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Senior caregiver gets national recognition

By Colleen Sparks

While most people are sleeping, 90-year-old Marilyn Hall is at work, caring for a homebound, elderly man through her work with Home Instead in North Central.

Hall's strong caregiving skills and dedication to helping others earned her the title of finalist for Home Instead network's North American "Mary Steibel CAREGiver of the Year" Award. She was recognized, along with seven other regional CAREGivers of the Year, at the virtual Home Instead annual International Convention recently. These regional award winners were selected out of more than 65,000 Home Instead CAREGivers in the United States and Canada.

Hall works primarily from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. at a client's home, cooking, doing laundry, cleaning and making conversation with him. A former security guard, she arrives when the client is in bed and then

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City of Phoenix officials are considering a plan to reduce the number of traffic lanes on Central Avenue from four to two, adding a center turn lane, on the stretch of road between Bethany Home Road and the Arizona Canal. The proposal has drawn concerns from some residents about increased congestion on the street (staff photo).

Reducing lanes on Central draws concern

By Colleen Sparks

A proposal to reduce part of Central Avenue to one lane in each direction and add a center turn lane and bike lanes is drawing concerns from neighbors, who fear it could cause safety issues and more traffic congestion.

The city of Phoenix drew about 500 people to its online/virtual meeting on May 20 to talk about the proposed changes. This proposal would transform Central Avenue from two lanes in each direction to one lane in each direction with a center turn lane between Bethany Home Road and the Arizona Canal (between Northern Avenue and Dunlap Avenue). City officials say center turn lanes help to decrease traffic conflicts by allowing drivers to turn left to wait for a gap. They add that the bike lanes and buffers would provide space for bicyclists while also separating the popular Murphy Bridle Trail from motor vehicle traffic. The changes also would align with the voter-approved Transportation 2050, as well as fit with the city's Complete Streets policy.

Phoenix officials say Central Avenue already is going to be paved from Bethany Home Road to Northern Avenue this fall and then from Northern Avenue to the Arizona Canal in the spring/summer of

2022. They want to decide after the paving is done how they will restripe the street.

"One of the things we always look at is safety aspects of a four-lane roadway," Carl Langford, Traffic Operations Engineering Supervisor in the city's Street Transportation Department, said.

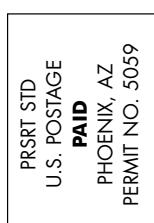
Langford added that research revealed a 47-percent reduction in collisions when streets' lanes are decreased to two lanes, with one in each direction, and a center turn lane is added, based on national traffic engineering research.

"It does provide dedicated space for people bicycling and turning left," he added.

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Local woman writes memoir about abuse

By Colleen Sparks

A North Central mother of two is hoping her new memoir about suffering extensive abuse in her youth will empower other survivors.

Terrah Hancock, 41, wrote the book, "It Never Took," which is being published this month in honor of National PTSD Awareness Month. The book is available to buy on Amazon.com.

Hancock, a married mother of sons ages 17 and 21, said it was painful but important to write this book about suffering physical, emotional and sexual abuse as a child, as well as being raped as a young woman. Later in life, while in therapy she was diagnosed with Complex PTSD, which describes a condition that occurs from severe, repetitive trauma that typically occurs in childhood at the hands of caregivers.

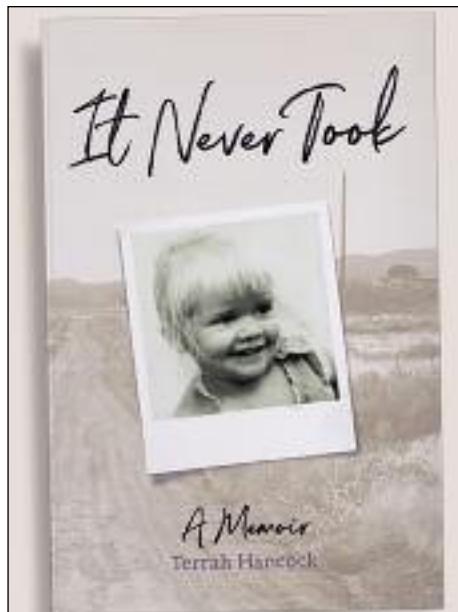
While spending her early childhood with her parents and older sister in Texas, Hancock said she received "terrible spankings from a very young age" at home. Her parents attended a Southern Baptist church and labeled her as "the bad kid," she said.

The abuse was not limited just to her father hitting her with leather straps at home. Hancock attended a religious school, where she said her mother would bring her to a preacher when she did poorly in school. The preacher would pray over her, then physically abuse her, Hancock said.

"He would pray over me, which is the religious dysfunction for forgiveness and ask Satan to release his grasp of me, then lift up my plaid skirt and hit me with a paddle," she said. "It was really confusing. I didn't understand why Satan wanted me. I was just a little girl."

Eventually a neighbor reported the physical abuse from Hancock's father to authorities. Hancock said her father stopped physically abusing her but was still emotionally and verbally abusive.

Another form of abuse also began at home. Hancock said her uncle, who lived with her family, began sexually abusing her. Because of the trauma, she said she is not sure exactly what age she was when that abuse began. Hancock told her parents that her uncle was dangerous and she did not like him but



they did not stop the abuse and her mother denied it had happened. When she was 17, two boys she attended school with raped her, she said, but her parents did not try to help her.

After running away from home as a teenager, Hancock lived in San Diego,

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awakens him to take medication and eat a snack at midnight. When he gets up for the day at 6 a.m. Hall makes him breakfast, then after her shift is over she goes home to sleep.

Her client is one of many aging adults who Home Instead helps. The franchise network's services allow mature adults to live safely and comfortable in their own homes for as long as possible.

The oldest of seven siblings growing up in South Dakota, Hall has been caring for people all her life. She would help her brothers and sisters get dressed and bathed, as well as braid her sisters' hair, among other support. Hall also cared for her parents before they died, ensuring they could live in their own home.

She always wanted to be a nurse but got married at age 18 and had five children so she could not pursue that goal. Then 16 years ago Hall was driving down 16th Street when she saw a sign for Home Instead. She went into the office, talked to employees there and never looked back.

"I was so impressed when I went into that office of how nice everybody was, like they'd known me for a long time," Hall said. "I said, 'Gosh, can I go to work?' They hired me and I was elated. I've never been disappointed."

A friendly woman, she enjoys talking to clients and hearing their stories. Hall recalled bringing a puzzle with a horse picture to a woman who loved horses and framing it after she put it together. She helped her current client's wife, as well, before she died, and shares memories of the woman with her client to make him smile.

Hall said working overnight is not hard and she had worked nights when raising her children, mostly in restaurants. Later in life she worked in the real estate industry.

Showing respect and allowing clients to maintain their dignity is important to Hall.

"I always think of my mom and dad," she said. "When anybody that's worked hard all their life and raised their family and done whatever, they deserve the respect."

Hall, who has eight grandchildren, five great grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild, enjoys playing billiards and was captain of a pool team prior to the COVID-19 pandemic. She also liked going out dancing before the pandemic hit.



Kelly Cornelius, on left, owner of a Home Instead business in North Central poses with 90-year-old Marilyn Hall, a caregiver for the company who recently was honored as a finalist for Home Instead network's North American "Mary Steibel CAREGiver of the Year" Award (submitted photo).

Hall was not expecting an award for her work.

"I'm shocked about it," she said. "I'm so grateful but I just never thought about anything like that."

Kristina Le, experience manager at Home Instead in the North Central location, which is based at 1430 E. Missouri Ave., recalled meeting Hall for the first time.

"She sat down and introduced herself," Le said. "She just truly cares about her clients. She thinks ahead. It's extremely challenging (work). Marilyn has a very special place in my heart. I adore her. She's a unique soul."

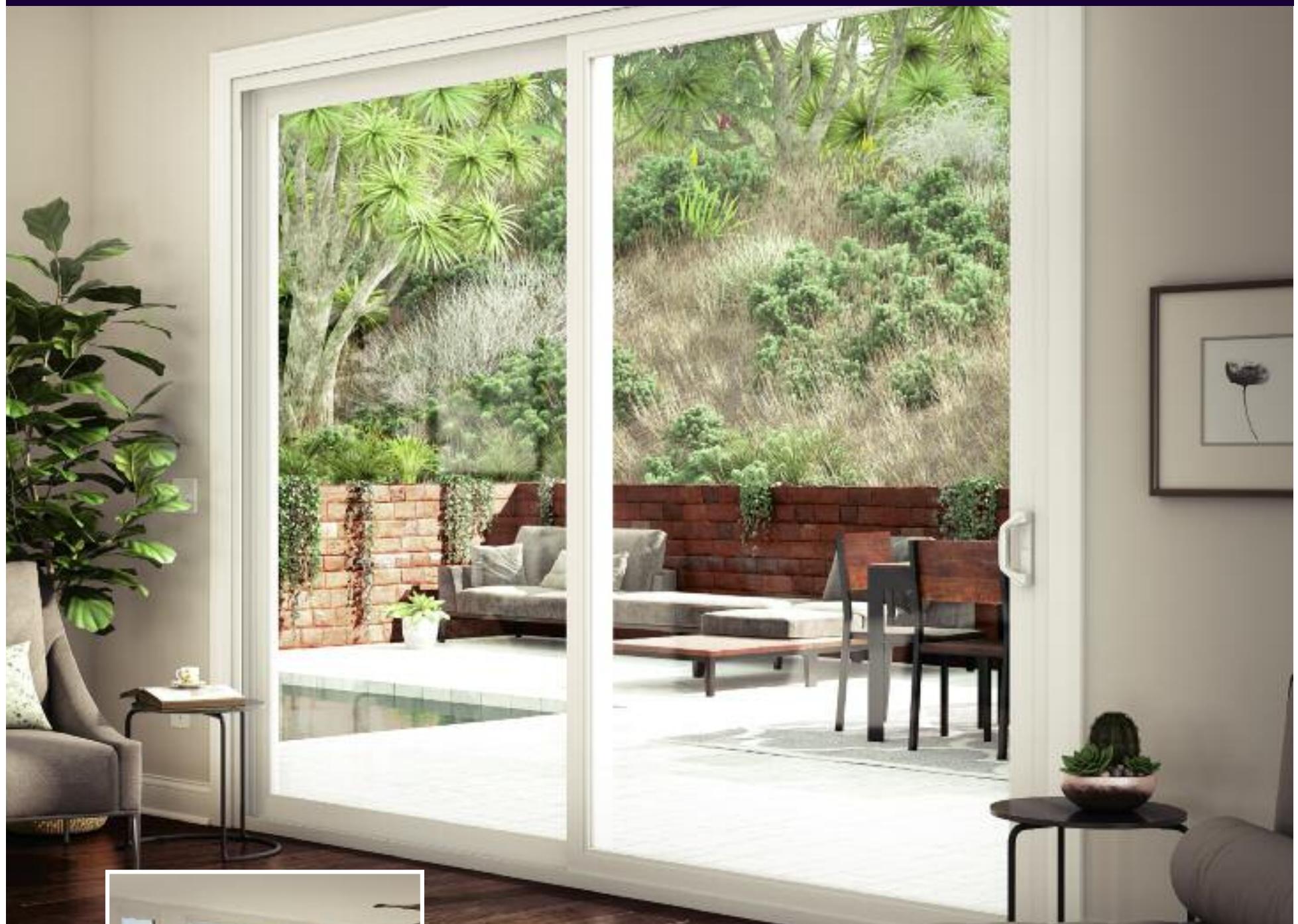
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Meeting participants were asked to fill out a survey online with multiple choices indicating if the proposed design for Central Avenue meets their priorities and how much it would address their objectives, among other questions. The survey revealed the majority of people said the new design is “very different” from their priorities for the road.

Many residents said during public comment time that they were concerned the new design would create more traffic congestion, would prompt drivers to cut through their neighborhoods to get off Central Avenue and it could cause safety issues for children riding bicycles to schools in the area. A few residents said they frequently ride their bicycles and like the idea of the bike lanes.

“I am an industrial engineer,” said John Hathaway, a resident on east Maryland Avenue. “If you cut the capacity of Central Avenue by 50-percent, those cars still have to go where they have to go. This is a perfect storm.”

Michael Stenner, who lives on east

Griswold Road, said drivers already frequently cut through his street, often speeding.

“When are you going to take us serious?” Stenner said. “We have an issue with speeding. We have an issue with too much traffic in rush hours. Come and take a look for yourselves instead of looking at these models.”

Kini Knudson, director of the city’s Street Transportation Department, said officials are unsure about the “level of diversion of traffic” that will occur if this new design is implemented but “there might be greater efficiencies with having a center turn lane.”

“What we try to do is focus on these impacts and what they would do to travel delays on Central,” Knudson said.

A decision on the proposal will be made by fall at the latest. The Street Transportation Department will decide whether to go forward with the changes.

Anyone can answer a survey about the proposed lane changes through 11:59 p.m. on Friday, June 11 by visiting www.surveymonkey.com/r/LaneChangesCentral.

City bans open fires in parks and preserves

A fire ban is in place on open fires in the city of Phoenix’s desert parks and mountain preserves.

This annual ban began last month, the same day the Maricopa County Parks and Recreation Department’s annual fire ban went into effect. After consulting with the Phoenix Fire Department, city officials decided smoking and charcoal fires would be included in the ban because of the extreme fire danger posed by the combination of low humidity, increased temperatures, frequent high winds and excessive dry vegetation. The ban is in place for Camelback Mountain, Deem Hills Recreation Area, Lookout Mountain, Papago Park, Phoenix Mountains Park and Recreation Area, Phoenix Mountains Preserve, Phoenix Sonoran Preserve, North Mountain Park, Rio Salado Habitat Restoration Area and South Mountain Park/Preserve. It does not apply to the flatland parks.

Anyone using the city’s desert parks and preserve land should know that open wood and charcoal fires are pro-

hibited. Propane or gas grills may be used but only in established picnic areas. Smoking outside of enclosed vehicles is not allowed year-round. Fireworks also are not permitted any time of the year.

Drivers traveling through or near Phoenix’s desert parks and mountain preserves should be very careful with smoking materials and only dispose of them in their vehicles’ ashtrays.

To protect their homes, residents with property on the border of the city’s preserve land can remove dry shrubs, grasses and brush and trim dead branches from trees within the 10-foot strip of land that borders their property. Creating this “buffer zone” allows residents to help protect their homes from possible brush fires in the adjacent preserve land. Preserve neighbors also ought to check irrigation lines and pool back-flush hoses to ensure that water is not seeping into the preserve. Outside water sources can boost unnaturally dense vegetation growth, which raises fire risk.

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I want to thank all of my clients, fellow realtors and friends who helped me sell 110 homes last year and already 61 homes in 2021 including 14 that were priced at more than \$1 million dollars (one was \$3.5 million). Experience and a little luck is the formula for surviving selling homes in a market with exceedingly high-priced sales and a lot of creative ways to make a deal happen. I also attribute my success the past years, especially the current ones, to my relationships with my fellow realtors. When I get an offer for one of my homes, if I have done other deals with that experienced realtor, I am confident in working with them again because you know your transaction will go smoothly and, most importantly, will close. I have represented nine buyer sides this year, 51 listing sides and in three sales I represented both buyer and seller.

The limited inventory will probably remain below our normal levels for the remainder of 2021, which certainly favors the sellers at this time. Since I am mostly a listing agent, the sellers know

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Once again, congrats to our new graduates and let's all enjoy our summer vacations in 2021, even if our vacations were delayed for a year. We are almost back at full strength but please still be careful out there.

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where she got into a romantic relationship with a young man. She became pregnant and gave birth to a baby when she was 18, giving up the baby for adoption.

Hancock moved back home with her parents a few times and said they treated her better when she was an adult but her father still would refer to her as being “dangerous.”

Eventually Hancock moved to the Valley and started working on a bachelor’s degree in English literature, but she left midway through her studies to accept a good job offer in marketing for a financial start-up company. She is now completing that degree.

Hancock was married a few times and divorced but finally found a happy, healthy relationship with her current husband. Years of abuse made relationships challenging as she said she would go “into fight or flight mode” during disagreements and arguments. Therapy helped her understand how the abuse impacted her behaviors and patterns, as well as reveal why she

often suffered from anxiety and depression. Medication, yoga, gardening and journaling also have assisted Hancock with coping with memories of the abuse and living a fulfilling, happy and productive life.

She had known since she was a little girl that she wanted to write a book and eventually left her job to spend time writing it. Two authors, a publisher and others she met at a women’s empowerment conference inspired her to take the leap and work on her book.

Hancock said writing the book was difficult as it triggered memories of her traumatic youth but she hopes the memoir will help erase the stigma of obtaining mental healthcare and help people feel comfortable taking medication when they need it.

“I’ve gotten really great feedback from people who also suffered child abuse,” she said. “A lot of people are saying, ‘Oh, that’s abuse; that’s why you behave in X, Y, Z way because this is what you learned. It’s all very full circle. A lot of child abuse survivors are like me, high-functioning, Type A and just haven’t really dealt with it.’”

Hancock said her immediate family is “really proud” of her for writing the book. Her father committed suicide two years ago after apologizing to her when she was in her 30s for the abuse she suffered as a child and teen. Hancock does not communicate with her mother and sister or other relatives.

She urges others who suffered abuse to trust themselves that the abuse occurred.

“So many abusers manipulate you with gaslighting...where you don’t trust yourself,” Hancock said. “Your body knows. Your body remembers. You just have to trust yourself somehow that it happened, that it was wrong, seek some type of counseling therapy, even if it’s yoga, meditation.”

To learn more about Hancock and her book, visit www.terrahancock.com.

New health center breaks ground

Neighborhood Outreach Access to Health (NOAH) is constructing a comprehensive, modern health center in Sunnyslope. The new facility will be on

Third Street just north of Dunlap Avenue. NOAH is a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC), a label demonstrating that it aims to and meets the needs of underserved areas.

The Desert Mission Health Center in Sunnyslope began offering health services to the community 94 years ago. It became part of NOAH in 2015 and is located in a 6,600-square-foot renovated former church at 9201 N. Fifth St. The new health center will be more than 23,000 square feet when it opens late this year, increasing patient capacity from 4,000 to 20,000 a year.

Wendy Armendariz, CEO of NOAH, said Sunnyslope is “one of the most socio-economically diverse neighborhoods in Phoenix.” With the new facility, NOAH will be able to not only serve more patients but also to “increase the number of experienced providers” and boost the ways it serves and reaches people. The land for the new center is on the HonorHealth John C. Lincoln Medical Center campus and HonorHealth is leasing it to NOAH.

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Dentist pulls trapped man from canal

By Colleen Sparks

A local dentist is taking on a new title – hero – after helping a man trapped under his wheelchair in a canal make it to safety.

Bobby Treon, who owns Treon Dental at 2200 W. Bethany Home Road, was taking the trash out from his house on north Central Avenue between Northern and Glendale avenues, when he heard a man yelling for help in a nearby canal on a recent night.

"He said, 'Help me, I'm down here,'" Treon said. "There he was. Water was flowing in the canal. His electric wheelchair had fallen on top of him and it was pinning him down in the canal."

Treon yelled to police officers who were nearby and then jumped into the canal to pull the man, who had one leg missing from the middle of his thigh down, over to the bank. He said the man was grateful for the assistance.

"I know the police officers were there but I could tell that he was kind of struggling to keep his head up," Treon said.

Another neighbor had called 9-1-1 when she saw the man trapped in the canal, prompting police officers to arrive at the site.

The man was lying on his stomach in the canal and police officers helped Treon carry him completely out of the canal. Treon said the man was upset that he did not have his wheelchair so he and firefighters, who had also arrived on the scene, brought the wheelchair over to the side of the canal.

An ambulance arrived and the man in the wheelchair was taken to a hospital. Treon said he is not sure how the man ended up in the canal but he heard authorities say the man's blood sugar level was high, which could have caused confusion or other issues.

"My parents always raised me to help people when they need help," Treon said. "He couldn't help himself. Police and firefighters thanked me; they said that was really awesome that I didn't hesitate and just jumped in the canal."

He said police gave him and his 12-year-old son, Matthew, who witnessed his father rescuing the man, "deputy" sticker badges.

Bobby's father, Dennis Treon said his son did not seek any recognition but he is pleased with his quick actions.

"We're real proud of him," Dennis Treon said. "He just did it automatically."

GCU partnership will help families in need

Grand Canyon University and CityServe are teaming up to create a huge distribution HUB that will offer thousands of household goods to families in need around the state.

GCU is creating a 35,000-square-foot warehouse on campus that will hold clothes, heaters, blankets, furniture, mattresses, food boxes and other crucial items that major retailers provide through CityServe. This warehouse/HUB is under construction and the distribution will likely start in the fall. It will mostly be run by volunteers and will offer the items to points of distribution including churches, schools and social service organizations that will then give them to families in need. GCU already has identified 40 community partners that will act as points of

distribution and it plans to eventually connect to more than 100 organizations.

GCU President Brian Mueller said this partnership is a "natural extension" of the university's broader outreach work and its five-point plan to enhance its surrounding community. CityServe empowers local churches and service organizations to help people in need and its mission "aligns perfectly with GCU," Mueller said.

CityServe, formed in 2017, is a collaborative network of faith-based non-profit organizations and corporate, retail, farm and food supply partnerships that offer resources and empower them to make a larger impact in the world. This network, as of press time, has distributed 15 million food boxes to communities via the Faith-Based Community for Farmers to Families partnership. CityServe has distributed \$749 million worth of household items, assisting more than 62 million people. It received donations and surplus supplies from Amazon, Costco, Home Depot, Lowe's and other large retailers.

CityServe CEO Dave Donaldson said GCU "will become a model for CityServe's university-based vision to equip and mobilize students to meet community needs" and help families transition from being dependent to sustainable. Mueller added that there is much need in the neighborhood around the university, as well as around Phoenix and Arizona. CityServe has more than 2,000 HUBs in the United States, with the largest one in Bakersfield, Calif., where \$100 million worth of goods have been distributed. Mueller envisions the GCU HUB will make a similar impact. He said assisting families not only provides them essential household goods but also allows GCU and CityServe to provide long-term help via its nine colleges in areas including job readiness, tutoring, addiction counseling, health clinics and fiscal literacy.

The GCU-CityServe partnership officially formed in December when the university started offering food boxes from Shamrock Farms to organizations in Phoenix via the Farmers to Families program. About 18,000 food boxes have been donated through GCU. That partnership will be extended through the creation of the GCU HUB and warehouse to distribute other types of items to those needing help.

GCU located at 3300 W. Camelback Road. To learn more, visit www.gcu.edu.

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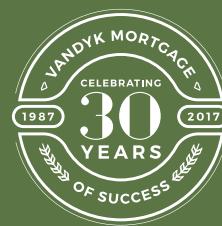
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City lifts mask mandate for fully vaccinated

The requirement to wear masks in the city of Phoenix during this COVID-19 pandemic is no longer in place.

That is after the Phoenix City Council voted late last month to change its nearly year-long mask mandate to align with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines. This means anyone who is fully vaccinated no longer has to wear masks in indoor and outdoor public places in the city. Masks will still be required for anyone at the airport or riding public transportation.

The vote changes the June 20, 2020 Declaration of the Phoenix City Council Regarding Face Coverings. It altered the declaration to comply with the CDC's guidance from May 16 of this year. The CDC had announced people who are fully vaccinated could resume activities as they did before the pandemic. That includes engaging with family members and traveling within the United States without getting tested beforehand or needing to self-quarantine upon arriving at their destination.

Businesses, government sites and workplaces are still free to choose if they want to implement their own mask requirements. The city manager, as of press time, still requires masks inside any city facilities including City Hall, libraries and offices. Also moving forward, the city's Declaration Regarding the Wearing of Face Coverings will automatically be changed in accordance with existing CDC guidance, as it is issued, regarding the wearing of face coverings.

The CDC still recommends anyone experiencing COVID-19 symptoms get tested and stay at home.

Libraries reopen on limited basis

After more than a year of restrictions because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Phoenix Public Library is allowing residents to access select services in some facilities.

You can make reservations up to three days ahead of time online or through the Library's Call Center at 602-262-4636 in order to visit libraries. Drop-in customers may request a reservation at the doors of the libraries as access is available. Every library's occu-

pancy allowance will have a designated number dedicated to accommodating customers who drop in.

In order to enter a library, customers may have an advance reservation or arrive for a drop-in, 45-minute visit at 12:30, 1:30, 2:30, 3:30 or 4:30 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays existing curbside service will continue from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Mondays through Saturdays the in-building visits will be provided through 45-minute reservations, which will begin on the half hour, starting at 12:30 p.m. with the final appointment at 4:30 p.m. The library closes at 5:30 p.m. those days.

Those visiting the libraries are required to wear face coverings and to maintain social distancing. Every library will be limited to 25 percent of the allowed public spaces occupancy level. Since the pandemic began, Phoenix Public Library has focused on maintaining customers, employees and the public's safety while providing the most access possible to library services and resources. Phoenix Mayor Kate Gallego and the Phoenix City Council approved the plan to restore in-building visits in April.

Customers are using contactless, infrared temperature screenings as they enter each building. Health shields at all employees' service desks and customer computer workstations have been set up. Computer workstations are being cleaned between each session with an approved cleaning product.

In addition to curbside service and the reserved, limited visits in-person, you also can access resources, materials, programs and expertise through the virtual library. Those coming to the library in person can use a computer or the internet, browse a library collection, pick up books and other materials on hold, as well as use a printer, scanner or copier and check out a laptop and/or WiFi hotspot.

College Depot at Phoenix Public Library offers ReEngage Phoenix, a service that links adults and youths who have not finished high school to educational opportunities and resources that lead to a high school diploma or the equivalent (GED preparation). These offerings are available virtually and throughout the Valley. ReEngage Phoenix's team of experts is ready to meet one-on-one with anyone who wants to reconnect with educational opportunities. To learn more, visit www.phoenixpubliclibrary.org.

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Pet of the Month

Sweet Millie is sociable, domestic longhair

Although she may have a "new do," just in time for summer, Millie, a sweet domestic longhair kitty is still as cute as ever.

This adorable, five-year-old domestic longhair tabby was brought to the Arizona Humane Society recently when a Good Samaritan found her as a sick stray and brought her to the shelter.

Once in AHS' Second Chance Animal Trauma Hospital, it was discovered that Millie has some bladder and tummy issues that may need to be examined by a future veterinarian and may require a special diet. With some matted fur, she also received a bit of a haircut from AHS groomers while she was undergoing treatment but her long, flowing locks will be back in no time. Millie has been doing wonderfully since being with AHS and has shown why she has become a staff and volunteer favorite so quickly.

Millie is an affectionate and loving girl, who wants lots of attention and



Sweet Millie is a domestic longhair who loves people and has beautiful hair (photo by Arizona Humane Society).

always comes to the front of her kennel when she has visitors. Even when she was not feeling very well, this cute kitty was always her loving self with anyone who gave her a bit of their time every day. Although not a lot is known about her past, Millie is a great girl who would love a family that will brush her beautiful hair and pet her to her heart's content. Her animal number is 660743.

While Millie might have been adopted by the time you have your Virtual Matchmaking Adoption by Appointment, AHS has dozens more wonderful pets who also need loving homes.

All AHS Adoption locations are temporarily closed, but AHS' Virtual Adoption Matchmaking Program by appointment is available to place pets, including Millie, with their forever families. To learn more and find pets available to adopt, visit azhumane.org/adopt.

Become bottle baby foster hero for kittens

Do you love kittens? If so, you might want to become a Bottle Baby Foster Hero to a homeless, newborn kitten.

The Arizona Humane Society has a bottle baby program and it provides all the food, training, education and supplies you need to care for a kitty.

You can complete the orientation online. Learn more by visiting azhumane.org/foster.

AAWL seeks donations for cats and dogs

You can help homeless animals by shopping online or buying and dropping off donations.

The Arizona Animal Welfare League (AAWL) needs items to help provide for the health and wellness and the behavioral and emotional needs of animals in its care. The non-profit organization's mission is to provide great care, protection and compassion to animals entrusted to it and to take a leadership role in promoting humane values to benefit all animals and people.

Some of the items the organization needs include Purina Kitten Chow, Royal Canin canned kitten food, Royal Canin Puppy dry food, Pro Plan canned kitten food and baby food (either turkey or beef but no onion powder). AAWL also needs fragrance-free laundry detergent, bleach, hand sanitizer, metal spade and scoop pooper scoopers, as well as Feliway spray and plug-ins and bath towels. It also could use PetSafe Martingale collars of all sizes, but preferably small, 6-foot nylon leashes, small litter boxes and durable rubber dog toys.

Donations should be dropped off at the Arizona Animal Welfare League & SPCA between 11:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Tuesdays through Sundays at 25 N. 40th St. You also can make a donation through various websites including www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist. To learn more, visit <https://aawl.org>.

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City approves office for police oversight

A new office is going to have the ability to conduct independent investigations into the city of Phoenix Police Department's actions.

The City Council last month approved an ordinance establishing the Office of Accountability and Transparency (OAT). Earlier this year the City Council first approved the formation of OAT but the vote last month approved the governing language describing the duties of the office. Council members previously approved the budget for the new office.

OAT's role includes monitoring or investigating Phoenix Police Department members and it also might provide recommendations for training, disciplinary actions and policy. The office's responsibility is to ensure complaints against police officers are handled objectively and fairly, including a thorough, fair investigation. Now a director needs to be hired for the office.

OAT staff members may not have worked in law enforcement previously

or be family members of any law enforcement officers. The community will be involved in the hiring process. Once hired, this director and employees will review or investigate the use of force, in custody deaths and other community complaints. Then it will make recommendations on whether the investigation was adequate, as well as any suggested discipline or needed policy changes.

Phoenix Mayor Kate Gallego released statements after the vote saying it was "an important day for the City of Phoenix."

"It is a privilege to serve as Mayor, and I am proud that we have, for the first time in the city's history, brought this important concept to a vote," Gallego said. "Until today, Phoenix was the largest city without civilian oversight of its police department. Since I came to office, staff and elected leaders have spent countless hours talking with members of our community about how to create stronger accountability and transparency for our police department. We are making a powerful commitment to improve the relationship

between law enforcement and the people of Phoenix."

Phoenix Vice Mayor Carlos Garcia in a statement said the testimonies that families impacted by police violence made the day of the Council's vote are "exactly why we need this office." Garcia led the historic vote to approve civilian oversight of the police department.

"I am grateful for the community members who have long advocated for this change at the city," he said. "I am also thankful to the Mayor and Councilwomen Ansari, Guardado and Pastor for voting for this."

Phoenix Councilmember Sal DiCiccio expressed a different opinion about the formation of the office.

"Today's vote was not about acting for accountability or transparency, but about handing over unlimited power to hate groups," DiCiccio said in a statement. "The vast majority of the community supports the police versus this small group of 100 people."

To learn more, visit www.phoenix.gov/newsroom/city-manager/1914.

First Place AZ elects officers

First Place AZ, a non-profit organization that offers supportive housing and a residential transition program for individuals with autism and other neurodiverse populations, has elected new board officers and a new board member.

Howard Sobelman, a partner with Snell & Wilmer law offices, is the new board chairman, while Joyce Millard Hoie, who is the former executive director of Raising Special Kids, is the new vice chairwoman. Kathy Hancock, a group consultant with Vertex Advisors, is the new secretary and Jack Henry, founder and managing director of Sierra Blanca Ventures, LLC, is the new treasurer.

Bruce Schwartz, who owned, operated and expanded his family business, Jerith Manufacturing Co., Inc., based in Philadelphia and is now a Valley resident, was elected to the board of directors.

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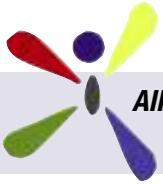


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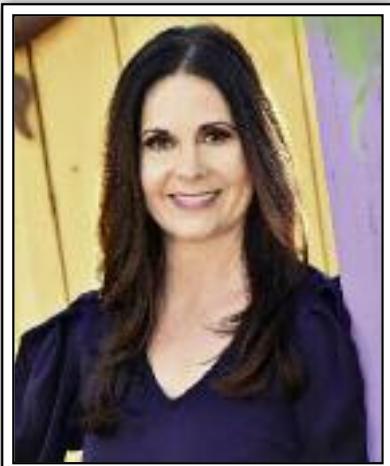
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Arizona Biltmore guests can cool off in the new adults-only Saguaro Pool, which was created as part of a recent \$70 million, 15-month renovation. New outdoor amenities also include a 65-foot triple water slide (photo courtesy of the Arizona Biltmore).

Biltmore reopens after \$70 million renovation

If you're looking for a luxurious place for a staycation or to enjoy dinner or cocktails, the Arizona Biltmore, A Waldorf Astoria Resort is open again after completing a \$70 million transformation.

The property, which first opened in 1929, underwent a 15-month project that retained the hotel's legacy while reimagining the guest experience for a modern era. The resort offers 701 guest rooms, which were restored by Virserius Studio and PHX Architecture to provide "Hollywood splendor with a splash of cool desert chic," according to Danny Hughes, executive vice president and president, Americas, Hilton. The design celebrates Frank Lloyd Wright's style and influence, with a palette of earthy hues, wood, stucco walls and custom-designed furniture pieces.

The redesigned Wright Bar provides a setting with richly colored furniture set against the signature concrete Biltmore Blocks. The tiered elevation layout offers different moods and spaces. Renata's Hearth is a new, modern Latin cuisine restaurant offering evening-only service with a unique menu and intimate atmosphere. The new outdoor Spire Bar serves as the social hub of the resort with its alfresco lounge space that includes fire and water features and offers small bites and cocktails.

Guests can cool off in the new adults-only Saguaro Pool, an oasis anchored by a 140-year-old saguaro cactus. The adult pool area features alcoves and cabanas, mini refrigerators and TVs. For children and adults, there is "The Twist," a new 65-foot triple water slide and splash pad, and 15 air-conditioned private cabanas. Two 18-hole championship golf courses are available at the

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THE PANDEMIC TREND IS SHIFTING INTO PERSONAL CAR OWNERSHIP

Industry professional Shahe Koulloukian, owner of Mazvo Auto Car Care Center, weighs in on the changing faces of public and private transportation.



THERE IS NO question that almost everyone has had to change their daily mobility habits during the pandemic. Although the amount of travel has been reduced significantly for many people during the crisis, those who require transportation in some way or another have found themselves using their own cars more frequently as opposed to opting for public transportation. This is especially the case when children or older parents are involved who require doctor visits, or rides to and from child care centers or school. In light of Covid-19, personal transportation just seems less risky.

Prior to the pandemic, the auto industry was bracing itself for an anticipated slowdown of personal car ownership with the success of ride share companies and public light rail transit convenience. But Shahe Koulloukian, owner of Mazvo Auto Car Care Center, tells us that the trend has shifted.

"Right now, all of the data I see is really indicating in the opposite direction, where cars are more relied upon," he says. It makes sense; recent research shows that more than 40% of people planning to buy cars are looking to avoid ride sharing, and almost 50% of them say they want to decrease or stop public transit use. And as a longtime professional, Shahe is more than familiar with

the ups and downs of his field: "Having been in the auto industry for almost 40 years, I have witnessed previous trends come and go — like in 2008, when people started buying small, fuel-efficient cars. That only lasted a short time, and then people went back to buying a vehicle that suited their wants, not necessarily their needs."

With so much mobile technology that is integrated with modern vehicles' onboard use, it has become an important part of the solution to car consumers' desires and requirements. Vehicles that bring their owners safely and efficiently to their destination seem to bring the peace of mind and intelligent solution they are looking for. And because these attractive technological features combined with the safety considerations of the pandemic are leading to greater personal mobility, they're also contributing to a further increase in traffic density — a potential change that Shahe says we all should be aware of.

"Thinking strictly about our beautiful state of Arizona and its rapid growth, we as Arizonians need to be open to a shift back in the near future," he advises. "With so much growth in Phoenix and its surrounding cities, traffic will accelerate, and we do not have enough open and connecting highways to handle daily traffic jams." Thus, he says, our

communities could possibly see the trend revert back to public transit, as it will look more convenient once parking and traffic become tough; then the shine might once again fade away from private car ownership.

Let's be clear — there were benefits of owning a car before the coronavirus changed our lives, and there are certainly benefits now. Each day, we work to navigate life amid the pandemic. As we see the uncertainty of changes that include mask-wearing and social distancing, and the back and forth of closures and ever-evolving mandates, it's very understandable to see fewer people rely on public transportation and ride sharing and prefer the safety and comfort of their own vehicles. One major thing the pandemic has brought to light is the importance of car ownership, and now more than ever it's important to ensure that your vehicle is reliably maintained.

As for Shahe, nothing about his mission has changed. Industry trends will come and go, especially when there's a pandemic throwing a proverbial wrench in the way we do things. But throughout it all, Mazvo Auto Car Care's commitment to providing car owners with honest and reliable maintenance, and empowering customers to learn about their vehicles, is something that will always stay consistent.

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Business Briefs**Hubbard Family Swim seeking employees**

Hubbard Family Swim Schools is looking for employees who love working with children to hire in Phoenix and other areas of the Valley.

There are full and part-time opportunities available and no teaching experience is required. The starting wage is negotiable, depending on previous experience. Year-round employment is

provided with a minimum of a one-year commitment to the swim school required. Employees must work at least two shifts per week and they must be available afternoons and weekends.

Hubbard Family Swim Schools offers medical and dental benefits, as well as paid time off and employee discounts for children's swim lessons. All employees within the swim school teach swim lessons.

Hubbard Family Swim Schools has a location at 13832 N. 32nd St. and it offers its summer Camp Hubbard at Sunnyslope High School at 35 W. Dunlap Ave.

To learn more, visit <https://camphubbardaz.com>.

Children's association is hiring professionals

If you are passionate about helping children, you might want to apply for one of the jobs available at Arizona's Children Association.

The organization is looking for talented professionals to assist it with its mission of protecting children, empowering youths and strengthening fami-

lies. It serves more than 40,000 children, individuals and families in 15 counties per year. Positions are available for case managers, support specialists, program supervisors, childcare workers, parent aides and foster care and adoption specialists.

Arizona's Children Association is dedicated to staff members and can ensure a great work-life balance with flexible scheduling, competitive benefits and a generous personal time-off policy. Its Phoenix location is at 3636 N. Central Ave.

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Americans are daunted by home buying and selling

A new survey reveals the process of purchasing or selling a home is intimidating to nearly half of Americans.

So says Homie, a real estate company changing how homes are bought and sold. The Harris Poll conducted the survey of 2,073 people ages 18 and older in the United States online on behalf of Homie from Feb. 16-18.

This survey shows the COVID-19

pandemic has increased financial stress for people when buying a home. It revealed that 61-percent of those answering the survey agreed that the pandemic has put more financial stress on the home-buying process. Due to the pandemic, nearly half (46 percent) of Americans surveyed said they have reevaluated what they are seeking in a home. The financial stress is even greater among residents ages 35 to 44 years old, as seven out of 10 of them reported that concern.

This survey also showed that 49-percent of Americans are intimidated by the procedure of buying or selling a home, with 44 percent saying they would not know where to start the process. Among Americans ages 18 to 44, 60 percent reported the home-buying activity intimidated them and 56 percent did not know where to start.

Homie reported the survey indicated 70 percent of Americans who have ever purchased or sold a home said they experienced some challenge during their last transaction. Also, 72 percent of Americans ages 35 to 44 said they

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TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS

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wish there was an easier way to locate a real estate agent. One in four Americans ages 18 to 34 who had bought a home felt the pressure from friends and family members to work with a specific real estate agent during their last transaction.

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Boutique hotel gets new name, upgrades

ARRIVE Phoenix, a locally owned 79-room, \$25-million-dollar boutique hotel that spans two restored, mid-century modern towers at 400 W. Camelback Road, has been renamed Rise Uptown. The owners will reveal the new name, new enhancements and an all-new penthouse lounge during an official grand opening on Sunday, June 6.

The hotel opened last year in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, paving the way towards new partnerships and opportunities to fully realize the property as originally planned. Vintage Partners and Venue Projects, the local owners of the hotel, have tapped Benchmark, a hospitality management company, to manage and operate on property. Benchmark also is behind local mid-century landmarks Hotel Valley Ho and Mountain Shadows.

The owners also have expanded the role of drinksmith and concept creator Ross Simon to conceptualize and carry out his version of a penthouse lounge, called Don Woods' Say When, which offers 270-degree views inside and outside. It delivers classic and reimagined cocktails, paired with chef-curated bar bites from 4 p.m. to close. The lounge is named for a local real estate develop-

er who once had an office inside the mid-century modern tower.

To learn more, visit www.riseuptownhotel.com.

Pacific Dental Services is hiring staff

Pacific Dental Services is looking for employees for its practices around Arizona.

The dental support organization that offers business and administrative support for dental practices around the United States is seeking people to fill positions as dental assistants, benefits coordinators, operations managers, receptionists and other roles.

The company supports more than 800 practices in 24 states, including Camelback Smiles Dentistry at 742 E. Glendale Ave. and The Kids' Dental Office of Phoenix & Orthodontics at 1934 E. Camelback Road.

There is increased demand for dental care and new supported offices are opening around Arizona, prompting the need for motivated professionals to work for the organization, said Joseph Feldsien, Pacific Dental Services regional partner, Arizona Region.

To learn more about job openings and apply for a position, visit www.pacificdentalservices.com.

Whiz Kidz Preschool offers summer programs

Whiz Kidz Preschool offers summer programs for children and is seeking employees to work at its three campuses.

The preschool, which has a location at 13424 N. 32nd St., provides summer activities with meals and snacks provided and field trips offered for kids ages 5 and older. Whiz Kidz offers year-round enrollment, meaning children can join anytime.

The family-owned and operated preschool, founded by mother and certified teacher Martha Picciao, focuses on a quality early childhood education with a play-based curriculum. Summer programs start June 1 and run through August with no set dates as the school always has open enrollment.

Whiz Kidz Preschool is looking for teachers, staff members and administrative employees for its North Central location on 32nd Street and at its Mesa and Scottsdale locations.

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Though the rapid increase in home prices seems familiar, and does share some commonalities with the past, I personally feel this market is different. Home prices back then increased for myriad reasons, including loose lending standards, the assumption the value of the asset would only increase and the ever-present "fear of missing out."

In contrast, the current rapid appreciation is mainly being driven by historically low supply causing an imbalance with demand. Is there risk in the market? Of course! But the probability of that risk is currently significantly lower than the previous bubble.

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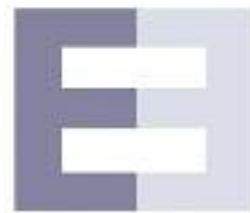
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Health Briefs

Take steps to keep kids, pets safe from heatstroke

With the warm weather here in the Valley, the Maricopa County Attorney's Office is urging people to be careful not to leave children and pets in vehicles.

The office said outdoor temperatures do not need to be extreme for someone to die as a result of heatstroke. Children have died from heatstroke in cars when outside temperatures were as low as 60 degrees. The inside of vehicles becomes hot quickly and even with the windows cracked the temperature inside a car can hit 125 degrees in just minutes. The attorney's office also said 80 percent of the temperature increase takes place in the first 10 minutes. Heatstroke starts when the core body temperature hits about 104 degrees and a core body temperature of about 107 degrees is lethal.

The Maricopa County Attorney's Office said more than half of all deadly vehicular heatstroke cases involve a parent

or caregiver who forgot a child was with them in the vehicle. It recommends people pay attention and take the extra steps to never leave a child or pet in a hot car.

County Attorney Allister Adel recommends residents set reminders on their cell phone and vehicle to inform them that a child is traveling with them. Adel also suggests people let their caregiver know to call them if their child does not arrive at a location by a specific time. Another tip is to put personal items in the back seat to ensure you will check it before locking the vehicle.

Like children, pets also cannot cool themselves quickly enough to keep up with the escalating temperatures inside vehicles. Adel recommends leaving your pet at home if you can't bring the animal inside with you wherever you are going. If you see a child or pet in a parked vehicle, call 9-1-1 and follow the directions to remove them safely.

To learn more, visit www.maricopa-countyattorney.org/399/Vehicular-Heatstroke.

Well-balanced, low-carb diet can reduce inflammation

Did you know that the food you eat could impact your allergies?

So says Healthy Habit Health Foods, which posted information about how to reduce systemic inflammation and slow the production of histamine on its Facebook page recently. Histamine is a chemical that white blood cells release into the bloodstream when the immune system is defending itself against possible allergens.

Healthy Habit, which is located at 6029 N. Seventh St., recommends people eat a well-balanced diet that focuses on whole foods, vegetables, healthy fats and low sugar. It suggests consuming foods high in Omega-3 essential fatty acids, as well as fruits that actively decrease antihistamines in the bloodstream. Healthy Habit also recommends eating spices including ginger, which is effective in reducing nasal issues. Early research also indicates that curcumin,

which is found in turmeric, also can ease the symptoms of seasonal allergies.

Healthline recommends a low-carb diet to reduce inflammation with a healthy balance of protein, carbs and fat at every meal and avoiding white bread, pasta and other refined carbs.

To learn more, visit www.healthhabithealthfoods.com.

Learn how to stop bleeding in free HonorHealth class

Learn how to handle emergency health situations in a free class at HonorHealth John C. Lincoln Medical Center Campus Cowden Center on June 8 from 10 a.m. to noon.

The Stop the Bleed class will focus on teaching participants basic bleeding control methods, including direct pressure, wound packing and tourniquet use. A trauma services paramedic and registered nurse will teach the class. The goal of the course is to stop unnecessary death from trauma and preventable mass bleeding.

This is a free class at the medical center's Cowden Center at 9202 N. 2nd St. To register, visit www.honorhealth.com/events/stop-bleed-13.

Walgreens offers COVID-19 vaccines to adolescents

You can bring your children ages 12 to 15 to Walgreens pharmacies to obtain a COVID-19 vaccine.

The drugstore and pharmacy chain announced last month that after receiving authorization by the FDA and final guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) it could begin offering the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccines to those ages 12 to 15. This marks another milestone in the fight to end the pandemic.

People seeking a vaccine for their 12 to 15-year-old children can schedule appointments at www.walgreens.com/schedulevaccine or by calling 1-800-Walgreens (925-4733) to listen to options in English and Spanish. Walgreens provides same-day appointments, as well as walk-in appointments if a time slot is available. Parents or guardians can use Walgreens guest scheduling functionality to make an appointment for their children if they are 12 years old. Youths ages 13 to 15 can make the appointments themselves.

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Sunnyslope grad heads to Naval Academy

By Colleen Sparks

A Sunnyslope High School graduate who was in the top three-percent of his class, with a passion for swimming is ready to dive into his studies at the United States Naval Academy in the fall.

Johnny Lemke, 18, a North Central resident, received nominations for the Naval and Air Force academies and the United States Military Academy (West Point) from U.S. Rep. Greg Stanton. He was accepted to all three academies.

Lemke had a 3.9 grade-point average at Sunnyslope and lettered in swimming, track and field and cross country. He was a member of the varsity teams for all three sports every year he participated. Lemke competed on the swim and track and field teams for four years and the cross country team for three years. He earned the school's Viking Award for his leadership on the cross country team and made the 2018 All Academic State Cross Country Team. Lemke also was chosen as the 2018 Outstanding Distance Runner for track and field.

While Lemke served as team captain for track and field and cross country, swimming is his favorite sport. He began swimming 10 years ago and was a state qualifier for that sport. Outside of school, Lemke is a lifeguard and CPR certified and works at the Sunnyslope Pool. He also worked as a swim coach for children and teens in north Scottsdale and he has his PADI Scuba Diver certification.

"My parents definitely encouraged me to do sports," Lemke said. "It's nice that I can jump in (a pool) and it's my performance that matters. I can execute and do well."

A highlight of his scuba diving adventures was when he stayed with his cousin and her husband during his second semester of fifth grade on the island of Grenada. They spent a lot of time scuba diving in the Caribbean Sea.

While at Sunnyslope High, Lemke also was a member of the National Honor Society and vice-president of the Spanish National Honor Society. He represented Sunnyslope High as the ambassador to the Glendale Union High School District governing board. Lemke's favorite subject is biology and



Johnny Lemke, 18, who graduated from Sunnyslope High School last month, is heading to the United States Naval Academy in the fall. U.S. Rep. Greg Stanton nominated Lemke for the Naval and Air Force academies and West Point and he was accepted to all three schools (photo courtesy of Johnny Lemke).

he is grateful to his former biology teachers Troy and Pandora Linnartz, who are husband and wife. They were "extremely helpful in my journey," he said.

His grandfather had served in the Navy and two years ago Lemke's parents bought him a trip in a glider aircraft, which confirmed that he wanted to be a naval aviator someday. His visit to Annapolis, Md., to the Naval Academy helped him select that school.

"Annapolis is a beautiful town," Lemke said. "There's a wide berth of opportunities when you commission as a Naval officer."

While he has not had an opportunity to meet Stanton in person due to the COVID-19 pandemic, he spoke to the congressman on the phone and said he is "super nice" and he is grateful for the nominations.

Stanton said it was an easy decision to nominate Lemke for the military academies. A committee made up mostly of retired military members reviews candidates and recommends students it believes Stanton should nominate.

"I'm so excited that a young person of his talent wants to join the military," Stanton said. "He's exactly the kind of person we want to be leading our military institutions in this country. He's a modest kid. He handled it all in stride. This is a kid that could go to any college or university in the United States of America and he has chosen to enter a military academy, which is a training ground to serve as a military leader."

gious Dorrance Scholarship, which provides \$12,000 per year that she can use at any of Arizona's public universities. She is planning to attend the University of Arizona in the fall. The scholarship also provides tutoring and mentoring, a Summer Bridge program in Flagstaff, access to a personal advisor, international travel and other benefits.

The Dorrance Scholarship is awarded based on need and is renewed based on students' academic standing, participation in program events, activities and community service projects. To be eligible, high school seniors must have a minimum cumulative grade-point average of 3.0, reach certain scores on college entrance exams, demonstrate leadership and volunteer service, be the first in their family to attend college and meet other criteria.



Gabriella Venegas

School Briefs

GLENDALE UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

Sunnyslope High student recognized for leadership

School Connect AZ, which helps youths reach their full potential, recently honored Sunnyslope High School student Margaret Desmond, a junior, with the Student Champion of the Year Award. Students chosen for this award demonstrate "great-hearted leadership," including cheering on others and inspiring their peers to be generous, according to the School Connect AZ website.



Margaret Desmond

Margaret recently organized the collection of more than 960 items that were given to the Phoenix Rescue Mission to help those in need during this COVID-19 pandemic. She also is involved in the National Charity League, Inc., a philanthropic organization of mothers and daughters who volunteer to help charities around the country.

Washington High grad earns Dorrance Scholarship

Gabriella Venegas, who graduated from Washington High School last month, is the recipient of the presti-

District schools score high in national report

Glendale Union High School District has garnered national attention through a recently released *U.S. News & World Report* "2021 Best High Schools" list, ranking more than 17,800 public high schools around the country. The report evaluated how well schools serve students from different social and economic backgrounds based on college readiness, reading and math proficiency, underserved student achievement, college curriculum breadth and graduation rates.

Sunnyslope High ranked 25th best of Arizona high schools, number 17 for Valley high schools and 1,852 out of public high schools around the country.

Washington High School also fared well in the national report. It was ranked 44th among all Arizona public high schools, 34th among Valley high schools and 2,679 out of all the schools around the country.

Thunderbird High School was ranked 36th best of the Arizona high schools, 27th among Valley high schools and 2,353 out of the schools around the nation.

For details, visit www.usnews.com/education/best-high-schools.

SCHOOL DAYS
**MADISON ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL DISTRICT**
**Rose Lane receives
grant to purchase books**

Madison Rose Lane Elementary School now can help more students read, thanks to a grant inspired by the late author of the Junie B. Jones children's book series.

Jahnvieve Buseman, a library associate at Madison Rose Lane, said the school was chosen to receive a 2021 Barbara Park Memorial Literacy Grant. This \$500 grant is possible due to the generosity of Richard Park in memory of his late wife, Barbara Park, who wrote the popular children's book series. The school will use the grant to buy books that will be available to all students through circulation in the library.

**Park teacher honored at
legislature, district event**

Tyler Vargas, a seventh- and eighth-grade Madison Park Middle School science teacher, recently received Madison's Truly Extraordinary Award.

At a district event where he was honored, he was praised for embracing all of Park Middle School's signature program, which is science technology, engineering, arts, math (STEAM), as well as for collaborating with other teachers and offering students hands-on, real-world experiences to learn content. Vargas has taught at Madison Park for seven years.

Arizona state Rep. Aaron Lieberman also touted Vargas' success and contributions to the school and community during an Arizona House of Representatives session last month during Teacher Appreciation Week. Lieberman described Vargas as a "go-to teacher" for collaborating with colleagues and he has built "a community of respect and learning" in the classroom.

**Free meals being offered
at two schools this summer**

While the academic year is over, families can still access free meals in the Madison School District this summer. Madison Camelview Elementary School at 2002 E. Campbell Ave. will be open from 9:30 to 10 a.m. every Tuesday and Thursday from June 22 to July 22 to provide meal bundles to any parents, not just those with children in the district. It will be closed July 6 and 8.

Breakfast foods will be provided Tuesdays and on Thursdays there will



Madison Rose Lane Elementary School received a grant that honors the memory of the author of the popular Junie B. Jones children's books, shown here by Jahnvieve Buseman, a library associate at the school (photo courtesy of Madison School District).

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pre-register for these meal bundles. Those picking up the bundles must wear masks and maintain social distancing during this COVID-19 pandemic. Non-perishable foods are provided.

A free bulk bag program will available for anyone to pick up from 4 to 5:30 p.m. every Wednesday at Madison No. 1 Middle School at 5515 N. 16th St. The bulk food bags contain seven days worth of breakfasts and lunches for one child and will be distributed through a drive-thru pick-up service.

You must pre-order the bags by visiting <https://bit.ly/2L1Kcy0>. This program is free for all children ages 18 and younger. The deadline to submit bulk bag pre-orders for the following week's distribution day is at 1 p.m. every Friday.

For more information, visit www.madisonaz.org/foodandnutrition.

OSBORN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT Seeds are planted for learning in Longview garden

The seeds are planted for new learning opportunities at Longview Elementary School, where the community recently spruced up its garden.

Staff members, Principal Karen Grose, governing board member Luis Peralta and adult volunteers participated in a project to beautify the school, enhance the community and take part in activities of healing the Earth. They added raised garden beds and bird feed-



Osborn Elementary School District governing board member Luis Peralta and Longview Elementary School Principal Karen Grose work on enhancing the school's garden. Adult volunteers also helped add raised garden beds and bird feeders (photo by Ryland Tuttle).

ers to boost biodiversity and offer students better opportunities to observe the greenery growing. Indoor windowsill gardens were installed for special education classrooms and sets of 20 garden seats and kneeling pads were added to the garden. They aimed to increase social-emotional and sensory activation by providing more seats, as well as wind chimes and a fountain.

Spearheading the garden project was Alex Menendez, an instructional assistant at Longview, who came to the school through the Food Corps program in Child Nutrition. Menendez also runs the school's 21st Century Afterschool Learning Program. Pacific Lutheran and The Sprouts Foundation gave grants to the school to make this event possible.

PHOENIX UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT North High grad receives Gates Scholarship

Isaac Ajayi is one of three students from the Phoenix Union High School District to be chosen for The Gates Scholarship. The selective scholarship is given to outstanding, minority, high school seniors from low-income homes. Every year the scholarship, which provides \$49,000 a year for university studies, is awarded to 300 graduating seniors who are student leaders.

Ajayi, who also was offered several other scholarships, plans to attend the University of Portland. He is interested in possible future careers in meteorology and mechanical engineering.

Ajayi participated in North High's rigorous International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Program, played on the varsity boys volleyball team from 2018 to 2020, as well as robotics and the National Art Honor Society.

The other Phoenix Union High School district students who received The Gates Scholarship were Steven Le and Jesus Cebreros, Trevor G. Browne High School graduates.



Isaac Ajayi

Chief of Staff receives 'Hot Shot Award'

The Arizona Partnership for Immunization recently honored Phoenix Union High School District Chief of Staff Isela Rivas with the Arizona COVID Hot Shot Award. Rivas was nominated for this distinction by the Maricopa County Department of Public Health. She received it for her ongoing efforts to provide access to the COVID-19 vaccines to the community. Rivas dedicates her work and the award to her late son, Sergio Armando Reyes.

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The 2021 Football Summer Camp will be held on Monday through Thursday, July 19th - July 29th, from 8:00 am – 11:00 am. The football camp is open to all incoming and current MHP student-athletes. The Heat football staff will focus camp activities on conditioning, offensive and defensive skills, and teamwork drills. No equipment will be needed for camp. Weight training is included in the camp fee. **The camp fee is \$125.00**



Women's Volleyball

The 2021 Women's Volleyball Summer Camp will be held on Monday through Thursday, July 19th – July 22nd from 8:00 am – 11:00 am. The volleyball camp is open to all incoming and current MHP student-athletes. The Heat volleyball staff will focus camp activities on conditioning, volleyball skills, and teamwork drills. No equipment will be needed for camp. **The camp fee is \$75.00**



Cheer

The 2021 Cheer Summer Camp will be held on Monday through Thursday, July 26th – July 29th, from 8:00 am – 11:00 am. The cheer camp is open to all incoming and current MHP student-athletes. The Heat cheer staff will focus camp activities on conditioning, cheer and dance skills, and teamwork drills. No equipment will be needed for camp. **The camp fee is \$75.00**



Men's Soccer

The 2021 Soccer Summer Camp will be held on Monday through Thursday, July 19th – July 29th, from 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm. The soccer camp is open to all incoming and current MHP student-athletes. The Heat soccer staff will focus camp activities on conditioning, offensive and defensive skills, and teamwork drills. No equipment will be needed for camp. Weight training is included in the camp fee. **The camp fee is \$75.00**



VEX Robotics

The 2021 VEX Robotics Summer Camp will be held on Monday through Thursday, July 19th – July 29th, from 8:00 am – 11:00 am. The VEX Robotics camp is open to all incoming and current MHP students. The VEX Robotics staff will focus camp activities on design, programming, and build skills in preparation for the 2021-2022 VEX competition game. No equipment will be needed for camp. **The camp fee is \$125.00**



Zero Robotics

The 2021 Zero Robotics Summer Camp will be held on Monday through Thursday, July 26th – July 29th, from 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm. The Zero Robotics camp is open to all incoming and current MHP students. The Zero Robotics staff will focus camp activities on coding and programming skills in preparation for the 2021 Zero Robotics competition. No equipment will be needed for camp. **The camp fee is \$75.00**



Pep Band

The 2021 Pep Band Summer Camp will be held on Monday through Thursday, July 26th – July 29th, from 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm. The Pep Band camp is open to all incoming and current MHP students. The Pep Band staff will focus camp activities on preparation for the 2021-2022 athletics season. An instrument is required for the camp. **The camp fee is \$75.00**



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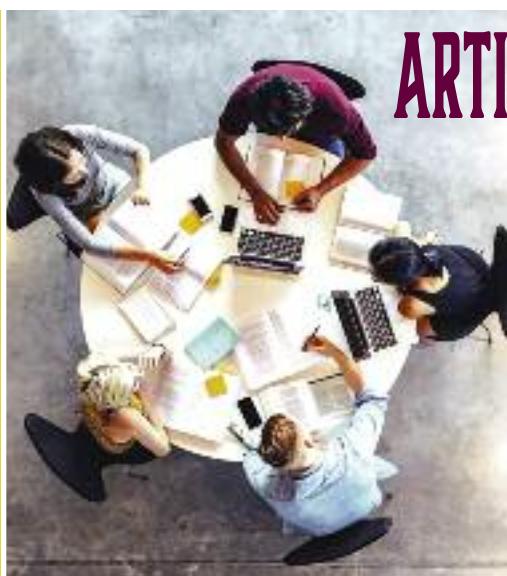
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**Mountain View principal
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Mountain View School Principal Jill Sarraino was selected as a finalist for the School Connect Catalyst for Education Award. This honor recognizes outstanding principals who have sparked collaboration towards making positive changes, as well as inspired and led others to support their school community.

The winner of the Catalyst for Education Award was Lillian Linn from the Avondale Elementary School District, as announced during a virtual awards ceremony recently.

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**Brophy graduate earns
Flinn Foundation award**

Brophy College Preparatory graduate Benjamin Aguilar, is among the 2021 recipients of the Flinn Foundation scholarships. This scholarship, one of the most prestigious awards given to high school seniors, is valued at about \$120,000, including full tuition at an Arizona university, along with room and board, study-abroad opportunities, mentoring and other support. Out of the more than 950 applicants for the scholarship from this year's graduating class, only 2 percent were chosen.

Aguilar was active in the National Honor Society and robotics while at



Benjamin Aguilar

Brophy. Outside of school he is an Eagle Scout and leader in his church's youth group. Aguilar also volunteers on a regular basis at his church's food bank. Aguilar plans to study English at Arizona State University.

The Flinn Scholar program was established in 1986. As a 2021 scholarship recipient, Aguilar becomes the 14th Flinn Scholar from Brophy.

**Xavier Prep grad
snags dual honors**

A Xavier College Preparatory senior was tapped this spring for two different honors.

Jaden Campbell, who graduated last month, was named to *The Arizona Republic's* All Arizona Girls Soccer Team and also as a Player of the Year nominee. She was Xavier's goalie and helped the team advance to the state championship. *The Arizona Republic* said



Jaden Campbell

Campbell was "like a human wall at the net for the Gators," adding she allowed only four goals all season and led Xavier (10-2-1) defense with her 0.340 goals allowed average (GAA), including one in the recent state tournament. It added that Campbell's "96 saves drove the team's remarkable run to win the 6A state title as a fifth seed."

Campbell, who has been playing soccer since she was 4 years old, said that the "last two minutes of the state championship game were the longest" of her life.

While at Xavier, Campbell also was
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SCHOOL DAYS



Xavier College Preparatory's varsity softball team recently won the school's first state championship (photo by Sister Lynn Winsor, BVM, CMAA).

DUAL HONORS *continued from page 30*

a member of the presidents' council and in the photo club. She signed a Letter of Intent to play soccer for Benedictine University in the fall, when she also will study psychology.

Xavier softball team wins first state title

During a difficult year for sports, Xavier College Preparatory's women's softball team rose to the occasion by winning the school's first state softball championship title.

Xavier's softball team beat Red Mountain High School in a 10-0 game in Tucson. The seniors advanced from a four-win season as freshmen to state champions this past season.

Bradley Bledsoe Downes, Xavier head varsity softball coach, said the players "took control over the season."

Xavier's golf, soccer, spiritline and beach volleyball teams also won state championships in the 2020/21 school year.

Madison Highland Prep offers summer camps

Madison Highland Prep will hold football, cheer, men's soccer and women's volleyball camps for incoming and current students from July 19 to 22.

The Football Summer Camp will focus on conditioning, as well as offensive and defensive skills and teamwork drills. This camp costs \$125 and will take place from 8 to 11 a.m.

The Women's Volleyball Summer Camp participants will work on conditioning, volleyball skills and teamwork drills. No equipment is required for the camp. It will also be held from 8 to 11 a.m. The cost is \$75.

The Soccer Summer Camp will offer conditioning activities and will

work on defensive skills and teamwork drills. No equipment is required. This camp will take place from 5 to 8 p.m. July 19-29 and it costs \$75.

The Cheer Summer Camp, from 8 to 11 a.m. July 26-29, will include conditioning, cheer and dance skills and teamwork drills. The camp cost is \$75.

A VEX Robotics Summer Camp will be offered from 8 to 11 a.m. July 19-29. Students will engage in design and programming and expand their skills to prepare for the 2021-2022 VEX competition game. This camp costs \$125. A Zero Robotics Summer Camp will run from 1 to 4 p.m. July 26-29. Students will do coding and programming as they get ready for the 2021 Zero Robotics competition. The camp costs \$75.

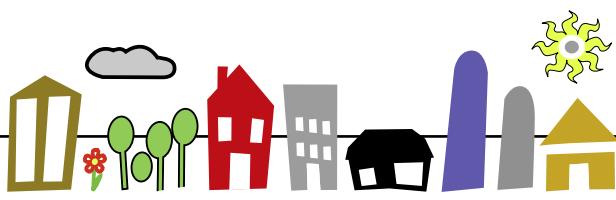
Budding musicians can express themselves during the Pep Band Summer Camp, which will take place from 1 to 4 p.m. July 26-29. Students are required to have an instrument for the camp. It costs \$75.

To register your child for one of the camps, visit <https://madisonhighland-prep.com/summer-camps>.

Midtown Primary goes 'green' for Earth, Arbor days

Midtown Primary School students recently decorated reusable bags to celebrate Earth and Arbor days. They also talked about the importance of taking care of the environment and how reusing bags keeps plastics out of landfills. Some of the classes brainstormed other ways to take care of the planet and did crafts and projects to accompany this activity.

Buttons from student Jack Blanchette's late great-grandmother's sewing room more than a decade ago were used to decorate the bags. Jack's grandfather, a retired teacher, provided the reusable bags for students to decorate.



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If you have questions about Medicare and Social Security, you can get them answered in free, live online sessions. The Phoenix Public Libraries, in partnership with The Area Agency on Aging's Arizona's State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP), is providing Social Security Administration Medicare 101 sessions on the first Tuesday of every month at 4:30 p.m. and Social Security 101 workshops at 4:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of every month.

This months' Medicare session will be June 1 and the Social Security session will be on June 8. Participants can ask questions during these webinars. Find the seminars on the calendar at [### Nominate volunteer for AARP award](https://phoenixpubliclibrary.evanced.info/signup>List?.</p>
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AARP is taking nominations for its 2021 Arizona Andrus Award for Community Service, which honors state residents ages 50 and older who are enriching the lives of their community members.

Nominations will be accepted through Thursday, July 15, for residents who lend their talent, experience and skills to help others in the community. Nominees must be at least 50 years old and must have performed the service and demonstrated their accomplishments and achievements on a volunteer basis, without pay. Volunteers who receive small stipends to cover their costs linked to the volunteer activity are eligible for the award.

To learn more and obtain a nomination form, contact Brenda Holt at the AARP Arizona State Office at 602-262-5162.

Dance, use weights for exercise, fun in free classes

Want to get in shape while socializing from the comfort of home? Jewish Family & Children's Service, through its Center for Senior Enrichment, provides many different exercise classes for older adults through the video chat system Zoom.

Fitness Fun with Zoe is held every Wednesday from 10 to 10:45 a.m. Participants perform light chair exercises with the option of using weights. Some movements can be done standing but all of them can be done while sitting.

Dance and Movement with Michelle is offered from 11 a.m. to noon on Mondays. At the classes on June 7 and 21, called "Dance Through the Decades," participants will learn or revisit the popular social dances of the 1950s, '60s, '70s and '80s. The theme for the classes June 14 and 28 is "3M Movement: (Mind, Muscle, Merriment)." The class helps older adults strengthen the body and explore movement, improvisation and dance making for expression and general well-being. These classes are free of charge.

To learn more, contact senior-center@jfcsaz.org, call Jennifer Brauner, site director, at 602-343-0192, or visit www.jfcsaz.org.

Kids & Families

City pools offer open swim, free swim lessons for kids

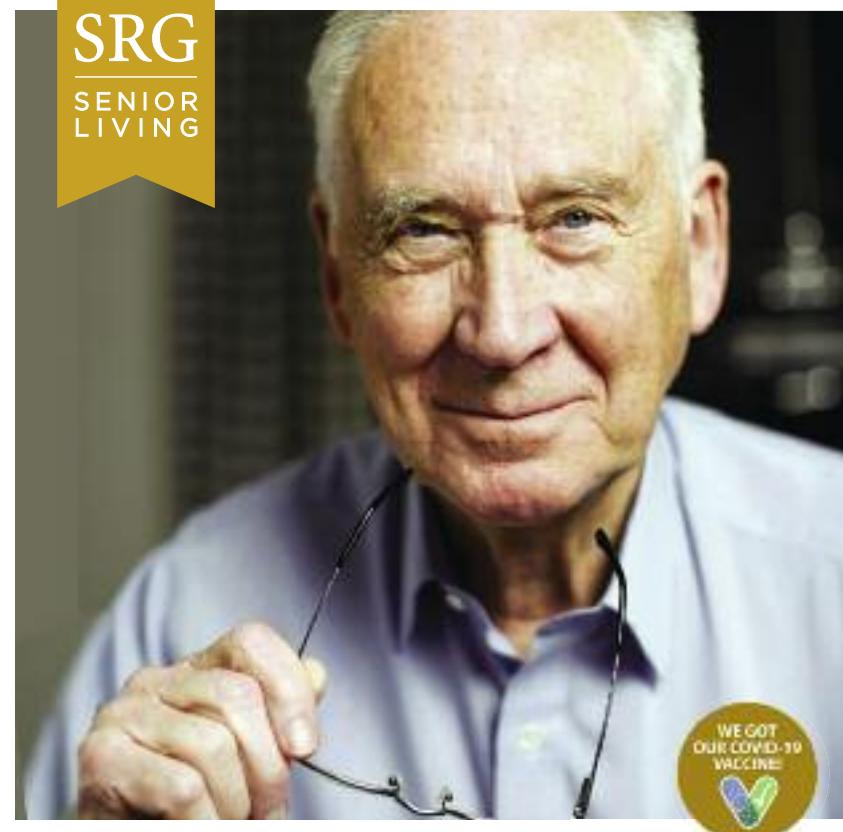
The city of Phoenix has opened 12 of its pools this season: Cortez, Deer Valley, El Prado, Encanto, Falcon, Maryvale, Paradise Valley, Pecos, Perry, Starlight, Sunnyslope and University. Pools will run on the normal seasonal schedule and be open six days a week through Aug. 1 (they are closed on Fridays). The pools also will be open Saturdays and Sundays only from Aug. 7 to Sept. 6.

Capacity at the city's pools has been changed this summer and swimmers are required to reserve times to participate in open swim sessions. Open swim is available in three 90-minute time blocks every day and reservations can be taken up to three days in advance every Monday and Thursday throughout the season. Someone at least 16 years old must accompany any youths during open swim times. Anyone age 17 and younger can swim free of charge during open swim at all pools.

The city pools will offer swim lessons free of charge this summer, which are available to those age 3 to 12. Lessons will be delivered in four sessions: from June 7 to 17; from June 21

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to July 1, from July 5 to 15 and from July 19 to 29. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the number of classes and students per class has been decreased. There will not be any adult swim lessons, water aerobics, water basketball league, as well as swim and dive teams this summer.

To learn more, visit www.phoenix.gov/parks/pools.

Phoenix Boys Choir offers summer camps

Do you have a child who loves to sing looking for a fun camp to polish their vocal skills and build friendships?

The Phoenix Boys Choir is holding a PBC BACK ON TOUR summer camp from June 7-11 at 1131 E. Missouri Ave. Students will engage in pop-music themed activities and learn vocal and acting skills. They will develop teamwork abilities through the latest popular music and playing games. Sessions are 9 to 11 a.m. and noon to 3 p.m. Each session will be limited to 15 boys entering second through fourth grades. The size limit is due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Boys must wear masks to camp.

There also is an online camp available to boys and girls ages 7 to 12 from June 14-18. It will take place from 9 a.m. to noon and will offer the same activities provided last year.

Phoenix Boys Choir also will hold a Minuets Music and Movement Camp for boys and girls ages 4 to 6 in person.

The camp will run from 9 to 10 a.m. Youths with little or no musical training can participate in the camp, which helps build a foundation in music education. The cost for the week-long camps is \$130 and the Minuets classes cost \$50.

To learn more and register, visit www.boyschoir.org/summercamp or call 602-264-5328.

City community centers to reopen on limited basis

The Phoenix City Council recently approved a plan for the tiered reopening of community centers, to bring back the process of special park permits and special activity requests for private events with more than 50 people to gather on park property. It also approved a plan to resume high school swim and dive teams' rentals of select pools.

The city's community and recreation centers have been shut down since March of last year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Sunnyslope Community Center, which is at 802 E. Vogel Ave., as well as 10 other city community centers, will reopen effective June 7 for annual summer youth camps and limited indoor recreation classes for registration only. There will not be any drop-in use of these centers allowed.

The community centers will be run at 50 percent capacity and everyone who visits them will be required to wear a mask or face covering.

In-person summer youth camps for children ages 6 to 12 will be offered at the eleven community centers starting the week of June 7. View and register

for camps and other indoor recreation classes at <https://apm.activecommunities.com/phoenix/Home>.

Music Works Community provides piano lessons

Preschoolers to senior citizens can take piano lessons online and in person at Music Works Community, LLC this month.

This music school at 302 W. Bethany Home Road has a summer session for private lessons June 1-14 with flexible schedules to accommodate students' vacations and summer camps. These private piano lessons will be held Mondays through Thursdays at times determined by the instructor and student. Prices depend on the length of the private lesson.

Music Works Community, LLC is committed to enhancing the quality of music students' lives. The school provides several musicales, which are informal mini-recitals, every quarter. To learn more, visit <https://musicworkscommunity.com> or call 602-264-5188.

Phoenix Art Museum offers kid-friendly activities

There are lots of ways you can engage your children in activities at the Phoenix Art Museum.

A virtual scavenger hunt can be printed or viewed from the museum's website with questions that you and your little ones can answer related to exhibits. The museum also offers a kids activity guide that can be downloaded from the website with activities

for kids and guidance for anyone visiting with youths.

If you want to take a break to relax, view art, read and draw while at the museum, you can check out The Hub, an interactive space designed for families. Take your family outside to stretch in the Dorrance Sculpture Garden.

Visitors are urged to buy tickets ahead of time to ensure a no-touch or low-touch experience when they come to the museum. The museum is located at 1625 N. Central Ave. To learn more, visit <https://phxart.org>.

Take brain break, stretch, move with ballet dancers

Arizona Opera and Ballet Arizona will offer Music Movement Breaks, free digitally interactive tools that encourage kids and adults to get up, dance and have fun while learning movement and listening skills, as well as rhythm. Ballet Arizona dancers guide viewers in the videos posted on Arizona Opera's YouTube and Vimeo channels, as well as from the Ballet Arizona website, <https://balletaz.org/community-engagement/movement-moments>.

Each program is five minutes or less and can be done without any equipment or dance experience needed. Dancers demonstrate ankle circles, "roll downs" for the spine, jumps, forward bends, quad stretches, relevé or rising, plié or bending and many other movements in the videos.

Find the Music Movement Breaks at www.youtube.com/c/ArizonaOpera/featured.

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Falling Flame Pictures, a local movie production company, recently released "SCARE US," which was filmed in part in Books bookstore on Seventh Avenue. Pictured here are the members of the executive team: (Back row, from left): Rob Ellman, legal advisor and creative consultant, and Ed Riccio, executive vice-president; (middle row, from left): Jeff Hare, chief marketing officer, Jason Wiechert, CEO and co-founder, and Shaun Clark, chief financial officer; and in the front is Charlotte Lilt, chief creative officer and co-founder (submitted photo).

Local company films movie in Sunnyslope

By Colleen Sparks

Expect thrills and chills when you watch a new movie filmed in Sunnyslope that was produced by a new company with a North Central resident on its executive team.

Falling Flame Pictures' movie, "SCARE US," a horror anthology, has obtained a distribution deal with Virgil Films and opened through Laemmle Virtual Cinema last month. The movie will be available through Video on Demand and DVD release on June 29. In this film, the main story occurs in a bookstore and it was filmed at Books, a store at 9201 N. Seventh Ave. Other scenes were shot in other areas of Phoenix and in Williams.

There are six writers who were involved in the script and six movie directors for the movie. The film is about aspiring writers who gather in a bookstore to share their stories with each other and they take on the topic of "Scare Us" one week. A sub-plot of the movie is about a serial killer that disappeared but has resurfaced to kill again.

Rob Ellman, legal advisor and creative consultant for Falling Flames Pictures and a North Central resident, is thrilled to be working in the movie business with his friend, Jason Wiechert of Glendale. Wiechert, a long-time actor, is CEO and a co-

founder of Falling Flames Pictures. His wife, Charlotte Lilt, co-founded the movie production company and stars in "SCARE US." Lilt also is one of the executive producers for the movie. Most of the cast and crew for the film live in the Valley with a few based in Los Angeles. Tom Sandoval, a long-time cast member on the Bravo reality TV show "Vanderpump Rules," is another star in the movie.

"I was impressed and surprised at how quickly everything came together," Ellman said. "It was really exciting for me to find myself in the midst of all these talented young people. There are so many people involved in making a motion picture. They put together quite a good motion picture on a pretty slim budget in an incredible amount of time."

He even helped with the script and has a voiceover in the film. Ellman, who is an executive producer for "SCARE US," plans to wind down his full-time legal practice and work with the production company full-time.

Wiechert, a long-time actor and producer for "SCARE US," said he and his team sought ideas for short film scary stories and then the ones chosen were adapted to film. Lilt was among the executive producers for the movie, which took 18 days to film. Post-production for the movie took place when the COVID-19 pandemic struck, creating challenges and some delays.

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There were many video chats to complete the post-production work but on the plus side the pandemic gave everyone time to focus on the movie as everything had shut down in the country, Wiechert said.

"It's scary but it's super cool and fun," he said of the movie. "I'm super excited for the world to see this."

Wiechert said the owner and employees of Books, the Sunnyslope bookstore, were "fantastic" and "so easy to work with," adding the business is a type of character itself in the film.

He said he and the production company plan to expand but keep bringing "high-quality film production to Arizona."

"You can do so much in the Arizona landscape," Wiechert said. "Hollywood kind of started in Arizona. We're keeping money in Arizona, altering the economy in Arizona, bringing talent from Los Angeles, New York."

The company also will make movies in other states but the main focus is boosting films in Arizona, he said.

The Nash to bring back indoor shows in June

There is good news for jazz fans as The Nash will resume indoor concerts starting this month.

The jazz club and education center at 110 E. Roosevelt St. will kick off the indoor shows with vocalists Dennis Rowland and Diana Lee performing at 7 and 9 p.m. on Saturday, June 5. A Phoenix resident and Detroit native, Rowland was the voice of the Count Basie Orchestra from 1977 to 1984, when he shared the stage with Tony Bennett, Ella Fitzgerald, Joe Williams and Sarah Vaughan. Lee, a Valley native, has performed and toured with many superstars around the globe including Reba McEntire, Sister Sledge, Diana Ross, Stevie Wonder, Neil Sedaka, George Benson and David Foster.

Check out Girls on the Road, a Folktronica Fusion duo of singer/songwriter/keyboardists Annie Moscow and Rachael Nicole Gold at 3 p.m. on June 6. Diverse artists have influenced their music, including Debussy, Charles Ives, The Beatles, Herbie Hancock, Joni Mitchell and Bruce Hornsby.

The Paul Combs Quartet: Jazz In The Movies will be on stage at The Nash

at 7 and 9 p.m. on June 11. Combs plays saxophone while Jude Poorten will be on guitar, Max Beckman on bass and Sam Russo on drums. Combs, based in San Diego, has been playing professionally as a leader and sideman for more than 40 years. He is joining three talented Valley young jazz artists to perform music that jazz composers used in movies, as well as music from movies that are jazz standards.

Popular Valley vocalist Francine Reed will perform at 7 and 9 p.m. on June 12. She was a bandmate of Lyle Lovett for more than 30 years and will bring her outrageous style with her notorious accomplices to the stage. Reed will energize the spring concert series with "Wild Women Don't Get The Blues" and other uplifting tunes.

Concerts at The Nash will be socially distanced with an expectation to resume full capacity for audiences later this year. Live-stream simulcast tickets for the shows for \$20 can be purchased to allow people to view the concerts at home.

To learn more about other shows in June at The Nash, visit <https://thenash.org>.

Arts center to offer art, music classes

If you are looking for a new hobby and want to get your creative juices flowing this summer, the Phoenix Center for the Arts offers many classes in person and online.

There is an Indoor: Monday Studio with Don Ridley from 1 to 4 p.m. Mondays from July 12 to Aug. 16 at the center at 1202 N. Third St. The instructor will supervise while students work on individual clay pieces. Students should bring their own hand tools and they can buy clay. Throwing/clay experience is required to participate. The cost is \$291. Ridley will teach students who are focused on "throwing" clay though hand builders also may attend in the Indoor: Making Better Pots class, from 6 to 9 p.m. on Mondays, from July 12 to Aug. 16. Students will learn one-on-one with class demonstrations to help them advance their pottery skills. Clay can be purchased with cash and students will need to bring their own hand tools. The class costs \$291.

Stretch your artistic muscles from home in the center's classes online in piano, as well as painting and drawing and other mediums. Online Youth

Piano 1& 2 and Online Youth Piano 3 & 4 classes will be held Saturdays from July 10 to Aug. 7. The piano 1 & 2 class will take place from 11 to 11:45 a.m. while the Online Youth Piano 3 & 4 classes will be held from noon to 12:45 p.m. The cost is \$107 per class.

There will be adult Online: Piano 1 classes on Tuesdays from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. the week of July 12 to the week of Aug. 23. The cost for that class is \$142.

Another class you can take virtually is the Online: Reinventing the Figure with Edna Dapo from 5 to 7 p.m. Fridays June 25 to July 16 for \$113. The Online: The Language of Colors class, also with Dapo, will run from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sundays from June 20 to July 18. That class also costs \$113.

To find other classes, register and learn more visit <https://phoenixcenterforthearts.org>.

Madison Center to open a visual gallery

The Gallery at The Madison will open to the public on Saturday, June 26.

This art gallery is in the Madison Center for the Arts at 5601 N. 16th St. It will be open from noon to 4 p.m. on June 26, then after that from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays through Fridays.

Artwork for the opening will be painted canvases that local artists did. Alisha Marie Anglin uses acrylics in her paintings while Holly Anderson uses oil for her paintings.

The artwork will be switched out every three months or so. To learn more about the art center, visit www.themadison.org.

Musical tells tale of Cinderella's spirit

The Phoenix Theatre Company is putting a new spin on the tale of Cinderella in a musical coming to the stage this month and in July.

"Daddy Long Legs" is coming to the stage June 23-27 and 30, then July 1-3, 6-11 and 14-18 in the Hormel Theatre at 1825 N. Central Ave. This heartwarming story, which is an award-winning off-Broadway hit musical, is about a witty, young woman and her mysterious benefactor. The tale follows Jerusha Abbott, who grew up in an orphanage but then heads to college, per her benefactor's request for her to become a writer. Her mysterious benefactor requires that she write him every

month, even though he will not respond to her letters. The letters she writes reveal a moving portrait of her mind and spirit developing as she becomes an independent, intelligent woman, who is destined to discover love where she least expects it.

Shows will be at 3 and 8 p.m. depending on the date. Audience members are required to wear face masks at all times during their visit to the theater, regardless of whether they have received a COVID-19 vaccine. They can only remove their masks while eating and drinking. All visitors will be required to have their temperature checked when they arrive at the theater. Those with a temperature of 100.4 degrees or higher will not be allowed to enter the space and their tickets will be refunded.

To learn more, visit www.phoenixtheatre.com.

Morris Day & The Time bring party to Phoenix

Get ready for "funkmaster" Morris Day to take the stage at Celebrity Theatre.

Morris Day & The Time is touring the country to perform its infectious music and inspire audience members to get up and move. Best known as the break-out star in the movie "Purple Rain," which also starred the late Prince, Day is reuniting with the Time's original bandmates to deliver favorites including "Jungle Love," "Get it Up" and "The Bird." Expect to hear new tracks including "My Ride" and "Two Drink Minimum" from this party band.

Born in Minneapolis, Minn., Day was inspired by photos of his grandfather in zoot suits to create his flamboyant look and he sang in Prince's first band, Grand Central. The Time was created as an alter ego to Prince as a cool, street-wise funk band and shortly after that the band was cast in "Purple Rain."

Day & The Time will perform at 8 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 4 at the theater, which is at 440 N. 32nd St. For tickets and more information, visit www.celebritytheatre.com.

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The Macintosh's owner and chef, Christopher Collins, shows off a house-smoked salmon and hoisin-glazed short ribs, which are customer favorites (photo by Marjorie Rice).

Café Chat

The Macintosh offers up made-from-scratch fare

By Marjorie Rice

The Shops at Town & Country's shady, meandering courtyard is buzzing on a Tuesday lunchtime. It's one of those perfect afternoons, made for a leisurely lunch with good food and conversation with neighbors and friends and the patrons at The Macintosh restaurant are lapping up the atmosphere, inside and on the patio.

It's just the picture Chef Christopher Collins envisioned when he opened The Macintosh, third in his Common Ground Culinary collection of eateries.

The owner and creative force behind the group, Collins has deep family roots in restaurants.

"My father was with Marie Callender's and my first job was at five years old, carrying pies out for people," he said.

Collins studied hospitality management at Boston University before joining the Hillstone Restaurant Group. His work with Hillstone included a stint in New Orleans, which left an indelible influence on Collins' future menus.

"How can you not fall in love with those people, the culture and the food," he said. "Oh my gosh!"

Collins opened Grassroots Kitchen & Tap in Scottsdale in 2011, followed

by Twisted Grove Parlor + Bar, The Macintosh, Wally's American Gastropub and The Collins Small Batch Kitchen. He also operates Arcadia Catering Company and Sweet Provisions, which is an ice cream and bake shop next to Grassroots in Scottsdale.

The Macintosh originally opened in 2014 as Collins' second Grassroots, but the name and concept changed.

"A couple of years ago someone said, 'We love your chain of restaurants,'" Collins said. "I am the least 'chain' guy in the world, so I changed it. Scottsdale versus here were different neighborhoods, with different vibes. We describe ourselves as a collection of neighborhood restaurants, each with its own feel, where we can adapt and modify based on what's going on in that neighborhood. This is the only Macintosh that there will ever be, and I can do whatever is good for this neighborhood."

Collins has long ties to Town & Country.

"I grew up riding my skateboard to this center when I was in junior high," he said. "There used to be a movie theater here and I kissed my very first girl at that theater. So this center is my childhood. I see my little boys running around the courtyard between us and Bianco's and I love it. It is a wonderful place. We have young families, older families, business people, date nights, birthdays, and that's the nice thing

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about The Macintosh. It's a very happy restaurant."

Collins describes his food as craft neighborhood American fare.

"We are not here to reinvent any wheels," he said. "But boy, oh boy, the dishes we are putting out are beautiful, they're tasty, they're approachable."

When Collins re-branded the restaurant, he jazzed up the cocktail program.

"We have a lot of sophisticated darker liquors – bourbons, whiskies," he said. "You can get Blanton's (a rare, single-barrel American Bourbon whiskey) here. At happy hour it's half-off."

Menu offerings include "community snacks" such as smoked salmon dip with buttered saltines, pork ribs, grilled shrimp with remoulade that tastes straight out of New Orleans and roasted beets with blue cheese.

Small plates include Collins' takes on chicken biscuits, salad with kale and Fuji apples, and blackened shrimp risotto.

"This is a way to share amongst friends, to try a lot of different things,

to come and get out of here at a very reasonable price (\$7 to \$9 for most items)," Collins said.

For lunch and dinner, the short ribs, braised with a hoisin reduction and served with jalapeno-cheddar grits, sautéed spinach and kale, are favorites. Collins' New Orleans influences also can be seen in the shrimp po' boy, shrimp and grits and Nola red beans and rice.

The house-smoked salmon – silky and luscious with the proper notes of smoke, served with that remoulade and buttered saltines – is another customer favorite.

"We have people who come in several times a week for our chopped salad (a blend of cabbage, beets, grapes, butternut squash, corn relish, cherry tomatoes, scallions, Persian cucumber, edamame, feta, basil and champagne vinaigrette)," Collins said. "I tease them, and say, 'Your mother would be so proud – you've got an entire week's worth of vegetables in one sitting.'"

Collins takes pride in his from-scratch menu.

"It's just good food," he said. "The menu is approachable, easy to under-

stand. But boy-oh-boy, when you get that bacon burger, the ribs, there's a smile on your face, and that's what we're going for."

Collins said his aim isn't to reinvent anything, or teach customers about some far-off dish.

"We do traditional dishes with a little bit of flair, a little bit of home-grown love, and we do them well, every single day," he said.

The Macintosh, 2119 E. Camelback Road, is open 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., Tuesdays to Thursdays, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays and 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sundays. For information, call 602-36-8766 or visit themacintoshaz.com.

Dining Briefs**Feast on chile bacon burger at Match Market and Bar**

Whether you're a dad or just hungry for a good burger, you can enjoy a meaty special at Match Market and Bar on Fathers Day, June 20.

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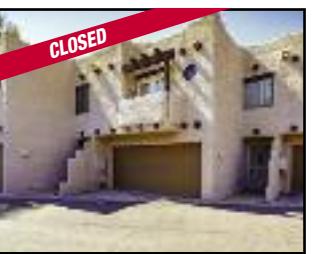
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Enjoy unique dishes at new Renata's Hearth

An unusual new restaurant with Central and South American-inspired flavors on its menu is bringing fire to the Arizona Biltmore.

Renata's Hearth, which opened last month in the resort at 2400 E. Missouri Ave. as part of the Biltmore's recent extensive renovation, offers Central- and South-American-inspired dishes in an intimate atmosphere. Chef Jesus Figueroa Ortega designed a menu that pays tribute to his Hispanic heritage while creating seafood and hearty meal dishes balanced with smoke and char. The menu features a Mole Negro rubbed smoked Wagyu brisket, grilled branzino, Renata's Pozole and roasted Chilean seabass. Rich, flavorful charred Spanish octopus a la Veracruz, Argentinian red shrimp ceviche and grilled Spanish watermelon salad are among the diverse bites diners can pair with their cocktails. A delectable charred street corn, warm fava beans and Peruvian rice are some of the sides that are ideal for sharing.

Several sweet and smoky desserts are on the menu including Renata's Churros, which are dusted with piloncillo-cinnamon and feature a margarita crema. The Capirotada de Sonora is a decadent brioche bread pudding with pecans, currants, smoked cajeta, dates and dulce de leche.

Specialty cocktails at Renata's include Los Muertos, a Serrano-infused blanco tequila with activated charcoal, agave, lime juice, black lava salt and smoke, and a Cactus Blossom with prickly pear, chareau aloe liquor and lime.

The interior features aged leather and woven textures and dramatic lighting. The scent of toasting chilies and the essence of smoke travel to the restaurant's patio, where Moroccan lanterns are strung from trees and a



The entrées at the new Renata's Hearth include a roasted Chilean seabass with mole verde, Peruvian rice and pickled fresno peppers (staff photo).

vintage cauldron bubbles with the sound of cascading water.

Renata's Hearth is accessible through an entry corridor separate from the resort's entrance and valet parking is available just outside of the restaurant. The restaurant was seeking employees for many positions, as of press time. To learn more about opportunities and apply online, visit <https://jobs.hilton.com/us/en>. For reservations and more information, visit www.renatashearth.com.

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A Family Pick Fish item on the menu provides diners with their choice of one pound of fresh seafood served cooked or raw, paired with their choice of two side dishes, for \$27 to \$32. The Pick Fish option allows customers to order their choice of fresh seafood prepared with the sauce they like and one or two side dishes for \$21 to \$29.

Chula Seafood also offers many different sandwiches and including blackened fish, crispy fish and confit tuna, as well as a California swordfish burrito, fish n chips, crispy fish tacos and swordfish tacos. Starters include clam chowder, grilled oysters and a sashimi platter.

A Hawaiian bowl includes guests'

choice of salmon, ahi tuna or spicy tuna, as well as spicy scallops, macadamia nut, rice and traditional sauce. You can choose salmon, ahi tuna, spicy tuna or spicy scallops missed with gojuchang, masago, sesame, nori, jalapeno, greens, sushi rice and crispy tempura in the Korean Poke Bowl.

To learn more or to order from the 100 E. Camelback Road location for delivery or pickup, visit <https://chula-seafood-uptown.square.site>.

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Gift cards are available to purchase from the bakery for \$25, \$50 and \$100, not including the online activation fees. Karl's Bakery is open from 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily at 111 E. Dunlap Ave., Suite 13. Customers can walk in and pre-order items. To learn more, visit www.karlsqualitybakery.com.

Treat dads and others to Phoenix City Grille specials

Phoenix City Grille will celebrate Fathers Day on Sunday, June 20, with several special dishes.

The restaurant at 5816 N. 16th St., after 2 p.m. will offer an Argentine New York Strip Loin, which is a wood-grilled all-natural grass-fed beef served with pinto bean chili, avocado relish and smoked tomato salsa for \$21. You can add a fried egg to it for an additional \$2. Also starting after 2 p.m. that day Phoenix City Grille will provided a smoked prime rib, featuring a 12-ounce cut of prime beef, guajillo chile jus, crispy onion strings and horseradish whipped Yukon potatoes for \$38.

After 4 p.m. the restaurant also will provide diners with a seafood pasta dinner special for \$27. This dish is fresh pappardelle topped with sautéed wild Gulf shrimp, Chula Seafood salmon, crab meat, artichoke hearts, sun dried tomatoes, lemon caper butter sauce and Romano cheese.

All day fathers can enjoy a complimentary glass of house wine or a domestic beer. Any guest can order off the full brunch menu, which is served from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., as well as the regular all-day dining menu. To learn more, visit <http://phoenixcitygrille.com>

Press Coffee special brew celebrates fathers

Press Coffee is making it easy to thank your father or any special man in your life with a specialty blend.

In honor of Fathers Day, which is June 20, Press is offering its annual release of the World's Greatest Dad blend. This specialty blend and limited supply bag will be available to buy at all Press Coffee locations in the Valley, as well as online starting June 6 for \$16. It can be purchased through the end of this month.

A full-bodied brew, this coffee features notes of tobacco, as well as cedar and molasses sweetness. It comes as whole beans. Press Coffee has a location in North Central at 2390 Camelback Road and many other stores in the Valley. To learn more, visit <http://presscoffee.com>.

Barro's Pizza to hire Valley workers

Barro's Pizza is looking for employees to work in the Valley and Tucson.

The family-owned and operated company with a long history in Phoenix is seeking workers for 44 locations. It had said it was going to hire about 400 employees, as of press time. Barro's needs counter personnel, cooks and most of all delivery drivers.

The pizza restaurant chain has a North Central location at 3141 E. Indian School Road.

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