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officials at a 6 p.m. rally in Miami in support of comprehensive immigration reform.

## FDR redux?

For the second time in three years, national radio commentator **Paul Harvey** on Wednesday likened Arizona GOP Sen. **Jon Kyl** to **Franklin Delano Roosevelt**.

Harvey did so while discussing Kyl's speech Feb. 13 on the Bush Administration's terror surveillance program.

"The closest thing American politics now has to a Republican FDR, is Senator Jon Kyl of Arizona. Addressing the Center for Strategic International Studies in D.C., the maturity

of his perspective has the toughest skeptics applauding," Harvey told his national listeners.

On March 11, 2003, Harvey similarly had gushed: "In politics, a United States senator worth watching, with the political astuteness and charisma of a young FDR: Jon Kyl of Arizona."

## Kolbe trip

Rep. **Jim Kolbe**, R-Ariz., chairman of the House Foreign Operations and Export Financing Appropriations Subcommittee, is leading a delegation of House members traveling through Friday in Guam, Indonesia and East Timor. Joining Kolbe are Reps. **Lois Capps**, D-Calif., **Allyson Schwartz**, D-Pa., and **Adam Schiff**, D-Calif.

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# Red-light cameras turned on

## AVONDALE

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creased in recent years with the development of such popular shopping centers as Coldwater Plaza.

June Lageschulte of Avondale said Dysart Road is "always busy" and hopes the cameras will keep the area safe.

"We try to avoid driving on Dysart Road, but there are times when you have to travel it," she said. "The cameras could be advantages."

The cameras are on a one-year trial run. After that time, the city will review the program's effectiveness and decide whether to continue using the devices.

Avondale's red-light program starts two days before Scottsdale's photo-enforcement cameras will hand out warnings for speeders along Loop 101. Scottsdale will now roll out fines beginning at \$157. The state Senate recently sent a bill to the House that would prohibit speed-

enforcement cameras on freeways, including the ones currently being used in Scottsdale.

Six other cities in the Valley use photo enforcement, including Chandler, Mesa, Tempe, Phoenix, Scottsdale and Paradise Valley. Glendale is studying the cost of having a red-light camera pilot program.

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## VALLEY & STATE

### Sheriff's Office car hits elderly pair in Sun City

**SUN CITY** — An elderly couple were struck and injured by a Maricopa County Sheriff's deputy heading to a domestic-violence call late Sunday.

The man and woman, in their 70s, were crossing mid-block about 7 p.m. near 99th Avenue and Bell Road when the deputy hit them.

They were taken to hospitals with non-life threatening injuries, a sheriff's spokesman said.

The deputy's speed was unknown. An investigation is ongoing.

### 2 men shot, wounded during parking-lot fight

**PHOENIX** — Two men were in critical condition Sunday after they were shot multiple times outside an apartment complex.

Police said the victims, both in their mid-20s, were shot after a group fight erupted in the parking lot of a complex in the 7700 block of North 59th Avenue. They were taken to St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center in critical but stable condition about 4:20 p.m., police said.

At least one victim lived at the apartment complex. Police did not have a motive or suspects.

### Rescued dogs await Valley foster families

**PHOENIX** — More than 10 of 320 dogs rescued from a home in North Carolina arrived Sunday in the Valley to await adoption by foster families.

The animals, many of them sick and diseased, were seized from an overcrowded Sanford, N.C., home in April after a judge ruled in favor of the Animal Legal Defense Fund.

Minpin Haven, a shelter for miniature pincher dogs, is housing the dogs in Phoenix while the case against the dogs' original caretakers, Barbara and Robert Woodley, continues in North Carolina.

Several local families have agreed to foster a handful of dogs, while Boston terriers and Jack Russell terriers remain available for adoption.

For more information, go to [www.aldf.org](http://www.aldf.org) or call Minpin Haven at (602) 402-3273.

### Man flees after woman stabbed; crashes vehicle

**PHOENIX** — A woman suffered life-threatening injuries Sunday after she was stabbed several times by her boyfriend, police said.

The domestic violence dispute happened at 1350 W. Brown Street at noon, shortly

before the boyfriend fled the scene and crashed his vehicle into a pole near Seventh Street on Loop 101.

A witness told Phoenix police the man appeared as if he jumped from his vehicle before it struck the pole.

Both the woman and the man were in critical condition Sunday, police said.

### Public-defender costs soaring in Pima County

**TUCSON** — Free lawyers for indigent defendants are costing Pima County taxpayers more and more.

The county paid nearly \$19 million last year for lawyers to defend people who can't afford them, nearly double the cost five years ago, even though cases have increased by just 26 percent.

The lion's share of the increased costs went not to the pool of public attorneys but to private lawyers hired by the county at higher rates.

Payments to private attorneys jumped 81 percent in five years, while budgets for the county's own public and legal defenders' offices went up 30 percent each.

Officials say that public attorneys are often unqualified to handle serious felonies or are overbooked, so cases need to be sent to private lawyers.

Staff and wire reports