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sert wines and ports, sparklings and Champagne — from around the globe. But since customers can't live by wine alone, Vinue also serves small plates, charcuterie, flatbreads and desserts. Kevin King, who cooked at a *Denver Marriott*, spearheads the kitchen. Information: 720-287-1156 or www.vinuewinebar.com.

Michael Olsen's new nightclub named *Cherry* (*Chronicle*, December 2011) is expected to open for the New Year in the subterranean space at 231 Milwaukee that had been *Manhattan Grill*. And just across Milwaukee in the former *Panera* site, *Pasquini's Cherry Creek* hopes to open by the New Year. Tony Pasquini — who lives in the area opened his first Pasquini's on South Broadway in 1986 — has grown his Italian restaurant into five. The Creek location will feature a wood-burning oven for Napoli-

tano-style pizzas in addition to the restaurant's typical menu of pastas, pizzas, pizzettas and calzones. Pasquini has been quietly buying back his franchises and the location here will be a company store. Information: www.pasquinis.com.

Lastly, *Phat Thai* — a hip joint that trumpets a "gringo interpretation" of Thai food — is expected to open soon in the *Fillmore Plaza* spot once occupied by *Paradise Cafe* and *Wolfe Puck's Express*. Signs proclaim an October opening, but undergoing an extensive renovation the eatery was still shuttered as this issue went to press. Fischer was the chef of *Six89 Kitchen & Wine* in Carbondale (near Aspen). In 2003 Fischer unleashed his first Phat Thai there and the *Cherry Creek North* spot will be his second Thai restaurant.

For more information on Cherry Creek dining visit www.cherrycreeknorth.com.

June Primary Election To Be Conducted By Mail

The upcoming Primary Election (June 26) will be conducted as a mail ballot election. Ballots will be mailed to voters the week of June 4, and voters will have the option of mailing their ballots back or dropping them off at a Voter Service Center.

The Denver Elections Division conducted an online survey on the *DenverVotes* Web site and on *Facebook* so voters could provide input on the 2012 Primary. Paper surveys were also made available at various outreach events and more than 70 percent of respondents favored a mail ballot election.

"Conducting mail ballot elections saves Denver taxpayers approximately \$400,000 per election versus the cost of a polling place election," according to Denver Clerk & Recorder Debra Johnson. "This will be the sixth mail ballot election we've conducted since November of 2009, so voters have become familiar with mail ballot voting." Information: www.DenverVotes.org.

Homes Needed For Smart Dogs With Big Brown Eyes



Personality: Valley resident Elizabeth Wheeler adopted this delightful two-year-old Airedale Terrier named Bonnie.

Thinking of Adopting a Dog, maybe one with big brown eyes, who is smart and exudes personality? "Do you know about Airedale Terriers?" asks Elizabeth Wheeler, a volunteer for the *Airedale Terrier Rescue Assn.* (ATRA), an organization dedicated to the rescue, evaluation and placement of the dogs.

"They have big brown eyes, a beard, and a mustache and are known for their intelligence and personality," she declares. The Airedale Terrier is a wonderful family pet and companion of many couples, singles and seniors. The distinctive tan and dark brown coat is often curly and a little wiry and does not shed much.

Unfortunately, this "people-person" breed is sometimes relinquished or abandoned, Wheeler relates. ATRA takes in these dogs, carefully evaluates them, gives them medical treatment and behavior training if necessary, and provides foster homes until they are adopted. All dogs receive immunizations, a wellness exam, are spayed or neutered if necessary, given an ID microchip and tag, and a new collar and leash. Dogs are placed throughout the Valley and beyond including surrounding states. Information: 303-910-1403 or www.aire-rescue.com.

MCI Opens Preschool In Hangar 2 At Lowry

Larimer Associates Lowry property *Hangar 2* announces the opening of a 1,691 square foot *Montessori Casa International*, an immersion school that emphasizes a dual language teaching method, switching between Mandarin Chinese and English. The school will become part of the 110,000 square foot property in the historic Lowry landmark.

"We wanted to house our preschool in a dynamic building full of history and character, and we found that at Hangar 2. We like that it's a community space full of grassroots initiatives, such as the farmer's market, solar power and the recycling center and one that is deep-rooted in Colorado tradition," says Punham Bhatia, Director for MCI.

Larimer Associates Property Manager Carolyn Waldmann adds, "The addition of *Montessori Casa International* is a meaningful step to creating a diverse tenant mix at Hangar 2." Hangar 2 began construc-

tion in 2010 with the plan to restore the hangar by incorporating the creation of a self-storage facility in the interior and renovating the attached buildings into boutique retail and office spaces. Other tenants in the Hangar 2 space include *Qi Yoga*, a yoga studio that incorporates cycling into yoga, as well as office tenants. The project is approximately 50 percent leased.



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Steele Street Bank Receives SBLF Funding

The U.S. Department of the Treasury has announced that Steele Street Bank headquartered in *Cherry Creek North* is one of three Colorado community banks to receive new funding to help small businesses access capital and create new jobs. The bank is receiving \$11.4 million through the *Small Business Lending Fund* (SBLF). It encourages community banks to increase their lending to small businesses; helping those companies expand their operations and create new jobs.

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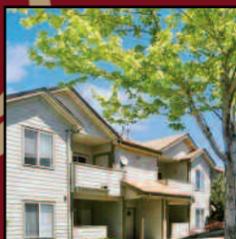
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