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Two districts go for bonds, overrides

By Teri Carnicelli

Two school districts in the North Central Phoenix community—Osborn Elementary School District and Phoenix Union High School District—on Nov. 7 will ask voters from the area to support bond sales and budget overrides.

Osborn's capital committee, which included community members and school leaders, conducted a needs assessment of all schools, facilities, equipment and technology to determine and prioritize the capital projects of the district.

In addition to necessary facility repairs, capital funds must also support instructional needs, such as textbooks, technology equipment, student software and materials.

A bond is a loan the district receives from individuals who purchase the bonds to pay for capital items and make capital improvements to existing facilities. Bond

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Mary Anne Ramirez, owner of the Books used bookstore on 7th Avenue just north of Dunlap, tells Douglas Towne, editor of Arizona Contractor & Community magazine, that many customers have come in specifically looking for the fall issue of the magazine, which features several interesting stories about Sunnyslope's past (photo by Teri Carnicelli).

Stories of the weird, wonderful in Phoenix

By Teri Carnicelli

The Valley is full of buildings, legend and lore that are strange, weird and wonderful, and some local writers recently put pen to paper to tell some of the stories that fascinate history lovers and locals alike.

For example, did you know that the original North Mountain Hospital used to house a "primate zoo?" or that hospital founder Kenneth Hall has his own private giraffe enclosure at his Sunnyslope home? Or how about a beer-drinking burro who greeted customers at Abels' Gas Station and Store?

These are just a few of the fascinating stories that can be found in the fall issue of *Arizona Contractor & Community* magazine. The 84-page issue has devoted quite a lot of space to the Sunnyslope community and some of its more interesting past, including the Cloud 9 restaurant, as well as some of its newer architectural wonders.

"Usually, the magazine does 'themed' issues around topics such as flying and trucking," explains Douglas Towne, editor of *Arizona Contractor & Community* magazine. "When we did a geographically themed issue on Tucson, that brought to mind all the great stories I knew about Sunnyslope." Town himself lives at the south end of the community on Northern Avenue.

Some might find such an industry-specific publication a strange place to find great stories about historic places and people, but Towne says it's been a popular format that has brought rave reviews—and avid readers.

"The format has always been the first half of the magazine contains the most interesting news about recent construction activity in Arizona, and the second half are feature articles about those who were in the construction industry or just interesting history stories," Towne says.

Those interested in picking up a copy of the fall issue of *Arizona Contractor & Community* magazine (\$5.99 plus tax), with its Sunnyslope focus, can stop

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Youth center cuts ribbon on new space

The LGBTQ nonprofit youth organization one•n•ten has announced a \$275,000 gift from The Bob & Renee Parsons Foundation to complete buildout on a new youth center. The former one•n-ten facility was destroyed through an act of arson in July.

The new center will serve as a hub of activities and support efforts to help youth ages 14-24 deal with challenges they may face from their families, their communities, their own self-discovery and other societal difficulties.

"Renee and I support one•n•ten's steadfast efforts to break down prejudices and bring greater acceptance to our entire community," said American entrepreneur and philanthropist Bob Parsons. "The new youth center will be a safe harbor and place of inclusion for LGBTQ youth who, far too often, experience a higher risk of rejection, violence, depression and homelessness."



Phoenix Mayor Greg Stanton photo bombs a group of young adults during the grand opening of a new youth center housing several of nonprofit organization one • n • ten's programs and services, as well as the Phoenix Blended Learning Center (photo by Randy Bingham).

The new 5,000-square-foot space is located in the Parsons Center for Health and Wellness in downtown Phoenix on a light rail stop, making it easily accessible to even more youth in the Phoenix Metro area.

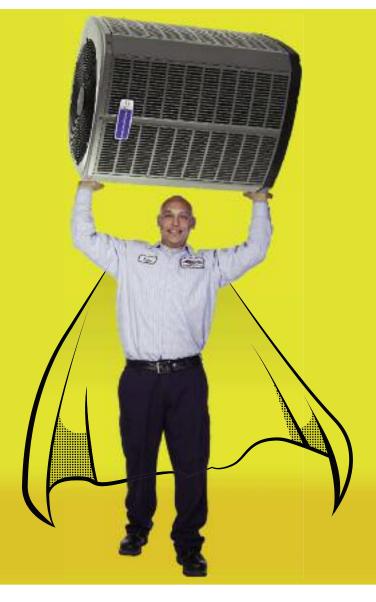
It also will house the Phoenix Blended Learning Center, which will provide lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning (LGBTQ) youth, as well as straight allied youth in grades 7-12 enrolled in Arizona Virtual Academy (AZVA) and Insight Academy of Arizona (ISAZ), with a safe space to learn.

AZVA and ISAZ are both tuitionfree public schools for students throughout the state of Arizona. The center will serve as an onsite facility where students can go for additional in-person instruction and social interaction, with access to the one•n•ten youth center, which hosts daily programs and support services for youth and young adults.

A special ribbon cutting ceremony for the new space took place Sept. 20. Many of one•n•ten's administrative offices and several of the organization's other services have also relocated to The Parsons Center, including its Q High program which serves LGBTQ teens seeking alternative settings from more traditional high schools.

"Support from The Bob & Renee Parsons Foundation has allowed us to build a special place for our youth to gather, find their self-confidence and get the support they need to be vibrant, contributing citizens," said Linda Elliott, executive director for one•n•ten. "It is a huge, huge gift."

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by the Books used bookstore at 9201 N. 7th Ave. The magazine is available at the front counter. Hours are 10 a.m.-6:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturdays. Closed Sundays.

If you want to learn more about some of the obscure facts and hidden gems in the Valley of the Sun, pick up a copy of "Secret Phoenix: A Guide to the Weird, Wonderful, and Obscure," written by "100 Things to Do in Phoenix Before You Die" author and Valley resident Christine K. Bailey.

This book is sure to hold surprises about the city that will fascinate newcomers, tourists and Phoenix locals alike. Learn more about the bronze sculpture at Thomas and Central Avenue in mid-town Phoenix; a visit to St. Mary's Basilica by a man who would one day become a saint; and the beautifully carved birds still guarding the old entrance to Historic City Hall.

"There are countless bits and pieces of Phoenix history scattered across the Valley— so many of their stories are fading from public awareness," Bailey says. "This book captures some of them, and hopefully inspires readers to seek out a few more on their own.

"Phoenix has often eschewed history for the sake of progress and over time has lost too much of its heritage; however, for those who look closely, ask questions, and explore, there is a history—and a future—to be found," she adds.

"Secret Phoenix" is available online through Changing Hands Bookstore (\$20.95) and at www.reedypress.com.

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funds cannot be used for salaries, curriculum or instructional materials. The \$50 million bond will be used to remodel and renovate school facilities, buildings and grounds. This includes roofing, flooring, furniture, and equipment. Approximately 23 percent of the district's facilities are more than 40 years old, and 55 percent are between 18-40 years old. Funds also will be used for repairing and upgrading school buses.

A DAA Override allows the school district to increase its capital budget for a total of seven years. Override funds can be used for curriculum and instructional materials. The \$1.5 million override (per year) would be spent on updating curriculum and instruc-

tional materials, as well as additional technology.

For a home in the Osborn district valued at \$102,133, the bond will increase the secondary property tax by \$7.31 a month, and the DAA override will add an additional \$3.20 per month.

Phoenix Union High School District also is looking to issue a bond and get approval to extend its current Maintenance and Operations (M&O) Override. The override asks voters for authorization to continue the current 15 percent override for fiscal year 2018-2019 and six subsequent years. This would be a continuation of the existing override approved by voters in 2013.

There would be no additional taxes if the override is approved. The override amount for the first year of the continuation would be \$24.3 million, approximately equal to the current secondary tax rate for the existing budget override. The override provides funding for more 400 teachers and support staff who directly impact students and student achievement. Funds also help maintain elective subjects, performing arts and JROTC, as well as maintain smaller class sizes and offer college prep courses and student leadership development.

The bond would be for \$269 million to fund maintenance, and renovation of school buildings and technology. The bond would also cover purchasing buses.

Estimates of bond spending would be: \$149 million for general improvement, replacement and maintenance of facilities; \$60 million for technology and infrastructure; \$40 million for new construction; \$10 million for transportation; and \$10 million for furniture and equipment.

The estimated average annual rate for the proposed bond authorization is approximately \$38 a year for a home with an assessed value of \$100,000.

This is Maricopa County's first allmail election. There will be no voting centers; all residents living within these school districts who are registered to vote will receive a mail-in ballot beginning on Oct. 11.

If you fail to get your ballot in the mail in time to be counted, you can drop it off at either school district's office. PUHSD ballots can be dropped off from Oct. 28-Nov. 7 at 4502 N. Central Ave. Osborn District ballots can be dropped off Nov. 3-7 at 1226 W. Osborn Road.

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Through the Adopt-A-Family program, community members purchase toys and a holiday meal for struggling neighbors; adopters can choose the size of the family they wish to serve. Adopters can then deliver the gifts to them directly or bring them to the Desert Mission Food Bank, 9229 N. 4th St., for the family to pick up.

In order to be matched with a family in time for the holidays, contact Desert Mission by Nov. 1. Call Lola Ortiz at the Desert Mission office to learn more: 602-870-6060, ext. 1345 or aurora.ortiz@honorhealth.com.

A Cultural Potluck for the community

The Sunnyslope Historical Society and Literacy Volunteers of Maricopa County (LVMC) will host a free luncheon Saturday, Oct. 21 to foster fellowship in the Sunnyslope community. Historical society members and guests, along with LVMC staff, volunteers and students, and welcomed residents, will come together to learn about the organizations and the community, and to develop personal relationships among themselves over a potluck luncheon.

Attendees are asked to bring homeprepared dishes that reflect their heritage. Historical society members and those from the LVMC also will provide food from and array of ethnic backgrounds, including Serbian, Mexican, Iranian, Congolese and Mandarin.

RSVP requested with the number of people in your party who will attend, and what dish you will bring to share. The event will be held beginning at Noon at the Sunnyslope History Museum, 737 E. Hatcher Road.

To RSVP or for more information, contact the Sunnyslope Historical Society at 602-331-3150 or LVMC at 602-943-7332.

Pre-order Hawaiian specialties by Oct. 20

Lau Kanaka No Hawai'i Hawaiian Civic Club of Arizona hosts its Aloha Crafts 'N' Creations event Saturday, Nov. 11 at Crossroads United Methodist Church, 7901 N. Central Ave. Visitors will have a chance to sample authentic Island food—but take note, some of the specialties need to be pre-ordered.

Homemade, traditional laulau (pork or chicken) wrapped in ti leaves will be available in three-packs. The pre-order form is due by Oct. 20. Lunch (\$10-\$15) also will be sold at the fair, and pre-orders are encouraged but not required.

For the full menu, pricing and preorder form, visit the Lau Kankaka No Hawai'i page on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/LKNHAZ/.

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Real Estate Corner Bololy Lieb Your North Central and Biltmore residential real estate specialist

NC home values are changing

I want to thank all of you for helping me achieve the #2 agent ranking in Maricopa County for 2016 based on sales volume data researched by the Phoenix Business Journal for the second straight year. I sold 130 homes

last year; more than \$70 million in volume.

I received an interesting e-mail yesterday from a North Central resident blaming ME for all the tearing down of older non-historic homes in North Central, building brand new homes and

basically destroying North Central. There were a few %*%*# in my responses to him because he got very personal with me but I asked for him to call me in the morning so that we could clear the air. We talked for about 20 minutes the next day ... lots of yelling initially but here is what I explained to him

I explained that dad moved to Central Phoenix in 1964 so my brother and I visited him twice a year until I moved here in 1978. I also told the resident that many times when I get hired to sell the homes for a developer, the land was already purchased before I got involved. Sellers always want the most money they can get for their property and if it is a big lot, usually the developers will pay the most money for the land. I have never met a seller who will say they will take less money if the buyer is not a developer. You also have to realize that more than 25 percent of the time I am dealing with the surviving family members who just want as much money as they can from the property and could care less about anything else. That certainly is their right and can you blame them? The real key issue here is the zoning of the property. If the lot allows 2-5 homes and meets all the city requirements, such as setbacks, lot dimensions, etc., then there is not a lot the neighbors can do to fight it. It is always smart for the developers to meet with the neighbors before hand to smooth over any objections that might exist since they are neighbors.

I understand that my sign is what the neighbors will see and if they are upset they will call me. Truthfully, if the zoning supports multiple homes then it is not the realtor's fault.

I strongly disagree with complaints that the new developments cause harm to North Central..Quite the contrary. Arcadia's values are off the charts because they tore down the old homes and built new million-dollar mansions. The same goes for North Central. Homes that are 60 to 70 years old are past their prime unless they are zoned historic. I see buyers moving here from Arcadia and PV who are buying because of all the new homes. I do not think it is any coincidence that we have more than 50 new restaurants in our area because of all the new families buying these new homes. I also do not think there is any coincidence our home values are increasing because the new developments also generate more taxes, which help increase the quality of our local

I saw this happen in Paradise Valley when I first started in real estate in the 1990s. Buyers and developers tore down the 50- and 60-year-old 3,000-square-foot homes because the value was in the land and put up 6,000-square-foot homes. Guess what happened to the home prices in PV? The values increased 10 fold and PV also collected more property taxes. Please stop telling me that new developments are causing harm to our area. Everybody benefits from these changes and it is something that needs to happen for areas to keep growing. I am happy to discuss any thoughts you may have on this article. Email me at boblieb@aol.com. Hopefully you are calling me to sell your home!! We have sold 118 homes so far in 2017.

Have a safe and happy October.

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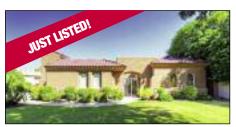
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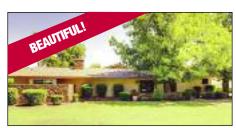
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Indian School Visitor Center opens Oct. 14

After 27 years of sitting vacant, a historic building at Steele Indian School Park will reopen on Oct. 14 as the new Phoenix Indian School Visitor Center, located inside of Steele Indian School Park, 300 E. Indian School Road.

The renovation project is being led by Native American Connections (NAC) and its partner, the Phoenix Indian Center (PIC). The partners signed a Letter of Understanding with the city of Phoenix in November 2013 to renovate the city-owned property.

Prior to becoming Steele Indian School Park, the land was the site of the Phoenix Indian Industrial School, which opened in 1891 and was then 3 miles from downtown Phoenix. The school was operated by the federal government under the jurisdiction of the Department of the Interior and the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

The boarding school was an attempt to assimilate American Indian children into European-American society and train the boys for jobs in the



The old band/music building at what was once the U.S. Industrial Indian School, located at what is now Steele Indian School Park, has been renovated and will open to the public during a special event set for Oct. 14 (photo courtesy of Native American Connections).

trades and the citrus industry. The girls were taught domestic skills and later secretarial skills.

Many changes took place during the schools 99-year history. Native languages that were, at first, forbidden were welcomed at the school. Military uniforms that were first issued to students gave way to basic skirts, jeans and tops.

The school and its students played a role in shaping Arizona. The marching

band at Phoenix Indian School played at the ceremony marking Arizona's statehood in 1912. In later years, the band played in two Tournament of Roses parades and also a 4th of July parade in Washington, D.C.

Ira Hayes attended Phoenix Indian and then enlisted in the military, later becoming one of the flag raisers at Iwo Jima. The Veteran's Affairs Hospital sits on land that was part of the Indian school campus.

The history of the school will be told in the gallery inside the new visitor center, which includes display cases featuring dozens of trophies won by the school's athletes and musicians over the years. The building first served as the grammar school and students helped build it. In later years it became known as the music building where the choir and the band practiced. It is on the National Register of Historic Places.

Besides the gallery, the new PISVC will have three rooms available for rent. They include an event room that holds 120 people, a classroom, and a commercial kitchen. "We see this space as a being a vibrant place to hold meetings and create economic development," said Diana Yazzie Devine, CEO of NAC.

The grand opening will begin at noon on Oct. 14 inside of the building at the park. Food trucks will be parked outside, including Emerson Fry Bread and Short Leash Hot Dogs. Speakers include alumni from Phoenix Indian School, and local dignitaries. The event is free and open to the public.





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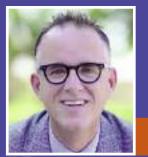
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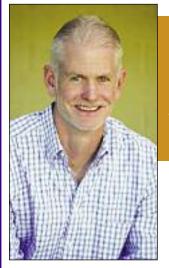


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Fall festivals return to North Central

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It's also that time of year that outdoor festivals return to the area, particularly those with fall and holiday themes. Some are full of family fun, others are fundraisers for charities or churches. There are also some that pay tribute to the diverse cultures in the Phoenix community.

Arizona State Fair

Oct. 6-29 State Fairgrounds 1826 W. McDowell Road https://azstatefair.com

Enjoy rides, midway games, entertainment, and of course, more food on a stick in one location than anywhere else. Don't miss the All Indian Rodeo Oct. 20-21 in the Grandstand arena, and lots of local talented performers every day on the Community Stages. Plus an impres-

sive lineup of concerts in the Coliseum. The fair is open Wednesdays through Sundays. Tickets are \$10 adults, \$6 for ages 55 and older, \$7 for children ages 6-12, and free for children ages 5 and younger. Look for special discount days and hours online. Parking not included. Rides and games purchased separately.

Phoenix Greek Festival Oct. 13-15 Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Community Center 1973 E. Maryland Ave. 602-264-2791

The longest-running, largest ethnic festival in the Valley endures with Greek food, music, dancing, jewelry, art, grocery items and activities for children. The Village Market features authentic Greek food to eat there or take home, including packaged items imported from Greece. The Hellenic Museum of Phoenix will be open with vintage photos of pioneer Greek families, and Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral tours are conducted throughout each day. Hours are 5-10 p.m. Friday, 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Saturday, and 11 a.m.-8 p.m.

Sunday. Admission is \$3 for adults, children ages 12 and younger free, and seniors age 60 and older admitted free from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday only. Visit www.phoenixgreekfestival.org.

Rainbow Festival 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Oct. 21-22 Heritage & Science Park 113 N. 6th St. 602-277-7433

Drawing a crowd in excess of 15,000 friends, families and allies each year, this free annual event is open to the public and celebrates the diversity of the LGBTQ community. Enjoy an international food court, artists, merchandise vendors, and two stages of entertainment. Free and open to the public. Visit http://phoenixpride.org.

Pumpkins at the Peak 5:30-7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 27 Pointe Hilton Squaw Peak Resort 7677 N. 16th St.

Glowing jack-o-lanterns, ghosts and goblins will transform the resort's River Ranch water park to a whimsical and spirited poolside carnival experience for the 21st year. Open to the public with a canned food (3 cans pp) or cash (\$5) donation to St. Mary's Food Bank for admission, families will enjoy live entertainment, festive treats, family games, crafts and costume fun. From face painting to fortune telling, families can trickor-treat their way through 20 activities and craft booths surrounding the resort pool. Families are encouraged to dress in their most spirited Halloween costumes.

Dia de los Muertos PHX Festival

1-7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 29 Steele Indian School Park 300 E. Indian School Road

Masked entertainers and musicians will greet everyone with amazing performances in music, dance and theater. There also will be children's crafts, face painting, an Artists Mercado, and many vendor booths including food booths (purchase required). Stick around for a candlelight procession at 5:30 p.m. alongside "Las Flacas," which are 8-foot-tall animated puppets. Free and open to the public. Visit http://www.diadelosmuertosphx.com.



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Natasha, a 5-year-old Belgian Malinois mix, still has lots of energy to play and love to give, and is looking for a fun and active "furever" family (submitted photo).

Pet of the Month

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Natasha is a perpetual motion machine by day and a big, cuddly ball of fur by night. One thing is certain, she loves to be with people—doesn't matter if she's chasing a ball in the yard, splashing around in the garden hose, going for brisk walks or simply soaking up a belly rub.

The 5-year-old Belgian Malinois

mix is housetrained and knows all of the basic tricks, not to mention she always has a plethora of kisses to share.

Natasha is available at the Arizona Humane Society at 9226 N. 13th Ave. Her adoption fee is \$150 and includes vaccinations and a microchip. For more information, call 602-997-7585 and ask for animal number A563310.

Natasha may have been adopted by the time you visit the shelter, however, there are many other adoptable pets in need of homes. Visit them all by visiting www.azhumane.org.

If you find baby kittens—think first

When we find a litter of kittens, our instincts tell us to rush to the aid of these fragile felines. Thankfully, human intervention is typically not required. In fact, according to the Arizona Humane Society, the best thing you can do is leave the kittens alone.

Mom will likely return shortly, and it's critical that the kittens remain in her care as she offers the best chance for survival. If you are extremely certain that the kittens are orphaned, you can then step in and help by caring for the kittens until they're old enough to find homes.

The Kitten Nursery and Bottle Baby ICU at the Arizona Humane Society is overflowing and AHS does not have space to provide more kittens the care they require. Therefore, AHS has launched a new care-in-place program designed to make it convenient for Good Samaritans to care for newborn kittens in their home. AHS will provide all the necessary tools, including care kits, vaccinations, spay/neuter surgery and training to ensure these little felines get off to a healthy start, and help you find them forever homes when they're ready.

For more information, visit http://www.azhumane.org/events/dont-kit-nap-kittens or call 602-997-7585.

Puff & Fluff hosts a pet costume contest

Dress up your pet in a costume and post to Instagram with the hashtags #puffandfluffspa and #barkoween (both required), between Oct. 17-31 to win prizes from Puff & Fluff Grooming and Pet Sitting. All pet parents are encouraged to enter; judging is based on cuteness and creativity.

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from Puff & Fluff's Pupcakery, and Third Place is a free small bag of treats. Winners will be announced Oct. 31.

For more information, visit www.puffandfluffspa.com/events.

Nonprofits join to host Pittie Palooza

National Pit Bull Awareness Day is in October, and to celebrate these often misunderstood and maligned canines, several rescue organizations are gathering together on Saturday, Oct. 14 for a Pittie Palooza.

The free event takes places 10 a.m.-2 p.m. near the lower level west entrance of Metrocenter Mall, 9617 N. Metro Parkway W., near Sears. Participants include the Arizona Humane Society and Fix.Adopt.Save.

This free event will feature booths focused on the many services offered in the Valley for pet adoptions, affordable spay/neuter programs, vaccinations, volunteering/fostering, dog training, and more. There also will be Kids Zone activities and door prizes throughout the event. You can adopt a Pit Bull for just \$20, get your Pit Bull vaccinated for free (while supplies last), get a free spay/neuter voucher (limited supply), and get pet ID tags for \$5. You also can get your pet microchipped for just \$20.

Come find your fur-ever friend while also helping dispel the myths about Pit Bulls. For more information, visit www.fixadoptsave.org/pittiepalooza/.

Make a pledge to a Walk-A-Thon team

The North Phoenix Kiwanis Club hosts its 25th-annual Walk-A-Thon, featuring 40-plus teams that are recruited for gaining pledges, collecting buckets of coins, and actually participating in the walk.

This walk takes place 7:30-11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 21 at Metrocenter Mall, 9617 N. Metro Parkway W., and proceeds are shared between the individual team organizations and the Kiwanis Club. Walkers set off inside the mall near the food court.

The club supports community nonprofit organizations such as MIKID, Sunshine Angels and Kitchen on the Street, as well as the Washington Elementary School District through monetary contributions and volunteer events.

Supporters have their choice of several teams, including teams from all 32

WESD schools, Royal Dance Works, AZ Power Softball Club, the Key Clubs from Central and Sunnyslope High Schools, and the JROTC unit from Thunderbird High School.

In addition, corporate sponsors are still being sought. Sponsorship amounts range from \$250 to \$2,500. Donations are 100 percent tax deductible.

For more information, contact North Phoenix Kiwanis Club President Jim Day at 602-799-6868 or j-day@ jmda-architects.com.

Forum asks what 'God' means to you

St. Andrew's Anglican Catholic Parish hosts a free public forum, "Does God Exist For You?" beginning at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 26 at the church, 8433 N. 12th St.

You are invited to share with others what belief in God means to you and to hear what that belief means to others. This will be a casual conversation in which there are no "right" or "wrong" opinions or ideas, but rather a sharing of how each person understands the notion of God, whether in the orthodox Catholic understanding or some other.

Join with others for a casual conversation about God's role in your life. To RSVP, call Cynthia at 602-694-3500. For more information about St. Andrew's Anglican Catholic Parish, visit www.epiphanyanglican.com.

Vendors sought for Art Walk next month

Vendors are being sought for a scaled-down version of the Sunnyslope Art Walk, set for 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4, in the east parking lot of Sunnyslope High School, 35 W. Dunlap Ave.

The event is presented by the Sunnyslope Village Alliance, and several sponsors have already signed on, including Thirteenorth Grille, Let It Roll Bowl, North Mountain Brewing, Karl's Quality Bakery, PawGo, Aunt Chilada's, and more. Booth space is available for \$60 for a standard 10 x 10 space, and vendors also can reserve end-cap spaces for \$100.

Artists interested in signing up for a booth can download the application from the SVA's Facebook page, Facebook.com/MySunnyslope, and email it to LarryM@13northgrille.com. You also can leave a message at the SVA office, 602-478-8276.



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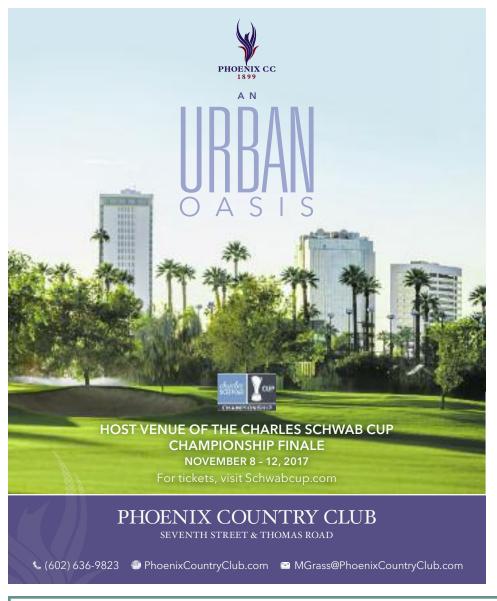
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A fundraiser to benefit the victims of Hurricane Harvey in Texas and Louisiana, the event will include silent and live auctions featuring items such as certificates, artwork, craftwork, tickets, and baskets, all donated by Madison Meadows residents, staff, local businesses and members of the surrounding community. Proceeds will go to the Red Cross for Hurricane Harvey victims. Admission is free; finger foods and beverages will be served.

More Than a **Rummaae Sale**

7 a.m.-12 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 14 Our Saviour's Lutheran Church 1212 E. Glendale Ave. 602-733-2933

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Alliance in honor of the memory of slain journalist, James Foley, the first American journalist killed by ISIS. Shop gently used clothing, books, electronics, furniture, toys and more. Proceeds benefit the James Foley Scholarship Fund, which seeks to create educational opportunities for the families of economically disadvantaged young people in Phoenix scholarships. through www.phoenixfoleyalliance.org.

Native American Connections Parade 9-11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 14 **Central Phoenix**

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This year's theme is "The Colors of Nature's Beauty." The parade will include school groups, veterans groups, other nonprofit agencies, local businesses, and more. It will travel from 3rd Street and Oak to the Steele Indian School Park at 3rd Street and Indian School Road. Grand Marshal is Kelly Haven, National Spelling Bee competitor from the Navajo Nation. For details, visit www.nativeconnections.org.

G.G. George Book Signing 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 14 Antiques on Central 750 E. Missouri Ave. 602-264-4525

Author G.G. George, who has been a champion for historic preservation in Phoenix, has written a book on the Arizona State Fairgrounds. Her book with 210 archival photographs tells the story of this long time landmark and how it has shaped the character of the community around it. The state fairgrounds have been a part of phoenix history since the early 1900s. Books will be available for purchase; admission to the event is free.

'Our State's State of Education' 6:30 p.m. Tuesday Oct. 17 Beatitudes Luther Life Center 1616 W. Glendale Ave. 602-510-1544

The Phoenix Branch of AAUW (The American Association of University Women) hosts Carolyn Warner, long term AAUW member, former Arizona Superintendent of Public Instruction, and bestselling author. Warner will speak on "Our State's State of Education." The pro-

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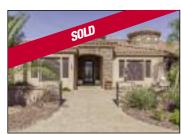
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gram begins after an optional dinner (\$15) at 5:30 p.m. RSVP for the dinner to 602-510-1544 by Oct. 13. Visitors are welcome.

Golden Jubilee Liturgy 4:30 p.m. Saturday, October Chapel of Our Lady, Xavier College Preparatory 4710 N. 5th St.

Sister Joan Nuckols, BVM, and Sister Lynn Winsor, BVM, both members of the Xavier College Preparatory administrative staff, are marking their golden jubilees, which signify 50 years of service to the Catholic Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (BVM). The mass in their honor will be followed by a Jubilee Fiesta Celebration at 5:30 p.m. in Founders Hall. Members of the community are welcome.

Community Yard Sale

Oct. 21-22 Holiday Spa Mobile Home Community 10401 N. Cave Creek Road

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Residents will display their wares on their driveways or patios. There will be furniture, TVs, clothing, knick-knacks, collectibles and more. Hours are 8 a.m.-2 p.m. both days. Entry gates will be open during these hours.

Bike Bazaar

8 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 21 Phoenix Public Market 721 N. Central Ave.

Phoenix Spokes People hosts this event featuring bicycle wares such as clothing, equipment and jewelry, crafty bicycle folks, and bike goodness. There will also be a bike swap area. Stop by the Bike Bazaar (along Pierce Street) while you are out shopping for your fruits and veggies. Admission is free. Visit www.phoenixspokespeople.org/events.

Music & Ghost Stories 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 28 North Mountain Visitor Center 12950 N. 7th St.

Enjoy acoustic music entertainment and ghost stories from the NMVC Story Tellers. Admission is free, and food and beverages will be available for purchase. Drawings for prizes will be held throughout the day. Drawing tickets are \$1 each, \$5/6 tickets, and \$10/13 tickets. Proceeds assist the center in its operations. Visit www.north mountainvistiorcenter.org for more information.

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6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 10 Arizona Biltmore Resort 2400 E. Missouri Ave. 602-730-3300

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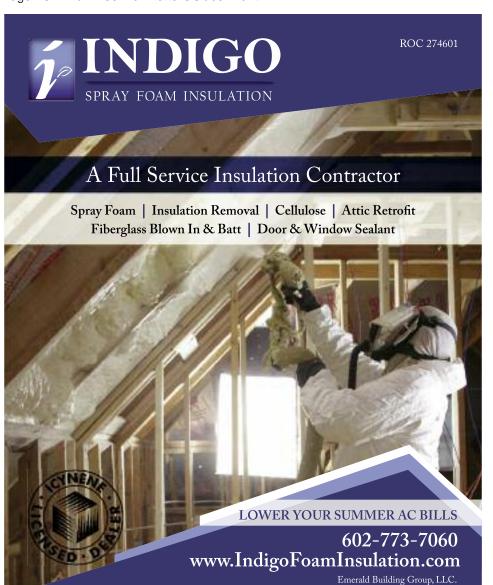
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The city is encouraging residents to sign up for its Green Organics Curbside Collection, which provides a new, large, tan container for yard waste, such as grass clippings, shrubs, twigs and branches.

City looks to divert 'green' yard waste

The city of Phoenix continues to encourage residents to sign up for its Green Organics Curbside Collection, which launched as a pilot program in the Arcadia area in February 2012 and expanded to its first phase in July 2014. This voluntary program provides a new, large, tan container for yard waste, such as grass clippings, shrubs, twigs and branches. This program is perfect

for households that like to do their own landscaping maintenance and/or own large properties. The additional monthly fee for the Green Organics Collection program is \$5 a month per tan container requested.

There are certain materials that aren't allowed in the tan container because they would contaminate the green organics load and make them unusable for mulching and repurposing. Those prohibited materials include: oleander, palm fronds, treated or painted wood, trash and food waste, recyclables, pyracantha and creosote.

The goal of the Green Organics program is to minimize the amount of trash the city sends to the landfill. The green waste collected in the tan barrels is processed and mulched in the Phoenix transfer station located on 27th Avenue south of Lower Buckeye Road.

The Green Organics Curbside Collection is still available in the Phase I area for both curbside and alley trash collection. Residents interested in signing up can visit www.phoenix.gov/publicworks, and click on the "Solid Waste Programs." Look for the map of Phase I to determine if you live within its boundaries.

For more information, call 602-262-7251.

Learn more about growing native plants

The SNAP-Ed program of the University of Arizona Cooperative Extension in Maricopa County will present "Gardening in the Desert," a free event for all ages, 9-11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 7 at the North Mountain Visitor Center, 12950 N. 7th St.

The free event, which focuses on

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native plants, is geared toward children and adults alike. Activities include a corn hoe, scavenger hunt and games. Native seeds information and native food recipes will be available.

A gardening activity is included for the first 40 children who sign up by emailing Paula at pskillicorn@email. arizona.edu. The activity involves planting seeds in a pot to take home.

Learn what fruit trees can thrive in Phoenix

The Urban Farm, 6750 N. 13th Place, hosts its annual Fruit Tree Open House Nov. 3-4 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. See full-grown trees on North Central resident Greg Peterson's property and learn which ones will work for your yard. T wo guided "tours" will run at 8:45 and 10 a.m. each day where people can learn from Peterson about fruit tree growing, management and pruning techniques.

More than 80 trees are growing on Peterson's 1/3 acre, including peaches, apricots, cherries, apples, citrus, loquats, figs, pomegranates, quince and even a Black Sphinx Date Palm.

Participants will have an opportunity to place their preorders for "Urban Farm Approved" fruit trees, which can thrive in this climate. The program offers special early bird and bundle pricing through Nov. 4. The Urban Farm offers a selection of deciduous and citrus trees. Trees will be available for pickup in January and February.

For more information, visi www.UrbanFarm.org.

Fall Plant Sale returns to garden

The Desert Botanical Garden hosts its annual Fall Plant Sale, Oct. 21-22. Choose from more than 30,000 plants.

Garden volunteers and staff horticulturists will answer questions and assist in plant selections and offer advice. Delivery services are available. Admission is free to the sale; garden admission is separate. Hours are 7 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and 7 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday.

The Desert Botanical Garden is located at 1201 N. Galvin Parkway. For more information, call 480-941-1225 or visit http://www.dbg.org.



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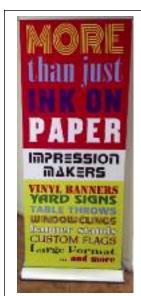
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Merchants group hosts Community Picnic

The 16th Street Merchants have a new name. The group of business owners that supports local shopping as well as the surrounding community is now known as Madison Merchants Sweet 16.

To celebrate, the group will host a community picnic from 12 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 7, at Parkway Church, 1751 E. Maryland Ave. Admission is free, and the event will include lunch for \$5, free giveaways, live entertainment and more.

Madison Merchants Sweet 16 believes in supporting the community by shopping and eating local. The group plans to host various events throughout the year to showcase the businesses involved.

The business association was formed in 2005 in an effort to revitalize an area of Phoenix that has since developed into one of the most desirable intersections in the Valley-16th Street and Bethany Home Road. The business owners who serve as members came together via their shared passion for offering support to neighboring and nearby local businesses, and the importance of "uniting forces" in an effort to better the area for businesses and residents alike.

Initially, the Madison Merchants worked with the city of Phoenix to declare itself a Fight Back Area, which allowed the organization to access grant funds as well as services to help clean up the neighborhood, proving instrumental to the area's current success.

Madison Merchants Sweet 16 hosts



semi-annual meetings for members throughout the year, and is proud of its affiliation with Local First Arizona. Members of the Madison Merchants organization include Astemborski Insurance Agency, Burland Jewelry Center, Inc., Delete Tattoo Removal and Laser Salon, Diamond Jim's jewelry store, HP2 Promotions, Local First Arizona, Parkway Church, Phoenix City Grille, Puff & Fluff Grooming Services, Roy Noggle Architects, AIA, TexAZ Grill, Trend Smoke Vape, and The Vig locations.

"It is important to embrace local businesses, especially those that support the community," said Liz Illg, president of the Madison Merchants Sweet 16. "Our association is comprised of business owners who do just that. We look forward to hosting a picnic to celebrate our name change and to bring the community together."

The schedule of events for the Oct. 7 Community Picnic includes: arts and crafts for kids (ongoing); an Ice Cream Eating Contest at 1:30 p.m. (kids and adults separately); Yoga for Dogs at 2 p.m.; a regular yoga class at 3 p.m.; and

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door prize drawings at 1, 2 and 3 p.m. Door prizes include a \$50 gift card to The Vig, Lunch for Two at TEXAZ Grill, a Press Coffee Basket, a Promotional Cooler Basket from HP2, \$50 off services at Puff & Fluff, and more.

In addition, hamburgers provided by Hobe Meats, and hot dogs from Schreiner's Fine Sausage, will be available for purchase for \$5, which includes chips and a drink.

For more information, visit www.16stmerchants.com.

Business Briefs

ATHENA Awards presented Oct. 25

The ATHENA Awards, an internationally prized honor, recognizes the achievement of businesswomen across the Greater Phoenix region. The award, presented by the Greater Phoenix Chamber of Commerce, highlights three women every year who are at the top of their field and who invest in

their career, their community and especially other women.

The awards will be presented 11 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 25 at a luncheon event at the Westin Kierland Resort and Spa, 6902 E. Greenway Parkway. Tickets are \$80 for chamber members and \$95 for non-members. RSVP by Oct. 16 at http://phoenixchamber.com or by calling 602-495-2182.

ATHENAs demonstrate inspiring leadership within their industry, mentor women throughout their career and dedicate themselves to the community. Finalists from the North Central community include Michelle Just from the Beatitudes Campus (Public Sector), and Jenny Poon with CO+HOOTS (Young Professional).

Job and Resource Fair set for Oct. 4

AZ@Work, in partnership with community organization 19 North, host a Job and Resource Fair 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 4 at Open Door Fellowship, 8301 N. 19th Ave.

In addition to the Washington Elementary School District, businesses

located on and adjacent to 19th Avenue, from Dunlap Avenue south to Northern Avenue, will be on hand, as will various community resources.

"The goal is to bring stability to families, schools and our community by helping candidates find and qualify for the highest paying jobs possible," says Shannon McBride, president of 19 North.

For more information follow them on Facebook at 19NorthPhoenix.

Real estate team targets North Central Phoenix

The Arend Team is now selling in Central Phoenix. Previously located in Glendale focusing on bank-owned sales, the team has now relocated to the remodeled Missouri Falls building at 645 E. Missouri Ave., Ste. 210.

The Arend Team consists of three Realtors and an office manager, including team lead Chad Arend. Arend has been selling properties valleywide, with real estate owned (REO) experience for the past 12 years. He brings his team to a central Phoenix location so that they can focus on residential real estate sales

throughout the Phoenix metro area.

Their unique style of marketing uses custom videos delivered via social media, custom yard signs specific to each property and other various technology-driven methods.

For more information, call 602-497-2074 or visit www.TheArend Team.com.

DIY pest control store collects funds for shelter

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and to raise awareness and support for victims of domestic violence, Bug & Weed Mart will host a fundraising drive Oct. 2-31.

The locally owned and operated retailer, specializing in DIY pest control, will raise funds for My Sisters' Place, an emergency shelter serving victims of domestic violence operated by Catholic Charities.

Donations can be made in-store at Bug & Weed Mart, 5020 N. Central Ave., during regular store hours (www.bugweedmart.com). No purchase is necessary; receipts will be provided for

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tax records. Bug & Weed Mart match instore donations, up to \$5,000.

My Sisters' Place will use the donations for food, diapers, bus tickets, medical supplies and child care for the individuals and families living in the shelter. For more information, visit www.catholiccharitiesaz.org.

Lieb ranked No. 2 in Maricopa County

North Central Realtor Bobby Lieb, an associate broker with HomeSmart Realty, was just ranked the No. 2 real-

tor in Maricopa County for 2016 by the Phoenix Business Journal. The ranking is based on total dollar volume closed in 2016 and Lieb's volume was \$70.02 mil-



Bobby Lieb

lion, with 130 homes sold.

Lieb has been the No. 1 or No. 2 realtor in this ranking for the past five

years and has sold more than 3,500 homes in 25 years as a realtor specializing in the North Central neighborhood, where he lives with his family.

You can reach Lieb at the HomeSmart office at 602-761-4646, or go online to www.centralphx.com.

Catapult Learning takes over DHA

Catapult Learning, a provider of special and alternative education, announced the acquisition of Desert Heights Academy (DHA), a special education services provider for students with its main campus at 921 W. Camelback Road.

Desert Heights will join Catapult Learning's Schools Group, which includes schools and programs specifically designed for special education students classified with both emotional and learning disabilities, autism spectrum disorders, and those with behavior-based challenges.

Desert Heights Academy is Catapult Learning's third program in Arizona, joining Sierra Academy of Scottsdale and Aurora Day School in Peoria. "Upon meeting the team at Desert Heights, we knew we would be great partners," said Andrea Vargas, president of Catapult Learning's Schools Division. "The Catapult team is impressed by the programs and partnerships DHA has built with school districts, and together, we will continue doing everything possible to prepare students to achieve their best life outcomes."

Founded in 2008, Desert Heights Academy enrolls more than 250 students with mild to severe developmental disabilities. The program at Desert Heights meets the individual needs of each student through the use of a highly-structured system that fosters functional life skill development, behavioral and academic growth and successful transitions among school, home, community and work settings.

Desert Heights' leadership and staff will remain in place as they continue providing the same level of education and social-emotional support for students. The school's day-to-day operations will remain unaffected by the change in ownership.

As part of the acquisition, Catapult Learning also will operate Desert Breeze Transportation, a leading provider of transportation services for students with special needs, including those at DHA.

Pepe named a litigation fellow

Jaburg Wilk attorney, Micalann C. Pepe was named as Litigation Counsel Associate Fellow. She joins four other Jaburg Wilk attorneys on the Counsel:

Maria Crimi Speth, Lauren Garner and Kraig Marton are fellows, and Lawrence E. Wilk is a senior fellow of LCA. Pepe's litiga-

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ance coverage and bad faith litigation, commercial litigation, and civil litigation. Jaburg Wilk is located at 3200 N. Central Ave., Ste. 2000. For more information, visit www.jaburg wilk.com.



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Walmart at Metro set to open Oct. 11

The next chapter has begun in the revitalization of Metrocenter Mall, as the new Walmart Supercenter opens its doors on Wednesday, Oct. 11. There will be a grand opening ceremony in the morning; details were sketchy at press time, read this article online at www.northcentralnews.net for updates prior to the Oct. 11 event.

Officials with Walmart, the City of Phoenix and community leaders will be on-hand to speak during the grandopening event, which will include food samples, shopping specials and free shopping bags to customers (while supplies last).

The project represents the single largest capital investment Metrocenter Mall in decades. The 148,000-square-foot store includes a full-service pharmacy and a complete line of groceries including organic selections and local products. It was constructed on the site of the former Broadway building, which had been vacant since 2006. The new Walmart Supercenter is located on the south side

of Metrocenter Mall, near 29th and Dunlap avenues.

The store is hiring up to 300 people, and will have set hours (not 24-7).

Large site at Central, **Indian School sold**

Bright Land Holdings, LCC purchased the Central Avenue and Indian School Road development site, located at 4040, 4050 and 4060 N. Central Ave., for \$6.1 million from 4040 N. Central, LLC (Glasir Capital Partners). The 3.17acre development site is located south of the southwest corner of Central Avenue and Indian School Road.

Cushman & Wakefield Executive Managing Directors David Fogler and Steven Nicoluzakis represented the seller and Cushman & Wakefield Managing Director Mark Bramlett represented the buyer.

"This site has excellent development potential for developers to pursue high-density multifamily development. With the limited availability of hardcorner, infill T.O.D. sites having great access to major job and transportation corridors, this site is perfectly positioned market," Nicoluzakis.

Shopping center at 16th St. and Camelback sold

Camelback Center, a CVS Pharmacy-anchored neighborhood shopping center located on the northeast corner of Camelback Road and 16th Street, was purchased by Perry Investment Trust from an undisclosed seller. The sale amount also was undisclosed.

Anchored by CVS and Total Wine, Camelback Center is a neighborhood shopping center totaling of 32,963 square feet of retail space on approximately 3.85 acres and is currently 100 percent occupied with approximately 79 percent national/credit tenants including Chipotle, H&R Block, Massage Envy, European Wax Center and Jimmy Johns.

"The center enjoys an extremely high-quality, institutional-grade tenancy with 84 percent of the property's rent roll being in operation at this location for 10 years or more," said Ryan Schubert of Cushman & Wakefield, who represented the seller.

Schaffer celebrates 5-year anniversary

Allstate Agency owner Shawn Schaffer reached a major milestone this year. Schaffer is celebrating five years of helping Phoenix residents protect what matters most to them—their families, their homes, their automobiles and their lives.

"It feels like just vesterday when we opened our doors," said Schaffer, who has owned and operated the Allstate agency at 4234 E. Indian School Road since September 2012. "This milestone with Allstate is very important to me. I enjoy getting to know so many families in Phoenix and thank each and every one for supporting my business."

Schaffer provides auto, home, life and commercial insurance, as well as a variety of financial products. The office can be reached at 602-595-2594 or online at www.allstate.com/sschaffer.







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6001 N. 21st Pl NEW PRICE	4254 SF	4BR/4.5BA\$1	,145,000
146 E. Claremont St	4189 SF	4BR/4.5BA\$	975,000
310 E. Wexford CoveJUST LISTED	3849 SF	4BR/4.5BA\$	950,000
902 W. El Camino Dr	4560 SF	4BR/3.5BA\$	899,500
6730 N. 7th St	4272 SF	4BR/3.5BA\$	849,500
11 W. San Juan Ave	3226 SF	4BR/2.5BA\$	724,900
1300 W. Myrtle Ave NEW CONSTRUCTION	3581 SF	4BR/3.5BA\$	738,203
1745 E. Aurelius AveIN ESCROW	2880 SF	4BR/2.5BA\$	730,940
320 E. Orangewood Ave			
1755 E. Aurelius Ave NEW CONSTRUCTION	2722 SF	4BR/2.5BA\$	724,900
3200 E. Campbell Ave. #7 .JUST LISTED	2507 SF	2BR/2.5BA\$	699,500
1400 W. Myrtle Ave NEW CONSTRUCTION			685,619
1410 W. Myrtle AveIN ESCROW			679,092
7236 N. 6th Pl			675,000
1430 W. Myrtle Ave NEW CONSTRUCTION	2863 SF	3BR/2.5BA\$	664,958
1620 E. Echo Ln			625,000
544 E. Belmont AveJUST LISTED			625,000
700 W. Drey Dr			
1504 W. Palmaire AveIN ESCROW			638,000
1508 W. Palmaire Ave NEW CONSTRUCTION			618,000
3150 E. Rose Ln NEW PRICE			605,000
5539 N. 12th StIN ESCROW			599,000
1503 W. Myrtle Ave NEW CONSTRUCTION			594,000
20 W. Frier Dr	24,785 SF lot		595,000
6122 N. 8th AveJUST LISTED	2781 SF	4BR/3BA \$	585,000
6117 N. 8th Ave IN ESCROW			579,000
1320 W. Myrtle AveIN ESCROW	2863 SF	3BR/2.5BA\$	
622 E. Desert Park LnJUST LISTED			
10 W. Frier Dr	18,807 SF lot		550,000
30 W. Frier Dr	22,208 SF lot		525,000
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7558 N. 16th LnNEW PRICE			449,000
330 W. Cinnabar AveIN ESCROW	2009 SF	4BR/3BA \$	424,900
1029 E. Mariposa St IN ESCROW	1930 SF	4BR/3BA \$	350,000
134 E. Echo LnIN ESCROW			319,900
706 E. Boca Raton Rd NEW CONSTRUCTION			307,900
726 E. Boca Raton RdIN ESCROW	1640 SF	3BR/2.5BA\$	300,000
727 E. Boca Raton RdIN ESCROW			300,000
710 E. Boca Raton Rd NEW CONSTRUCTION			296,713
1029 E. Vista Ave	1879 SF	2BR/2BA\$	295,000
1102 W. Glendale Ave. #103 .IN ESCROW	1560 SF	2BR/2.5BA\$	259,900
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5645 E. Exeter Blvd. \$1,575,000		1232 E. Oregon Ave. \$ 485,000	504 E. Flynn Dr. \$ 396,950	722 E. Boça Raton Rd. \$ 316,900	1755 E. Aurelius Ave. \$ 225,000
5045 N. 22nd St. \$1,525,000		8816 N. 18th Pl. \$ 465,000	739 E. Pálmaire Ave. \$ 380,000	7349 N. 11th Pl. \$ 315,000	4055 E. Calavar Rd. \$ 223,500
7522 N. Silvercrest Way \$1,150,000		*3150 E Rose Ln . \$ 460,000	8117 N. 18th Pl. \$ 376,000	*9007 N. 14th Dr. \$ 312,500	3662 W. Michigan Ave.\$ 223,000
512 E. Tuckey Ln. \$1,037,000	1823 E. Palmarie Dr. \$ 659,000	709 W. El Camino Dr. \$ 450,000	1326 E. Stella Ln. \$ 375,000	723 E. Boca Raton Rd. \$ 312,011	5350 N. Central Ave. #38 \$ 211,500
2135 E. Colter St. \$1,000,000	735 W. Las Palmaritas Dr. \$ 643,000	10265 N. Central Ave. \$ 450,000	1102 W. Keim Dr. \$ 365,000	1617 E. Lamar Rd. \$ 304,700	6544 N. 13th Dr. \$ 195,000
7026 N. 23rd Pl. \$ '935,000		*7726 N. 11th Ave. \$ 440,000	8074 N. 16th Ave. \$ 359,000	818 W. Oregon Ave. \$ 281,500	*5350 N. Central Ave. #38 \$ 173,250
130 E. Glendale Ave. \$ 852,500		243 W. Harmont Dr. \$ 440,000	2027 E. Glendale Ave. \$ 350,000	707 W. Boca Raton Rd.\$ 270,900	7300 N. Dreamy Draw Dr. #105 \$ 160,000
6402 N. 28th St. \$ 825,000) 15815 E. Burro Dr. \$ 590,000	7229 N. 11th Ave. \$ 440,000	1433 E. Mission Ln. \$ 336,000	1124 E. Rose Ln. #10 \$ 253,000	4600 N. 68th St. #351 \$ 129,900
321 E. Montebello Ave. \$ 805,000) 7747 N. 13th Pl. \$ 585,000	1135 E. Lawrence Rd. \$ 439,000	1 E. Butler Dr. \$ 335,000	6527 N. 10th Pl. \$ 246,000	750 E. Northern Ave. #1138\$ 118,000
1819 E. Palmaire Ave. \$ 750,000	7519 N. 3rd. St. \$ 550,000	6814 N. 11th St. \$ 420,000	7118 N. 11th Dr. \$ 333,500	6509 N. 10th Pl. \$ 245,000	14625 N 29th Ave. \$ 103,449
101 W. Morten Ave. \$ 749,000) 6010 N. 5th Ave. \$ 550,000	7623 N. 7th Pl. \$ 418,000	719 E. Boca Raton Rd. \$ 329,409	5830 N. 12th Pl. #8 \$ 245,000	1880 E. Morten Ave. #137 \$ 94,500
6030 N. 5th Ave. \$ 720,000	336 E. Wagon Wheel \$ 535,000	8449 N. 1st Dr. \$ 415,000	6913 N. 10th St. \$ 328,500	7231 N. 6th Way \$ 225,000	*represented both buyer and seller

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HEALTHY LIVING

Pafford honored for years of service

Dr. Greg Pafford, a third-generation dentist and North Central resident, recently was honored by the Arizona Dental Association with an AzDA Hall of Fame Service Award.

Pafford, who has a family dental practice in midtown Phoenix, has served as the Give Kids a Smile chairman since its inception in 2003 and has taken care of 17,000 Title 1 elementary school children who have received more than \$5.8 million in free dental care. He also co-founded the Boys and Girls Club's Dental Clinic in 1996 and has been a volunteer with the Mission of Mercy free dental care weekend at Veterans Memorial Coliseum.

Pafford volunteers with the Boys & Girls Club, St. Vincent de Paul and Rotary 100, while serving as president of the Arizona Dental Association and president of the Arizona Dental Foundation.



North Central resident and dentist Gregory Pafford, center, has actively participated in the nonprofit Give Kids A Smile (GKAS) program since 2003. He recently was honored by the Arizona Dental Association with an AzDA Hall of Fame Service Award, in part for his volunteer work with GKAS (submitted photo).

Association recognizes members for their lifelong achievement and endurdentistry," said Dr. Eric Curtis, president AzDA. "We are pleased to honor

"Each year, the Arizona Dental an individual who is truly deserving of the [award]."

Pafford is an alumnus of Madison ing contributions to the profession of Simis and Brophy College Prep and holds degrees from Arizona State University and the University of the

Pacific. He was honored as Dentist of the Year by the Arizona Dental Association in 2007.

Health Briefs

Free seminar about peripheral artery disease

Abrazo Arizona Heart Hospital will present a free seminar from 6-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 24 about chronic wound care and Peripheral Artery Disease.

The seminar will be in the second floor classroom at the hospital, 1930 E. Thomas Road. Participants will learn what conditions cause chronic wounds or wounds that are slow to heal, and advanced wound care treatment options.

They also will hear about peripheral artery disease (PAD), its symptoms, risk factors and innovative limb saving procedures.

There will be a question-answer session with vascular surgeon Venkatesh Ramaiah and Abe Farah, director of wound care at Abrazo Arizona Heart Hospital. Light



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Drop-in yoga classes for all ages, levels

Scott Hay, a registered master-level yoga teacher, offers two classes each Monday at Central United Methodist Church, 1875 N. Central Ave.

Chair Yoga begins at 10 a.m. and is designed for people with limited mobility or recovering from injury. Basics Yoga is at 6 p.m. and is a traditional class focusing on fundamentals and getting the most from your practice.

All classes are \$10; cash or check accepted. Drop-ins welcome. For more information, e-mail scott.hay4@gmail.com or visit www.scotthay yoga.com.

New health center has holistic approach

After 35 years serving the central Phoenix community, Bayless Integrated Healthcare opened a new fully integrated health center off Central Avenue in the spring.

Located at 3033 N. Central Ave., Suite 700, the new 9,000-square-foot Bayless Integrated Health Center offers a holistic approach to healthcare by caring for a patient's physical, emotional, behavioral, and social healthcare needs.

Patients can choose from Family Medicine, Emotional and Behavioral Health, and Social Health services.

Understanding that there isn't a one-size-fits-all model for health and wellness, the Bayless Integrated Health Center is designed to be a medical home for patients and their families to address their complex wellness needs at every stage of life. The center accepts most major insurances, including AHCCCS and Medicare, as well as offers transparent self-pay rates listed on its website.

With multiple specialties utilizing new technologies to improve the patient experience for all ages and socio-economic classes, Bayless Integrated Healthcare Group provides services including evaluation, diagnosis, consultations, medication management, psychotherapy, psychiatric nursing, individualized behavioral plans, wellness assessments, education and training.

For more information, visit www.baylesshealthcare.com or call 602-230-7373.

'Mindful Eating' looks at different types of hunger

All Saints' Episcopal Church at 6300 N. Central Ave. hosts a short program on mindful eating on Thursday evenings, Oct. 26, and Nov. 2, 9, and 16 from 7-8:30 p.m. It will be facilitated by a licensed social worker and you will learn about the seven types of hunger (only one of which involves your stomach), conditioned responses that lead you to eat when you're not hungry, cooking and sharing food as a sacred activity, and techniques to improve your ability to ask why you want to eat and what your body really needs.

The program costs \$15 and you will also receive a thumb drive with audio meditations to strengthen your new behaviors and handouts to support learning. Contact Health Ministries Coordinator Patrice Al-Shatti, LMSW, at palshatti@allsaints.org to RSVP for the series and for more information.



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Saint Mary's celebrates 100 years with Gala

When Arizona achieved statehood in 1912, the young Catholic men and women of Phoenix had no high school to call their own. Just five years later, in 1917, the Sisters of the Precious Blood established Saint Mary's, the first Catholic high school in the state.

At first, the Sisters ran Saint Mary's out of borrowed classrooms in Saint Anthony's grammar school, but after two years they were finally able to break ground on Saint Mary's first school building.

On Oct. 21, Mary's will celebrate a century of Catholic education at the Saint Mary's Catholic High School Centennial Gala, set to begin at 5:30 p.m. at the Sheraton Grand Phoenix, 340 N. 3rd St. Tickets are \$250 per person, and many sponsorship opportunities are available.

Beth (Wischer) Wand and Barbara



Teachers and support staff from Madison Heights Elementary School spent a day volunteering at nonprofit Feed My Starving Children as part of the school's Heights Helps program (submitted photo).

Bandura are serving as Gala co-chairs. Wand is an Arizona native, '00 Saint Mary's Catholic High School graduate, and the director of operations for

company in Southern Arizona. Bandura is First Vice President Business Relations Manager at Midfirst Bank. Both women are actively Sunland Water Company, a utility involved in the community, both professionally and through philanthropic endeavors.

"This is a big year for Saint Mary's, and we are truly excited to be a part of the celebration," said Wand. "With such an extensive history here in Phoenix, our network of alumni is strong and deep. This year's Gala will help Saint Mary's continue its legacy of forming virtuous young men and women through its strong liberal arts curriculum, athletic programs and Catholic education."

Saint Mary's graduate and outfielder for the Los Angeles Dodgers, Andre Ethier, has signed on as the platinum sponsor of the Gala. Ethier lives in Glendale with his wife and three kids. Tickets and sponsorship information for the Saint Mary's High School Centennial Gala, which includes a cocktail hour, live and silent auction, and music, can be found at http://www.smknights.org/100. For more information, call 602-251-2506.

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Sunday, Oct. 29, 2017 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm

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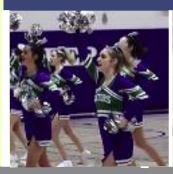
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School Briefs GLENDALE UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

'S Mountain' gets annual makeover

In September, Sunnyslope High School freshmen continued a longstanding tradition to paint S Mountain. Located near Central Avenue and Thatcher, the mountain is adorned with a 150-foot white "S."

The freshmen class gives the landmark "S" a fresh coat of paint each year. The "S" was first painted by the freshmen students in 1955. At the end of the Homecoming football game, the freshmen football team illuminates the "S" with red flares.

The landmark is registered with the Phoenix Historic Property Register.

Theater department presents 'Night Watch'

The Sunnyslope High School theater department will perform its rendition of "Night Watch" by playwright Lucille Fletcher, 7-9 p.m. Oct. 25-28



The freshman class at Sunnyslope High School each year makes a trek up S Mountain with brushes and buckets of white paint, to give the landmark "S" a touch up (photo courtesy of Glendale Union High School District).

in the Kenneth E. Coffin Auditorium, 35 W. Dunlap Ave.

This chilling murder mystery is a story about a young woman who insists she has seen a murder committed. The play follows the audience's journey to discover whether or not she is telling the truth. The story ends with a shocking twist that no one will see coming! "Tickets are \$5 and will be available at the door.

Washington inducts new FBLA members

Washington High School held its annual Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) induction ceremony in mid-September. The 2017-2018 officers are: Tina Ngo, webmaster; Maricela Baeza, reporter; Leslye Lopez Canales, historian; Kevin Lopez, treasurer; Kaydin Begay, secretary; Kyu Kyu, vice president; Lilianna Garcia, co-president;

and Jacob Reyes, co-president.

FBLA is the premier national organization for students who are preparing for careers in business or business education. FBLA membership benefits include leadership development, career preparation, community service, networking with business and community leaders, and challenging competitions.

OSBORN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Osborn welcomes new administrators

Felipe Carranza was welcomed last spring as principal of Encanto School by parents, students, and staff at the end-of-year Awards Assembly. Carranza lives in the Osborn neighborhood.

A former bilingual teacher, Carranza taught and mentored teachers, and also entered ASU's iLead program for aspiring administrators. Before finding his new home in Osborn, Carranza worked as an assistant principal in the Roosevelt and Buckeye Elementary School Districts.

Shannon Mann returned to Osborn

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Middle School this fall as assistant principal. She has spent her entire career in the Osborn School District. Emerging through Teach for America, Mann began her career teaching at Osborn Middle School, eventually assuming a position as a Master Teacher and taught the honors geometry course for eighth graders.

Mann has also taught the mathematics teaching methods course in the Osborn iTeach Masters and Certification program. Using her skills to help students and teachers through data analysis, she became curriculum specialist for data and assessment.

Osborn congratulates Teachers of the Year

The Osborn Educational Foundation has announced the winners of its Teachers of the Year Award. Winners of the 2017 award are: Osborn Middle School (OMS) and Clarendon Elementary band teacher Julia Georges; Clarendon sixth-grade dual language teacher Ruth Ruiz; and OMS seventh-



The Osborn Elementary School District will honor its three Teachers of the Year—Sarah Saiz, Julia Georges and Ruth Ruiz—at a special dinner on Oct. 21 (photo courtesy of the Osborn School District).

grade math teacher Sarah Saiz.

All three honorees were nominated for the AEF Arizona Teacher of the Year award as well. Clarendon teacher Ruth Ruiz has been named as a top-10 finalist and the winner will be announced in November.

Osborn Teachers of the Year will be honored at an event set for 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 21 at the Phoenix Country Club and will feature a silent auction and dinner. Tickets are \$75 and sponsorship opportunities are available. For additional information, visit www.osborneducationfoundation.org.

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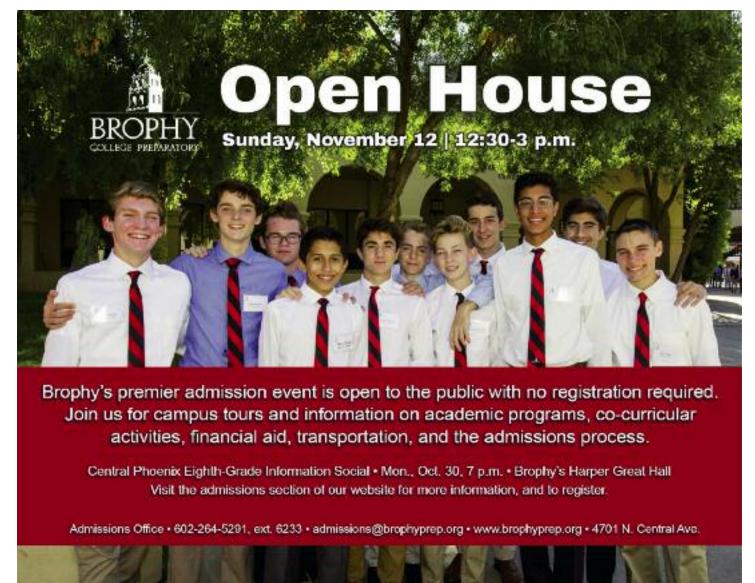
Dance program hosts golf tourney

The Camelback Dance program will hold its first Spartan Scramble Golf tournament, to benefit the students of the Dance Department. Proceeds will allow the varsity dance team, Camelback Elite, to attend multiple local competitions this school year, and provide funding for costumes and other necessities for the 150-student program.

The tournament will be 8 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 28 at the Mountain Shadows Golf Course in Paradise Valley. For player and sponsorship information, contact Camelback's Director of Dance, Heidi Wilkes, at hwilkes@phoenixunion.org or 480-438-9120.

Bancroft places high in Tae Kwon-Do contests

Central High senior Matthew Bancroft represented Team USA in the International Tae Kwon-Do Federation Open World Championship in Corrientes, Argentina. He competed in the Junior Division on Aug. 12, where





Matthew Bancroft, a senior at Central High School, came home with several medals after competing this summer in the International Tae Kwon-Do Federation Open World Championship in Corrientes, Argentina (submitted photo).

he placed second in Individual Sparring; third in Patterns; third in Team Patterns; and third in Team Specialty Breaking.

Bancroft's dream of competing internationally began in 2007 at AZ Kicks, when he was first introduced to the sport. He enrolled in a class out of curiosity and then excelled, becoming increasingly focused and disciplined. He has represented Arizona in tournaments all around the southwestern region, as well as in Connecticut and London in 2015.

Smartphones given to select students

More than 5,400 Phoenix Union freshmen will receive equipment and connectivity as part of the Sprint Foundation's 1Million Project this year. The students who qualify, based on income and not currently having Internet at home, will receive either a smartphone or hot spot, and 3GB of high-speed data per month for up to four years while they are in high school.

Sprint and the Phoenix Union District kicked off the project Sept. 13 at Central High School, 4525 N. Central Ave., with selected students from 17 schools, joined by Sprint executives, Superintendent Chad Gestson and Mayor Greg Stanton. The students received their devices and had them activated during the event. Each cam-

pus has, or will facilitate its own largescale distribution and activation plan for its freshmen.

Phoenix Union is one of only three school districts in Arizona to take part in this project, which will impact more than 180,000 students in 1,300 schools across 30 states. The project will continue for five years.

The donation to PUHSD students is valued at \$3.7 million in the first year alone.

Brazier honored For leadership

Metro Tech Assistant Principal for Student Success Keith Brazier will be honored with the JV Educational Leadership Award for providing outstanding leadership in Student Support Services in Academics for 2017.

His nomination focused on educational and enthusiastic technique, contribution to student retention, and dedication to his discipline through scholarly advancements.

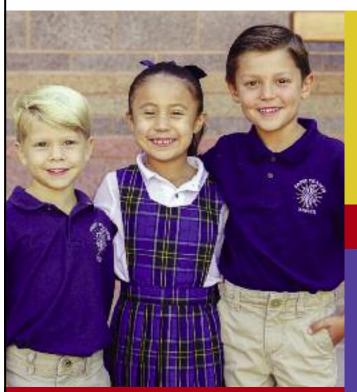
He will receive his honor at the 15th Annual Male of Color Empowerment and Retention Conference on Oct. 26.





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WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Gifted students get added programming

This year, the WESD is placing a renewed emphasis on gifted program-

ing. Jason McIntosh has joined the district as the new coordinator of Gifted Services and brings with him 16 years of experience in gifted education.

This year he will work to expand the gifted learning opportunities into the regular classroom, place a new focus on problem-based learning and identify underserved populations across the district. For more information, call 602-347-2651.

Students volunteer as Anti-Bully Ambassadors

Twenty Sunnyslope Elementary students have become Anti-Bully Ambassadors for the Arizona Cardinals and the Run Through Bullying with David Johnson program. Students attended Cardinals training camp, had lunch, and heard Johnson's message about bullying and how it has shaped his life.

Students were selected by writing a one-page essay about how bullying has touched their lives.

PRIVATE AND CHARTER SCHOOLS Three MHP robotics teams to compete

The Madison Highland Prep VEX Robotics team will open the 2017-2018 competition season at the Campo Verde High School VRC qualifier on Nov. 18. MHP VEX Robotics will field three teams competing at seven state

qualifying competitions, including the 4th annual MHP state qualifying event on Jan. 13.

The team is looking to earn its second consecutive berth to the Arizona Interscholastic Association (AIA) state championships in the spring. The team is coached by Nick Bonds, an engineering teacher at MHP.

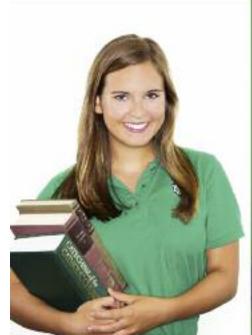
The competition game for this season is VRC In the Zone. The object of the game is to obtain points by stacking cones on goals, moving mobile goals into goal zones, having the highest stack on goals, and parking robots in goal zones. Matches consist of two periods, a 15- second autonomous period and a one minute and 45-second driver controlled period.

For more information, visit http://madisonhighlandprep.com/h/.

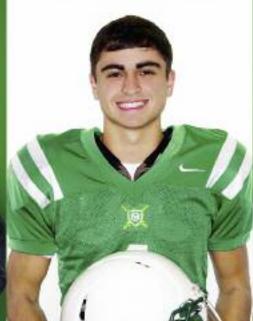
Tiedra receives grant to build class library

Midtown Primary School teacher Tiedra Vargas was chosen from 82,000 applicants to receive \$500 for a classroom library from *New York Times*bestselling author James Patterson's













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Midtown Primary School teacher Tiedra Vargas and her students celebrate the news that she was awarded \$500 to help build a classroom library (photo courtesy of Midtown Primary).

\$1.75 Million Giveaway, administered through the Scholastic Book Club.

Having forgotten that she applied, Vargas was happily surprised to be notified by the 2017 Patterson Partnership that she had been chosen.

Midtown Principal Judy White recalls when last year, while waiting for her to finish up a task, a "kindie" looking over her shoulder started reading out loud—from her open e-mail on her computer. "Those weren't little words

or sight words, that was excellent reading skill," White said. "Their kindergarten class produces amazing readers, and I am so proud of them."

Open House, Eighth Grade Day set

Xavier College Preparatory will host its annual Eighth Grade Day on Friday, Oct. 27, from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., and its Open House from 12-3 p.m. on

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Trunk or Treat at First United Methodist Church Sunday. October 29

It's time once again for our annual Fall Festival Trunk or Treat at First United Methodist Church. This is a FREE event for the entire family that takes plave Sunday, October 29, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. in our parking lot. Our annual event is a safe and fun alternative to the original door to door approach to Halloween for our littlest ghosts, goblins, superheroes and princesses. Kids are encouraged to wear their Halloween Costume and partake in the festivities. This year, in addition to tunk or treat, we will have:

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Sunday, Oct. 29. Both events are free and will take place on Xavier's campus, 4710 N. 5th St.

Eighth Grade Day is an opportunity for eighth-grade students to experience Xavier on a school day. Activities include a welcome assembly, student-led classroom visits, an all-school peprally, and lunch. Participation is free, but students must register online by visiting www.xcp.org, clicking "Admissions," then "Campus Visits."

Open House is an opportunity for students of all ages and their parents to attend a Xavier information session, tour the school, and meet the faculty and coaches. Information sessions begin at 12:15 p.m. and 1:15 p.m. and student-led campus tours will be available throughout the afternoon. Registration is not necessary.

Xavier partners with PBS NewsHour

Xavier College Preparatory announced its participation in the PBS NewsHour Student Reporting Labs (SRL) program, a national journalism



Xavier College Prep senior Lily Gonzales of North Central Phoenix shoots video content for the PBS NewsHour Student Reporting Labs program (submitted photo).

initiative by the PBS NewsHour to connect middle and high school students with public media stations to produce original, youth-focused news reports.

Students at the all-female Phoenix high school will have the opportunity to create content for the national NewsHour site and the nightly broadcast, which reaches over 1 million viewers each night.

"Because so many teenagers underestimate the power behind their own words and perspectives, student reporting is an opportunity for teenagers to present topics, events, and people to the public in way that represents their experience," said Xavier senior and North Central resident Madison Kloeber.

Xavier faculty members Frances McMahon Ward and Corinne Cosic will help program leaders develop curriculum to engage young people in news and public affairs, and ensure that the youth voice is active in the conversations about the critical issues facing the nation.

FX hosts an Open House

St. Francis Xavier School will host a Preschool and Kindergarten Open House on Tuesday, Oct. 24, from 8 to 9:30 a.m. Parent Ambassadors will give tours; parents will have the chance to visit the classrooms during the school day, followed by a presentation given by the principal and teachers.

Interested parents are asked to register for the open house by visiting the school's website at http://school.sfx-phx.org. Find the registration link under the admissions tab on the school website.

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Senior Living Memory Café offers socializing, support

Jewish Family & Children's Service hosts a series of monthly Memory Cafés for those with memory loss and their care partners. The events will be held at Beth El Congregation, 1118 W. Glendale Ave., 10-11:30 a.m. on the first Thursday of each month, beginning Nov. 2. The cafe is limited to 15 pairs of care partners.

The challenges of living with memory loss can strain or even sever social connection at a time when it is needed most. Memory Cafés are one way individuals with memory loss and their care companions can come together to make new friendships and support one another.

The Memory Café is a meeting place for those with changes in their thinking or memory, mild cognitive impairment or dementia due to Alzheimer's disease or a related disorder, along with their care partners. Each

month will have a new theme and will include meaningful and fun activities to engage the participants and stimulate their minds and bodies. A diagnosis of dementia is not required to attend.

There is no charge to attend, but registration is requested. To register, email Kathy.rood@jfcsaz.org or call 602-452-4627.

Preparing to care for a loved one

Living Streams Church, 7000 N. Central Ave., hosts a new monthly Dementia Care Education course. which will offer attendees information on what to expect and how to deal with the disease. This is a series of six, 1.5hour classes beginning 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 2. Admission is free.

Topics include when to put a loved one in a dementia care facility; where to start after diagnosis; stages of Alzheimer's; caregiver stress and family communication; and Alzheimer's and Dementia 101.

There will be time for questions after each class. While there is no charge, pre-registration is requested at: www.livingstreams.org/events.

Beatitudes to unveil new patio homes

Beatitudes Campus, a not-for-profit community for active independent senior living located at 1610 W. Glendale Ave., will unveil its two-year plan to add 33 new patio homes to Beatitudes Campus, during a special event on Thursday, Oct. 12.

The single-level, attached patio homes will feature a variety of sizes and floor plans, and will include a full kitchen, garage, and front and back patios. They come with a lifestyle package that includes restaurant-style dining, maintenance, housekeeping, utilities, cable TV, phone and onsite healthcare services, if needed. Residents have access to all activities and amenities on campus.

Beatitudes Campus is working with local partners OrcuttlWinslow and The Weitz Company to handle the project's design and construction.

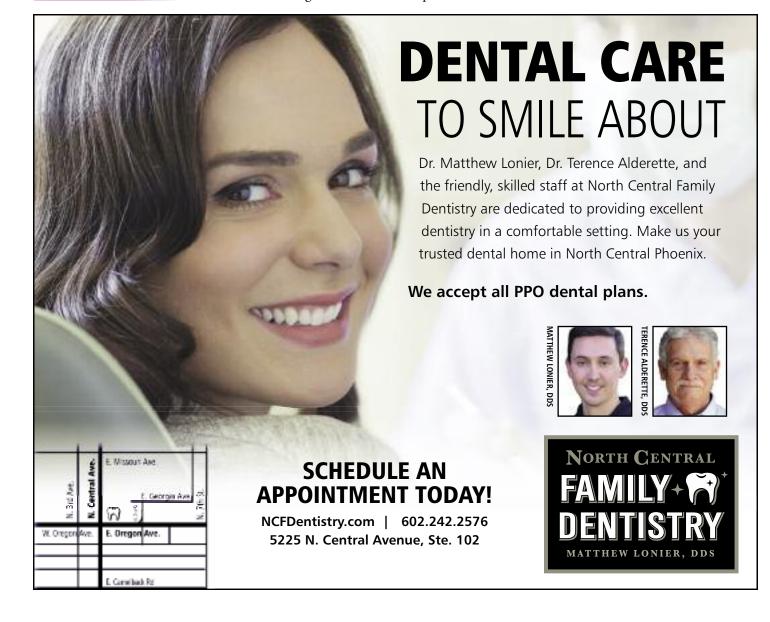
At the BeVIP Presentation & Drawing, held from 10 a.m.-12 p.m., hear what's coming, see architectural renderings and ask questions. This event also will feature a first BeVIP priority drawing that determines what order the 33 patio homes will be selected. Attendance to the event is by reservation only. Call 602-362-7269 to RSVP.

Caregivers Symposium set for Nov. 2 at Duet

November is National Family Caregivers Month, and on Nov. 2, Duet: Partners In Health & Aging will host its second Family Caregiver Symposium at Church of the Beatitudes, 555 W. Glendale Ave.

At the event, Duet will gather expert panelists to share how to navigate physical, emotional, mental and spiritual well being through periods of high stress.

"The Family Caregiver Symposium is designed to equip, empower and celebrate family caregivers who take on some of society's most difficult and undervalued work," said Ann Wheat, Director of Family Caregiving Services at Duet. "The symposium will allow caregivers to learn about difficult transitions, how best to handle these from a place of



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empowerment and hope, and to also connect with hundreds of other caregivers through lunch and socialization."

The morning session, which takes place from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., will include a panel discussion. Lin Sue Cooney, Director of Community Engagement for Hospice of the Valley and well-known local news personality, will serve as the session's moderator. The session, which includes lunch, is \$20 for family caregivers and \$40 for professionals. Free onsite respite services will be provided by Beatitudes at Home so that caregivers can attend. Scholarships are available by contacting Duet.

The Family Caregiver Symposium's Signature Sponsor is AARP Phoenix. To learn more about the Family Caregiver Symposium, and to register to attend, visit www.duetaz.org or call 602-274-5022.

Family Caregiver Open House Nov. 4

Foundation for Senior Living (FSL) hosts a day for caregivers, who are typically unpaid for their service, to learn about community resources that will simplify their daily lives while providing them the opportunity to put themselves first for an afternoon.

The Family Caregiver Open House takes place 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4, at the FSL Caregiver House, 1201 E Thomas Road. Caregivers are invited to enjoy educational seminars, massages, demonstrations, and get community resources to help make your job as a caregiver easier.

The event is free. Attendees are welcome to bring their cared-for loved ones with them, and meaningful activities will be provided for them. Pre-registration requested at http://bit.ly/2hdoLLj.

Kids & Family

'Tramp-O-Ween' at Flip Dunk

Flip Dunk Sports, 1515 E. Bethany Home Road, hosts a special Tramp-O-Ween Night from 6 to 9 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 21. The activities are best suited for children ages 5 and older.

The special event includes a slice of pizza, drink, costume contest, games, jumping, trick or treating, and treats. Children can change out of their costumes before hitting the trampolines. Cost is \$25 per child in advance, \$35 the day of the event. Call 602-277-0067 to register.

VFW Post hosts two essay contests

VFW Post 9400 in Sunnyslope once again hosts its Voices of Democracy essay contest for high school students (grades 9-12). In addition, the group presents a "Patriot Pen" essay contest for middle school students.

The topic for the 2017 Voices of Democracy program is "American History: Our Hope for the Future." High school students who wish to enter the contest will complete the statement in both a written essay and a 3- to 5-minute recording on a CD or flash drive. Judging is based on originality, content, and speech delivery on the recording. Students must speak clearly on the recording and the volume should be reasonably high enough to hear.

The essay, CD/flash drive and entry form must arrive at the VFW Post 9400, 804 E. Purdue, Phoenix, Ariz., 85020, by Oct. 31. You can download the entry form at http://www.vfw.org/VOD.

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entrants, and the first-place winner will advance to the district competition. Winners of the district contest will advance to state, and that winner could receive an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C., for the national competition and a chance at the \$30,000 scholarship prize.

The theme of this year's Patriot's Pen Contest is "America's Gift to My Generation." All sixth- through eighthgrade students are eligible to write an essay of 300-400 typewritten words. Each first-place state winner advances to the national competition. The national first-place winner wins \$5,000 and an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C.

Entries with accompanying entry forms also must be received by Oct. 31 at the Post. Download the entry form at: http://www.vfw.org/PatriotsPen.

Judging is done by the local Post, then by district, then by state judges. Judging is based on how well the student understands, develops and presents the theme. A positive approach is recommended.

For more information, call Contest Chairman Tom Landy at 602-295-4394 or e-mail tmlandy@gmail.com.

A free day of archaeology fun

Celebrate International Archaeology Day and explore the ancient heart of Phoenix at Pueblo Grande Museum on Saturday, Oct. 21 with a full day of archaeology fun.

Archaeology-themed activities, children's activities, tours, and more will be available throughout the day from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. For free museum admission to this event, visit the PGM website, Facebook or Twitter pages to find out how to print a ticket for free admission on International Archaeology Day.

Archaeology aficionados of all ages will have the opportunity to witness preservation techniques on the prehistoric platform mound, do a simulated archaeological dig, and do hands-on archaeology crafts. Guests can also attend a free lecture at noon presented by The Central Arizona Society of the AIA on the Archaeological History of Stonehenge.

The museum, located at 4619 E. Washington St., also will offer tours of the archaeological site, as well as have artifact show-and-tell stations throughout the day. For more information on this and other events at Pueblo Grande Museum, visit www.pueblogrande.com or call 602-495-0901.

Costumes, ghost stories for families at free event

Arizona Humanities, 1242 N. Central Ave., hosts a free Ghostly Stories Festival from 4 to 7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 22.

Listen to ghost stories, wear a spooky costume and enjoy snacks, story time, arts and crafts, a free book giveaway and chalk art mural.

The event is geared toward families with children ages 2-12. Free parking available. RSVP at www.ghostly stories2017.eventbrite.com. For more information, call 602-257-0335.

Top youth volunteers sought for award

Through Nov. 7, The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards is looking for Arizona's top youth volunteers.

Students in grades 512 are invited to apply for 2018 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards if they have made meaningful contributions to their communities through volunteer service within the past 12 months. The application is available at http://spirit.prudential.com and www.nassp.org/spirit. Students can request a paper application by calling 855-670-4787.

To apply for a 2018 Prudential Spirit of Community Award, students and certifiers must complete the online application by Nov. 7 and submit the application for certification to their principal or head of a local participating organization.

Certifiers review all applications for their school or organization, then nominate a local honoree for state-level judging by Nov. 17. Applications can be certified by a middle or high school principal or the head of one of several agencies.

On Feb. 6, 2018, the top middle level and high school volunteer from each state and the District of Columbia will be named State Honorees. They will receive \$1,000, engraved silver medallions and an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C., with a parent or guardian for four days of recognition events from April 28-May 1, 2018.





ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

A & E Briefs

Paintings of Karen Rae Through Nov. 7 Church of the Beatitudes 555 W. Glendale Ave.

The watercolors of local artist Karen Rae will be on exhibit in the narthex (lobby) of the sanctuary. Hours are 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Sundays and by appointment. All artwork is available for purchase. For more information, contact Marcia Nix at 602-274-8992.

'Boneyard' in Concert 7:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 3 The Musicians Hall 1202 E. Oak St.

Boneyard brings its original sound, eclectic repertoire and instrumental groove therapy, featuring Carole Pellatt on guitar, Dom Moio on drums, Todd Johnson on bass, and Joe Garcia on percussion. Free and open to the public, but donations gladly accepted.

'Baskerville: A Sherlock **Holmes Mystery'**

Oct. 5-7 & Oct. 12-14 John Paul Theatre, **Phoenix College** 1202 W. Thomas Road

A farcical look at the machinations of solving a murder. The action is on fast-forward, as locations and characters change in the blink of an eye in a feverish race to the finish—the revelation of the murderer. Show times are 7:30 p.m., with an 11 a.m. matinee on Oct. 6. Tickets are \$10 general, \$7 alumni/seniors, and \$5 students.

'Frankestein Has No Legs' All Puppet Players Oct. 6-28 Playhouse on the Park 1850 N. Central Ave. 602-254-2151

This original adaptation is funny, clever and true to the source material. Puppets create a mood and a style that draws you into the story of Victor and his crusade to defeat death. Along the way, he will abandon morals, values and his ethics to create a monster that will become his greatest enemy. Shows run every weekend in October at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$18 plus fees. Visit www.allpuppetplayers.com.

'Memories of October and November' Reception

5:30-7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 6 Herberger Theater Gallery 222 E. Monroe 602-254-7399, ext. 105

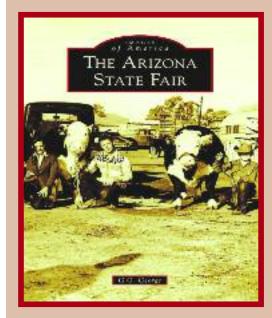
An exhibit of two- and threedimensional art, featuring 22 Arizona artists. Meet the artists; enjoy music and no-host bar in Bob's Spot Lounge. Admission is free. The artwork is available for purchase through Nov. 27. A portion of each sale benefits the HTC's Youth Outreach Programs.

Ceremonial Concert by Maestro Xavier Quijas Yxayotl

7-9 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 7 North Mountain Visitor Center 12950 N. 7th St. 602-343-5125

Blessing ceremony to open the sacred music (involves copal). Xavier will share his knowledge of Aztec clay instruments.

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'The Little Mermaid'
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This production features an all-student cast. Shows will be at 7 p.m. each day, with two shows on Saturday at 2 and 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10 general admission; the box office opens one hour prior to show time.

'Urban Nocturnes'

7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 12 Trinity Cathedral 100 W. Roosevelt St.

An evening of intimate chamber music for piano and strings. The program includes Claude Debussy's "Piano Trio," "Phantasy for Viola and Piano" by York Bowen, and Gabriel Fauré's Piano Quartet No. 1. Tickets are \$15 and are available at the door or through the Music at Trinity website (www.trinity musicaz.org). A reception follows the performance.

'Sing Phoenix!' Choral Festival

Oct. 19-21 Church of the Beatitudes 555 W. Glendale Ave. 602-264-1221

The festival is open to all singers of all skill levels, and includes a vocal master class and public performance with chamber orchestra. For more information, visit www.beatitudeschurch.org.

'Seven Guitars'

Black Theatre Troupe Oct. 27-Nov. 12 Helen K. Mason Performing Arts Center 1333 E. Washington St. 602-258-8129

The fifth in August Wilson's 10-play decade-by-decade exploration of the black experience in America, "Seven Guitars" is set in 1948 as friends gather to mourn for Floyd "Schoolboy" Barton, a blues guitarist and singer, who died just as his career was on the verge of taking off. Tickets are \$38 plus fees. Visit www.blacktheatretroupe.org.

'Swan Lake' Ballet Arizona Oct. 26-29 Phoenix Symphony Hall

75 N. 2nd St. 602-381-1096

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'A Vampire Tale' Scorpius Dance Theatre Oct. 26-28 & Nov. 2-4 Phoenix Theatre 100 E. McDowell Road 602-254-2151

A young woman is drawn to the dark side and finds herself lured into an assorted band of bloodsuckers. Frightened yet fascinated by their shadowy showmanship and seductive moves, she struggles to avoid becoming part of their underworld when she becomes infatuated with the King vampire. Show times are 7:30 p.m., with matinees at 2 p.m. on Saturdays. Tickets start at \$25, plus fees. Visit www.scorpiusdance.com.

'Mid-Century Masters' MusicaNova 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 29 Central United Methodist Church 1875 N. Central Ave.

The orchestra performs works from

composers Richard Arnell, Ralph Vaughan Williams and Malcolm Arnold. Highlights include "The Harmony Project—Phoenix Orchestra," a group if young local players who will join MNO to perform Vaughan Williams' "Concerto Grosso for String Orchestras." Tickets are \$20 adults, \$15 seniors and students and free for ages 17 and younger. Visit www.musica novaaz.com.

'The Woman in Black' Oct 31 -Nov 5 Playhouse on the Park 1850 N. Central Ave. 602-734-5734

A traumatized man recruits an actor to help him exorcise the ghost of the Woman in Black. The two men perform the story about an up-and-coming young solicitor who has come to attend the funeral and settle the estate of Mrs. Alice Drablow of the Eel Marsh House. The routine formalities give way to a tumble of sinister and terrifying events and secrets. Tickets are \$19 for youth ages 17 and younger and \$29 for adults. Visit www.davisson entertainment.com.

Boys to Men Festival 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4 Central High School 4525 N. Central Ave.

Male singers from schools across the state join male singers from local choruses in an afternoon rehearsal session with guest clinicians, culminating in a concert including performances by the local male choruses and all participants. The concert is open to the public and is hosted by Orpheus Male Chorus of Phoenix. Tickets are \$5. Visit https://orpheus.org for ticket information.



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FOOD FOR THOUGHT



Manuel Guillen, holding a loaf of freshly baked bread, and his cousin, Geodron Guillen, show off some selections that have made My Mother's Restaurant a community favorite for more than three decades, clockwise from left: the roast turkey platter with mashed potatoes and gravy; the prime rib dinner with a cup of soup; and a big slice of chocolate cream pie. They, along with chef Elias Valdez, own the restaurant (photo by Patty Talahongva).

Café Chat

My Mother's cooking is just like home

By Patty Talahongva

A busboy and a cook walk into a restaurant and become part of the family that runs the restaurant. Twenty years later, they buy the place and continue operating My Mother's Restaurant, 4130 N. 19th Ave., in the same just-like-family business model.

Geodron Guillen was 22 when he started as a cook. "It was a smaller menu," he recalls. Back then a prime rib dinner cost \$4.99. His cousin, Manuel Guillen, recalls part of his job as a busboy was to carry two ashtrays when he checked on tables. In those days, smoking was allowed inside restaurants.

The two cousins and their partner, Elias Valdez, have owned My Mother's Restaurant since 2005. They took over the day-to-day operations in January 2006. All three worked for the original owner Joan Videen and her son, Randy. She still visits the restaurant she opened in 1977, and her granddaughter works there part time.

Children of longtime customers know the drill. The minute they walk into the restaurant a toy chest waits for them and each child is allowed to select one toy to take home. Coloring books and crayons are also available for the little ones as is a menu designed for them featuring Pot Roast Jr., Chicken Tenders, a 6-inch bear or dinosaur pizza, or a simple peanut butter and jelly sandwich—each costing less than \$6.

My Mother's serves traditional home-cooked food mixed with a little bit of Italian, and a perennial favorite, chicken fried steak. It's a large and diverse menu, and Geo is proud of their good food, good service and "the prices are good, too," he adds. When the cousins took over they added a pork chop dinner and Sea Bass to the menu.

Lunch specials are each day from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sandwiches, salads, pork chops, prime rib, pasta and turkey potpie are just a few of the menu items.

Geo recalls the time when former Arizona Gov. Rose Mofford came into the restaurant and wanted a plain old hamburger. The only trouble was they didn't have a hamburger on the menu—but they had all the ingredients. So they whipped up one for Mofford and added it to the menu, where it's become a popular item.

Dinner specials are offered nightly and every Friday you can get a Prime Rib dinner for \$14.99. Manuel estimates a family of four can expect to spend around \$40 for dinner.

Almost nothing in the restaurant is frozen; only fresh meats, fresh cheese and fresh vegetables are used. Some of

the cooks have been working there for more than 20 years—"longer than us," laughs Geo.

Bread is baked fresh daily and only costs \$1.99 if you want to buy a loaf to take home. If any loaves are left over the next day, the price drops to \$1.25. Pies are another big customer favorite, and the slices are huge—a full quarter of the pie. Fruit pies include apple, cherry, blueberry and peach. Cream pies are banana, chocolate, coconut and strawberry. My Mother's serves pumpkin pie year-round. Sign up on the mailing list and get a coupon for a free slice of pie on your birthday.

My Mother's does deliver, and the delivery area runs from Roosevelt Street north to Northern Avenue, and 43rd Avenue east to 16th Street. There is a minimum order of \$10 and a small surcharge for all deliveries. Catering is available for groups of 10 or larger. The smaller dining room that once served as the non-smoking room can be reserved for private parties.

The only thing small about this place is the bar—it has just four bar stools, but it also as a TV to watch games.

"It's a good family restaurant," says Manuel. "We have a customer who still remembers when I was a busboy." Today, even as one of the owners, he still busses tables when restaurant get busy because the 27 employees and the owners know that in a family restaurant, you treat your customers like family.

My Mother's Restaurant is open 10:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 10:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday, and 3 to 10 p.m. Saturday. The restaurant is closed on Sunday. For more information, visit www.mmrestaurant.qwestoffice.net or call 602-279-7225.

Dining Briefs

Culinary students, chefs team for event

The Harvest Moon Feast is fall's tastiest fundraiser. This year it's taking over Downtown Phoenix's Unexpected Art Gallery on Sunday, Nov. 5. This culinary event allows guests to mix, mingle, and dine alongside top chefs from across Arizona, including emcee Chef Lee Hillson of Wild Horse Pass Resort.

The event features once-in-a-lifetime culinary, culture, and travel packages up for bid in both live and silent auctions. The evening will begin at 4:30 p.m. with a VIP Cocktail Reception followed by a 5:30 p.m. Grand Tasting at the Unexpected Art Gallery, 734 W. Polk St.

While sipping on premium mixed drinks and wines, guests can visit all 30 stations of custom culinary creations by C-CAP Arizona high school students, alumni, and Arizona's best-known chefs. Proceeds from the Harvest Moon Feast fundraiser help kick-start the culinary careers of underserved local youth in Arizona.

Tickets are \$80 each or \$150 for the VIP treatment. Visit https://ccapinc.org/events/2017-harvest-moon.

Mystery dinners return to Crudo

Hosted throughout October and November, Crudo's Blank Space dinner series is back with a can't-miss lineup for some of the nation's best sommeliers and wine makers.

Guests will receive a time, date, and name of the celebrity guest sommelier, and that's about it. The wines will be selected by the guest sommelier; Chef

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Cullen Campbell will pair a multicourse menu with a hand-selected list of wines from the guest co-host.

On Oct. 11, The Blank Space: Sommelier Edition dinner series will feature Jordan Salcito, the female sommelier who's shaking up the industry in her role as beverage director for all of chef David Chang's restaurants, including Momofuku, Milk Bar and Noodle Bar.

On Nov. 1, Crudo will host the man who literally wrote the book on how to be a sommelier, Rajat "Raj" Parr as guest sommelier. One of the James Beard Award-winning authors of the book "Secrets of the Sommeliers: How to Think and Drink Like the World's Top Wine Professionals," Parr is the wine director and partner at the Michael Mina Group, who also founded two wineries in the Santa Rita Hills, Sandhi and the estate vineyard, Domaine de la Côte, and recently took over the historic and acclaimed Seven Springs Vineyard in the Eola-Amity Hills of Oregon.

Each Blank Space dinner includes wine pairings and a multi-course menu.

Reserve your spot today by contacting Crudo (3603 E. Indian School Road) at 602-358-8666.

Madison Tasting Tour visits local hotspots

There is a lot of buzz about the ever-growing North Central dining district—and now, foodies can enjoy the area while helping a great cause.

On Thursday, Oct. 26 the Madison Education Foundation will host its annual "Madison Tasting Tour," which provides participants the opportunity to ride a traditional yellow Madison school bus to "taste" several of Phoenix's popular midtown restaurants, including: The Vig Uptown; Casa Añejo; Otro Café; and Camp Social. Food pairings and cocktails will be served.

Seating for the Madison Tasting Tour is limited to a total of 100 guests. Two groups of 50 each will depart at 5:30 and 6:15 p.m., respectively, from the Madison District Office at 5601 N. 16th St. The event does sell out quickly.

A donation of \$70 per person benefits the Madison Education Foundation, which supports music and

the arts programs in all eight Madison Elementary School District schools. Tickets for the Madison Tasting Tour may be booked online at http://madison educationfoundation.org. For more information, call 602-664-7964.

Huss Taproom uncorks daily 'Happiest Hour'

Enjoy pitchers of locally brewed craft beer for the price of a pint during Happiest Hour at the Huss Brewing Co. Taproom at Uptown Plaza, 100 E. Camelback Road, Ste. 160.

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Wash it all down with Huss's new Happiest Hour Slider Special, your choice of three different gourmet sliders (Green Chile Pork with cotija cheese, Roast Beef with caramelized onion and melted muenster, or caprese with ovenroasted tomato), all offered for \$2 each, Monday through Friday, 3-6 p.m.

Plus, bring the happy home with Huss's to-go brews, including prepackaged 6-packs and 24-packs of canned beers (\$9 and \$30). Or go big with a 32-ounce growler can (\$8), or a refillable 64-ounce glass growler (\$17 with \$12 refills). For more information, visit www.hussbrewing.com.

Texaz Grill offers State Fair food

If you've got a craving for the kind of sticky, fried and otherwise decadent food that only a true Texas State Fair can offer, stop on by to Texaz Grill through Oct. 22 to sample the State Fair Menu.

It's only natural that the Valley's most Texas-centric steakhouse gets into the State Fair spirit with such Lone Star State classics as "Fletcher's Original State Fair Corny Dog" and the iconic Frito Pie.

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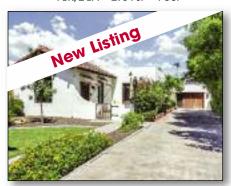
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Texaz Grill is located at 6003 N. 16th St. For more information, call 602-248-STAR (7827) or visit www.texazgrill.com.

New Bobby-Q opens in Biltmore

Robert Sikora, founder of Bobby-Q Barbecue Restaurant, opens his third location in the Valley on Oct. 2 in the space formerly occupied by Mexx32, 3154 E. Camelback Road.

Mexx32 closed unexpectedly in March shortly after it was announced that owner Lenny Rosenberg would sell the location to Sikora. Rosenberg still owns Delux, located next door.

This all-new Bobby-Q will feature the same menu of wood-smoked, barbecue favorites (including three varieties of ribs), plus an expanded selection of farm-fresh salads and sandwiches, plus an all new lunch menu featuring Lunch Combos with barbecue meat sliders, salads, brisket tacos, and more. Not to mention, an expanded menu of handcrafted cocktails prepared with housemade syrups, fresh fruits and premium spirits.

Heading up the team at the new Biltmore location are Executive Chef Mark Hittle and mixologist Chris Ortega. Serving lunch and dinner seven days a week, Bobby-Q's Biltmore location will be open from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., Sundays and Mondays, and 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays, including a special latenight menu. For more information, visit http://bobbyq.net.

Over Easy set to to open Oct. 7

One of Arizona's original and locally owned breakfast spots is coming to the Camelback Corridor this month. Over Easy will open its newest location with a soft opening on Oct. 7 and a Grand Opening Oct. 14-15 at the Biltmore Center II, 2398 E. Camelback Road.

The 3,000-square-foot restaurant will serve Over Easy's signature breakfast and lunch fare including the Chicken Fried Steak and Nut Banana French Toast featured on The Food Network's "Diners, Drive Ins and Dives."

During the grand opening weekend, all guests will get 25 percent off their bills. In addition, Over Easy will donate 25 percent of proceed for the entire week (Oct.14-22) to the CHARGE Syndrome Foundation.

Over Easy has been nationally recognized for its updated takes on classic breakfast fare since Chef Aaron May opened his first location in Phoenix in 2008. Visit Over Easy online at www.eatatovereasy.com.

Lon's hosts whiskey dinner, author brunch

Executive Chef Jeremy Pacheco of Lon's welcomes Cullen Campbell, owner and chef of Crudo and Okra (co-owner), to team for one night to highlight Tucson's Del Bac Whiskey from Hamilton Distillers.

On Thursday, Oct. 19, enjoy a menu focusing on a whole pig, from E&R Pork in Tucson, that has been fed on the mash from the production of Del Bac whiskey. Cocktail pairings will feature Del Bac's award-winning Clear Mesquite Smoked Whiskey, "Dorado" Aged Mesquite Smoked Whiskey and Lon's Private Barrel Cask Strength

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The dinner event is from 6-9 p.m., and is \$75 per person (tax and tip not included). Pre-registration required.

In partnership with Barnes & Noble, Lon's presents an opportunity to enjoy an intimate brunch while being regaled by the reigning queen of women's fiction, Adriana Trigiani. The brunch takes place 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 29.

Trigiani is the author of 16 New York Times bestsellers, published in 36 countries. Her just-released "Kiss Carlo" has quickly soared on the bestselling lists. A book signing will conclude the brunch event, which is \$55 per person, not including tax and tip. Pre-registration required.

Registration for all events is now exclusively online at http://www.hermosainn.com/scottsdale-paradisevalley/event-registration. For more information, call 602-955-7878.

Cookbook shares stories, recipes

"Shake Shack: Recipes & Stories" is the first-ever cookbook from restaurateur Danny Meyer's modern-day "roadside" burger stand, which rose from humble beginnings as a hot dog cart in New York City to 130 Shacks and counting, including one in the Uptown Plaza shopping center at Central Avenue and Camelback Road. In the book, CEO Randy Garutti and culinary director Mark Rosati offer an insider peek into what has made Shake Shack so special, the people, the places, and the lessons learned along the way. They share the recipes, history and inner workings of the popular eatery.

"Shake Shack" sells for \$26 plus tax and is available at Changing Hands-Phoenix, 300 W. Camelback Road. It also is available on Amazon.com.

Craft cocktails and rum flights at Hula's

Hula's Modern Tiki, 4700 N. Central Ave., now offers all-new craft cocktails and rare rum flights. The "Uku Nui" Cocktail Menu (which means "premium" in Hawaiian) showcases six gourmet tiki tipples, all handshaken with fresh squeezed juices and house-made bitters and syrups, and offered for \$11 each.

Plus, Hula's has added its first-ever Rum Flights Menu, allowing guests to take their taste buds on a self-guided tropical tour of 24 of the world's finest rums. Hula's Rum Flights Menu tempts with familiar names such as Bacardi and Cruzan, as well as boutique distilleries such as Flor De Cana, the 127-year-old Nicaraguan producer famed for distilling each rum five times, then aging it in charred, white oak barrels previously used to mature bourbon whiskey.

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