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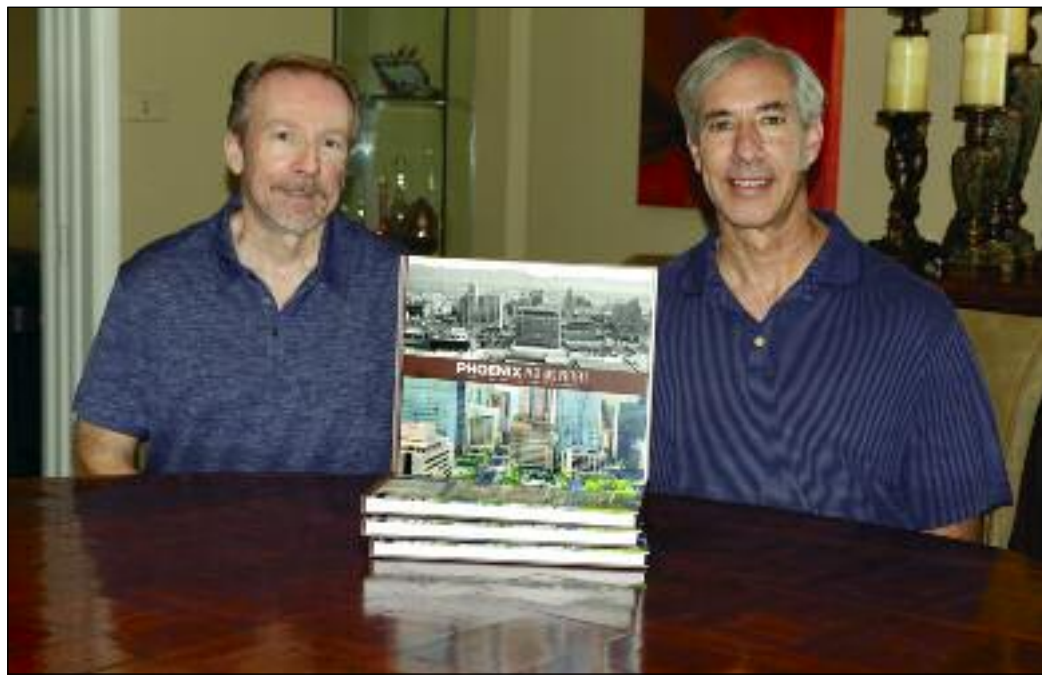
Battle lines drawn in Dist. 6 election

By Teri Carnicelli

Phoenix residents who live in City Council Districts 4 and 6 have the opportunity to vote in the regularly scheduled Council Election on Tuesday, Aug. 29. And while incumbent Laura Pastor, who represents District 4, faces no challengers, the same cannot be said for District 6 Councilman Sal DiCiccio.

District 6 includes the Biltmore area, Arcadia and Ahwatukee. However, the boundary map was redrawn in 2013, and some residents in the northern portion of the district were moved from District 3 to District 6. That northern boundary now stretches to just short of Dunlap Avenue, and west to areas between Central and 7th avenues. A more detailed map can be found at www.phoenix.gov/cityclerk/services/findmydistrict. If you are unsure if you live in District 3 or 6, you can type in your home address and get the answer.

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Paul Scharbach (left) and Robert Melikian of North Central Phoenix collaborated on "Phoenix: Past and Present," a 176-page coffee table book available at Changing Hands-Phoenix, 300 W. Camelback Road (photo courtesy of Paul Scharbach).

Duo captures Phoenix 'Past & Present'

By Kimberly Hundley

In some ways, Phoenix is a "here today, gone tomorrow" town where historical buildings crumble in the wake of citified progress, a fact that especially pings the hearts of longer-term residents.

North Central Phoenix homeowners Paul Scharbach and Robert Melikian belong in that camp, and both boast platinum-clad reputations as guardians of the Valley's past. Melikian lives in a 1950s-era ranch-style home near the Frank Lloyd Wright-designed church on 7th Avenue. Scharbach resides in one of the area's original neighborhoods, a block near 10th Street and Maryland Avenue, known for its Midcentury Modern architecture.

"I love history. It's a calming, secure thing that connects me to other people," says Melikian. "You know yourself and society better when you know where you came from."

This spring, the duo's passion project, "Phoenix: Past and Present," hit bookshelves, showcasing the evolution of desert upstart to cosmopolitan city through 84 pairs of past-and-present images, most of which have never before been seen publicly.

"We wanted the book to be simple. People want a little bit of information, and they want to look at cool photos," says Melikian, who with the help of histori-

an and preservationist John Jacquemart, packed the pithy captions with crucial dates, locales and context.

The man behind the lens, Scharbach, is a second-generation Phoenix native specializing in Valley-specific photography. He wanted this book to be different than previous tomes of the genre, including his own 2005 work, "Phoenix Then and Now." When he and Melikian teamed up, says Scharbach, they wanted to go larger, with more pages. "We kept coming up with really good photos, so we kept adding pages."

At 12-by-9 inches and nearly 3.5 pounds, "Phoenix: Past and Present" is an eye-catching, irresistible bundle of full-page vintage photos juxtaposed

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Closing off alleys will cost residents

By Teri Carnicelli

After being lobbied by North Central residents for more than a year, the Phoenix City Council in June unanimously approved a “Gated Alley Pilot Program”—but now it’s up to those same residents to pay for it.

Alleys in Phoenix currently serve as access points for utility companies as well as garbage and bulk trash collection. But those same garbage cans also draw illegal dumpers and dumpster divers, and the alleys themselves can provide less visible areas for illegal activity including drug use and theft from the yards of adjoining homes.

“I live in Sunnyslope and also have a family home in the Royal Palm neighborhood,” said Zona Michelena, who has been actively involved in the process of lobbying for the alley gates. “I was raised in this area and have lived here my entire life, over 50 years



Residents whose homes abut alleyways in the Royal Palm and Sunnyslope neighborhoods have been fighting illegal dumping in their alleys, including these mattresses infested with bedbugs that were left on April 4, and not picked up by the city until May 5 (photo courtesy of Zona Michelena).

now. I do have a mother who lives in a house with an alley where there is continual issues of furniture dumping, piles of nails and concrete, drugs, people sleeping outside her back gate, defecation outside her back gate, and

strangers knocking on doors and ringing bells at all hours.”

On Nov. 14, 2016, the Public Works Department responded to a memo from Councilmembers Debra Stark (Dist. 3) and Daniel Valenzuela

(Dist. 5), requesting an alley solid waste relocation and gate pilot program in the Royal Palm and Sunnyslope neighborhoods. The program incorporates both relocation of solid waste service from the alley to the curbside and installation of gates at the ends of alleyways.

However, the cost to purchase and install the gates will be the responsibility of the homeowners. Costs are estimated at approximately \$2,800 per alley for chainlink fencing/gates or \$5,000 per alley for wrought iron. Homeowners will be responsible for ongoing maintenance and repair costs of the gates.

Interestingly, city staff studied similar programs in other jurisdictions, including Mesa and Los Angeles. Mesa’s Alley Gate Program began as a pilot in 2008; the current program includes gating all alleys, based on funding availability, at no cost to homeowners. In fiscal year 2016-17,

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DiCiccio, a Republican, has served continuously on the Phoenix City Council since 2009 when he was appointed to fill out the term of then-Councilman Greg Stanton. He was re-elected in 2013. He previously represented District 6 from 1994 to 2002.

DiCiccio is a real-estate developer who has been known to support development interests in his district, and is a vocal advocate for pension reform and fiscal conservatism. He has frequently made headlines by verbally attacking his other council members for their positions on various issues, mostly related to the city budget.

As a councilmember, DiCiccio lists his three goals as job creation, improved public safety and neighborhood preservation. He has helped lead initiatives on job creation, domestic violence and self-defense training.

DiCiccio moved to the Valley from Ohio with his family in 1962. He holds a bachelor's degree in business from Arizona State University, and worked for Rep. John J. Rhodes and Sen. John McClain. He is married with twin daughters. For more information, visit www.salforcycouncil.com.

DiCiccio's opponent, North Central resident Kevin Patterson, is a Democrat who says he sees the value of community and social service programs that support children and families who may not have the income to live in the district's more affluent areas.

Patterson has lived in Phoenix since 1998 and is married with two daughters. A former public educator, Patterson holds a bachelor of science in business management and a master of science in psychology, and currently serves as executive development director at Banner Health.

He previously served as the board director for the Arizona's Children Association, as well as co-founder of Project Jigsaw, a community project designed to remove barriers that prevent thousands of foster and adoptive children in the state from finding homes.

Patterson says he has realized that the best way to advocate for his family, friends, and neighbors is through hold-

ing a seat at the table where decisions are made and where he can bring in a diverse and progressive perspective to the issues that affect individuals daily. Patterson says he believes in a City of Phoenix that works for everyone, providing accessible opportunities for people from across the identity spectrum to succeed and thrive. For more information, visit <http://pattersonforphoenix.com>.

If you are not on the City of Phoenix permanent early voting list (PEVL) and did not receive an early ballot by mail, you can vote in person on Aug. 29 at the following voting centers: North Phoenix Baptist Church, 5757 N. Central Ave.; the Parks & Recreation Golf Office, 2705 N. 15th Ave.; and the Devonshire Senior Center, 2802 E. Devonshire Ave. For more information, including a full list of voting centers, visit www.phoenix.gov/elections.



Kevin Patterson



Sal DiCiccio

Add home security to 'Virtual Block Watch'

The Phoenix Police Department has expanded the Virtual Block Watch program citywide. Virtual Block Watch is one of the department's contemporary crime prevention and investigation tools that demonstrates the effectiveness of partnerships between police and the community.

The program allows businesses and private residences to register their existing surveillance equipment. Their location will then appear on a pin map accessible by officers and detectives for use in ongoing criminal investigations. No live-feed access will be available, and participants must already have a working surveillance system with the equipment to retain their footage. There is no cost to register and your information is confidential.

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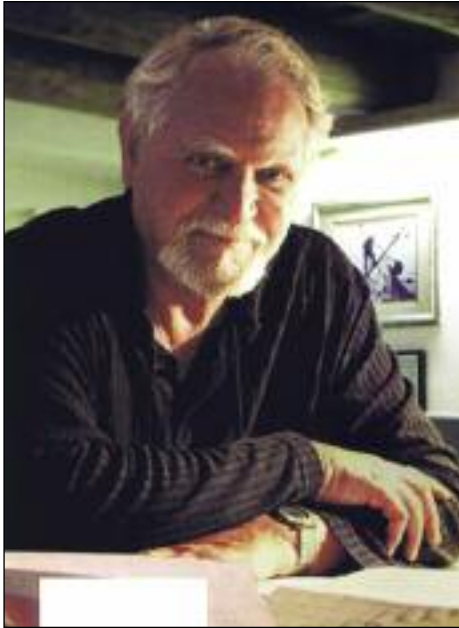
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Conference for new, seasoned crime writers

Clive Cussler, the swashbuckling writer who has penned dozens of books and hit the *New York Times* Best Selling List with 20 of them, headlines the speakers who will appear at WriteNow!2017, the annual writers conference held by Desert Sleuths, the Phoenix Chapter of the national mystery writers organization, Sisters in Crime.

Writer Quest: Conquer The Publishing Jungle, the title of this year's conference, set for Aug. 11-12 in Phoenix. The conference also will feature Lee Goldberg and Robin Burcell. Goldberg is a two-time Edgar & Shamus Award nominee and a NYT bestselling author who has written more than 40 novels and non-fiction works. He has also written and produced several TV series as well as having co-written with Janet Evanovich.

For 30 years of her life, Burcell served in law enforcement as a police officer, criminal investigator, and hostage negotiator before writing the



Bestselling author Clive Cussler, who first achieved fame with his Dirk Pitt novels, will headline the WriteNow!2017 conference this month in Phoenix (submitted photo).

Kate Gillespie police procedural series, the Sydney Fitzpatrick series, and a Streets of San Francisco novel. She now writes thrillers and works with Clive Cussler on his latest offerings.

Other guests include Dana Kaye, a publicist, social media pro and brand

manager, who specializes in coaching clients on how to establish their personal brand. Also on hand will be literary agent, Jill Marr, who will take pitches, and editor, Holly Lorincz, who will do editing sessions with attendees.

The conference, open to the public, begins with a reception on Friday evening at the Changing Hands Bookstore-Phoenix, 300 W. Camelback Road. The reception will celebrate the 30th Anniversary of the Sisters in Crime.

The conference on Saturday takes place 8 a.m.-5 p.m. at Embassy Suites, 4415 E. Paradise Valley Parkway South. It will include the aforementioned speakers, panel discussions, editing and pitching sessions, as well as the opportunity for attendees to buy the speakers' books. Lunch and snacks are included in the entry fee and a silent auction will be held.

Cost is \$140 general admission, and \$85 for students ages 14-20. For one-on-one edit and pitching sessions, there is an additional \$50 fee; space is limited. For more information and to register, visit www.DesertSleuths.com.

Hawaiian crafts fest seeks event vendors

Lau Kanaka No Hawai'i Hawaiian Civic Club of Arizona is seeking vendors for its Aloha Crafts 'N' Creations event, set for 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 11 at Crossroads United Methodist Church, 7901 N. Central Ave.

It is the club's second year at this location. The festival will be held in the parking lot area in front of the church.

Vendor spaces are 10-feet by 10-feet and are available for \$40, or two adjacent spaces for \$70. A limited amount of space is available indoors upon request. Vendors must supply their own table(s) and chairs, and canopies are permitted outside. Vendors are asked to provide a donation to the craft festival raffle. Proceeds benefit scholarships provided by the club.

Vendor application and payment is due by Aug. 26. For a vendor application, e-mail Patty Novak at dpnovakaz@aol.com or Sheri Deterding at sherideterding@cox.net. For more information, call Patty Novak at 623-451-7192.

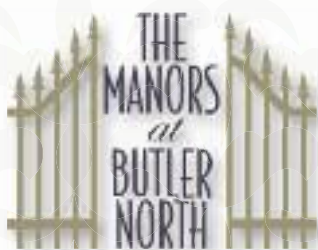
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with contemporary shots from the same vantage point—or at least as close a match as Scharbach could manage. After all, tons of concrete and steel have sprung into the sky like rogue palms in the intervening decades, and he's not Superman ... though he and author Melikian did more than their fair share of scaling tall buildings in pursuit of the contemporary shots.

The pair wrangled bureaucratic as well as physical challenges in accessing downtown rooftops, crawling through windows and balancing on ledges. "We were on the roofs of all the buildings you see—mostly with permission," Melikian says with a smile.

Figuring out which rooftops the original photos were taken from wasn't always easy. In some cases, the perches no longer existed, or new construction blocked the desired views, so it was necessary to shoot from adjacent buildings. "There were several skylines we couldn't match," says Scharbach.

The discovery of vintage photos with a fresh take on the Valley's past

involved a mix of pure luck and painstaking work: the authors combed through thousands of archived images owned mostly by Arizona State University, and then they connected with Tina.

Tina Cervantes, who worked decades ago coloring and developing film in a camera store in downtown Phoenix, would keep copies of photos she especially enjoyed for her personal collection. After seeing a local cable TV show featuring Melikian, whose family owns Phoenix's famously haunted Hotel San Carlos, she called the Historic Preservation Office to say how much she enjoyed the production.

As fate would have it, Melikian himself picked up the phone. The two got talking about his upcoming book project, and Cervantes offered access to her private photo collection.

"We handpicked 84 different images," he says. "You could do several books from what she has."

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Mesa spent approximately \$182,000 on the program, which includes cleanup of illegal dumping and installation of 6-foot chainlink fencing with locks and keys. Mesa residents have reported the gates reduce illegal dumping, reduce crime, and restrict pedestrian and vehicle traffic.

Similarly, the City of Los Angeles Nuisance Alley Conversion Project allowed homeowners to petition the city for closure of alleys—at no cost to homeowners. Los Angeles provided a final cleaning of the alley prior to closure. Alley maintenance continued to be the responsibility of the homeowners once the alley was closed.

Phase I of Phoenix's Gated Alley Pilot (GAP) Program would be implemented in six alleys in the Royal Palm neighborhood, which is defined as the area from Northern Avenue to Dunlap avenues, and from 19th to 7th avenues. A program application must first be submitted by a neighborhood representative—most likely someone from the Royal Palm Neighborhood Council—

and the application also must include a petition with consent from a majority of the homeowners along the alley. The neighborhood group also must obtain issuance of a revocable permit, and a fence permit to allow for view-fencing gates to be erected in the alley by a licensed contractor. The Public Works Department will fund application fees associated with the program during the Pilot Program.

The Public Works Department staff also will conduct a final cleanup of any illegal dumping in the alley and relocate all solid waste services, including bulk trash, from the alley to curbside. Alleys gated through this program will remain in the right-of-way and the persons in control of the land abutting the alley will continue to be responsible for alley maintenance per Phoenix City Code.

Access to the gated alley will be limited to keyholders, including adjacent property owners, the city, and public utilities. The city will coordinate with utility companies and emergency responders to ensure they have access to the alley.

Michelena, who is excited to see the alleys finally closed off, pointed out that, "With the gate element, there is no reason for anyone to go in the alley, so besides Mother Nature, there should be no activity, which includes dumping or other 'miscellaneous' activities."

She also praised Stark and Valenzuela for working closely with the Royal Palm neighborhood to get the pilot program off the ground. "Both Councilwoman Stark and Councilman Valenzuela have been working closely with the Royal Palm Neighborhood Council for many months on this issue. Without their diligent involvement with the community, this pilot program may have taken much, much longer to come to fruition, if at all."

"The Gated Alley Pilot Program is a step in the right direction where the city of Phoenix is attempting to help address complex issues of crime and blight in Royal Palm—a neighborhood that volunteered to be a test area for us to gate off alleys and study its effects," said Stark. Phase II of the program will be offered in the Sunnyslope community, which Stark also represents. For the

purposes of this program, Sunnyslope is defined as the area from the Grand Canal to Mountain View Road and from Central Avenue to 12th Street.

"I am so thankful to my colleague Daniel Valenzuela and city staff for the hard work and effort it took to come up with a solution that all parties could agree with, and to the Royal Palm neighborhood leaders who were so helpful, patient and involved in the process," Stark said. "I hope that the program yields positive results, and look forward to reviewing them at the 6-month and 12-month marks. In the meantime, I will also be working with city staff to try and identify funding sources so that the program can potentially be implemented next in Sunnyslope, and eventually in any interested neighborhoods in Phoenix."

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Grant expands ACE program

The Maricopa County Community College District Foundation was awarded a \$3 million grant from Virginia G. Piper Charitable Trust for the period from March 2017 to March 2020. The grant will fund the Achieving a College Education Program (ACE), a nationally recognized program that helps at-risk students transition from high school to community college completion and on to a four-year post-secondary institution.

Phoenix College is among the campuses that will expand its ACE program through the grant.

ACE serves nearly 2,000 students each year. Students who participate in the program begin taking courses between their high school sophomore and junior years, continuing until their graduation. ACE students may earn up to 24 transferable college credits while in the program. In 2015, 92 percent of ACE students graduated from high school on time.

The grant will fund 600 additional

scholarships for students to participate in ACE and expand support activities including connecting students to STEM pathways and careers, providing mentor support, and enhancing student success interventions.

Free landscape watering workshops

The city of Phoenix Water Services Department hosts a free “Desert Lawn Care: Water Smart” workshop 1-2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 26 at the Burton Barr Library, 1221 N. Central Ave. Hear advice for maintaining a healthy, beautiful, and water-efficient lawn.

In addition, a “Landscape Watering 101” class will follow directly after, from 2:15-3:15 p.m. Learn how to properly water your landscape to save time and increase the health and beauty of your plants.

The programs are free and open to the public. To RSVP for either class, call 602-261-8367 or register online at <https://www.phoenix.gov/water-services>, and click on the “Conservation Workshops” tab.

Forest Service seeks feedback on trail plan

The Forest Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture is seeking public feedback on its development of a comprehensive plan for the Arizona National Scenic Trail. A 60-day comment period begins Aug. 1.

The plan is being developed in partnership with the National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management, Arizona State Parks, local governments, and the Arizona Trail Association. The plan will guide management of the trail for the next 15 to 20 years.

The Arizona National Scenic Trail stretches more than 800 miles from Mexico to the Utah border. Thousands of hikers, runners, mountain bicyclists, and horseback riders enjoy the trail each year. It stretches through seven Arizona counties, four National Forests, one state park, four National Park Service sites including Grand Canyon National Park, and two Bureau of Land Management units.

Information about the plan can be found at: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/>

main/azt/land-resources-management/. Click on “Public Participation” and follow the link to the “project information page” to leave your comments or feedback about the proposed plan.

Hosts families sought for int’l students

ASSE International Student Exchange Programs (ASSE), in cooperation with your community high school, is looking for local families to host boys and girls between the ages of 15 to 18 from a variety of countries: Norway, Denmark, Spain, Italy, Japan, to name a few.

ASSE students are enthusiastic and excited to experience American culture while they practice their English. The exchange students have pocket money for personal expenses and full health, accident and liability insurance.

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Cooking classes offer health, flavor, fun

North Central resident Nancy Matsui had had a lifelong love of cooking, which she shares through her Onion Enterprise-Education in Flavor series of classes. Matsui offers cooking classes in her home near 15th and Northern avenues. Each class includes demonstrations, tasting and a copy of the recipes.

A new series begins in September, with classes taking place 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Saturdays. Classes include Sweet and Savory: Condiments, on Sept. 16; Trilogy of Food Plans, Sept. 23; Italian Moments, Oct. 7; Yotam Ottolenghi, Oct. 21; Holiday Sides, Nov. 4; and Holiday Goodies, Nov. 11.

All classes are \$20 each. Pre-book both holiday-themed classes in November and receive \$5 off. Space is limited, so RSVP quickly. Payment must be received prior to the class in order to hold the reservation. To RSVP or for more information, e-mail Nancy Matsui at onionenterprise@cox.net, or call 602-618-6527.

To pick up a copy of the Education

in Flavor brochure, with a description of each class, visit the Uptown Farmers Market information booth, 8 a.m.-12 p.m. Saturdays at North Phoenix Baptist Church, 5757 N. Central Ave.

AAIC goes Cajun for Seafood Boil Aug. 26

The Arizona American Italian Club, 7509 N. 12th St., invites residents in the North Central community to don their best “island attire” and enjoy shrimp, crab legs, mussels and more during the club’s Cajun Seafood Boil, set for Saturday, Aug. 26.

The dining room will open at 5 p.m. for first-come seating. Dinner starts at 6:30 p.m., when large pots of seafood mixed with sausage, potato and onion will be dumped in the center of the round tables (which seat eight people). Bring your own bib; lots of napkins will be provided.

The dinner includes entertainment by The Caribbean Cruisers beginning at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25 by Aug. 21, and \$35 after Aug. 21 and can be purchased at the bar. There is only

room for 112 guests, and the dinner is expected to sell out.

Note that in order to purchase alcohol at the bar, you must be a club member or the guest of a member.

For more information, call the club at 602-944-3090 or e-mail jay@azai.club.org.

Phoenix College gets assist from local labs

Like most states, Arizona continues to face a dearth of health care professionals—there simply are not enough qualified and trained workers to fill the current job demand. The shortage is particularly keen in medical labs. A shortage of everything from phlebotomists to lab techs to microbiologists is impacting many clinical lab organizations, including Sonora Quest Laboratories.

To help fuel this pipeline, Sonora Quest Laboratories has launched the Certification Upgrade Cohort Program (CUCP), where employees provide students with the clinical externship experience required for graduation and employment.

Sonora Quest has partnered with Phoenix College to provide a pathway for students to qualify for practice at the bachelor’s level and become certified laboratory professionals.

For information about Phoenix College’s Medical Laboratory Sciences (MLS) programs, visit <https://www.phoenixcollege.edu/programs>.

Adult arts, crafts at Cholla Library

The Cholla Library, 10050 N. Metro Parkway East, hosts an adult Art Lab the fourth Thursday of the month. Stop by from 5:30-7:30 p.m. on Aug. 24 to try your hand at experimental Chinese Marbling on rice paper, using watercolor painting techniques.

A one-of-a-kind piece of art will evolve before your eyes while dipping rice paper in water and ink. The program takes place in the second floor meeting room.

For more information or to register, call 602-262-4636 or visit www.phoenixpubliclibrary.org and search for the event under the Calendar tab.

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Pet of the Month

Lots of life, love left in Christal

Christal is a super friendly 9-year-old Labrador and Border Collie mix who is very smart, eager to please and always ready for a long walk or jog. Not only has she mastered several tricks and is housetrained but she also loves car rides, hiking adventures, and camping trips.

Although she is ready to play at the drop of a hat, for the most part she's a laidback companion who enjoys relaxation and lounging around on a cozy dog bed. After an evening walk, she'd be content to join you on the couch to watch your favorite TV series.

Bring the whole family (including your current canine) to meet Christal at the Arizona Humane Society located at 9226 N. 13th Ave. Her adoption fee is \$200 and includes a microchip. For more information call 602-997-7585 and ask for animal number A562498. Christal may have been adopted by the time you visit the shelter, but there are hundreds of other pets just like her



Christal may be a little older than most dogs at the shelter, but she still enjoys long walks and playtime, and will impress you with the tricks she has mastered (submitted photo).

who are in need of a home. See them all by visiting www.azhumane.org.

AHS gets grant from PetSmart Charities

The Arizona Humane Society (AHS) received a \$50,000 emergency relief grant from PetSmart Charities, the leading funder of animal welfare in North America, to support AHS' Field Operations team and its efforts to rescue

local pets from large-scale hoarding cases. The grant is designed to support more than 700 pets rescued annually from such cases in the Phoenix area.

This past year, AHS' animal cruelty investigators responded to nearly 200 suspected cases of animal hoarding, one of the most recent involving nearly 100 rabbits ranging from just days old to several years of age. The funds offset medical costs including, but not limited to, vaccinations, spay/neuter surgeries and additional medical procedures as needed throughout their treatment.

"We are so fortunate to have PetSmart Charities located in our community and as an invaluable partner to the Arizona Humane Society and the role that we play in rescuing sick and injured animals from horrific conditions," said Dr. Steven Hansen, AHS president and CEO.

"The Arizona Humane Society has been a trusted partner of PetSmart Charities for nearly 20 years and, through the hard work of their Field Operations Team, we know that maintaining the health and safety of pets in Phoenix is one of their top priorities,"

said Jenny Aho, regional relationship manager for PetSmart Charities.



Take your dog out to the ball game at Chase Field with the Dbacks Dog Days of Summer ticket package, or attend the game he game on Aug. 14 and adopt a new canine friend (submitted photo).

Adopt a dog and take in a game on Aug. 14

Looking to adopt a canine companion? The Arizona Humane Society will have adoptable pets in the stadium on Aug. 14, when Arizona Diamondbacks take on the Houston Astros at Chase Field. The game starts at 6:40 p.m.

The game is part of the Diamondback's Dog Days of Summer series, during which you can take your dog out to the ball game and enjoy the ballpark's PetSmart dog patio, which features 30 Doggie Suites, all-you-can-eat classic baseball fare and doggie ice cream sundaes complete with kibble toppings, indoor and outdoor dog parks, a pop-up dog adoption center and more.

Dog Days of Summer Ticket packages are available for Sunday and Monday home games in August and September and range from \$160 to \$240. The package includes tickets for four people and one dog.

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Hiring Fest set for Aug. 9

Goodwill of Central Arizona is hosting a Hiring Fest 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 9, at all Goodwill Career Centers.

Approximately 50 hiring employers will be spread out on-site at each of the participating Goodwill Career Centers and other locations. They all have immediate hiring needs across a variety of industries and skill levels. Job seekers are encouraged to arrive early, bring resumes, dress professionally and be prepared to talk to hiring managers.

Locations include: 1625 W. Camelback Road and 4005 N. 16th St. (Covenant Consumer Direct, The Party Staff, Swissport, and Delta T Group); and Fresh Start Women's Resource Center, 1130 E. McDowell Road, which will offer employment opportunities for women only.

For a list of locations and participating employers visit <https://www.goodwillaz.org/event/hiring-fest-4/>.

AWEE moves to new location

Arizona Women's Education & Employment (AWEE) has moved to 326 E. Coronado Road, Suite 105.

The move coincided with the end of the nonprofit agency's lease at the former downtown campus of Phoenix College at 640 N. 1st Ave.

"We had a great relationship with Phoenix College for nearly two

decades," said Brad Harris, interim executive director at AWEE. "New plans for the property meant we needed to find a new home and we found a great centrally located space not too far from where we had been."

The new offices, which include meeting rooms and classroom space, opened July 5. Summer hours are 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m. to noon on Fridays. The new phone number is 602-601-7200. Email and website (www.awee.org) addresses will remain the same.

In a collaboration with Fresh Start Women's Foundation, AWEE's free Clothing Boutique will combine with Fresh Start's Treasures to serve female job seekers. The resource will be located at Fresh Start at 1130 E. McDowell Road. Donations of new and gently used women's clothing can be dropped off at Fresh Start between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., Monday through Friday. Donors can request AWEE-specific donation forms.

Learn how to report blight

The city of Phoenix's Neighborhood Services Department hosts a free "Code Compliance 101" class 6-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 10 at the Devonshire Senior Center, 2802 E. Devonshire Ave.

Learn how to report blight, the code compliance process, and about the city's volunteer programs. For more information or to register, call 602-534-4444.

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Spotlight On ...

Hulston to spend a year in China

North Central resident Brandon Hulston, who graduated from Brophy College Prep this year, leaves this month for a year's study in China before returning to the states in June 2018 to attend Boston College.

Hulston will study Mandarin in Beijing thanks to a NSLI for Youth (NSLI-Y) Scholarship, sponsored by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs.

This is not Hulston's first trip to China. Last year he received an NSLI-Y Scholarship to travel to the country for the summer to study its culture and receive informal language practice in an immersion environment.

The NSLI-Y program seeks to increase the number of Americans who

can engage with native speakers of critical languages. The goals of the NSLI-Y program include sparking a lifelong interest in foreign languages and cultures, and developing a corps of young Americans with the skills necessary to advance international dialogue and cross-cultural opportunities in the private, academic, and government sectors. For more information, visit www.nsliforyouth.org.



Brandon Hulston

Lewis honored with 'Thanks Badge'

North Central resident Gordon Lewis was one of three adult volunteers who were honored with the Thanks Badge, the highest honor in Girl Scouting, from the Girl Scouts-Arizona Cactus-Pine Council.

This award is given to an adult Girl Scout member whose ongoing commitment, leadership and service have had an exceptional impact on



Gordon Lewis

the goals and mission of the entire Council. The criteria for these awards are established by Girl Scouts of the USA and are nationally recognized.

Lewis is a Partner at Jones, Skelton & Hochuli, P.L.C. and a member of the board of the GSACPC, where he has served, for the last eight years, as both a member-at-large and in a non-officer position on the Executive Committee. In April, Lewis was elected to serve another three-year term as Secretary of the board's Executive Committee. He also chairs the personnel committee and has served on other committees and taskforces.

His thoughtful leadership on issues around financial stewardship, diversity and employment decisions have greatly benefited the organization.

New pastor at Central Church

From midnight baseball games and salmon fishing in Anchorage, Alaska, Rev. Doug Handlong has returned to his home state of Arizona where he is very much aware of hot steering wheels and searching for shade in parking lots.

After serving Anchor Park United Methodist Church in Anchorage for five years, Handlong answered the call of Central United Methodist Church in Phoenix, to come home to be its head pastor. The church is located at 1875 N. Central Ave.

Meet Handlong and his wife, Deanne, and their three children Sunday mornings at the 8, 9 or 11 a.m. service. For more information, call 602-258-8048 or visit <http://www.centralumc.com>.

Local residents get college honors

Jordan Diab and Raquel Grove of North Central Phoenix were both named to the Seaver College Dean's List for the Spring 2017 semester. Seaver College is the undergraduate school of Pepperdine University in Malibu, Calif. In order to earn Dean's List honors, students must be in the upper 10 percent of their class and maintain a 3.5 or better grade point average. This year only 286 students received the honor.

Alicia Meyer was among the nearly 2,800 graduates of Tulane University who were awarded degrees on May 20 at the Mercedes-Benz Superdome in New Orleans. Meyer earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Tulane's School of Science & Engineering.

Emily Jordan was named to the Grinnell College Dean's List for the spring semester 2017. Jordan is one of 268 students honored for outstanding academic achievement by Grinnell College, located in Grinnell, Iowa. To make the Dean's List, students must have a grade point average of 3.75 or above.

Sheets named VP of Outpatient Services

North Central resident Steven Sheets has been appointed vice president of outpatient services at Southwest Behavioral & Health Services. Sheets will be responsible for providing administrative and clinical oversight of Maricopa and Gila counties' outpatient clinics, partnering with system stakeholders and community partners, and developing and implementing programs to sustain and grow outpatient services within the two counties.

Sheets earned his bachelor's degree from Grand Canyon University and his master's in professional counseling from Ottawa University.



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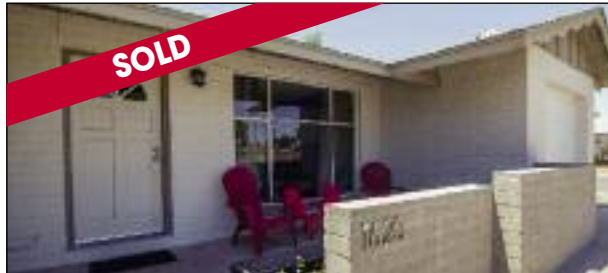
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Drink & Draw

6:30-9:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 14
Changing Hands-Phoenix
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First Draft Book Bar presents a night of drinking and drawing for all skill levels, featuring a local model for a three-hour pose. Bring your own sup-

plies. Cost is \$8. Come early to take advantage of happy hour, which ends at 6 p.m. Pre-register in person at the store or by phone.

National Thrift Shop Day

10 a.m.-6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 17
ALP Thrift Boutique
7044 N. 7th St.

Assistance League of Phoenix celebrates National Thrift Shop Day with extended hours and a storewide discount of 15-percent off. With each purchase at the Thrift Boutique, shoppers contribute to programs that assist children living in poverty. To prepare shoppers and enhance their Thrift Shop Day experience, from Aug. 1-16 shoppers who spend \$50 will receive a \$5 off reward to be used on Aug. 17.

Rattlesnake Workshop

9-11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 19
North Mountain Visitor Center
12950 N. 7th St.

Rattlesnake Garage has teamed up with Save Our Mountains Foundation to offer its live rattlesnake demo to the public. Come along and experience

what EMS professionals have been learning for the past two years. Rattlesnake Garage will cover desert conservation, snake recognition, snake encounters, first aid do's and don'ts, snake myths, and answer as many questions as you can think of. Plus, there will live snakes to view. Admission is free, however, donations would be greatly appreciated.

LTH 23rd Annual Golf Tournament

7:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 23
Stone Creek Golf Club
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The event includes lunch, raffle prizes and awards. Featured guest is Bobby Freeman, Official Organist for the Arizona Diamondbacks. Sign-in, purchase raffle tickets and enjoy a putting contest from 6-7 a.m. Cost is \$125 per golfer and includes cart, breakfast, lunch, putting contest and range balls. Funds raised will help support the programs and services of Lura Turner Homes' residential homes that care for adults with developmental dis-

abilities. For information, call or e-mail Max McQueen at maxm@luraturnerhomes.org.

Why Historic Homes Matter

6-8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 24
Arizona Humanities
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Stuart I. Graff, president and CEO of the Frank Lloyd Wright Foundation, will discuss the role that historic homes and other historic structures play in our community, using the Ellis-Schackelford House (Phoenix) and Taliesin West (Scottsdale) as examples of how understanding these places—and preserving them—tells us not only our history, but also our future. The event is free and open to the public. Light refreshments included. RSVP requested at www.azhumanities.org.

'Food for Thought'


Dinner & Wine Tasting
6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 24
Elaine's Restaurant,
Beatitudes Campus
1610 W. Glendale Ave.

Join the Central Phoenix Advocates for Dementia Awareness (CADA) at a private dinner and wine tasting event at Beatitudes Campus in honor of the Association for Frontotemporal Degeneration. CADA has partnered with My Wine Helpers, Pillsbury Wine Company, Chateau Tumbleweed, Arizona Stronghold, Oak Creek Vineyards & Winery, Superstition Meadery and JAW Cellars, to host a delicious, five-course dinner, featuring wines from around the state. Guests will hear from caregivers and dementia experts. There will also be a silent auction with proceeds benefiting the AFTD. Tickets are \$65 per guest. Seating is limited. To reserve your seat, e-mail cadaphoenix@gmail.com.

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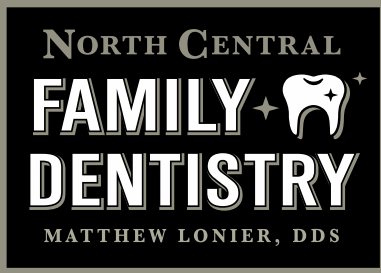


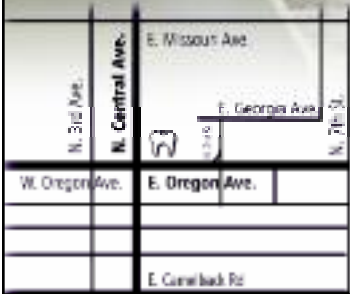
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Odeen Domingo and wife Jenny Poon, co-owners of CO+HOOTS, stand in one of the large open shared working areas available inside their 1960s midcentury modern office building at 221 E. Indianola Ave. (photo by Teri Carnicelli).

Co-working space helps entrepreneurs grow

CO+HOOTS, central Phoenix's largest co-working community and entrepreneur collaboration hub, is celebrating five member companies for their rapid expansions and contributions to the local economy. Since opening its new, larger midtown Phoenix location in April 2016, CO+HOOTS has helped its member companies create more than 200 jobs.

National tech company Ackmann & Dickenson, global hospitality firm HVS and public relations agency Wired PR Group have each grown into larger offices within CO+HOOTS following steady business expansion and plans for new hires. Web design and development agency AKOS Web and national software company The Nerdery each grew their teams in the past six months.

"When combined with our members' hard work and passion, CO+HOOTS' risk-alleviating resources and collaboration in our community set entrepreneurs up for success," said Jenny Poon, founder of CO+HOOTS. "We're extremely proud of what these companies have achieved. We'll have much more to celebrate in the future as they continue to represent the best of Phoenix."

Within CO+HOOTS, Ackmann & Dickenson has grown from one person with a designated desk to a large office housing a team of six in just months.

"CO+HOOTS had all of the offerings and services to get us up and running from day one," said Mark Schumacher, Ackmann & Dickenson manager of Interactive Design. "The open and welcoming community of people helped integrate our Minneapolis transplants into the Phoenix tech and startup world instantly. From networking events, weekly member socials, community speakers, tech talks—there's always something good going on at CO+HOOTS."

For more information about CO+HOOTS, contact Emily Liu at emily@cohoots.com or 602-688-2825.

Business Briefs

Faith and finances combined together

"Financial Peace University" is the popular Dave Ramsey financial planning course. Ramsey is a nationally known expert in personal finance and is heard regularly on KTAR-92.3 FM.

First United Methodist Church, 5510 N. Central Ave., will offer Financial Peace University, 6:30-8 p.m. on Mondays, beginning Sept. 11 and running for nine weeks. The cost to register is \$93 plus tax, and includes a program kit (couples and families may share a kit). Registration deadline is Friday, Sept. 1; register online at www.daveramsey.com.

The Financial Peace University will **please see FINANCIAL on page 20**



HAPPY HOUR WITH HERSCH

As many readers of this column know, I have become a music junkie. Summer and music go hand and hand. There have been many memorable songs of summer from “Jessie’s Girl” in 1981 to “When Doves Cry” in 1984 to “Crazy in Love” in 2003. The following is a list of 10 songs that are talking to me at the moment, though not all are necessarily new. Enjoy summer and stay cool. (Playlist has a parent advisory label)

1. Yuk Foo

by

Wolf Alice
2. Big Fish

by

Vince Staples
3. Legendary

by

Welshly Arms
4. New York

by

St. Vincent
5. Good as Hell

by

Lizzo
6. Highway Tune

by

Greta Van Fleet
7. Creature Comfort

by

Arcade Fire
8. Do Re Mi

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9. Call the Police

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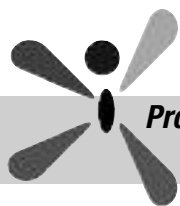
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cover topics including cash flow planning, dumping debt, super saving, investments, real estate and mortgages, retirement planning, college savings, and more. The first hour of each class will be a video of Dave Ramsey offering his faith-based financial principles in an entertaining way. The last half-hour will be follow-up, discussion, accountability, support and homework.

Stephen and Kathie Barnes, local financial planners and members of the church, will coordinate the class. For more information, contact Kathie Barnes at kathie@barnesinvest.com or 602-248-9099.

Home and garden vendors sought

The Shops on Camelback is seeking interested parties who have quality home and garden furnishings and accessories. The Shops' multi-dealer showroom, located at 835 E. Camelback Road, showcases estate finds, antiques, vintage and new decor.

Now is the time to clean out your

garage, storage space or sell inherited items you do not want. If you don't plan on passing treasures down to family members, why not reap the profits now to use for something you need or want.

Contact Nancy Mata at 602-277-1030 for more information.

Local repair shop celebrates fifth year

Mr. Appliance of Midtown Phoenix this month celebrates its fifth year in business.

Being an independent business owner has always been a dream for the owner, George Gill, who purchased the franchise rights to the Phoenix territory in May 2012 and opened the doors on Aug. 6 the same year. The service center is located at 5039 N. 19th Ave., Ste. 4.

When looking for a business opportunity, Gill wanted to find people who did business in a way that lined up with his values. He found that in Mr. Appliance, which puts the customer first by working on the customer's schedule, and uses only highly trained technicians.

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Progressive sale at My Sister's Closet

My Sister's Closet and Well Suited, 4869 N. 20th St., invite you to shop 'during the Summer Progressive Sale at both shops Aug. 12-25.

Take advantage of 20-70 percent off everything in the store. The sale starts at 20 percent off on Aug. 12 and increases by 10 percent until Aug. 23-25, when everything left will be 70 percent off.

Both stores will close at noon on Aug. 25 to clear out all summer items and to get ready for the fall unveiling, with doors opening at 8 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 26.

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7522 N. Silvecrest Way	IN ESCROW	3201 SF	3BR/3BA	\$1,150,000
5750 N. Central Ave.	NEW PRICE	6555 SF	5BR/4.5BA	\$1,049,000
146 E. Claremont St.		4189 SF	4BR/4.5BA	\$ 975,000
902 W. El Camino Dr.	JUST LISTED	4560 SF	4BR/3.5BA	\$ 899,500
6730 N. 7th St.	JUST LISTED	4272 SF	4BR/3.5BA	\$ 849,500
11 W. San Juan Ave.	JUST LISTED	3226 SF	4BR/3BA	\$ 750,000
101 W. Morten Ave.	IN ESCROW	3435 SF	4BR/4.5BA	\$ 749,000
1745 E. Aurelius Ave.	IN ESCROW	2880 SF	4BR/2.5BA	\$ 730,940
1511 W. Myrtle Ave.	IN ESCROW	2880 SF	4BR/2.5BA	\$ 698,980
1300 W. Myrtle Ave.	NEW CONSTRUCTION	3581 SF	4BR/3.5BA	\$ 654,900
1620 E. Echo Ln.	JUST LISTED	3250 SF	4BR/4BA	\$ 649,900
1504 W. Palmaire Ave.	NEW CONSTRUCTION	2722 SF	4BR/2.5BA	\$ 639,000
3150 E. Rose Ln.	NEW PRICE	1849 SF	3BR/2BA	\$ 639,000
1508 W. Palmaire Ave.	NEW CONSTRUCTION	2616 SF	4BR/2.5BA	\$ 625,800
1503 W. Myrtle Ave.	NEW CONSTRUCTION	2616 SF	4BR/2.5BA	\$ 599,000
30 W. Frier Dr.		22,208 SF lot		\$ 595,000
20 W. Frier Dr.		24,785 SF lot		\$ 595,000
1430 W. Myrtle Ave.	NEW CONSTRUCTION	2863 SF	3BR/2.5BA	\$ 584,900
6010 N. 5th Ave.	IN ESCROW	3300 SF	5BR/3BA	\$ 575,000
1320 W. Myrtle Ave.	IN ESCROW	2863 SF	3BR/2.5BA	\$ 574,900
1410 W. Myrtle Ave.	IN ESCROW	2863 SF	3BR/2.5BA	\$ 569,900
336 E. Wagon Wheel Dr.	IN ESCROW	2319 SF	4BR/2BA	\$ 565,000
10 W. Frier Dr.		18,807 SF lot		\$ 550,000
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8103 N. 9th Ave.	IN ESCROW	2701 SF	4BR/3BA	\$ 485,000
10265 N. Central Ave.	IN ESCROW	3122 SF	4BR/3BA	\$ 459,000
7558 N. 16th Ln.	JUST LISTED	2127 SF	3BR/1.75BA	\$ 459,000
7229 N. 11th Ave.	IN ESCROW	2118 SF	3BR/3BA	\$ 455,000
6814 N. 11th St.	IN ESCROW	1894 SF	3BR/2BA	\$ 420,000
8117 N. 18th Pl.	IN ESCROW	1670 SF	3BR/2BA	\$ 389,000
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727 E. Boca Raton Rd.	IN ESCROW	1640 SF	3BR/2.5BA	\$ 300,000
722 E. Boca Raton Rd.	NEW CONSTRUCTION	1784 SF	3BR/2.5BA	\$ 296,900
710 E. Boca Raton Rd.	NEW CONSTRUCTION	1640 SF	3BR/2.5BA	\$ 296,713
1029 E. Vista Ave.	JUST LISTED		2BR/2BA	\$ 295,000
818 W. Oregon Ave.	JUST LISTED	1723 SF	3BR/2BA	\$ 295,000
707 E. Boca Raton Rd.	NEW CONSTRUCTION	1640 SF	3BR/2.5BA	\$ 270,900
6020 N. 5th Ave.		10,530 SF LOT		\$ 269,900
5830 N. 12th Pl.	IN ESCROW	1736 SF	2BR/2BA	\$ 255,000
3662 W. Michigan Ave.	IN ESCROW	1720 SF	4BR/2BA	\$ 230,000
5350 N. Central Ave. #38	IN ESCROW	1188 SF	2BR/2.5BA	\$ 215,000
6533 N. 13th Dr.	IN ESCROW	1141 SF	2BR/2BA	\$ 195,000
5025 N. 20th Ave.	JUST LISTED	1844 SF	3BR/3BA	\$ 195,000



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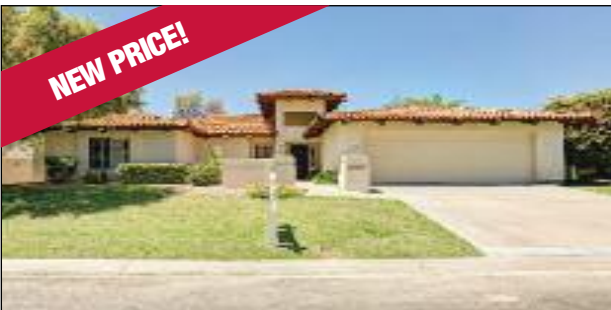
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3150 E. Rose Ln. • \$639,000



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5645 E. Exeter Blvd.	\$1,575,000	1823 E. Palmarie Dr.	\$ 659,000	243 W. Harmont Dr.	\$ 440,000	1 E. Butler Dr.	\$ 335,000	1745 E. Aurelius Ave.	\$ 225,000
5045 N. 22nd St.	\$1,525,000	735 W. Las Palmaritas Dr.	\$ 643,000	1135 E. Lawrence Rd.	\$ 439,000	7118 N. 11th Dr.	\$ 333,500	1755 E. Aurelius Ave.	\$ 225,000
512 E. Tuckey Ln.	\$1,037,000	2101 E. Bethany Home Rd.	\$ 615,000	7623 N. 7th Pl.	\$ 418,000	719 E. Boca Raton Rd.	\$ 329,409	4055 E. Calavar Rd.	\$ 223,500
2135 E. Colter St.	\$1,000,000	*6837 N. 23rd Pl	\$ 590,000	8449 N. 1st Dr.	\$ 415,000	6913 N. 10th St.	\$ 328,500	*5350 N. Central Ave. #38	\$ 173,250
7026 N. 23rd Pl.	\$ 935,000	15815 E. Burro Dr.	\$ 590,000	101 W. Southern Hills Dr	\$ 405,000	*6608 N. 13th St.	\$ 325,000	7300 N. Dreamy Draw Dr. #105	\$ 160,000
130 E. Glendale Ave.	\$ 852,500	7747 N. 13th Pl.	\$ 585,000	504 E. Flynn Dr.	\$ 396,950	7349 N. 11th Pl.	\$ 315,000	4600 N. 68th St. #351	\$ 129,900
6402 N. 28th St.	\$ 825,000	7519 N. 3rd. St.	\$ 550,000	739 E. Palmarie Ave.	\$ 380,000	*9007 N. 14th Dr.	\$ 312,500	750 E. Northern Ave. #1138\$	\$ 118,000
321 E. Montebello Ave.	\$ 805,000	1232 E. Oregon Ave.	\$ 485,000	1326 E. Stella Ln.	\$ 375,000	723 E. Boca Raton Rd.	\$ 312,011	1880 E. Morten Ave. #137\$	\$ 94,500
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Jamie Edmonds, a Consumer Experience consultant at Humana's Biltmore office, enjoys walking on one of Phoenix's mountain trails during her recovery from heart surgery (photo courtesy of Humana).

Taking steps to help recover from surgery

Three days before Humana's 100-Day Dash in 2016, Jamie Edmonds, 28, a Consumer Experience consultant in the company's Biltmore office, had heart surgery to replace her aortic valve due to complications from a congenital heart defect. Edmonds' team was concerned about her and confused as to why she would still sign up for Humana's annual step challenge.

"I told them not to worry, that I would make it to a million steps," Edmonds recalled. "A large part of recovering from heart surgery is walking. A couple days after surgery, I was well enough to start walking around the hospital so I had my husband bring me my Fitbit. I didn't get many steps and what steps I did get around the ICU felt more exhausting than after I finished a marathon."

"Once I was discharged, my doctor's orders were to walk, walk, walk," Edmonds explained. "The Dash was truly my motivation to walk as much as I did during my recovery."

The annual Dash is open to all Humana associates and their adult dependents who participate in Go365, a wellness rewards program. Steps are tracked by pedometers or other fitness devices, and associates with physical disabilities or medical conditions that prevent them from walking/running participate in an alternative workout program.

"I'm truly lucky to work for a company that supports wellness and my well-being," Edmonds says. "Humana and its Go365 wellness program, as well as the support of my colleagues, really helped get me back on track."

After 100 days, Edmonds had achieved her goal of 1 million steps and this year she committed to go even farther and get 1.25 million steps during the 100-Day Dash, when ended on July 10. Her result? Not only did she surpass her goal at 1.36 million steps, she is participating in the Dave McKay Memorial Half-Marathon on Aug. 12 in Flagstaff.

"I used to take physical activity for granted," Edmonds said. "My heart surgery and other health issues this past year completely changed my perspective. It used to be that 'I have to run' or 'I have to get my steps in.' Now it's 'I get to run' and 'I get to get my steps.'"

Health Briefs

Learn life-saving CPR technique

HonorHealth offers a course is CPR 1:30-6 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 23 in the Brady Conference Center located on the ground floor of the John C. Lincoln Medical Center Campus, 250 E. Dunlap Ave. North/valet parking lot is the parking area closest to the hospital entrance, about two blocks north of Dunlap Avenue off of 2nd Street.

The course is designed to help people recognize several life-threatening

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emergencies, provide CPR, and relieve choking in a safe, timely and effective manner. Cost is \$40.

Check-in starts at 12:30 pm. Class begins promptly at 1:30 p.m.; participants will not be allowed to enter the class after 1:40 p.m. All participants will receive an AHA textbook.

Registration is required. Call 480-323-3936 or visit www.honorhealth.com/events.

Wellness retreat for cancer survivors, family

The Cancer Support Community of Arizona hosts “Living Well With & Beyond Cancer: A Wellness Retreat for Survivors and Caregivers,” 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 23 at the CSC building, 360 E. Palm Lane.

Guest facilitators at the free event will present sessions on each of the areas of living a patient-active lifestyle with a specific focus on Survivorship Care Planning. Lunch will be provided, and there will be a session on health cooking preceding lunch.

Space is limited. RSVP by Sept. 15 to RSVP@cscaz.org or call 602-712-1006. For more information, visit www.cscaz.org.

Yucca Library hosts blood drive

According to the American Red Cross, every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood. The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 4 in the Yucca Library’s parking lot, 5648 N. 15th Ave.

Look for the Blood Mobile blood donation center. To preregister or for more information, call 1-800-RED-CROSS or log onto www.redcrossblood.org.

Grant helps inspect, rid lead from homes

In an ongoing effort to keep families and their children safe from lead-based paint and other home health and safety hazards, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has awarded the city of Phoenix a \$2.9 million Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control grant.

The city’s Neighborhood Services Department (NSD) will use the grant funds to address lead-based paint hazards and provide healthy homes assessments and repairs over the course of the three-

year grant. In addition, NSD will continue to collaborate with its partners in education, public health and city agencies. The goals of the program are based on NSD’s commitment to improve residents’ health and safety by promoting energy efficient and healthy design in construction, rehabilitation and maintenance of housing in our communities.

Since 1995, the city has received nine Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control grants funded by HUD to address lead hazards in privately owned housing.

“The Lead Safe Phoenix Program has existed for 20 years and our team has tested and assessed more than 2,200 homes, conducted lead remediation and Healthy Homes activities in more than 1,800 homes and provided services to more than 2,700 children,” Lead Safe Phoenix Program Manager Laura Smith said.

For more information, visit www.phoenix.gov/NSD, and click on the “Other NSD Programs & Services” tab, then select Lead Hazard Control. There you will find eligibility requirements for homeowners who would like to apply for the service.



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Garcia returns to Brophy as coach

For almost four decades Brophy baseball patriarch Tom Succow has led the Broncos but, with his retirement, Josh Garcia, a Brophy alum, will suit up again in a red and white uniform.

Garcia currently coaches at South Mountain Community College where his duties include recruiting coordinator, hitting coach and director of the Student-Athlete Success program. He has also served as an assistant coach at Yavapai College and at the University of Arizona, his alma mater, where he was on the coaching staff of the 2012 NCAA D1 National Championship team.

Garcia was an integral part of Brophy's 2006 state champion team and the 2007 nationally ranked team that ultimately settled for runner-up status at state. Garcia was selected by the Arizona Diamondbacks in the 46th round of the 2007 draft.

After Brophy, Garcia attended



Athletic director Bill Woods, right, welcomes Josh Garcia, Class of 2007, back to Brophy as head baseball coach (submitted photo).

South Mountain Community College where he was an Academic All-American both years before moving to the University of Arizona. He played in the NCAA regionals for the Wildcats in 2010 and 2011, serving as team cap-

tain. In 2012 he received a bachelor of arts in religious studies, with a minor in sociology.

Garcia's first goal is to develop complete men on and off the field. "I want to help cultivate young men who are mentally tough, who can deal with adversity with poise, who are able to develop a plan for any problems that arise, and who embrace and enjoy competition," he explains. "These qualities will help them succeed not only on the field, but wherever life takes them after Brophy."

He also notes the roles coaches have played in his life and wants to be a similar kind of mentor. Of Succow he says, "Since leaving Brophy, we haven't gone more than a month without talking on the phone—more about life than about baseball." And of Andy Lopez, his former coach and boss at Arizona, he says, "He showed me a fair share of tough love and it was all in my best interest. He trusted me enough to give me my first job in his program."

School Briefs

GLENDALE UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

Open houses set for August

Each school in the Glendale Union High School District offers an Open House to welcome new and returning students and their families to the start of a new school year. The event is unique to each campus, with many schools sharing information about extracurricular programs and sports, offering campus tours and encouraging parents to meet and interact with teachers and faculty.

Open House events have been scheduled for 6-8 p.m. at the following schools: Aug. 14, Sunnyslope High School; Aug. 22, Thunderbird High School; and Aug. 28, Washington High School. Visit <http://www.guhsdaz.org> and select your child's school for more details.

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Members of the Madison Simis Elementary/Madison Heights Elementary fourth-grade Odyssey of the Mind team prepare for "To Be Continued: A Superhero Cliffhanger," in which students were asked to create and present a humorous performance about an unlikely superhero and a clumsy sidekick (submitted photo).

Teacher seeks help for student project

Sunnyslope High School teacher Kim Celaya wants to start a coffee cart service for teachers and staff, operated by her special-needs students.

The students in grades 9-12 have intellectual and social challenges and are in a community-based classroom to meet their educational needs. They need specialized instruction and practice to learn everyday skills that come easily to their same age peers without disabilities.

Celaya and her students want to start a weekly coffee cart service this school year for the teachers and staff at Sunnyslope. This program will the students out among their peers and adults on campus, as well as provide them vocational skills practice, including money handling, order taking and social interaction.

Celaya has launched a crowd-funding page to raise the money to purchase two Keurig machines, insulated disposable cups, coffee pods, creamers, sweeteners, sorting bins with lids, and other supplies. Visit www.donorschoose.org and search for Sunnyslope High School. For more information, contact Kim Celaya at Kimberly.Glass@guhsdaz.org.

MADISON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Madison ranks in top half of finishers

The Madison Simis Elementary/Madison Heights Elementary fourth-grade Odyssey of the Mind team earned a ranking of 13th in the 38th Annual World Finals, competing against 71 teams in their division. Two additional

Madison school teams—a fifth grade team and a combined seventh-eighth grade team from Madison Meadows Middle School—also finished 20th and 22nd, respectively, in the world in their division.

The competition, held at Michigan State University in May, is a creative team problem-solving competition for kids in kindergarten through college.

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Teams of no more than seven members compete in four different age groups in one of five “long-term problems.” The Madison fourth-grade team competed in the Division I competition (second-fifth grade), “To Be Continued: A Superhero Cliffhanger,” in which students were asked to create and present a humorous performance about an unlikely superhero and a clumsy sidekick. Madison students set the play during the Renaissance with Michele, Michelangelo’s daughter, aided by her statue/sidekick, David. The story was narrated by playwright Billy Shakespeare.

Teams work all year on their play, but also compete in a “spontaneous” competition where they are given less than 10 minutes to work as a team to solve a problem on the spot. These spontaneous problems may be verbal, hands-on, or a combination of both. Madison team coach Julie Morrison noted that this was the last competition

for these team members who have been together for four years, as they will be moving on to middle school.

20-year time capsule opened at Camelview

Madison Camelview Elementary opened a 20-year-old time capsule on May 22, and Jane Scott, one of the original faculty members who was at Camelview 20 years ago, plus Superintendent Quinn Kellis were on hand for the opening event.

A school assembly was held that morning, and alumni and staff who have been part of the Camelview family the past 20 years were invited to a reception that afternoon to go through the pieces in the time capsule, share memories, and exchange “where are they now” stories.

Among the items that came out of the time capsule were letters from students, a class photo, a garden trowel signed by students, a Stanford Achievement Test booklet, a music cassette tape, and a floppy disk.

Madison Camelview was established 20 years ago and its first class of students wanted to commemorate the birth of their elementary school in the heart of Phoenix. At the event, a new time capsule was created—to be opened in another 30 years, during Camelview’s 50th anniversary. Items placed in the 2017 time capsule included a newspaper article from North Central News about Hilary O’Brien winning the Rodel Principal award, as well as a school T-shirt, smelly pens, a fidget spinner and candy and snacks that students like to eat.

OSBORN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT Osborn District wins Governor’s Arts Award

The Osborn School District earlier this year was honored as the winner of the 2017 Governor’s Arts Award in the category of Arts Education Organization. Superintendent Patty Tate joined other 2017 Governor’s Arts Awards nominees, sponsors and guests at the Phoenician Resort to celebrate the winners and finalists.

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Osborn Superintendent Patty Tate (center, holding painting) was joined by her district’s art teachers and administrative staff during the 2017 Governor’s Arts Awards, where the district was named winner in the category of Arts Education Organization (submitted photo).

sending 49 countries and 38 languages. Nearly 90 percent of Osborn students qualify for free and reduced lunch.

According to the judges, “the district’s art programs reflect a deep commitment to student access and achievement.” Every child receives 50 minutes of music and 50 minutes of visual arts instruction every week. All children have access to free music lessons after

school, including participation in the district’s legendary trash can band.

The judges noted that the district is a leader in exploring the intersection between the arts and the environment through its “recycled instrument” and “recycled art” programs.

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Longview launches free lending library

During her 21 years in Osborn, Longview Elementary first grade teacher Tara La O Garcia has seen too many families deal with challenges that limit their children's access to books. Her solution? Install a Little Free Library—a place children and parents could access easily “by foot” (since many of her families do not have transportation) to find and trade books.

The Little Free Library is now open. Now, you can help with her long-term plan: to purchase an outdoor all-weather bench and enough almost-new books or inexpensive books to make sure that every child who visits finds a book to take home. If you'd like to help, go to <https://www.gofundme.com/longview-little-library>.

PHOENIX UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

North High sets 50th class reunion

The North High School Class of 1967 will hold its 50th Reunion Sept.

22-23 at The Embassy Suites Phoenix-Scottsdale, near Tatum and Cactus in Phoenix. Sponsors, as well as donations for a silent auction and raffle, are being sought. To register and for more information, visit <https://www.north-high67.com>, or e-mail Dale Tarkington at tarkingtondr@gmail.com.

Teacher honored with WBEA award

Chris Liebelt-Garcia of Metro Tech High School received the Distinguished Service Award at the Western Business Education Association (WBEA) Conference in Bozeman, Mt. The conference included high school and college business teachers from the western United States.

The award is given to an individual who has served and contributed to WBEA and business education through professional activities that include leadership, service, honors and awards. The write-up stated that “Chris Liebelt-Garcia has been working at the same school, Metro Tech High School, for 25 years where she is a strong supporter for the business department. Chris puts in a

tremendous amount of time, expertise, and dedication to the success of Arizona Business Education Association (ABEA) and WBEA.”

Liebelt-Garcia had held positions, presented, and chaired conferences in these organizations and was nominated for the WBEA presidency in 2019. She has been an adviser for Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) for 25 years where she has taken students to regional, state, and national competitions.

Peters accepted into art leadership program

North High Art teacher Julie Peters was accepted into the School for Art Leaders 2017 class, sponsored by the National Art Education Association and Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art. The program runs from June 2017 through January 2018 and includes a week at the Crystal Bridges Museum in Bentonville, Ark., in July.

Peters is a past Arizona Secondary Art Teacher of the Year, a National Board Certified Teacher and the instructional leader for the North High Art Department.



Ruthie Zuelich of Washington Elementary School was named the 2017 AAA Crossing Guard of the Year for Maricopa County (submitted photo).

WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT Zuelich honored as crossing guard

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Washington Elementary School earned the title for Maricopa County. Recipients of AAA's Crossing Guard of the Year award demonstrate the highest level of commitment, friendliness, professionalism and safety.

More than 30 nominations were submitted on Zuelich's behalf, some of them noting that even after she had been hit by a car and was out of work for several weeks from her injuries, she came back to her post as soon as she was well enough because of her love of and commitment to the children at the school.

Washington Elementary School honored Zuelich on April 28 with a surprise schoolwide assembly. She received a plaque and \$500 Visa gift card, courtesy of AAA Arizona. AAA also presented a \$500 Visa gift card to the school.

Administrative changes at schools

A few members of the Washington Elementary School District family have received new administrative roles this school year.

Jill Sarraïno is the new principal at

Mountain View School. She comes from Palo Verde Middle School where she has been the principal for the last two years. She joined the WESD in 2011 as the assistant principal at Palo Verde Middle School. Sarraïno has a master's in educational leadership from Northern Arizona University.

William Ambos takes the helm at Royal Palm Middle School, as former principal, Heidi Keefer, moves to the WESD Administrative Center as the new administrator for Special Services. Ambos received his master's in educational leadership from Ottawa University. He worked in the Deer Valley Unified School District from 2002-2015.

At Maryland School, DD Carr replaces Jaclyn Farrer as the assistant principal. Carr comes to Maryland from Shaw Butte Elementary where she has educated children for the last 15 years as a classroom teacher and, most recently, the student services specialist. Carr holds a master's in educational administration from Arizona State University. She has worked for WESD since 1999.



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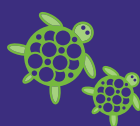
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Chris Leddle of Intel (left) and Loyola Academy eighth-grader Bryan Figueroa, with a \$70,000 scanning electron microscope by Hitachi (submitted photo).

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A combination of youth, a passion for science, and an incredible microscope sparked a week of exploration and discovery by the seventh- and eighth-grade students at Brophy's Loyola Academy, 4701 N. Central Ave.

When eighth-grader Bryan Figueroa heard about a rare opportunity to use a scanning electron microscope (SEM) by Hitachi, he contacted the company and before long the students were experimenting with the \$70,000 microscope usually reserved for graduate students, scientists and engineers.

For a week the Loyola Academy students used the microscope to take images of everything from baking soda to shark skin, with several companies donating items for the students to use, including the Phoenix Zoo and Agave Farms.

The SEM could magnify an object or substance by 30,000 times, and the students quickly became adept at its use. The SEM program is part of Hitachi's effort to get students interested in STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) at a young age.

Chris Leddle, an employee of Hitachi and Intel, was instrumental in providing this opportunity to Loyola Academy. The students and their teacher, Julia Pierre, created a website to showcase many of the incredible images that resulted from their work, and continue to be intrigued by the discoveries they made and inspired to explore the world of science and math.

Grant will help buy 3-D printer

Xavier College Preparatory making and robotics instructor Nathan Ward was presented with a 2016-2017 CenturyLink Clarke M. Williams

Foundation's Teachers and Technology Grant Program award.

Ward's grant application, entitled "Young Women in STEM—Applying 3-D Printing and Prototyping Technology to Medical Engineering," was one of 310 winners chosen nationwide from the more than 2,300 applications submitted. Ward was one of only 29 winners from Arizona.

The grant funds of just under \$5,000 will be used to purchase an advanced 3-D printer capable of medical engineering applications as well as filament and other tools.

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Scholarship honors former teacher

Xavier College Preparatory has established the Glenda Rauscher Memorial Scholarship Fund in memory of the school's beloved teacher, who passed away on March 18 after a brief battle with pancreatic cancer.

Rauscher, a graduate of Swarthmore College with master's degrees from both Harvard University and the University of New Mexico, served Xavier for more than two decades as an AP English and American literature teacher. She retired in 2016.

Rauscher's scholarship was introduced at the Xavier Scholarship Fashion Show April 1, where several of her former students offered tributes to her outstanding legacy as a teacher and a person. Proceeds will assist the nearly 40 percent of Xavier students with financial need.

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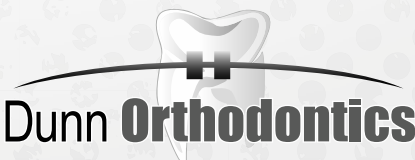
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This long-running gymnastics and dance center, celebrating 26 years in business and co-owned by Julie and Dan Witenstein, will not only feature brand new pieces of gymnastics equipment, there will also be three, larger dance studios included.

Weekly yoga classes and popular “Ninja Zone” classes for boys and girls will continue, plus, all-new classes in acrobatic gymnastics, aerial arts, and a trampoline and tumbling program will be introduced. Many different classes



Jumping with excitement over the construction of a brand-new home for the Arizona Sunrays Gymnastics & Dance Center are, from left: Michael Hall, Matt Kimbro, Amber Hendrix and Taryn Norwood (submitted photo).

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The Area Agency on Aging, through its AmeriCorps program, is looking for positive, energetic adults 55 years and older to build Caring Circles, neighborhood awareness and volunteer support networks to help homebound seniors be safe, remain in their homes and age with dignity.

Successful candidates for the AmeriCorps Caring Circles program will receive a monthly stipend; training and professional development; and an education grant that is transferable to a child, grandchild or foster child.

GENERATIONS

The AmeriCorps members will partner with volunteers in neighborhoods across Maricopa County to develop social support for isolated older adults.

Interested potential AmeriCorps members must be 55 years or older; willing to work 20 hours a week; be a U.S. citizen, U.S. national or lawful permanent resident; pass a background check and obtain level-one fingerprint clearance card; have reliable transportation and must be able to receive and respond to email communications.

For more information, call the 24-hour Senior HELP LINE at 602-264-4357 or visit www.aaaphx.org/contactus.

Educational, fun events at center

The Sunnyslope Senior Center, 802 E. Vogel Ave., hosts several educational events this month and some fun things to help stay cool in the summer heat.

Health presentations are scheduled, including as “Skin Conditions” (how to treat, how to prevent) on Monday, Aug. 14, and “Eat This, Not That!” (making smart food choices) on Monday, Aug. 21. All presentations begin at 10 a.m.

Seniors are invited to a Beach Party at the center, set for 10 a.m. on Aug. 31. Enjoy smoothies, music and photos.

All programs are free with Senior Center membership (\$20 annually). No RSVP is needed.

Kids & Families

Piano lessons begin in January

Gift your little one with the love of music. Music Works Academy, 302 W. Bethany Home Road, starts a new 15-week semester of Prelude Piano Classes for Young Musicians the week of Aug.

21. Registration is now open.

Piano Preschool “ShiningStars” classes for children ages 3 to 5 gently prepare little fingers for piano lessons, develop listening skills with solfege singing, and promote hand coordination and rhythm with drumming. “LeapFrog” piano lessons are offered to kindergarten and first-grade students in small group classes.

For more information and registration forms, <http://musicworksacademy.com> and click on the Prelude tab under “Programs,” or call the studio at 602-264-5188.

New mobile app to aid in autism spectrum ID

Southwest Autism Research & Resource Center (SARRC) has introduced the ThinkAsperger’s mobile app, an expansion of the ThinkAsperger’s program developed to aid in the identification of autism spectrum disorder (ASD).

The app, available via iTunes or Google Play, was designed by SARRC’s clinical and research teams to reduce the number of children who are undiagnosed or misdiagnosed and who may struggle with loneliness, social isolation, peer victimization, academics and life skills.

The process guides users through various features including a screening questionnaire to assist in the identification of social challenges in children, and then offers resources for a formal ASD evaluation.

Asperger’s disorder, previously considered as a separate developmental disorder, was replaced in 2013 with the umbrella diagnosis of autism spectrum disorder.

The most recent prevalence report from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention indicates 1 in every 68 children has been identified with ASD.

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The exhibit, included with regular museum admission, showcases instruments, videos, and over 40 images of Canyon Records artists, including R. Carlos Nakai, Tony Duncan, Radmilla Cody, and others. View rare items from Canyon's 65-year history including memorabilia from the beginning of the company in the early 1950s. Guests can take home the gallery soundtrack, available as a CD in the museum gift shop.

'Sonoran Shades'

Opening Reception

5:30-7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 4

Herberger Theater Center

222 E. Monroe

602-254-7399, ext. 105

The public is invited to the free opening reception of this exhibit of paintings by Robert P. Meyer. Meet the artist, enjoy live music by Nick Heward and no-host bar in Bob's Spot Lounge. Sonoran Shades is an exploration of shades of color in the desert southwest. Robert draws and paints the spectrum as he sees it, bright and big. Metered street parking is available, or park for \$6 at the Arizona Center (Fillmore/5th Street) weekdays after 5 p.m. Purchase validation at the Herberger Theater Box Office before the reception. For information, contact Laurene Austin at laustin@HerbergerTheater.org.

'The Brockway Experience'

A/C Theatre Company

Aug. 4-19

Phoenix Theatre

100 E. McDowell Road

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See some of the Valley's top musical theater performers let loose in a rock concert setting. "Brockway" re-imagines and re-orchestrates songs from Broadway musicals as Hard Rock music. Tickets are \$26 general admission in the Hardes Theater, and \$17 for students, seniors and members of the military. Visit <http://www.phoenixtheatre.com>.

Orpheus Male Chorus Auditions

6-7 p.m. Aug. 8 & 15

Central United Methodist Church

1875 N. Central Ave.

602-271-9396

Prepared music is not required for the audition. Weekly rehearsals are scheduled each Tuesday evening from 7-9:30 p.m. at the same location. Orpheus' membership of volunteer singers, ranging from talented choral enthusiasts to professional musicians, currently stands at more than 90 members. The organization is seeking to rapidly expand its membership. Visit www.orpheus.org.

'Shrek the Musical'

Valley Youth Theatre

Aug. 11-27

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'ELAN'

Convergence Ballet

Aug. 12-13

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For years, dancers and choreographers have been coming to Arizona from all over the world to work with Convergence Ballet Company. This year, for its fifth season, Convergence welcomes three new dancers: Jady Reddy, Dustin Crumbaugh, and Giulia Spinelli. These new additions will join CBC's returning dancers at the company's summer performance. Show times are 7 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$25 general admission. Visit <https://www.paradisevalley.edu/cpa>.

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Dinner and a Show

7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 12
Coup Des Tartes
1725 E. Osborn Road
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We3, a music group from Phoenix, will perform. When vocalist Renee Grant Patrick, daughter of the late George Grant (who sang lead tenor for the Ink Spots) lost her father in January of 2016, she combined talents with Suzanne Lansford (violin) and Nicole Pesce (piano) to pay tribute to some of their favorite Ink Spots songs, one of them being “We Three.” There is a \$25 per person food/beverage minimum. For more information or reservations, call or visit <http://www.nicetartes.com>

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7:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 19
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Student Art Exhibit Reception

4:30-6 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 22
Church of the Beatitudes
555 W. Glendale Ave.

Featuring the artwork of AP Art students from Sunnyslope and Washington high schools. The show will continue through Sept. 3. Admission is free, and some artwork will be available for purchase. Thirty percent of the sale price will help fund art projects at the church. Hosted by the Beatitudes Art Council. For more information, contact Marcia Nix at 602-274-8992.

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Veggie Village is a family affair with Shaw Wei Lee (back row), son and manager overseeing the restaurant along with his father, Yoon Lee (left) and his mother, Mee Chin. She is the creator of the recipes while Kee Lam (right) serves as head chef. Here they present, from left: Roti Prata (fry bread and curry sauce), Oatmeal Tofu, Sesame "Chicken" (mushrooms), and Kachang, which is Malaysian shaved ice (photo by Teri Carnicelli).

Café Chat

Malaysian flavors, meatless wonders

By Patty Talahongva

The menu at Veggie Village, 1255 E. Northern Ave., is full of delightful and tasty surprises for the non-vegetarian. The family business, headed by Shaw Wei Lee, just celebrated its one-year anniversary and is going strong even though the restaurant is closed on Saturday, normally a bustling day for the food industry.

The first thing you'll notice when you walk in is the business slogan printed on the wall: "The fundamental reason for being a vegetarian is to develop unconditional compassion, love, kindness, respect for all life and protection of the environment," the first part reads.

It continues, "Veggie Village's objective is to provide an environment in which more people can understand vegetarian food and discover that it can be delicious and have a wide range of food choices."

With that introduction, you may look at the meatless food in a whole different manner.

"Our focus is introducing vegetarian or vegan food to non-vegetarians," says Lee.

Dishes such as the King Oyster

Mushrooms feature mushrooms that taste like chicken. The sauce is made with black pepper and butter. Diners also can order a vegan version of most menu selections.

People new to vegetarian dishes are more comfortable trying the Orange Peel Chicken, Kung Pao Chicken, Sesame Chicken or the General Tso Chicken. In most cases, the "chicken" is either a soy-based substitute, or in the case of the Sesame Chicken, large, breaded and fried mushrooms.

Lee chuckles when he recalls his father, Yoon Lee, giving a locksmith who came to do some repairs a complimentary Kung Pao Chicken dinner. "He didn't even realize it was vegetarian food. That made me feel like this worked out," says Lee.

Curry dishes are also popular and are served with rice, which Lee loves. "You can't go wrong with that. Good sauce with rice is really nice."

Mushroom sauce, dark soy sauce, salt and pepper are some of the basic spices that flavor the foods, as well as curry powder and lemon grass. All 42 dishes on the menu come from his mother, Mee Chin.

A must-try is the Oatmeal Tofu, because the taste is amazing and nothing you might expect. Deep-fried tofu sprinkled with toasted oatmeal and toasted curry leaf is a surprise for your taste buds. If you have someone in your



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dining party who is a less adventurous eater, there is a standard veggie burger available as well.

A recently introduced drink is the Honeydew Chai Seed juice, blended with coconut milk, which offers a unique taste that Lee says comes from the Pandan leaf, boiled with sugar. The drink itself is not overly sweet. If you are looking for something on the sweeter side, try the Malaysian shaved ice, also known as Kachang. It comes with plum sugar, sweet red beans, and different flavors of small gelatin squares.

Appetizers, salads and soups range from \$3 to \$6, entrees average \$9. Lee says a family of four can easily eat for \$50 plus tax. Dinner he says, “is reasonable.”

By day Lee works as a computer tech contractor for Luke Air Force Base. His family immigrated to the United States in 2003 and he attended college at Wichita State, in the land of beef and steak, as he puts it.

But Lee has been a vegetarian since he was 17, influenced by his father. When the family first came to Arizona they quickly noticed a lack of vegetarian restaurants with food that appealed to them. So the idea of starting a family business started to take root.

At the same time they were attending a Dao Temple where his mother would cook for the congregation. “People really liked it,” he told his mom. “People like free food,” she responded. Still, other relatives urged them to open a restaurant.

Once they decided to do that, things seemed to quickly fall into place. They took over the location of their restaurant from a friend. Then they thought of a name. “Most of the Chinese restaurants like to use House or Dragon in their names,” Lee explains. Since most of his family grew up in a village, he says they decided to use that word along with the friendly sounding “veggie.” The double V also represents double victory.

Lee is happy because business is not bad, considering the restaurant is closed on Saturday—a day the family attends temple. His customers give him good suggestions, and his mother has another 200 recipes to eventually add to the menu.

The best compliment, says Lee, is when a meat eater cannot tell the difference. “That’s one of our objectives,” he says, “to introduce vegetarian food to meat eaters.”

He would like to build his catering business and says he has catered meals for up to 120 people. Lee and his staff will deliver and set up the food for catering orders.

Veggie Village is open 11 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Sunday through Thursday, and 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. on Fridays. For more information, call 602-944-1088 or visit www.vegvillage888.com. You also can follow them on Facebook or Instagram.

Dining Briefs

‘Cool’ dining in underground cellar

Find a cool reprieve from the 100-plus degree days in the form of a one-of-a-kind culinary experience in the underground wine cellar at LON’s at the Hermosa, 5532 Palo Christi Road.

Through Sept. 9, the hotel’s signature restaurant has opened up its private subterranean wine cellar to offer guests and Valley residents alike, a special tasting menu (\$65++/person) prepared by Executive Chef Jeremy Pacheco and his culinary team, along with a wine pairing option (additional \$35/person).

The cellar—kept at 57 degrees—is normally available only for private events, but will now be open for parties of two or more, Thursday through Saturday nights. Reservations can only be booked within seven days and by calling LON’s at 602-955-7878.

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Happy Hour just got hotter at True Food

True Food Kitchen Biltmore is heating up the happy hour scene with an offering that’s almost too good to be True. Now through Labor Day, Sept. 4, True Food invites guests to celebrate summer with a specially priced happy hour every Monday through Friday from 3-6 p.m.

True Food Kitchen’s healthful happy hour menu features some of the restaurant’s most popular dishes such as the tuscan kale salad (\$7), margherita pizza (\$8), herb hummus (\$8), small

farmers market crudité (\$7) and more. Don’t want to choose just one? Guests can make it a true trio by selecting any three dishes from the happy hour menu for just \$20.

The summer happy hour is also brimming with beverages like the citrus skinny margarita (\$7) and a selection of organic red, white and rosé wines for \$5 or “buy” the bottle for only \$18.

True Food Kitchen at Biltmore Fashion Park is located at 2502 E. Camelback Road, Ste. 135. For more information, visit www.truefoodkitchen.com/phoenix.

Full flavors adorn happy hour selections

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