Sunrays Gymnastics Center, 3110 E. Thunderbird Road, will host a fun Valentine-themed Kids' Night Out for ages 3 to 13 on Saturday, Feb. 15. Children will enjoy cookie decorating and an evening of gymnastics, organized games, sports, jumping in a bounce house and on trampolines, and then wind down by watching a movie.

Kids' Night Out is from 6 to 10 p.m. Cost is \$25 per child with a \$5 off sibling discount. Pizza, snacks and drinks are included. The additional sleepover option is for ages 5 to 13. Pick-up is at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday and breakfast will be served. Cost for the Kids' Night Out and sleepover is \$45 per child; \$40 for additional siblings.

Advanced registration is required. There is a \$5 fee for same-day registration. Call 602-0992-5790 or register online at www.arizonasunrays.com.

Grant targets youth domestic violence

The Governor's Office has awarded the city of Phoenix Human Services Department a \$122,000 grant to enhance its Phoenix Teen Violence Prevention (PTVP) program.

The Juvenile Accountability Block Grant will be used to provide domestic/dating violence education through community-based programs and in high schools. The grant runs through Dec. 31 and will provide funds for the instruction of an evidence-based curriculum that is in line with common core standards.

For more information about the Human Services Department, visit phoenix.gov/humanservices or call 602-262-6666.



ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Film festival has short turn-around

The Almost Famous Film Festival (A3F) is launching its 10th-annual 48 Hour Short Film Challenge Feb. 14-16. This event is open to all ages and abilities and anyone who wants to create a 1-5 minute film in just two days or 48 hours.

Teams come together on Friday, Feb. 14 for a kick-off party from 5:30-7 p.m. at Majerle's Lounge in downtown Phoenix, 24 N. 2nd St. The guidelines, a theme, prop and line of dialogue are announced at 7 p.m. sharp.

Teams then have two days or 48 hours to write a script, find locations, gather their cast and crew. The films are due by 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 16 with the drop-off location back at Majerle's.

Winning films will be screened 7-9 p.m. Feb. 27 at the AMC Arizona Center. Tickets are \$10 and are available on the A3F website, www.thea3f.net.

A & E Briefs

'Tribes'

Through Feb. 16
Phoenix Theatre
100 E. McDowell Road
602-254-2151

At the play's center is Billy, a young man born deaf to a hearing family. In an effort to protect him, Billy's parents have raised him without any knowledge of sign language. It isn't until he meets Sylvia that Billy understands the extended family he has within the Deaf community. Tickets are \$30-\$60 plus fees. Visit www.phoenixtheatre.com.

'RESPECT: A Musical Journey of Women'

Feb. 5-March 2
Herberger Theater
222 E. Monroe
602-256-6995

A funny, exuberant look at the lives of women as told through 50 of your favorite Top-40 songs of the last 100 years. Tickets are \$53-\$61 plus fees. Visit www.herbergertheater.org.

'Color, Color, Color' Exhibit Receptions

6-9 p.m. Fridays, Feb. 7 & March 7
Olney Gallery,
Trinity Cathedral
100 W. Roosevelt St.

Experience the art of North Central resident Sarah Kriehn and Valley artists Christopher Jagmin and Kaori Takamura as they use color to explore the depths of their respective media. The exhibit continues through March 27. Gallery hours are 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday through Friday. The receptions are free and open to the public.

'Other Desert Cities'

Arizona Theatre Company
Feb. 13-March 2
Herberger Theater
222 E. Monroe
602-256-6995

Meet the Wyeths, a seemingly perfect family replete with wealth, political influence and A-list connections "living the dream" in Palm Springs. Then their daughter Brooke arrives home for the holidays to reveal the impending publication of her "tell-all" memoir. Tickets are \$36 to \$67 plus fees. Visit www.arizonatheatre.org.

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'The Norwegians'

Feb. 14-March 1
Space 55 Theater
636 E. Pierce St.
www.space55.org

A black comedy about how not to get over that special person. It's about hitmen, Gus and Tor, but they're really, really nice guys. They're Norwegians, from Minnesota. It's also about Olive and Betty, two women who haven't gotten over their bad break-ups. Show times are 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, with one Thursday performance on Feb. 20. Tickets are \$15 general admission, available in advance or at the door.

'Sweet Dreams'

Documentary
1:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 16
Third Street Theater,
Phoenix Center for the Arts
1202 N. 3rd St.
www.nofestivalrequired.com

Rwanda's first and only all women's drumming troupe is called Ingoma Nshya. When the group decides to partner with two young American entrepre-

neurs and open Rwanda's first-ever ice cream shop, these remarkable Rwandan women embark on a journey of independence, peace and possibility. Doors open at 1 p.m. Tickets are \$7 at the door.

'Recapturing Youth' Concert

MusicaNova Orchestra
4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 16
Central United Methodist Church
1875 N. Central Ave.

Featuring one of Arizona's most exciting young pianists, 17-year-old Eric Lin. He joins the accomplished musicians of the orchestra for a program of delightful compositions including: Dmitri Kabalevsky's Piano Concerto No. 3, Op. 50 Youth; Sir Edward Elgar's "Wand of Youth Suite No.1"; and Alexander Borodin's charming 2nd Symphony. Tickets are \$20 for adults/\$15 for seniors and students and are on sale at www.musicanovaaz.com.

'Once Upon A Mattress'

Christian Youth Theater-Phoenix
Nov. Feb. 21-March 2
Phoenix Center for the Arts
1202 N. 3rd St.
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If you thought you knew the story of "The Princess and The Pea," you may be in for a surprise. Did you know, for example, that Princess Winifred really swam the moat to reach Prince Dauntless the Drab? Or that it actually wasn't the pea at all that caused the princess a sleepless night? Tickets are \$16 for adults, \$12.50 for children age 12 and younger, and for seniors age 65 and older. Advance online tickets are \$15. Visit www.cytphoenix.org.

Indian Fair & Market

March 1-2
Heard Museum
2301 N. Central Ave.

Featuring more than 600 of the nation's finest American Indian artists will exhibit and sell their work, from textiles and jewelry to paintings and pottery. Hours are 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$20 for adults age 17 and older, \$15 for Heard Museum members. Free for ages 16 and younger. Tickets are available at the museum admissions desk or online. Available in person only will be \$10 tickets for students, active and retired military, and American Indians, all with ID. Visit www.heard.org/events/festivalsevents.html.

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Michelle and David Rosenbaum enjoy Sunday brunch with their 1-year-old Whippet, Sophie, on the patio of Spoke & Wheel Tavern in Sunnyslope (photo by Teri Carnicelli).

Café Chat
Dine with Fido at dog-friendly patios
By Patty Talahongva

Yappy Hour is alive and well in north central Phoenix. Yes, you can take your dog along when you dine out at certain restaurants. It's the perfect time of year to enjoy dining alfresco with Fido.

To make it a happy experience, Phoenix resident Jodie Snyder has written a book about dining out with dogs and she offers a few tips, because not everyone shares a love of dogs.

Snyder advises that you feed your dog before you head out to dine. A full dog is less likely to want to sniff around other guests' plates of food. Also bring treats for your dog to reward them for good behavior at the restaurant.

Some restaurants have dog treats on the menu or hand them out free but most only offer water dishes. Don't forget to bring waste bags, just in case. You can find more hints at her website: www.happydogphoenix.com.

Bottom line, you know your dog the best. If your pet is hyper and never stops begging at your table at home, it's probably best not to bring that dog into a atmosphere filled with temptation.

Maricopa County health regulations say dogs must be on a leash. Dogs also can't sit on your lap or on a chair. Wait staff are not allowed to pet animals, so refrain from trying to share you pet with your server.

Following is a list of restaurants from A to Z in the area that have dog-friendly patios. So if you have puppy love, con-

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1615 E. Camelback Rd., Suite 102
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No limit on the size of dog. They are welcome all hours of operation. No dog treats and you must bring your own water dish. You can enter the patio through a side gate.

Aunt Chilada's
7330 N. Dreamy Draw Dr.
602-944-1286
www.auntchiladas.com

Any size dog up to 200 pounds welcome on the Bocce Beach Patio. No treats available, water dishes provided. There is even a "depository" bin for when you clean up after your dog.

Bink's Midtown
2320 E. Osborn Rd.
602-388-4874
www.binksmidtown.com

A flat-iron steak cooked to order is available for your pooch at just \$8 or you can bring your own treats. All size dogs are welcome during all hours of operation on two patios with direct access from the parking lot. Water dishes are provided.

Duck and Decanter
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602-274-5429
www.duckanddecanter.com

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5210 N. Central Ave.
602-795-2520
www.federalpizzaphx.com

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Garage Wine and Tap
1534 E. Bethany Home Rd.
602-265-4125
www.garagewinetap.com

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Hula's Modern Tiki
4700 N. Central Ave.
602-265-8454
www.hulasmoderntiki.com

All well-behaved dogs are allowed during all hours of operation. Hula's offers free dog treats and water. There is direct access from the street to the patio.

Joyride Taco House
5202 N. Central Ave.
602-274-8226
www.joyridetacohouse.com

All dogs are allowed during all hours of operation. No doggie treats but water is provided.

Los Dos Molinos
1044 E. Camelback Rd.
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www.losdosmolinosphoenix.com

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Mary Coyle
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No size limit on the dog but the patio is most conducive to dogs 20 pounds or less. They are welcome all hours of operation. No treats but water is provided. There is direct access to the patio.

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Spoke & Wheel Tavern
8525 N. Central Ave.
602-870-8843

www.spokeandwheeltavern.com

No size limit on dogs. They are welcome during all hours of operation. Doggy biscuits sell for \$2.50 apiece. Bowls of water upon request. The patio is large and there's ample space around the tables.

Ticoz
5114 N. 7th St.
602-200-0160

www.ticozaz.com

Dogs up to 50 pounds are welcome during all hours of operation. No dog treats available but water is provided upon request. There is an entrance from the street and an enclosed patio.

Timo Wine Bar
8801 N. Central Ave., #104
602-354-3846

www.timocentral.com

No size limit on dogs, which are welcome during all hours of operation. No doggy treats but bowls of water are available upon request. There is a direct entrance from the parking lot to the patio.

Windsor
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All dogs are allowed on the patios during all hours of operation. No dog treats available but water and a bowl are provided upon request.

Zinburger Wine & Burger Bar
2502 E. Camelback Rd.
602-424-9500

All dogs are allowed on the patios during all hours of operation. No dog treats available but water and a bowl are provided upon request.

For a complete list of dog-friendly patios, access this article online at www.northcentralnews.net.

Dining Briefs

Coup Des Tartes gets reprieve

Coup Des Tartes got some good news at the start of the new year. The French-style eatery at 4626 N. 16th St. has been allowed to remain open for business by the new property owners until just before the restaurant's new location opens sometime in early April.

Initially owner Ron Pacioni was told he'd have to vacate the 1932 farmhouse he's operated out of for more than 17 years by January of this year. And while he had already purchased a building, the new site needs a lot of work and construction, leaving a large gap of down time between the closing of one and the opening of the other.

The Van Tuyle Group, which plans to demolish the farmhouse and ancillary buildings and put in a parking lot for a nearby car dealership, has allowed Pacioni to extend his lease at the current location until Coup Des Tartes can make the move to the new site.

Coup Des Tartes is still open for

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dinner service 5-9:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. However, it has temporarily suspended its lunch service, which will resume after the move.

Coup Des Tartes held its official groundbreaking on Jan. 28 at the new location at 1725 E. Osborn Road. To learn more about the restaurant's new digs, visit www.northcentralnews.net and type in "Coup Des Tartes" in the search window.

New Italian restaurant opens

Villa Italia Ristoranti recently opened in the spot vacated by Spinato's, located at 1219 E. Glendale Ave. The

Pizzuro family has been in business for more than 30 years and happily offers its family recipes for the public's enjoyment.

Open for lunch and dinner, Villa Italia use only homemade sauce, homemade mozzarella cheese, homemade dough, homemade bread and only the finest ingredients and fresh herbs. In addition, its steak and fish selections use only fresh meat, never frozen,

On a recent trip to Italy, owner Peter Pizzuro visited some of the country's famous restaurants, including Osteria and Trattoria. "It was like reconnecting to our traditional culinary art," he said. "We would like to give you a light taste of Italy."

Villa Italia is open for dine-in, take-out, and delivery in the local area. Hours

are 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and closed on Sundays.

Follow them on Facebook for information on the official Grand Opening with dinner specials, coming soon. For more information, call 602-753-7386 or visit <http://villaitaliaristoranti.com>.

Thirteenorth changes menu for anniversary

In honor of Thirteenorth's three-year anniversary, the neighborhood eatery has introduced several new menu items and a new menu design.

The revamped menu is as pleasing to the eye as it is to the palate, featuring new specialty burgers made with half-pound certified angus beef; build-

it-your-way mac & cheese; southwestern meatloaf; flat iron steak; and a spicy Asian chicken bowl.

Beer, wine and appetizer specials are available seven days a week during happy hour. And on the 13th day of every month, there are even more food and drink specials.

Thirteenorth, located at 1301 E. Northern Ave., is a locally owned restaurant that caters to the casual neighborhood diner. It is open seven days a week for lunch and dinner, and has a full bar with a healthy selection of fine wines, craft beers and spirits.

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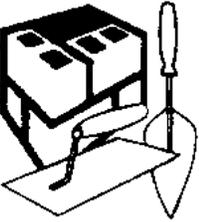
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