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Too much citrus draws in roof rats

By Teri Carnicelli

The overabundance of citrus this winter and spring may seem like a happy circumstance for those who enjoy spending hours squeezing oranges and grapefruits, or making tasty desserts with lemons and limes. But for some North Central residents, the windfall of citrus marks the return of an old nemesis: the roof rat.

Roof rats were first discovered in the Arcadia neighborhood in 2002. Not native to Arizona, the rats are believed to have been transported to Maricopa County from one of Arizona's neighboring coastal states. They soon spread to different areas of the Valley, including North Central Phoenix.

Although roof rats have not been found to have disease, they are known to be very destructive, gnawing through wiring and causing other damage if they make their nests inside your home.

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ABC15 reporter Joe Ducey, back, discusses a consumer complaint with Charlotte Barnes, who along with Jim Cederstrom volunteers on Fridays answering e-mails and voicemails that come in for the "Let Joe Know" consumer affairs program (photo by Teri Carnicelli).

Volunteers sought to assist local TV show

By Teri Carnicelli

Charlotte Barnes lets out a happy "whoop!" as she hangs up the phone with a smile. "She got the check!" Barnes exclaims, beaming from ear to ear as she high-fives ABC15 reporter Joe Ducey.

Barnes, a retired O.R. nurse from Kentucky, is one of less than a dozen volunteers who helps Ducey with his "Let Joe Know" consumer affairs program, which airs at 6 p.m. weekdays on ABC-Channel 15. The volunteers return phone calls and e-mails and try to offer advice or referrals to those that won't make the on-air program. It could be a landlord/tenant issue, a bad contractor problem, or someone who is about to fall for a scam and needs guidance.

Barnes explains that a 96-year-old woman was transported from a physical therapy center back to her home via ambulance in October 2014 and was given a bill by the ambulance company for \$1,000. She paid it, without giving a thought to the fact that she had both Medicare and private insurance. A neighbor lady who checks in on the elderly woman regularly found out about the bill and after calling the ambulance company to get it straightened out—without any luck—she left a message with "Let Joe Know."

It was Barnes who first contacted the neighbor, and then called the ambulance company, who said

they had billed the insurance and mailed the refund check—to the rehab center. The rehab center said they mailed it to the elderly patient, but put the wrong address on the envelope and the check came back. They were sending it out again, and Barnes made sure they had the correct address this time. Less than a week later, Barnes called back to check in—and got the happy news that the check had arrived the day before.

"They are both such nice ladies, and I'm sure she could use that \$1,000 for something else," said Barnes, who drives in from Cave Creek to volunteer. "I'm so happy it all got worked out."

Ducey has been an investigative reporter with

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Youth's rough road leads to giving spirit

Central High School Senior Angel Moreno has faced tough times in his young life. Raised in a single-parent home with six siblings, Angel's family struggled with homelessness, not making bills and struggling to put food on the table. Throughout this time, Angel's mom worked night shifts in order to be with her kids during the day and still provide for them.

As the oldest child, Angel has become his mother's right-hand man and a father figure to his siblings. He cooks, cleans and spends time with his younger brothers and sisters helping them with homework and ensuring that his mom can go safely to work. This sense of responsibility has carried over into all aspects of his life.

At the Boys & Girls Clubs, Angel never ceases to give back. And for his courage, dedication and generous spirit, Angel was named the "2015 Youth of the Year" for the Harry & Sandy Rosenzweig Branch of the Boys and Girls Club of Metro Phoenix.

As a Keystone member at the Harry & Sandy Rosenzweig Branch, 2242 W. Missouri Ave., Angel helps with homework during Power Hour, reads to younger kids, participates in park clean ups and organized an event to clean the local firefighters' parking lot and truck. He even shares his love of sports with the



Central High School senior Angel Moreno was named the 2015 Youth of the Year for the Harry & Sandy Rosenzweig Branch of the Boys and Girls Club of Metro Phoenix (submitted photo).

younger members at the club by coaching them in soccer and basketball.

"These small things bring a little bit of happiness to the world and it doesn't really take a lot of my time or energy," Angel says.

Kindness has even inspired his career path—Angel wants to become a firefighter based on the time he has spent volunteering at the fire station through his Keystone Club. It is something he would have never thought possible without his experiences at the Boys & Girls Club.

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I have been witness to many a friend who have had to deal with life-changing tragedy. I am always amazed by how strong, courageous and graceful they are. I am not sure that I would have those same qualities. I would particularly like to mention Mark and Katie Cosmas. Their beautiful angel, Taylor, died of SIDS. Somehow they have turned that terrible grief and pain into something so organic and angelic. They created Team Taylor and The Arcadia Family Fun Run with proceeds benefiting SIDS research. Last year the event raised more than \$90,000. I think of them often when faced with perceived obstacles and laugh at myself. I am not sure they even remotely understand the inspiration they are to me and many others. Please consider helping their cause or participating in this year's Third Annual Arcadia Family Fun Run on Sunday, April 19th. For more information on the event please visit www.TeamTaylorAZ.com. Since Taylor's passing they have added Cade to the family and from afar he seems as fearless as his father.

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Ride your bike, receive discounts

April is the perfect time to enjoy the beautiful spring weather on two wheels. This month is Valley Bike Month, and whether you are a regular bike commuter or just an occasional rider, there are several events and specials for cyclists.

"Bike to Books" is a family-friendly event scheduled for 2-3:30 p.m. Sunday, April 12. Join Phoenix Spokes People for a casual ride starting at the Burton Barr Library, winding through some of the city's Little Free Libraries, and ending at Changing Hands Bookstore at 5th Avenue and Camelback Road. For more information or to register for this free event, visit: www.facebook.com/events/377076249145736/.

Valley bike riders also are invited to join in on Phoenix/Maricopa Bike to Work Day, 7-9 a.m. Thursday, April 23. Join Phoenix City Council and Maricopa County officials, as well as other dignitaries at Park Central Mall, Central Avenue and Earll Drive, for a police escorted 3-mile ride to CityScape. There will be free T-shirts, prize drawings, and more. There also will be free breakfast for the first 400 registered participants. Pre-registration is required at: www.maricopa.gov/communications/btw.aspx.

Also, bike in to the following businesses this month and receive:

- Happy hour pricing all day at Spoke & Wheel Tavern, 8525 N. Central Ave. (ongoing)

- 10 percent off parts, accessories and café purchases at Trailhead Bike Café, 6825 N. 16th St.

- One free pastry of choice at Urban Cookies Bakeshop, 4711 N. 7th St.

- 10 percent off bike parts and accessories at Landis Cyclery, 712 W. Indian School Road.

- One free doughnut with any coffee purchase at Rollover Doughnuts, 10 W. Vernon Ave.

- \$1 off a pitcher of beer at Short Leash Sit...Stay, 100 E. Roosevelt St.

- \$25 bike tune-up (regular \$35) or a \$10 bike wash (regular \$15) at Phoenix Bicycle Sales and Service, 2808 E. Thomas Road

To see more deals, events and contests, visit www.valleymetro.org/campaigns_contests/valley_bike_month.

Truck raffle aids local nonprofit

Boys Hope Girls Hope is a nonprofit that provides scholarships to underprivileged kids in community-based and residency-based programs.

The Active 20-30 Club of Scottsdale is hosting fundraising events to benefit the charity, including selling raffle tickets to win a new 2015 Toyota Camry, Tacoma or Prius from Valley Toyota Dealers (cash-out option available at \$15,000). Each ticket is \$25 or five raffle tickets for \$100. The drawing will take place on April 24; need not be present to win.

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ROOFRATS *continued from page 1*

Erick Johnson, who lives near Central and Northern avenues, points out that “roof rats love North Central because there’s plenty of food here—especially ripe citrus that is left on the ground. You don’t want to give them a reason to like your yard, because they often take up residence in attics, storage sheds and the like.”

Johnson and his family spent two weekends stripping all their orange and grapefruit trees after discovering some gnawed-on and even hollowed-out grapefruits on the ground in their yard. A good portion of the ripe fruit was given to the Desert Mission Food Bank; the rest was either consumed by the family or given to friends.

Homeowners should note that St. Mary’s Food Bank in March notified the public that it can no longer accept citrus donations this year. St. Mary’s estimates conservatively that the Valley produces somewhere in the neighborhood of 8 million pounds of citrus each year on residential trees. In 2014, the food bank collected about 2 million pounds from 631 homes. After registering 500 homes for 2015, the food bank stopped registrations.

Due to new federal regulations, St. Mary’s can no longer ship citrus to other states to trade, so that has put a limit on the amount of citrus that it can now collect. At its peak, the food bank once collected 4 million pounds per year. But now, much of that excess citrus, and what to do with it, is the responsibility of the homeowner.

Johnson is worried about other homeowners in the neighborhood who have multiple citrus trees and may not be as diligent when it comes to keeping their ripe fruit picked and the fallen fruit cleaned up off the ground.

That’s because a rat will typically travel the distance of three homes/yards in every direction to find food and water. So even if you don’t have food and water for them in your yard, rats may live at your property.

To help deter roof rats, don’t leave pet or bird food outside and get rid of any standing water, such as a birdbath. Keep garbage containers tightly covered, and if you have dogs, keep the feces picked up in your yard.

Greg Peterson, owner of the Urban Farm in North Central Phoenix, says that he talks to hundreds of people every month about growing food in



After finding gnawed and hollowed-out grapefruits in his yard, North Central resident Erick Johnson knew he had a roof-rat problem (photo courtesy of Erick Johnson).

their yards and “rarely if ever does the topic [of roof rats] come up.”

“I usually see more damage on citrus from birds, believe it or not,” said Peterson, who is a noted speaker on many aspects of sustainability, green living and permaculture. “Do we have roof rats in the neighborhood? Sure. The only problem with roof rats is if they get into your house. Our job is to make sure that our house is sealed so they can’t get in.”

If you already have spotted signs of roof rats in your yard, there are different ways of keeping them out of your home. One is to simply cover or block all access points into your home, particularly your attic. A simple wire mesh over vent pipes and holes often can do the trick.

Snap traps (designed with a trigger mechanism) can be purchased at home improvement stores or pest control businesses such as Bug & Weed Mart. Snap traps should be baited with a food source, like peanut butter, and will kill the rat as it attempts to eat the bait. They can be emptied and re-set after each successful use. Snap traps are recommended for use in areas where bait stations are not feasible, such as inside the home.

If using poison bait, be sure to secure the bait in a Personal Use Bait Station (PUBS) or a commercial bait station that keeps pets, wild birds and children safe.

According to www.roofrat.net, the bait station is “ideal for people who have lush landscapes, unpicked citrus, pecan trees, figs, date palms, pomegranates, apples, peaches, apricots, as well as any human or animal food source.”

For more information about roof rats, visit www.maricopa.gov/envsvcl and click on the Vector Control Division. Note: Maricopa County does not provide bait stations or traps to the public.

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Having said that, I can tell you that in North Central Phoenix and the Biltmore we are experiencing a buyer/seller frenzy, which began at the beginning of 2015. Homes are selling quickly and getting top prices. This year alone, I listed 42 homes and already closed escrow on 27 homes, and have 22 more in escrow. (Several of these were initially listed in 2014, and carried over to this year.)

Also, I was pleasantly surprised with a couple of my listings where I was a little nervous that the home would appraise for the sale price. I am happy to say that the appraiser agreed with the value and met it. Sellers of homes and land in North Central and the Biltmore are getting good prices.

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Another Celebration....

Have a great April. Happy birthday to my wife Mary Ann (April 3) who will be #%\$@@@\$. I did not want to get hurt for giving her age out. I have learned something in 29 years of marriage!!

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ABC15 for nine years. He launched the “Let Joe Know” consumer advocacy program two years ago this month.

“We get about 500 complaints a month. It’s amazing that so many people feel like they have to turn to a TV station because they can’t get the help they need from state or federal agencies,” Ducey says.

Volunteers come from throughout the Valley, including two from as far away as Surprise. While a good portion of them are retired, there are a number of volunteers who work flexible schedules and come in to help out because they want to give back to their community, Ducey explains.

Also helping to “give back” is the Assistance League of Phoenix (ALP), which donates space at its Philanthropic Center in Sunnyslope for Ducey and his team to use three days a week, including telephones and computers.

“Our partnership with ABC15 has been in place for nearly a year now,” said Brenda Sperduti, CEO and execu-

tive director of ALP. Last month ALP presented Ducey with its “Excellence in Philanthropy” award at its 44th Annual Celebration of Caring gala.

Some of the ALP members serve as “Let Joe Know” volunteers. “The volunteers tell me they enjoy learning more about how consumer protection works, giving them the opportunity to inform and teach others to be better advocates for themselves,” Sperduti says.

Ducey says all the work is computer based, so for some volunteers, “there is a little bit of a learning curve.” But training is provided and there is someone on hand each day who can help with volunteers’ computer questions. Ducey is usually there on Fridays to pitch in.

“Some start with little to no knowledge of the Internet, but it’s amazing how fast they catch on.”

Seasoned volunteers also are more than happy to help newcomers. Jim Cederstrom, a retired respiratory therapist, explains that “some volunteers have more experience in certain areas, so we try to help each other with advice and suggestions.” He volunteers two to

three times a week.

In mid-March, the volunteers were still working on February’s influx of consumer complaints. Which is why Ducey and his station are hoping more people would like to help out.

“We get about 500 consumer complaints a month,” Ducey points out. “Our goal is to give everyone a call back, whether or not we can help them.”

Sometimes those frustrated consumers are referred to other agencies that might be better able to assist them. Other times when those complainants are finally contacted, they’ve been able to resolve the situation themselves.

The volunteers meet Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the ALP Philanthropic Center, located near 5th Street and Dunlap Avenue in Sunnyslope. If the call for volunteers gets a healthy response, the volunteer days could be expanded to Monday through Friday, Ducey says, which may work better for people’s schedules.

If you are interested in volunteering for the “Let Joe Know” program, e-mail

ljk.alp@abc15.com for more information. The “Let Joe Know” page at www.ABC15.com has a place where you can enter your e-mail address to receive a short monthly newsletter highlighting the top three scams of the month, websites for researching companies, and other tips and tricks to avoid becoming a victim.

YOUTH AWARD *continued from page 3*

Angel and 11 other winners from the organization’s neighborhood clubs were recognized last month at the “Today’s Kids, Tomorrow’s STARS” gala at the Arizona Biltmore Resort. As part of the evening’s program, Angel and his fellow candidates took to the mic and shared their life stories, their obstacles and how the club’s programs and staff members inspired them to face and overcome those challenges.

Initially, Angel needed to go to the club to get stability and nourishment. In addition to the meeting his basic needs, the club also provided him with positive male role models through the staff. He is now that positive male role model for the younger members.

“I may have not been the person I am now without The Boys & Girls Club,” Angel says. “I could not have asked for a better second home. The friends I have made and the lessons I have learned; this is why I love the club.”

Angel is determined to be the first person in his family to graduate from high school. School has not come easy for him, but he wants to set an example for the rest of his family and be a legacy in his family. He plans to attend Glendale Community College to pursue a degree in fire science.

Each candidate for “Youth of the Year” underwent a 16-week leadership and public speaking training program. Each honoree was treated to a special day of shopping for their gown or tux. The young men and women also receives a scholarship with the Maddie Levitt Scholarship Fund (donated by Ellie Zielgler, former Fiesta Bowl chairwoman).

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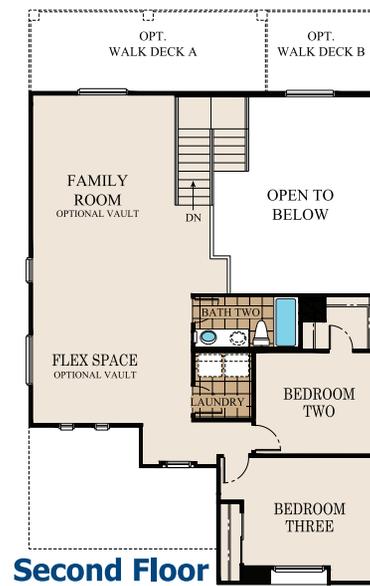
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Gallery itself is worth the visit

By Tayler Williams

North Central resident Lisa Sette moved her well-established art gallery from Marshall Way in Scottsdale to Midtown Phoenix almost a year ago when she found an Al Beadle building was available, located at 210 E. Catalina Drive.

Beadle, an architect whose Phoenix work spans several decades beginning in the 1950s, is best known for his stylish mid-century residential buildings and for his influence on desert modernism.

“A big part of it [moving] was a chance to renovate it and have the gallery in the building,” Sette said. “It’s larger, it’s got more light in all the offices ... we were able to customize the space to our specific needs. It’s a delightful little Modernist building, and it’s semi-subterranean.”

Meaning it is built partially underground—a design choice Beadle made in the ’70s while considering the harsh desert climate. “It has a white fabric



Lisa Sette, who operated an art gallery on Marshall Way in Scottsdale for more than 30 years, couldn’t resist when the opportunity to move her gallery into an Al Beadle-designed building in Central Phoenix came up. The 1970s-eras structure is partially underground and sports a sun-protective fabric scrim (photos courtesy of Lisa Sette Gallery).

scrim around the outside of the structure, which makes it look like it’s glowing at night,” Sette added.

If the building wasn’t incentive enough to move, it turns out Sette’s husband, Peter Shikany, owns the graphic design studio across the lot—in a twin building also designed by Beadle. This is especially convenient for Sette, since Shikany’s PS Studios is, not sur-

prisingly, the design firm she uses.

Sette worked with StarkJames to preserve the original structure, but added the sun-protective fabric scrim. She also added a number of palo brea trees in the parking area so the two buildings have the same look and feel from the outside.

The Lisa Sette Gallery will host exhibitions from a Cuban artist,

Reynier Leyva Novo, and an Indian artist, Siri Devi Khandavilli, in the months of April and May. Both artists will be showcased in the gallery for the two-month span, since it’s a two-person show. The exhibition will consist of mostly sculptures. It begins April 4 with a reception for the two artists from 2 to 5 p.m., and ends May 30.

Khandavilli’s sculptures are made of bronze, a medium she uses to portray the female goddesses of the vast Hindu pantheon. Novo is showcasing his works in his first solo exhibition in the United States. His works are more about embodying heroism, and using objects to encompass an event/person in history. His exhibit will showcase pieces that revolve around U.S.-Cuban relations.

Lisa Sette Gallery is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays, and 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays. For more information, visit www.lisasettegallery.com or call 480-990-7342.

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Local girl pens second novel

By Kourtney Seaton

For 15-year-old Lalae Mozie (she prefers to be called by her pen name), writing is as easy as closing her eyes and letting the stories flow.

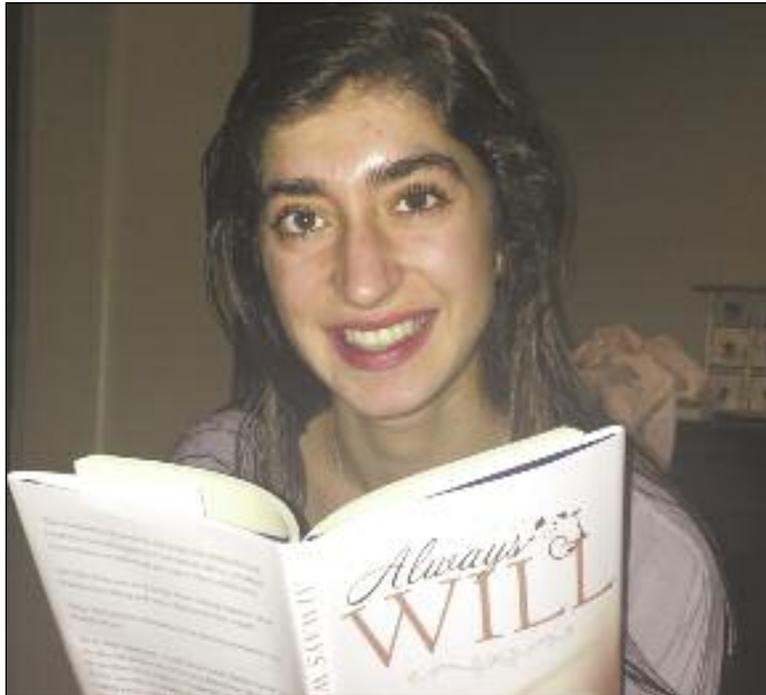
Her first book, “Merely Alive,” was published when she was 12, after taking two years to write, while her second book, “Always Will,” took about a year and was published in late 2014. “It gets a lot easier after you start,” Mozie explains.

She says that inspiration for the second book came to her in a dream.

“I had this dream one night and I really wanted it to come true so I decided the only way I could actually relive it was to write it down and get everything out,” Mozie says.

In the book, “Always Will,” Kennedy Shaver is a 30-year-old nanny who cares for five children. She leaves them to write a book and discovers that she can control her own life and destiny, Mozie explained. The main character, Kennedy, went through life only thinking about

North Central teen Lalae Mozie—who prefers to be identified by her pen name—has published her second novel in just three years (submitted photo).



her past and never thought she could own her life.

“She figures out life is what you make it and it’s OK to be who you are,” Mozie says.

Mozie lives in North Central Phoenix and is a freshman at Phoenix Country Day School in Paradise Valley. Among her favorite subjects to study

include English, history and biology.

Her friends love to read her books and are supportive during her journey as a published author. When she is not writing, her hobbies include speech and debate, theater, piano and playing basketball.

“I love writing humorous pieces because I like to make people laugh, but

then recently I wrote a story where it was really funny but then it was a really sad ending,” Mozie recalls. “So I like to flip a switch pretty quickly and abruptly.” Mozie finds her writing abilities to be most creative when close to nature, sitting outside alone.

“I think that there are so many opportunities to do what you want, and if there aren’t, you can create them,” Mozie says. “It’s all about making yourself fulfilled in life and taking chances.”

She advises anyone who wants to begin his or her own book to just start writing and not worry about plans for the story or think you can’t do it. “Just let the words pour onto a page and you can go back and fix it up—the main thing is just starting.”

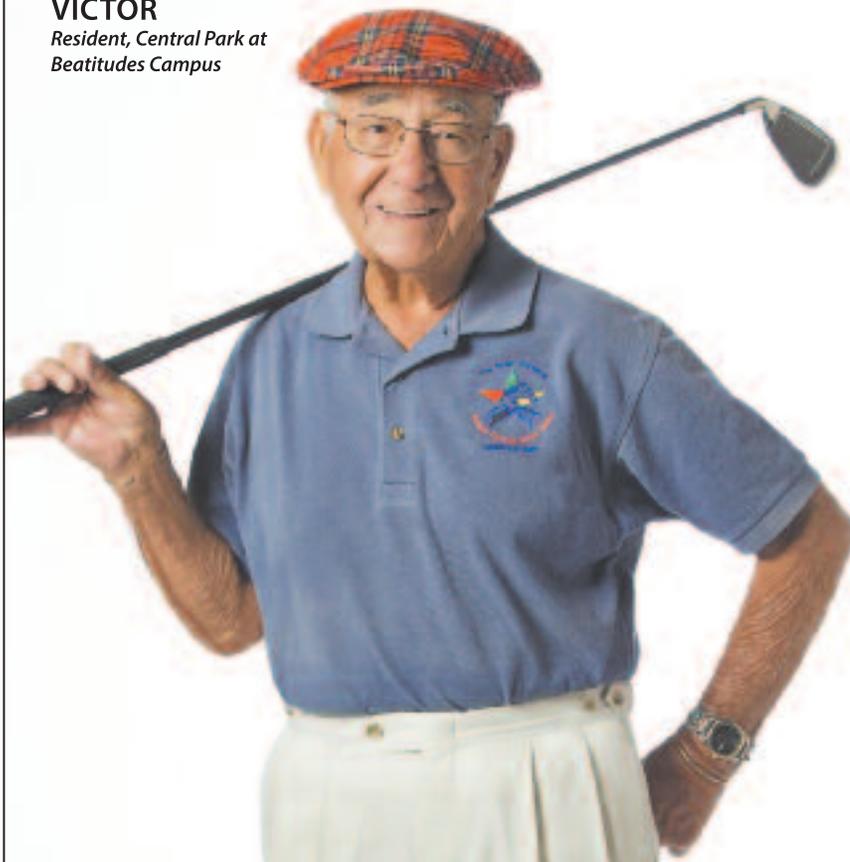
Mozie wants to keep writing and is interested in working on short stories next. Her books are available through AuthorHouse Publishing (<http://bookstore.authorhouse.com>) and costs \$14.95 for “Always Will,” and \$13.95 for “Merely Alive.”

Editor’s note: Kourtney Seaton is a journalism student at the ASU Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication.

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Budget hearings wrap up in April

Each year, the city of Phoenix's budget is developed in conjunction with residents, the mayor, city council, city manager and city employees.

The city manager was scheduled to present his preliminary budget for fiscal year 2015-16 to the Phoenix City Council on March 24. In the meantime, community budget meetings continue, where residents can get a snapshot of the tentative budget and give their input. Upcoming meetings include:

- 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 7, Phoenix College-Osborn Complex, Willo Room, 3310 N. 10th Ave.
- 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 15, Madison School District Board Room, 5601 N. 16th St.

If you can't attend one of the public meetings, the summary budget booklet can be downloaded from: www.phoenix.gov/budget.

Food tax to sunset effective April 1

Phoenix residents will notice a slight savings in their grocery store bills beginning this month as the city's "emergency food tax" finally sunsets, effective April 1.

The five-year temporary food tax, on sales of food for home consumption, was adopted by the Phoenix City Council on Feb. 2, 2010, amidst a projected \$277 million revenue shortfall in the General Fund for the remainder of

the 2009-10 and 2010-11 fiscal years. Many residents complained it was rushed into the budget without much public input. It went into effect on April 1, 2010.

The total amount of annual revenue from the food sales tax was estimated to be \$50 million, with about \$30 million going to the General Fund. The rest of the projected revenue shortfall was addressed through extensive service cuts, financial transactions, and innovation and efficiency measures, which at the time totaled over \$139 million and included the elimination of more than 1,300 positions across all General Fund departments.

On Oct. 16, 2013, the Phoenix City Council approved an ordinance to amend the City of Phoenix Tax Code to reduce the emergency food tax from 2 percent to 1 percent, effective Jan. 1, 2014, with a complete elimination of the tax upon its sunset date of April 1, 2015.

In Maricopa County, Phoenix and 22 of the other 24 cities taxed sales of food for home consumption. Phoenix was the only city with a temporary sales tax on food. Phoenix previously had a sales tax on food until 1981.

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will be deducted from a customer's library account fees for each non-perishable food item donated at any of the city's 17 libraries. A maximum of \$75 can be paid with donated food. Perishable, expired, beyond sell by date and homemade food items will not be accepted.

Donated food will be distributed to Desert Mission and St. Mary's food banks. Last year, the program collected nearly 70,000 pounds of food. For more information, call 602-262-4636 or visit <http://phoenixpubliclibrary.org>.

Phoenix Library a finalist for honor

For making "significant and exceptional contributions" to the community, Phoenix Public Library is among 30 finalists for the nation's highest library honor, the National Medal for Museum and Library Service.

"Our library system is second to none in the range of services and innovations it provides," said Mayor Greg Stanton, who nominated the library for the award. "To achieve such a distinction for this industry's most prestigious award is not only an honor for Phoenix Public Library, but also a point of tremendous pride for every Phoenix resident."

More than 150 applications were submitted for the medal, which is awarded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services and celebrates libraries' impacts on individuals, families and communities across the nation. For the Phoenix Public Library, this includes such services as more than 70 early literacy story times each week, staff taking reading programs to more than 70,000 students a year and issuing library cards to kids, as well as partnering with St. Mary's Food Bank to provide almost 8,000 Kids Café meals annually, along with a literacy and/or STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) activity.

In addition, each year more than 8,000 high school students receive hands-on help with college preparation classes, free placement testing and scholarship services, and each day library staff provides one-on-one job-readiness mentoring, resume building and employment search assistance to anyone who seeks it.

Ten National Medal winners will be named in the spring, and representatives from winning institutions will

travel to Washington, D.C., for an awards ceremony. Winning institutions also will receive a visit from StoryCorps, a national nonprofit organization that records, preserves and shares stories of Americans all over the country.

Central High hosts 50th year reunion

It has been a half century since the class of 1965 graduated from Central High School, and while some of them left the state after graduation, many former Bobcats stayed—and some even moved back later!

Class members are preparing to get together to reminisce about old times and to make new memories at the 50th High School Reunion of Central, set for 6-11 p.m. Saturday, May 2 at the Embassy Suites, 2630 E. Camelback Road. The event includes dinner and dancing, as well as a cash bar. Cost is \$80 in advance and \$85 at the door.

In addition, an informal Happy Hour will take place 5:30 p.m. Friday, May 1 on the patio of Aunt Chilada's, 7330 N. Dreamy Draw Drive.

As a way to tie different generations of Bobcats together, three advanced photography students from Central High will be taking photographs during the reunion.

For more information or to purchase reunion tickets, visit www.central65.net.

Palo Verde festival features local students

The Sunnyslope Historical Society hosts its annual Palo Verde Festival, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Saturday, April 11, at the Sunnyslope Historical Society Museum, 737 E. Hatcher Road.

The program, which takes place in the adjacent courtyard of palo verde trees, will feature students from Sunnyslope High School. Led by Avalon Rosas-Oliver, a junior at the high school, the students have put together a program that includes highlights of school activities such as clubs, sports, band, academics, and the many successes of the school. Come and listen to these energetic, intelligent, civic-minded young people and walk away feeling good about the future.

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North Central resident and semi-retired teacher Diane Gara-Weiner hosts the next meeting of the Alpha Delta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma (DKG), an international organization that promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.

Terri Alexon of the Arizona Corporation Commission will be speaking about “Tricks of the Trade: Outsmarting Investment Fraud,” 5 p.m. Thursday, April 9. Learn who fits the profile of a potential fraud target, how to identify the persuasion tactics fraudsters use, reduce risky behaviors by asking questions, and more. The meeting is open to DKG members and those interested in learning more about the organization.

Gara-Weiner, who lives near 12th Street and Missouri Avenue, joined DKG in 2008. “It was an opportunity for me to join with others in the teaching profession, to enhance and utilize skills I already had,” Gara-Weiner says. “The leadership skills I learned have had a broader effect on what I have been able to do within and outside the Delta Kappa Gamma organization.

“To me, the camaraderie is also an important feature of membership,” she adds. “It is a caring group of educators who not only care about each other but their community as well.” The local chapter performs different community service projects throughout the year.

Meetings take place each month at different members’ homes around the Valley. For more information or to RSVP for the April 9 meeting, call Diane Gara-Weiner at 602-266-1732. The address will be provided upon RVSP.

**Hike benefits
Dream Foundation**

The first-annual William J. Higbee Dream Hike is set for 8 a.m. Saturday, April 11, leaving off from the North Mountain Visitor Center, 12950 N. 7th St.

This hike is dedicated to the memory of Phoenix resident William J. Higbee, who passed away two years ago after a battle with pancreatic cancer. During that time, Higbee was fortunate enough to have many of his wishes granted, which he was told he would

not live to see, such as the birth of his newest grandson, and seeing a New York Mets no-hitter game. The hike is being organized by Higbee’s son, Mike. For recipients of grants from the Dream Foundation, these simple dreams are all but out of reach. The goal of the hike is to raise \$5,000, which will grant wishes to five people facing life-ending disease.

Registration is \$35 per person includes the hike, a T-shirt, and continental breakfast and coffee afterward. If you are unable to join the hike, consider making a monetary donation. For more information or to register, visit <http://wjhigbeedreamhike.wix.com/wjhigbeedreamhike>.

**Two art shows
come to library**

The Burton Barr Central Library will be the home of two art exhibits in April, featuring works by watercolorists as well as artwork made by those dealing with the effects of Parkinson’s.

The Arizona Watercolor Association Spring 2015 Membership Exhibition takes place April 5-May 1 on the second floor of the library, located at 1221 N. Central Ave. A public awards presentation and reception for the artists will be held 7 p.m. Thursday, April 16. The exhibition will feature an array of traditional and abstract works in a variety of water media selected by juror Eric Wiegardt, distinguished signature member of the American and National Watercolor Societies.

The Eighth Annual Bruce Florence Parkinson Juried Art Show will run from April 3 through April 27 in the Hive Gallery on the second floor of Burton Barr Central Library, located at 1221 N. Central Ave. The exhibition will feature artwork made by Arizonans living with Parkinson’s disease and their care partners. An award ceremony and bilingual concert performance by Tremble Clefs and Voces Unidas will be open to the public 3-4:30 p.m. Friday, April 10 in the library’s Pulliam Auditorium, located on the first floor. These events are sponsored by the Muhammad Ali Parkinson Center and the Parkinson Network of Arizona.

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She enjoys play dates with other dogs, is good with cats and is fond of kids who are old enough to throw the ball for her. She has plenty of energy to burn and would do best with an active family who enjoys exploring the great outdoors.

Meet Barthama at the Arizona Humane Society's Sunnyslope Campus, 9226 N. 13th Ave. Her adoption fee is \$110 and includes vaccinations. For more information, call 602-997-7585 and ask for animal ID number A293519. She may have been adopted by the time you visit the shelter but there are many other pets that are in need of a forever home. To see all the adoptable pets, visit azhumane.org.

Dog-related programs at park visitor center

The American Kennel Club (AKC) offers a “Good Citizen Evaluation” for any breed or mixed breed, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday, April 12 at the North Mountain Visitor Center, 12950 N. 7th St.

The purpose of the class is to prepare dogs to become goodwill ambas-

sadors, and encourage owners to have their dogs behave better in public. Fee is \$20 per dog for an AKC judge evaluation. One dog is evaluated each 30 minutes. Call 602-679-1955 to register, or for more information.

The center also hosts a Dog Hiking Class, Saturday mornings through June. The one-hour class begins at 7:30 a.m. and includes dog conditioning and paw care, trail etiquette, emergency first aid, preserve regulations, and more. Limited to eight dogs. Register at the front desk or call Leslie at 602-861-9256. No charge; however, a \$20 contribution is suggested.

New dog groomers opens on April 1

Doggy Daze, a unique dog salon and retail store, is set to open April 1 in the Cinema Park Shopping Center, located at the northeast corner of 7th Street and Missouri Avenue.

Doggy Daze is the brainchild of Sean Kirk, the original creator and former owner of Smelly Dog, and his business partner, Jon Thompson. Unlike Smelly Dog's focus on the self-serve dog wash, Doggy Daze is a full-service and kennel-free grooming salon with an emphasis focused on “walk-in” or “no-appointment-necessary” grooming. However, customers are welcome to make reoccurring appointments at will.

Every client will get nail clipping, ear cleaning, and sanitary cuts included in their grooming without any extra charge. Every dog will be bathed in a hypoallergenic shampoo and conditioner, towel dried to dampness and then hand-blown dried.

After the grooming process, each dog will then be placed in a supervised holding area until their parents pick them up. The entire grooming process is all done within two hours of drop off.

Doggy Daze will have a self-serve station for customers who wants to do it themselves, with the same high-quality products and will receive nail trimming and ear cleaning at no extra charge.

Customers also are invited to browse the salon's high-quality dog foods and dog treats, as well as a variety of accessories that are available for purchase.

Hours are 8 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturdays, and 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Sundays. For more information, call 602-626-5006 or visit them on Facebook at DoggyDazeAZ.

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Free spay, neuter surgeries for cats

Altered Tails' Barnhart Clinic, 950 W. Hatcher Road, offers free spay and neuter surgeries this spring for all cat owners who reside in the 85021 zip code. This is for domesticated pet cats, not feral or stray cats.

Altered Tails is a nonprofit organization and the Valley's largest spay/neuter clinic specializing in high quality, low cost services. This special program is sponsored by PetSmart Charities, the largest funder of animal welfare efforts in North America and offers residents up to a \$50 savings.

Cat parents who wish to take advantage of this offer must mention the "85021" campaign when they schedule their appointment. This campaign is based on availability. Visit www.AlteredTails.org or call 602-943-7729 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

New dog joins team for victims' support

The Maricopa County Attorney's Office recently welcomed a new member to its K9 Victim Support Program, a group that assists crime victims. The program is sponsored by PetSmart Inc. Tori, a 4-year-old English Labrador Retriever service dog, was officially "sworn in" by the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors. She will provide comfort and support to young and adult crime victims during the criminal



Tori is the newest member of the K9 Victim Support Program (submitted photo).

justice process, following in the paw steps of Sam, a Golden Retriever-Irish Setter mix who continues to serve in the County Attorney's K9 VSP.

"At PetSmart, we know the healing power of pets and the positive impact they have on both children and adults," said Brad Kiesling, director of Government Affairs for PetSmart. "We're proud to partner with the Maricopa County Attorney's Office on its K9 Victim Service Program and look forward to watching this important program grow."

As a Victim Support K9, Tori has received specialized training to allow her to accompany crime victims at meetings, depositions and court hearings related to their cases. Like her counterpart Sam, Tori is certified as a level III Facility Dog. Funds donated by PetSmart pay for food and supplies for both K9s.

More information about Sam and Tori is available on their respective Facebook pages: [SamTheDogsPage](#) and [ToriTheDogsPage](#).

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Spotlight On ... Barton joins JCL board of directors

North Central resident Timothy W. Barton has been appointed to the John C. Lincoln Health Foundation's Board of Directors.

The John C. Lincoln Health Network is a not-for-profit health and human service organization that provides care to more than 100,000 patients each year. Members of the John C. Lincoln Health Foundation are a diverse group of individuals who come together to provide philanthropic support to the Network's health care and community service program through fundraising and donations.



Timothy W. Barton

Barton recently finished serving six years on the board of Desert Mission.

Barton, an attorney with Jennings, Strouss & Salmon, PLC, a leading Phoenix-based law firm, regularly advises and represents title insurance companies and their insured customers, escrow companies and escrow agents, real estate developers, real estate brokers, general and specialty contractors and similar clients.

Looney receives nod for volunteerism

North Central resident Pilar Looney has been awarded the 2015 Latina Luminaria Award by the Latina volunteer organization Mujer, in recognition of her dedication and leadership in the Latino community.

Mujer recognized Looney at the Mujer Suerte Y Salsa Gala Event at the Phoenix Convention Center. The event included entertainment, a raffle, silent auction and salsa dancing lessons.



Pilar Looney

"I'm extremely honored to receive this amazing award from Mujer," said Looney, Regional Business Development manager for CareMore in Phoenix. "I have been dedicated to helping other Latinos in Phoenix on both a personal and professional level, in line with CareMore's initiatives

addressing health care challenges within the local Latino community."

CareMore hosts Latino community events throughout the year dedicated to educating the community and improving access to health care. Its philanthropic arm, The CareMore Foundation, recently issued a grant to the Mexican-American Opportunity Foundation (MAOF) to assist with providing personalized health plans for 125 low-income seniors at its Senior Wellness Center.

Mujer, Inc., founded in 1981, is a nonprofit organization of volunteer women from the Phoenix area who serve over 17,000 Latina youth through the Project Mana Program. Program volunteers aim to pass on their passion and traditions to a younger Latina generation while assisting in the promotion of leadership and volunteerism.

Just earns designation of Diakonal Minister

Michelle Just, president and CEO at Beatitudes Campus in Phoenix, recently was consecrated as a Diakonal Minister by the Council for Health and Human Services Ministries (CHHSM) of the United Church of Christ.

The designation was bestowed upon Just after she completed a year-long leadership program focusing on connecting professional excellence with faith-based purpose. The consecration ceremony was held at the Franciscan Renewal Center in Paradise Valley on Dec. 10.



Michelle Just

"I am honored to earn the designation of a Diakonal Minister," says Just. "This program emphasizes the servant leadership that is the foundation of Beatitudes Campus."

Six Beatitudes Campus staff members are now Diakonal Ministers.

Turnansky makes Dean's List at W&M

North Central resident Morrison Adam Turnansky was named to the Dean's List at the College of William & Mary for the fall 2014 semester.

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Free classes help with community activism

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Regardless of whether you're a seasoned community leader or a new resident just looking to get to know your new home better, Neighborhood College is flexible enough to meet the needs of all Phoenix residents. Upcoming classes include:

- Collecting Delinquent Assessments and CC&R Enforcement and Dealing with Difficult People, 5:30-7 p.m. Wednesday, April 22, Burton Barr Central Library, 1221 N. Central Ave., auditorium. Two of the most difficult subjects for board members to deal with will be presented by a Mulcahy Law



North Central residents interested in learning more about how the city works and how to become active in their neighborhood can take advantage of free workshops offered by various city departments (submitted photo).

Firm, P.C. attorney. This class will offer a discussion of proactive approaches for collection of delinquent assessments. Learn five secrets to collecting assessments and discuss using the association's available legal remedies as the most successful tools for the association to collect delinquencies. A discussion of the board's fiduciary duty to enforce CC&Rs and legal aspects of enforcement such as demand letters,

finances, self-help and when to turn to litigation will be included. Additionally, we will cover dealing with difficult people and the disgruntled homeowner or board member conflict, how to respond when dealing with a difficult situation, types of difficult people and the importance of communication and finally harassment.

- How to Select a Management Company and Legislative Update and

Amending Association Documents, 5:30-7 p.m. Wednesday, May 6, Burton Barr Central Library, auditorium. Selecting and working with a management company is a major function of the board of directors. A clear step-by-step process will be presented to help the association determine if a change is necessary and if so, which management company is best for their association. The bidding process, questions to ask of the management company and how to determine the best candidate will be covered. Additionally, this class will discuss the 2015 legislative work. New laws may mean that association documents contain unclear or contradictory language and/or provisions that conflict with Arizona and federal law and might need to be amended. A Q&A session by a Mulcahy Law Firm, P.C. attorney will follow the presentation.

- Code Compliance 101, 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, May 6, Devonshire Senior Center, 2802 E. Devonshire Ave. Are you concerned about trash, high weeds, dead trees, graffiti, deteriorated fences or open/vacant properties

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All programs are free. There are three ways to register for a workshop: register online at www.phoenix.gov/nsd/neighborhoodcollege, e-mail neighborhood.college@phoenix.gov, or call 602-534-4444.

Pi Beta Phi donates books to local kids

One in four children in the United States grows up functionally illiterate, according to the National Assessment of Adult Literacy. In Arizona, 42 percent of fourth graders are below basic reading levels on the National Assessment of Educational Process. Without support, children in Phoenix will become adults

with low literacy skills facing barriers to their full potential.

Pi Beta Phi, a fraternity of more than 200,000 women around the country, is united in the cause to promote the importance of reading. It is the group's goal to impact 1 million lives through its philanthropic platform, Read > Lead > Achieve.

As part of this plan, Pi Beta Phi hosted a large-scale literacy service event in Phoenix for its annual Fraternity Day of Service, celebrated around March 2 in honor of Dr. Seuss' birthday. Pi Beta Phi donated more than 20,000 brand new books to Phoenix groups serving low-income families at a book distribution through Pi Beta Phi's partnership with First Book. The event was held at Burton Barr Central Library on Feb. 28.

Close to 100 local Title 1 schools, after school programs and community programs serving students from low-income families received books, including select schools within the Washington Elementary School District; City of Phoenix Early Head Start; Assistance League of Phoenix; North High School

English Department; and Creighton Elementary School.

For more information, visit www.pibetaphi.org or follow Pi Phi on Twitter and Facebook.

Arizona Gives Day returns on April 7

With the holiday giving period over, nonprofits around the Valley find their resources are decreasing even as the need to raise funds to support their cause increases. Arizona Gives Day recognizes this need and has provided the perfect platform for generating new donations that will directly impact our communities for months to come.

Arizona Gives Day is a 24-hour online giving experience that unites Arizonans across the state to donate to their favorite nonprofit on April 7. Presented by FirstBank and hosted by the Alliance of Arizona Nonprofits and the Arizona Grantmakers Forum, this day makes giving back to the community a priority.

Beginning at midnight on April 7 and continuing until 11:59 p.m.,

Arizonans can go online at www.azgives.org and pledge their financial support to the nonprofit of their choice. Donors will select the recipient of their online donation and the donation will go directly to their chosen organization. Many nonprofits have found community partners to match donations throughout the day, so your contribution goes even farther.

Hold a bake sale for No Kid Hungry

Share Our Strength's Bake Sale for No Kid Hungry is a national effort that encourages Americans to host bake sales in their communities to end childhood hunger in America. Bake Sale for No Kid Hungry national challenge weekend is April 17-19. Every \$1 raised can connect a hungry child to 10 healthy meals.

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'Take Back the Night'

5-9 p.m. Friday, April 3
Civic Space Park
424 N. Central Ave.

The event is free and open to the community. Agencies will provide information and outreach about sexual assault

and domestic violence. Survivors and supporters can design T-shirts and posters relating their story and their message of support. The schedule includes yoga and mindfulness demonstrations, live music, food trucks, a candlelight vigil with survivor storytelling, and a rally. Visit www.facebook.com/tbtnempactspc.

Paper Shredding Event

12-4 p.m. Friday, April 3
Crossroads United Methodist Church
7901 N. Central Ave.
623-937-8611

Presented by the Eastern Star Chapter Sunnyslope OES #47. Cost is \$5 per box to shred, cash only. Hard drives can be shredded for a fee of \$10 out of the computer, and \$20 in the computer; electronics will be recycled. Canned goods for the Desert Mission Food Bank also will be collected.

'Boots & Burgers'

12 p.m. Saturday, April 4
North Mountain Visitor Center
12950 N. 7th St.

Roger Naylor, Arizona author and travel writer, chats about his hiking and

dining guide, "Boots & Burgers: An Arizona Handbook for Hungry Hikers." Free and open to the public. To RSVP, e-mail cheryltolo@gmail.com.

'Barney's Night'

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Arizona Flycasters Club

7-9 p.m. Thursday, April 9
Sunnyslope Community Center
802 E. Vogel Ave.

Author and fly-tying instructor Skip Morris will be the guest speaker. There is no charge for this events and the public is welcome. Visit www.azflycasters.com for more information.

Heart of the City Boutique and Craft Fair

9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, April 18
North Phoenix Baptist Church
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Shop the booths more than 100 local crafters and home businesses, including soaps and candles, jewelry, party planning, pet and kitchen products, and more. Includes raffles, food, kids' activities, free parking and free admission. This event is hosted by the Children's Ministry at North Phoenix Baptist Church. Proceeds send kids to camp.

Phoenix Writers Club

12-2 p.m. Saturday, April 18
Bluewater Grill
1720 E. Camelback Road

Guest speaker is book writing success coach, Shelley Gillespie. Cost is \$15 for members and \$20 guests, and includes lunch. Make reservations by April 15. RSVP to neeliepubl@aol.com with Phoenix Writers Club in the subject line. Members and the public are welcome.

Kieren Williams Memorial Scholarship Ride

8 a.m. Sunday, April 20
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Includes 5-, 10- and 20-mile bike rides and a 1- and 3-mile walk. On-site registration begins at 7 a.m. Cost is \$10 for students and \$25 for adults; all participants receive a T-shirt. Proceeds will fund three scholarships for graduating Sunnyslope High students with learning challenges. Sponsored by Foothills Revolution and The Pilates Body. To register, call or e-mail revolution@foothillsrehab.com and put "Kieren Williams Ride" in the subject line.

'Equal Pay for Equal Work' Discussion

6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 21
Beatitudes Luther Life Center
1616 W. Glendale Ave.

The Phoenix Branch of AAUW is featuring Kelly Jenkins-Pulz of the U.S. Department of Labor—Women's Bureau, who will present information on the continuing issues women face in the debate over equal pay for equal work. The program will begin after an optional dinner (\$15) is served at 5:30 p.m. RSVP for the dinner to Sue at 602-992-8145 by noon on April 17. Visitors are welcome.

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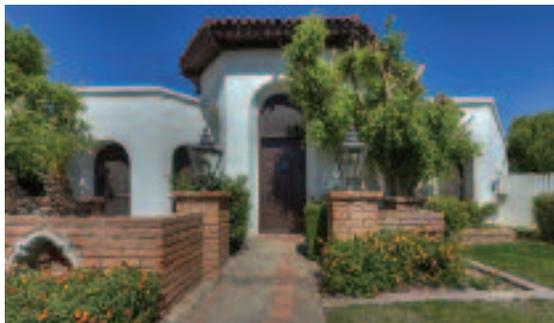


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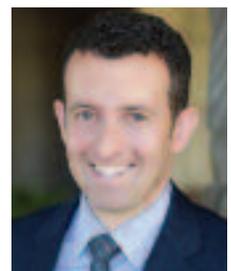
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- Seal the leaks—The fastest way to save money is to use caulk or weatherstripping on your doors and windows.

- Set it and forget it—You won't conserve energy by constantly changing the thermostat. Set it at the highest comfortable level and leave it. Or, try a programmable thermostat that will automatically adjust for times you are away and sleeping (note: do not have more than a 4-degree differential).

- Use ceiling fans—They move the air so you feel cooler, but turn them off

when no one's in the room.

- Move the lamps—Thermostats can pick up the heat from lamps, TV's and appliances so keep them away.

- Invest in sunscreen—Keep blinds and drapes closed and install sunscreens to keep the heat out.

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Beautiful, bizarre examples of cacti

The Central Arizona Cactus and Succulent Society (CACSS) Show and Sale returns to the Desert Botanical Garden, 1201 N. Galvin Parkway, the weekend of April 10-12. Visitors will see amazing, beautiful and bizarre examples of cacti and succulents as members of the CACSS display potted specimens of desert plants from around the world.

CACSS members display hundreds of their best plants and compete for ribbons and trophies. Growers and potters present their wares for members and the public to purchase. All proceeds benefit CACSS and Desert Botanical Garden.

HOME & GARDEN

Hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday. The show is included with paid garden admission or garden membership. Visit www.dbg.org.

Tips for growing some some herbs, veggies

Desert Song Healing Arts Center, 3232 N. 20th St., hosts two classes this month to help your garden give something back—to your body.

A “Growing Culinary & Medicinal Herbs” class takes place 12-1 p.m. Saturday, April 4. Step into your own garden to snip tasty sprigs for delicious dishes, for teas and tinctures, or to add a fragrant touch to bouquets and decor. This workshop taught by Master Gardener Kari Spencer of The Micro Farm Project will give you the basics of growing herbs successfully in garden beds or containers, and which herbs can be planted now for warm-season gardening. You also will learn how to grow, harvest, preserve and use herbs. Cost is \$15.

Directly after that class, Spencer will go over “Designing & Creating a Productive Veggie Garden,” from 1:30-3 p.m. This workshop isn’t just for the beginning gardener; it’s also a refresher course for those who need some encouragement and reminders for your garden. Learn about how the sun, the soil, your sprinklers, seeds, the seasons and strategy all affect gardening in the Valley.

Cost is \$15 per class. To register, call 602-265-8222. For more information, visit www.desertsongyoga.com.

Butterflies on display at botanical garden

The Desert Botanical Garden’s popular Spring Butterfly Exhibit in the Marshall Butterfly Pavilion returns for its 12th year during the months of April and May.

Visitors can expect to see hundreds of butterflies housed in a 36-by-80-foot enclosed garden that recreates a habitat most appealing to these fragile fliers. Friendly Garden volunteers, or “flight crews,” will be on hand to answer questions and share information about the butterflies and plants.

The Spring Butterfly Exhibit is open through May 10. Hours are 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. daily at the garden, 1201 N. Galvin Parkway. Admission to the Marshall Butterfly Pavilion is \$3.50 per person,

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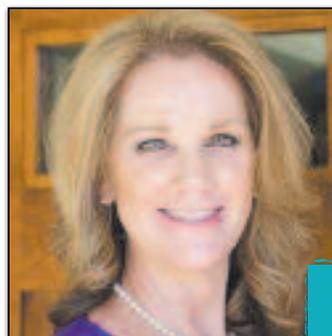
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HDR honored by Phoenix Chamber

HDR, Inc. a well-known leader in engineering and architectural design with offices at 3200 E. Camelback Road, was selected as a recipient of the Greater Phoenix Chamber of Commerce's 28th annual IMPACT Awards.

The IMPACT Awards honor the accomplishments of small and large businesses and the impact they have on the Valley's business community and economy. This year—as in each of the last three years of the program—the GPCC recognizes two recipients in each of four categories: Community Champion, Economic Driver, Entrepreneurial Excellence, and Response to Adversity.

HDR, Inc., received the IMPACT Award for Economic Driver in the small to medium business category (250 employees or fewer). HDR has been in Arizona since 1959 when Del Webb first contracted with the firm to provide drainage expertise during the economic boom of the 1950s and 1960s. Today, with more than 200 employees in its Arizona offices, HDR is the largest architectural, engineering, and consulting firm in the state.

"HDR's projects help to drive the economy by creating jobs, providing people with quicker access and more transportation options to get to and from work, and building facilities that improve people's quality of life," said David Skinner, vice president and Southwest Area operations manager for HDR.

Some of the projects HDR has been involved with include light rail transit (LRT) planning work with Valley Metro; the Loop 202 South Mountain Freeway project; and Arizona State University's ISTB 4, a transdisciplinary research facility and the home of ASU's newly formed School of Earth and Space Exploration (SESE) as well as program areas including synthetic chemistry, astrophysics, environmental engineering, and energy research initiatives. Skinner explained the building was designed to encourage collaboration and innovation—activities that will affect the local economy and state.

"These eight companies truly repre-



David Skinner, vice president and Southwest Area operations manager for HDR, Inc., accepted the IMPACT Award for "Economic Driver" on behalf of HDR, presented by the Phoenix Chamber of Commerce. The company won in the small to medium business category (submitted photo).

sent what makes our community such a great place to live, work and do business," said Todd Sanders, President and CEO of the Greater Phoenix Chamber of Commerce. "Their entrepreneurial spirit drives our state forward, and we are privileged to honor them for their leadership, commitment to community, job creation and economic impact."

The 2015 IMPACT Businesses of the Year will be selected from eight total honorees and announced at a luncheon on Wednesday, May 13, at the Arizona Biltmore Resort, 2400 E. Missouri Ave. Tickets are \$75 for GPCC members and \$85 for non-members. For reservations, visit www.phoenixchamber.com/impact.

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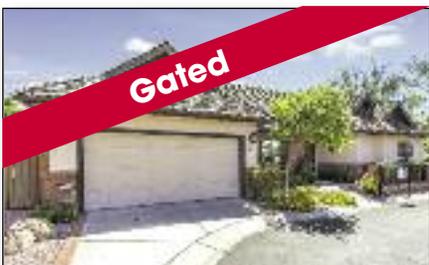
Local investors buy Phoenix apartments

Colliers International in Greater Phoenix recently completed the sale of Villa Contenta, a 62-unit Class B multifamily complex in the Camelback Corridor for \$3.44 million.

3rd Ave Investments of Phoenix purchased the property, located at 1523 W. Colter St., from Pioneer Colter LLC of White Plains, N.Y. This is the second purchase Zev Hendeles, principal of 3rd Ave Investments, has made in the last month. Hendeles recently closed on Aster Gardens in Phoenix, a

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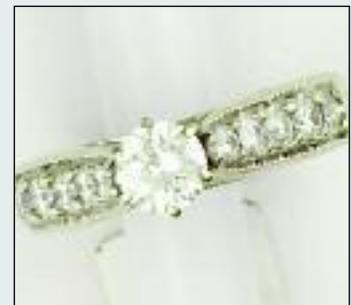
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28-unit apartment complex, and is actively pursuing other deals.

The 49,300-square-foot Villa Contenta, built in 1968-1969, consists of 15 buildings constructed on a rectangular site of approximately 3.75 acres. The complex has about 77 percent two-bedroom and 23 percent three-bedroom apartments, 12 of which have in-suite washers and dryers. Common amenities include a swimming pool, laundry facilities and 115 uncovered parking spaces.

“Proximity to light rail has historically shown to improve property values as it encourages redevelopment of the surrounding areas, which is underway in this area,” said Jeffrey Sherman of Colliers International’s HSK Multifamily Southwest Team.

Lucia joins team at BellaBody Pilates

BellaBody Pilates in Central Phoenix announces the addition of instructor Kathy Lucia to its staff. Lucia is certified in Gyrotonic, Gyrokinesis, Pilates Apparatus and Mat, Golf Conditioning, Restorative Exercise, and Yang Style Tai Chi.

With more than 14 years of experience in all modalities, Lucia will offer private sessions on her Gyrotonic Expansion System to help golfers, seniors, and people of all ages to gain flexibility, core strength, improve coordination, balance, and neurological connections. Lucia also will teach private and duet Pilates Apparatus sessions.

The group classes that Lucia teaches on Saturdays include Tai Chi at 10 a.m. and Gyrokinesis at 11 a.m.

BellaBody Pilates is located at 13825 N. 7th St. For more information or to make an appointment, call Kathy Lucia at 623-225-8933.

Tombs competes in LPGA tourney

Tina Tombs, Arizona Biltmore Golf Club’s director of golf instruction, received one of four sponsor’s exemptions to play in the fourth-annual Walgreens Charity Classic as part of the Official Legends Tour of the LPGA. The 36-hole stroke-play event was held March 6-8 at Grandview Golf Course in Sun City West.

Tombs scored 144 between two rounds, which was even par for the course. She was part of a five-way tie for

12th place and was awarded \$4,213.

The Walgreens Charity Classic event roster featured more than 40 Legends of the LPGA competing for a purse of \$250,000, including 2014 Champion Liselotte Neumann, plus Nancy Lopez, Patty Sheehan, Pat Bradley, Amy Alcott, Jan Stephenson, Rosie Jones, Jane Blalock, Hollis Stacy, Donna Caponi and more. Arizona residents in the field included Tina Tombs, Danielle Ammaccappane, Jane Crafter, Christa Johnson, Cindy Rarick and Sherri Turner.

Tombs began golfing at age 14 and has competed internationally for more than 35 years. She began her 17-year career with the LPGA Tour in 1988, winning the



Tina Tombs

LPGA Jamie Farr Classic in 1990 and played a career-best round of 64 at the Sara Lee Classic in 1993. Among her many accomplishments is being recognized as a “Top Ten Amateur Golfer” by Golf Digest in 1984.

She played collegiate golf at Arizona State University where she became a Western Athletic Conference champion, a two-time NCAA All-American and a three-time member of Regional PAC-10 All Conference teams.

Tombs was inducted into the Arizona State University Hall of Fame in 2006. She joined the LPGA Legends Tour in 2008 and plays in three to four tournaments each year.

Modern Manor team works on Uptown Plaza

Vintage Partners, the Arizona-based commercial real estate development and investment company, announced the addition of Kylie & Ryan Durkin of Modern Manor to the ongoing redevelopment efforts at Uptown Plaza, the landmark 1950s era shopping center at the northeast corner of Central Avenue and Camelback Road.

Started in late 2014, this property-wide renovation will restore the stylish, brick-lined mid-century modern look to this iconic shopping center constructed in 1955 by the Del Webb Co. as the Valley’s first retail center located outside of downtown Phoenix. Owners of the popular Phoenix furniture design boutique, Modern Manor, the Durkins are experts in all things mid-century

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and, of course, modern. At Uptown Plaza, they focused on restoring the center's signature 1950s style, while still making it relevant and inviting for today's shoppers.

"This project is a rare find to mid-century fan boys like us," says Ryan Durkin. "We're looking at incorporating some of our favorite designs from the '50s into the center's ecosystem." Scheduled for completion in fall 2015, with additional tenants to be announced in April, Phase 1 of the Uptown Plaza restoration is well underway. For more information, visit www.uptownplazaphx.com.

Plumbing firm begins work on hotel renovation

W.J. Maloney Plumbing, Heating & Cooling has been selected as the plumbing contractor and has begun work on the total interior renovation of the historic 13-story Monroe Hilton Garden Inn in downtown Phoenix.

W.J. Maloney will install all of the building's plumbing including complete water and natural gas piping, replacing the storm water system, and replacing and adding new fixtures in both the common areas and 170 guest rooms.

The \$40-million renovation will include the use of all historical finishes in the lobby and throughout the interior of the hotel, including a new bar on the 13th floor.

Ryan Cos. serves as the general contractor on the project.

Originally completed in 1932, the landmark tower was long called the Professional Building and was home to Valley Bank & Trust. The building's exterior was used in the opening scene of the 1960 movie "Psycho," directed by Alfred Hitchcock.

For more information, call 602-944-5516 or visit www.wjmaloney.com.

Leslie's opens 'concept store'

Leslie's Swimming Pool Supplies recently celebrated the grand opening of its new concept store, located next to the company's corporate headquarters on 20th Street and Indian School Road. The store spotlights an open floor plan with customer-friendly displays.

"We are excited about our Indian School concept store," said Steve Ortega, executive vice president, COO and CFO of Leslie's Poolmart, Inc. "Our team is committed to exceeding

customer expectations and we've designed a whole new shopping experience we think pool owners will love."

The new store was designed to provide guests with a more engaging shopping experience. In addition to the standard assortment of chemicals, parts and cleaning equipment offerings to maintain swimming pools, customers at this store will now find a fully-working spa, a 300-gallon remote control pool cleaner tank and new easier-access product displays. The customer-friendly displays showcase a variety of products and provide the customer the ability to examine the products through a more hands-on experience.

The store also has an easy-to-use interactive display where pool owners can calculate their energy savings by switching to a variable-speed pump. Several other new items can be found around the store, including a sauna, new underwater fitness products and an expanded assortment of items to enhance backyard living.

The new store is located at 2005 E. Indian School Road. The current hours for the new store are 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call 602-956-0601 or visit www.lesliespool.com/stores.htm.

Mark-Taylor to manage three new properties

Mark-Taylor Residential was named manager of three trendy urban communities for third-party developers in the central Phoenix area.

Luxury metropolitan communities Domus (4445 N. 36th St.), Level at Sixteenth (1550 E. Campbell Ave.) and the under-construction @51 community (5251 N. 16th St.) are now part of the company's management portfolio. All three communities are infill and/or renovated projects within a 5-mile radius in the Central Phoenix/Camelback corridor. The communities add more than 800 units to the company's growing management portfolio.

To help staff these new properties and others coming online, Mark-Taylor is actively recruiting professionals in service, leasing and management. All new hires will be automatically enrolled in Mark-Taylor University, the company's state-of-the-art training program that offers customized courses and programs to help employees move up the career ladder. Learn more at www.mark-taylor.com.



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4101 N. 65th St.	JUST LISTED	3800 SF	4BR/3.5BA	\$1,690,000
7152 N. 23rd Pl.	NEW PRICE	4891 SF	4BR/4.5BA	\$1,650,000
5600 N. 4th St.		5731 SF	6BR/6BA	\$1,595,000
2211 E. Camelback Rd. #302	NEW PRICE	3000 SF	3BR/3BA	\$ 999,000
229 W. Vista Ave.	IN ESCROW	5684 SF	6BR/6BA	\$ 997,500
7339 N. 2nd Dr.	IN ESCROW	4246 SF	5BR/4BA	\$ 899,000
311 E. Maryland Ave.	JUST LISTED	3811 SF	4BR/3.5BA	\$ 867,500
41 W. Marlette	IN ESCROW	5640 SF	6BR/5.5BA	\$ 700,000
6309 N. 4th Dr.	JUST LISTED	3260 SF	4BR/2.75BA	\$ 699,500
10012 N. 1st Dr.	JUST LISTED	3302 SF	4BR/3BA	\$ 684,000
7032 N. 2nd Ave.		3075 SF	4BR/3BA	\$ 679,000
6316 N. 7th Ave.	IN ESCROW	3529 SF	4BR/3.5BA	\$ 629,000
7502 N. 10th St.	JUST LISTED	3001 SF	4BR/3BA	\$ 625,000
77 E. Missouri Ave. #45	JUST LISTED	2727 SF	4BR/2.5BA	\$ 599,000
7619 N. 11th St.	IN ESCROW	3304 SF	5BR/3BA	\$ 535,000
1818 E. Palmaria Ave.	JUST LISTED	3144 SF	4BR/4BA	\$ 525,000
201 W. Palmaria Dr.	IN ESCROW	2332 SF	4BR/1.75BA	\$ 525,000
7734 N. 16th Ln.		3104 SF	5BR/2.75BA	\$ 495,000
7911 N. 16th Dr.	NEW CONSTRUCTION	2483 SF	3BR/3.5BA	\$ 489,900
7915 N. 16th Dr.	NEW CONSTRUCTION	2483 SF	3BR/3.5BA	\$ 489,900
2524 E. Vogel Ave.		2449 SF	2BR/2BA	\$ 485,000
4427 E. Montecito Ave.	NEW PRICE	2555 SF	4BR/3BA	\$ 475,000
9837 N. Central Ave.	JUST LISTED	2969 SF	4BR/3.5BA	\$ 450,000
909 E. Kaler Dr.	JUST LISTED	2095 SF	3BR/2BA	\$ 449,000
6317 N. 10th Pl.	IN ESCROW	2894 SF	4BR/3BA	\$ 419,000
5827 N. 10th St.	JUST LISTED	1456 SF	2BR/2BA	\$ 375,000
723 W. Glenn Dr.	NEW PRICE	2381 SF	3BR/2BA	\$ 369,000
9409 N. 17th Way	IN ESCROW	2447 SF	3BR/2BA	\$ 365,000
77 E. Missouri Ave. #41	IN ESCROW	2664 SF	3BR/3BA	\$ 365,000
717 E. Harmont Dr.	JUST LISTED	2574 SF	4BR/3BA	\$ 359,000
11109 E. Mercer Ln.		2100 SF	3BR/2BA	\$ 359,000
751 E. Blemont Ave.	NEW PRICE	2002 SF	3BR/2BA	\$ 329,500
821 E. Palmaria	NEW PRICE	3446 SF	5BR/4BA	\$ 325,000
328 E. Rose Ln.	IN ESCROW	1440 SF	3BR/3BA	\$ 325,000
3109 E. Campbell	IN ESCROW	1300 SF	3BR/1.75BA	\$ 299,000
3017 W. Glendale Ave.		Land		\$ 260,000
1133 E. Gardenia Dr.		1916 SF	3BR/2BA	\$ 259,000
514 W. Townley Ave.	IN ESCROW	1568 SF	3BR/2BA	\$ 258,000
6516 N. 10th Pl.	IN ESCROW	1883 SF	3BR/2.5BA	\$ 235,000
6508 N. 10th Pl.	JUST LISTED	1883 SF	3BR/2.5BA	\$ 229,000
8150 N. Central Ave. #15	NEW PRICE	1922 SF	3BR/2.5BA	\$ 225,000
3850 E. Crocus Dr.	JUST LISTED	1493 SF	3BR/2BA	\$ 199,000
2725 S. Azalea Dr.	IN ESCROW	1391 SF	3BR/2BA	\$ 169,500
4131 E. Camelback Rd. #29	IN ESCROW	1092 SF	2BR/1.75BA	\$ 114,900
1145 E. Orangewood. Ave.	IN ESCROW	Vacant Lot		\$ 100,000

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5302 N. 6th St.	\$ 610,000	6317 N 10th Pl.	\$ 365,000	5508 N. 5th Ln.	\$ 255,000
6833 N. Central Ave.	\$ 607,000	7755 N. 7th Ave.	\$ 360,000	7004 N. 11th Way	\$ 180,000
331 E. Tuckey Ln.	\$ 577,500	1113 W. Stella Ln.	\$ 358,500	750 E. Northern Ave. #1141	\$ 155,000
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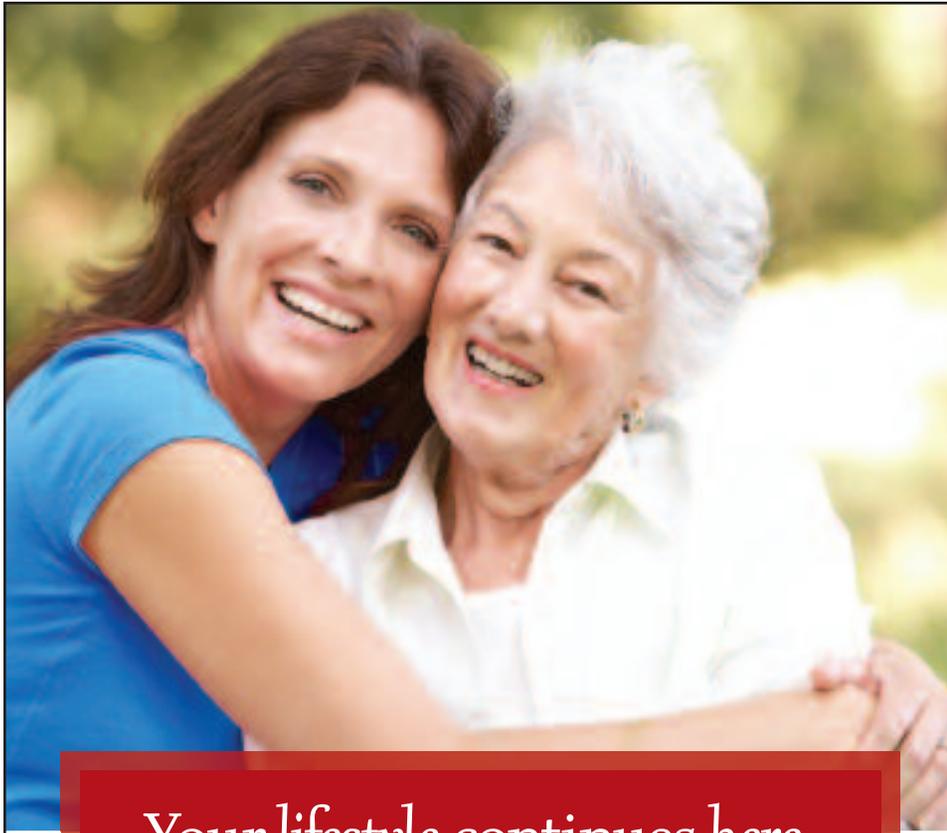
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Celebrating the grand opening of the Orangetheory Fitness studio at 7th Street and Glendale Avenue and wearing some fun promotional T-shirts created for the event are members, from left: Theresa Herro, Courtney Vittoria, Karen Wood, Marianne Watts, and Anuj Bhatnagar (photo by Teri Carnicelli).

Fitness studio offers 'group' training

It's easy to identify the new fitness studio in the Madison Village Shopping Center as being part of the Orangetheory family—orange-colored signage, orange member T-shirts, and even orange lighting inside, giving the place an almost surreal feel.

But what makes Orangetheory Fitness really stand out from its competitors is not all the orange tones—it's the personal training.

Sure, other gyms offer personal training, usually for an additional fee. But at the new Orangetheory Fitness that opened on Feb. 5, what you get is "group" personal training—at no extra charge.

"The workout is a total body workout that lasts one hour. Its heart rate-based training, so we can guarantee results," explains Bobbe Ariano, who owns the studio as well as one that opened a few years ago in Arcadia. "The workouts are filled with energy and fantastic music. You'll never have the same workout and, no matter your fitness level, you will always feel accomplished and proud. It's fun, affordable and most of all, it's personal."

Ariano has been in the fitness business for 15 years, and owned her first gym in Durango, Colo. She moved to Arizona five years ago and found Orangetheory Fitness. She's been a franchise owner for the last four years. "It's an amazing concept," she says.

She chose the Madison Village shopping center, at the northeast corner of 7th Street and Glendale Avenue, as her newest location because "there aren't any other fitness studios in the Central Phoenix area that provide what we provide at Orangetheory Fitness." Workout sessions are offered as early as 5 a.m. weekdays and 6 a.m. on Saturday, or 6:30 a.m. on Sunday. Evening sessions begin as late as 6:45 p.m. weekdays only.

Readers of the *North Central News* can mention this article in April and receive two free sessions to give Orangetheory Fitness a try before deciding to sign up. Family discounts available. For more information, call 602-749-1111 or visit www.orangetheoryfitness.com.

Health Briefs

Better outcomes for those with cancer

The monthly Cancer Support Group offers support for patients, families and community members dealing with all types of cancers. The next meeting is set for 6-7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 16, at Bink's Midtown, 2320 E. Osborn Road, in the large meeting room. Complimentary valet parking is provided.

The guest speaker is Landon Inge, Ph.D., assistant professor at St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center's Norton Thoracic Institute. Inge will discuss improving patient outcomes for lung

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and esophageal cancer. Admission is free. Complimentary refreshments will be served, however, seating is limited and an RSVP is requested by Monday, April 13.

To RSVP, call Terry Ratner at 602-527-3776 or e-mail Tjrwriter@aol.com.

Connect your mind, body and spirit

It is important to develop body, mind, and spirit, by developing skills and relationships that nourish all of you. Kinesphere Center for Movement Education offers workshops in April to help make those connections.

A “Head & Neck Workshop” with Lisa Thorngren will take place 6-7:30 p.m. Friday, April 10. Your head and neck are critical to your body’s overall health and function—the head as the control center of your body’s movement, sensation, thinking and communication skills, and the neck as a conduit for blood, oxygen and other nutrients and signals entering into and passing through the body. In this workshop you will learn the basics of head and neck anatomy and correct alignment, and participate in several exercises to strengthen, stretch and realign these areas for more optimal function and ease. Cost is \$40. Sign up online at www.kinesphere-studio.com.

Genevieve Tregor, MS, hosts a free orientation meeting for her upcoming Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction series, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 22. Learn mindfulness in the original structured and supported program developed by Jon Kabat-Zinn, Ph.D., for the Umass Medical Center. The program is designed to reduce stress and pain while improving focus, emotional balance and coping skills. Tregor will bring the eight-week MBSR group program (30 hours) to Kinesphere beginning Wednesday, April 29. Call/text 602-910-4240 to reserve your place at the free orientation.

Kinesphere Center for Movement Education is located at 711 E. Missouri Ave., Suite 180. For more information, visit www.kcme-az.com or call 602-532-3111.

Two ‘intro’ classes at Desert Song center

Whether you’ve been thinking about trying Tai Chi or ruminating on the thought of meditation, Desert Song Healing Arts Center has two classes this month that can help get you started.

Tai Chi Fundamentals, a four-week class taught by Adam Montoya, CYI, TCI, takes place 7:30-9 p.m. Wednesdays in April, beginning April 8. Learn how to achieve tranquility through the fundamentals of Tai Chi meditation practices, basic postures, and movements. Join the millions of people who obtain self-awareness and physical healing through Tai Chi. Cost is \$55.

Are you new to meditation but would like to get started because of its many benefits? An Intro to Meditation class will take place 7:30-8:30 p.m. Thursdays, April 16, 23 & 30. Join Montoya for a workshop that teaches you how to build and sustain a fulfilling practice. This workshop is good for beginners as well as those looking to refresh and refine their foundation. Cost is \$35.

Desert Song Healing Arts Center is located at 3232 N. 20th St. To register, call 602-265-8222. For more information, visit www.desertsongyoga.com.

Those with heart conditions gather

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

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

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Students from Madison Heights enjoy a tour of the Musical Instrument Museum's Indonesia exhibit in the Asia Gallery, led by volunteer museum guide Phyllis Soben. The tour was sponsored by the Madison Education Foundation, a nonprofit organization created to expand music, fine arts, and drama within the Madison district (submitted photo).

Madison turns 125, seeks alumni and funds

Madison alumni, past and present Governing Board members, legislators, and supporters kicked off the Madison 125 fundraising campaign with a breakfast on March 5 at the Madison District Office. The campaign to support arts and music education is being held in conjunction with Madison's 125th anniversary.

Madison 125, sponsored by the Madison Education Foundation, is an effort to raise \$125,000 to support fine arts educational opportunities throughout the district's eight schools.

"Many school districts have already reduced or eliminated music and art programs in order to maintain teacher salaries and ensure basic academic disciplines are taught," explained campaign chair and former Governing Board President Kendra Tollackson. "While Madison's leaders have worked to keep arts and music programming a high priority, Madison 125 will undoubtedly help support this vision."

The Madison Education Foundation was founded as a 501(c) 3 nonprofit organization to expand music, fine arts, and drama within the district. Over the last several years the foundation has provided Art Masterpiece, live Phoenix Symphony performances, and world percussion instruments to Madison classrooms. Additionally, it sponsors student field trips to the Musical Instrument Museum and family passes to the

Phoenix Art Museum.

Almost 40 people attended the event to show their support for Madison 125. More than \$10,000 has been raised to date, with the most notable donation coming from McCarthy Building Companies, Inc. McCarthy's Executive Vice President of Operations, Justin Kelton, made the announcement, saying, "The Madison School District sets the bar for education. We are proud to support these programs."

McCarthy has been a longtime supporter of Madison. Not only did the company construct Madison Traditional Academy, it also is the signature sponsor of the Foundation's annual event, The Madison Bash.

The goal is to raise the remaining \$115, 000 by the end of the year. For more information and to donate, visit <http://madisoneducationfoundation.org/madison-125/>.

The Madison Elementary School District also is compiling an alumni list to keep former Madison students apprised of 125th anniversary happenings. Alumni are encouraged to sign up at www.madisonaz.org/alumni/.

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Members of the Madison Rose Lane choir performed at the March 4 public celebration to rename the Viad Corporate Center in Phoenix to Central Arts Plaza (submitted photo).

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GLENDALE UNION
HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
Darrow honored as a
'Teacher of the Year'

Washington High School teacher Daniel Darrow was presented with the "FEA Teacher of the Year" award at the Arizona Future Educators Association (FEA) State Conference on March 4.

Darrow works to inspire future educators and provide them with opportunities to pursue their passion for teaching. He spends countless hours outside of the normal school day to take students to conferences, fundraisers, community events, and to assist them with preparing for competitive events.

Darrow holds each student to his high expectations, and for this reason, his students rise to the occasion and achieve more because of his influence.

Outside of teaching, advising FEA, and involvement in community service activities, Darrow mentors new teach-

ers and advisors to share his expertise and ensure that they have the tools they need to be successful inside and outside of the classroom.

MADISON ELEMENTARY
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Rose Lane singers
perform in public

Students from Madison Rose Lane participated in the March 4 celebration to rename the Viad Corporate Center

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Osborn School District Superintendent Patricia Tate accepts the TAP Award of Distinction from NIET Chairman and TAP Founder Lowell Milken, left, and NIET president and CEO Dr. Gary Stark (photo courtesy of the National Institute for Excellence in Teaching).

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to Central Arts Plaza. Members of the Rose Lane Choir sung the National Anthem, and later participated in a Beatles medley.

After their performances the students were able to do a meet-and-greet with Phoenix Mayor Greg Stanton, who was on hand to celebrate the new arts-focused hub.

Built in 1991 as the Dial Corporation headquarters and still the headquarters for Dial Corp.'s successor, Viad Corp., Central Arts Plaza totals 500,000 square feet in 24 stories at 1850 N. Central Ave. The project anchors the newly created Central Arts District, an area bounded by Roosevelt Street, Virginia Avenue, 7th Street and 7th Avenue.

It is also directly adjacent to the Phoenix Art Museum, Phoenix Theatre and Arizona Opera, and is a short walk to the Heard Museum and Phoenix Metro Light Rail.

MTA students make special cards

Tina Day Brucato thought it would be nice for patients at the hospital where she works to receive Valentine's Day cards from members of the community—something that would cheer them up during a difficult time.

She reached out to area schools and churches to see if anyone wanted to participate. But it was her own children's school that ultimately responded. Madison Traditional Academy (MTA) art teacher Lindsey Krassner not only responded, but provided Brucato with around 75 beautiful student-created valentines/cards.

The cards were handed out and also displayed at St. Joe's Westgate Hospital, with mention of MTA's students as the artists. Patients and staff were truly touched by the students' efforts.

OSBORN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT District receives Award of Distinction

Officials from the Osborn School District were surprised last month with the TAP Award of Distinction. The award honors an organization for its commitment to the implementation of TAP: The System for Teacher and Student Advancement in order to improve educator effectiveness.

It was presented at the 15th National TAP Conference in Los Angeles, before more than 1,200 educators, policymakers and influential leaders in business and education.

The honor comes with a \$10,000 prize to be used toward the implementation of the TAP System. Osborn School District Superintendent Patricia Tate accepted the award on the district's behalf.

The TAP System is America's leading comprehensive educator effectiveness model that aligns teacher leadership, job-embedded professional development, meaningful evaluation and support, and opportunities for competitive, performance-based compensation. TAP has been on the ground for more than a decade supporting schools, districts and the states in their missions to strengthen instruction and student achievement. It is managed and supported by the National Institute for Excellence in Teaching (NIET).

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In 2010, Osborn School District began implementing TAP district-wide as part of a federal Teacher Incentive Fund (TIF) grant in partnership with Arizona State University and NIET. As part of the grant, Osborn assumed an ever-increasing share of costs so that this current school year, TAP is being funded by virtually all local dollars.

Every school has met or exceeded value-added growth targets every year it has been in the TAP System. The Arizona Department of Education recently highlighted the Osborn School District on this impressive growth, and spotlighted Encanto Elementary School. The campus increased its score by 43 points and earned the highest grade of A under the state's accountability system.

PHOENIX UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT Service dogs visit with special students

Camelback High School's Exceptional Student teacher, Valerie Newman, has partnered with K9 Lifeline, a Phoenix-based service dog organization to bring the benefits of animal assisted therapy to the classroom.

On a recent visit to a Community Based Training (CBT) exceptional student classroom, the students engaged in animal-assisted art therapy. Students interacted with Axel, Snipe and Ziva, practicing vocabulary and fine motor skills by creating paw print paintings. Students that typically do not speak openly engaged their "furry friends" by giving commands. These highly trained dogs offer sensory input, a lot of love and a chance for the students to practice many skills in an interesting new way.

Students advance in DECA competition

Forty-six Camelback Marketing and Entrepreneurship students competed with more than 2,000 students at the DECA State Career Development Conference, and 19 are heading to the next round of competition: the International Career Development Conference.

That event, set for April 24-29, will host 27,000 students from around the world. The Camelback students won in areas of written events, research, and presentation to businessmen and women.

The students and their events include Angelina Luangphone,



Camelback High School special education students in the Community Based Training classroom recently had an opportunity to interact with service dogs from K9 Lifeline, allowing the students to practice vocabulary and fine motor skills (submitted photo).

Entrepreneurship, 11-page written event; Jessica Ulloa and Alejandra Lugo, five-page Innovation Project; Katherine Hill, five-page Innovation Project; Taciara Vega and Evelyn Vazquez, 30-page Entrepreneurship Project; Gilbert Lopez, Alejandro and Fernando Mata, 30-page Entrepreneurship Project;

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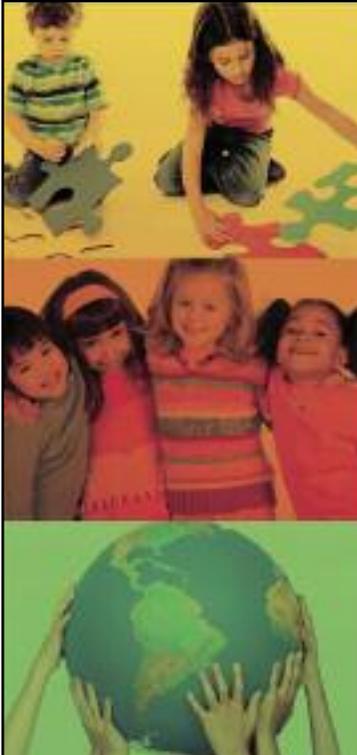
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Miriam Ornelas, Julia Ortiz and Miguel Palamares, 30-page Growing your Business; Juan Aguilar, Roberto Garcia and Leslie Cisneros, 30-page Sports and Entertainment Research Project; Ana Craft and Vanessa Castanea, 30-page Hospitality and Tourism Research Project; Veronica Meza and Cecilia Mendez, 30-page Business Operation Research Project.

Tennis team clinches METT Championship

The Camelback Varsity Girls Tennis Team clinched the METT Girls Team Championship Title, Feb. 28. Elizabeth Roman and Gloria Lujan received medals for going undefeated in singles matches, and as a doubles team. Natalie (Mercedez) Fuentes also received medals for going undefeated in singles and in doubles with her partner, Gabriella Reyes.

The tournament MVP went to Roman, who won all of her matches in straight sets.

Students compete in Japanese speech event

Six students from the Central High School Japanese class participated in 17th-annual Japanese Speech Contest at the ASU Foreign Language Fair, March 4, and they all scored very high. Jesus Achutegue won first place and Sydney McLamb placed second in the highest level (Advanced Level) competition. Catherine Cutter, Gaja

Alexander, Giselle Chavez and Clarissa Duran also competed. Shigeko Toyota is Central's Japanese language teacher.

Bobcats finish season strong

A season-ending loss is never fun, but the Central High Boys Basketball team concluded a great season with a valiant effort on Feb. 25 in the State Quarterfinals against one of the best teams in the nation.

For the second time that month, the Bobcats took three-time defending state champion Corona del Sol down to the buzzer, before the Aztecs won at the end. Central fell behind 25-10 to start the game, but outscored and outplayed Corona the next three quarters. They pulled to within one point halfway through the fourth quarter, and closed to within two points with 56 seconds left.

The Bobcats were led by senior Famoun Miller, with 20 points and 12 rebounds, and Obi Megwa had 19 points. Central ended the season with a 25-6 record.

WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Special guests read to students

The Read Across America "Seuss-abrations" took place across the Washington District on March 2, as guest readers read to students, classrooms decorated doors, and students dressed as their favorite book character to celebrate reading and of the country's favorite children's book authors—Dr. Seuss.



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North Central resident Ellen Dean, director of Arizona BookPALS, and KEZ radio personality and fellow BookPAL, Marty Manning, prepare to read to students at Mountain View School on March 2 (submitted photo).

The day saw the kick-off of the SAG Foundation BookPALS (Performing Artists for Literacy in Schools) new national literacy campaign entitled “Read to Me,” sponsored by SAG Foundation BookPALS and Rise Up Foundation. “Read to Me” encourages everyone to play a part in reading aloud to children, whether you are a parent or grandparent, sibling or neighbor, educator or friend. Research shows that reading aloud to children improves language, literacy and academic outcomes. WESD Board members and guests

including Arizona broadcasters, local authors and performers who volunteer on a regular basis with BookPALS traveled to various schools that morning and afternoon to read to students. Schools had many readers in their classrooms including elected officials, police officers, military personnel, WESD Administrative Center employees, parents, grandparents and volunteers.

Many schools expanded their celebrations and included a family reading night full of games and prizes like free books.



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The girls basketball squad at Phoenix Christian Preparatory recently did something no other team before them had ever done: win a state championship (submitted photo).

WESD honors its Employees of Month

WESD congratulates its Employees of the Month who were recognized in March: Tiffany Hill, special education teacher, Royal Palm Middle School; and Frank Mariscal, ELL testing specialist, Washington Elementary School. The WESD Employee of the Month recognition is bestowed upon employ-

ees who have exemplified the Vision, Mission and Values of the district. These employees serve as an inspiration to others by maintaining high customer service standards and a commitment to student achievement. Honorees enjoyed breakfast with the superintendent and received a plaque commemorating their special recognition.

PRIVATE AND CHARTER SCHOOLS Lady Cougars are Division IV Champs

The Lady Cougars from Phoenix Christian Preparatory finished their basketball season with a 30-5 record and a Division IV State Championship title. It was the first girls' basketball state championship in Phoenix Christian history. Phoenix Christian did reach the championship game in the 1986-87 season, but fell to Thatcher.

In their first playoff game against #9 seed Scottsdale Prep, the #8 seed Lady Cougars got off to a poor start and fell behind by 14 points early in the second quarter. But the second half belong to the Cougars as they rallied for a 48-42 win.

The next game was against the #1 seed Gilbert Christian in the quarterfinals. GC was the favorite to defend their 2013-14 State Championship and had defeated Phoenix Christian in the regular season, 65-22, and in the sectional finals, 56-36. Phoenix Christian came out strong and trailed at half by only one, 20-19. The third quarter was all Phoenix Christian as they outscored GC 18-7 to take a 37-29 lead in to the fourth quarter. But the defending champs would not go away and at the



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SS. Simon & Jude alumn Bethany Vu paid a visit to her old stomping grounds on Feb. 24 when she read to three classes of students as part of the school's Guest Reader Program (submitted photo).

2:27 mark had taken the lead 42-41.

In the end, the night belonged to the Cougars as they got a rebound off a missed free-throw with 10 second left and held on to the ball for a 48-47 win. The next day in the semifinals PC played #4 Phoenix Country Day and led from the tip off to the finish. The game was close throughout and the Lady Cougars won 42-36 to advance into the State Championship.

In the championship game, Phoenix Christian faced the #3 seed Valley Sanders. Valley Sanders had defeated their opponents in the state tournament by the scores of 68-24, 81-55 and 51-34. The championship game was fast paced and the Lady Cougars lead throughout the game to defeat Valley Sanders 67-61 for title.

The team is coached by Phoenix Christian Athletic Director Bruce Consier.

All Saints' delivers hope to Haitian kids

All Saints' Episcopal Day School, 6300 N. Central Ave., recently completed its Hope 4 Haiti supply drive to collect school and art supplies for children attending All Saints' sister school, St. Paul's, in Gascogne, Haiti. The two schools joined forces in late 2010.

In February, a 19-person delegation comprised of students, parents and teachers, delivered the donations to St. Paul's in Haiti. The trip emphasized Haitian art and culture. Volunteers also helped build a clean water supply and other sustainability projects.

The faculty at All Saints' knows that their relationship with St. Paul's school will give their students a better understanding of the world around them and the strength of those who have faced adversity.

Former student a guest reader

Bethany Vu, a SS. Simon & Jude Cathedral School alumna who was a Flinn Scholar, came to read to three classes of students at SS. Simon & Jude on Feb. 24.

Vu has a degree from Arizona State University in Biology with an emphasis on the history of medicine and neuroscience and its applications to educa-

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tion. Vu read from the book, “I Feel Better with a Frog in My Throat: History’s Strangest Cures” by Carlyn Beccia, an interactive book that encourages critical thinking and scientific theory.

SSJ’s Guest Reader Program’s goal is to promote reading and show its importance to people in all professions. Vu’s additional goal was to show the children that it’s good “to be well-rounded” since that helped her win the Flinn Scholarship. She equated it to having “lots of tools in your toolbox. If you only have a hammer,” you won’t be able to do very much. Vu also told the children, “Don’t be afraid to explore.”

Vu was impressed with the students’ attention and questions after her presentation. One student asked, “Who encouraged you to be a biologist?” Vu answered Mrs. Hill, the SSJ science teacher, and her high school teachers. Another student asked, “Why do you like books?” Vu answered that she likes to learn about things, and also fiction books are great to use your imagination.



Celebrating the bestowing of two Christian Service Awards from the Catholic Community Foundation are, from left: St. Francis Xavier student and winner Aidan Sanford; Fr. Dan Sullivan, St. Francis Xavier Church; SFX student and winner Talle Donley; and Kim Cavnar, principal St. Francis Xavier School (submitted photo).

Two students given service awards

Two North Central students attending St. Francis Xavier School received the 2015 Christian Service Awards.

Talle Donley and Aidan Sanford were named winners, while Holly Burns and April Lopez were finalists.

Each year the Catholic Community Foundation recognizes outstanding eighth-grade students from throughout the Diocese who display a love and understanding of their Catholic faith and articulate a commitment, not only to performing acts of service, but to living a service

focused life. Recipients of the prestigious Christian Service Award are honored by the Bishop at a special ceremony and receive an \$8,000 Catholic high school tuition scholarship.

A new Christian Service Award was created through the generosity of the Schramm family to further the mission of the CCF as well as honor SFX’s pastor, Fr. Dan Sullivan. Talle Donley received the inaugural Fr. Sullivan Ignatian Spirit Award, and Aidan Sanford for received the Anne and Vincent Cannella Award.

St. Francis Xavier School is a Jesuit Elementary School located at 4715 N. Central Ave. For more information, call 602-266-5364 or visit www.school.sfxphx.org.

Students perform, present at the MIM

Twenty-five Tesseract Middle School students will present their comprehensive research project on April 15 during Tesseract Night at MIM (Musical Instrumental Museum).

The evening will feature seventh-
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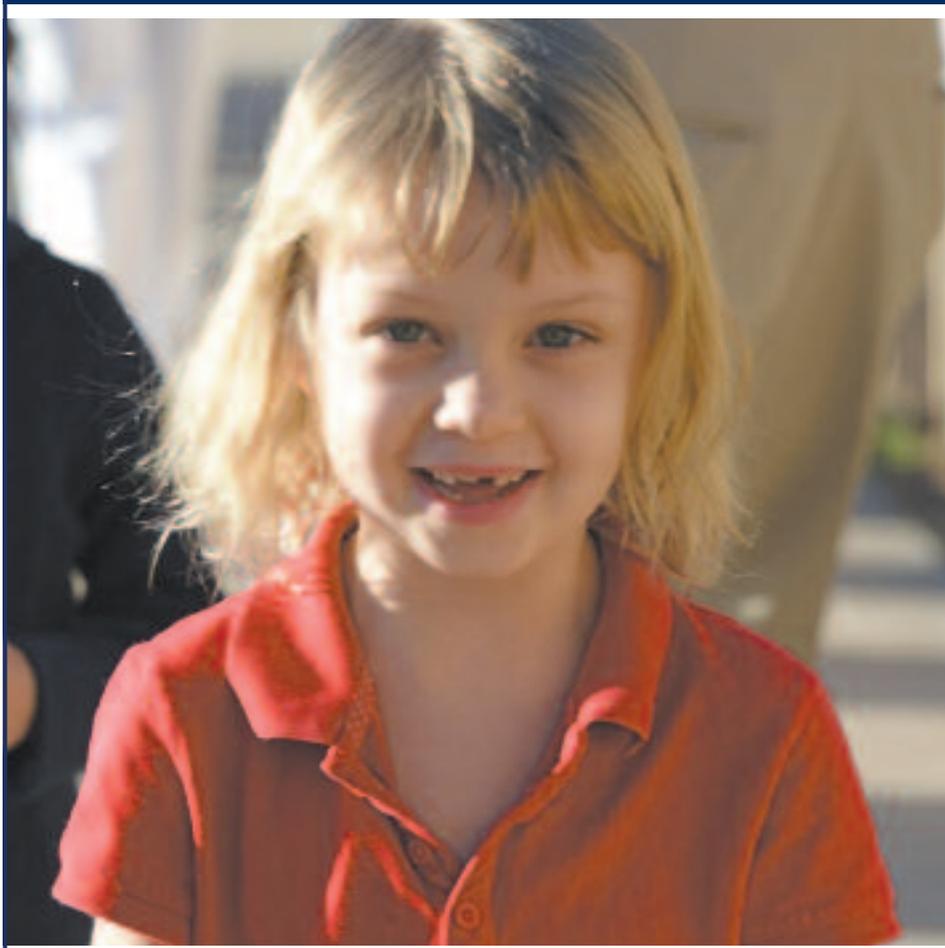
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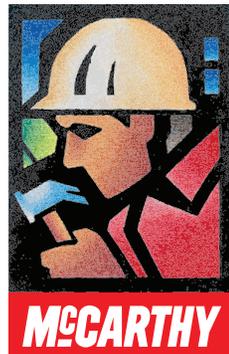
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SCHOOL DAYS

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grade students presenting group projects focusing on world cultures in each of the MIM's geographical galleries. Since early February, the MIM has functioned as the classroom for these students as they tour the exhibits and work in collaborative groups to accomplish a complete business cycle: initial assignments, timeline expectations, task delegation, research, creative writing, copyediting, graphic design, text production, speech preparation, marketing infomercials, oral presentation and audience interaction.

Taking the information that they've researched, students will also design and build an original music instrument. Each component of the project takes approximately 2-3 weeks to complete, with all elements being on display at the final Tesseract Night at MIM.

The evening also includes performances from Tesseract bands and choirs as well as food and refreshments. Festivities begin at 6 p.m. At only \$12, anyone is welcome to attend Tesseract



Xavier College Preparatory students visit the Aachen Cathedral in Aachen, Germany during a trip in February as part of the school's International Studies Program (submitted photo).

at MIM Night. Regular MIM admission is \$18. Tickets can be purchased at <http://tesseractmim.org/>.

Broadening horizons with a trip abroad

Ten Xavier College Preparatory students traveled to Aachen, Germany, in February as part of the school's

International Studies Program.

While abroad, the students attended classes, immersed themselves in the culture, embraced unique experiences such as the renowned Aachen Carnival parade and the Roman Museum in Cologne, and enjoyed Germany with the families of the Aachen students who traveled to Xavier in the fall.

Renovations complete on Xavier Activity Center

Renovations are complete on Xavier College Preparatory's Activity Center. Originally built in 1981, the building underwent safety upgrades and a second-floor addition that augments Xavier's performing arts, health, and wellness curricular offerings.

The center's newly refurbished gym hosted the Division I state badminton tournament, which Xavier's team won for the second consecutive season.

MHP presents a 1st Families BBQ

Madison Highland Prep will sponsor a cookout for enrolled students and their families this month.

The 1st Families BBQ, which will feature free hot dogs, snacks and beverages, will take place 12-3 p.m. April 11 at 1431 E. Campbell Ave. The dunk tank and other attractions will cost \$1.

The event is sponsored by the MHP administration and parent booster club. All proceeds from attractions will benefit student activities. For more information, call 602-745-3800.



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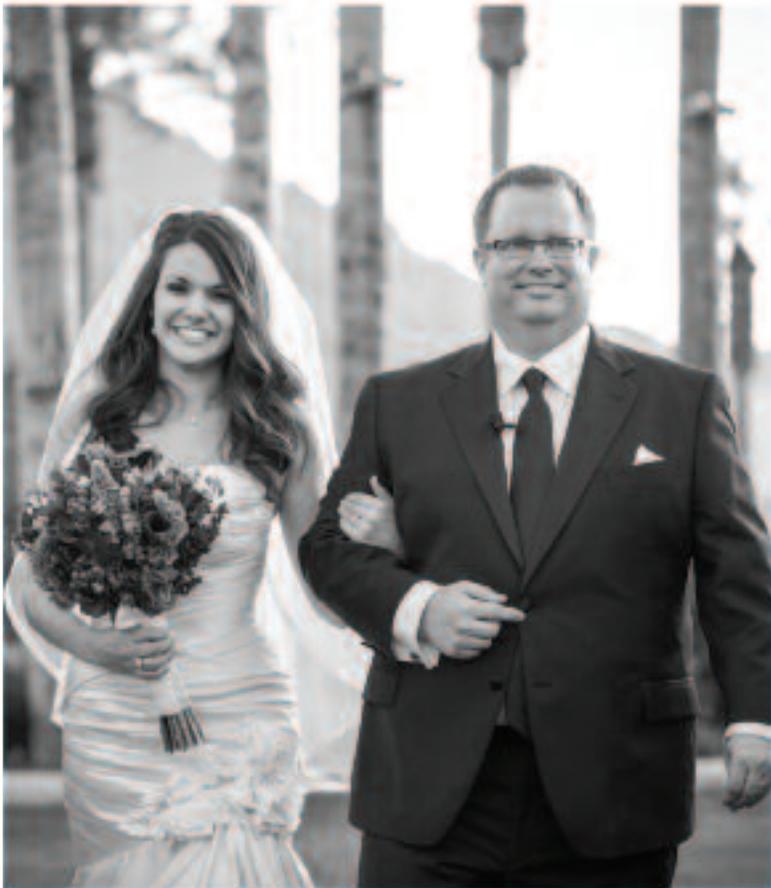
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Coyote Summer Camp is led by qualified camp counselors and hosted at the Pointe Hilton Squaw Peak Resort. Campers ages 5-12 years old will enjoy a variety of adventures—including what it was like to pan for gold (photo courtesy of Pointe Hilton Squaw Peak Resort).

Search online for summer camp info

If you are starting your search for ideas for your kids this summer while they are out of school, three local media outlets have put together databases of summer camps, available online.

The Arizona Republic/ AZCentral.com

This online portal allows both subscribers and non-subscribers to filter more than 1,300 camps by location, type of instruction and cost. Choose from general, arts and crafts, sports and outdoors, educational, music, theater and drama, religious or special needs summer camps. Visit www.AZCentral.com and type in the keywords “Summer Camps.”

In The ZONA

In the ZONA is a family-friendly publication focusing on the accomplishments of kids. Every spring the free publication brings busy parents across the Valley an exclusive list of more than two dozen of the top local summer camps. *In the ZONA* provides not only the free Summer Camp Guide but also connects parents to information on more than 1,000 local summer camps to help minimize your child’s summer learning loss. Camps fill up fast, so it’s important to plan now. Be sure to visit www.gotkidsneedcamps.com for access to *In the ZONA*’s free e-guide and online directory.

Senior Living

Dances held at at Devonshire

Devonshire Senior Center has live music for ballroom dancing on the fourth Wednesday of every month from 1 to 3 p.m. Music is provided by Rich Howard. The cover charge is \$5 for the dance. Refreshments are complimentary.

Devonshire Senior Center is located at 2802 E Devonshire. Call 602-256-3130 for more information.

Free SS Benefits planning class

The Social Security Administration and the Phoenix Public Library present a free Social Security Benefits Planning Class, 6-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 29 in the 2nd Floor Meeting Room at the Cholla Branch Library, 10050 Metro Parkway E.

Register online at www.phxlib.org, in person at the Cholla Branch Library, or by phone at 602-262-4636 prior to April 29. Create a free My Social Security account online at www.ssa.gov/myaccount/ prior to attending.

Raising Arizona Kids

Raising Arizona Kids’ overnight camps directory is available online as a searchable database, free to the public. Day camps—which will be published in *Raising Arizona Kids*’ April magazine—and special needs camps will be search enabled as of April 1. You can choose from a list of categories, such as arts, cooking, leadership, gardening, animal care, and a variety of sports. You also can select out-of-state camps. Visit www.raisingarizonakids.com/directory/summer-camps-arizona/.

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Caregivers support group at SunTree

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The group meets from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Note that an RSVP is requested as meetings might be subject to cancellation if two or fewer people have signed up. Light refreshments will be served.

Call 602-441-4900 to RSVP and indicate if you are bringing a loved one. Free respite care is provided while attending the support group.

Kids & Families

‘Science Saturday’ at Phoenix College

Phoenix College, 1202 W. Thomas Road, hosts “Science Saturday” 9 a.m.-12 p.m. on Saturday, May 2.

This event is family-friendly and will feature activities to expose youth of all ages to a variety of science and mathematics principles. The activities will be geared for ages 6 through 18, but there also will be activities for smaller children.

The free event also offers participants the opportunity to see what Phoenix College has to offer and information for parents to help them prepare their children for college.

Free event features food, fun, hope

The Paula Hardison Family Day of Hope, set for 12-3 p.m. Saturday, April 18, brings the community together in support of those affected by cancer. The festivities will include children’s carnival-style games, food trucks, an obstacle course and other family activities.

The event, held at the Cancer Support Community Arizona Campus, 360 E. Palm Lane, is free and open to the public. Register in advance at info@cscaz.org or call 602-712-1006.

Breakfast With Bunny at Hole-In-The-Wall

Round up the family for an early Easter celebration starring the Easter Bunny at Hole-In-The-Wall, the historic Western-themed restaurant located at Pointe Hilton Squaw Peak Resort, 7677 N. 16th St.

Families can enjoy a buffet breakfast and take photos with the Easter Bunny during the event on Saturday, April 4, from 8 to 11 a.m. Cookie decorating and seasonal crafts will also be offered. Cost is \$24 for adults and \$10 for children ages 10 and younger. Reservations are required; call 602-997-2626.

Boys Choir’s final free class for season

The final PBC Experience Workshop of 2014-15 takes place Saturday, April 11. Boys age 7 and older with an unchanged voice are invited to spring into summer with music that will inspire you to get outdoors.

The Phoenix Boys Choir’s free music workshop teaches participants to learn how to sing, read and perform music culminating in a short performance for family and friends to showcase everything the boys learned.

The workshop takes place from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. at the Phoenix Boys Choir building, 1131 E. Missouri Ave. There is no cost for the camp. Participating boys will sing alongside current Phoenix Boys Choir members.

To register and find more information, visit www.PhoenixBoysChoir.org or call 602-264-5328, ext. 21.

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'An Abundance of Living Things' Exhibit & Reception
 April 3-May 28
 @Central Gallery,
 Burton Barr Library
 1221 N. Central Ave.
 602-262-4636

Pat Scheurich will exhibit her paintings in a one-person show. An opening reception is set for 6:30-8 p.m. Friday, April 3, and is free and open to the public. Scheurich's paintings reflect the ways that flowers have been a part of mankind in very meaningful ways. They have been used for healing people as well as the earth itself and there is magic and mystery and a sense of gaiety and celebration in a garden. Insects, animals and birds flourish alongside plants and when we realize how important these interactions are we can help preserve this variety of life.

Fine Arts Exhibit & Sale
 April 9-12
 Beatitudes Church,
 Britt Chapel
 555 W. Glendale Ave.

Presented by the Phoenix Artist Guild and containing original works by local artists in various mediums, including oil, pastel, graphite, water color, and mixed media. Prices in the exhibit start at \$100 and up. In addition, a mini-gift shop will have original items priced from \$5. Hours are 3-6 p.m. Thursday, and 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday through Sunday. An artists' reception will take place 6-8 p.m. Friday. The show is free and open to the public.

North Mountain Spring Art Show
 April 10-12
 North Mountain Visitor Center
 12950 N. 7th St.
 602-996-5423

Presented by the N.E. Valley Artists League. On Friday from 4 to 8 p.m., enjoy refreshments and live music from John and Bella Smith, while mingling with some of the artists from the show. Saturday hours are 8 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sunday from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. All items in the show are available for purchase at a variety of price points, some as low as \$35; a portion of the proceeds will benefit the visitor center. Admission is free.

'The Daughter of the Regiment'
 Arizona Opera
 April 10-12
 Phoenix Symphony Hall
 75 N. 2nd St.
 602-266-7464

Gaetano Donizetti's whimsical and hilarious romp that follows Marie, a feisty young girl raised by a regiment of French soldiers high in the Alps. Peppered with exhilarating melodies, astonishing high notes and outrageous fun, Marie rappels between her patriotic loyalty to her "dear brothers" and the expectations of "polite" society. Tickets start at \$25, and are available at www.azopera.org.

'The Musical Adventures of Flat Stanley'
 April 10-26
 Valley Youth Theatre
 525 N First St.
 602-253-8188, ext. 2

Stanley folds his way around the world during the 50th anniversary of his best-selling book series. Show times are 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 10; 12 and 3:30 p.m. Saturdays, and 12:30 and 4 p.m. Sundays. Tickets are \$18 each, plus fees. Visit www.VYT.com.

Katsina Doll Marketplace
 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, April 11
 Heard Museum
 2301 N. Central Ave.

The nation's largest gathering of Hopi katsina doll carvers will show and sell their unique creations. Enjoy musical performances, carving demonstrations and drawings. The Hopi carvers will show and sell their carvings in both traditional and contemporary styles. Marketplace admission is free; museum admission is additional. Visit www.heard.org.

Sunnyslope Art Walk
 5-9 p.m. Saturday, April 11
 Central Ave., from Dunlap to Alice Ave.
 602-344-3587

The twice-yearly art walk is taking to the streets. The spring event will see the area of Central Avenue between Dunlap and Alice avenues closed for the first time to accommodate more artists, vendors and pedestrians. Enjoy live music

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Make It! Textile Patterns

5:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 15

Rineberg Gallery,
Phoenix Art Museum
1625 N. Central Ave.

Play with patterns! Make your own colorful patterns like Czech-born fabric designer Jacqueline Groag, whose playful and modern textiles uplifted the taste of Britain in the postwar era. Some of her work currently is on display in the museum's Ellman Fashion Design Gallery. This event is on a #FreeAdmissionWednesday evening and is free and open to the public. Visit www.phxart.org/events.

**'The Unpredictable
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ProMusica Arizona
April 18-19
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Through an interactive concert presentation and using cell phones to vote, audience members select the fate of the hero, Henry Hicklebee. Will his story be one of love and romance, or of adventure? ProMusica Arizona's full orchestra and chorale will perform music that illustrates the different decisions made by interactive voting, so each concert will be different. Show times are 7:30 p.m. Saturday and 4 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$17.50 for seniors (60 years+), and \$12 for youth age 18 and younger. Visit www.pmaz.org.

**Concert of Broadway
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4-6 p.m. Sunday, April 26
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Presented by the Beth Ami Temple. Enjoy listening to the music and songs of Broadway and Hollywood Jewish composers performed by Cantorial Soloist Baruch Koritan, accompanied

by his wife, Ruth Dubinbaum-Koritan. Cantor Koritan has appeared in musical theater and operatic productions around the world and has performed for presidents and royalty. Tickets are \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door.

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Spring Pops Concert

Phoenix Boys Choir
7:30 p.m. Friday, May 1
Orpheum Theater
203 W. Adams St.
602-262-7272

PBC presents songs from the sporting and gaming worlds. Audiences will hear music that personifies the winning spirit: inspiration, determination, perspiration, and celebration including music by Van Halen, Alan Menken, Queen and Shakira. Advance tickets are \$28/preferred, \$23/general admission, and \$18 for seniors and youth 12 and younger. All tickets \$28 day of. Tickets are available online at www.PhoenixBoysChoir.org.

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Jewel's Bakery & Café owner Julie Moreno chats with Dr. DeJarra K. Sims and Dr. Paula Stewart, both naturopaths, who enjoy a Classic Breakfast Platter and a Breakfast Parfait after hiking (photo by Patty Talahongva).

Café Chat
Jewel's makes gluten-free look, taste good

By Patty Talahongva

Jewel's Bakery & Cafe, 4041 E. Thomas Road, is a homecoming of sorts for owner Julie Moreno. She grew up in the area and used to shop at Kitchen Classics, which is now the home to her restaurant and bakery.

Moreno's concept of a 100-percent, gluten-free cafe and bakery offers such classics as Biscuits and Gravy along with interesting combinations like the Cashew Fruit Bowl. "That's so good," she says. "I would have never thought to eat rice at all for breakfast."

You also can get a breakfast taco that features red quinoa and eggs wrapped in a corn tortilla, stuffed with cheese and bacon or chorizo. It's topped with avocado and served with tomatillo salsa and house potatoes. Even the Eggs Benedict comes with a twist. "We don't use a traditional sauce, we use a smoked Spanish paprika

cashew crème," Moreno explains.

Coffee aficionados will enjoy the local Cartel Coffee served drip, Aeropress or V60 Pourover style. For larger groups you can order a Chemex. Don't worry if you don't understand those terms. It's fun to have the staff explain the styles and the training needed to make and serve a cup of joe. Jewel's also serves coconut, almond, hemp and rice milk, which you can also get as a steamer.

If you prefer tea, the café offers organic loose leaf as well and plenty of fresh juices.

Curried chicken salad sandwich is on the lunch menu because it's a family favorite. "We (her family) love Thai food and Indian food, a lot of which is made with curry."

Moreno says the favorite lunch item by far is the Chicken and Waffles, but customers also enjoy the gluten-free pizzas. You can order a sun-dried tomato bacon or go for the more exotic raspberry lemon prosciutto. The 12-inch pizzas can feed two people.

Sorghum Caesar Jewel's Style salad features the whole grain for a more healthy lunch. A great deal of care is taken with the seasoning of each dish but if you prefer a little more salt, take a second look at the Pink Himalayan salt in the shakers on each table. "We don't need to bleach our food," Moreno points out, and that goes for salt, too.

All this attention to detail came

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about because her youngest daughter was diagnosed with Celiac, an autoimmune disease that produces a negative effect from eating gluten. After months of trying to figure out a diagnosis, once Moreno realized the culprit she changed her meal planning. But the gluten-free food items she found just didn't taste good, so she started experimenting and came up with a recipe for cupcakes.

Family and friends loved them. That motivated her to enter a baking contest. "I was only baking gluten-free for three months and the contest was against professional bakers," she recalls. "And I won!"

Moreno beat out 35 local businesses and won Best in Show and Best Classic Cupcakes. That led to her baking and selling her cupcakes at farmer's markets. But she quickly outgrew that model.

Her father, William Hankerson, is part owner and helped her find her bakery location. Other family members also work with her. "It was just going to be a bakery," she says, "but there was so much room." So Moreno decided to open up a café as well.

She also wants to share her recipes and offers monthly cooking classes. On Tuesday, April 7, Moreno will teach a class on how making ravioli or fettuccine. On Tuesday, April 21, Chef Brad will teach a class on salad making that includes dressings, toppings and selecting the right lettuce. There is a fee and guests need to pre-register. Both classes will be held in the evening after the café is closed.

For Mother's Day, Moreno offers two special events. On Saturday, May 9, she will offer a Mommy and Me Tea with finger sandwiches, scones and jelly, and it's for all ages. On Mother's Day, May 10, there will be a special menu featuring items such as sweet and savory crepes, salmon Wellington and chicken walnut fruit salad. The hours will be extended from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The bakery also is taking special order requests for this day only. E-mail your idea and it might end up on the menu. To sign up for either event or a cooking class, e-mail info@jewelsbakeryandcafe.com.

You can visit the website to see the full menu and hours of operation at www.jewelsbakeryandcafe.com. You also can sign up to receive an electronic newsletter. Call 602-714-5243 for more information.

Dining Briefs

New happy hour at Little Cleo's

Little Cleo's, named after the iconic fishing lure, introduces a new "Happy Hour for the Absinthe Minded"—a happy hour experience featuring specials on fresh, seasonal catches, cocktails and more.

Launched last month on National Absinthe Day, guests can cheers to the day's end with a few shellfish staples, house champagne, absinthe, and absinthe cocktails such as Hemingway's infamous Death in The Afternoon that mixes absinthe, dry sparkling wine, and simple syrup for the perfect way to kill an afternoon.

Unique incentives available at "Happy Hour for the Absinthe Minded" include: \$1 oysters; \$1 shrimp; \$2 champagne pours; and half-off all absinthe and absinthe cocktails. The new "Absinthe Minded" happy hour specials are available 4-5 p.m. from Monday through Saturday.

Little Cleo's is located inside The Yard at 5632 N. 7th St. For more information, call 602-680-4044. To view the complete menu, visit www.LittleCleos.com.

Gaslight Square eateries host a 'Dine Around'

Guests of the Gaslight Square center, located at the southeast corner of 36th Street and Indian School Road, are encouraged to raise a fork and enjoy new restaurants or revisit old favorites on Saturday, April 11.

The quaint shopping center is hosting its first "Dine Around." Participating restaurants are the award-winning Crudo, the charming NOOK Kitchen, local favorite The Market by Jennifer's Restaurant + Bar, and the beloved neighborhood pub, Dilly Dally.

The "Dine Around" features a prix-fixe menu beginning with an innovative cocktail and appetizer at Crudo, followed by a visit to NOOK for the second course of salad and flatbread paired with a glass of wine or beer. Next up, The Market by Jennifer's will serve the main course with three entrées to choose from accompanied with a glass of wine, plus a dessert with bubbly.

An after-dinner drink and perhaps a game of pool at the neighborhood's favorite pub, Dilly Dally, will round out the evening.

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The Gaslight Square "Dine Around" will have three seatings: 5 p.m., 5:30 p.m. and 6 p.m. Tickets are \$85 (tax and tip extra) and can be purchased at The Market by Jennifer's, 3603 E. Indian School Road. First come, first served. Call 602-626-5050 for details.

Easter Bunny to visit Scramble

Scramble—A Breakfast Joint will be open from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Easter Sunday, April 5. To celebrate, the Easter Bunny will give away treats to all the kids that day.

Scramble will post a special Easter 2015 album on its Phoenix Facebook page highlighting everyone who visits with the Easter Bunny.

Scramble is a breakfast experience with fresh food, quick service and a clean, contemporary setting. It boasts a dog-friendly patio, plasma televisions, free Wi-Fi and charging stations.

Scramble is located at 9832 N. 7th St. For more information, call 602-374-2294.

Sierra Bonita Grill offers Easter Brunch

On Easter Sunday, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Sierra Bonita Grill will be serving its signature Southwestern brunch dishes, plus specials that have been created for the occasion.

Popular selections include the Southwestern Benedict: panko-crusted eggs atop green chile beer biscuits, topped with Cure 81 Ham, and roasted poblano hollandaise, served with roasted root vegetables (\$14). The Atole Pinon Hotcakes are griddled blue corn masa and toasted pinenuts cakes, topped with strawberry butter, served with bacon (\$10). The Cowboy Hash features roasted root vegetables tossed with Schrieners linguisa sausage and chorizo, topped with fried eggs, salsa verde and salsa fresca (\$12).

Specials created just for the occasion include a Crab Cakes Benedict, with crispy crab cakes atop roasted tomatoes and green chile biscuits, then topped with a lemon-chipotle hollandaise sauce, served with a side of grilled asparagus (\$15). Try the Wood Grilled Lamb Chops and mint chimichurri sauce, paired with a salad of baby kale, cranberries, toasted almonds, and cherry tomatoes (\$16).

Complete the brunch with a Bloody Mary or Mimosa special for only \$15.

Sierra Bonita Grill is located at 6933 N. 7th St. For reservations, call 602-264-0700 or visit www.sierrabonitagrill.com.

Papa Murphy's hosts stuffed bear toy drive

The Arizona Highway Patrol Association (AHPA) kicks off its annual Comfort Bear Toy Drive April 1-30, in partnership with Papa Murphy's, 1625 E. Glendale Ave.

Comfort Bears are kept in the trunks of law enforcement vehicles for immediate use with children after a traumatic situation. "Children can at times feel intimidated or even scared by an officer in uniform," said Sgt. Jimmy Chavez, president of AHPA. "A Comfort Bear can serve as a communication mechanism to put a child at ease and let them know that officers will always be there to help. The public's support for our program is greatly appreciated."

The AHPA asks those willing to help to drop off a new, stuffed animal at Papa Murphy's, located in the Squaw

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Peak Plaza. This is the second year the take-and-bake pizza eatery has hosted the drive.

In exchange for a stuffed toy donation, diners will receive \$5 off any family-sized pizza (limit one per household). The store is open 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday and 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. on weekends. For more information, call 602-279-7272.

TEXAZ Grill offers anniversary deal

Since October 1985, TEXAZ Grill has been the Valley's favorite for authentic Texas-style eats, having served more than 872,700 signature Chicken Fried Steaks (and counting). So to honor its upcoming 30th anniversary, the restaurant has cooked up a Texas-sized dining deal to thank its loyal customers for three decades (and counting).

Offered on the 30th day of each month, through Oct. 30, guests can enjoy a build-your-own, three-course feast, plus beverage, for only \$30. Enjoy your choice of appetizer, entree with all the fixings (select items only

after 4 p.m.), plus decadent dessert and a beverage—all for only \$30 per person. Sorry, no split plates.

The special is available from 11 a.m.-10 p.m. on the 30th of each month at TEXAZ Grill, 6003 N. 16th St. For more information, call 602-248-STAR (7827) or visit www.texazgrill.com.

Inaugural 'Breakfast Weekend' in late April

Often lauded as the most important meal of the day, Valley chefs and restaurateurs are uniting this spring for a first-of-its-kind event: Arizona Breakfast Weekend, presented by the Arizona Restaurant Association.

Arizona Breakfast Weekend hits eateries April 30-May 3. Diners will enjoy special dishes at breakfast and brunch spots offered at \$6, \$12 and \$25 price points. Chefs will have the chance to curate new recipes and to wow breakfast lovers by elevating and celebrating the morning meal. The presenting sponsor is Hickman's Eggs.

Breakfast diners can select from one of three options: The Breakfast Bundle,

an over-the-top bundle of breakfast favorites for \$6; The Brunch Lite, a mini-brunch style menu and Bloody Mary or Mimosa (at most locations) for \$12; and a traditional resort-style brunch offering with all the bells and culinary whistles for \$25.

Visit ArizonaBreakfastWeek.com or [Facebook.com/ AZBreakfastweek.com](https://www.facebook.com/AZBreakfastweek) for updates and a list of participating restaurants.

Get your paint on at Wild Game Grill

Wild Game Grill, which offers a tasty menu featuring elk, bison, rabbit, venison, buffalo and more, will host a special painting party night on Tuesday, April 21.

Presented by Vino & Canvas, pre-registered painters will create their own masterpiece of "Salty the Sea Turtle" in an entertaining atmosphere with the assistance of a talented art instructor. All supplies are included.

Wild Game, located at 2445 E. Thomas Road, will offer drink and food specials for Vino & Canvas participants.

The mission of Vino & Canvas is to

create a fun and relaxed social art experience while supporting local artists, local businesses, and encouraging the "locals" to explore creativity and get their artistic buzz on. Cost is only \$25 (regular price is \$45). Register online at <https://www.vinoandcanvas.com/> and enter "NEWLOCATION15" in the promo code field. For more information, call 480-420-6005.

Fired Pie tax day pizza deal

Fired Pie, the original and first fast-casual pizza concept to open in Phoenix, is offering diners a special deal on Tax Day, Wednesday, April 15. Come in and get a pizza of your choice for just \$4.15.

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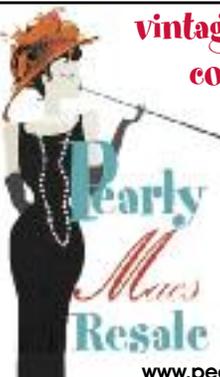
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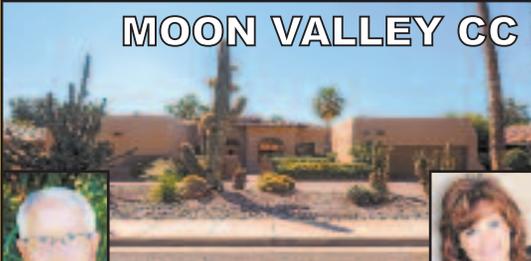
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