



Police identify the 73-year-old woman who they say left the scene of a fatal collision before causing another. B2



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## Regents study migrant tuition

Board to consider in-state rates for undocumented students

By Anne Ryman  
The Republic | azcentral.com

TUCSON — The Arizona Board of Regents approved, as expected, 3 percent tuition increases Thursday for Arizona State and University of Arizona and then announced plans to research options for offering in-

state tuition rates for undocumented students.

Regents Chairman Rick Myers directed staff to study the legal and financial implications and report back at the regents' June meeting.

"I know we'd all like to look at what those options are and decide the best way to move for-

ward," he said.

The regents have been under increasing pressure in recent months to offer in-state tuition rates for some undocumented students. President Barack Obama's decision last year to grant deferred action from deportation to some undocumented immigrants has prompted

Arizona colleges to review their tuition policies. Some have even made changes. Both Maricopa Community Colleges and Pima Community College in Tucson have since decided to offer lower, in-state rates to deferred-action students who get work permits.

The regents have kept their tuition policy the same. Undocumented students, including those with deferred action, pay

out-of-state rates, even if they live in Arizona. For undergraduates at ASU, that is about \$23,600 this year — more than double what in-state students are charged.

Arizona Gov. Jan Brewer is a member of the regents by virtue of her elected position. She was not at Thursday's meeting but her spokesman, Matthew

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Construction-club students (from left) Diego Ventura, Edwin Salazar and Albert Holmes, led by McCarthy Building volunteers, learn to mix and pour concrete at Tonalea Elementary. The school and company are partnered through the UnitED program. ANGELA PIAZZA/THE REPUBLIC

## BUILDING JOB SKILLS

Program pairs Valley businesses, schools for yearlong partnerships

By Mary Beth Fallor  
The Republic | azcentral.com

When kids stick their hands in a wheelbarrow full of wet cement and envision a building, or see a company's pie-chart forecast and realize it's actually fractions, they can see their future.

Those kinds of connections are happening in a program called UniteED, which pairs Valley businesses with local schools in yearlong partnerships.

The program, now in its second year, replaces Principal for a Day, run by the city of Phoenix.

"The idea is to expand into facilitating

**“**It's great to watch them apply what they learn in the classroom out here.”

**ALISON BUNDE**  
Adviser to the construction club at Tonalea Elementary School, run by McCarthy Building

a partnership between businesses and schools that are more long-lasting and sustainable than just one day of shadowing," said Bobbie O'Boyle, executive director of the Arizona Educational Foundation, which launched UnitED in the 2011-12 school year.

This year, there are about 34 active partnerships. Participants include the Apollo Group, Grand Canyon University, the Musical Instrument Museum and ADM Group.

"There are so many other ways, other than writing a check, that businesses can help schools," O'Boyle said. The foundation provides examples to companies that want to join, such as setting up "mini businesses," teaching interview skills and showing how math and reading translate to the workplace.

"We like to get away from the idea that all they can provide for a school is money or

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## Mexico to replace consul general

Treviño Escudero set to leave after 3 years

By Daniel González  
The Republic | azcentral.com

The Mexican government is planning to replace Victor Manuel Treviño Escudero as consul general of Mexico in Phoenix, ending the diplomat's 3-year tenure in Arizona.

Treviño Escudero officially took over as consul general of Mexico on May 11, 2010, less than three weeks after Gov. Jan Brewer signed Arizona's immigration enforcement law known as Senate Bill 1070, which strained political and economic relations between Arizona and Mexico and spurred tens of thousands of Mexicans living in Arizona to leave.

Despite the tensions that resulted from the law, Treviño Escudero is credited with maintaining strong relations with government and business leaders in Arizona while also serving the hundreds of thousands of Mexicans who live in Arizona. With more than half a million Mexicans, Arizona is home to one of the largest Mexican populations in the nation.

"He came in at a very diffi-

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## Real scoop on Salmon and gay son

Not to brag, but after decades on the job, I believe it's fair to say that many readers of *The Arizona Republic* consider me an expert at ignoring the most important aspect of a news event to find a cheap, easy and sensational angle I can turn into a newspaper column.

I'd worked long and hard to get really good — Or is it bad? — at this.

Either way, it upsets me when my more respectable

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### INSIDE TODAY'S SECTION

#### New twists in Arias trial

The trial of Jodi Arias takes more bizarre twists as a banished juror returns to watch from the gallery and the prosecutor grills an expert witness over her interpretation of "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs."

Arias, 32, is charged with the June 2008 murder of her secret lover, Travis Alexander, who was found dead in the shower of his Mesa home. Arias admits shooting Alexander but says she acted in self-defense. B4



The unidentified woman known as Juror No. 5 appears in court Thursday, two days after being tossed from the jury. 12 NEWS

#### Ex-official wants job back

A day after resigning, the former head of the Arizona Department of Veterans Services asks Gov. Jan Brewer for his job back, saying his resignation was "coerced."

Joey Strickland's departure from the Governor's Office comes after he hired a former state lawmaker who made impolitic remarks about women in combat. B3

#### Ousted health provider sues

Magellan Health Services has filed a claim with the state after losing a multibillion-dollar contract to continue to oversee Maricopa County's public behavioral-health system and has sued the winning bidder.

Magellan says the bidder disclosed confidential information it acquired as a Magellan provider to secure the deal. B3

#### THIS DATE IN ARIZONA HISTORY

In 1898, the mining camp of Congress was destroyed by fire, resulting in two deaths and \$50,000 worth of property damage.

In 1899, the town of Thatcher was incorporated.

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#### Ex-Fiesta Bowl exec to be sentenced this summer

Former Fiesta Bowl Chief Executive John Junker, who pleaded guilty in February 2012 to being involved in an illegal campaign-contribution scheme, likely will be sentenced this summer, his attorney says.

It will occur only if Junker's state sentencing scheduled for April 24 is

postponed again.

"We expect this will be the last continuance, and the sentence will be imposed," said Stephen Dichter, Junker's attorney.

Junker, who pleaded guilty to state and federal crimes, is expected to be sentenced for the federal crimes on June 24 in U.S. District

Court. Dichter said he will ask that the state sentencing be postponed until after the district court date.

Junker faces a maximum of 2½ years in prison on state and federal charges. The Fiesta Bowl and the Attorney General's Office declined comment.

— Craig Harris



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## AT THE CAPITOL

## BILL TRACKER

**Today's spotlight:** Inmate labor.

**Summary:** Senate Concurrent Resolution 1009 promotes the wider use of inmate labor statewide. The measure notes that inmates are already used to tend to landscaping and are employed through joint public-private partnerships.

**Sponsor:** Sen. Al Melvin, R-Tucson.

**Status:** Passed the House on a 36-24 vote with Republicans in support, Democrats opposed. It has already passed the Senate. Although it will not become law, it acknowledges the state supports the use of inmate labor.

— *Mary Jo Pitzl*

## UPCOMING DEADLINES

**April 23:** 100th day of session; sine die adjournment unless the Legislature chooses to extend it.

## NEWS UPDATE

In a bid to give consumers more information about health-care costs, the Legislature wants to require doctors and hospitals to post the price of their 25 most common services.

The proposal, SB 1115, by Sen. Nancy Barto, R-Phoenix, won House approval Thursday on a 34-25 vote.

Rep. Eric Meyer, D-Paradise Valley and a doctor by training, said the bill doesn't reflect the reality of medical costs.

"If you have an emergency, I doubt you'll go online and check out prices," he said.

Besides, he added, emergency-room doctors are prevented by federal law from considering price when they deal with patients.

He and other critics also said the price of a service would vary with the patient, the severity of the patient's condition and other factors.

Rep. Bob Thorpe, R-Flagstaff, said the price lists are a sensible idea. If vending machines dispense snack food with calorie counts on them, why can't doctors put out a price list? he asked.

The bill goes back to the Senate, which will send it to Gov. Jan Brewer.

— *Mary Jo Pitzl*

## TODAY'S TALKER

The state Senate rejected a bill making it easier to fire some low-performing teachers.

HB 2500 would have allowed experienced teachers to be placed on probationary status if they received the lowest rating on one yearly performance review. That status allows a school board to fire a teacher with little notice.

Sen. Steve Gallardo, D-Phoenix, urged members not to support the measure. He said that an overhaul of evaluations passed by the Legislature last year still isn't fully implemented and that lawmakers should allow that to happen before passing additional legislation.

The House had previously passed the bill on a 50-7 vote. Two Republicans joined all 13 Senate Democrats in rejecting the bill Thursday. It may be brought up for another vote.

— *Associated Press*

## QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Humans are not vending machines or cars."

— Rep. Lisa Otondo, D-Yuma, responding to arguments that if snack foods and cars can have prices listed, so should medical services, as required by SB 1115

## TWEET OF THE DAY

"Bill declaring gold as money was debated. My amend. to allow cows, corn, etc to be used as money failed. Still waiting on a state budget."

— Rep. Mark Cardenas, D-Phoenix, tweeting about SB 1439, a bill that would declare gold and silver as legitimate currency in Arizona

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## Ex-vets office chief wants job back; Brewer says no

By **Lindsey Collom**The Arizona Republic | [azcentral.com](http://azcentral.com)

The former director of the Arizona Department of Veterans Services, who says he was "coerced" this week to quit his job, will not be allowed to return to work despite appealing directly to Gov. Jan Brewer to let him stay on.

Joey Strickland, 65, sent a letter to the governor Wednesday night asking her to disregard his resignation of the previous day, which he said he was "coerced" into submitting by her chief of staff, Scott Smith. A spokesman for Brewer said Thursday that the governor had seen the letter, but Strickland's resignation stands.

"We're moving forward with our search for a permanent replacement," said Brewer's spokesman, Matthew Benson.

The Governor's Office said Strickland disobeyed a direct order when he hired former Rep. Terri Proud, R-Tucson, who was quoted this week as questioning a woman's fitness for military combat during menstruation. Strickland, a retired Army lieutenant colonel, said it wasn't an order; Smith told him not to hire Proud a year ago when she considered resigning from the state Legislature to seek full-time work. Her term ended Dec. 31.

"I was never instructed to not hire her

at any future time," Strickland explained in the letter to the governor. His office gave Proud a job offer in March to start work later this month. The Department of Veterans Services rescinded that offer Wednesday. The agency did not return repeated requests for comment.

Strickland told the governor he wasn't sure "how much of the true facts you actually know because many know that your staff insulates you well. If by some chance you get to actually read this, I would ask that you disregard my resignation and allow me to continue to serve the veterans and their families as I have done for many years."

Benson said Wednesday that Strickland had hired Proud despite being "given strict instructions not to." He declined to give a reason for that instruction. But Strickland chose to hire Proud anyway, Benson said, adding that her "judgment was on display this week with some exceptionally ill-chosen public remarks regarding women in the military."

Proud said her comments to the University of Arizona's Arizona-Sonora News Service were taken "completely out of context." Proud had been responding to questions about women serving on the front lines when she told the reporter that "women have certain things during the month I'm not sure they should be out there dealing with," according to the article.

Speaking to *The Republic* on Wednesday, Proud said female recruits should be able to serve in whatever role they want; the "joke" to the reporter was just that, she added.

It's not the first time Proud has been called to defend her comments on women's issues. She generated buzz during her time in the Legislature after an e-mail exchange went public in which Proud said she wanted women to view footage from actual abortions before being able to undergo the procedure themselves.

Strickland said he didn't know Proud well, but said that while Proud was not a veteran, she was sensitive to veterans' issues. She grew up in a military family, served on the House Military Affairs and Public Safety Committee and championed a bill to create a license plate honoring female veterans, Strickland said.

Rep. Mark Cardenas, D-Phoenix, an Army Reserves sergeant and Iraq War veteran, said that whatever happened, Strickland was "a good man." Cardenas said he and other members of the bipartisan Veterans Caucus are considering whether to send a letter to Brewer urging her to reconsider.

"He's widely respected by every veterans' community in the state," Cardenas said. "Was hiring her (Proud) a bad decision? Yes. ... That doesn't erase almost 40 years of good service."

## Former county health-care vendor files suit challenging bid process

By **Mary K. Reinhart**The Republic | [azcentral.com](http://azcentral.com)

Magellan Health Services is fighting to keep its multibillion-dollar contract to oversee Maricopa County's public behavioral-health system, filing a formal protest with the state and a lawsuit against the new contractor it lost out to in the bidding process.

Magellan alleges that a partner in the winning bid, Maricopa Integrated Health Systems, disclosed confidential information it acquired as a Magellan provider to help secure the three-year contract. The Connecticut-based firm, which stands to lose about one-quarter of its total revenue after being told last week that it had failed to win the contract, filed its lawsuit late Wednesday in Maricopa County Superior Court.

The Arizona Department of Health Services awarded the contract to Mercy Maricopa Integrated Care, a union of MIHS, the county's safety-net health-care system, and the Phoenix-based insurer Mercy Care Plan.

The contract, worth \$2 billion to \$3 billion, depending on whether the state expands Medicaid, is the state's first for integrated health care, which blends physical- and mental-health treatment.

Magellan has managed mental-health and substance-abuse treatment for the county's poor since 2007, covering roughly 70,000 people, including about 12,000 people with serious mental illness, who are served through a network of clinics and local providers.

Under the new contract, those with serious mental illness would have their physical health needs blended and managed through the same network.

In its protest, Magellan alleges that Mercy Maricopa has "serious conflicts of interest" because Mercy Maricopa intends to both manage the system and provide services, which is prohibited by

the contract and by state law. Magellan also claims that Mercy Maricopa should have been ineligible to bid on the contract but that state procurement officials improperly amended the request for proposals "to permit the winning bidder to qualify as an eligible bidder."

Magellan Arizona CEO Richard Clarke told *The Arizona Republic* that there were "serious irregularities in the bidding process," such as the state twice amending the proposal request "at the last moment" to allow bidders to subcontract services, which benefited the Mercy Maricopa proposal.

Magellan also claims that the bids were improperly scored and that "there was an overall bias in favor of the winning bidder."

For example, Clarke said, both organizations proposed eliminating the separate provider network for children's treatment and using the administrative savings for direct services. Mercy Maricopa earned points for that portion of its proposal, but Magellan did not, he said. "There are a number of errors like that where it's really clear to us that the two entities were judged very differently," he said.

Magellan came in second among the bidders by 95 points out of a possible 1,000 points, Clarke said.

The lawsuit against MIHS and its CEO, Betsey Bayless, filed by subsidiaries of Magellan Health Services, alleges that the county health system disclosed confidential and proprietary information from Magellan in its own bid to the state to win an advantage over Magellan. MIHS, including its Maricopa Medical Center and Desert Vista Behavioral Health Center, are Magellan providers.

The lawsuit seeks unspecified compensatory and punitive damages.

MIHS officials said they couldn't comment directly on the lawsuit or the Magellan protest, but it did issue a state-

ment. "We are studying those protests and will respond in the appropriate venues," the statement said. "We are confident in the strength of our bid, and we are proud to offer a unique, collaborative approach to meet Maricopa County Medicaid recipients' behavioral-health needs and to integrate the behavioral-health and medical services for those with serious mental illness."

Christine Ruth, chief procurement officer for ADHS, said her office also received a protest from United Healthcare, which bid as Arizona Physicians IPA. She has 14 days to rule on the protests.

The new contract was to begin Oct. 1, but the protest and lawsuit could delay that. Ruth's decision can be appealed to the director of the state Department of Administration and further appealed to an administrative law judge. The next option would be to sue the state.

Arizona contracts with four administrative agencies to manage the state's mental-health system and provide medication, counseling, case management and crisis services through local clinics and agencies.

When they awarded the contract last week, state health officials said Mercy Maricopa offered the best community-based approach. If the award stands, it will put the county's low-income behavioral-health patients in the hands of a local non-profit for the first time in more than 15 years.

The for-profit Magellan Health Services gets about one-quarter of its revenue from the Arizona contract. Magellan partnered with the Nashville-based Vanguard Health Systems on the Maricopa County bid. Vanguard last month lost its bid to renew a contract for acute-care services through the state's Medicaid program but reached a deal this year on a three-year capped contract that prevents it from protesting the original bid process.

## Ariz. House passes state sovereignty bill

By **Mary Jo Pitzl**The Republic | [azcentral.com](http://azcentral.com)

The Arizona House of Representatives took steps to strengthen its sovereign status and distance itself from federal and United Nations control during a spirited debate on Thursday that split along partisan lines.

Whether the measures will become law, however, is doubtful.

Lawmakers spent more than an hour debating House Bill 2573, only to have its sponsor concede just before the vote that the bill is likely dead.

Nonetheless, the House passed the bill on a 34-24 vote. As introduced by Rep. Carl Seel, R-Phoenix, the bill would prevent Arizona from participating in or supporting parts of a federal defense bill that authorizes the government to take action against citizens involved with the 9/11 attacks or who worked with al-Qaida.

Seel amended the bill to also block Arizona from adopting any policies that mirror the practices of 1991 U.N. Rio declaration supporting sustainability.

That triggered protests from Democrats, who argued the measure was another black eye for Arizona's reputation and said it made no sense.

"This (bill) makes sure the federal government doesn't infringe on the civil liberties of the citizens of this state," Seel said.

Democrats charged that the bill appeared to come from the "black helicopter" school of conspiracy theories.



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### NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES DEPARTMENT ANNUAL ACTION PLAN REVIEW

The city of Phoenix has prepared a draft document of the 2013-14 Annual Action Plan element of the Consolidated Plan. The 2010-15 Consolidated Plan provides an assessment of the housing and community development needs in Phoenix over the next five years. The draft 2013-14 Annual Action Plan is the specific one-year plan for the use of the following U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) formula grant funds:

- Community Development Block Grant Funds (CDBG)
- Home Investment Partnerships Program
- Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)
- Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)

The draft 2013-14 Annual Action Plan will be available for review and public comment from April 8 – May 8, 2013, at City Hall, 200 W. Washington St., fourth floor.

A public hearing will be held to view the draft document at 5 p.m. May 2, 2013, at Phoenix City Hall, 200 W. Washington St., assembly room A.

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