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Neighbors briefs

south side

La Frontera unit wins \$25K grant

La Frontera Center's prevention team has been awarded a \$25,000 grant from Catholic Healthcare West to assist refugee populations.

The money will be used to develop television programs and DVDs focusing on injury prevention, how to establish a safe home environment, symptoms of mental/behavioral health issues and how to access appropriate care.

The programs will be taped in refugees' first languages for the Somali, Somali Bantue and Burundian populations.

Project partners include Access Tucson, Catholic Social Services, International Rescue Committee, Lutheran Social Services of the Southwest and the University of Arizona College of Medicine.

central

Randolph Plaza dedication held

Epes Randolph helped bring railroads to Tucson 125 years ago. The Colonia Solana Neighborhood Association and the Tucson Parks and Recreation Department were instrumental in getting the Epes Randolph Plaza finished. A dedication was held Feb. 8 at the Plaza located South Randolph Way and East Camino Campestre, south of Broadway, adjacent to Hi Corbett Field.

The plaza's main feature is a statue of Epes Randolph.

Bill DuPont, president of the Colonia Solana Neighborhood Association, said that the plants were donated and benches are made of recycled material.

DuPont, Mayor Bob Walkup, Union Pacific Railroad Vice President Scott Moore, Tucson Parks and Recreation Director Fred Gray, and representatives from Epes Randolph Lodge 32 were at the dedication.

Funding sources included: \$25,000 from the city of Tucson, \$15,000 each from wards 1 and 6, \$17,000 from Union Pacific Foundation, \$3,000 from the Colonia Solana Neighborhood Association, and \$1,500 from the Colorado Rockies Foundation.

downtown

Family concerts to begin Saturday

The Museum of Contemporary Art's Spring 2008 Family Time/Saturday Mornings Concert Series runs through April 26.

"Families with young children are especially invited to join the fun on the morning of the fourth Saturday of the month throughout the spring to hear exceptionally great live local music and meet the musicians who make it," said Lissa Gibbs, spokeswoman for the museum. A contemporary-art-themed activity is also planned.

The museum is located at 149 N. Stone Ave. (next to the Main Library, between Alameda and Pennington streets). Admission is free for members and \$5 for non-members.

The lineup includes:

- The Wayback Machine, 10 a.m. Saturday.

"Art in all dimensions will be explored and dancing is encouraged as Beverly Seckinger, Jim Lipson, Tom Woolley and Steve Kemble play reggae, honky-tonk, ska, zydeco, blues and classic rock favorites," said Gibbs.

- Mark Holdaway, 10 a.m. March 22.

"Hear the dulcet sounds of the Kalimba with Holdaway, a former research scientist turned full-time musician, as he shares his love of this unique instrument and its connection to other places and cultures," said Gibbs.

- The third annual Madonnari Chalk Festival will take place 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. April 26 at the Jacome Plaza, 101 N. Stone Ave. This event is free.

For more information, call 624-5019.

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