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Fun finds for Father's Day

By Teri Carnicelli

On July 19, 1910, the governor of the U.S. state of Washington proclaimed the nation's first "Father's Day." However, it was not until 1972—58 years after President Woodrow Wilson made Mother's Day official—that the day became a nationwide holiday in the United States, thanks to President Richard Nixon.

According to The History Channel (www.history.com), the campaign to celebrate the nation's fathers did not meet with the same enthusiasm—perhaps because, as one florist explained, "fathers haven't the same sentimental appeal that mothers have."

And yet, today economists estimate that Americans spend more than \$1 billion each year on Father's Day gifts. Still, there's no question that men can be a little more difficult to shop for than women. And finding something fun, unique, different, cool ... or just plain "perfect" can be quite the challenge.

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Walmart Neighborhood Market employees, including Hanaa Qiryaquos (left) and Salwin Korkies, stock the shelves in the hair care/beauty section in advance of the store's grand opening in Sunnyslope, set for June 11 (photo by Teri Carnicelli).

Walmart to open June 11 in long-vacant space

By Teri Carnicelli

A long-vacant large retail space in the shopping center at Central and Dunlap avenues will finally be filled and opened for business come June 11, much to the relief of many residents in the adjacent Village Center neighborhood.

That's because the store will be filled with a brand-new Walmart Neighborhood Market, returning a local grocery store to a community that serves a mix of socioeconomic and ethnic backgrounds, as well as many who don't own transportation.

In March 2010, long-time tenant Food City shut its doors, to the shock of many in the community. It was operated by Chandler-based Bashas', at the time the 15th-largest privately held supermarket chain in the nation, which in July 2009 filed for Chapter 11 reorganization in U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Phoenix.

The space has been vacant until now, and the shopping center itself changed ownership just after the Food City closure. The current owner is Whitestone Reit, which acquired the property just after the company went public in August 2010. Along with the new owners came a new name, from Village Center to Marketplace at Central—and a facelift, with new paint, landscaping and other architectural features.

It's been a struggle in a down economy to fill the

smaller retail spaces, let alone a large anchor tenant. But the Walmart Market plans were announced in September 2013 and there has been a high level of anticipation in the community ever since.

Demolition on the interior and construction of the new store, done by Sletten Companies, began in mid-December and wrapped up in early May.

Scheduled to open at 7:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 11, the approximately 44,000-square-foot store, located at 115 E. Dunlap Ave., will include a full line of groceries and an assortment of general merchandise, as well as a full pharmacy. The store will be open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, but the pharmacy will maintain regular hours.

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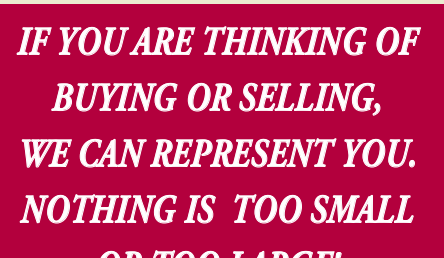
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Local teen receives \$25,000 award

North Central teen Max Ashton, a graduating senior at Brophy College Preparatory, recently received \$25,000 as a national winner of the 2014 AXA Achievement Scholarship in association with U.S. News & World Report.

Ashton is one of 52 students—one from each state, plus Washington, D.C., and Puerto Rico—who have been awarded scholarships of \$10,000. Of those 52 students, 10, including Ashton, were chosen to receive an additional \$15,000 scholarship award.

All of the recipients are students who demonstrated ambition and drive, determination to set and reach goals and the ability to succeed in college.

“Max, who is blind, has taken on amazing feats that have tested his mind, body and spirit—such as climbing Mount Kilimanjaro and swimming to Alcatraz—all in the name of raising more than \$250,000 for the Foundation for Blind Children (FBC),” said Philip Kim, retirement benefits director at AXA Advisors Southwest and office champion of the scholarship program.

When he was just 14, Ashton participated in a grueling 15-hour rim-to-rim hike at the Grand Canyon. It took him and his team a little more than 15 hours to complete. That hike, held in October 2010, helped raise more than \$40,000 to fund the FBC’s summer



Celebrating being named national winners of the 2014 AXA Achievement Scholarships are, from left: Miruthula Jegadesan of Corona del Sol High School in Tempe; Cindy Le of Hamilton High School in Chandler; Max Ashton of Brophy College Preparatory; and Whitney Smith of Notre Dame Preparatory High School in Scottsdale, along with Philip Kim and Dillan Micus of AXA Advisors Southwest (submitted photo).

recreation program.

“Some of the challenges he has faced include altitude sickness, subzero temperatures, fatigue and doubt. But it was all worth it to help so many children through the Foundation,” Kim added.

Marc Ashton, Max’s father, is CEO of the Foundation for Blind Children, based in North Central Phoenix at 12th Street and Northern Avenue.

“Confidence comes from success. Success comes from trying. The will to try comes from within. I am redefining standards,” says Ashton, for both himself and other youth who struggle with visual impairments.

Ashton and his fellow honorees—known as AXA Achievers—are featured online at the *U.S. News & World Report* website. AXA also presents a video highlighting their inspiring personal stories at <https://us.axa.com/axa-foundation/thank-you.html>.

College district taxes likely to rise in July

The Maricopa Community Colleges (MCC) Governing Board at its May 27 meeting was expected to vote to raise property taxes within the limit permitted in the state constitu-

tion and statute (A.R.S §15-1461.01).

The district is the state’s single-largest provider of higher education and job training. It also is the largest transfer partner with Arizona State University.

About 60 percent of the district’s operational budget is generated by property taxes. This increase will result in taxes of \$128.24 on a \$100,000 home as compared to \$125.73 per year if the district did not maximize its levy, a difference of \$2.51. The proposed 2-percent increase would produce an estimated \$8,413,469 in revenues.

District officials say the additional revenues are needed to support a projected student enrollment of more than 260,000 at the 10 Maricopa Community Colleges and two skill centers. Priority needs include updating and/or replacing district-wide student information, accounting and budgeting systems, address employee benefits and compensation and continue planned student services improvement projects.

The district has committed to increase the number of students completing associate degrees, certificates and/or successful transfer to one of Arizona’s public or private universities by 50 percent by 2020. With the tax increase, the district anticipates spending a portion of the additional proceeds on initiatives designed to help students stay in college and be more successful.

The tax increase would take effect on July 1.

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According to Walmart store manager T.J. Arthur, the 24-hour schedule was decided on after looking at surrounding businesses and realizing nothing else was open late hours. Given that the store is right across the street from a major employer that also is open 24 hours a day—John C. Lincoln North Mountain Hospital—it made sense to be a 24-hour-a-day store to serve employees and visitors who may be arriving and leaving at off hours, Arthur explains.

As part of Walmart’s mission to provide healthier food options to its customers, the store will feature a good-sized organic produce section, as well as several shelves of gluten-free packaged items, Arthur says.

The store also will have a full-sized liquor department, however, no liquor sales will occur between the hours of 2 and 6 a.m.

Walmart Market will employ approximately 100 people, many of whom live in the Sunnyslope community. Arthur says no more than a dozen store-to-store transfers of employees were accepted, and those were employees from the Chris-town Spectrum Mall store who live closer to the Sunnyslope store. The rest were all new hires.

As part of the opening day, several vendors will be on hand giving out free samples and there will be other free opening day festivities. If you decide to line up early, grab a pastry and a cup of coffee from the nearby Karl’s Bakery to munch on while you wait—Karl’s opens at 5:30 a.m.

Tee up when the sun goes down

The Phoenix Parks and Recreation Department offers golfers a unique way to escape the daytime heat this summer with night golf at the city’s Palo Verde 9-hole course, 6215 N. 15th Ave.

Night golf costs \$100/foursome. Each event will be run in a tournament format as a four-person scramble and include fun prizes and a goodie bag for each player. Pre-registration is required by calling 602-249-9930 or by visiting the Palo Verde Golf Course. The schedule is as follows: 7 p.m. June 21, July 12 and Aug. 1.

For more information or reservations, visit phoenix.gov/golf.

Special celebration for pool reopening

Councilwoman Thelda Williams will preside over a grand re-opening celebration 6 to 8 p.m. June 6 for the rebuilt and improved Cortez Pool, 3434 W. Dunlap Ave. The pool reopened for the season with other city pools on May 24.

The pool had been closed for the past five seasons due to structural damage. In the past year, crews: rebuilt the entire main pool; constructed a separate shaded kiddy pool with zero-depth entry, play equipment and water jets; and built an entry pool for two new water slides. Additional improvements include shade throughout the pool area, a new turf area and new LED lighting.

Schedules and registration are available online at www.phoenix.gov/parks/pools.

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Luxury living comes to Highland Avenue

By Patty Talahongva

In the first week of May the construction fence went up and building started on what will be known as “Elevation Central,” a 266-unit, multi-family complex. Bruce Hart, an executive team member with Vedula Residential Operating LLC, says the development company plans to open in 15 months and all the construction is expected to be completed in 18 months.

Located on 3.4 acres at the southwest corner of Central and Highland avenues, just south of Camelback Road, it will face Central Avenue and lie directly west across Central Avenue from Brophy College Preparatory school.

“It incorporates some of the Brophy architecture across the street,” says Hart. “We wanted an exciting entry,” he adds. So a two-story storefront glass widow will showcase the entry and “provide great views into the lobby, fitness center and leasing office,” he explains.

For rent will be a range from studios to two-bedroom, two-bath units; rents



A 266-unit multi-family complex is underway on a long-vacant parcel on the southwest corner of Central and Highland avenues (submitted rendering).

will range from \$850 to \$1,500 a month.

The property is located between two light rail stops for easy access to downtown Phoenix, sporting events and jobs, a great benefit for tenants, Hart points out. It's also just south of the shopping center which houses Hula's Modern Tiki and Swirl, as well as other retail stores.

“Riding by on the light rail, you'll see the energy,” Hart says. What you won't see is the six-story parking garage. “It's what we call a wrap,” he explains. Residents will enter off of Highland or Coolidge and drive to the level where they live. The garage will have climate-

controlled corridors for folks to walk to and from their parking spot. Street level parking also will be available.

Future residents can choose from three finishes. Each unit will have granite counter tops, vinyl wood plank floors and stainless steel appliances. There also will be on-site recycling. Amenities include a fitness center, swimming pool deck, an outdoor fireplace and gas grills for barbecuing. The rooftop deck faces south and will have a negative edge fountain.

“We'll have green building components,” Hart says, which include low-flow plumbing, Energy Star appli-

ances, Low-E windows and the use of Low-C paints.

This property sat vacant for a number of years and until recently was used by Brophy students and the adjacent shopping center for overflow parking.

Vedula purchased the property from Sunbelt Holdings Inc. for an undisclosed price; Sunbelt paid \$2.9 million for the site in 2010. It was previously zoned for high-rise development.

Vedula first submitted its development plans to the city in August 2012 and received final approval from the Phoenix City Council in April 2013.

‘Fence Patrol’ program returns for summer

Fulton Homes, for the 12th consecutive year, launched its popular Fence Patrol program in April, which gives away one pool fence a week to families in need through August. The public is encouraged to nominate someone they know that needs a pool fence by visiting KMLE1079.com and clicking on the Fence Patrol icon.

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Neighborhood fights upscale apartments

By Teri Carnicelli

A newly formed neighborhood association just east of State Route 51 and north of Indian School Road has filed enough petitions to force a super-majority vote of the City Council on a controversial rezoning request in the area.

At issue is a compilation of five adjoining properties being acquired by a developer in order to build a four-story upscale apartment complex there. Currently the properties include an auto repair shop, vehicle storage facility, commercial offices and an aging mobile home community serving primarily low-income Hispanic families.

The property is bounded by Devonshire Avenue on the north, 19th Street on the west, 20th Street on the east and Indian School Road to the south. The request being made by Trinsic Residential Group is to change the zoning from R-3 (mobile home park), C-2 (intermediate commercial) and C-3 (general commercial) to R-4A to allow for construction of the apartment complex.

The proposed structure includes a variety of units, including two-story carriage houses along the outer edges to act as a buffer to the neighborhoods to the west and north, and one- to three-bedroom units in the four-story main complex in the middle of the property.

The developers are anxious to see the zoning request approved as three of the properties are sitting in escrow, awaiting the outcome of the rezoning request. However, residents in the adjacent Peters View neighborhood had asked for more time to work with the developers to ensure the project is in better keeping with the character and feel of the older, established community.

A large contingent of neighbors, including residents of the mobile home park, turned out for the Camelback East Village Planning Committee meeting on May 3 to oppose the zoning change and ask for more time. However, the developer's attorney, Michael Curley, said that while he would be happy to sit down with neighbors to continue to discuss their concerns, a delay would jeopardize the complicated acquisition process for these multiple parcels.

Residents said this large, modern-looking structure would stick out like a sore thumb. "It has been described as having the look and feel of a fortress, or a college dormitory, or a warehouse," said Lee Busenbark, a homeowner in the Peters View neighborhood. "Proposing such an edifice does not foster a sense of community, does not improve our quality of life and does not create character or distinctiveness."

The Peters View neighborhood is marked by single-story homes built in the 1940s with low-pitched roofs, porches, wood trim and shutters and brick accents.

But is also is situated less than two blocks from a major travel arterial: the 51 freeway, which is a convenience for those who want to live in a central Phoenix neighborhood but may work elsewhere in the Valley. It is also just over a mile from the bustling Biltmore Fashion Park, with its large selection of shopping and dining destinations.

"When you see what's on the property now, in our view this property is screaming for redevelopment," Curley says. "It's also in a prime location,

being only a block and a half from the 51 freeway and five to seven minutes from downtown Phoenix, Central Avenue, the airport and the Biltmore Fashion Park. It's exactly where dense multi-family development should go."

The developer has made some changes to the proposal, including traffic measures that would keep apartment residents out of the neighborhood to the north, as well as changing some architectural features to provide additional privacy.

But Peters View residents argue that four stories is just too high and want the density reduced, while the developers say they can't reduce the number of units without jeopardizing the bottom line.

The Camelback East Village Planning Committee voted 13-4 in favor of the rezoning request. The Phoenix Planning Commission also approved it on May 13, voting 8-0. The Phoenix City Council will have the final say at 3 p.m. on June 4, where, thanks to those filed petitions, a three-quarters vote will be needed for the item to be approved.

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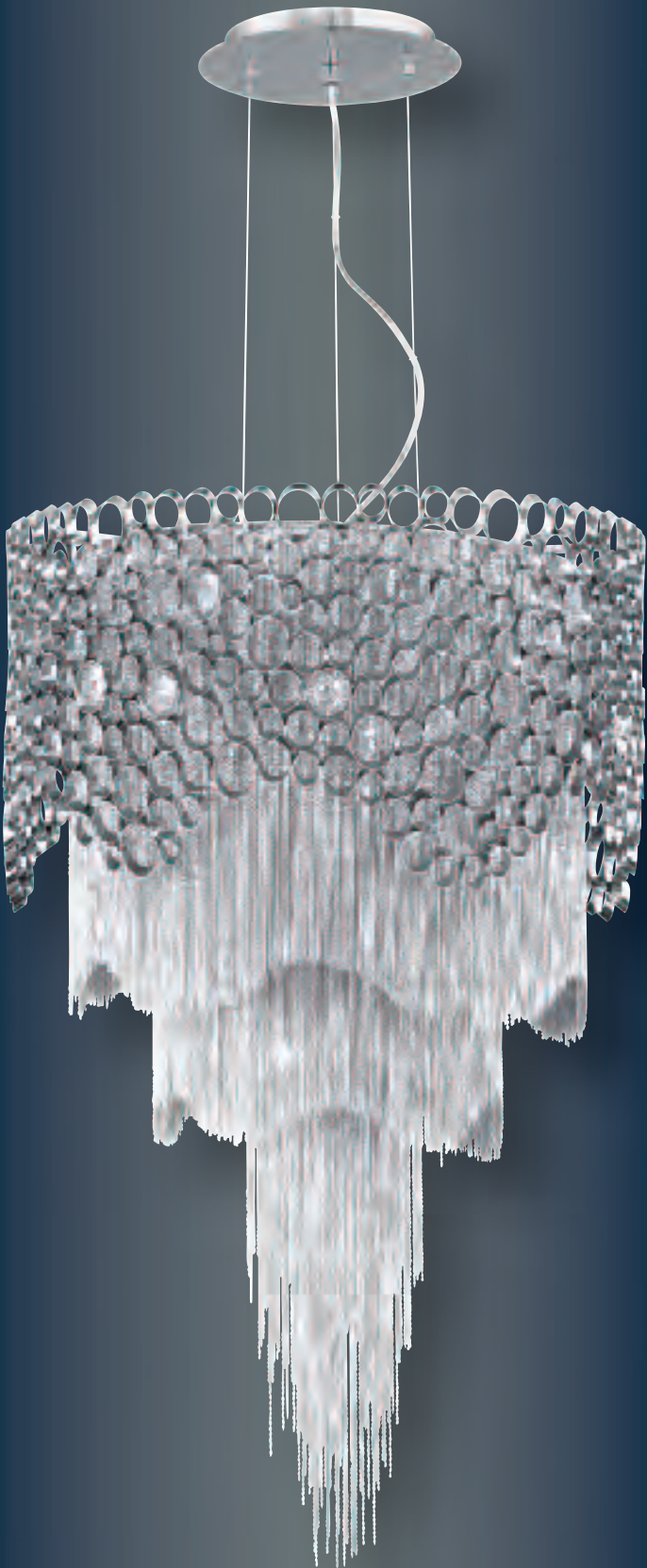
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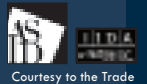


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Protect yourself from alarm system scams

Warm summer months tend to bring out sunscreen, swimsuits and alarm system salespeople. While the majority of these salespeople are from credible alarm companies, a few bad apples can unfairly taint the entire summer sales workforce.

Arizona Alarm Association is aware of summer sales because many reputable companies employ a door-to-door workforce to reach out to new customers. In order to help consumers make a decision about whether to buy an alarm system this summer, Arizona Alarm Association offers the following advice:

- Ask for their state alarm license before allowing someone in your home. In Arizona, everyone selling, installing and servicing alarms must be licensed by the Arizona Board of Technical Registration. They should have their license (actually called a registration), with their picture, on them at all times. Since this licensure law went into effect last October, some companies may not yet aware of it (those that do not keep



A law that went into effect in October 2013 requires that all door-to-door salesmen in Arizona, including those selling home alarm systems, must have their license—actually called a registration—with their picture on them at all times when doing business (submitted photo).

up-to-date with their industry).

- Always ask for the salesperson for their name, company and licenses. Do not accept general statements such as from “the security company” or “your alarm company.”
- Only do business with credible companies. Ask the salesperson if the company they work for is an Arizona Alarm Association company (and go to www.azalarms.org to check). Companies that are members of Arizona Alarm Association are trusted within the electronic security industry.

- Take time to read through the contract before signing anything. Beware of a salesperson who insists that you sign a contract immediately. A professional salesperson will take time to answer your questions and clarify information. Read each word of the contract and understand exactly what you are signing. Make sure you get, in writing, your monthly rate, the length of your contract and any other fees you will incur from this product or service. Take a few days to look over the contract and compare quotes with other security companies to make

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If you purchased an alarm system from a door-to-door salesperson and later feel you have been deceived, you may be eligible for a refund. Under the FTC’s Cooling-Off Rule, you can void your contract and get a full refund if you contact the company within three days of the sale.

If four or more days have passed since the date of purchase, you should file formal complaints, first with the state attorney general, then with the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) and the Better Business Bureau (BBB).

By filing formal complaints, you may be able to resolve your issue with the company. At the very least, your complaints will be kept on file and will be brought up when other consumers inquire about the company.

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Father's Day special events at Metrocenter

Metrocenter Mall brings you two great ways to enjoy a movie with dad this Father's Day. Dads and kids can enjoy a free showing of "How to Train Your Dragon 2" at Harkins Metrocenter from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 14. This free screening is open to the first 300 guests who sign up and the first 100 kids will receive a free Harkins Kids Pack. To reserve your seats, call 602-997-8991, e-mail info@metrocentermall.com or visit the Guest Services desk inside Metrocenter Mall. Limit one pair of tickets per household.

In addition, shoppers who spend \$100 or more at the mall between June 1 and June 15 will receive two free Harkins movie tickets. Bring your dated receipt(s) to the Metrocenter Mall Guest Services Desk and receive your tickets; limit one pair of tickets per household, per day, while supplies last. This offer excludes mall gift card purchases.

Metrocenter Mall is located at 9617 N. Metro Parkway West. Harkins Theaters is located on the west side of the mall. For more information, visit www.metrocentermall.com/events.

Book helps ID trees in AZ

The Arbor Day Foundation has a book that helps people identify trees with a simple, step-by-step process. The book, "What Tree Is That?" is available for a \$5 donation to the non-profit tree-planting organization.

"What Tree Is That?" is a fun, easy-to-use tree identification guide that features hand-drawn botanical illustrations highlighting the distinct characteristics of many tree species. Nature lovers and professional arborists alike have called this pocket field guide a must-have, user-friendly resource.

The Arbor Day Foundation offers this book to help people identify trees in Arizona and throughout the Western region of the United States. It uses a unique step-by-step approach for identifying the species of each tree, explaining what to look for in the shape of the leaves, differences in the leaf stems and twig structures and specific characteristics of fruits, flowers, buds and bark.

"The Arbor Day Foundation strives to help people enjoy and appreciate trees, and we feel our pocket field guide

will do just that," said John Rosenow, founder and chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation.

"What Tree Is That?" also is available as an online interactive version at www.arborday.org. To obtain a tree identification guide, send your name, address and \$5, for each guide to What Tree Is That?, Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, NE 68410. You also can order the book online.

Enjoy a free movie, water fun in the park

The city of Phoenix Parks and Recreation Department hosts a free movie, "Despicable Me 2," 7 p.m. Friday, June 6 at Margaret T. Hance Park, 1202 N. 3rd St.

Bring a blanket or some lawn chairs. A craft/activity for youngsters will be coordinated by the Parks and Recreation staff prior to the movie.

Members of the Phoenix Fire Department will help visitors "cool down" the park. Be prepared to get wet and have a dry towel with you. Water, ice cream and hot dogs will be available for purchase.

For more information, call 602-534-2407.

AZ Opera's donor match ends June 30

Pleased with the overwhelming transformation that Arizona Opera has achieved in just 12 months, an anonymous donor announced a \$500,000 matching challenge grant today with a deadline of June 30 in order to claim the gift.

The goal of the challenge is to raise an additional \$500,000 by the end of the opera's fiscal year on June 30. Any new or increased donation to Arizona Opera over and above an annual gift may be applied to the challenge.

Arizona Opera recently announced its new 2014-15 Season including the world's first Mariachi opera, "Cruzar la Cara de la Luna," a new production of the Tchaikovsky masterpiece "Eugene Onegin," and crowd-pleasing masterpieces of "Rigoletto," "The Magic Flute" and "The Daughter of the Regiment."

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Congratulations to our graduates!

I am so proud of my daughter, Juliann Rose, who graduated with a 4.0 GPA from Barrett, The Honors College at Arizona State University two weeks ago. She received the Moeur Award, which



goes to those graduates with the highest academic standing who have completed their course work toward their degree while attending Arizona State University with eight consecutive fall and spring semesters.

It was with mixed emotions that my wife, Mary Ann, and I watched her receive her diploma as we were so proud of our little girl who is now grown up. I started thinking about how wonderful the schools were that she attended – Desert View Learning Center in Paradise Valley, All Saints Episcopal School, Xavier and, in full circle, ASU. I also remembered all the good friends she met while competing in all the RAMMS activities, then moving on to club volleyball and then to all the sports at Xavier – softball, basketball, volleyball (state champions) and track, where she set records at Xavier in the discus and came in second in the state her junior year. I also remember Sister Lynn and her camera always shooting every event for memories of her kids. Anyway, Juliann was blessed to have so many great teachers (we are all so thankful for all of them) along the way and also make many great lifetime friends.

I also wanted to congratulate two other North Central residents and former RAMMS stars who graduated with Juliann at the Barrett Honors graduation, Jake Mitchell and AJ Sheiner. AJ, I know your pop, Neil, would have been so proud of you. I miss his infectious smile!

Summer is coming up so please

remember to drink many bottles of water. I just got over having laser surgery for multiple kidney stones and dehydration is the number-one cause of those nasty stones. You don't want to experience male childbirth, so drink lots and lots of water!

Thanks to all of you for your continued support. We have listed 84 homes so far in 2014, with 57 sales and 25 homes in escrow. The Porchlight Homes on 7th Avenue, which used to be the five-acre Mahoney horse property, is almost sold out of the 15 homes. We are down to three specs now, which should be completed by the end of June and will be up for sale then. Prices range from \$625,000 to \$675,000. It is a wonderful infill gated community. The second Porchlight Homes subdivision, called Sendero Villas and located on Central and Northern, is also almost sold out after being open only four weeks. We have 10 home sites there and six have been sold so far. Prices range from \$350k to \$400k in this gated North Central project. We also have one spec custom home on the market from Magee Builders and soon we will have three more. Prices range from \$750,000 to \$900,000.

I hope you and you family have a happy and safe summer. Congratulations to all of the graduates, whether it was elementary, middle school, high school or college. You and your family should be proud of your accomplishments! Buy your parents a home with all of that graduation money you received!!

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To help you in your shopping endeavors for Father's Day, which is June 15, we've compiled a list of unique businesses geared toward men that will help you complete that just-right gift quest.

Well Suited

4859 N. 20th St.,
Town & Country Shopping Center
602-840-5605
www.shopwellsuited.com

The store is part of the family of "My Sister's Closet" businesses, but catering to, and for, men specifically. From Armani and Versace to True Religion and Rock & Republic, the store carries a wide variety of designers at nicely discounted prices, since the inventory is nearly all consignment. Each item is closely inspected to make sure it is suitably "gently used."

This is not "thrift" shopping, says co-owner Tess Loo. "Well Suited is the crème de la crème of designer recycled boutiques and we have customers from Alaska to Hawaii who tell us the same." Well Suited isn't just suits and ties. You



Tess Loo, co-owner of Well Suited—part of the My Sister's Closet family of stores—says shoppers can find a great selection of designer suits and ties at this hip men's consignment store, as well as great gifts like wallets, briefcases, belts, sunglasses, cufflinks, designer-brand resort wear and more (photo courtesy of My Sister's Closet).

can find better clothing and accessories ranging from Tommy Bahama shorts to tuxedos, cowboy hats, belts, wallets, watches, sunglasses, briefcases, shoes, cufflinks and more. There are more

than 100,000 consigners in Well Suited's database.

Hours are 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturdays and 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Sundays.

Heritage Hats

13602 N. Cave Creek Road
Phoenix, AZ 85022
602-867-3323

www.heritagehatshop.com

Owner Rich Glisson has been in business more than 30 years, starting out by selling handmade cowboy hats out of the back of his pickup truck while following the rodeo circuit around the country. "After many conversations with cowboys I found that most sent their cowboy hats to Texas to be cleaned and re-blocked," he recalls.

Glisson learned how to craft hats from swaths of felt made from steamed and pressed animal fur. He also learned the cleaning and blocking techniques that can restore a hat. Today, his store carries a little over \$1 million in inventory and approximately 10,000 hats—Australian, Western, fedora, Panama, straw, golf caps and more.

"I get younger customers coming in looking for a hat to wear out on a Saturday night, but my standard customers are still the ranchers and cattle-

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man that wear them every single day,” he says.

Glisson can customize a hat to any head, so the fit is just right. He has customers from all over the country, since “hatmaking is a dying art,” he explains. “There are only a handful of us left in the United States. We are now the largest shop in the southwest.”

In addition to the handcrafted hats, the store also offers a large selection of brand-name hats, including: Akubra, Bailey, Dobbs, Resistol, Serratelli, Stetson, Scala, Dorfman Pacific and Head'n Home.

“The most popular hat style we have right now is the Fedora,” Glisson says. “That’s the style that people remember their fathers or grandfathers wore.” The hats are from the ’20s and ’30s, but have recently come back into style, he adds.

Also a hot seller is the Pork Pie, which saw a huge resurgence in popularity thanks to the controversial TV show, “Breaking Bad.”

“A lot of it just depends on the age

group and the purpose you are going to use the hat for, your own style and attitude.”

Store hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Closed Sundays.

Dapper + Dash**Various Retail Locations****602-644-1836****www.dapperanddash.com**

Stylish. Classic. You wouldn’t think people would use these words today to describe the bow tie. And yet, “the bow tie is a striking accessory that hints at old-fashioned sensibilities but couldn’t be more modern,” says Aaron Kimberlin, co-owner of this unique downtown Phoenix business.

Dapper + Dash celebrates this vintage men’s accessory by adaptively reusing vintage clothing and other vintage materials to create a product as unique as the man who will wear it. The skilled crafters begin with the essentials; only the best vintage ties and materials are considered. Once they pass the test, these materials, often found buried in closets and long for-

gotten, find new life. The materials are repurposed, cut by hand and stitched into one of three patterns to create dapper bow ties for a dashing man.

The packaging also is produced locally with an eye to sustainability: each bow tie is distributed in repurposed sturdy, lightweight handcrafted tube, stamped by hand with the Dapper + Dash logo then sent to its final destination.

Bowtie styles include the Gatsby, Churchill, Dagwood and Huckleberry. Prices range from \$48 to \$52. The company also offers kerchiefs (\$20), limited collection neckties (\$62) and will do custom work.

The products can be found locally at Frances, 10 W. Camelback Road (602-279-5467), and Cleo & Clementine, 704 W. Montecito Ave. in the Melrose District (602-264-4848).

Keep It Cut**2824 E. Indian School Road****623-396-5337****www.KeepItCut.com**

Let’s face it—some men need a haircut and a facial trim more than just

once a month. But frequent visits to the salon can put an unhappy dent in the wallet. Keep It Cut was opened in September 2013 by Jacob Meltzer and Joshua Thorsvik, young entrepreneurs who wondered how they could make getting a haircut more affordable. The answer is a unique subscription-based payment concept.

Keep It Cut is celebrating dads this Father’s Day by offering them free haircuts ... for a year. From June 9-15, any dad who walks in to Keep It Cut and buys a haircut is entered into a drawing for a free yearlong membership.

Monthly memberships start at just \$23, which gives the well-groomed man an unlimited number of haircuts for the month. Other packages include additional services, such as unlimited grooming and unlimited washing. All members get 20-percent off hair products. There also are a la carte prices, which are \$15 for a haircut, \$6 for grooming and \$4 for a wash.

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AZ Man Cave
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As one online reviewer puts it, “It’s like a yard sale specifically for guys.” This consignment and collectibles shop geared toward men opened in August 2011. You can find things to decorate the man in your life’s office, sports room, basement or garage. AZ Man Cave has just under 3,000 square feet of space filled with tin and neon beer signs, tools, model cars, posters, camping and hunting equipment, record albums, sports memorabilia, farm and military antiques, old electronics and cameras and much more. Right now, there is even a large mounted deer head on consignment, perfect for dressing up a true “man cave.”

Lenny Cowles, owner, says it’s a great shopping center to spend a couple of hours in, with a variety of antique stores and unique boutiques. He says shoppers tend to start at one end of the strip center and work their way over to the other.

Store hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.



Razor Emporium owner Matt Pisarcik is considered one of the world’s foremost authorities on vintage razors and accessories, and is himself a passionate collector of all things shaving related (submitted photo).

Tuesday through Saturday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Closed Mondays.

Razor Emporium
2432 W. Peoria Ave., Ste. 1098
602-354-4803
www.razoremporium.com

At the ripe old age of 28, Razor Emporium owner Matt Pisarcik is con-

sidered one of the world’s foremost authorities on vintage razors and accessories and receives razors from as far away as Dubai to replate (gold or silver) and refurbish.

A passionate collector, Pisarcik turned his hobby into a thriving, rapidly growing business that began online and morphed into a new retail location

and corporate headquarters in Phoenix. Pisarcik offers vintage Gillette double-edge safety razor handles, vintage straight razors, Edwin Jagger modern DE razor handles, blades, strops, shaving soaps, brushes, creams and aftershave. He also offers restoration services such as polishing/plating, razor repair and sharpening.

Pisarcik consults with each customer to determine what his budget is and what kind of razors and accessories would work for him considering his hair texture, skin needs, etc. Need a demonstration on how to use or condition your razor? Pisarcik is happy to offer help and advice at the shop.

“It has been a lifelong dream to have a business that is also my passion,” Pisarcik says. “We have made a name for ourselves in this niche market, which will just continue to grow thanks to the return of the traditional shave.”

Pricing varies from \$20 to \$200 for straight razors and brushes from \$20 to \$80. Hours of operation are 12-6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays. Closed Sundays.

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Children in North Central Phoenix whose families are struggling financially can receive free breakfast and lunch this summer as several public locations, including libraries and school cafeterias (photo courtesy of the USDA).

Free summer food for kids

For many struggling families, summertime poses a critical health issue for their children. During the school year, children from low-income families receive free breakfast and lunch while at school. But during the summer, many of those children face the risk of going hungry each day.

In Arizona, only 11 percent of school children who rely on free or reduced-price school lunches during the school year currently participate in summer meal programs. These free

programs are available to kids and teens age 18 and under at dozens of summer meals sites across the Valley. Sites are registered with the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and are held at safe local places such as schools, churches and community centers.

Several North Central school districts, as well as two area library branches and one community center, are offering free meals for kids during the summertime. For more details, see the information below.

The **Acacia Branch Library**, 750 E. Townley Ave., offers free meals for kids this summer through a partnership with the USDA, administered by the Arizona Department of Education. The meals are provided by St. Mary's Food Bank and contain a sandwich or wrap, fruit, milk and more. The free meals for kids are available Tuesday-Saturday beginning at 1 p.m. There are only 25 meals available per day and they are distributed on a first-come, first served basis. In addition, Desert Mission Food Bank provides Snack Pacs at the library, beginning at noon on Fridays, which have enough non-perishable, kid-friendly food items in them to last a child for a weekend. About 75 are available each Friday, also on a first-come, first served basis.

Solano Elementary, part of the Osborn Elementary School District, will offer meals for children ages 18 and younger without charge during the week, from June 5 to July 3. The school is located at 1526 W. Missouri Ave. Breakfast will be served in the cafeteria from 7 to 8 a.m. and lunch will be served from 10 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. You do not need to be enrolled in the school district to participate in the program.

The **Yucca Branch Library**, 5648 N. 15th Ave., near the Spectrum Christown Mall, also offers free meals for kids this summer. The meals are provided by St. Mary's Food Bank and

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contain a sandwich or wrap, fruit, milk and more. The free meals for kids are available Tuesday-Saturday beginning at 3 p.m. There are only 20 meals available per day and they are distributed on a first-come, first served basis.

The **Washington Activity Center**, 2240 W. Citrus Way, provides a free lunch for children ages 1 to 18 from 11 to 11:30 a.m., as well as an afternoon snack from 3 to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, from June 2 to July 25. The center will be closed for the Fourth of July holiday.

The **Phoenix Union High School District**, along with other agencies, will provide breakfast and lunch for needy children 18 years of age and younger at 13 high schools, Monday through Thursday, through June 26. Participating schools include: Camelback, 4612 N. 28th St.; Central, 4525 N. Central Ave.; Metro Tech, 1900 W. Thomas Road; and North, 1101 E. Thomas Road. Food will be prepared, as it is during the regular school year, at each location in the school cafeteria. Breakfast will be served from 7:15 to 8 a.m., with lunch being served from 10:45 a.m. until 12:15 p.m. Adults are welcome to accompany children and can purchase breakfast for \$2 and lunch for \$3.

The **Washington Elementary School District** also provides a summer meal program for children ages 1 to 18 at all of its campuses, dates and times vary. In the North Central community, those campuses, dates and times include:

- Desert View Elementary, 8621 N. 3rd St., Monday-Thursday, June 2-26. Breakfast is served 7:30-8 a.m. and lunch is available 11-11:30 a.m.

- Maryland Elementary, 6503 N. 21st Ave., Monday-Thursday June 2-26. Breakfast is served 8:15-8:45 a.m. and lunch is available 11:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

- Mountain View School, 801 W. Peoria Ave., Monday-Thursday June 2-26. Breakfast is served 7:30-8 a.m. and lunch is available 11-11:30 a.m.

- Orangewood School, 7337 N. 19th Ave., Monday-Friday, through Aug. 1 (closed July 4). Breakfast is served 7:30-8:15 a.m. and lunch is available 11-11:45 a.m.

- R.E. Miller School, 2021 W. Alice Ave., Monday-Thursday, June 2-26. Breakfast is served 8:15-8:45 a.m. and lunch is available 11:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

- Royal Palm Middle School, 8520 N. 19th Ave., Monday-Thursday, June

2-July 17 (closed July 4). Breakfast is served 8:15-8:45 a.m. and lunch is available 11:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

- Sunnyslope Elementary, 245 E. Mountain View Road, Monday-Thursday, June 2-26. Breakfast is served 8:15-8:45 a.m. and lunch is available 11:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

- Washington Elementary, 8033 N. 27th Ave., Monday-Friday, through Aug. 1 (closed July 4). Breakfast is served 8-8:45 a.m. and lunch is available 11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

New digital options for library patrons

Phoenix Public Library has launched a new online service, providing access to thousands of titles in digital video, music and audiobooks—free to library cardholders.

Titles are always available, enabling customers to forgo long waits for holds on popular items. They may be accessed as instant streaming or temporary download for use on a smart phone, tablet or desktop computer.

Digital video available includes BBC

series such as “MI-5” and “The Office” as well as a variety of documentary films from National Geographic, NOVA and Ken Burns. Popular movies include hits such as “Vanity Fair” and “2Fast, 2Furious,” and classics such as “Harvey.”

The service offers digital access to popular music by Lorde, Robin Thicke, Arcade Fire, Macklemore and Drake, and a selection of bestselling digital audiobooks such as “Allegiant,” “The Husband’s Secret,” “Orange is the New Black” and “12 Years a Slave.”

To get started, visit phoenixpubliclibrary.org and click on “eLibrary.” On the “eLibrary” page, select from “eVideo,” “eMusic” or “eAudiobooks.” From any of these pages, click on “hoopla” to learn more about the service.

Library cardholders will be asked to create a hoopla account separate from their library account. The service offers apps for streaming or downloading on Apple and Android products.

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Pet of the Month
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With an endless supply of feisty spunk, Catipurr is an extremely curious, active and adventurous kitty who could play all day. The 1-year-old tabby cat has just two speeds: "fast" and "off." He loves playing and wrestling with other felines, but he can also go solo, staying busy with a foam ball, a milk cap, an empty toilet paper roll and plastic spinner toys.

When he goes into "off" mode, he will seek you or the nearest couch to kick up his paws and relax (sometimes he sleeps with all four paws in the air). Catipurr is waiting for a home at the Arizona Humane Society's Sunnyslope Campus, located at 9226 N. 13th Ave. For more information call 602-997-7585, ext. 2045 and ask for animal ID number A474213.

Catipurr may have been adopted by the time you visit the shelter, however, AHS has dozens of great cats looking for their forever homes. To see all the adoptable pets available, visit www.azhumane.org

AHS offers surgery special

The Arizona Humane Society is offering \$20 spay/neuter surgeries for puppies and kittens 6 months and younger throughout the month of June. Call 602-997-7585 (option 4) to schedule an appointment and mention "Precious not Parents."

Important tips to prevent dog bites

Dogs can be a wonderful part of our family. But did you know that 50 percent of all children in the United States will be bitten by a dog before their 12th birthday?

The vast majority of dog bites are from a dog known to the child—his or her own pet, a neighbors or a friend's. The good news is that most bites can be prevented.

"Even very young children can learn how to respect a dog's space and approach them safely," says Michelle Ramos, director of Education for the Arizona Animal Welfare League and Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (AAWL & SPCA), the state's oldest and largest no-kill animal shelter. "When a child is very outgoing, they forget that the animal may not

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want to be approached at certain times, and that it may react because it's startled or protecting its food. The good news is, kids can learn the right way to interact with animals."

A few important things to teach kids about interacting with animals include:

- Always supervise children around animals, even the family pet.

- Never surprise a dog who is eating or sleeping.

- Never take a toy away from a dog.

- Don't allow children to approach or hug any dog that does not belong to them, unless they ask the dog's owner for permission. Approach slowly and quietly.

- Never approach a dog who is in a car. Dogs will often protect their space.

- Never approach or reach for a dog who is behind a fence. Most dogs naturally protect their home or property.

- Teach children to stand still like a tree if an unfamiliar dog approaches and they are frightened. Stand very still with hands at their side. Be very quiet and do not look the dog in the eyes.

- If a child is knocked down by a threatening dog teach them to be a turtle! Curl up in ball on your side and put your fists over your ears. Stay very still and quiet until the dog goes away.

- Never, ever try to outrun a dog! Back away slowly.

- If you have a dog, train it to enjoy the presence of children using positive methods and never allow rough play or chasing games between child and dog.

New fireworks law applies statewide

Phoenix firefighters respond to more fires on the 4th of July than any other day in the year. Careless handling of fireworks cause horrendous injury (mostly to children), brush fires and deadly structure fires.

The new fireworks law signed by Gov, Jan Brewer on April 22, 2014, now regulates when you can sell, purchase and use fireworks in our state. They are divided into three categories:

- Green, which are sparklers, party poppers, snakes, smoke balls, drop pops and novelties that are legal for sale and use at anytime;

- Yellow, which are permitted for seasonal use from June 26-July 6 and include ground spinners, cone fountains and the California Rocket-Shaped Fountain; and

- Red, which are prohibited at all

times, including bottle rockets, fire-crackers, roman candles and any arial devices.

The sale of permissible fireworks started on May 20 and goes through July 6. The use of permissible fireworks is allowed from June 24 through July 6. The penalty for selling, buying or using fireworks outside the permissible dates results in a civil fine of \$1,000. Use of fireworks on preservation land owned by the city of Phoenix is a Class 1 Misdemeanor punishable with a \$1,000 fine.

Nomination open for Encore Prize

Virginia G. Piper Charitable Trust is now accepting applications for the 2014 Piper Trust Encore Prizes for Exceptional Organizations. Encore Prizes recognize nonprofits and public agencies that are pioneering new ways of engaging adults, age 50 and older, in solving problems, meeting important social needs and improving life for people and communities.

Piper Trust will award up to three organizations with prizes of \$5,000 each. In cases of exceptional achievement, one of the three organizations may receive a \$50,000 Encore

As adults 50 and older approach traditional retirement ages, a vast majority are not retiring. Instead, they want to contribute to the community in meaningful ways, using skills and talents they have acquired over a lifetime.

"Baby boomers want their lives to matter at this new stage of life. Encore opportunities speak to baby boomers' hopes and our community's needs," said Judy Jolley Mohraz, president and CEO, Virginia G. Piper Charitable Trust.

Nonprofits and public agencies in Maricopa County offering strong encore career opportunities can apply (or be nominated by others) for Piper Trust Encore Prizes for Exceptional Organizations. Nonprofits are required to have operated for a minimum of three years.

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Spotlight On ...

Muller wins prestigious Goldwater Scholarship

An outstanding Arizona State University junior who already is doing sophisticated research has won a Goldwater Scholarship, the nation's premier award for undergraduates studying science, math and engineering.

North Central native Ryan Muller, a graduate of North High School who is majoring in biochemistry and molecular/cellular biology, is helping develop biosensors for early detection of infectious diseases. He will receive \$7,500 a year for up to two years.

Muller is a resourceful and motivated student who began doing research at ASU while still a student at North High, and again the summer before his freshman year. Xiao Wang, assistant professor in the School of Biological and Health Systems Engineering, remembers that



Ryan Muller

even though Muller was initially the youngest member of the iGEM synthetic biology research team, others quickly began to rely on him.

"His ideas were fresh, innovative and motivating to the team," says Wang. "In fact, the first day he volunteered in my lab, without any prior experience, he implemented a strategy to effectively screen for bacterial colonies that contained the correct transformed plasmid. The team began to rely on his resourcefulness."

In subsequent years Muller continued working on the team and was a key player in helping them develop a portable, low-cost biosensor system to detect pathogens in water supplies. They won a gold medal and a spot in the international championship event for one of the world's premiere student engineering and science competitions.

Interested in expanding their work, Muller and others assembled a team of undergraduate researchers to seek additional funding. Last year they were grand prize winners at the ASU Innovation Challenge and at the ASU Edson Student Entrepreneur Initiative. Their fledgling company, Hydrogene Biotechnologies, may help cut down on water-borne diseases that can kill, such as acute childhood diarrhea.

ASU students have won 55 Goldwater Scholarships in the last 21 years, placing ASU among the leading public universities.

Local student receives Moeur Award

Juliann Lieb, daughter of North Central residents Bobby and Mary Ann Lieb, was honored with the Moeur Award at the 2014 Barrett Honors College commencement event at Arizona State University.

The award is given by the ASU Alumni Association to those graduates with the highest academic standing who have completed their course work toward their degree while attending ASU with eight consecutive fall and spring semesters. Lieb had a 4.0 average and was honored by being summa cum laude at ASU.



Juliann Lieb

Lieb attended All Saints Episcopal Day School and Xavier College



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Fisher named to library council

North Central resident Janet Fisher, director of Collections and External Relations at the State Library of Arizona, has been named to the U.S. Public Printer's Depository Library Council (serving 2014-2016).

This national council advises the Public Printer on issues relating to the Federal Depository Library Program and the provision of and access to federal government information.



Janet Fisher

Fisher received her bachelor's degree from the University of New Mexico, her M.S. in Library Science from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and master's in Public Administration from Arizona State University. She has worked in public libraries in Indiana and Texas and came to the agency in 1985 as Head of the Documents and Maps Section.

Fisher became assistant director of the Research Division in 1991 and Director in 1998. She became director of the State Library of Arizona in 2001. She served as Acting State Librarian 2011-2012.

Under Fisher's leadership as regional depository librarian, the State Library of Arizona was awarded the 2013 Regional Depository Library of the Year by the U.S. Government Printing Office.

"Under the leadership of our State Librarian Joan Clark, and Janet Fisher, our director of Collections and External Relations, we have been able to reinvigorate our effort to preserve and provide access to important government documents," said Secretary of State Ken Bennett. "Their team has done an excellent job and Arizonans should be proud to have such an outstanding resource at their disposal."

The award from the U.S. Government Printing Office recognizes the library and its staff for their leadership in carrying out the responsibilities of the Federal Depository Library Program's role in "keeping America

informed." The State Library of Arizona coordinates and connects with Arizona's libraries (public, community college and university) around the state to provide access to federal government information for all.

The State Library of Arizona is a branch of the Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records, a division of the Secretary of State. The library holds a collection of 2.5 million government, law and genealogy items, is located in the State Capitol in Phoenix and serves state government, businesses and the public.

Tramutolo named to Dean's List

Pepperdine University student Anna Tramutolo, a native of North Central Phoenix, has been named to the Seaver College Dean's List for the Spring 2014 semester.

In order to earn Dean's List honors, students must be in the upper 10 percent of their class and maintain a 3.5 or better grade point average. This year Tramutolo is one of only 275 stu-

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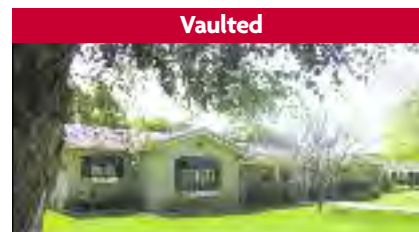
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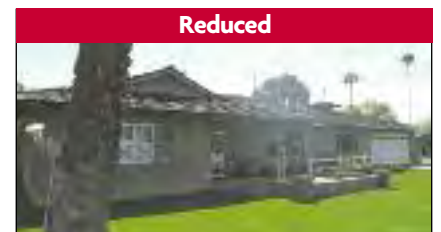
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Students travel to Sister Cities

Twenty-three Phoenix high school students were selected as youth ambassadors to travel to Phoenix's sister cities through a reciprocal summer student exchange program.

Among them were three North Central Phoenix residents. Seth Carroll of Sunnyslope High will travel to Catania, Italy; Ryan Fetherston of Arizona School for the Arts is heading to Himeji, Japan; and Laurel Freeman of Arizona School for the Arts will be traveling to Hermosillo, Mexico.

The Youth Ambassador Exchange Program, sponsored by Phoenix Sister Cities, Inc., offers young people from around the world an opportunity to learn firsthand about each other's cultures.

"This is a life changing experience for our youth that opens their minds to different cultures and prepares them for the global society we live in," said Paula West, executive director, Phoenix Sister Cities. "Many of our past youth ambassadors have pursued international careers based on their experiences in this program."



Ryan Fetherston

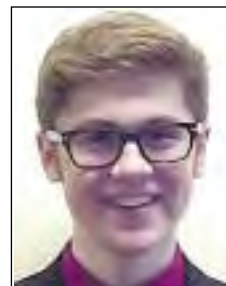
Phoenix resident high school sophomores and juniors are selected on the basis of their communication skills, maturity, flexibility, leadership and self-confidence. The students live with a host family in their designated sister cities for three weeks during the early summer and then open their home to their host family's son or daughter when they come to Phoenix in late July. No city tax dollars are used.

The 2014 program is funded through private donations and students' families. Phoenix Sister Cities funds half of the airfare between Phoenix and the selected sister city through private funds, while the remaining half is the responsibility of the youth ambassadors and their families. Scholarships are also available.

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Community Calendar

'The Harvey Girls of the Southwest'

7:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 4
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Guest lecturer is Ann-Mary Lutzick, director of the Old Trails Museum in Winslow. The Fred Harvey Company operated its chain of restaurants and hotels along the Santa Fe Railway from 1876 through the 1950s. Among its many pioneering innovations was the employment of "Harvey Girl" waitresses and hostesses. This presentation, which includes the speaker modeling an early version of their uniform, explores the origins and creation of the Harvey Girls, their influence on the changing roles of women in the American workforce and society and the Harvey Girls in popular culture. Free and open to the public, donations welcome.

Coffee With A Cop

8-9 a.m. Wednesday, June 4
Luci's Healthy Marketplace
1590 E. Bethany Home Road

Join your neighbors and members of the Mountain View Police Precinct for coffee and conversation. Get your crime-related questions answered. Additional parking to the north behind the shopping center.

Local Author Book Signing

11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Friday, June 6
Costco Warehouse
1646 W. Montebello

"Phoenix's Greater Encanto-Palmcroft Neighborhood," from local authors G.G. George and Leigh Conrad,

boasts more than 200 vintage images and memories of days gone by in this Arizona neighborhood (Arcadia Publishing, \$21.99, www.arcadiapublishing.com). The Encanto-Palmcroft neighborhood in central Phoenix was created in the twilight of the "City Beautiful Movement," a philosophy that supported beautiful surroundings to promote moral and social order. This new pictorial history book takes readers on a journey from when Palmcroft was developed in 1927, to the development of Encanto, "The Enchanting" in 1928, to the modern scenes of the beautiful neighborhood.

Book Signing & Jazz Jam Event

2-5 p.m. Saturday, June 7
The Stratford
1739 W. Myrtle Ave.
602-841-2500

Free and open to the public. A jazz trio performs from 2-3 p.m., followed by author Michael Eldridge (www.aleme.com), who will read from his recently published private eye novel, "Jack of Harts: A Spaghetti & Rice Mystery." Eldridge also will sign copies of his book. Enjoy hors d'oeuvres and drinks. RSVPs requested.

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Legislative Wrap-Up

6:30p.m. Tuesday, June 17

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12-2 p.m. Saturday, June 21

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7 p.m. Sunday, June 28

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2-4 p.m. Saturday, June 28

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TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS



The Purkiss family's life changed course unexpectedly after wife and mother Mary was diagnosed with breast cancer. Family members include, clockwise from top left: Mackenzie, Winston, Cody, Ed and Mary (photo courtesy of the Purkiss family).

Cancer survivor turns experience into business

"One moment on one night can change your life forever," remembers North Central resident Ed Purkiss.

The night he is referring to, which changed the entire course of his life, started out quite normally, however.

"My wife, Mary, and I together ran a rather successful call center business in the early 2000s. As we got ready to host our annual company Christmas party, I noticed an odd lump in Mary's breast that was not there before," Ed recalls.

Nervous, he convinced Mary to at least get it checked out ... just in case. When Mary visited her doctor, she ended up having to have a needle biopsy. Still healing from it, the doctor called days later and gave Ed news that would rock their world forever.

Less than three weeks later, Ed sat in the hospital watching as Mary was taken away for surgery—a mastectomy. And it wouldn't be the last time he did so. The healing process, and resulting reconstruction, took two years.

"During that time, we decided to sell our business to focus on both Mary's cancer battle and the children," explains Ed, noting that selling the business was a blessing in disguise as it turned out Mary needed six surgeries as part of her reconstruction process, during which time her father was diagnosed with lung cancer as well.

The entire family's life revolved

around doctors' offices for the better part of two years, as the Purkiss family got to know all too well the perils the medical industry faced with impending mandatory regulations, including the movement toward electronic records—and how it directly impacted patient care at the scariest times in their lives. As Mary healed, both she and Ed were motivated to action.

Because they had experience in running a highly efficient business and were comfortable with rapidly changing technology, the couple counted themselves fast friends with some doctors and eventually ended up as paid consultants to radiation oncology practices.

As they quickly found, many medical practices were being taken advantage of by technology companies and others, charging 20 times as much as they should for simple storage, upkeep and usability of medical information and records electronically.

So, as they consulted in business matters with several local doctors, they studied the issues each had over and over with "the cloud," online storage and more. By 2008, the Purkisses had a good grip on the process and were increasingly handling their doctor clients' technology needs as well. The time seemed right to launch their own venture in Central Phoenix: Iron Medical Systems (www.iron-medical-systems.com).

In that first year, the Purkisses—
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working from their home—had three clinics as clients. They have since grown the still Central Phoenix-based business to more than 70 clients and medical clinics across the country. “We are actually in the process of expanding to the East Coast to keep up with all the work we have out there,” says Ed.

Their Iron Medical System cloud product allows physicians to work anywhere from any device. The system is built to run efficiently and backs up constantly. The cost of the system is lower than if clients bought the hardware themselves and tried to comprehend it all. It does not replace practice tech staff either—just helps them become more efficient.

Through their own years-long cancer battle, this couple is now motivated to ensure no one else has to go through what they did—and that doctors are better armed with secure technologies so that they can focus on what really matters: patients and their care.

Mary has added the role of “activist” to her daily life as she sits as president

emeritus of Arizona Institute for Breast Health (AIBH), a local nonprofit focused on getting women access to second opinions on breast cancer treatment options, completely free of charge.

Business Briefs

Outstanding women sought for ATHENA

The Greater Phoenix Chamber of Commerce is now accepting nominations for its ATHENA Awards. Nominations will be accepted for three awards, which include honoring two women in business representing one from the private and one from the public sectors, as well as honoring a young professional between the ages of 21 and 35.

ATHENA nominees are judged on leadership and achievement, community service and support for the professional development and mentorship of women.

The nomination deadline is Wednesday, June 25. ATHENA nomination forms are available by visiting www.phoenixchamber.com/athena.

Interior design studio offers array of products

Aesthetics Interior Design recently expanded its commercial and residential interior design services and products to its new showroom at 4747 N. Central Ave., which is open to the public.

The showroom floor offers furniture, lighting, rugs, art, bedding, window coverings featuring Hunter Douglas Blinds, gifts, custom upholstery, wallpaper, floral and more. The store also offers custom invitations and announcements.

For more information, call 602-265-1077 or visit www.aestheticsaz.com.

Chamber hosts networking event

The North Phoenix Chamber of Commerce hosts a Business Networking Luncheon, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 24 at North Mountain Brewing Company, 522 E. Dunlap Ave.

Get to know chamber members and the businesses/fields they represent, as well as other business owners and community leaders at this monthly luncheon event. Attendees will have the opportunity to present a 20-second commercial

followed by open networking.

Cost is \$20 for NPCC members and \$25 for guests, if registered by June 20. Cost is \$30 at the door. RSVP online at <http://bit.ly/1tWnPYD>.

Shared workspace features café, more

A transformative work environment for mobile professionals, “mod” opened last month on the southwest corner of Thomas Road and Central Avenue.

Workspace, meeting space, café and wine bar, mod is solution to the abundance of vacant property left by the 2008 real estate market collapse and the rising number of displaced professionals seeking asylum in local coffee shops.

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The facility is open 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturdays and closed on Sundays. It is located at 2828 N. Central Ave. The café is open to the public. For more information, call 844-466-6386 or visit thatsmod.com.

Realty Executives honors top agents for 2013

Realty Executives Phoenix, a leading Arizona real estate brokerage, honored its top agents at the Realty Executives Phoenix Awards Banquet on March 27.

A significant percentage of the real estate professionals at Realty Executives Phoenix, with 11 branch offices and dozens of satellite offices throughout the state, were recognized with an award. A total of 225 agents went home with honors and together represent 30 percent of the total agent population, up from 26 percent compared to last year’s award winners.

The highest honor, known as the Chairman Award, celebrates the agent with the highest total gross commissions earned. Executive Terry Lents, who has been with Realty Executives Phoenix for nearly a decade, enjoyed

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by Sharon D. Ravenscroft, Esq.



A Revocable Living Trust allows you to create the legal framework for your assets to be handled if you become incapacitated or upon your death. Here are 5 of the top reasons to have a trust:

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2 You choose who will oversee the funds, how to invest, use and distribute the funds – delaying distribution to 21, 25, 30 or more.

3 A trust can include incentives for children to go to college, stay away from drugs and become gainfully employed.

4 A married couple can utilize provision which will limit the amount of estate tax assessed on the death of the couple.

5 A trust provides the easiest way to manage 401k’s, IRA’s, life insurance, real estate and other investments. It also limits delay and eases access to operating the family’s business if one becomes incapacitated.

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the honor for the very first time. Lenny Behie received the “Rookie of the Year” honor while Earle Shroyer took top honors for commercial real estate in both the unit and dollar-volume categories for the second year in a row.

The annual awards event recognizes a wide range of achievements including top agent under the age of 30, commission-based, dollar volume and unit productivity, top agents in individual, two-person team and group categories as well as leading agents in the areas of commercial, land, new homes and leasing.

For more company information visit www.RealtyExecutivesPhoenix.com.

Local salon marks 20th anniversary

Salon Estique was established June 20, 1994 by co-owners Brenda Barnaby, Kelly Boudreau and Cheryl Finn. They had a vision to create a prestige salon committed to serving their neighbors and the North Central Phoenix community.

As the salon gets ready to mark its 20th anniversary, the vision hasn't changed, but the business model has. “We started out like most salons do, with independent contractors,” Barnaby explained. “We realized pretty soon that model just wasn't going to work for us. So we let everyone go, which was really hard, and started over again with employees.”

She said it was the best decision they could have made. “Our customers really notice that everyone here helps each other out, that we work as a team, as a family.

“We place a lot of emphasis on retaining our talent and our guests by providing an enjoyable environment for all,” added Barnaby.

The salon employs 45 specialists in the areas of hair, skin, makeup and nail care. Advanced education is the cornerstone of Salon Estique's culture. All stylists go through an intensive internal training program to guarantee the highest standards in the industry. Additionally, staff members will travel nationally and internationally to keep up with the latest most modern trends and techniques.

To mark the salon's 20th anniversary, first-time guests will receive a special bonus during the month of June.

Salon Estique's hair services include a scalp massage, hand and arm massage, customized haircut, color and style. Complimentary bang and neck trims



The three founders of North Central Phoenix's Salon Estique, located in the Uptown Plaza, include, from left: Cheryl Finn, Kelly Boudreau and Brenda Barnaby (submitted photo).

and styling lessons, are available between visits. The salon offers facial treatments for men and women, plus manicure, pedicure, waxing, chemical peels and brow/lash tinting services.

Salon Estique is located at 40 E. Camelback Road, Suite 105, in the Uptown Plaza. For more information, call 602-248-0077 or visit www.salonestique.com.

Robles wins Excellence Award

Maria Karen Robles, an employee at Holiday Retirement senior living community Madison Meadows, recently received Holiday's Touch of Excellence award for Operational Support of the Year. Robles was selected from nearly 5,000 eligible candidates for the award.

As the head housekeeper for Madison Meadows, an independent senior living community located at 7211 N. 7th St., Robles ensures residents receive timely and efficient service—everything from linen service to pouring tea.

“Karen is the eyes and ears of the community,” said Andrew Crowel, senior regional director for Holiday Retirement. “She loves her job and enjoys coming to work every day.”

Robles is very involved with the residents of Madison Meadows. In fact, one might see her “stepping” out on the dance floor and sharing her talent as a Mexican folklore dancer. She is a mother of three and not only committed to her family at home but to the family at Madison Meadows.

“One thing I love about Madison Meadows is that I get to serve the residents by providing them love and compassion,” said Robles. “This gives me great satisfaction, and I know residents appreciate it.”



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| 5502 E. Valle Vista Rd. #23 | | Over an acre lot | | \$1,600,000 |
| 34 E. Cactus Wren | NEW PRICE | 5198 SF | 5BR/4.5BA | \$1,395,000 |
| 5726 N. Central Ave. | NEW PRICE | 4350 SF | 4BR/4.5BA | \$1,195,000 |
| 6611 N. Central Ave. | NEW PRICE | 6500 SF | 6BR/4.5BA | \$1,194,000 |
| 1114 W. Seldon Ln. | | 4645 SF | 5BR/5BA | \$1,150,000 |
| 48 W. Foothill Dr. | NEW PRICE | 3637 SF | 3BR/3.5BA | \$ 849,900 |
| 41 W. Marlette Ave. | | 5640 SF | 6BR/5.5BA | \$ 849,900 |
| 7220 N. 15th Ave. | JUST LISTED | 3399 SF | 4BR/3.5BA | \$ 799,000 |
| 5844 N. 2nd Ave. | NEW PRICE | 5614 SF | 6BR/3.5BA | \$ 799,000 |
| 5640 N. 3rd Ave. | NEW PRICE | 3204 SF | 4BR/4.5BA | \$ 795,000 |
| 722 W. Claremont St. | IN ESCROW | 3529 SF | 4BR/3.5BA | \$ 783,000 |
| 105 E. Lamar Rd. | NEW PRICE | 4200 SF | 5BR/5BA | \$ 750,000 |
| 727 W. Seldon Ln. | NEW PRICE | 3364 SF | 4BR/3.5BA | \$ 750,000 |
| 714 W. Claremont St. | NEW CONSTRUCTION | 3530 SF | 4BR/3.5BA | \$ 700,000 |
| 813 W. Claremont St. | IN ESCROW | 3167 sf | 4BR/3.5BA | \$ 655,000 |
| 3153 E. Rose Ln. | NEW PRICE | 2370 SF | 3BR/2BA | \$ 650,000 |
| 804 W. Claremont St. | IN ESCROW | 3529 SF | 4BR/3.5BA | \$ 630,000 |
| 808 W. Claremont St. | IN ESCROW | 2811 SF | 3BR/2.5BA | \$ 625,000 |
| 1809 E. Turquoise Ave. | NEW PRICE | 2952 SF | 4BR/4.5BA | \$ 619,500 |
| 302 W. Marlette | JUST LISTED | 2748 SF | 4BR/3BA | \$ 615,000 |
| 7619 N. 11th St. | NEW PRICE | 3304 SF | 5BR/3BA | \$ 565,000 |
| 810 E. Harmont Dr. | NEW PRICE | 3687 SF | 5BR/3.5BA | \$ 559,000 |
| 8434 N. 7th Ave. | NEW PRICE | 4042 SF | 5BR/3BA | \$ 550,000 |
| 715 W. Claremont St. | IN ESCROW | 2811 SF | 3BR/2.5BA | \$ 570,000 |
| 710 W. Claremont St. | NEW CONSTRUCTION | 2811 SF | 3BR/2.5BA | \$ 569,900 |
| 3039 E. Stella Ln. | IN ESCROW | 1937 SF | 3BR/2BA | \$ 550,000 |
| 502 E. Kaler Dr. | JUST LISTED | 3000 SF | 4BR/3BA | \$ 499,000 |
| 2524 E. Vogel Ave. | | 2449 SF | 2BR/2BA | \$ 479,000 |
| 903 W. Claremont St. | NEW PRICE | 3121 SF | 3BR/2.5BA | \$ 475,000 |
| 9433 N. 19th St. | JUST LISTED | 3209 SF | 4BR/3.5BA | \$ 465,000 |
| 7210 N. 17th Ave | | 2770 SF | 4BR/3BA | \$ 460,000 |
| 50 E. Maryland | IN ESCROW | 3761 SF | 4BR/3.5BA | \$ 450,000 |
| 6317 N. 10th Pl. | JUST LISTED | 3077 SF | 4BR/3BA | \$ 439,000 |
| 18 E. Laurie Ln. | IN ESCROW | 2516 SF | 4BR/2.5BA | \$ 425,000 |
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| 14 E. Laurie Ln. | IN ESCROW | 2165 SF | 3BR/2.5BA | \$ 419,900 |
| 23 E. Laurie Ln. | NEW CONSTRUCTION | 2516 SF | 4BR/2.5BA | \$ 409,900 |
| 22 E. Laurie Ln. | IN ESCROW | 1694 SF | 3BR/2BA | \$ 400,000 |
| 740 W. Tuckey Ln. | NEW PRICE | 1861 SF | 3BR/2BA | \$ 399,000 |
| 11 E. Laurie Ln. | NEW CONSTRUCTION | 2165 SF | 3BR/2.5BA | \$ 394,900 |
| 6610 N. 11th Pl. | IN ESCROW | 2150 SF | 4BR/2BA | \$ 390,000 |
| 702 E. Northview Ave. | JUST LISTED | 2385 SF | 4BR/3BA | \$ 385,000 |
| 2838 E. Campbell Ave. | JUST LISTED | 1961 SF | 4BR/2BA | \$ 380,000 |
| 6 E Laurie Ln. | NEW CONSTRUCTION | 1694 SF | 3BR/2BA | \$ 374,900 |
| 7 E. Laurie Ln. | NEW CONSTRUCTION | 1694 SF | 3BR/2BA | \$ 374,900 |
| 6330 N. 7th Ave. | NEW PRICE | 2025 SF | 3BR/3BA | \$ 369,000 |
| 7 W. Cheryl Dr. | JUST LISTED | 2730 SF | 5BR/3.5BA | \$ 359,000 |
| 5550 N. 16th St. #122 | NEW PRICE | 1858 SF | 3BR/3BA | \$ 350,000 |
| 1304 W. Tuckey Ln. | IN ESCROW | 2153 SF | 3BR/2BA | \$ 350,000 |
| 7045 N. 15th Ave. | | 1886 SF | 4BR/2BA | \$ 350,000 |
| 107 E El Caminito | JUST LISTED | 2170 SF | 4BR/2.5BA | \$ 329,000 |
| 1102 W. Glendale Ave. #120 | | 1928 SF | 3BR/2.5BA | \$ 325,000 |
| 821 E. Palmar Dr. | NEW PRICE | 3446 SF | 5BR/4BA | \$ 298,000 |
| 114 W. Interlacken | IN ESCROW | 1996 SF | 3BR/2BA | \$ 279,000 |
| 9712 N. 3rd Dr. | NEW PRICE | 1683 SF | 3BR/2.5BA | \$ 261,000 |
| 6612 N. 7th Dr. | | 1654 SF | 3BR/1.75BA | \$ 259,900 |
| 2605 E. Dagoon Ave. | NEW PRICE | 2371 SF | 5BR/3BA | \$ 250,000 |
| 10616 N. 10th Dr. | IN ESCROW | 2126 SF | 3BR/2BA | \$ 250,000 |
| 1317 E. Golden Ln. | JUST LISTED | 1890 SF | 3BR/2BA | \$ 249,500 |
| 1902 E. Whitton Ave. | IN ESCROW | 1668 SF | 4BR/2BA | \$ 219,900 |
| 1020 E. Pierson | IN ESCROW | 1211 SF | 3BR/1.75BA | \$ 197,500 |
| 7567 N. 16th Dr. | JUST LISTED | 1320 SF | 3BR/2BA | \$ 189,000 |
| 207 E. Clarendon Ave #15F | JUST LISTED | 1542 SF | 2BR/2BA | \$ 187,000 |
| 13257 N. 38th St. | JUST LISTED | 1384 SF | 4BR/2BA | \$ 184,900 |
| 14007 N. 38th St. | JUST LISTED | 1280 SF | 3BR/2BA | \$ 179,900 |
| 5053 W. Chicago Cr. | IN ESCROW | 1280 SF | 3BR/2BA | \$ 172,500 |
| 8755 W. Ocotillo Rd. | IN ESCROW | 1776 SF | 3BR/2BA | \$ 159,900 |
| 5704 E. Aire Libre #1067 | IN ESCROW | 1088 SF | 2BR/2.5BA | \$ 145,000 |
| 7009 N. 14th Dr. | | 1400 SF | 3BR/2BA | \$ 145,000 |
| 6903 W. San Juan Ave. | NEW PRICE | 1901 SF | 4BR/3BA | \$ 124,400 |
| 1722 W. Cochise Dr. | | 1410 SF | 4BR/2BA | \$ 115,000 |
| 724 E. Devonshire Ave. #203 | IN ESCROW | 1116 SF | 2BR/2BA | \$ 87,000 |
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| 7151 N. 3rd St. \$ 882,000 | 719 W. Claremont St. \$ 580,000 | 1338 W. Hayward Ave. \$ 425,000 | 701 W. Northview \$ 273,000 | 7003 N. 11th Way \$ 158,000 |
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Vaccine can tame shingles

By Joshua Millstein, D.O.

If you've ever had shingles, you know the condition can be quite painful. It also can recur. Shingles appears as a rash on your face or body, typically just on one side.

If you had chicken pox earlier in life, you're at risk of developing shingles down the road, thanks to the varicella-zoster virus. It lies inactive in nerve tissue near your spinal cord and brain after you've had chicken pox and can reactivate years later to cause shingles. The outbreak is most common in those 60 and older. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports there are an estimated 1 million cases annually in the United States.

Before the rash develops, you may feel tingling, pain and itching on the site where the rash will appear. Later, the rash forms blisters that scab over. If that's not bad enough, you also may experience headaches, fever and chills and stomach distress.

If you have a compromised immune system, you're at risk of complications that can include more widespread rashes and secondary infections. Depending on the part of the body affected, you could even experience hearing or vision loss.

It's wise to see your doctor, who can prescribe antiviral medications that may reduce the severity of the outbreak and hasten healing and reduce your risk of complications.

For some individuals, shingles pain can continue long after the blisters have cleared. Known as postherpetic neuralgia, this occurs when damaged nerve fibers send exaggerated messages of pain from your skin to your brain.

If you'd like to avoid shingles, consider getting a shingles shot at your doctors' office. Individuals age 60 and older should get the vaccine even if they don't remember having had chicken pox. While the vaccine is not a guarantee against developing shingles, clinical trials have shown that it may reduce your risk of shingles by more than 50 percent.

If you have severe allergies or a weakened immune system, please consult with your health care provider to ensure that the vaccine is safe for you.

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Health Briefs

PPAZ offers new primary care services

Planned Parenthood Arizona, Inc. (PPAZ) announced that primary care services are now offered at its Northeast Phoenix location. The Northeast Phoenix clinic is located at 3131 E. Thunderbird Road, Suite 48.

PPAZ's primary care program went live last fall at its Central Phoenix Health Center with plans to roll out the program to additional centers across the state. By expanding services



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to include primary care, PPAZ can now treat patients for illnesses—such as common colds, flus and infections—while still providing the expert reproductive health care the community expects. Phoenix consumers now have another choice when it comes to their primary care provider.

Primary care services are also provided at the organization’s Central Phoenix Health Center, 5651 N. 7th St. For more information, visit www.ppaz.org.

Urgent care opens new location

NextCare Urgent Care, one of the nation’s leading providers of urgent care medicine and occupational medical services, last month opened its newest center at 8101 N. 19th Ave., Suite A.

The new clinic is open seven days a week, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. As an added feature, the urgent care clinic will offer NextCare’s signature online check-in, called WAHOO (Wait at Home or Office), so patients can check in remotely, minimizing wait time in the lobby.

The clinic accepts most insurance plans, including Aetna, Blue Cross and Blue Shield, Cigna, Humana, United Health Care, Medicare, Medicaid (AHCCCS) Worker Compensation and many others.

For more information, visit www.NextCare.com or call 888-381-4858.

Reduce stress with yoga classes

Exercising outside this summer isn’t an option for most people, given the increasingly extreme temperatures. Why not check out some fitness classes offered in an air-conditioned setting instead?

The Sunnyslope Community Center, 802 E. Vogel Ave., offers two evening yoga classes beginning this month that will help you release stress, stretch and tone your muscles and help focus your mind.

A Gentle Yoga class is offered for those ages 15 and older from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, June 2-25 (#106159) and July 7-30 (#106196). Cost is \$45 for each four-week session. This is an all-levels yoga class taught by Emily Blanche, who has studied yoga since 1993. The class integrates meditation, restorative and yin

yoga styles. There is strong emphasis on breathing and “listening” to your own body. This class will gently stretch your muscles and focus your mind leaving you centered, relaxed and refreshed.

Yoga for Stress Relief is offered to those ages 16 and older from 6 to 7:05 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, June 3-26 (#106160) and July 8-31 (#106198). This class is accessible to all levels and is designed to open and relax the body to bring more energy, vitality and better overall health physically, mentally and emotionally. Cost is \$40 per session.

All yoga classes are available for drop-in as well as full session registration. Each drop-in is \$6 and a valid recreation card is required. Cards are \$10 and can be purchased in person at any recreation center or online.

For more information or to register, stop by the recreation center, visit <http://phoenix.gov/parks/classes/index.html> and click on “View Full Summer Class Schedule,” or call 602-262-6661.

HOV receives dementia care grant

Hospice of the Valley has received a \$30,000 grant from The Arizona Republic/12 News Season for Sharing for Gardiner Home, the agency’s dedicated dementia care unit in central Phoenix.

Gardiner Home, a 10-bed ranch-style home, serves patients with advanced Alzheimer’s disease or other dementias. Care is provided by a team of physicians, nurses, social workers, nurses’ aides, chaplains and volunteers who specialize in caring for dementia patients at end of life. The home is open to hospice dementia patients who need symptom management or temporary respite care.

Patients may also pay privately for routine stays for \$200 a day, as they would in a group home or other assisted living setting.

Gardiner Home is believed to be the first facility of its kind in Maricopa County and the nation.

Grant funds will support plans to modify Gardiner Home for dementia patients, create customized activities for patients and purchase dementia-friendly items and furnishings.

Not-for-profit Hospice of the Valley has been caring for patients with life-limiting illnesses and their families since 1977. For more information, call 602-530-6900 or go to: www.hov.org.



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All Saints' Episcopal Day School Eco Tigers, who earned \$25,000 in scholarships and grants for their environmental projects, are, from left: standing, Eric Lin, John Paul Rabusa, Aidan Rowland, Jackson Culver-Witt and faculty advisor Alexis Marsden; sitting, Emily Placet, Josie Milisci, Michael Manley, Andrew Scott, Turner Stansbury and Eric Nichols (submitted photo).

Students cash in for the environment

The Eco Tigers, a team of seventh- and eighth-grade students All Saints' Episcopal Day School, were named First Place winners in the final round of the seventh-annual Lexus Eco Challenge, an educational program and contest that inspires and empowers young people to learn about the environment and take action to improve it.

The students received \$15,000 in first place awards.

After first competing in round one of the Challenge, the All Saints' Eco Tigers earned \$10,000 in scholarships and grants to be shared among the students, teacher and school. They were one of only 32 teams nationwide to win in round one, out of 1,500 students that competed. That win secured the team an invitation to participate in the Final Challenge for a chance at one of two \$30,000 grand prizes and eight \$15,000 first-place awards.

In round one, The Eco Tigers tackled the goal of making the All Saints' campus a plastic water bottle-free environment. The students and their faculty advisor calculated that more than 33,000 bottles were being sold or distributed throughout a school year. Students met with the school administration and parent association to deter-

mine the best way to make this a reality.

The team began initiating the use of reusable cups, compostable cups and refillable bottles, gaining more support and creating more awareness with each event. Students were responsible for implementation of the plan and reported on the results.

For the final challenge, all 32 finalist teams were asked to reach beyond the local community and inspire environmental action around the world through innovative ideas that are communicated to a wide audience.

The Eco Tigers set out to educate the community about plastic bags as an environmental issue. They began by educating the All Saints community regarding the need to recycle plastic bags, their proper disposal and the methods of recycling and repurposing the bags. The students and their faculty advisor extended the awareness beyond just the school campus to the school's sister school, St. Paul's in Gascogne, Haiti.

After establishing plastic bag collection receptacles on the Day School campus, the collected bags were repurposed as jump ropes and shoulder bags and taken to Haiti to be shared with the community at St. Paul's. The students submitted their final project for review on Jan. 27.

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Several Washington High AP students helped honor art teacher Karen Bell-Zinn (second from right) as she was recognized by Valley Honda Dealers (submitted photo).

Heard admission is half price for teachers

The Heard Museum, 2301 N. Central Ave., thanks K-12 teachers from Arizona schools with a special offer each June. During Teacher Appreciation Month (June 1-30), the Heard will give teachers with valid school I.D. a 50-percent discount off the adult admission price. This offer is good for the teacher and one guest.

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HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
Bell-Zinn honored for dedication

Washington High School teacher Karen Bell-Zinn recently was recognized by Valley Honda Dealers for her outstanding hard work and dedication as an art teacher.

Bell-Zinn donates much of her own

time and resources to keep the art program supplied and interesting for her students. She has collected and re-purposed city campaign posters to create a replica sculpture of the school’s mascot, created a topiary, and works with the local business community to receive donated supplies.

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Those involved in the recent donation of \$1,000 for books to two Madison District school libraries included, from left: (back row) Priscilla Gossett, Madison Heights principal; district librarian Deborah Reker; Madison No. 1 library associate Katie Hrabczuk; and Pam Warren, Madison No. 1 principal; (front row) fifth graders Loren Brimage, Lila O'Dowd, Sam Leight, Lauren Gross, Rachel Itule, Regan Gentry and Isabel Hiserodt (photo by Teri Carnicelli).

Lopez tapped for Navy summer seminar

The U.S. Naval Academy (USNA) invited a select group of approximately 2,550 young men and women from around the nation and abroad to attend the Naval Academy Summer Seminar program this year. Among them is James Lopez, a student at Washington High School.

Summer Seminar is a fast-paced leadership experience for rising seniors in high school. This program helps educate, motivate and prepare selected students who are considering applying for admission to USNA. Lopez will attend a six-day session and experience a glimpse of USNA life.

Students will have the opportunity to live in Bancroft Hall, eat in King Hall along with participating in academic and leadership workshops. They also will participate in daily physical training involving group runs and conditioning exercises.

Summer Seminar has an academic focus, with each student attending eight 90-minute workshops, covering subjects from information technology, naval architecture and mechanical engineering, to oceanography, mathematics, history and meteorology.

Students will also participate in seamanship and navigation classes and will take a cruise aboard a Navy Yard Patrol (YP) Craft to apply what they will learn in class.



James Lopez

For more information about the Naval Academy, visit: <http://www.usna.edu> or the USNA Admissions Facebook page.

MADISON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Donation aids two school libraries

Members of Girl Scouts Troop No. 2028 had a bittersweet ending to the school year. The girls from "Troop Meadow Lark" made \$1,000 in this year's cookie sales, but the decision was made to disband in part because many of the girls who started out at Madison Heights, where the troop was based, had moved on to the fifth grade at Madison No. 1 in the 2013-14 school year.

Still, the girls were left with the fruits of their labor and no real idea what to do with the cookie sale proceeds. After some discussion, it was decided to donate half the money to their former elementary school, Madison Heights, and the other half to their new middle school, Madison No. 1. The money would be used specifically to buy new books for both school libraries.

"These wonderful fifth grade girls wanted to do something special with the money they had leftover when their troop was no longer going to continue due to various circumstances," explained Katie Hrabczuk, library associate for Madison No. 1. "They decided that, since they all shared a common love of reading, they would like to donate their money equally between both their elementary and their middle school libraries."

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Along with the donation came a list of suggested titles for the libraries to purchase, including a couple of new book series that the girls themselves were eager to read. Hrabczuk and her fellow library associate at Madison Heights, Angela Robson, were happy to comply, and there was more than enough money to buy additional titles for other grade levels as well. In all, a total of about 75 books were purchased using the \$1,000 donation.

“We could not be prouder of these girls,” Hrabczuk said.

Student earns prize for bright invention

On May 2, local youth Richard King won first place in the Madison No. 1 Invention Convention for his creative design of the H2Glow. The H2Glow is a glow-in-the-dark water bottle/nightlight, which helps thirsty kids to feel safe and find their way at night.

King is a student in Lisa Vaaler’s sixth-grade science class. The purpose of the Invention Convention was to showcase the students’ inventive talents and to motivate, encourage and inspire the desire for experimentation and discovery.

OSBORN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Clarendon garden triples in size

The S.O.A.A.R. (Student Opportunity for Academic Achievement and Respect) program garden plot, originally born from the efforts of a Boy Scouts of America troop over 10 years ago, is tripling in size.

This project, located at Clarendon School, is being done by students one shovel at a time. Unlike traditional school gardens where adults do most of the labor and students just water and plant seeds, S.O.A.A.R. students are given full ownership, allowing them to take part in every process they are capable of doing. The learning experience for the students has been so significant that each one of them can share how

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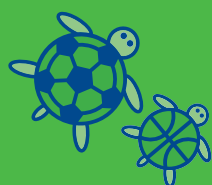
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every part of the garden was created.

They take great pride in showing how they participated in measuring the garden plot, drafting a design, cutting rebar, leveling planting beds or collecting animal manure for the compost bins. Every student in the program has played a unique and specific part in the birth of the garden.

Progress of the garden is a daily event and continues to unfold. Community participation includes seeds being donated by the Valley Permaculture Alliance's Seed Bank, and all compost for planting beds being donated by Singh Farms. Free manure also came from Two Acres School of Riding.

The site will continue to expand with an urban fruit orchard, rainwater catchment system and micro-livestock installed and maintained by the students. Students would be happy to give visitors a tour. For more information or to find out how you can support the S.O.A.A.R. program garden project, visit soagardens.tumblr.com.

PHOENIX UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT Students lauded for poetry talents

Poetry Central 2014 took place at Camelback High School for 100 students from around the district. Guest artists Myrlin Hepworth and Fernando Perez, ASU instructors, conducted workshops on performance and creative writing.

Students recited their poetry at the event, and the District Poetry Contest winners were announced. First place winners were: 9th Grade—Ariel Belcher, Metro Tech, "Our Name"; 10th Grade, Sergio Garcia, Carl Hayden, "Thirteen ways to look at a trash bag"; 11th Grade, Natalie Aguilar, Camelback, "Turned Tables"; 12th Grade, Emily Molina, North, "The Looking Man".

In the category of Foreign Language, Nan Qiu from North High was the overall winner with "Trivial About the Youth."

Students head to national contest

Twenty-three PUHSD students medaled in events at the Arizona Skills USA Championships, April 15-16, and eight of them qualified for the National Championships in Kansas City, Mo., June 23-28.

Six Camelback High engineering students medaled in two events and two of the students—Alissa Rodriguez and Francisco Ochoa—won a gold medal in Mechatronics. They qualified for the national contest this month. In Humanoid Robotics, Camelback students Kayla Mendez and Adrian Munoz won silver medals, and the team of Dalton Duel and Christian Hernandez won bronze in the same category.

Seventeen students from Metro Tech also medaled at the Arizona Skills USA Championships, and six gold medal winners are eligible for the national championships. Gold medalists were: David Zamudio, Basic Automotive Service Technician; David Hernandez Haro, Computer Maintenance Technology; Du Vu and Nicholas Renteria, Human Robot Interaction; and Elizabeth Padilla, Culinary Arts.

Other medalists were Jose Romero Arias, with silver, and Jesus Orta with a bronze in Collision Repair Technology, and Byron Sanchez, a silver in Job Interview. In addition, the team of

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Franklin Police & Fire senior boys and girls teams won the 11th annual Fire Muster competition, the second consecutive title for the girls and a first win for the boys (submitted photo).

Karina Vargas, Jose Tanori, Arly Melendrez, Jorge Barrera, Liliana Gutierrez, Orlando Garcia and Diana Martinez won a silver in Opening and Closing Ceremony.

Franklin school receives accolades

Franklin Police & Fire senior boys and girls teams won the 11th annual Fire Muster competition, April 5 at Glendale Community College. It was the second consecutive title for the girls, while the boys won the event for the first time.

The competition tests the students' basic firefighting skills in five different events: protective clothing turn-out, donning a Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA), connecting to and operating a fire hydrant, deploying a 150-foot fire attack hose-line, and dragging a 165-pound mannequin, named "Rescue Randy" for 100 feet.

The winning Franklin girls team was Anahi Ruiz, Karen Gayosso, Angelica Molina, Desirai Dixon and Yulma Lopez. The boys team was Luis Macias, Alex Arvizu, Alex Gutierrez, Ray Mireles and Andrew Gorslin.

The teams are coached by Fire Science Instructor Richard Verduzco and Gabe Medrano. The Thunderbirds fielded seven teams, including three all-female teams, the most girls teams ever fielded by a school in this competition. Franklin defeated teams from Peoria, Glendale, Moon Valley, Sunnyslope and Apollo High Schools.

Franklin also recently was named a "Beat the Odds" Silver School, by the initiative of the Center for the Future of Arizona that measures school improvement for schools that are at least 50 percent low income and minority, primarily Latino. Franklin has been an "A" school since the state implemented A-F letter grades.

Metro Tech captures chess championship

The Metro Tech Knights won the 2014 Canyon Athletic Association State Chess Championship on April 28. Actually, Metro Tech had two teams take first and second place. The Rooks placed first and the Bishops placed second.

The toughest match of the night had the Rook beating Bishop. The Rook also placed first in regionals, with Bishop right behind. Members of Team Rook are Du Vu, Christian Ramos, Jorge Avila, Miguel Solis and Juan Pina. Members of Team Bishop are Dinh Vu, Victor Perez, Edgar Rodriguez, Jesus Osuna and Ana Osuna.

North finishes well in National French Exam

In April, North High learned that junior Karla Garcia Torres had a perfect score in the National French Exam, ranking first in Arizona and first nationally in Level 3 (third year French).

The rest of the scores have come in, and North was well represented in both state and national rankings. Eleven other North students finished in the top 10 in the nation in the exam.

In the Second Year exam, Margaret Hinson was first in Arizona and third in the United States. Juan Catano was third in Arizona, sixth in the nation. Victor Vazquez placed fourth in Arizona and seventh in the United States, and Jose Granillo was seventh in the state and 10th nationally.

In Level 3, Guillermo Arenas and Maya Christian tied for fourth in state, sixth in the nation. Lina Quintero Segura and Arren Kimbel-Sannit tied for fifth in state and eighth in the nation, and Isabel Diggins was seventh in Arizona and 10th in the United States.

First year French student Hugo
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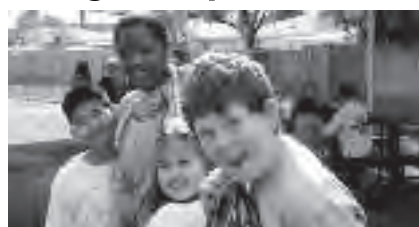
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The 2014 graduating class from The Girls Leadership Academy of Arizona includes, from left: Marieantoinette Moreno, Adileny Garcia, Calla Bassett, Emily Dethlefsen and Amanda Bassett (submitted photo).

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Crick-Furman was second in state and ninth in the nation. In the Level 4 (fourth year), Stacy Espinoza placed second in the state.

WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT Salcido a Teacher of the Year finalist

Royal Palm Middle School PE teacher Jodi Salcido is one of five finalists for the KSLX Radio Teacher of the Year Award. Representatives from KSLX and Landings Credit Union surprised Salcido with the award during class on April 30.

KSLX invited listeners to tell them about a teacher who stands out in the classroom and makes a difference in their child’s world. One honored teacher is selected each month from January through May. Salcido was the March finalist. As part of her recognition, she received a new iPad.



Jodi Salcido

At the end of May, one finalist will be chosen to be the KSLX Teacher of the Year and receive a Masters in Education scholarship to Grand Canyon University. The Masters in Education Scholarship is valued at \$25,000.

Staff, community lauded for contributions

Once each year the Washington Elementary School District (WESD) celebrates the unique, exemplary contribu-

tions of special members of the WESD family by honoring them with the Lamp of Learning Award. The award, which recognizes community and staff members for the “extras” they do to support students, is the highest recognition given in the Washington Elementary School District. This year 42 extraordinary people were honored at a ceremony on May 2. Among the 2014 honorees were:

- Margaret Aragon, kindergarten teacher, and Stephanie Smart, library tech, Desert View Elementary School;
- Tameri Bayus, Student Services specialist, Royal Palm Middle School;
- Diane Distler, Jenna Mott and Stacey Smith, fourth grade teachers, Mountain View School;
- Josephine B. Corson, Title I instructional assistant/ELL testing specialist, and Ted Rexall-Scott, gifted teacher, Richard E. Miller Elementary School;
- Angie Scrom, first grade teacher, Maryland School; and
- the Valley Metro Northwest Light Rail Extension Team (Carla Kahn, Valley Metro; Mike Howard and Erik Yingling, Sundt/Stacy and Witbeck Joint Venture; Albert Santana, city of Phoenix).

PRIVATE AND CHARTER SCHOOLS GLAAZ grads off to colleges

The Girls Leadership Academy of Arizona (www.GLAAZ.org) recently held commencement exercises for its second-ever graduating class. Each of the five graduates plans to attend college, develop additional skills and create ongoing opportunities for their aca-

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demic and personal futures. Several of the students are the first in their family to graduate and are now setting an example for younger classmates and siblings.

“My younger sister also goes to GLAAZ and looks to me,” Adileny Garcia, 2014 GLAAZ graduate, said. “We come from a single mom that is always working, she raised us herself ... my hard work in high school and now going to college won’t just pay off for me, I feel like it helps to pay back my mom, too.”

Amanda Bassett is heading to Northern Arizona University and has earned the NAU President’s Scholarship, while her sister, Calla, will be studying engineering at Southern Arkansas University. Other graduates include: Emily Dethlefsen, Yavapai College, medical assistance; Adileny Garcia, Phoenix College, medical assistance; and Marieantoinette Moreno, Phoenix College, nursing.

Families interested in becoming part GLAAZ can call 602-288-4518 or visit www.glaz.org. Tours for prospective students and their parents are available.

SFX student projects benefit community

Each year, the seventh and eighth grade students at St. Francis Xavier School participate in the Arrupe Project, developed by SFX faculty members four years ago.

This project challenges the seventh- and eighth-grade students to research issues that affect their community. Through this project, students “Pay It Forward” by becoming personally engaged in a response to social justice.

During their classes, students researched organizations that are actively engaged in ending inequality. Each student selects an organization to be the recipient of the funds raised. They have to speak to an individual at the organization and find out what their needs are. The students then purchase the items needed with the funds raised.

Students begin their project by earning \$10, which is then matched by the school through grants. These start-up funds are used by the students in their fundraising efforts.

The seventh grade hosts the Arrupe Marketplace where they sell small homemade items to the school community. The eighth grade has creative stu-



ABOVE: Celebrating receiving a grant for \$1,500 for Xavier’s second-annual Girls Have “IT” Summer Camp are Xavier College Prep seniors, from left: Zoe Berk, Roxana Wolfson, Kate Welty, Genevieve Valladao and Kassandra Haro (submitted photo).

RIGHT: Using his impressive artistic talents, St. Francis Xavier seventh grader Lake Etsitty sketched the entry arch of his school and then turned the sketch into note cards, which he sold as a fundraiser in the school’s annual Arrupe Marketplace (submitted photo).

dent-organized fundraisers that raise funds for their organization. Fundraisers this year involved taco nights, hockey clinics, lacrosse clinics, ice cream socials, babysitting services and many other creative ideas.

As the Arrupe Projects conclude, students used their funds to purchase items needed by the organization, then they personally deliver those items.

More than 140 students raised \$34,759. From the money raised they purchased and delivered items to 42 different organizations. Since the Arrupe Project’s inception, more than \$94,000 has been raised and money distributed to 211 Valley organizations.

Students get grant for summer camp

Xavier College Preparatory seniors Genevieve Valladao, Kate Welty and Roxana Wolfson of North Central Phoenix, along with fellow seniors Zoe Berk and Kassandra Haro, received a grant of \$1,500 from the National Center for Women and Information Technology’s “AspireIT” program.

The students will use the funds to further develop Xavier’s second-annual Girls Have “IT” Camp, a summer camp designed to inspire middle-school girls in computing and technology through hands-on activities and mentoring.

This year’s Girls Have “IT” Camp will feature two sessions: June 2-5 from 1:30-3:30 p.m. and June 9-12 from



1:30-3:30 p.m. AspireIT is a middle school outreach program that matches National Center for Women and Information Technology (NCWIT) Award for Aspirations in Computing recipients with participating Academic Alliance or K-12 Alliance members to create and run computing-related outreach programs for middle school girls—such as after-school programs, summer camps, clubs and weekend conferences.

Inspired by the desire of young women in computing to “pay it forward,” AspireIT aims to employ a “near-peer” approach that provides middle-school girls with a positive, sustained experience of learning and creating computing alongside their peers in high school and college.

Xavier ends year with more awards

Xavier College Preparatory’s pom line captured the national championship by placing first in the large varsity song/pom division at the United Spirit Association Nationals in Anaheim, Calif., held in April. Xavier’s cheer team placed fourth at the same competition.

Xavier’s sand volleyball team captured its third straight state title on Wednesday, April 9 by defeating Scottsdale Prep in the Division I state championship match at Glendale’s

Victory Lane Sports Complex.

The Honor Choir took the top score in “women’s chorus” at the WorldStrides Heritage Festival of Gold in Washington, D.C., on Monday, April 7. Directed by alumna Brittanee Fain, the Xavier Honor Choir was then invited to perform a special encore at the festival concert.

Student’s art captures interest

Xavier College Preparatory senior Christina Valenzuela was a big winner from District 9 in the 2014 Congressional Art Show. Valenzuela’s piece won “Best In Show.”

Valenzuela, a North Central resident, also was selected to contribute artwork to the Phoenix Art Museum’s annual student art show, hosted by the Arizona Art Education Association for Youth Art Month in March.

PCDS honors its alumni, founder

Phoenix Country Day School celebrated a Bridge-the-Gap weekend on April 11-12. The kick-off began on Friday night at Chelsea’s Kitchen with an alumni happy hour and continued on Saturday evening with an Alumni-Athletic Hall of Fame celebration, and finished with PCDS’ biggest party of the year—the annual Bridge-the-Gap.

Bridge-The-Gap brings together the entire PCDS community—family, faculty and alumni—to promote the school’s annual fund. A special guest to this year’s event was the school’s founder, May Sue Talley, who was honored as Distinguished Honorary Alumna.

Guests mingled while Valley restaurants showcased their foods. Live music, dancing, twinkling lights and unique silent auction items added to the elegance and to the evening’s enjoyment.

SFX basketball team wins championship

The Saint Francis Xavier Girls Basketball team won the CYAA (Catholic Youth Athletic Association) championship game on April 11. The team trailed at halftime 23-12, but had an incredible defensive effort in the second half.

Katie Hassett (’14) had an offensive rebound and basket with less than 2 seconds left in the game to win the championship 28-27 over St. Mary Basha. The team is coached by John Burns.



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For seniors, little things can cause big risks in the home, such as floor mats and small rugs, or larger rugs with frayed or upturned corners, which pose serious tripping hazards—especially for those using walkers, canes or other mobility assistance (submitted photo).

Making the home safer for seniors

June is National Safety Month, a great time for families to check their aging loved one’s home for potential hazards that could threaten their independence.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, nearly 20 million seniors ages 65 and older visit the emergency room each year with almost a third of the visits related to injuries, many of which are sustained in the place seniors are meant to feel the safest: their home. However, almost half of all home accidents by seniors (48 percent) can be avoided, according to a recent survey of emergency room doctors.

These preventable home hazards, such as throw rugs or loose railings, can be particularly harmful, leading to falls and injuries that can impact seniors’ ability to live independently. Many seniors haven’t taken any steps to prepare their homes for their changing needs as they grow older.

“The home should be the safest and most comfortable place for aging seniors,” says Jason Nash, president of the Home Instead Senior Care office serving Greater Phoenix. “It is critical for families and seniors to invest the time in identifying the necessary home safety modifications to ensure it stays that way.”

Senior home safety experts recommend that adult children of seniors take at least one day each year to per-

form a thorough safety check of their parents’ home. To help families accomplish this goal and help seniors reduce the risk of injury in their own homes, the Home Instead Senior Care office serving Greater Phoenix is offering free home safety checks conducted by local senior care experts throughout June. The safety checks will be provided at no cost on a time-available basis.

“An annual safety check can help seniors avoid dangers that could threaten their independence,” said Nash. “When we go into homes, we see a lot of red flags that are easily overlooked by those who are familiar with the home. Most of the time, these are relatively easy and affordable fixes—and they could be the difference between a trip to the emergency room and staying safe at home.”

The most common issues found in seniors’ homes are tripping hazards, bathrooms without assistive equipment, such as grab bars on the shower or tub, and storage that’s too high or too low.

A free home safety checklist, online safety assessment and recommendations for inexpensive modifications that could ensure the safety of older loved ones are also available at www.makinghomesaferforseniors.com. These free safety checks and support resources are part of Home Instead Inc.’s broader Making Home Safer for Seniors program.

To request a free home safety check or the home safety checklist, call the local Home Instead Senior Care office at 602-588-7725.



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Senior Living

New retirement community opens

Olive Grove Retirement Community, which provides assisted living, memory care and respite services to the community, opened last month at 3014 E. Indian School Road.

A Stellar Living Community, Olive Grove operates under a philosophy that independent and assisted living encourages an active and free senior lifestyle that supports residents' privacy and dignity. The 98-unit complex offers home-cooked meals, library, wellness center and off-site excursions. For more information, call 602-714-8050 or visit www.stellarliving.com/olive-grove.

Summer funds for grand-families

In Arizona, an increasing number of older adults are now the primary caregivers for their grandchildren or other juvenile family members. Many of these individuals are retired or don't have the finances to give a child the luxuries of taking special classes, attending summer camp and participating in school activities. That's where nonprofit Duet steps in.

Duet offers unique respite assistance for grandparents raising grandchildren. For individuals who are 55 years or older, Duet may be able to pay for part or all of the registration or tuition fees for various activities.

Grandparents must be able to demonstrate they are raising their grandchildren to receive these funds. Additional free-of-charge services are available for grandparents raising their grandchildren such as support groups, seminars and legal services.

This is an ongoing process. However, Duet will be spending a great amount by the end of June on grandparents raising grandchildren who are in need of financial assistance. To apply for funds, call Patricia Dominguez at 602-274-5022, ext. 31 or email dominguez@duetaz.org.

Kids & Families

Curfew violations have legal consequences

As Alice Cooper sings, "School's Out For The Summer." Unfortunately, this also means a lot of bored kids who are at home all day while the parents work, and out at night wandering about with no purpose.

Do not underestimate juveniles, as they are just as likely to commit burglaries, thefts and vandalism (steal sprinkler heads, slash tires, remove lawn furniture, etc.) as any ill-intentioned adult. Parents or legal guardians have the responsibility to make sure their children aren't violating the city's curfew restrictions—but anyone can report suspicious activity.

Here is a quick reminder about the city of Phoenix curfew restrictions:

- Youth younger than 16 cannot be outside away from their residential property between the hours of 10 p.m. and 5 a.m. the following morning, as well as youth ages 16 to 17 during the hours of midnight to 5 a.m., unless accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

- An exception is if the juvenile is a legally emancipated minor or on reasonable, legitimate and specific business with the permission of a parent or guardian, such as going to work.

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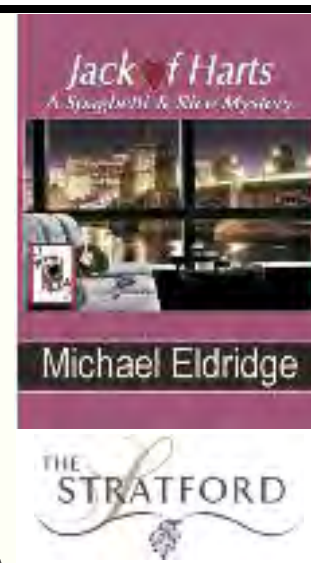
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parent or legal guardian who knowingly allows the youth to violate curfew.

If you see juveniles out and about past curfew, and something doesn't seem right such as loitering in or near a business that is closed for the night or skateboarding on private property, call the Phoenix Police Department's Crime Stop line at 602-262-6151.

Children's chorus holds auditions

Phoenix Children's Chorus is seeking new members. Boys and girls currently in first through eleventh grades who love to sing are encouraged to attend a free audition, 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 17 at the Phoenix Center for the Arts, 1202 N. 3rd St. A sign on the front door will give the room where the auditions take place in the building.

The child will go before the music directors, who will ask the child to match pitch by playing a few notes on the piano for the child to repeat a cappella (without accompaniment). Each child is taught a new song that they sing for their audition. Then if the child can read music they will be given the opportunity to demonstrate that ability.

PCC is looking for children who have a clear and pleasant singing voice, love to sing and can match pitch. PCC is a choral music education organization.

Audition registration and more details can be found online at www.pcchorus.org. For more information, call 602-534-3788.

Luau-themed party at Sunrays center

Break out the kids' favorite Hawaiian shirts during a luau-themed Kids' Night Out, Saturday, June 21 at Arizona Sunrays Gymnastics Center, 3110 E. Thunderbird Road.

Children ages 3 to 13 will enjoy gymnastics, organized games, sports, dancing, jumping in a bounce house and on trampolines, and then wind down the evening 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. Advance registration is required. There is a \$5 fee for same-day registration. There's also easy online registration. For more information, call 602-992-5790 or visit www.arizonasunrays.com.

Free admission, demonstrations

Join Pueblo Grande Museum and S.A.L.T. (Study of Ancient Lifeways and Technologies) in celebrating World Atlatl Day on Saturday, June 7 from 9 a.m. to noon. The museum is celebrating by offering free admission all day, and the local primitive skills group S.A.L.T. will put on an atlatl demonstration and accuracy contest.

The atlatl is a weapon predating the bow and arrow. Used worldwide for thousands of years, it proved an effective weapon. A stick with a hook on the end to hold the dart/spear, it increased the distance, speed and force of the dart/spear. Visitors can try throwing darts using the atlatl and even join in the accuracy competition.

This event and the museum are free and open to the public, donations are welcome. Pre-registration is not required and no experience is needed to join the atlatl competition. The museum is located at 4619 E. Washington St. For more information, call 602-495-0901 or visit www.pueblogrande.com.

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Rehearsing for not one, but two upcoming summer productions are Actors Theatre cast members, from left: Angelica Howard, Joe Kremer, Maren Maclean Mascarelli, Tyler Eglen and Alexis Green (photo courtesy of Actors Theatre).

Actors Theatre fills summer void

Actors Theatre is launching a two-show summer schedule to help fill at least one empty theater stage during a time of year that has historically been very quiet.

Coming off a critically successful post-pause season, Actors Theatre Producing Artistic Director Matthew Wiener will direct "The Book Club Play" and "The Cottage" on alternating weeks beginning June 20 at the Helen K. Mason Performing Arts Center, 1333 E. Washington St.

Both contemporary comedies, each written by a woman playwright, will feature the same cast.

In "The Book Club Play" by Karen Zacarias, a group of friends welcome a new member to their book club, only to see him tear at the fabric of their longstanding relationships. Structured as a documentary film with "character interviews" interrupting the action and with projected out-takes from the film's final cut, "The Book Club Play" is a sly examination of social groups, ritual and the true nature of friendship.

Sandy Rustin's "The Cottage" is a tale of love, sex and betrayal. The two-act story is set in the English countryside in 1923 where Sylvia Van Kipness decides to expose her love affair with her husband's brother. The true meanings of fate, identity and marriage are all called into question as a surprising

and hilarious web of secrets unravel in this ridiculous, potentially murderous and romantic comedy.

"The Book Club Play" opens on Tuesday, June 20 and runs through Aug. 17. The Cottage opens June 27 and will close on Aug. 10. Curtain time for both plays is 7 p.m.

Tickets can be purchased online at www.actorstheatrephx.org. Prices range from \$18 for students (with ID) to \$45 for reserved seats. For more information, call 602-888-0368.

A & E Briefs '25 Years of Through Each Others' Eyes' Through June 19

Shemer Art Center
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A 70-print photo exhibit featuring images from local and international photographers who have participated in photo exchanges. Admission is free. The Shemer is open Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Thursday evening, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

'William H. Johnson: An American Modern' Through July 13 Phoenix Art Museum

1625 N. Central Ave.
602-257-1222
The exhibit features 20 rarely seen paintings by William H. Johnson, a key

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figure in modern American art. General admission is \$15 adults, \$12 seniors age 65 and older, \$10 for students with ID, \$6 for children ages 6-17, and free for children ages 5 and younger. Free admission for all is available Wednesdays from 3 to 9 p.m. and First Fridays from 6 to 10 p.m. Visit www.phxart.org.

'Build! Toy Bricks at the Heard

Through Sept. 28
Heard Museum
2301 N. Central Ave.
602-252-8840

GO bricks will be the inspiration of a family-friendly, interactive exhibit in the museum's Lincoln Gallery. Local American Indian, Mexican-American and non-Indian artists transform their artworks using the versatile toy bricks. This exhibit also will feature two LEGO brick creations by brick artists Nathan Sawaya and Sean Kenney. Special admission prices are \$23 adults, \$18.50 seniors, \$12.50 students and children ages 6-12, and free for children ages 5 and younger (all include admission to the full museum as well). Visit www.heard.org.

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June 5-8
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'Borderlands: Encounters in the Desert'

6-9 p.m. Friday, June 6
Olney Gallery
at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral
100 W. Roosevelt St.

This exhibit of 12 photographers from the International League of Conservation Photographers features images that capture the fragility of the ecosystem and document the impact of a man-made wall that separates animals,

plants and people from access to water, food and migratory routes. There also is an installation of objects left in the desert by people attempting to cross the border, trying to escape poverty. Together, photos and the found objects tell a story of hope and tragedy that play out on a daily basis at the US-Mexican border. Regular gallery hours are 9 a.m.-4p.m. Tuesday through Friday.

Caught: New Work by Melany Terranova and Hank Keneally'

6 p.m. Fridays, June 6 & 20
R. Pela Contemporary Art
335 W. McDowell Road
602-320-8445

Terranova's assemblages, made entirely from crushed eggshells, have roots in the cultural tradition of painting Ukrainian Easter eggs. Keneally's large-format images layer tints and vintage photographs of stoic men, women and children, overlapping them in such a way that they both compliment and comment upon one another. The show will remain on exhibit through June 28 and is otherwise open by appointment only.

'Peter Pan' Valley Youth Theatre

June 13-29
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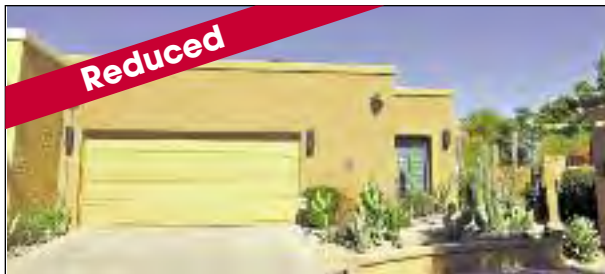
Join Peter Pan, Wendy and Captain Hook in the original Broadway musical that whisks you away to a place where dreams are born and no one ever grows up. Tickets are \$16.50-\$34.50, plus fees. Visit www.herbergertheater.org.

'Stop Making Sense: The Talking Heads'

1:30 p.m. Sunday June 22
Third Street Theater,
Phoenix Center for the Arts
1202 N. 3rd St.

Over the course of three nights at Hollywood's Pantages Theater in December 1983, filmmaker Jonathan Demme joined creative forces with cinematographer Jordan Cronenweth and music group the Talking Heads to create a rock concert film like no other. Tickets are \$7. Doors open at 1 p.m.; cash bar available. View trailer at: <http://tinyurl.com/stopmakingsense-trailer>.

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Obed De la Cruz, left, visits with Mejico customers Rick and Jacque Berry, who are enjoying happy hours specials: \$5 skinny margaritas, \$3 cheese quesadilla, \$1 carne asada street tacos and a \$3 ceviche tostada which the couple gave "two thumbs up" (photo by Teri Carnicelli).

Café Chat

East Valley family brings tasty eats to Phoenix

By Patty Talahongva

Most owners have enough on their hands with the opening of one restaurant, but the De la Cruz brothers just couldn't pass up two great locations in Phoenix. So, they opened two restaurants in the North Central area—all in the last six months.

Phoenix Burrito House opened on Dec. 24, 2013. It's located in the old Fry Bread House building at 4140 N. 7th Ave. Less than three months later, Mejico opened at 2333 E. Osborn Road.

Obed and Michael De la Cruz have been in the restaurant business for nearly 30 years, so the challenge of opening two restaurants seems to have been taken in stride. They come from a family of food experts, and if you've ventured into the East Valley most likely you've eaten at one of the four family restaurants: El Sol Mexican Cafe & Bakery, El Zocalo Mexican Grill, Mangos Mexican Cafe or De la Cruz Bistro.

A self-described high school drop out who never went to college, Obed says he's found his niche with the restaurant business. In 1978 his family owned the only Mexican restaurant and bakery in the entire state of Utah. Then in 1983 they opened a restaurant in

Salt Lake City. His parents later moved to Arizona due to his mother's health.

"They moved in February 1987 and I visited at Easter and never went back," he says. "I fell in love with Arizona."

The family businesses were sold in Utah and in 1988 the De la Cruz family opened El Sol, a new restaurant in their new home town, Chandler.

Today, Obed and his wife, Panfila; his brother Michael and other family members own and operate all six De la Cruz restaurants.

Why the move to central Phoenix? Obed explains that his older brother, Michael, lives in the area and he's the one who spotted the locations and convinced Obed to bring the family business into Phoenix.

"It was not even three weeks after I signed the deal with this one (Mejico) I get a call from my brother and he says the old Fry Bread House is up for rent."

Michael wanted Obed to look it over as a potential new restaurant site but Obed was reluctant, since his plate was already full with Mejico. But his brother was persistent so Obed agreed to visit the site. He immediately saw the potential and signed the deal to rent to space.

At Phoenix Burrito House, they decorated the walls with old Mexican lottery artwork. He says they get a lot of compliments from diners who remember their parents playing the lottery when they were kids.

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"It's a great place for a good, fresh burrito if you're on the go," says Obed. He describes the breakfast burritos (\$4.75) as "killer" and says they are served all day. Right now the Burrito House opens at 10 a.m. but eventually the doors will open at 7 a.m.

Michael runs the day-to-day operations at the Burrito House. Besides great burritos you can also try the quesadillas (\$4.75-\$7.50) and, of course, the tortillas are homemade at their East Valley bakery. "It's great quality food for a reasonable price," adds Obed. Tacos and salads round out the simple menu.

Business wraps up at 8 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and at 2 p.m. Sundays. It is closed Mondays. Visit www.phxburrito.com or call 602-265-1274.

Just a few miles east the brothers' other restaurant, Mejico, offers a completely different dining experience. A stylish and intimate place, Mejico is naturally bright with huge windows along the east and north walls. The eatery comes alive at night for a cozy and romantic dinner.

Obed and his family did all the renovation work to create the special vibe at Mejico, with bright colors, decorative ironwork and interesting wall art on the exposed natural brick. He purposely picked the name Mejico with the old spelling. Once Spain conquered the region they changed the spelling to Mexico. Obed says it's his nod to the original inhabitants of the area. "I get a lot of compliments on the name."

There are 10 items on the lunch menu but you can order anything from the full menu. Some popular dishes are the Soft Tacos (\$9) or the Shrimp & Chorizo Burrito (\$12).

Dinner selections range from \$17 to \$23 for the Camarones Ala Diabla; sautéed shrimp in a spicy red chile sauce. A must-try is the Shrimp Relleno (\$22) and, of course, the dessert—flan or a sopapilla drizzled with honey, butter and powdered sugar (\$6).

Happy Hour is 3-6 p.m. Monday through Friday and you can get \$3 beers, \$4 well drinks or \$5 Skinny Margaritas. You also can get half off any regular menu appetizer. Mejico also has a wide variety of domestic and imported beer or wines from California, Argentina, Chile and Mexico, as well as an ever-growing selection of tequilas.

This is not the typical Mexican food restaurant with sombreros and serapes

draping the walls. You won't get food drenched in cheese either. You'll get the food the De la Cruz family has been serving successfully for nearly 30 years.

"I want to be that neighborhood, friendly fun vibe," says Obed. He sees a late night menu in the future and a Reverse Happy Hour. Right now the restaurant seats 50 people. A future patio on the east side of the building will add space for an additional 20-25 people. "I want it small. I want it quaint," he says. "Absolutely, we are a family business."

Hours are 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Fridays and 5-10 p.m. Saturdays. Closed on Sundays. For more information, call 602-956-4420 or visit www.mejicoaz.com.

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modern polenta is made with rough-ground corn. Using cornmeal from Arizona's own Hayden Flour Mills Chef Cullen Campbell of Crudo has resurrected this traditional meal and serving style.

Crudo's new family-style Polenta Board Dinners are served on custom wooden platters and accompanied by gourmet toppings such as hay-smoked pork butt and sautéed broccolini, or braised kale and roasted root veggies, and accompanied by jars of house-made sauces including salsa verde, red wine sugo, roasted garlic and shredded parmigiano. Guests also receive a bottle of wine and a large Farmer Crudo salad—all for only \$20 per person (plus tax and gratuities).

Family-style Polenta Board Dinners are served 5-10 p.m. Wednesdays and 5-9 p.m. Sundays. Crudo is located at 3603 E. Indian School Road. For more information, call 602-358-8666 or visit www.crudoaz.com.

FRC group offers up a Flower Child

Flower Child is the latest brain child of the Fox Restaurant Concepts group. It caters to those who are both localvores as well as diners who prefer their food raised and harvested in Earth-friendly, sustainable ways.

Local sourcing is a priority for this vegetarian-friendly restaurant, but meat eaters will also find selections from ranchers who respect and care for their animals. Protein selections include grass-fed steak, all natural chicken, sustainable salmon and organic tofu.

The menu includes a vegetable and a protein "soup of the day," as well as a variety of salads, vegetable and grain plates, whole grain wraps and hot pots. There's not much of a bar but you can have a glass of wine or beer if you are in the mood.

Open daily from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. at 5013 N. 44th St., Suite B2025. For more information, call 602-429-6222 or visit <http://iamaflowerchild.com>.

Meals support programs at AL

The American Legion Auxiliary will serve a mouth-watering Rib Dinner from 5 to 7 p.m. Saturday, June 21 at American Legion Post 75, 10625 N. Cave Creek Road.

The dinner includes a half-rack of

beef ribs, a baked potato, corn on the cob and apple pie a la mode, all for \$11.

Every Friday and Saturday from 5 to 7 p.m. the post serves dinner followed by entertainment—karaoke on Friday and bands on Saturdays. On the first and third Sundays of the month, the Sons of the American Legion serve breakfast from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. All the profits from the meals go to support the post's programs, which directly benefit veterans and active military.

Everyone is welcome; you don't have to be a member of the post to enjoy any of these terrific meals. For more information, visit www.post75sunnyslope.com or call the American Legion Post 75 at 602-943-8477.

Great barbecue travels on Southern Rail

A year after first announcing the highly anticipated second restaurant from the people behind Beckett's Table, Southern Rail is now open and ready to satisfy those barbecue cravings.

Guests will be rewarded with Chef Justin Beckett's signature take on dishes inspired by the "low-country" cooking of the coastal Carolinas, the famous Cajun and Creole fare of New Orleans and the slow-smoke barbeque of south Texas.

"Long before the farm-to-table concept emerged, southern cooks took great pride in preparing dishes with a real focus on local produce," says Beckett. "At Southern Rail I wanted to pay homage by incorporating Arizona's unique local produce in creative takes on some of the South's most iconic dishes."

Southern-style selections include: house-smoked chicken and grilled Andouille sausage gumbo; cornbread salad with grilled cauliflower, marinated tomatoes, pickled beets and okra; house-smoked trout with sweet pea cake and spiced tomato jam; and fried green tomatoes with pimento cheese.

Southern Rail is the sole restaurant located in The Newton, an adaptive revitalization of the iconic Beef Eaters building at 3rd Avenue and Camelback Road. For more information, visit SouthernRailAZ.com.

Steak 44 donates to children's hospital

It has been nearly 23 years since Jake Mastro, son of restaurateur Mike Mastro and his wife, Brenda, had to be airlifted to Phoenix Children's

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Hospital. Mastro recalls those frantic and terrifying moments when doctors and nurses began administering care to his son Jake, who had just been born hours before.

"My wife had just given birth to Jake. She was terribly sick, and then Jake had contracted strep and needed to be airlifted to Phoenix Children's Hospital," Maestro explains. "He was there for five days and they saved his life. Now, 23 years later, we are happy to be in a position to give back. We will forever be grateful for what they did for Jake at Phoenix Children's Hospital."

Mastro, who owns Steak 44 and Dominick's Steakhouse alongside partners Scott Troilo, brother Jeffrey Mastro and father Dennis Mastro, last month presented a check for \$13,545.32 to Phoenix Children's Hospital. Also there for the special ceremony were Jake and Brenda.

That money was raised during a series of private VIP parties held at Steak 44, 5101 N. 44th St., during the opening week. Steak 44 donated 100 percent of the proceeds received from drinks purchased during these opening nights. Two of the evenings, Steak 44 did trial runs with complimentary meals. These evenings they asked guests to donate to PCH in lieu of a dinner bill. Steak 44 raised an additional \$7,000 from donations by customers during a raffle held at the event.

Summer Beer Dinners return to Biltmore

A summer series of Biltmore Beer Dinners will pair Arizona and California microbrews with original menus crafted by Executive Chef Gordon Maybury and Chef de Cuisine Jason Jaynes at Frank & Albert's at the Biltmore Resort, 2400 E. Missouri Ave.

"The unique beers being created by microbreweries today are a joy to pair with food because they are sophisticated, nuanced and burst with a range of flavors, consistencies and finishes," said Maybury. "Our Biltmore Beer Dinners are multi-faceted culinary experiences that wow beer aficionados and novices alike."

June 9 will feature Tempe-based Four Peaks Brewery; July 14 serves up Petaluma, Calif.-based Lagunitas Brewery; and on Aug. 11 sample Vista,

Calif.-based Iron Fist Brewing Company.

Held in the private Sunroom at Frank & Albert's restaurant, the dinners start at 7 p.m. The cost is \$40 per person for a four-course dinner. Tax and 18 percent gratuity are additional. Each Biltmore Beer Dinner will have a representative of the brewery there to discuss their beers and brewing techniques. For dining reservations, call 602-381-7632.

Show your A grades, get a free treat at Lola

While many kids are anxiously await the arrival of their report cards and summer vacation, Lola Coffee, Tapas and Wine Bar at The Yard is giving hardworking students something else to look forward to: their "I've got an A" reward.

Lola at the Yard, 5632 N. 7th St., wants to acknowledge students for their good work. Just bring in your Spring 2014 report card before June 31, showing at least one "A" grade, and Lola will give you a complimentary drink, muffin, doughnut or pastry of your choice (limit one per person).

"We want to reward all of the hard-working kids in the community with a sweet treat to kick off summer," explains Lola at the Yard co-owner, Walter Clarke.

For more information, visit www.lolaattheyard.com or call 602-287-0000.

Enjoy dinner, dancing for Father's Day at AAIC

Bring dad to the Arizona American Italian Club, 7509 N. 12th St., for a great Italian dinner and live music beginning at 6 p.m. on Saturday, June 14.

Dinner includes full antipasto, Italian wedding soup, Osso Buco Milanese (substitute grilled swordfish with advance request only), garlic mashed potatoes, Italian green beans, artisan bread and dessert. One cocktail is included with every dinner purchase.

Entertainment is provided by The Dianne Lindsay Band and there's plenty of room for dancing. Cost is \$30 per person and tickets are available for purchase in advance or the night of the event at the club's bar.

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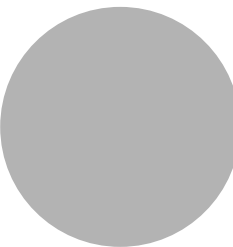
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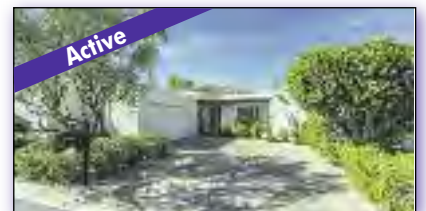
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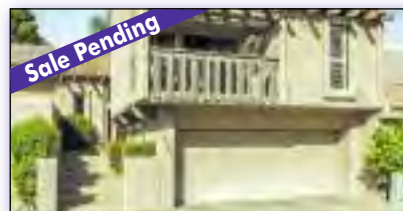
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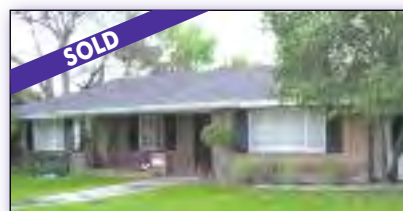
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