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## Dispensary site gets the OK to open

By Teri Carnicelli

A medical marijuana dispensary has been approved for the building that formerly housed an animal dermatology clinic, at 1616 E. Glendale Ave.

In a move that surprised many, the Phoenix Board of Adjustment on April 5 overturned a previous Zoning Administrator's denial of a use permit and two variances that would have allowed the dispensary to open. With the Board of Adjustment's 5-1 vote to reverse the Dec. 14, 2017 denial, the applicants, Mitchell Song and 64 Alpha LLC, can now begin the work of converting the building to accommodate its new purpose.

According to one of the partners, Randy Smith, the dispensary will be called Sunday Goods (www.SundayGoods.com), and while no opening date has been announced, updates will be posted to the website.

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Karen Shell, founder of Kids in Focus, holds a book featuring the photos taken by youth participants in the 2018 program, which currently are on display through May 20 inside the Arizona Science Center's CREATE building (photo by Karenna Guzman).

## Exhibit features works by at-risk youth

By Karenna Guzman

Through May 20, the Arizona Science Center is hosting a special photo exhibit of pictures taken by at-risk youth.

North Central-based nonprofit Kids in Focus was founded in 2012 by Karen Shell, a professional photographer who has volunteered with at-risk youth for 20 years. The goal of the program is to provide at-risk youth with a sense of accomplishment and value while they work with and get to know their mentors, their website states.

"I truly believe that the only way these kids can rescue themselves from their environments is to give them some self-worth and resilience," Shell said. Kids in Focus is an annual eight-week program where 30 kids are grouped with photographer mentors and given a camera to keep while they are taught about photography and how to see creatively.

"There is nothing more rewarding than getting to see these kids go forward into their lives with a sense of stability in who they are and the desire to want to spend their time in positive ways," Shell said. "You have to empower these kids to change their own circumstances."

The youth in the program have weekly photography assignments and are taken to different loca-

tions around the Valley, like Chase Field and the Desert Botanical Garden, to try out their photography techniques.

At the end of the eight-week program, Kids in Focus holds a free exhibit where the kids show their work to the public in a gallery-like setting. This year's host is the Arizona Science Center, 600 E. Washington St., inside the adjacent CREATE building (to the south). Admission to this building is free. For hours of operation, visit [www.azscience.org/create](http://www.azscience.org/create).

Amaya, 13, was one of the group members who participated in the 2018 program and showed off her work at the exhibit's grand opening on March 29. "Kids in Focus was an amazing opportunity that I

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The minibus, once a standard passenger bus, is the second vehicle from Farm Express and has been retrofitted with shelves and refrigeration to store fresh fruits and vegetables, which are sold to residents in the Central Phoenix, Sunnyslope, and North Phoenix areas at a very low cost. Route stops include schools, senior centers, apartment complexes, health clinics, and other key community gathering places in neighborhoods. Cash, credit/debit and SNAP/EBT accepted.



This Farm Express mobile market will offer affordable produce directly to communities with limited or no access to fresh and health food options (submitted photo).

In addition to providing access to healthy foods, the program distributes cookbooks, nutrition pamphlets, and healthy eating guides so consumers know how to prepare these fresh foods and incorporate them into their meal planning.

To follow the Farm Express mobile markets, go to [DiscoveryTriangle.org/farmexpress](http://DiscoveryTriangle.org/farmexpress).

Be sure to select the schedule for the minibus for the North Central route and schedule.

**City pools get ready to open**

City pools will open Memorial Weekend, May 26-28, and will reopen

for the summer from June 2-July 29. Registration for swimming lessons and other programs at the city's 29 public pools began on April 26. Swimming lessons are available for youth, starting as young as 6 months old, as well as for adults. There also is a swim and dive team league for kids ages 5-17, and a water basketball league for youth ages 12-16.

Open swim passes (per day) are \$1 for children and seniors, and \$3 for adults. Season passes for the summer are \$20 per child/senior, and \$30 per adult. A family of four pass is \$75, with \$7 for each additional family member.

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would love to do again," she said. Amaya also said that Kids in Focus took her to many places where she had never thought to take pictures before, and that she learned how to see the world more creatively.

Deanna Dent is one of the mentors who has volunteered for two years with Kids in Focus. "It's rewarding to work with these kids and watch them figure out how to use the camera and set up cool shots," Dent said.

After the exhibit closes on May 20 at the Arizona Science center, it moves to the Children's Museum of Phoenix, 215 N. 7th St., from May 23 through Aug. 20. The exhibit is free to the public on the first Friday of every month from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.; all other days will be the cost of admission to the museum.

The Kids in Focus office is located at 3530 E. Indian School Road. For more information, call 602-753-6339 or visit <http://www.kidsinfocus.org/>.

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### Proposal to reduce lanes on Osborn Rd.

The city of Phoenix Street Transportation Department invites the public to attend an open house meeting to discuss proposed safety modifications for Osborn Road between 15th and 19th avenues.

The meeting will be held 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Thursday, May 3, at Saint Gregory Catholic Church—Gordon Hall, 3424 N. 18th Ave.

The proposed safety modifications for Osborn Road include the removal of one vehicular-travel lane in each direction. Reducing travel lanes allows the roadway to be repurposed to include design elements such as a center-turn lane and buffered bike lanes. According to city officials, these design elements would help create a safer environment for all users of the roadway, add greater connectivity to area activity centers and improve bicycle lane connectivity. The new proposed bike lanes would connect to existing bike lanes on Osborn Road east of 19th Avenue and existing bike lanes on 15th Avenue.

A similar plan was proposed in late 2016 for a much larger stretch of the heavily traveled Missouri Avenue

(between 19th Avenue and 24th Street), but an outpouring of negative feedback from the public put the brakes on that project last year, and perhaps indefinitely.

The proposed striping plans and other supporting information for the Osborn Road project will be made available at the May 3 meeting. The information presented at this meeting also will be made available on the Osborn Road project webpage following the meeting ([www.phoenix.gov/streets/OsbornRoad](http://www.phoenix.gov/streets/OsbornRoad)).

This proposed modifications for this project are anticipated to be completed as part of a planned pavement overlay project that will take place in fall 2018 or spring 2019. If you have questions or comments, contact Mark Melnychenko, Street Transportation Department deputy director, at 602-534-0592 or e-mail [OsbornRoad@phoenix.gov](mailto:OsbornRoad@phoenix.gov).

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over 5,000 here in the Valley will be picking up canned food donations on their regular mail routes during the 26th Annual National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) “Stamp out Hunger” Food Drive.

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Items most needed by the food banks include canned fruit and vegetables, soups and meals in a can, pasta, peanut butter, tuna, rice and cereal. For more information on this event, visit [www.helpstampouthunger.com](http://www.helpstampouthunger.com).

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Sunday Goods is an established medical marijuana grower, currently supplying to 34 dispensaries throughout the state, including several in Phoenix. Sunday Goods also offers delivery service to those with an Arizona MMJ Card and Arizona state ID/driver's license. Zip codes currently being delivered to in the North Central area include 85012, 85013, 85016, and 85021; the website says that more ZIP codes will be added in the future.

At the April 5 hearing, the applicants were represented by well-known Phoenix zoning attorney Larry Lazarus, who argued that the property does have special circumstances and "hardships" that were not of the owner's making. For example, in 1989 the city of Phoenix used its eminent domain authority to condemn part of the property in order to widen Glendale Avenue. As a result, the property lost three parking spaces and the frontage was reduced to just 70 feet. The overall property was reduced to 8,059 square feet.

Lazarus argued that because of the

size of the building (less than 2,000 square feet) and limited parking, there weren't many commercial businesses that could functionally operate at this site, and that the owner, Mitchell Song, had received "no serious offers" to purchase the property in the last five year.

Lazarus referred to a case that made it all the way to the Arizona Supreme Court in August of 2017, involving a strip club that was being converted into a pawnshop at the southwest corner of 32nd Street and McDowell Road. Similarly, much of that property was "taken" by the city during a road-widening project, limiting parking and frontage and requiring several variances in order for Central Pawn to operate at that site. The court agreed that the special circumstances and hardships were imposed on the property by outside forces—in this case, the city of Phoenix—and so some accommodation needed to be made for that business's "preservation and enjoyment of substantial property rights."

Several members of the Phoenix Board of Adjustment agreed that the precedent had been set with the

Central Pawn case, and that there were enough similarities to the medical marijuana dispensary proposal to warrant the approval of the requested use permit and variances.

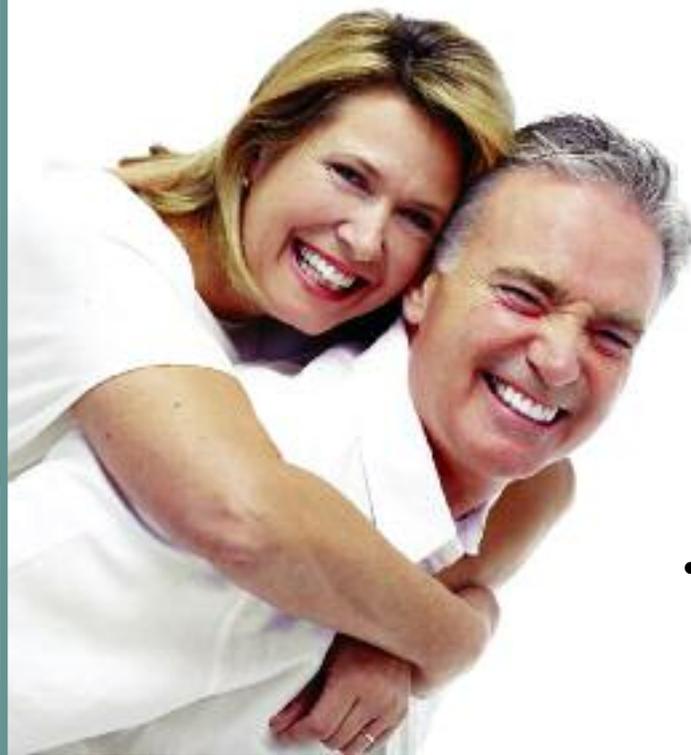
The Board of Adjustment added some stipulations in its ruling, including: a 1-year deadline to apply and pay for building permits; submitting a copy of the required security plan to the city's Planning and Development Department; notifying the area's Police Precinct Commander, in writing, of the establishment of the medical marijuana facility; and installing an odor control system for the building within 180 days of the April 5 ruling.

"Since we are not packaging, cultivating or manufacturing on site, odor emissions are not a concern we have for a medical marijuana store," Smith said, adding, "However, we intend to follow the city of Phoenix requirements and install an odor control system that meets and exceeds guidelines set forth."

In addition, the owners must obtain a certificate for medical marijuana use from the Arizona Department of Health Services, or approval to operate. If no certificate or approval to operate is received within 180 days of the ruling, the Zoning Administrator is directed to schedule a revocation hearing for the use permit.

"We don't anticipate any issues with obtaining all necessary government approvals," Smith said.

The neighborhood group that came out in strong opposition to the use permit and variance requests has 30 days from the date of the ruling to appeal the decision to the Arizona Superior Court. As of press time, a source in that group said they were still "looking at options." However, the group has only until on or about May 5 to file their appeal.



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We were going to give money to the husband to help with his costs but all he wanted was some good meals because he had been eating fast food for the past 30 days. So, Carol took him some quality food to fuel his request. I then set up a meeting with Carol and Eric Kilstrom of VIP Mortgage, which had a 501c charity, and talked with them about creating a charity that helps our HomeSmart agents in times of need. At that point HomeSmart had about 3,000 realtors in the Valley. Since then, we have the largest real estate company in Maricopa County with more than 6,500 agents. We are now the largest real estate company in the state.

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We recently held our fifth annual We Care fundraiser, which drew 175 agents

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I hold a monthly meeting at North Phoenix Baptist Church, which usually draws around 200 HomeSmart agents. The April 10 meeting was my 73rd consecutive one but it was the first in seven years in which the guest speaker received a standing ovation. Our speaker was Brian Mueller, CEO and President of Grand Canyon University (GCU). Brian and GCU have done an incredible job resurrecting an area of town that was very rough, buying many parcels in the area to expand the campus, including rehabbing a city owned golf course and helping secure a couple of the area high schools, and now the residents can be proud of what GCU has done for the West Valley. The standing ovation Brian received was in response to his powerful and motivational message - he will be a tough act to follow for our next monthly speakers.

Have a safe May and remember school is out soon, so watch out for the youngsters.

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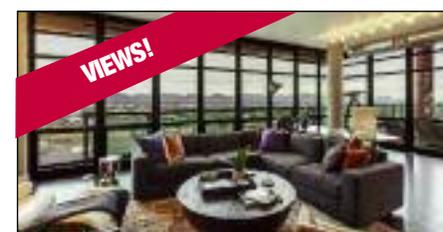
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## Artists selected for light rail extension

By Teri Carnicelli

Valley Metro hosted a special event at the Cholla Library in March to introduce to the public to the local artists who were selected to create design elements for the various segments along the 1.5-mile Northwest Phase II route, which includes three stations, a park-and-ride lot, a traction power substation, and the bridge across the 1-17 freeway to Metrocenter Mall.

The route will travel up 19th Avenue and eventually cross the freeway at Mountain View Road. Valley Metro has agreed to set aside up to 1 percent of the overall segment's construction budget, which equates to approximately \$1.5 million total for these art installations.

Artists include Oliverio Balcells, who will decorate the power substation; Pete Goldust, who was assigned the 25th Avenue and Dunlap station; Mary Lucking, who was selected for the 25th Avenue and Mountain View Road station; Janelle Stanley, who will take care



Valley artists who were selected to create works for the Northwest Phase II light rail extension, including Mary Lucking (second from left), Janelle Stanley (right) and Pete Goldust, showed some of their previous works to the public during an open house on March 14 (photo by Teri Carnicelli).

of the 25th Avenue and Mountain View Road T-Pass; Susan Zoccola, whose artwork will adorn the park-and-ride lot; Laurie Lindquist, who is in charge of the Metrocenter Mall station; and Mary Shindell, who is responsible for the I-17 bridge art elements.

Shindell's work can be seen along other segments of the light rail route. She

has a tile mosaic, titled "Bougainvillea," that decorates the west-facing wall of the transfer power substation at 19th Avenue and Las Palmaritas. She also has a piece of art on the Mesa route.

Each artist has the freedom to create whatever her or she wants for the space—a mural, a sculpture, a mosaic, or a combination of multiple art ele-

ments. The artists will participate in future open houses as they begin to develop their designs, to receive feedback from the public.

The projected opening date of the extension is 2023, three years ahead of schedule, as more funds than first anticipated have come in from a 7/10ths of a cent tax approved by Phoenix voters as part of Proposition 104, which became effective on Jan. 1, 2016. That tax money is used specifically to fund projects outlined in the Transportation 2050 plan.

The work to underground or relocate utilities along the 1.5-mile extension will begin next year.

The station and park at ride at Metrocenter Mall will encompass part of the area where Souper Salad, Tombstone Tactical and Hollywood Hustler currently exist. The city of Phoenix will have to first acquire those properties. While the majority of the buildings will likely have to be demolished, because of the unique and semi-historical nature of the Souper Salad building, it will most likely remain intact and will be incorporated into the light rail station design.

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North Central resident Michael Young and his partner Beth Boyd, Regional Disaster Services Officer, recently were honored by the American Red Cross Greater Phoenix Chapter (submitted photo).

## Spotlight On ...

### Local man receives Red Cross award

Michael Young and Beth Boyd last month received the Partnership Award from the American Red Cross Greater Phoenix Chapter.

Young, a North Central resident, serves as the Volunteer Partner of Beth Boyd, Regional Disaster Services Officer. Boyd oversees Disaster Services programs, including Preparedness, Response and Recovery for Arizona, New Mexico and three Texas counties. They were among 11 Valley residents who were recognized at the Red Cross annual volunteer awards ceremony April 22.

Young deployed for 17 days during Hurricane Irma, completing over 180 volunteer hours. When he returned, he shared with Boyd about how to better prepare volunteers for their next deployment. Boyd spent several weeks on deployment for Hurricane Harvey.

As Boyd's Volunteer Partner, Young attended meetings with community partners, facilitated calls with regional Disaster Services staff and volunteers, and participated in calls with National Headquarters to learn updates and best practices for the department.

Young, 71, said he volunteers for the Red Cross because he wants to be of service to others.

### North Central teen seeks sponsors for pageant

Alyssa Yocabet is a junior at Sunnyslope High School. When she's not busy attending class or doing homework, she is honing her skills as a talented baton twirler and preparing for her next pageant competition.

Yocabet, 16, already has three titles under her belt and is going for a fourth



Alyssa Yocabet is seeking sponsors to help her with her fees for the upcoming Miss Arizona Outstanding Teen 2018 pageant (photo by Teri Carnicelli).

this June, as she competes in the Miss Arizona Outstanding Teen 2018, to be held in Mesa. Previously she has won the Miss Twirling Athlete's Outstanding Teen, for 2018 as well as 2016, and also won the Miss Cherry Jubilee Twirler's Outstanding Teen in 2017.

As part of her participation in this year's event, Yocabet needs to raise money to cover her entry fees, advertising in the pageant's magazine, supplies, and more. She is seeking donations from both individuals and business sponsors. Current sponsors include Sunnyslope businesses, Tony's Delicatessen and Lifeboat Coffee.

For more information, e-mail her at ayocabet123@gmail.com.

### Diaz receives Girl Scout Gold Award

The Girl Scouts—Arizona Cactus-Pine Council recently presented its Girl Scout Gold Award to 22 well-deserving young women, including North Central teen Sophia Diaz.

Diaz, a senior at Thunderbird High School who will attend Arizona State University in the fall, discovered that Arizona has one of the lowest reading test scores in the nation, so she created a Reading Buddy Program, pairing kindergartners with high school students for one-on-one reading and activity time. The program's purpose is to build a more positive attitude towards reading.

The award is the highest honor a Girl Scout can receive. In order to earn the award, a Girl Scout must create a project that continues to give back to the community long after she moves on, and often take as long as 18 to 24 months to complete.

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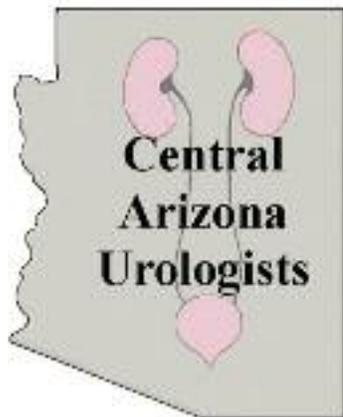
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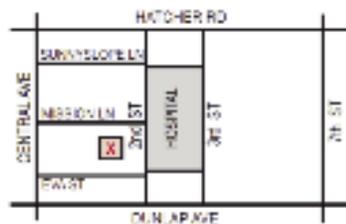
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**Indoor activities available at center**

With the temperatures beginning their steady climb upward, Valley residents may be seeking more indoor activities to keep them busy during the hot summer months. The North Mountain Visitor Center, 12950 N. 7th St., offers a selection of weekly and monthly activities to keep those creative juices flowing, in a cool and comfortable environment.

The Redwork Hand Embroidery & English Paper Piercing Club meets the second Wednesday of the month, from 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m. Enjoy camaraderie while stitching away and sharing ideas with other crafters. Projects vary; individuals work on whatever they feel like doing. Club organizer Sharron Meyer distributes a new embroidery pattern each month, and is available to help with questions and technical issues. Cost is \$8 per session; Meyer can show you how to get started and supply you with a simple beginner's kit. For more information, call 602-329-1378 or e-mail smeyer1@wildblue.net.

Meyer also recently launched a Time Out group, from 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. the fourth Friday of the month. Bring any craft you want to work on and enjoy the company of other crafters. Cost is \$5, half of which is donated to the North Mountain Visitor Center.

Doug Duffy hosts a weekly "Art of Making a Cabochon" class, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Wednesdays at the center. This lapidary class focuses on the cutting and polishing of rocks, and making a cabochon, or domed stone. The cost is \$60 for 12 hours of instruction (classes typically run four weeks). For more information or to sign up, call Duffy at 602-973-4291 after 2 p.m. or leave a message.

**'Art' elements added to Melrose District**

The popular Melrose District continues to add new art elements to the shopping area—even ones that are also functional.

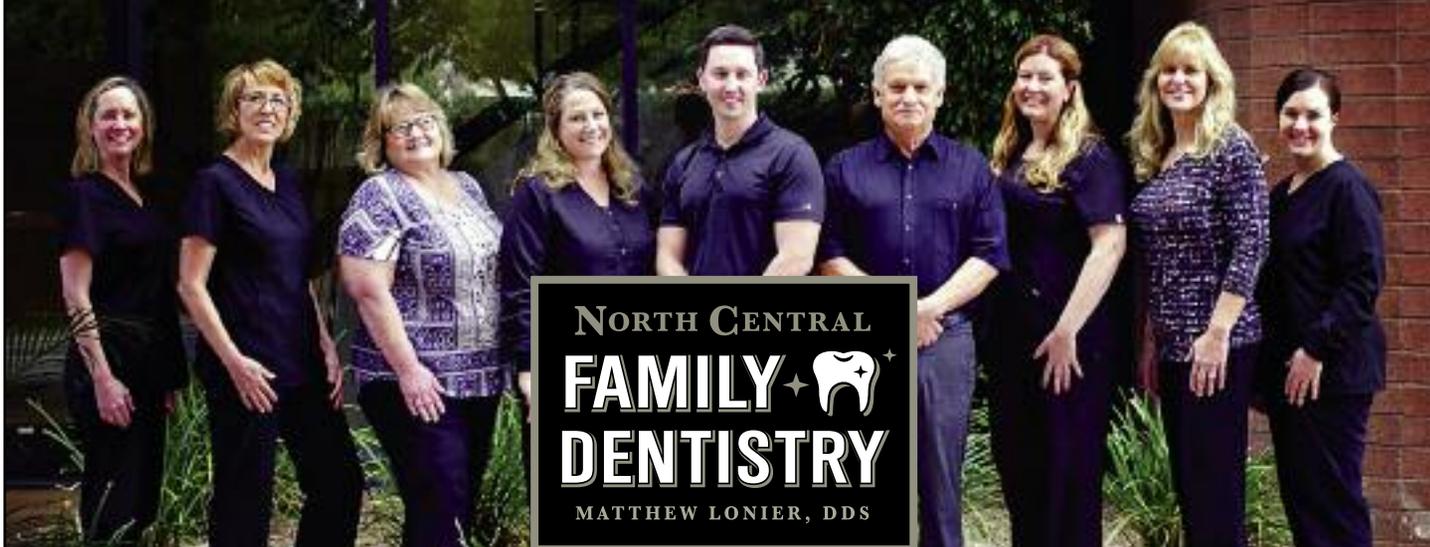
The Community Alliance of Seventh Avenue (CASA) hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony on April 21 for new M-shaped bike racks located at The Curve at Melrose apartments, at 6th Drive and Glenrosa Avenue.

CASA is a partnership between the Seventh Avenue Merchants Association (SAMA) and the four adjacent neighborhood associations—Grandview, Pierson Place, Carnation and Woodlea-Melrose. CASA facilitates projects that improve, beautify and unite the community, for the benefit of people who live, work, shop and dine in the Melrose District.

The free rack is "city approved" and professional grade. More bike racks are available to interested businesses in the Melrose District. Contact Gary LeBlanc at 602-222-9369 or garyleblanc1@cox.net for more information.

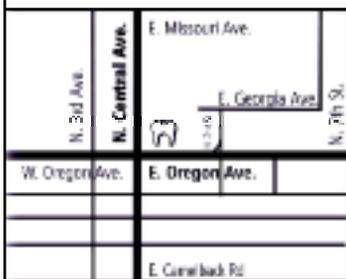
Also on April 21, The Phoenix Office of Arts and Culture, in collaboration with the Public Works Department, presented a special National Poetry Month celebration at the intersection of 7th and Glenrosa avenues. This event debuted a brand new public art installation of poetry and images about sustainability in support of Reimagine Phoenix's efforts to recycle 40 percent of household waste by 2020. The poetry was created by six Arizona poets and the artwork was created by six designers with Canary Studios, who designed the large-scale poetry panels to provide an eye-catching neighborhood feature and a fully-accessible public street gallery.

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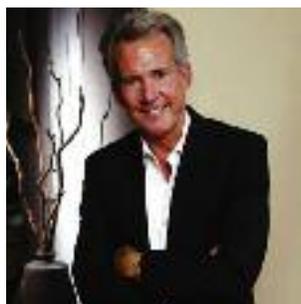
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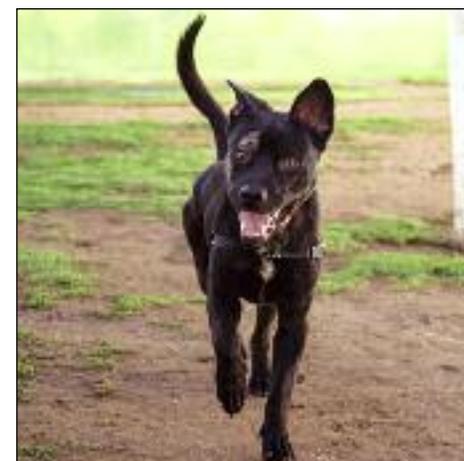
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### Pet of the Month Dog bearing scars is full of affection

As sweet and friendly as 3-year-old Ace is, it is hard to imagine the circumstances that he came from. Confiscated by an Arizona Humane Society Emergency Animal Medical Technician for cruelty, the loving black Labrador retriever has come a long way and never wants to look back.

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Old scars can't mar the happy face of this 3-year-old black lab mix, whose sad past is ready to be left behind for a bright and loving future (submitted photo).

the bringing the ball back part.

Meet Ace at the Arizona Humane Society's Sunnyslope Campus, located at 9226 N. 13th Ave. His adoption fee is \$135 and includes microchip and vaccinations. For more information, call 602-997-7585 and ask for animal number A577668.

Please note: This pet might have been adopted by the time you visit the shelter, however AHS has dozens more wonderful pets who also need loving homes. To see all adoptable animals, visit [www.azhumane.org/findapet](http://www.azhumane.org/findapet).

### New 'Paw Patch' for Girl Scouts

Girl Scouts—Arizona Cactus-Pine Council (GSACPC) in collaboration with PetSmart Charities, has the newest Council patch program: the PetSmart Charities Paw Patch. This comprehensive program offers Girl Scouts in grades K-12 age-appropriate, hands-on opportunities to learn about the responsibilities of owning and caring for a pet, as well as careers involving animals and animal advocacy.

Girls who attend the Council's Camp Maripai and participate in a horse program this summer will also receive the center Paw Patch program guide and be able to earn the rockers. For more information, visit [www.girlscoutsaz.org](http://www.girlscoutsaz.org).

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**Putts for Mutts aids AZ Small Dog Rescue**

The Arizona Small Dog Rescue will host its fourth-annual "Putts for Mutts" charity golf tournament Sunday, May 6 at Lookout Mountain Golf Course at the Pointe Hilton Tapatio Cliff Resort, 11111 N. 7th St. The event begins with a 7:30 a.m. shotgun start and will include a light

breakfast, 18 holes of golf, prizes, a silent auction and awards luncheon hosted by local comedian, actor and dog rescue advocate, Jill Kimmel. Tickets are \$110 per single player or \$420 per foursome. All proceeds will benefit the Arizona Small Dog Rescue and its mission to help with the care, rehabilitation and adoption of abused, unwanted, homeless, sick or injured animals throughout the Valley. For more information or to register for the tournament, visit [www.azsmall-dog.org](http://www.azsmall-dog.org) or call 949-289-5190.

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## Barren corner gets needed makeover

By Teri Carnicelli

It has been the home of an enormous, three-sided billboard for years. Transients often rested underneath in the shade, leaving trash and other debris behind. Even when fenced off, the lot at the southwest corner of Central and Camelback remained a visual blight.

But all that is about to change.

Last June the city of Phoenix directed the owners of Cornerstone at Camelback LLC, the partnership that currently owns the lot, to put in place some kind of beautification plan within one calendar year. That year is almost up—and a plan has been presented and approved by the city.

The property was first acquired by Cornerstone at Camelback LLC about seven years ago, with plans to develop it into a boutique hotel with light retail, with its convenient proximity to the Valley Metro light rail station. However, the partners believe the market hasn't been strong enough to go forward with the development—yet.

In the meantime, a beautification plan has been approved with one very important factor: the giant billboard will be gone.

Martin Aronson and Reid Butler, partners in Cornerstone at Camelback, presented the beautification plan to the city's Zoning Administrator on March 29. "We have not had any registered opposition, and the leaders of all four corner historic neighborhoods have expressed support for this plan," Aronson said. In fact, the neighborhood associations for that area were ecstatic to hear the billboard will be gone, he explained.

The city has approved the removal and relocation of the three-sided billboard to another site, at 17th Avenue and Indian School Road. The billboard is owned by Out Front Media, and the partners explained that it is up to that company to get it moved, but hope it will be gone by June 1. "It has to be removed before the new one can be built at the new site," Aronson explained. "We view that as an extremely important part of the beautification."

Butler added, "We're very pleased

to see it get taken down." He lives just south of the intersection in the Pierson Place Historic Neighborhood, and knows that many people in the surrounding historic neighborhoods view it as an eyesore.

But that is just the start of the beautification plan for that large dirt lot. The lot will be graded, with the remnants of old retaining walls removed. Walking paths with seating areas will be added, along with lighting, landscaping, and at least one bike rack area. The beautification also might include public art installations, similar to what currently can be found in the nearby Melrose District.

The partners also have proposed putting in directional signage for the nearby merchants, for those using the pedestrian pathways through the lot. Aronson says the exact design of those signs—including what merchants will be featured on which signs—will be determined through a process with the Uptown Merchants Association.

The partners also are working with the merchants group to develop a valet parking area, using the old paved bus

lane west of Central Avenue, on the north side of the light rail tracks, that became defunct when the light rail station opened. "We are working with the Uptown Merchants Association to develop a plan for the valet lot, leaving it up to them to determine who will use it and how," Butler explains. "It is not our intention to get into the valet parking business."

In addition, a small parking area with seven reserved spaces for those with handicapped placards will be created on the existing cement slab where the old Maroney's Cleaners used to be. It's located closer to the light rail station than the existing handicapped parking spaces at the park-and-ride lot off of 3rd Street.

"We're working with what's already there," Butler said. "We're making a private investment to allow a public use."

The partners anticipate grading of the lot will begin on or about May 1, with completion by July 1. They hope the entire beautification project will be fully installed by Aug. 1. The use permit required for the beautification additions is good until April 1, 2021.

As for Cornerstone on Camelback, "Mixed use is still the plan," Butler said. "That kind of development requires the economy to be very strong."

The Urban Land Institute in 2017 voted Central and Camelback as the "Hottest Intersection in Metro Phoenix," due in large part to the nearby restaurants and the newly renovated Uptown Plaza, serving the area.

Of note is that the existing 11-story building on the opposite corner, which housed the BMO Harris Bank corporate offices, recently was sold to six tenant-in-common (TIC) investors, who purchased it from One Camelback Inc.

The six TIC companies—CD Camelback LLC, Randhurst Camelback LLC, KOT Camelback LLC, SS Camelback LLC, SD Camelback LLC and RH Camelback LLC—purchased the property at 1 E. Camelback Road for \$14 million.

At the time of the sale, the 203,122-square-foot office property was almost vacant (3.4% occupancy). Located on a 1.97-acre site, the building was constructed in 1985 and features a subterranean parking garage and interior atrium—well suited for residential, hotel or office uses. The TIC group that purchased One Camelback is considering converting the newly acquired office building for multifamily use.

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If you're thinking about getting in shape, I urge you not to wait. You'll look better, feel better ... and you just might be saving your life.

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### Teacher Hiring Fair

8 a.m.-12 p.m. Saturday, May 5

Phoenix Coding Academy

4445 N. Central Ave.

The Phoenix Union High School District will hold a Career Fair for teachers and non-teaching support staff positions such as bus drivers, bus aides and custodians. High-need subject areas are math, science, ELL English and excep-

tional student services (Special Education.) Applicants can complete the initial screening interview that day, and interview with school principals for 2018-19 positions. An application is available at [www.phoenixunion.org/jobs](http://www.phoenixunion.org/jobs).

### Phoenix Flea/After-Dark

5-10 p.m. Saturday, May 5

The Colony

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Phoenix General and The Colony have invited the bi-annual downtown artisan event, Phoenix Flea, to pop up for a special evening market in uptown Phoenix. Phoenix Flea is a modern market showcasing the best makers, brands and curators from the desert. It includes handcrafted goods and fine art from skilled craftsman and artisans, curated vintage, modern fashion and design, food, and a beer and cocktail bar hosted by the new Bevy Uptown. Admission is \$5, plus service fee in advance, or \$5 cash only at the gate. Children 12 and younger admitted for free. Get advance tickets at [www.brownpapertickets.com/event/3392998](http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/3392998).

### Melrose Swap Meet

9 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday, May 6

Campbell Plaza

700 W. Campbell Ave.

Shop vintage boho, Mid-Century finds, oddities, Schwinn bicycles and more. Food trucks also will be on site. The event is dog friendly (dogs must be leashed), and admission is free.

### Wig Out Gala

6-11 p.m. Saturday, May 12

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### The Future of MCCD

6:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 15

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### 19North Community Update

6-7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 17

Open Door Fellowship Church

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Free and open to the public. Learn more about the new 19North nonprofit organization, the new Arts Center, the community garden, the Master Plan, information about crime trends in the area, and more. The boundaries for 19North are Dunlap to Montebello, and 15th to 23rd avenues.

### Anniversary Open House

10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday, May 20

Desert Song Healing Arts Center

3232 N. 20th St.

Desert Song Healing Arts Center will celebrate 35 years with free 15-minute massages, mini specialized yoga, tai chi, meditation, and Pilates classes, and a performance by the Valley Women's Ensemble. Admission is free.

### Lura Turner Homes' Anniversary

3 p.m., Sunday, May 20

Central United Methodist

1875 N. Central Ave.

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The public is invited to Lura Turner Homes' 53rd anniversary celebration. At this Founders' Day gala, volunteers, donors and staff will be recognized for their service to this nonprofit that Deaconess Lura Turner started in 1965 to serve men and women with special needs. Patti Hannon, aka “Sister” of “Late Nite Catechism”—the longest running play in Arizona history—will make a special appearance. Also appearing is the “Company Troupe” from Arizona Recreation Center for the Handicapped. Admission is free, donations gratefully accepted.

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Transplants of Jerusalem artichokes, sweet potatoes, and basil should go in your garden no later than May 15. You also can start with seeds for yardlong beans, blackeyed peas, Armenian cucumbers, cantaloupe and okra.

If you want to take advantage of free seeds, check them out—literally—at the Phoenix Public Library's Acacia and Park Central branches. The Seed Library is free with your Phoenix Public Library card. "Check out" up to three seed packets at a time (limit three per 3-week period).

As for flowers, the spring blooming season is coming to an end as the tem-

peratures begin to increase. Many spring-blooming annual wildflowers have expired and gone to seed. You can collect the seed and store in paper bags until fall or allow plants to reseed in the landscape. Rake up the departed annuals or cut back rather than pulling from the ground so as not to disturb the soil and allow the remaining root system to decompose.

**Free landscape watering workshops**

The city of Phoenix Water Services Department hosts a "Rain Garden" workshop, from 11 a.m.-12 p.m. Saturday, May 12 at Park Central Library, 3110 N. Central Ave. Learn how to design an Earth-friendly yard using simple earthworks and low-water-use plants.

A "Desert Lawn Care: Water Smart" workshop will follow from 12-1 p.m. Learn practical advice for maintaining a healthy, beautiful, and water-efficient lawn.

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

**SRP to remove, replace trees**

In an effort to expand the shade-tree canopy and promote a more sustainable community, SRP has partnered with the city of Phoenix to remove 400 trees around the city that are encroaching on power lines and replace them with up to 1,200 trees in parks, schools and public areas.

The trees that will be removed through the Right Tree/Right Place program have been identified as encroaching on power lines, which could cause safety and reliability issues for SRP and local neighborhoods.

Each year, SRP Vegetation Management crews trim or remove thousands of trees growing directly under SRP's distribution and transmission lines that pose risks to electric service reliability and public safety. The Right Tree/Right Place program will reduce this need by removing those trees from dangerous areas and either replant them in place with appropriate power-line friendly trees or, when that is not possible, plant replacement trees at city parks, schools or neighborhoods located near removal areas.

For more information, contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 602-262-6862.

**National Public Garden's Day at DBG**

Visit the Desert Botanical Garden on National Public Garden's Day, Friday, May 11, and receive \$5 off general admission. Coupons are available at [www.publicgardens.org](http://www.publicgardens.org). The garden is located at 1201 N. Galvin Parkway.

National Public Garden's Day was created in 2008 to drive local and national exposure to the importance of building vibrant, relevant gardens committed to community enrichment and environmental responsibility.

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Have you ever considered that your mailbox may be frequently visited by people other than your mailman?

Identity thieves looking for valuable personal information regularly check unlocked mailboxes to steal your bank and utility bills.

They'll grab hold of anything that'll give them access to your personal data. So if you've been missing some of your mail lately, it's time to investigate into the matter.

The best way to prevent this is to get a security locking mailbox. They're a little more expensive than regular mailboxes, but you get a peace of mind and mail safety. So read on to discover why you should invest in locking mailboxes and how to find the right one for you.

### Preventing Identity Theft

Identity theft is considered one of the fastest-growing crimes in the USA. In fact, over 9.9 million Americans have been victims of ID thefts, and have suffered huge financial losses.

A lot of these crimes take place online, when people enter sensitive personal information on various websites. Offline, thieves go around neighborhoods and vandalize residential mailboxes to steal the mail.

At first, you may not notice some of your mail is missing. But if your utility bills stop coming in or you stop receiving packages, you should start to worry.

Getting a locking mailbox is a perfect solution to this problem. Not only will you have complete control over your mail, but you'll also deter the thieves. Picking the locks on these mailboxes is very hard. Most potential thieves will give up before they even try.

But not all locking mailboxes are made equal. Below, you'll discover how to choose the best one for your type of mail.

### How to Pick the Right Locking Mailbox for You

Before you buy a new mailbox, consider the type and size of the mail you receive. For example, if you mainly receive envelopes or magazines, you'll need a standard-sized mailbox.

If you receive packages or lots of mail, you may need a more spacious mailbox. Look for one that can hold several days' or weeks' worth of mail.

Although you're the only person who'll have the keys to your mailbox, the mailman will still be able to deliver your mail through the incoming mail slot. This is why locking mailboxes are safer than regular ones.

Whatever model you choose, make sure it complies with the USPS mailbox regulations.

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**TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS**

**Family lays ground for sporting fun**

Phoenix resident Jim Fox recalls years of running back and forth across a variety of basketball courts, as both a college athlete at the University of South Carolina, and later as an NBA player for the Cincinnati Royals, Detroit Pistons, Phoenix Suns, Chicago Bulls, Seattle SuperSonics, Milwaukee Bucks, and the New York Nets.

When Fox retired from the game in the late 1970s, he didn't leave the sporting world entirely. Fox was aware of a growing franchise business that constructed both residential and commercial game courts, but branches only existed in Seattle, Salt Lake City and Dallas. He wanted to bring that option to the Valley of the Sun.

So in 1978, Fox founded Sport Court of AZ, which offers game courts for basketball, volleyball, shuffleboard, pickleball, and roller hockey, as well as a wide selection of gym flooring. The company also constructs tennis courts, putting greens, chipping turf, bocce ball courts, and artificial lawns.

Fox's sons—Mike, who lives in North Central Phoenix and Jimmy, who lives in Arcadia—began working for the company as teenagers, installing courts for their dad and learning the importance of good customer service.

Fox, and now his sons, are responsible for more than 4,000 dream backyards, gyms, and school improvement projects across the Valley. They have a BBB Accredited Business rating of A+.

Now a grandfather of five, Fox has passed the business on to his sons, who intend to keep it in the family, perhaps for another generation. For more information, visit [www.sportcourtaz.com](http://www.sportcourtaz.com).



Local resident Jim Fox, center, founder of Sport Court of AZ, has passed the business on to his sons, Jimmy (left) and Mike Fox (submitted photo).

Maloney, started WJ Maloney Plumbing from scratch over 50 years ago when he moved to the Valley from Idaho. Duke's specialty and success were with large, hi-rise commercial construction projects. Buildings that he worked on include the Camelback Esplanade and Collier Center.

Duke passed away in 2006, and Kitty worked hard to sustain and grow both the commercial construction and service divisions of the company. One of the company's last big jobs was the Terminal 3 renovation.

Due to a downturn in the economy and other circumstances, Kitty sold the company on April 6, 2016 to Hayes Mechanical, a large mechanical contractor headquartered in Chicago. "Although this was one of the saddest, most difficult periods of my life, it turned into one of the happiest when provided the opportunity to purchase back the service division with the help of generous investors," she explained.

"I have acquired back the company name, phone number, my service trucks and equipment. I am starting over from the ground up. Having always wanted to focus on residential and commercial plumbing service and repair, I now have the opportunity."

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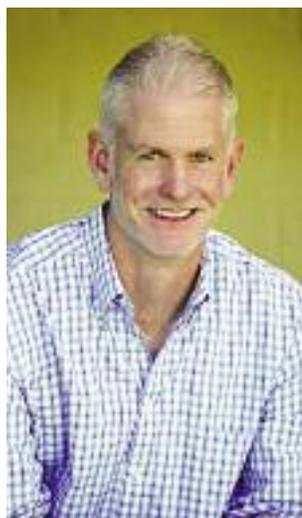
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It's that time a year again when I try to channel my inner Carnac the Magnificent and pick the winner of the Kentucky Derby; usually a fruitless endeavor. Just remember I am doing this roughly a month before the race is run and all the final prep races have been completed. My early favorite, McKinzie, is now battling an injury and off the trail. Unless something significant happens in the next few weeks, which it almost always does, I will be focusing on the following 4 horses.

- 1 **Mendelssohn** - Coming off a smashing victory in Dubai, this horse has a world class trainer. He would be the first horse to come across the pond to win the Roses, but has the breeding and running style to succeed.
- 2 **Justify** - His talent just jumps off the screen and he is trained by Derby wizard Bob Baffert. Big question mark is that he is trying to be the first horse since 1882 to not race at 2 years old and win the Derby.
- 3 **Magnum Moon** - Is progressing in each race and seems to still have room to improve.
- 4 **Hofburg** - This lightly raced colt showed up big in the Florida Derby and appears to have oodles of talent to tap.

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**Barry's True Value moves—next door**

The closure of Central Phoenix's only Tuesday Morning store was bad news for some bargain shoppers—but it was good news for Barry's True Value Hardware, which moved into the vacated space at the southwest corner of 12th Street and Northern Avenue. Barry's had been located next door, but took advantage of the more than 2,000 additional square feet available just steps away. "It allows us to spread out a little bit and add new items that we did not have room for previously," explains Barry McKay, owner of Barry's True Value Hardware.

Because of its move, the store also

gained a second entrance, with additional parking on the south side of the building to help relieve the afternoon parking congestion in the front of the store. There also is an expanded outside area that McKay says will be used for a future garden center and for larger building materials.

Barry's True Value Hardware is located at 7820 N. 12th St. For more information, call 602-707-6940.

**Kethcart moves location, pursues TMJ/sleep apnea**

Stephanie Kethcart, DDS, has made the decision to change paths from full-time dentistry to pursue her TMJ/sleep apnea practice, with the opening of the Central Phoenix Center for TMJ, Pain and Sleep Disorders (CPC). She has moved her practice to 1277 E. Missouri Ave., #102.

At CPC, Dr. Kethcart specializes in diagnosing and treating TMJ and sleep disorders with Oral Appliance Therapy. CPC offers a unique approach by comprehensively evaluating the whole person to get to the origin of the problem.

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**IMPACT Awards luncheon on May 24**

Join the Greater Phoenix Chamber of Commerce to celebrate the 31st Annual IMPACT Awards as eight businesses are honored, along with one nonprofit organization whose good work and successes strengthen the community.

The awards luncheon is set for 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Thursday, May 24 at the Arizona Biltmore Resort, 2400 E. Missouri Ave.

You'll hear their inspirational stories, see what makes them the best of the best in Valley business and discover which two companies will earn Business of the Year.

Tickets to the luncheon are \$80 for chamber members, and \$95 for non-members. Call 602-495-2182 or visit https://phoenixchamber.com and go to the Events page to register.

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Mazvo Car Care Center, 4610 N. 7th St., has put a lot of time and effort into making a visit to the property something more than just a nondescript waiting room experience.

Over the years, a cozy patio area with tables, chairs and umbrellas has been added, and the owner's other enterprise, the Flying Pigeon Food Truck, services car care customers and hungry passers-by as well on a regular basis.

The latest addition to the customer-friendly atmosphere is a free library, modeled after the "Little Free Library" movement that has grown around the country. But this library is unique, in that all the books are educational. The owners ask that if you donate a book, make it educational as well. Topics could include gardening, car repair basics, history, biographies, etc.

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3920 E. Mountain View Rd	<b>IN ESCROW</b>	.6039 SF	6BR/7.5BA	\$1,497,000
7170 N. Central Ave	<b>IN ESCROW</b>	.3741 SF	4BR/4BA	\$1,395,000
21 E. Cactus Wren Dr	<b>NEW PRICE</b>	.6718 SF	4BR/3.5BA	\$1,125,000
7209 N. 3rd St	<b>JUST LISTED</b>	.3318 SF	4BR/2.5BA	\$1,000,000
10442 N. 48th Pl	<b>NEW PRICE</b>	.4120 SF	4BR/4BA	\$ 995,000
2 E. Northview Ave	<b>MOVE IN READY</b>	.3541 SF	5BR/3.5BA	\$ 975,000
19 W. Frier Dr	<b>JUST LISTED</b>	.4915 SF	5BR/4.5BA	\$ 975,000
421 E. Northview Ave	<b>NEW PRICE</b>	.4166 SF	4BR/4.5BA	\$ 925,000
7110 N. 18th St	<b>NEW PRICE</b>	.4107 SF	4BR/3.5BA	\$ 899,000
902 W. El Camino Dr	<b>NEW PRICE</b>	.4560 SF	4BR/3.5BA	\$ 875,000
310 S. 4th St. #2001	<b>VIEWS</b>	.1981 SF	3BR/3BA	\$ 849,000
3030 E. Squaw Peak Cr	<b>JUST LISTED</b>	.2564 SF	3BR/2.5BA	\$ 799,000
6020 N. 5th Ave	<b>IN ESCROW</b>	.3300 SF	5BR/3BA	\$ 699,000
14392 E. Becker	<b>JUST LISTED</b>	.5167 SF	4BR/4BA	\$ 650,000
37 W. San Juan Ave	<b>IN ESCROW</b>	.2621 SF	4BR/3BA	\$ 650,000
219 E. Northern Ave	<b>JUST LISTED</b>	.2688 SF	5BR/3BA	\$ 599,000
1620 E. Echo Ln	<b>NEW PRICE</b>	.3250 SF	4BR/4BA	\$ 599,000
3402 N. 35th Pl	<b>NEW PRICE</b>	.2573 SF	4BR/2BA	\$ 579,000
4214 E. Carol Ann Ln	<b>JUST LISTED</b>	.2725 SF	4BR/3.5BA	\$ 564,500
4210 E. Carol Ann Ln	<b>IN ESCROW</b>	.2725 SF	4BR/3.5BA	\$ 599,000
11303 N. 34th St	<b>IN ESCROW</b>	.2617 SF	4BR/2.5BA	\$ 559,500
8401 N. 17th Pl	<b>JUST LISTED</b>	.2028 SF	3BR/2BA	\$ 549,900
210 E. Keim Dr	<b>NEW PRICE</b>	.2182 SF	3BR/2.5BA	\$ 549,000
1629 E. Echo Ln	<b>MOVE IN READY</b>	.2026 SF	3BR/2.5BA	\$ 539,900
1801 E. Stella Ln	<b>JUST LISTED</b>	.3750 SF	5BR/3BA	\$ 549,900
11307 N. 34th St	<b>IN ESCROW</b>	.2515 SF	4BR/3BA	\$ 549,500
4230 E. Carol Ann Ln	<b>IN ESCROW</b>	.2617 SF	4BR/2.5BA	\$ 549,900
4238 E. Carol Ann Ln	<b>IN ESCROW</b>	.2617 SF	4BR/2.5BA	\$ 549,900
3411 E. Cholla St	<b>JUST LISTED</b>	.2131 SF	3BR/2.5BA	\$ 494,500
7140 N. 15th St	<b>NEW PRICE</b>	.2168 SF	4BR/2BA	\$ 469,500
7602 N. 17th Ave	<b>REMODELED</b>	.2209 SF	4BR/3BA	\$ 449,500
11430 N. 12th Pl	<b>JUST LISTED</b>	.2488 SF	4BR/2.5BA	\$ 449,500
310 S. 4th St. #2006	<b>VIEWS</b>	.1533 SF	2BR/2.5BA	\$ 449,000
6846 N. 14th Pl	<b>NEW PRICE</b>	.1980 SF	4BR/2BA	\$ 400,000
6317 N. 14th St	<b>JUST LISTED</b>	.1766 SF	2BR/2BA	\$ 349,900
2747 E. Amelia Ave	<b>IN ESCROW</b>	.1352 SF	3BR/2BA	\$ 319,000
706 E. Boca Raton Rd	<b>NEW CONSTRUCTION</b>	.1912 SF	3BR/2.5BA	\$ 329,000
6040 N. 5th Ave	<b>IN ESCROW</b>	11,196 SF LOT		\$ 325,000
722 E. Boca Raton Rd	<b>IN ESCROW</b>	.1767 SF	3BR/2.5BA	\$ 306,941
711 E. Boca Raton Rd	<b>NEW CONSTRUCTION</b>	.1784 SF	3BR/2.5BA	\$ 295,900
718 E. Boca Raton Rd	<b>NEW CONSTRUCTION</b>	.1640 SF	3BR/2.5BA	\$ 282,900
715 E. Boca Raton Rd	<b>NEW CONSTRUCTION</b>	.1640 SF	3BR/2.5BA	\$ 282,900
16510 W. Tether Trail	<b>IN ESCROW</b>	.2953 SF	5BR/3.5BA	\$ 252,900
1333 E. Morten Ave. #113	<b>IN ESCROW</b>	.1068 SF	2BR/2BA	\$ 179,900
12831 N. 17th Pl. Lot 10	<b>NEW PRICE</b>	14,972 SF LOT with views		\$ 159,900

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306 E. Wexford Cove \$1,000,000	1410 W. Myrtle Ave. \$ 679,092	102 W. Victoria Square \$ 506,000	710 E. Boca Raton Rd. \$ 289,900
243 W. Montebello Ave. \$ 940,000	31 W. Flynn Ln. \$ 642,000	6821 N. 2nd Pl. \$ 475,000	7156 N. 17th Dr. \$ 269,020
310 E. Wexford Cove \$ 900,000	3018 E. Hazelwood St. \$ 633,350	7638 N. 5th Ave. \$ 465,000	7134 N. 27th Ln. \$ 175,000
6730 N. 7th St. \$ 820,000	1430 W. Myrtle Ave. \$ 595,000	6311 N. 10th Ave. \$ 438,500	
6333 N. 4th Dr. \$ 765,000	2145 E. Kaler Dr. \$ 575,000	1617 E. Lamar Rd. \$ 415,000	
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### HEALTHY LIVING

## Clarke receives DAISY Award

Lifelong North Central resident Valerie Clarke recently was recognized with a DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nurses. The award was established in 1999 in memory of J. Patrick Barnes, to “honor the super-human work nurses do for patients and families every day.”

The mother of three has worked at HonorHealth John C. Lincoln Medical Center for 15 years, both in the emergency room and the ICU, two high-stress departments.

“Valerie is a compassionate and caring Trauma ICU nurse,” said Yvonne Graber, MSN, RN, CCRN, director of Intensive Care Unit I at the hospital. “Her love for life and for patients is seen through her positive attitude, passion for the job, and her nurturing touch. Valerie utilizes the true term of what ‘nursing’ means and her patients benefit from every interaction she has with them.”

The DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nurses is part of The DAISY (Diseases Attacking the Immune System) Foundation’s program to recognize the clinical skill and especially the compassion nurses provide to patients and families all year long. This is a global recognition and only 12 nurses are recognized each year (three per quarter) across the state. For more information, visit <https://www.daisyfoundation.org/daisy-award>.



North Central resident Valerie Clarke, and emergency room nurse at HonorHealth John C. Lincoln Medical Center, recently was honored with a DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nurses (submitted photo).

begins at 9 a.m. so come early to get a good (shady) spot. Bring your own mat, something to drink, and prepare to move and sweat.

For more information, call Studio Verve Pilates at 602-956-0222.

### Health care services for the underinsured

With federal health insurance regulations in flux, many families are finding themselves without insurance or under-insured.

Niklaus Hirschi is a Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) at Real Family Care, PLLC, a direct access primary care provider located at 2601 N. 3rd St., Suite 301. As a direct access provider, Hirschi is not enrolled or contracted with insurance plans, instead offering a variety of care options at reasonable rates.

With more than 12 years of health-care experience, and eight years as a licensed RN, Hirschi understands the importance of quality care and service. He is focused on offering services for the whole family, from pediatric and women’s health to men’s health and senior wellness. As a holistic primary provider, he continues to stay updated with courses on wellness and health methods, making his utmost goal to provide his patients with the best quality care and value.

He is IV Nutritional Therapy

### Health Briefs Pilates on the lawn benefits AAWL

Studio Verve Pilates hosts the 7th Annual Pilates in the Park, celebrating the Pilates Method Alliance’s National Pilates Day, 9:30-10:30 a.m. Saturday, May 5, at Mountain Shadows Resort, 5445 E. Lincoln Drive.

The public is invited to an all-levels class with DJ Ryan Ingram spinning, as well as complimentary refreshments, giveaways and donations being collected to benefit the Arizona Animal Welfare League. There is a suggested participation donation of \$5-\$10 per person.

Meet on the lawn adjacent to Mountain Shadow’s lobby. Registration

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### Open house set for new dental office

Dr. Alexandria Schwei has opened Premier Valley Dental at 727 E. Bethany Home Road, Ste. A100, and invites the public to come check out the variety of services offered there during a special open house set for 2-4:30 p.m. Saturday, May 5.

Guests will enjoy complimentary refreshments, fun activities and raffle prizes.

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All PPO insurances accepted. For more information, stop by the open house or call 602-789-3799.

### Moonlight yoga at Mountain Shadows

Mountain Shadows Resort, 5445 E. Lincoln Drive, hosts Moonlight Yoga 8 p.m. Sunday, May 20. Atop the resort’s stunning Camelback Overlook rooftop deck, guests and local will enjoy elevated views of the night skies and the moon aglow above Camelback Mountain.

After a flow session with instructor Veronica Clark, guests and locals can sip a craft cocktail at Hearth '61 while they cool down and enjoy the plush atmosphere of the Living Room.

Cost is \$25 per person, which includes the class, parking and a drink. An additional class is set for 8 p.m. June 10. For more information or to reserve a space for Moonlight Yoga, visit [www.mountain-shadows.com/resort/events](http://www.mountain-shadows.com/resort/events).

### Is the ‘zombie’ effect actually real?

“Zombies are Real: Are Microbes Controlling My Mind?” will take place 5:30-7 p.m. Tuesday, May 8 at Match

Restaurant & Cocktails, 1100 N. Central Ave. (inside the FOUND:RE Hotel).

Psychologist, biologist and author Athena Aktipis delves into the mysterious topic of microbes and the possibility that microbial manipulation can affect humankind—from determining the foods we eat and crave to ways they could drive behavior.

The program is part of “A Sip of Science” outreach programs presented by Arizona State University’s Biodesign Institute. Cost is \$15 and includes light appetizers. Happy Hour pricing on beer and wine will be offered during the event. Proceeds will be used to fund community science events.

For registration and information, visit [www.Eventbrite.com](http://www.Eventbrite.com), keyword search: A Sip of Science.

### Yoga for Recovery aids cancer patients

Discover how yoga can help you recover from an illness—even cancer—during a twice-monthly Yoga for Recover Class, 9-10:15 a.m. Saturdays, May 12 and 26, at HonorHealth John

C. Lincoln Medical Center, 9250 N. 3rd St., Ste. 3010.

Yoga for Recovery includes meditation and exercises to help you improve strength, flexibility, balance, proprioception, mental clarity, and breathing while decreasing stress and maintaining health.

Studies have shown that yoga helps lower blood pressure, improves a person's sense of well-being, reduces fatigue and can help people with cancer and survivors to reduce anxiety through the practice of yoga.

Cost is free for cancer patients, and \$10 for non-cancer patients. Registration is required; space is limited. Call 623-580-5800 or visit <https://www.honorhealth.com/healthy-living/events>.

### Healthcare app sends medical aid to home

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DispatchHealth works with the following insurance companies in Phoenix: Anthem, UnitedHealthcare, Humana, Cigna, Aetna, Bright Health and InnovAge. The cost of care is determined by the complexity of the care provided, the procedures performed and supplies required. The percentage of the total bill that a patient is responsible for is determined by their insurance plan. Therefore, a required payment will never be more than what is allowed by the insurance company.

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Sunnyslope High's Ray Portela (left of the Gorilla), who coaches the boys' varsity basketball team, is congratulated on his Spirit of Cotton Award by (front row, from left): Tim Matteson, Sunnyslope's assistant principal and athletic director; Jim Pittman, chief Financial officer of the Phoenix Suns; Kevin McCabe, AZ Preps Live; JoAnn Fitzsimmons, wife of the late Cotton Fitzsimmons; Sarah Krahenbuhl, executive director of Phoenix Suns Charities; and the Phoenix Suns Gorilla, as well as members of the varsity basketball team (submitted photo).

### Portela surprised with Spirit of Cotton Award

Phoenix Suns Charities surprised Ray Portela, head coach of the Sunnyslope High School boys' varsity basketball team, with the 13th annual Spirit of Cotton Award, on April 5 at the high school.

Members of Portela's team as well as the school's administrative staff were joined by the Gorilla, plus Sunnyslope High School's band and cheerleaders, in surprising the coach with his award.

The "Spirit of Cotton Award" honors legendary former Suns Head Coach Cotton Fitzsimmons by annually recognizing an outstanding Arizona high school coach for his or her leadership, dedication and service to the community in helping guide and mentor student-athletes. Portela, a graduate of Sunnyslope High School, led the team to back-to-back state championships in 2017 and 2018 and earned 2018 Arizona Varsity 5A State Coach of the Year honors.

Portela was selected not only for his remarkable accomplishments at Sunnyslope High School, but also for his devotion and passion for his students and athletes for the past 15 years.

Portela also was recognized during a special on-court presentation with JoAnn Fitzsimmons, wife of the late Cotton Fitzsimmons, at the Sun-Golden State Warriors game on April 8,

where he received a \$10,000 grant to use in the school's athletic program and a custom ring designed by Coffin & Trout Fine Jewelers.

### School Briefs

#### GLENDALE UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

#### Choirs bring home trophies after fest

Over spring break, 73 members of Sunnyslope High School's choirs traveled to California to perform at the Worldstrides Anaheim Heritage Festival. Three choirs performed and all three groups received gold ratings, with the Concert Choir taking second place and Vocal Ensemble taking first place in their respective divisions.

Sunnyslope also received the Sweepstakes Trophy as the choir program with two or more choirs competing with the highest overall average score.

There are 135 students in Sunnyslope's four choirs: Women's Choir, Men's Choir, Concert Choir and Vocal Ensemble. Directed by Tamara Krause, the focus is to develop excellent vocal technique, musical literacy, discipline and a vibrant musical community. The choirs have performed locally, throughout the state and at festivals in Los Angeles, San Francisco, Washington, D.C., Chicago, and at Carnegie Hall in New York City.

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## SCHOOL DAYS

### Alexander receives Coronat scholarship

Thunderbird High School senior Sophie Alexander has been named a Coronat Scholar at Syracuse University. The Coronat Scholars Program is a highly competitive award offered by invitation to incoming freshman in The College of Arts and Sciences.

There were more than 10,000 undergrad applicants to the college of



Sophie Alexander

arts and science. First, her undergrad application was chosen from that pool to be invited to apply. She made it to the final round and then interviewed her way into the 2022 class of Coronat Scholars.

The award offers a fully paid scholarship to attend Syracuse University, along with full funding for studying abroad, organized trips, funding for one summer of study, research or volunteer work and admission to the Renee Crown University Honors Program. Sophie is one of only 25 students to be selected.

### MADISON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

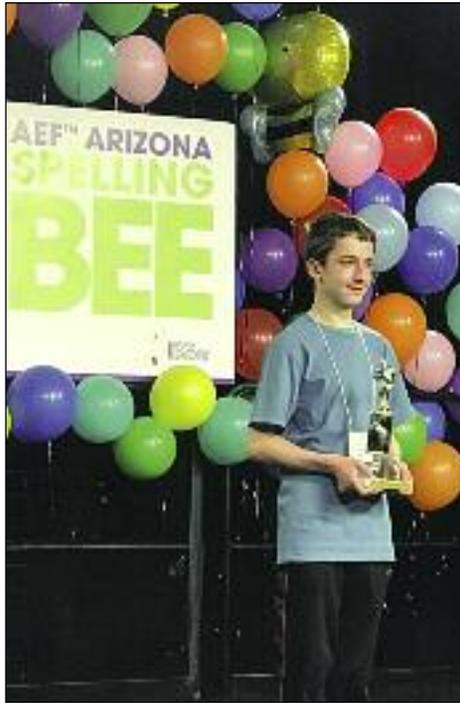
#### Madison student wins AZ State Spelling Bee

Marcus Giorza, 13, a seventh grader from Madison No. 1, was the winner of this year's Arizona State Spelling Bee, held March 24 in the Arizona PBS studios on the downtown Phoenix campus of Arizona State University. He won by correctly spelling the word "anthophilous" in the 14th round.

This is his first time competing as a finalist in the state spelling bee. In his spare time, Marcus enjoys math, spelling, and science. Outside of school, he plays the piano and mobile games with friends. His favorite dessert is ice cream.

Marcus was one of 27 finalists, and one of two finalists from Madison schools (Pragya Prasad, third grade, Madison Traditional Academy).

This is the 20th year the event is being sponsored by the Arizona Educational Foundation (AEF), a statewide non-profit organization based in Scottsdale. The road leading up to the AEF Arizona Spelling Bee



Madison No. 1 seventh-grader Marcus Giorza holds his trophy after winning the Arizona State Spelling Bee on March 24 (submitted photo).

began in December when schools throughout the state held qualifying bees. Winners progressed to district bees in January and then county and regional bees in February. Private, public, charter, and homeschool students were eligible to compete.

Marcus will represent Arizona in the 91st Annual Scripps National Spelling Bee, May 27-June 2 in National Harbor, Md. In addition to an all-expenses paid trip for two, he won \$800 cash and a Webster's Third New International Dictionary. For more details about the AEF Spelling Bee program, visit [www.azedfoundation.org](http://www.azedfoundation.org).

### OSBORN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

#### DeBatty receives AAA award

Longview sixth-grade teacher Jane DeBatty has been selected as Patrol Advisor of the Year on behalf of AAA.

DeBatty introduced the AAA Safety Patrol Program to Longview, which currently has about 22 students participating. The program encourages students to be leaders by setting a positive example at the school. Students participating in the program have enjoyed—among other "duties"—assisting younger students when they arrive or depart from school, and notifying teachers of problems that arise on the playground.

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This award is shared only by a select number of Patrol Advisors each year from across several states. As a recipient of the Patrol Advisor of the Year, DeBatty and Longview Elementary will receive a plaque, and a \$2,000 dollar grant to be used for the continuation of your school's Safety Patrol efforts through the purchase of equipment, recognition materials, etc.

**Father, son speak before Latino caucus**

Encanto third-grade teacher Luis Valencia and his son, Leonardo, recently presented at the State Capitol to the Latino caucus on behalf of UnidosUS on the benefits of dual language instruction.

UnidosUS, formerly National Council of La Raza, is the United States' largest Latino nonprofit advocacy organization. It has an office in downtown Phoenix near 11th and Jefferson streets. By 2023, Latinos will represent nearly 30 percent of all students enrolled in U.S. schools.



Leonardo Valencia practices for the presentation he will later give at the State Capitol to the Latino caucus (submitted photo).

UnidosUS is working to ensure equitable outcomes for Latino students and English language learners.

For more information, call 602-507-6190.

**PHOENIX UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT Summer school begins in May**

Free Summer School will be offered again at Phoenix Union schools for both continuing students, and incoming 9th graders. Most summer school schedules run May 29-June 28, Monday through Thursday, at 11 campuses, and June 4-June 28, Monday through Friday for two schools.

Each day will have a morning session and an afternoon session. Because of building maintenance projects, North students will go to Linda Abril Education Academy. Freshman Academy students will earn a one-half credit towards graduation.

To enroll and for more information, go to [www.phoenixunion.org/summerschool](http://www.phoenixunion.org/summerschool).

**Mock food-truck challenge a hit**

Camelback High's Culinary 3-4 students had their first "Food Truck Wars," April 6. Each team had to come

up with a theme, create a menu, make a flier, cook food from their menu to present, and design their table to present to the judges.

The winning selection was "Cycle of the Day"—a Philly Cheesesteak sandwich served with home fries and fresh lemonade, crated by students Charlyz Chavez, Fabian Bautista Vazquez, Nayeli Renteria, and Ubaldo Barron.

**A proud legacy for Coach Smithers**

Four North High School swimmers were named Academic All-Americans by the National Interscholastic Swim coaches Association. Seniors Anna Whitley, Darianne Sanchez, Joshua Jacobson and Kyle Haines qualified by having a minimum non-weighted grade point average of 3.75 through seven semesters and lettered in swimming or diving. With these four, coach David Smithers, who is retiring this year, has had 81 Academic All-Americans in his 22-year career.

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National Federation of State Association (NFHS) Coaches Association. The AIA is part of Section 7, which includes Arizona, Utah, Nevada, California and Hawaii. The NFHS recognizes coaches in the top 10 girls sports and top 10 boys sports by participation numbers, and in two “other” sports—one for boys and one for girls not including in the top 10 listings.

Smithers has been named Division II State Coach of the Year four times.

### New graduation seal recognizes biliteracy

For the first time, graduating seniors could earn the Seal of Biliteracy on their diplomas, recognizing that they are proficient in English and another language.

The seal, which is also reflected on transcripts, is based upon performance on a state board-approved assessment. Of the 316 seals issued in the 2017-18 school year, 109 went to Phoenix Union seniors. Only six districts and a charter school had students who earned the seal in four languages.

Phoenix Union students had 99 for



Orangewood Elementary second graders Elsie Kuzmic, left, and Hannah Thompson were named the regional winners of the 26th Annual Toshiba ExploraVision Science Competition (submitted photo).

Spanish, three for Spanish Literature and seven for French. German and Mandarin were the other languages.

### Despite challenges, North captures third

North High School was the only Arizona high school team to compete in the 15th Annual Arizona Dragon Boat Festival at Tempe Towne Lake, March 24. Sixteen students from North's Future Business Leaders of

America, and the Mustang Track team made up the crew.

North competed against three year-round teams from other states, finishing third in the 2,250-meter race, despite only practicing twice before the festival. The boats, lifejackets and paddles are provided by the Arizona Dragon Boat Association for all teams. North is coached by Lana and Jeff Walther, who also are team captains for AZ Dragon Riders. North has been

dragon boat racing since 2011, when FBLA advisor Rita Lopez met the ASU Dragon Boat coach, and she convinced her to put a team together.

### WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT Second graders win regional competition

Orangewood School second graders Hannah Kuzmic and Elsie Thompson in March were selected as the regional winners in the 26th Annual Toshiba ExploraVision Science Competition. The competition asks students to research a current problem, envision how this could be solved in 20 years and determine what type of technological breakthroughs need to happen for their solution to become a reality.

Students must include five web-pages in addition to the required written components. Elsie and Hannah's project, Robo-Police, envisioned an automated police force that “will be able to take bad guys and keep them from hurting anyone.” Their project was one of six winners in the United

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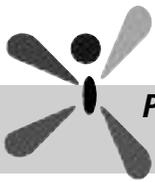
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States out of 5,000 entries. As regional winners, they received external hard drives and a laptop for their classroom.

As part of the final round of competition, Hannah and Elsie, under the guidance of Orangewood teacher and coach Dianna Bonney, created a video, website and prototype of Robo-Police. Check out Hannah and Elsie's project and video at <https://nstawebdirector.wixsite.com/robo-police/home>.

The two girls were recognized by Arizona State Representatives Ken Clark and Lela Alston (District 24), who had an official Proclamation read in their honor on the House floor.

#### Volunteers, staff honored at event

Once each year the Washington Elementary School District (WESD) celebrates the unique, exemplary contributions of special members of the WESD family by honoring them with the Lamp of Learning Award.

Bestowing this award allows the district the opportunity to thank commu-

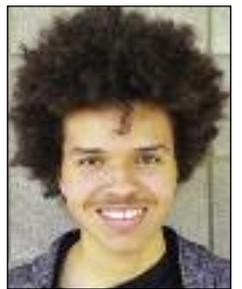
nity and staff members for the extras that they do to support the education of students. This year, WESD honors 32 people at the Lamp of Learning Awards Dinner, set for Friday, May 4.

Among those being honored are: Carlos Martinez, Social Studies teacher at Royal Palm Middle School; Julissa Puzzo, a volunteer at Richard E. Miller Elementary School; Alice Reule, a volunteer at Desert View Elementary; and Lynn Smith, Music teacher at Mountain View School.

#### PRIVATE AND CHARTER SCHOOLS Carson awarded Silver Key

Madison Highland Prep junior Noah Carson was awarded the Silver Key in Sculpture at the 2018 Arizona Scholastic Art Competition, sponsored by the Young Authors of Arizona (YAA) organization.

The annual competition recognizes top student artists from schools around the state. This year, 181 students out of several thousand entries were recognized for the prestigious awards.



Noah Carson

Carson received his Silver Key at the 2018 Scholastic Art & Writing Awards ceremony in late April at Desert Mountain High School. His sculpture entitled "Serpent de Chien" was also awarded the Best in Show at the MHP Fall Art Showcase in October.

#### McClelland heads to Boston College

Xavier College Preparatory senior Caroline McClelland signed a national collegiate letter of intent on April 11 to be a part of the Cross Country program at Boston College.

To date, 20 Xavier seniors have signed national collegiate letters of intent during the 2017-2018 school year, committing to 20 different colleges and universities. For more information about the school, visit <https://www.xcp.org>.



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St. Francis Xavier seventh and eighth grade students, accompanied by teacher Carson Westerfield (far left), recently visited with Arizona State Rep. Lela Alston (far right), got to assemble on the House floor and watch the proceedings unfold as they watched from the gallery (submitted photo).

**Honoring Parkland students with a walk**

On March 14, while other schools nationwide participated in a “walkout,” St. Francis Xavier upper grade students choose to “walk with.” March 14 was the one-month anniversary of the Parkland shootings. Students throughout the nation organized events to commemorate the day.

St. Francis seventh and eighth grade students, under the leadership of eighth grade students Tazmin Smith and Kate Brink, along with the direction of teacher Carson Westerfield, held a Walk for Solidarity for the Parkland victims. The students displayed photos of the victims, recited the victim’s names and biographies during the 17 minutes of recognition—one minute for each Parkland victim.

Arizona State Rep. Lela Alston invited the students who participated in the Walk for Solidarity to the House of Representatives. She read the students mission statement on the House floor and the students received a letter of recognition of service from House Speaker J.D. Mesnard. Students meet with Rep. Alston, got to assemble on the House floor and watch the proceedings unfold as they watched from the gallery.

**A strong finish for Xavier Gators**

The Xavier College Prep sports teams wrap up the school year with several titles and accolades under their belts.

Four Xavier archers finished in the top quarter of the high school girls who

competed at the State Archery Championship in March. Sophomore Maddie Tribolet placed 11th, junior Ava Koehler De Celaya finished 16th, senior Kira Dean placed 18th, and freshman Alexandra Scott finished 25th. In addition, Xavier senior Kira Dean was honored with a Courage

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Students from Franklin Phonetic Primary School work on building the set for their upcoming opera, which they have written, produced and will star in, with public performances set for May 15 (submitted photo).

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Award by the National Archery in the Schools Program.

Xavier's crew team captured first place in three races at the Desert Sprints Regatta on Tempe Town Lake in March: the Women's Junior 1x (sophomore Makenzie Ashton Borrego); the Women's Junior Varsity 8+ (junior Maddie Wickers, sophomores Grace Driscoll, Tayler Killoren, Gia Magnoni, Lizzie Paddison, Becca Rainney, Maddy Schwartz, Zoe Wasson; and the Women's Junior Varsity 4+ (Maddie Wickers, Makenzie

Ashton Borrego, Tayler Killoren, and Lizzie Paddison). Rachel Chung served as coxswain on the two varsity teams.

### Students write, perform opera

Students in grades four through six at Franklin Phonetic Primary School are creating an original opera that will be performed at the school at 9317 N. 2nd St.

The school's founders, Cindy Franklin and her husband, Tom Franklin, have a passion for performing arts. This small charter school engages children in choir, band, dance and

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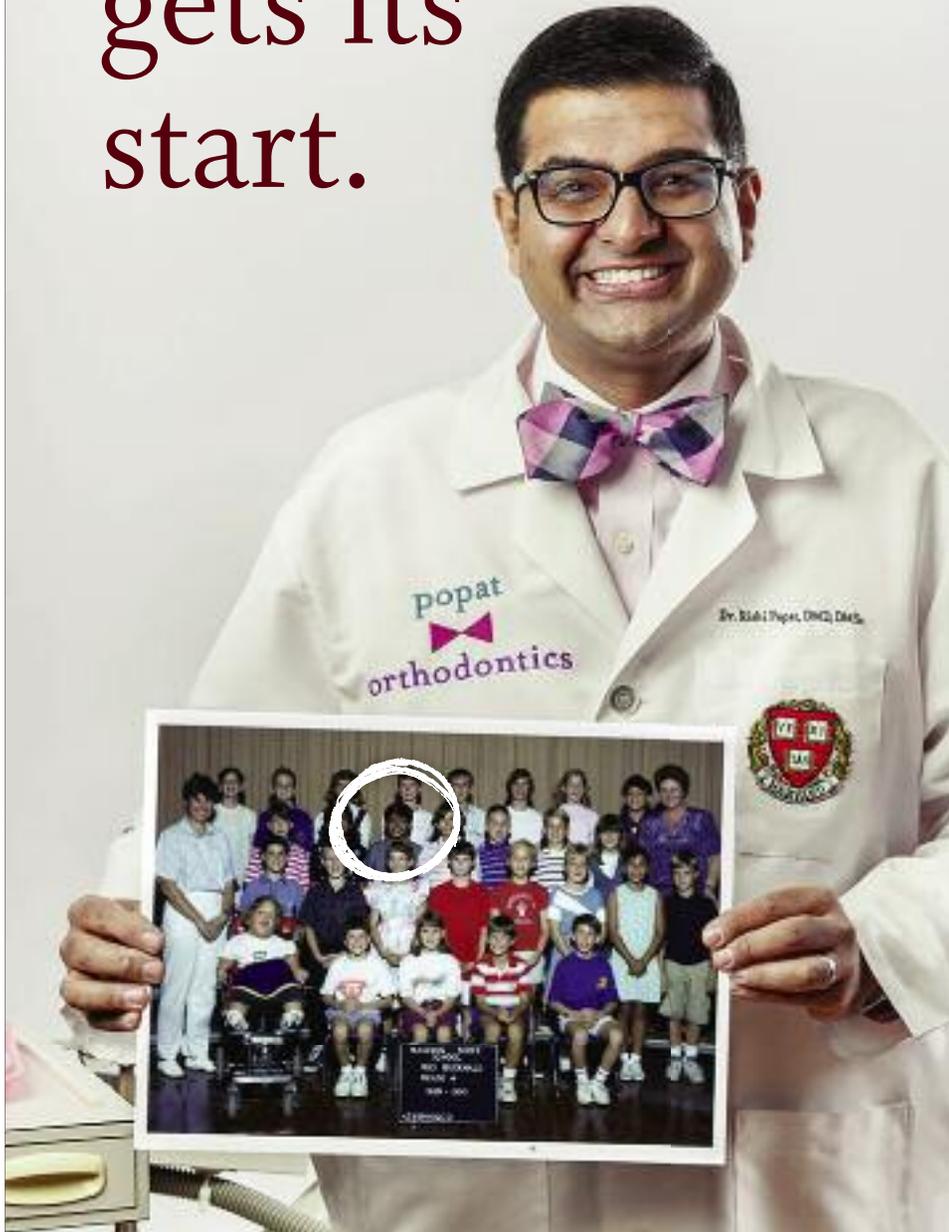
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drama throughout the year. The Franklins participated in the Education at the Met Program, offered by the Metropolitan Opera Guild in New York City. They brought the program to their schools in Prescott Valley and now in Sunnyslope.

The goal is not just about the final product, but focuses on the journey the students take—one of learning to work together, sharing ideas, learning new skills in writing, music, acting, and even carpentry. Students take charge in all areas of the production including set design and construction, lighting, costumes, makeup, and production and stage management.

Students at the Sunnyslope campus wrote this year's opera around a theme of using bad language—"cussing"—and how it affects kids at school. The students decided to use sound effects for cuss words so kids won't hear real cuss words.

Students named their company Mayhem Opera Company and call their opera "Mayhem at Fisch Academy." There will be two perfor-



Crystal Koel-Rivera, aka "Mama Bunny," celebrates Easter with the students at Midtown Primary School, along with her own "little bunny," Emelia, 3, who also wore rabbit ears and makeup whiskers (submitted photo).

mances on Tuesday, May 15: the first at 1 p.m. and another at 7 p.m., inside the school's auditorium. The school is located on the grounds of Sunnyslope Presbyterian Church.

For more information, call 602-944-1371 or visit [www.franklinphonetic.schoolsunnyslope.com](http://www.franklinphonetic.schoolsunnyslope.com).

A hopping good time at Midtown

Friends of Midtown Primary School, including Fraser from Change Your Stars Foundation, and Fouad the Hummus King, provided an all-school Egg Hunt to celebrate the Easter holiday. The special activity was complete

with Easter Bunnies to help with the hunt; Crystal Koel-Rivera and her 3-year-old daughter, Emelia, dressed up as bunnies.

With the help of Target Tempe Marketplace and Bashas, Change Your Stars filled the eggs with candy and gifts. The Hummus King brought small plates for each of the children, who thought the exotic food was delicious.

MHP dual enrollment math program grows

The Dual Enrollment College Mathematics Program at Madison Highland Prep offers students both high school and college credit in mathematics courses taught over a period of one semester.

During this school year, MHP juniors and seniors were accepted through placement testing into MAT 187 Pre-Calculus. MHP will expand the dual enrollment college mathematics course offerings for next school year. Additional courses will be offered the following school year.

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**Couple honored for providing holy services**

In 1981, Hannah Adelman and her husband, Phil, moved from Cleveland to Phoenix so that Hannah could serve as the principle of Temple Beth Israel, under the guidance of Rabbi B. Charles Herring.

Nearly two decades later, Hannah took a job as the activities director at Maryland Gardens, a senior living community near Central and Maryland avenues. She soon discovered that Jewish residents at Maryland Gardens didn't have access to a synagogue for praying. Hannah then became a lay reader so she could provide this weekly service to the residents there.

Hannah felt there was a need for this holy gathering at other faculties, so she started calling around to other retirement living centers, such as The Terraces, Madison Meadows and The Beatitudes, to offer the weekly service. In each instance, the answer was an enthusiastic "yes."

For the next 18 years, Hannah, with assistance from Phil, a retired Air Force pilot, performed the Jewish services for more than 20 senior facilities around the Valley, each and every month.

Though they now live in one of those retirement facilities—The Beatitudes, at 555 W. Glendale Ave.—they still perform these free holy services for members of the Jewish community living in senior communities. Many non-Jewish members of these centers attend the services as well.

For all their years of service to the Jewish community, a "Here's to Life" celebration in their honor will take



North Central couple Phil and Hannah Adelman will be honored for years of volunteer service at a special brunch event Sunday, June 3 (submitted photo).

place 12:30 p.m. Sunday, June 3, at the Orange Tree Resort, 10601 N. 56 St.

The event is being organized by Marc Adelman (no relation), who met the couple more than 10 years ago when they visited a retirement home where he was working. "It was Hannah and Phil who helped jump-start my life and to make me the better person that I am today," Marc says. "I'm here to represent the many lives that Hannah and Phil have touched over the years."

The event will be a buffet brunch with a tribute celebration featuring keynote speaker Mary Jo West, the first woman to anchor the news in Phoenix, and the music of Jeff Lowy (piano) and his son, Anthony (guitar). Tickets are \$40. For tickets and to view the menu, visit <http://celebration4.ticketspice.com/adelman-tribute>. For more information or to reserve a group of seats, call 602-544-5129 or e-mail [madelman980@gmail.com](mailto:madelman980@gmail.com).

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## Senior Living

### Become a facilitator for caregiver series

Duet: Partners In Health & Aging has launched its “Finding Meaning and Hope” video discussion series, in partnership with Pauline Boss, Ph.D. “Finding Meaning and Hope” is a free video and discussion series for family caregivers led by trained volunteers.

On Friday, May 4, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Duet will host a free-of-charge training session to prepare local professionals and caregivers to facilitate the video discussion series. The training will take place at Church of the Beatitudes, 555 W. Glendale Ave.

This video series is a structured, peer-led group discussion for caregivers experiencing ambiguous loss. Based on the book, “Loving Someone Who Has Dementia: How to Find Hope While Coping with Stress and Grief,” by Pauline Boss, Ph.D., the series equips caregivers with an understanding of ambiguous loss and the tools to lower stress, build resilience and stay healthy.

Volunteers will learn how to facilitate

the video and discussion series to a group of caregivers in their community. Those interested in attending can RSVP by contacting Ann Wheat at wheat@duetaz.org or 602-274-5022, ext. 140.

### Movement, dance program in May

The May Memory Café will feature a special interactive dance program at Beth El Congregation, 1118 W. Glendale Ave., on Thursday, May 3, from 10 to 11:30 a.m.

While the workshop highlights the contribution of Jews in dance, it is open to anyone with memory loss and their care partners.

The 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. Offered on the first Thursday of the month, each café has a new theme and includes activities to engage the participants.

There is no charge to attend, but RSVPs are required to kathy.rood@jfcasaz.org or 602-452-4627.

### Affordable living at senior care home

BridgeWater Assisted Living recently opened its second location in the Valley where income qualified seniors can receive significant rent reductions and assistance with daily living, while enjoying upscale amenities and services.

BridgeWater Assisted Living Midtown offers 140 apartments in a seven-story community that boasts both a modern and urban feel. Situated off of Indian School Road on 3rd Avenue, BridgeWater Midtown offers both assisted living and memory care apartments to aging residents.

The common areas are complete with an activity area, library, theater, and meeting rooms. Residents will enjoy three meals a day in the community dining room, meet a friend for coffee in the bistro, relax and view a movie in the theater room, engage in an art, cooking or yoga class, or take the community shuttle off property and enjoy all that Phoenix has to offer.

BridgeWater is a Medicaid ALTCS provider. This Medicaid program, which pays for assisted living, is for

those unable to pay for their care themselves, meet income and asset levels and need daily assistance. Veterans eligible for Wartime Pension also may qualify for supplemental aid and attendance benefits. This program is available to both veterans and widowed spouses of the veteran, and pays for assisted care.

Every BridgeWater community has a designated Community Benefits Advocate available to explain to families how they can qualify for financial resources and to help them through their specific situation.

For or to schedule a tour, visit <https://www.bridgewaterassistedliving.com/arizona/midtown>.

## Kids & Families

### Free water safety event on May 12

The public is invited to join the Phoenix Fire Department, Drowning Prevention Coalition of AZ and Pointe Hilton Squaw Peak Resort for a free community event to learn about water safety, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Saturday, May 12 at the resort, 7677 N. 16th St.

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For water safety tips year-round, visit <http://www.squawpeakhilton.com/water-safety>.

**Summer music classes battle child's boredom**

Beat the summer boredom blues and put music into your child's schedule. Enroll him or her in music lessons at Music Works Community, 302 W. Bethany Home Road. A flexible summer scheduling allows for vacation plans and unexpected trips.

An introductory class for the PRELUDE Piano Program will be offered in June and July on Fridays. A 45-minute Intro class for 3-6 year old young musician-to-be is an ideal way to see the studio, experience a class and determine if a student is ready for 15-week Prelude fall classes. "Shining Stars" is for preschoolers, PreK and junior kindergarten, and "LeapFrogs" is for kindergarten and first graders.

Weekly piano and guitar lessons are available during the MWC Summer Session from June 4-Aug. 11.

Find registration forms and more information at [www.musicworkscommunity.com](http://www.musicworkscommunity.com). For questions, call the studio at 602-264-5188.

**Everyone can enjoy Cinco de Mayo**

For parents who would love to go out and have a fun time on Cinco de Mayo but have little ones at home, Arizona Sunrays Gymnastics & Dance has scheduled a special Kids Night Out on Saturday, May 5.

The Sunrays will host Kids' Night Out from 6-10 p.m. for ages 3 to 14. Kids will enjoy gymnastics, dancing, jumping in a bounce house and on trampolines, obstacle courses, fort building in the foam pits, and wind down the evening by watching a movie.

Cost is \$30 per child, with a \$5 off sibling discount. Pizza and drinks are included. Advanced registration is required. Arizona Sunrays is located at 15801 N. 32nd St. For more information and to register, call 602-992-5790 or visit [www.arizonasunrays.com](http://www.arizonasunrays.com).

**Music Together hosts free sample classes**

Bring your infant, toddler, and preschool-age child to a music and movement experience as Music Together presents two free Sample Classes this month.

The first class takes place 11:15 a.m. Friday, May 11, at Cannedy Dance Center, 7224 N. 7th St. A second class will be held 9:30 a.m. Friday, May 18, at Kids.Play.Music., 3241 E. Shea Blvd. Experience 45 minutes of making music with your child, including singing, dancing, silliness and instrument play.

To register, visit [www.MusicTogetherInPhx.com](http://www.MusicTogetherInPhx.com) or call 602-363-8202.

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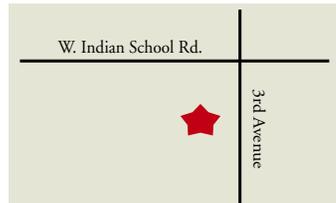
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For the past five summers, First Church has opened its doors for a week-long Creative Arts Camp. This fun and engaging experience has created endless opportunities for creativity and growth, not only for the children of our congregation but also within the community. We're so excited to announce that our 6th annual Creative Arts Camp will take place **Monday, July 30-Friday, August 3!** The camp runs from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and is open to **any** child who has completed kindergarten to those entering 7th grade. We also provide a "Mini-Camp" for children aged 3-5 years old. Registration for Creative Arts camp will be available online at [firstchurch.church](http://firstchurch.church) beginning Monday, May 7. Before and after care are also available for an additional fee. Our camp is always a great way for kids to wrap up their summer and it has become incredibly popular, so do not delay in getting your little artists, musicians, and tiny dancers registered.

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## Art classes set for 19North Arts Center

19North has partnered with the Phoenix Center for the Arts to offer a series of summer art classes at the new 19North Art Center, 1820 W. Northern Ave., Ste. 30

Most classes begin the week of May 14 and include: landscape painting; acrylic still life painting; drawing for beginners; and painting for beginners. Another round of classes, with the addition of mixed media for beginners, begin in July.

For details, visit <https://phoenixcenterforthearts.org/>, and under the Classes tab, select "Painting and Drawing." Scroll down to May, and look for 19North in the subject head, for example, "19North: Drawing for Beginners."



Shannon McBride, executive director of the new 19North nonprofit organization, sits in the lobby of the new 19North Arts Center, where professional and student artists' works are exhibited on a rotating basis (photo by Teri Carnicelli).

## A & E Briefs

### 'Church & State'

**iTheatre Collaborative**  
**May 4-19**

**Herberger Theater, Stage West**  
**222 E. Monroe**  
**602-252-8497**

What happens when a politician speaks from his heart? In the wake of a school shooting in his N.C. hometown, a Republican U.S. senator makes an off-the-cuff comment that calls into question his stance on gun control and God—this, three days before his bid for re-election. As his wife and campaign manager try to contain the damage, this look at how guns, God, and social media influence our political system is, at once, funny, honest, heartbreaking, and uplifting. Tickets are \$22-\$27.50 plus fees.

### 'Korean Dreams' Exhibit

**Through May 15**  
**Modified/Arts Gallery**  
**407 E. Roosevelt St.**  
**602-462-5516**

In this series, Canadian photographer and artist Nathalie Daoust ([www.nathaliedaoust.com](http://www.nathaliedaoust.com)) has documented life in North Korea using a darkroom method that mimics the way information is transferred throughout the country – the photographs, as the North Korean people, are both manipulated until the underlying truth is all but a blur. For gallery hours, visit <http://modifiedarts.org>.

### 'Eroica'

**Ballet Arizona**  
**May 15-June 2**  
**Desert Botanical Garden**  
**1201 N. Galvin Parkway**  
**602-381-1096**

From the company that brought you "Topia" and "Round" comes this new world premiere, set to Beethoven's iconic third symphony. Tickets start at \$40; seating is general admission, but reserved tables of four are available. Visit [www.balletaz.org](http://www.balletaz.org).

### 'Dear Listener: Works by Nicholas Galanin'

**May 4-Sept. 2018**  
**Heard Museum**  
**2301 N. Central Ave.**

The mid-career retrospective of the provocative artist will be installed in the recently opened Virginia G. Piper Charitable Trust Grand Gallery, the Dennis Lyon Family Crossroads Gallery, and the Freeman Gallery. It will feature more than 10,000 square feet of new and existing works by Galanin including video installation, sculpture, performance art, works on paper, installation work, and fashion. The exhibition will be accompanied by a text titled "Let Them Enter Dancing and Showing Their Faces," and will be available for

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purchase at Books & More. Visit <https://www.dear listener.org>.

### Organist Tom Winpenny Concert

4 p.m. Sunday, May 6  
Trinity Cathedral  
100 W. Roosevelt St.  
602-254-7126

UK organist Tom Winpenny will present a program of solo organ music, including works of Bach, Handel, Mozart, Mendelssohn, Schumann, Messiaen, and Simon Preston. Winpenny is assistant master of Music at St Albans Cathedral (UK), where his duties include accompanying the daily choral services and directing the acclaimed Abbey Girls Choir. Since January 2016 he has been Musical Director of the London Pro Arte Choir. This concert is free and open to the public. Visit [www.trinitymusicaz.org](http://www.trinitymusicaz.org).

### 'Ladies gone Mild'

7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 12  
Clarendon Hotel  
401 W. Clarendon Ave.

An immersive dance-comedy-theater experience by dance-comedy troupe The Ladies. Over the course of an hour, audience members will explore a pop-up resort and its comically bizarre amenities. A new surprise waits around every corner as audience members find their own path to the climactic rooftop promenade with The Ladies. Admission is free, though a suggested donation of \$10 is encouraged. For more information visit <http://leanneschmidt.com/theladies/>.

### Magic & Skepticism with Matt Dillahunty

8 p.m. Monday, May 14  
Herberger Theater  
222 E. Monroe  
602-252-8497

An evening celebrating magic and skepticism with Matt Dillahunty, co-host of the Atheist Experience podcast. Presented by Pangburn Philosophy. Tickets are \$34 plus fees. Appropriate for ages 19 and older. Visit [www.herbergertheater.org](http://www.herbergertheater.org).

### 'Little Shop of Horrors'

May 16-June 10  
Phoenix Theatre  
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Seymour, a nerdy floral clerk, dis-

covers a new peculiar plant he names "Audrey II" after his co-worker crush. This foul-mouthed, R+B-singing plant might just be Seymour's ticket to fame, fortune and the girl of his dreams! Soon, however, Seymour discovers Audrey II's intent towards global domination. Can Seymour save the world and get the girl? Tickets are \$36-\$86 plus fees. Visit [www.phoenix theatre.com](http://www.phoenix theatre.com).

### 'The Diary of Anne Frank'

Arizona Theatre Company  
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One of the most powerful stories of the 20th century, The Diary of Anne Frank captures the realities of eight people hiding from the Nazis in a concealed storage attic in war-torn Amsterdam. Anne's daily existence—her fears, her hopes, her laughter, her grief, and her family's desperate attempt to preserve humanity in an inhumane world—drive this powerful true-life tale. Incorporating newly discovered writings from the diary of Anne Frank as well as survivor accounts to create an impassioned story of the lives of Jews persecuted under Nazi rule, this is a story that continues to linger in our minds throughout the generations because of its optimism and intrinsic truth: No matter how dire the circumstances, faith in the good of people is what keeps the world in balance—even when all seems lost. Tickets are \$25-\$75 plus fees. Visit [www.herbergertheater.org](http://www.herbergertheater.org).

### 'Annie the Musical'

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Little orphan Annie charms everyone's hearts despite a next-to-nothing start in 1930s New York City. She is determined to find the parents who abandoned her on the doorstep of a New York City Orphanage that is run by the cruel, Miss Hannigan. In adventure after fun-filled adventure, Annie foils Miss Hannigan's evil conspiracies, adopts a lovable mutt named Sandy, befriends President Franklin Delano Roosevelt and finds a new home and family with billionaire, Oliver Warbucks. Tickets are \$20.50-\$39.50 plus fees. Visit [www.herberger theater.org](http://www.herberger theater.org).

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**Café Chat**

Tacos entice with global flavors

By Patty Talahongva

Rich Hinojosa may have grown up in Texas, but he's moved to Arizona four times and he's pretty certain this is now his permanent home. Phoenix is definitely the home of his first restaurant, CRUjiente Tacos, 3961 E. Camelback Road, which he co-owns with Jason Morris.

Like the food, the name is a blend. "Cru" comes from the French term that rates wine of high quality. "Jiente" means crunchy in Spanish. CRUjiente serves both crunchy tacos and street style tacos, but as Hinojosa explains, "These aren't traditional tacos. I don't call this a Mexican food restaurant. It's Mexican influenced."

Raised in a family of cooks, his aunts taught him how to make Mexican dishes. He loved watching



Chef Rich Hinojosa, co-owner of CRUjiente Tacos, makes the popular Posole Rojo (left) himself and has developed a menu of globally inspired tacos (photo by Teri Carnicelli).

cooking shows on PBS, long before the Food Network came along. After high school, an auntie took him on a cruise to the Caribbean and Hinojosa soaked

up the array of international foods served on the ship. He met the chef, who encouraged him to go to culinary school—which he did, prompting his first move to Arizona to attend the Scottsdale Culinary Institute.

His career has taken him to San Diego, back to Phoenix where he worked at Mary Elaine's, off to Hawaii where he really learned from a variety of cultures. "The food experience was phenomenal," he recalls. He experienced foods from Vietnam, Australia, Thailand—"I couldn't put a price on (the) almost four years," he says of his experience there.

In his career he's made more than 80 different types of tacos. Today he features 11 tacos on his menu and few more on the weekly specials menu. "This is really a blend of me, all the places I've cooked, people I met, and family dinners," says Hinojosa. "It's not a fad, not fusion. It's 25 years of cooking and travel." The menu is most definitely flavor-driven.

Perhaps the Posole Rojo (\$8), which simmers overnight, is the one item that is made in the traditional way with pork, hominy, lime, onion, jalapeno and cilantro. But glancing at the menu you'll also see the Texas Wagyu cap steak taco or the Korean fried chicken taco. The ahi poke taco with taro root, seaweed, sesame, green onion and kabayaki shows off some of the flavors Hinojosa learned about while in Hawaii.

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Where the food comes from is important because it impacts the flavor. For example, clams that live in more muddy areas have a different taste than those that live in sand. He prefers ones raised in mud. You'll find a fried clam taco periodically on the weekly specials menu. All tacos are served on either blue corn tortillas, which are made in-house, or white corn tortillas.

There are vegetarian options on the menu as well as a kids menu. It isn't printed, but ask your server what you can order for the younger diners in your party.

Desserts include strawberry pico and buñuelos. "My mom used to make the best buñuelos," he says. He serves his dusted with cinnamon and sugar.

Even the drinks are special at CRUjiente, which offers craft cocktails and full selection of tequila, bourbon and wine. The beer is kept in a salt bath to ensure it's served nice and chilled. While Hinojosa takes care of the menu, Morris handles the bar side. As a former wine distributor, he's well versed on the reds, whites and blends.

Hinojosa has racked up several awards such as the People's Choice at Devour Phoenix and he was recently asked to appear on a food show himself. He's one of the chefs competing on the show, "Chopped," which was set to air on May 1. Of course he can't say how he did, but he says it was fun and hard. "I was shot at the end of the day," he laughs and adds, "I appreciate the challenge."

Hinojosa will have some special tacos for Cinco de Mayo and CRUjiente will have special hours that weekend. Check the website (www.cru-tacos.com), Facebook page or just call 602-687-7777 for details.

CRUjiente is open Monday through Thursday from 3-10 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 3-11 p.m., and is closed on Sunday. Happy Hour is 3-6 p.m. daily, and Reverse Happy Hour is from 9-11 p.m. on Friday and Saturday.

**Dining Briefs**  
**AZ Restaurant Week**  
**returns for spring**

Arizona Restaurant Week returns for its spring season, from May 18-27. This statewide affair offers foodies a wealth of dining opportunities and the chance to get outside their own neighborhood and try something new. From sizzling Southwestern and soothing

comfort foods to five-star dining and international fare—it's all on the table during Arizona Restaurant Week.

Participating restaurants from the North Central area include: Beckett's Table, Geordie's Steak at the Wrigley Mansion, Grassroots Kitchen + Tap, Hearth '61, Ladera Taverna Y Cocina, Southern Rail, The Capital Grille, The Clever Koi, The Gladly, and Twisted Grove.

Prices for the prix fixe menus range from \$33 to \$44 per person, not including tax and tip. For more information, including the fill list of participating restaurants, visit <https://arizona.restaurantweek.com/>.

**Family feast for home from Bobby-Q**

Every Sunday, Bobby-Q takes the stress out of the kitchen and does the work for you with a comforting family feast. Whether it's celebrating mom on Mother's Day, or a group gathering after church, or wrapping up a busy day with no time left to cook, you can get a hearty meal to serve the whole family, without the fuss.

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Bobby-Q is located at 8501 N. 27th Ave. (602-995-5982) and 3154 E. Camelback Road (602-626-8856). For more information, visit <http://bobbyq.net>.

### **Farm & Craft now open at The Colony**

Local restaurant group Riot Hospitality Group has opened a second Farm & Craft in Phoenix, after its original success in Old Town Scottsdale. The new location is in the former Herb Box space at The Colony, 5538 N. 7th St., just north of Missouri Ave.

Farm & Craft, focused on healthy and sustainable food, is a full-service restaurant at night and a fast-casual eatery during the day. The signature Wellness Menu will be present, but this location will also feature one-of-a-kind items designed for the area and driven by local suppliers providing sustainable, gluten-free, organic and hormone-free ingredients.

In addition, Farm & Craft features an indoor and outdoor bar with organic spirits, including its signature cold pressed cocktails, local beers and eclectic wines on tap, cold pressed juices and Kombucha cocktails.

For more information, visit [www.ilovefarmandcraft.com](http://www.ilovefarmandcraft.com).

### **Kids eat free at local restaurants**

The family-owned Common Ground Culinary collection of restaurants now invites kids to eat free with purchase of adult entrée from 3-6 p.m. Offered daily at Grassroots Kitchen & Tap (2119 E. Camelback Road, Ste. A21) and Twisted Grove Parlor + Bar (3160 E. Camelback Road), these aren't your average kids meals either.

Each children's meal comes with a beverage, a kid-friendly entrée, plus French fries, green veggies and an ice cream bar for dessert.

Think foccacia grilled cheese sandwiches, fork & knife meatballs or BBQ chicken wings. Regularly priced at \$7, enjoy one complimentary children's meal per adult entrée (dine in only).

For more information about

Grassroots Kitchen + Tap, call 602-368-8766 or visit <http://www.grassrootsaz.com>. For more information about Twisted Grove Parlor + Bar, call 602-730-2533 or visit <http://www.twistedgrove.com>.

### **Miracle Mile marks 69th anniversary**

Miracle Mile Deli, 4433 N. 16th St., has been family owned and operated for three generations and it will celebrate its 69th year in business on Thursday, May 10. On that day, 20 percent of the proceeds will go to Feeding Matters, a local nonprofit dedicated to raising awareness of pediatric feeding struggles.

Also on May 10, from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. every hour, there will be a \$100 gift card to Miracle Mile Deli given away to someone. People can stop in all day to register to win.

Even better, if you're 69 years old, show a valid ID to get one 69 cent sandwich in honor of the 69th anniversary.

For more information, visit [www.miraclemiledeli.com](http://www.miraclemiledeli.com).

### **Sauce says Mondays are for 'Heroes'**

Sauce Pizza & Wine is giving back to those who have given so much. Every Monday, all Sauce locations in Phoenix will thank the brave men and women of this country with their Mondays are for Heroes promotion; from open to close (11 a.m.-9 p.m.), all active police active firefighters, active EMTs, as well as active, reserve, and retired U.S. military will receive 20-percent off their order.

All they have to do is come in uniform or bring a military ID demonstrating their proof of service. This offer is valid for dine-in or take-out and excludes alcohol and gift card purchases.

For more information, visit <http://www.saucepizzaandwine.com>.

### **Seasonal items at Pita Jungle thru May**

Pita Jungle recently launched its new Seasonal Kitchen Crafts menu featuring eight dishes that will be offered through the end of the May. For this limited-time menu, the local restaurant group is bringing back some fan-favorites classics in addition to introducing some new items.

Seasonal menu items include: avocado hummus; beluga lentil soup; cur-

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ried spinach potato pizza; wood-fired Philly steak lavash wrap; shrimp tikka masala; and red quinoa-taboule salad with avocado hummus. Added to the dessert menu are a gluten-free chocolate brownie with vanilla ice cream, and seasonal gelato.

In addition to these dishes, Pita Jungle has introduced new signature cocktails (\$8) available at all locations, including a mango margarita and a Mediterranean Mule (Figenza vodka, fresh lime juice, almond, and ginger beer). The restaurant chain also recently updated its beer and wine offerings.

For more information, visit [www.pitajungle.com](http://www.pitajungle.com).

**Businesses honor moms, help kids**

If making breakfast in bed for Mom isn't your cup of tea, bring her to Press Coffee on Mother's Day for a free drip coffee or a half-priced latte in any size. It's Press's way of saying thank you to mom on her special day.

On Sunday, May 13 mothers can come into Press Coffee, 2398 E. Camelback Road, and receive a free hot

drip coffee in any size or get any sized latte for half-price. No proof of motherhood required, just identify yourself to the barista when ordering. The offer is good all day.

Over Easy's Biltmore location, located right next door to Press Coffee, has a new Bloody Mary & Mimosa Bar just for moms on May 13. This boozy buffet lets guests dress up their drinks with a range of mixers and add-ins. It is \$20 for bottomless visits or \$8 for a one-time drink.

Also in May, Press Coffee is launching Press On Charities with a Day of Giving to support Phoenix Children's Hospital. On Friday, May 18, Press Coffee will donate all proceeds of the day's profits (including online sales) to the hospital's foundation.

Joining Press in support of Phoenix Children's Hospital is Over Easy, which will match Press Coffee's donation. Over Easy serves Press as its hot drip coffee and its cold brew on tap. Over Easy also has a location at 4730 E. Indian School Road.

Press Coffee serves espresso drinks, pour overs and cold brew made from its award-winning roasts. Most locations

also have a menu of breakfast and lunch items including specialty avocado toasts. For more information, visit [www.presscoffee.com](http://www.presscoffee.com).

Over Easy ([www.eatovereasy.com](http://www.eatovereasy.com)) will match the donation amount based on Press' sales on May 18.

**Crudo offers new late-night options**

Who doesn't love a good late night sandwich? Crudo, 3603 E. Indian School Road, has introduced an all-new Late Night Banh Mi Menu every Friday and Saturday night, starting at 11 p.m. on the patio.

Chef Cullen Campbell brings wood-grilled meats, tasty tots and more to his spacious dining patio every weekend for some tasty late night eats. Enjoy weekly sandwich specials including ginger pork, brisket and sweet potato, along with drink specials. All sandwiches are \$8 and are served with pickled veg, house aioli, jalapeño and cilantro. Or, try an order of loaded potato chips or Tots for \$8.

For more information, call 602-358-8666 or visit [www.crudoaz.com](http://www.crudoaz.com).

**Bevy launches 'PartyBrunch'**

The all-new Bevy in Uptown Phoenix, which opened in March in The Colony center, is rolling out its "PartyBrunch," which pairs sharable all-you-can-brunch eats with keep-'em-coming Bloody Marys and mimosas on Sundays. Plus enjoy a rollicking piano performance (12-2 p.m.) followed by live DJ music from Chris Villa (2-6 p.m.), alongside Bevy's signature throwback school bar and video games.

Enjoy a diverse menu of chef-crafted eats, including vegetarian, vegan and gluten-free options, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sundays. Choose from shareable small plates such as "diner style" home fries with chorizo, garlic aioli and herbs and a choose-your-own culinary adventure featuring entrées such as lemon ricotta pancakes and a brunch burger served on a tater tot bun. Bevy also will offer a full a la carte menu, including its famed The "Impossible Burger," made with a plant-based patty that tastes just like a traditional beef burger.

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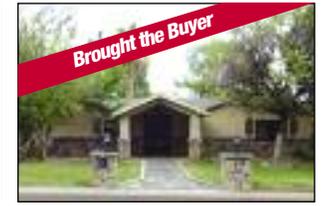
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**Two noted chefs rotate menus**

Local Chefs Jennifer Russo and David Duarte have a new joint venture that launched on Feb. 24. These two decorated chefs have come together to create a unique "space share" at The

Market Restaurant + Bar, 3603 E. Indian School Road.

Russo and Duarte will share the restaurant space with two distinctly different restaurants on varying nights. Russo's "The Market Restaurant + Bar" will serve the brunch, lunch and dinner menu her clientele knows and loves. The Market will be open 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Sundays for brunch, as well as 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Wednesday-Friday for lunch and dinner. In addition, The Market menu will be available the first and third Saturday of every month for dinner, from 5 to 10:00 p.m.

Duarte's new concept, "Finestre Modern Gastronomy" inside The Market will serve dinner only Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and the second and fourth Saturday of each month from 5

to 10 p.m. Duarte's menu will change seasonally and will be five, seven or nine courses, paired with wine (or without) and prices will vary from \$60-\$225 per person, based on number of courses and wine pairing option.

For details, call 602-626-5050 or visit [www.themarketphx.com](http://www.themarketphx.com).

**New seasonal menu items at Pomelo**

Pomelo at the Orchard has introduced new lunch and dinner items that will remain on the menu through the summer. For lunch, enjoy an Icelandic Cod sandwich, or the new BLAT sandwich—a BLT with avocado, on a toasted Challah bun.

New dinner specialties include: Icelandic cod, featuring pan-roasted

cod, seasonal veggies, baby new potatoes and minted sweet pea puree; Shrimp Fettucine, with garlic cream, white wine, sun dried tomato, spinach, parmesan and basil; and a Roasted Airline Chicken with lemon herb chicken jus, garlic mashed potatoes and seasonal vegetables. A popular new starter is the Cured Salmon Tartine.

Pomelo at the Orchard is part of Luci's Urban Concepts. Located at 7100 N. 12th St., this full-service restaurant serves American food and craft cocktails with an Arizona twist. For more information, visit [www.pomelophx.com](http://www.pomelophx.com).

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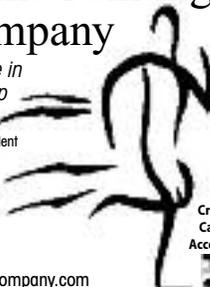
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