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## Annual event seeks donations

Heels for Healing, a benefit for Florence Crittenton, seeks high-end clothing donations for its upcoming fundraiser.

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# Town moves forward with antenna location

By Terrance Thornton  
Independent Newspapers

The Maricopa County Board of Supervisors unanimously approved an intergovernmental

agreement with the Town of Paradise Valley Wednesday, July 30 for the construction of a radio communications antenna allowing the municipality to connect into the Central Arizona Regional Wireless

Cooperative.

Paradise Valley Town Council, among other things for the project, approved the IGA with Maricopa County for the construction of the antenna building at its

July 23 meeting.

The measure passed 6 to 0. According to Resolution 1311, Paradise Valley Town Council ap-

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File photos

A view of now halted construction of a new and improved water line providing service to homes on Mummy Mountain in the Town of Paradise Valley.

# Lawsuit moves forward

## Judge continues halt of waterline construction on Mummy Mountain

By Terrance Thornton  
Independent Newspapers

A temporary restraining order has been upheld by the Maricopa County Superior

Court effectively halting Phoenix construction of an above-ground water line on the southern portion of Mummy Mountain due to resident concerns over the pipeline's impact -- both environ-

mental and aesthetic.

The temporary restraining order was granted and upheld by Judge J. Richard Gama at least until Monday, Aug. 11 while an evidence hearing is set for 1 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 11, according to ruling at a July 29 return hearing.

Homes abutting and adjacent to Mummy Mountain are within

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The SCC amphitheater incorporates:

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■ More than 43,000 pounds, or 21.5 tons, of structural steel.

■ More than 250 yards of high-density polyethylene fabric.

■ More than 440 yards of structural webbing.



"It is an impressive architectural feature, and we are really looking forward to seeing the college use this large amphitheater space to get the benefits of the newly shaded area," Mr. Schwartz said.

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# Deco Communities eyes \$31M condo project

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Since January, Scottsdale-based real estate developer Deco Communities has acquired three

vacant land parcels to develop new condominium projects representing a total sell-out value of than \$120 million.

Last week Deco closed on its latest project, a 2.4 acre site in

Scottsdale that will be home to a new 100 unit, to-be-named, condominium project. at 7300 E. Earll Road, according to a press release.

The \$31 million project will

offer contemporary-styled residences in the heart of Old Town Scottsdale, the release states.

"Downtown Scottsdale is ex-

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Scottsdale residents Osmara, at left, and Oscar Gomez Tuesday, July 29 at the Vista Del Camino Back to School Program.

Independent Newspapers/Terrance Thornton

# Ready for success

## Back-to-school Camino program helps 500 Scottsdale students

### By Terrance Thornton

Independent Newspapers

Thanks to a program conducted by the Vista Del Camino Community Center,

hundreds of students in Scottsdale will be heading off to school this year with supplies and clothing they might not otherwise have.

Community center officials say these basic necessities are

critical to the learning experience. Unfortunately, there are far too many youngsters in the Scottsdale whose families simply don't have the means to purchase the needed items on their own.

Through the Scottsdale Vista Del Camino Back to School Program on Tuesday, July 29 children in need were provided with new

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## Thunderbirds support Spofit

Thunderbird Charities recently donated \$25,000 to the Virginia G. Piper Sports and Fitness Center for Persons with Disabilities.

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## SCHOOLNews

### Global Trust Scholars arrive at Scottsdale college

The fifth class of Global Trust Scholars has arrived at Scottsdale Community College as part of a 10-month program to study in specific academic areas and soak up U.S. culture.

This year's 12 program participants hail from Brazil, India, Indonesia, Pakistan and South Africa, according to a press release.

The international students are participating in the Community College Initiative Program, sponsored by the U.S. Department of State.

Each student studies in a field they have chosen. This year's students will take classes in business, international business, journalism, film, graphic design, accounting and human resources, the release states.

"Every group develops its own identity," said Megan O'Connor, who recently joined SCC as the interim CCIP coordinator. "Different dynamics play into that identity, including the fields they choose, the mix of countries and the individuals themselves."

The students arrived July 19 and will depart to their home country May 20, 2015.

Under the program's requirements, participants will return home with a goal of making a difference using their newfound skills and experiences. During their stay, they will develop business plans and grant proposals as part of a plan of action, the release states.

CCIP is a nationwide program established by the Obama administration in 2008. This year, 188 students from abroad are participating in the program across the country.

"The program requires that they serve 100 hours of volunteer work during their stay and participate in an internship," said Ms. O'Connor. "So they are definitely giving something back to our country. They will be busy."

The students are taking two short English-as-a-Second Language courses to help them acclimate, get a better handle on U.S. academic expectations, and receive tips on successful classroom strategies.

"By having these international students on campus and in our classrooms, they help SCC embrace diversity and broaden the horizons of all our students," noted Ms. O'Connor. "The perspectives they bring to our classroom discussions and clubs are very important."

Each Global Trust Scholar is staying with a host family for the first two weeks of the program before they transition into apartments and become roommates with each other.



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### Lexis Preparatory School announces new location

When classes resume next month at Lexis Preparatory School, a private, kindergarten through 8th grade college-prep school serving students with ADHD, dyslexia and related learning challenges, it will signal the start of an exciting new chapter for the students, faculty and parents alike.

The new permanent home for Lexis on the campus that was the former Cheyenne Traditional Elementary School and Cholla Early Childhood Center in Scottsdale will be ready for the start of the 2014-15 academic year.

The move to the East Cholla Street campus will provide Lexis students with expanded instructional, tutoring, and therapy services to complement its strong academic and extracurricular offerings. Optional daily round-trip transportation services will now be available to Lexis families living further afield.

Lexis has plans to expand to 80 or 90 students. The new Lexis Preparatory was designed as a "Village" or a community! Programs such as the Lexis Tutoring Café, The Lexis Brain Fitness Center, The Lexis Social Village and the Lexis Let's Talk Learning Series are all slated for the new campus.

For more information, visit [www.lexis-prep.com](http://www.lexis-prep.com)

### Arizona Association for Gifted opens registration

The Arizona Association for Gifted and Talented has announced that registration is open for its 2014 Parent Institute, which will take place on Saturday, Sept. 27 at Grand Canyon University.

The event will feature speakers, educational exhibitions and interactive breakout sessions by professionals in the gifted community.

Dr. Amy Serin, founder of The Serin Center, a multidisciplinary center for psychological assessment, treatment, and rehabilitation of adults and children, will serve as the one-day event's keynote speaker.

The cost to attend the full-day program is \$25 per adult, and registration is now open at [arizonagifted.org](http://arizonagifted.org).

"The goal of this program is to teach parents and caregivers effective tools to address and nurture their gifted children's needs," says Patty Messer, president of AAGT.

More than 300 parents attended in 2013.

For more information, go to [arizonagifted.org](http://arizonagifted.org).