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## Regional business news, at a glance

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### **Airport's '07 flier count already breaks '06 tally**

More passengers have flown in and out of Williams Gateway Airport this year than in all of 2006.

The passenger count of 6,074 by the end of February outpaced the 5,088 for 2006, the airport's governing board was told at a March 19 meeting.

Airport officials said the numbers continue a trend as the airport attracts additional carriers and serves as a reliever for Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport.

Scheduled passengers service made its debut last year, more than doubling the passenger count of 1,905 in 2005.

The airport is expected to market its services to more potential users, with advertising getting the largest proportionate increase of any fund in the proposed 2008 budget, Lynn Kusy, the airport's executive director, said in a report to the board.

Kusy said the \$374,280 outlay, which more than quadruples the existing \$74,013 advertising budget, includes funding for the airport's first major airport advertising appeal for passengers and other airport users. Print, radio, brochures and CDs will be used along with a redesigned Web site, he said.

### **Disney will hold session on internship program**

Disney Theme Parks and Resorts College Program will host an internship recruiting session April 10 at Mesa Community College.

The session is at 1:30 p.m. in LB 145 on the first floor of the library at the campus at Southern Avenue and Dobson Road. Students enrolled at least part time in college for one semester before this summer qualify.

Information: (480) 461-7592.

[www.disneycollegeprogram.com](http://www.disneycollegeprogram.com)

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## **Five Star Development opens distribution site**

Scottsdale-based Five Star Development has opened its 503,336-square-foot distribution center at 67th Avenue and Van Buren Street..

CVS has leased a large portion of the Five Star warehouse and will begin using it in June.

Five Star Development focuses on real estate development, construction and property management in Arizona, Texas, California, New Mexico and Mexico. The company's projects total more than 15 million square feet and are valued at more than \$1.18 billion.

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## **Medical plaza on track to be completed in July**

Ensemble Real Estate has reached a construction milestone at Canyon Springs Medical Plaza, a medical office building on the Banner Gateway Medical Center campus.

Crews have topped off the building, and completion of the 95,000-square-foot building is scheduled for July. The building is 85 percent leased, with tenants that include an imaging center, outpatient surgical center and orthopedic group.

[www.ensemble.net](http://www.ensemble.net)

### **OPENINGS**

**Celtic Curtain**, an Irish restaurant, opened about a month ago at 3218 E. Cactus Road. It began as a pub but now has a full food menu including fish and chips, Guinness beef stew, shepherd's pie and corned beef and cabbage. Information: (602) 992-3372.