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Parade winners named for 'Tale of Two Cities'

Judges have picked three winners from among the more than 80 entries in the "Tale of Two Cities" parade Feb. 25.

The event, which featured marching bands, balloons and floats, was hosted by Avondale and Goodyear to mark the centennial of Arizona statehood.

An estimated 5,000 people attended the parade and the ensuing festival at **Estrella Mountain Community College**. The parade winners are:

- Best Appearance: U.S. Naval Sea Cadets and the USS Arizona replica.
- Most Entertaining: Avondale Fire & Rescue Synchronized Pavement Divers.
- Best Adaption of Theme: Freedom Foundation at Valley Forge-Phoenix chapter.

Pre-construction meeting set for Northern Parkway

County transportation planners will gather in Waddell to discuss construction plans and answer questions about a major east-west roadway in the West Valley.

The public informational meeting is set for 5 to 7 p.m. March 7 at Falcon Dunes Golf Course, 15100 W. Northern Ave., east of Reems Road.

At issue is the Northern Parkway, a six-lane roadway that will connect Loop 303 and Grand Avenue along a general Northern Avenue alignment.

The first phase, a connection between Sarival Avenue and Dysart Road, is set for completion by Spring 2013.

Goodyear police to battle Phoenix firefighters

Goodyear police will do battle with Phoenix firefighters during a charity basketball game in downtown Phoenix.

The "Battle of the Badges" is hosted by the Arizona Fire Chief's Association. It is set for 1 to 4 p.m. March 11 at the U.S. Airways Center.

In addition, children will be able to shoot baskets on the main floor of the arena and meet the Phoenix Suns Gorilla.

Proceeds will go to the 100 Club of Arizona, a group that benefits the families of fallen police officers.

There will be a \$10 entry fee and no charge for children 12 and younger. There will be free parking in the Jefferson Street garage, organizers said.

For information, contact Rachel St. Moritz at 602-485-0100 or online at rachels@100club.org.

Energy-efficiency money may go to Avondale area

Small businesses in a revitalization of Avondale may be eligible for money promoting energy-efficiency efforts.

Such audits typically cost from \$700 to \$1,200, but audit funding has been made available by the

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U.S. Department of Energy on a first-come, first-served basis to qualifying businesses.

Businesses must be within the revitalization area, which extends from Van Buren Street to Lower Buckeye Road and from the Agua Fria River to the Avondale-Goodyear border.

For information, call 623-333-2725, or go online at www.avondale.org/NFS/thebee.

Free spay, neuter mobile clinic coming to Avondale

The Arizona Humane Society's mobile spay, neuter and wellness clinic is coming to Avondale and will be offering free services.

The animal services will be from March 20 through 22 at Avondale Friendship Park, 12325 W. McDowell Road, and will start at 6:30 a.m. on each day on a first-come, first-served basis.

The free offering is made available through a grant by PetSmart Charities.

For information, including surgery requirements for pets, call 602-997-7586, Ext. 3002, or go online at www.azhumane.org/spay-neuter.

Goodyear, Avondale leaders named to group

Three members of the Goodyear City Council have been appointed to one-year terms on committees of the National League of Cities, an advocacy group.

Wally Campbell will serve on the 2012 Transportation & Infrastructure Services Policy and Advocacy Committee, according to NLC President Ted Ellis, the mayor of Bluffton, Ind.

Sheri Lauritano and Bill Stipp will serve on the Public Safety & Crime Prevention Policy and Advocacy Committee, Ellis said.

In addition, Charles Vierhout, a member of the Avondale City Council, has been appointed by the NLC to the Information Technology and Communications Steering Committee.

NLC serves as a resource and advocacy group for 19,000 cities, towns and villages throughout the United States.

Avondale teens may enter contest, win scholarships

The Avondale Municipal Arts Committee is seeking participants for the "Avondale's Got Talent - Art Contest."

The event, which offers scholarship prizes from \$100 to \$300, is open to graduating high school seniors in Avondale who will be enrolling in **college**. The entry deadline is April 20.

Paintings, drawings and mixed-media artwork will be accepted. Winning entries will be featured at a special art show May 8 and be put on display for one year at the Avondale Civic Center Library.

For information, call 623-333-2787, or email publicart@avondale.org.

Federal grants workshop to be hosted in Avondale

Representatives from five federal agencies will be on hand this month to offer information on federal funding opportunities and resources for non-profit groups and small businesses.

The event will be hosted from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, March 15, at Care1st Avondale Resource and Housing Center, 328 W. Western Ave., in Avondale.

The offering is designed for people who are new to grant writing and looking to improve their understanding of available federal grants, officials said.

For more information, or to reserve a seat, contact Clara Ortiz at 520-622-6788 or clara.ortiz@mail.house.gov; or contact Maria Aviles at 623-333-2703 or maviles@avondale.org.

Young wrestlers sought

The Westside Owls, a wrestling club, is seeking prospective athletes, ages 5 to 17, to join the sports organization.

Practices are from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays in the wrestling room at Agua Fria High



School, 530 E. Riley Drive, in Avondale.

For information, call 623-293-6551.

West Valley artist offers mono-silkscreen display

The work of West Valley artist Veronica Verdugo-Lomeli is now on display at the Avondale Art Gallery.

The Tolleson resident has offered three mono-silkscreen and ghost prints that are titled "The Church," "Folklorico Dancers" and "Mexican Music."

The gallery is inside the Avondale Library, 11350 W. Civic Center Drive.

For more information about the artist, go online at wix.com/verdugov/vvlarts.

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