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Light rail meetings to look at new segments

By Teri Carnicelli

Two community meetings are scheduled in North Central Phoenix this month about the light rail train, operated by Valley Metro. The first meeting will provide an update about the Northwest Phase II Extension project, which will continue the light rail from where it current ends at 19th and Dunlap avenues, on to Metrocenter Mall.

However, it is the second meeting that is drawing a lot of attention, as Valley Metro begins the process of determining a route to Paradise Valley Mall. And one of the proposed routes would take the train right through the heart of the Sunnyslope community.

That "Future Light Rail Northeast Expansion" meeting is set for 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13 at the Sunnyslope History Museum, 737 E. Hatcher Road. The meeting is free and open to the public; a light lunch will be available for purchase for $5.

There are two proposed routes to Paradise Valley

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Alan Stephenson, director of the Phoenix Planning and Zoning Department, talks with Peggy Shultz about ambient low-light options for the proposed Patina Mountain Preserve development, while Pat Dowd get assurances from Diana Yazzie Devine (seated), CEO of Native American Connections, that those in the proposed rehab center would not be released on foot into the adjacent community (photo by Teri Carnicelli).

Proposed center draws ire from neighbors

By Teri Carnicelli

A development by the nonprofit Native American Connections (NAC) planned for the Sunnyslope community that includes a 55-bed rehab center is causing controversy among neighbors adjacent to and near the site at 1431 E. Dunlap Ave.

NAC first acquired the property known as the Mountain Preserve Reception & Conference Center in March 2018 but has been working on a site plan before that, after having viewed the property last fall. The property was first listed for sale about two years ago.

The site currently has a large building dating back to the mid-1960s that has previously been used as a firefighters union hall, and boasts a large courtyard area that has been used for weddings. Area organizations such as the Sunnyslope Village Alliance have used the building in the past for various events and receptions.

The plan is to remodel that building inside and out, freshen up the courtyard, remodel another small building on the site, and construct a new, three-story multifamily apartment building on the west side of the property.

The development of dining facility with communal educational and crafting space, permanent supportive housing component with 55 units, and large multi-use courtyard are allowed by right under the R-5 multifamily zoning. However, it is the 55-beds for short-term, inpatient drug and alcohol rehabilitation that is causing the roadblock for the project.

In April of this year, the city of Phoenix passed a text amendment to its zoning code specifically related to these types of residentially based drug and alcohol rehab facilities. Any operations related to these kinds of facilities are now required to get a use permit from the city, whereas six months ago there was no need for the use permit, or the associated public hearing before a zoning administrator.

The use permit process required NAC to post a sign on the property regarding the zoning hearing, and to notify via mail all property owners within 150

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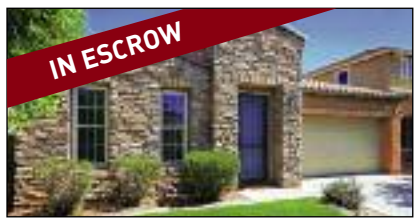

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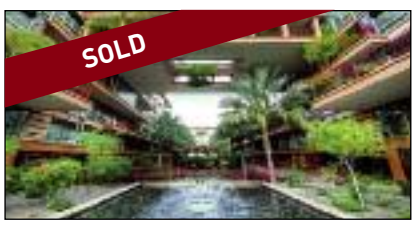

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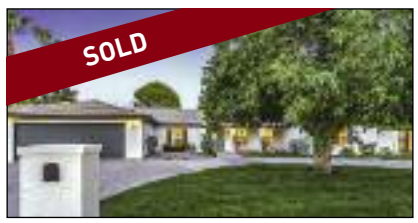

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feet of the project's address. NAC followed those requirements, but many homeowners nearby—but outside the 150-foot radius—were angered that NAC didn't make more of an effort to notify them, particularly since this type of project doesn't typically garner neighborhood support.

They accused NAC of trying to slip the Patina Mountain Preserve project under the radar and drop a bomb on their neighborhood that they contend will significantly harm their property values.

Supporters of NAC point to its long history in Phoenix, and its many high-quality projects that dot the city.

NAC started in Phoenix in 1972 as a grassroots organization to operate a safe haven for Native Americans recovering from substance abuse. Since that time it has grown into a multi-service, community-wide organization, with a host of behavior health and housing programs that serve all members of the community.

"The only program we had at the beginning was residential alcohol and drug treatment. This is not something new for us," pointed out Diana Yazzie Devine, CEO of Native American Connections.

Some neighbors who were at first opposed to the Patina Mountain Preserve project were invited to tour some of NAC's other, similar developments, and ultimately spoke in favor of the Sunnyslope plan at the Phoenix Zoning Administrator hearing on Sept. 20. Even one man who lives directly across the street from the project said he is now in favor of it.

But the vast majority of people who spoke at the hearing, as well as a community meeting held on Sept. 6 that drew more than 100 residents, were strongly opposed to it. A website has been launched in opposition to the project: www.ResidentialNotRehab.com.

Many neighbors expressed concerned about the safety of their neighborhood should those receiving treatment decide to simply walk out and not complete the program. Devine said that no one leaves without a structured care plan, and that more than half of those voluntarily seeking treatment

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have families to go home to. Those who are homeless when entering the program are assigned case managers who work to connect them with permanent, stable housing—whether with NAC or elsewhere—prior to discharge. And those who simply choose not to complete the program are given transportation to their destination of choice—they cannot simply walk out the door with no means of transportation and no destination in mind.

In addition, NAC officials emphasized that its rehab centers do not take referrals from the Arizona Department of Corrections, and in addition to a 30-page medical assessment, background checks are conducted to ensure that no potential clients are registered sex offenders or have outstanding warrants. All employees must obtain a DPS fingerprint clearance via a background check.

Brian Greathouse, secretary for the NAC board and a real estate attorney with Burch & Cracchiolo, said that some residents had asked that a sign be posted clearly stated that there would be "no walk-ins" at this facility, as all intake is done at NAC's Central Avenue office. He said NAC was amenable to the suggestion.

Neighbors also wanted a commitment from NAC that there would never be more than the 55 beds for the rehab center on this property. Greathouse responded that the request would have to be run through NAC's finance department and board first to see if such a suggestion was feasible. But he emphasized that NAC wants to work with the neighbors to try to resolve some of their concerns, where possible.

But no amount of reassurance could convince some of those who live right by the site that their property values would not drop with a rehab center for a next-door neighbor. Three of the residents who spoke at the zoning hearing worked in residential and commercial real estate, and one said he would move out of the neighborhood if this facility was built.

The potential adverse impact to the neighborhood can't necessarily be predicted in advance. Most concerns are speculative, at this point—but that doesn't make them any less real for the

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Peggy Huffman is one of the owners of Montessori Day School, which serves children ages 3 through middle school. She expressed concern that her enrollment could drop if parents learned that a residential rehab center was to be built less than two blocks from her school. But in the zoning code, placement near schools, churches or other community gathering places is not prohibited for these "community residence centers."

Under the terms of the new use permit for these types of centers, the facilities: cannot be within 1,320 feet of a similar home or center; must have a maximum lot coverage of 25 percent; must provide a minimum of 100 square feet of usable outdoor open space per bed; and must allow vehicular access only from an arterial or collector street.

The basic use permit conditions also still exist, which state that use will not cause an adverse impact on adjacent property or properties in the area. Adverse impacts would include, for example: a significant increase in vehicular or pedestrian traffic in adjacent residential areas; emission of odor, dust, gas, noise, vibration, smoke, heat, or glare at a level exceeding ambient conditions; and contribution in a measurable way to the deterioration of the area or contribution to the lowering of property values.

It is that last one that neighbors are focused on. Some noted studies that reflect a similar drop in property values, however, it was pointed out many of those studies include methadone clinics, which are non-residential. In addition, NAC does not administer methadone as part of its treatment plan.

The granting of a use permit is at the zoning administrator's discretion. Zoning Administrator Frank Dolasinski exercised the option to "take it under advisement," which meant he has no more than 30 days from the Sept. 20 hearing date to make his ruling. Neighbors have already stated that should Dolasinski approve the use permit, they will file an appeal with the city's Board of Adjustment, which likely would hear the case in November or December.

Volunteers sought for one-day projects

On Saturday, Oct. 27 volunteers from across the Valley will unite for Make A Difference Day, one of the largest annual days of service nationwide. In North Central Phoenix, nonprofit WHEAT is seeking volunteers to help revamp its Clothes Silo, located at 4000 N. 7th St.

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Visitors will enjoy live music, a kids' fun park and a barbeque tent. The season begins as fans are celebrating yet another Triple Crown victory by Justify, trained by Arizona's own Bob Baffert.

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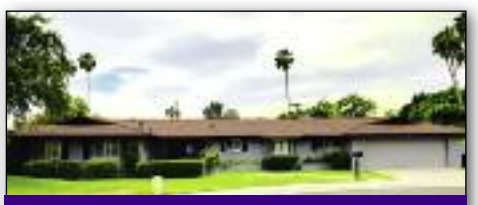

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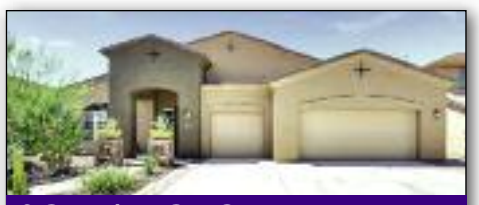

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Mall. The 2004 Regional Transportation Plan identified a 12-mile route that would travel from Indian School Road to around 24th Street, possibly up the I-51 or close to it, and then over to around Tatum and Cactus. The other proposed route was developed from the Phoenix Transportation 2050 Plan, launched in 2015, offering an 8-mile stretch that would travel from the Metrocenter Mall station east along Dunlap Avenue to 7th Street, and then up Cave Creek and east on Cactus Road.

These are still very conceptual, as "feasibility studies," with a goal to identify the best option for potential further analysis by the city of Phoenix and Valley Metro. The projected opening date is tentatively set for 2034.

Residents have expressed concern on the Nextdoor.com online platform about the crime activity that has plagued the station at 19th and Dunlap avenues being extended into Sunnyslope, which already struggles with a high transient population. They also are aware of the negative impact light rail construction has had on other businesses in the past, and worry that it might harm businesses in the heart of Sunnyslope between Central Avenue and 7th Street, along Dunlap Avenue.

Many think the money would be better spent fixing up some of the crumbling city streets and replacing the "melting" large street signs at many of the lighted intersections in the North Central community. Others have suggested investing the transportation funds into increasing security on the trains and platforms.

Some spoke out in favor of an extension to Paradise Valley Mall, saying it is both an employment hub and shopping destination, and pointing out that ending the light rail at a non-destination like 19th and Dunlap avenues has contributed to the problems there. They also support adding more public transportation options to decrease traffic congestion and air pollution.

After the last of the community meetings are held, Valley Metro will complete its evaluation and prepare a final feasibility report with its recommended route. Valley Metro will then coordinate with the city of Phoenix on the "next steps." For more information, visit https://www.valleymetro.org/projects and click on the "Northeast" box.

The community meeting to update residents about the progress of the Northwest Phase II Extension to Metrocenter Mall is set for 6-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 4 at College America, 9801 N. Metro Parkway E.

The 1.5-mile Northwest Phase II route includes three stations, a park-and-ride lot, a traction power substation, and the bridge across the 1-17 freeway to the perimeter of the mall. The route will travel up 19th Avenue and eventually over to 25th Avenue, crossing the freeway at Mountain View Road. The projected opening date of the extension is 2023.

The work to underground or relocate utilities along the 1.5-mile extension will begin next year. The Oct. 4 meeting is to update the community about the project's Environmental Assessment (EA), which details the level of potential impact the project will have on noise, vibration, traffic and parking, as well as recreational and historic resources. The meeting is free and open to the public.

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Shopping centers host monthly events

The "Second Saturday" event series returns to Uptown Plaza, 100 E. Camelback Road, beginning on Oct. 13. The shopping center will host rotating entertainment, dining and shopping elements, all for free. For October, visitors will enjoy free samples from Scoopwell and there will be little pumpkins for children to drawn on and take home (while supplies last). The event runs from 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Each month several featured Uptown Plaza tenants will also host activities, sales, or samples in the courtyard to provide guests with a taste of all that the shopping center has to offer. Uptown Plaza is located on the northeast corner of Central Avenue and Camelback road, in the heart of Phoenix's historic north-central neighborhood.

Over at the 19North Arts Plaza, last year's Second Saturdays has morphed into 2nd Fridays, and the next event is set for Friday, Oct. 12. There will be food trucks, live music courtesy of Fervor Records, art activities for kids, a beer garden provided by North Mountain Brewing (21 and older), pets available for adoption, a classic car show, an art exhibit inside the 19North Arts Center, and more. Admission is free.

The event takes place from 6-9 p.m. in the courtyard of the Good Shepherd building at the northeast corner of 19th and Northern avenues. For more information, follow 19North on Facebook, or visit www.19north.org.

Art studios tour set for Sunnyslope

The best creative minds who live, work, and play in the Sunnyslope area are will have their work on display during the first-ever "Open Studio Tour," 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27.

The tour will feature 12 art studios, 16 artists plus five unique specialty businesses. The spaces will be open to the public with numerous live demonstrations during the day. At each studio, the artist will curate a selection of his or her artwork for a special one-day sale.

Discover pockets of treasure hidden in plain sight in the emerging Sunnyslope "artists colony." Experience sculptors, painters, ceramicists, potters, retro fashion creators, pastel artists, printmakers, and musicians. Delight your palette with the culinary offerings of Little Miss Barbeque and Grinders Coffee, then quench your thirst at North Mountain Brewing.

Complete your day by discovering if you've won a piece of original art. Register at the artist studio and the drawing will take place as a Facebook live event at the Slopefest after party.

Maps for studios address are available at www.storybox.com. Follow the event on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

Visitor center marks one-year anniversary

The public is invited to celebrate the first year anniversary of the Phoenix Indian School Visitor Center, located inside of Steele Indian School Park, 300 E. Indian School Road.

The free event runs from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 13, with guest speakers inside the PISVC who attended the government boarding school or who worked at the school. There will be four speakers at the top of each hour: 10 a.m. 11 a.m., Noon and 1 p.m. The public is invited to ask questions during these presentations. In addition, the documentary, "We Were Children," will be shown inside Memorial Hall.

There will be food trucks, Indigenous food samples and information booths set up in the Circle of Life area just south of the building. The dining hall, which predates Arizona statehood, will also be open for public viewing.

The gallery inside the PISVC will be open for tours and features trophies, photos, and old news articles about the Phoenix Indian School. The event is free and open to the public.

"This will be a day of celebration as well as introducing many people, for the first time, to the history of government boarding schools for American Indian children," says Michael Mazzocco, kitchen consultant for the PISVC.

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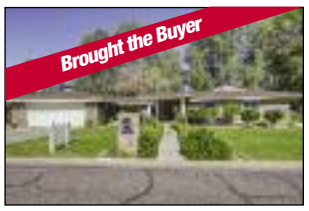

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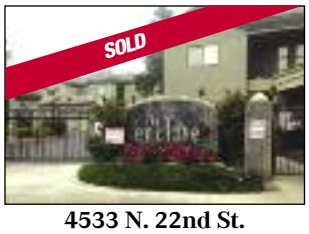

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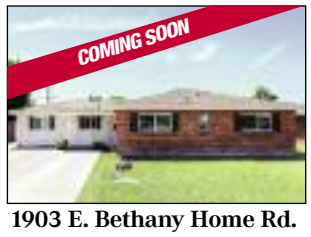

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The Arizona Town Hall invites residents to examine this issue and offer recommendations at the "Criminal Justice in Arizona" Phoenix-Soroptimist Community Town Hall, set for 12-1 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 25 at the Hilton Garden Inn, 4000 N. Central Ave.

Registration is $25 and includes lunch. A report from this event will be submitted prior to the 111th Arizona Town Hall on Criminal Justice in November. For more information or to register, visit http://aztownhall.org/Events_Calendar, or call the Arizona Town Hall office at 602-252-9600.

Well Kept Wallet offers college scholarship

Phoenix-based Well Kept Wallet, a personal finance site dedicated to helping people save money, make money, and pay off debt, is launching a new college scholarship program. To kick-off the program, the organization is hosting its first-ever college scholarship essay contest.

Young adults 18 and over can submit an essay for a chance to be awarded one of two scholarships. The first place winner will receive $1,000, and the second place winner will receive $500. Essay entries must be received by Oct. 15.

The essay topic is: "Show us your extraordinary money moves." Entrants should address the topic and questions, available online, in a 750 to 1,000-word essay.

The college essay contest is open to high school seniors and undergraduate students, age 18 and over. Essays should be emailed to info@wellkeptwallet.com in a .doc, .pdf, or .docx format. For entry guidelines and rules, visit www.wellkeptwallet.com/scholarship.

Mills joins board of Esperança

North Central Phoenix resident Dr. Denise Mills has been elected to the board of directors of Esperança, a Phoenix-based nonprofit organization that works to improve health and hope in the poorest communities in the world.

She is a faculty member of Midwestern University, College Dental Medicine-Arizona.

Mills earned her Bachelor's of Science in Dental Hygiene from Northern Arizona University and a DDS degree from UCLA. She also has a Master's Degree in Health Education.

Mills is a member of the Black Board of Directors Project, a 36-year-old advanced leadership organization that empowers its members as leaders in Building A Great Tomorrow-Today by focusing on economic advancement, public policy, and institutional change.

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Fall festivals return to North Central

It's that wonderful time of year when the daytime temperatures drop just enough to make being outside bearable, and the nighttimes are nearly perfect for sitting out around a cheerful fire pit.

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

The Panagiotakopoulos family from North Central Phoenix—including, from left: Thanasi, Alexia, Christo, little Christo, Alexi and Niko—is volunteering at the 58th-annual Phoenix Greek Festival, set for Oct. 12-14. Members are manning the family's souvlaki (shish-kabob) booth, working on finding corporate sponsorships, teaching the youth dance groups, and more (photo courtesy of the Phoenix Greek Festival).

Arizona State Fair

Oct. 5-28
AZ State Fairgrounds
1826 W. McDowell Road

The Arizona State Fair is packed with fun for the whole family, from contests and competitions, to a huge selection of over 60 rides and games, as well as the All Indian Rodeo, Monster Trucks, and Figure 8 races inside the grandstand (free with admission). The fair also boasts an impressive assortment of live entertainment inside the Veterans Memorial Coliseum, including The Flaming Lips on Oct. 6, 38 Special on Oct. 10, The Wallflowers on Oct. 11, Big & Rich on Oct. 20, and more. Rides and games purchased separately. For tickets, discounts and more, visit https://azstatefair.com.

Walt Richardson & Friends

7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 12
Desert Song Healing Arts Center
3232 N. 20th St.
602-265-8222

Walt Richardson is a local music legend. This icon has been playing his own take on folk, reggae and rock in the local community for more than 30 years. Having started as a street musician and working his way up to world tours, Richardson has made Tempe his home base, which he celebrates in his songs. The What's Fresh food truck will be on site during the event. Tickets for the concert are $20 in advance, $25 at the door, children 12 and under admitted for free. Visit http://www.desertsongyoga.com/events/.

Phoenix Greek Festival

Oct. 12-14
Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Community Center
1973 E. Maryland Ave.
602-264-2791

The longest-running, largest ethnic festival in the Valley endures with Greek food, music, dancing, jewelry, art, grocery items and activities for children. The Village Market features authentic Greek food to eat there or take home, including packaged items imported from Greece. Proceeds benefit Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral ministries, including youth programs that build character and commitment to community. Hours are 5-

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

Ghostly Stories Festival 2018

4-7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20
Arizona Humanities
1242 N. Central Ave.
602-257-0335

Celebrate stories, books, and reading with a spooky twist, all for free and great for families. Wear a costume and enjoy multicultural story time, arts and crafts, a free book giveaway, chalk art mural, the "Monster Mash" with Dr. Frankenstein, and more. Free parking is available at Hance Park, along Culver Street, and across Central Avenue at Burton Barr Central Library. RSVP at https://ghostlystoriesfestival.eventbrite.com.

Pumpkins at the Peak

5:30-7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 26
Pointe Hilton Squaw Peak Resort
7677 N. 16th St.

Glowing jack-o-lanterns, ghosts and goblins will transform the resort's River Ranch water park to a whimsical and spirited poolside carnival experience for the 22nd year. Open to the public with a canned food (3 cans pp) or cash donation to St. Mary's Food Bank for admission, guests will enjoy live entertainment, festive treats, games and more while families can trick-or-treat their way through 20 activities and craft booths surrounding the resort pool. Families are encouraged to dress in their most spirited Halloween costumes.

Herberger Festival of the Arts

11:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27
Herberger Theater Plaza
222 E. Monroe
602-254-7399, ext. 105

Celebrate the arts in our community and enjoy performances by more than 25 arts groups, dance, live music, children's activities, pet adoptions, food, craft beer and wine tasting and more! Proceeds benefit the Herberger Theater's Youth Outreach Programs. Admission is free.

Dia de los Muertos PHX Festival

2-8 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 28
Steele Indian School Park
300 E. Indian School Road

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

Cooking classes offer health, flavor, fun

North Central resident Nancy Matsui returns with private cooking classes in her home, often featuring a local "guest chef" of healthful eating coach.

The next class, from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on Oct. 6, will tempt your taste-buds with Sweet & Savory Breakfast ideas that can also be eaten at other times during the day, such as rice and pasta with a poached egg Florentine, or a Middle Eastern-style savory granola.

Other classes include "The International Table" on Oct. 13; "Savory Holiday Sides" on Nov. 3; and "Sweet Holiday Treats" on Nov. 10.

Recipes are provided and each of the dishes prepared will be served. Class fee is $25 per session; Take both Holiday classes (Nov. 3 & 10) and take $5 off each class. Space is limited in each class, so RSVP quickly. Payment must be received prior to the class in order to hold the reservation.

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Pet of the Month

Jack loves belly rubs and kisses

Sweet, adorable Jack was brought to the Arizona Humane Society at the end of August when his previous owner's pets did not get along with him. The 5-year-old Newfoundland/Golden Retriever mix is hoping the right family can give him the forever home he so longs for.

Extremely smart, the awesome Jack knows how to sit and come and is also potty-trained. He also considers himself a connoisseur of belly rubs and will roll over anytime to test how well you can give them. Sweet and cuddly, the big boy also loves to give kisses and will remind you to keep petting him when you stop by gently pawing you.

Meet Jack by visiting him at the Arizona Humane Society's Sunnyslope Campus, located at 9226 N. 13th Ave. His adoption fee is $300 and includes microchip and vaccinations. For more information, call 602-997-7585 and ask for animal number 584548.

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 right now, visit www.azhumane.org/findapet.

This 5-year-old Newfoundland/Golden Retriever mix is a great family dog, who is affectionate and intelligent (submitted photo).

Free basic baths for dogs on Oct. 7

Pet expert Liz Illg has owned Puff and Fluff since 2013, transforming it from one small grooming shop into the community-oriented pet business it is. Puff and Fluff is partnering with local hot spot 32Shea to bring a free dog washing event to the community.

This free event will take place 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 7 on the patio at 32Shea, 10626 N. 32nd St. No RSVP is required, but baths will be given on a first come, first served basis. For the safety of the pets, the staff from Puff and Fluff will only provide baths and basic towel dries. If the pet is matted, they will not be able to perform the service.

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

Dog costume parade in downtown Phoenix

Put your paws in the air for Howl-o-ween, Downtown Phoenix's first Halloween parade for dogs.

On Sunday, Oct. 28, Downtown Phoenix Inc. in partnership with Crescent Ballroom, will activate the west side of Margaret T. Hance Park beginning at 2 p.m. with a canine costume extravaganza that celebrates Halloween, DTPHX and, of course, puppies!

Howl-o-ween is a family-friendly costume parade and festival for humans and their canine friends that will feature stilt walkers, drumlines, hip hop dance performances, mariachi, brass bands and more.

After the parade and costume contest, enjoy live music, food trucks and snack shacks, beer/wine, a local vendor village offering tail-wagging treats and canine couture, and much more. Howl-o-ween is intended to be a community celebration for all ages (and breeds).

The festival is free to attend but there is a registration fee required to walk in the Howl-o-ween parade, with all proceeds benefiting charitable partners Arizona Animal Welfare League, One Community and 100 Club of Arizona. For festival details and parade registration, visit http://howloween-phx.com.

Pet adoption event held at All Saints'

PACC911 & All Saints' Episcopal Church and School have joined together to host a Pet Adoption Event, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 3 at the church, 6300 N. Central Ave.

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potential pet owners shy away from traditional animal shelters believing them to be too noisy and depressing, PACC911 conducts these outdoor adoption events where the public can enjoy the unique opportunity to select from a large assortment of healthy and adoptable dogs, cats and critters from many rescue group partners at one time, all in a fun and stress-free setting.

All pets in attendance are spayed, neutered and vaccinated. The rescue partners know their pets' personalities and act as a matchmaker to help you make the best choice for your circumstances.

For more information, visit www.PACC911.org.

Pittie-Palooza returns Oct. 13

In celebration of Pit Bull awareness month, Fix.Adopt.Save. and its alliance partners are hosting the fifth-annual Pittie-Palooza, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13 at Phoenix Metrocenter Mall, near the lower level west entrance next to Sears.

This event celebrates one of the most misunderstood dog breeds, the Pit Bull, and will feature $20 pit bull adoptions, as well as (*all breeds welcome) 1,000 free spay/neuter vouchers, free vaccinations, $10 microchipping, and $5 Pet ID tags. There also will be informational vendor booths, Kids Zone activities, and door prizes.

"Pit bull breeds continue to be one of the most at-risk breeds in the Valley due to public stereotypes. Because of this, the mission behind Pittie-Palooza is to join forces with the leading animal welfare agencies and make an impact on the public perception of pit bulls," says Sonia Hernandez, project manager of Fix.Adopt.Save. "Last year, 9,097 pit bulls were taken into Maricopa County shelters. Of those, 973 were euthanized—and although this is down 55 percent from 2016, we want that number to continually trend toward zero."

In 2017, more than 20 pit bulls were adopted, over 230 animals were vaccinated on site, 712 free spay/neuter vouchers were distributed, and 57 microchips were administered at the event.

This event offers the community a great opportunity to meet and interact with the leading animal welfare agencies in Maricopa County, including Arizona Animal Welfare League, Arizona Humane Society, Animal Defense League of Arizona, HALO Animal Rescue, Altered Tails Barnhart Clinic, PACC-911 and Fix.Adopt.Save.

For more information, visit https://www.fixadoptsave.org/pittiepalooza.

'Yappy Hour' held at Match Restaurant

On Wednesday, Oct. 17, guests of Match Restaurant and Lounge (and their four-legged besties) can bark up the right tree at the "Howl-o-ween"—a Halloween-themed Yappy Hour.

Taking place from 6 to 8 p.m. on the Match patio, 1100 N. Central Ave., the event will feature a Doggie Costume Contest, specialty cocktail for just $8 with all proceeds benefiting HALO Animal Rescue, and a special happy hour menu.

Reservations can be made by calling 602-875-8080 or online at www.matchphx.com.

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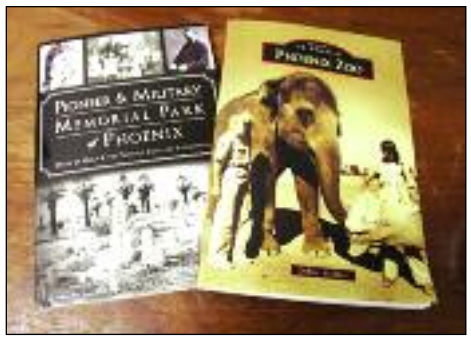


Two books highlight Phoenix attractions

In the late 1950s, philanthropist Robert Maytag, the grandson of the Maytag Company founder, had a dream that the growing city of Phoenix needed a world-class zoo. Under Maytag's leadership, the dream became a reality in 1962.

A new book by Debbie Veldhuis explores the history and present of the Phoenix Zoo, one of the biggest privately owned nonprofit zoos in the United States—and one of the most visited places in Arizona.

Veldhuis and her brother, Doug, were at the Phoenix Zoo on opening day in 1962. An author, photographer and animal lover, she spent three years in the Army as a photojournalist on a joint service newspaper. She currently works for the Phoenix Public Library. "Phoenix Zoo" is published by Arcadia Publishing, based in Mount Pleasant, S.C., and retails for $21.99.

Last month saw the release of "Pioneer & Military Memorial Park of Phoenix," by Derek D. Horn with assistance from members of the Pioneers' Cemetery Association.

Pioneer & Military Memorial Park, located at 1313 W. Jefferson St. in downtown Phoenix (http://www.azhistcemeteries.org), exists to honor the legacies of early residents buried in seven historic cemeteries established in 1884 and closed in 1914.

Horn, along with members of The Pioneers' Cemetery Association, delve into the past and bring to light the movers, shakers and regular folks who built this ever-growing desert city. Henry Garfias, a popular and prominent lawman, once served the town as constable and marshal. Rose Gregory, once of the Phoenix's most colorful forerunners, is remembered as benevolent madam. Charles Posten was once regarded as the "father of Arizona."

The book, also from Arcadia Publishing & The History Press, retails for $23.99. Both books are available at www.arcadiapublishing.com.

Road trip guide highlights AZ, NM

Local author Rick Quinn tells tales from the road in his new road trip guide, "RoadTrip America Arizona and New Mexico: 25 Scenic Side Trips" (Imbrifex Books, $24.95).

The new travel guide offers readers: 25 scenic alternative routes off major interstates in Arizona and New Mexico; easy-to read, full-color route maps with points of interest, mileage, and more; up-to-date insider tips for getting the most out of each route and staying safe; and phone numbers, websites and visitor info for parks, attractions, and out-of-the-ordinary lodging and dining.

The guide was researched and written by Quinn, a native Arizonan and adventure traveler, whose road trips have taken him from Tierra del Fuego to Alaska and San Francisco to Washington, D.C.

A photographer, travel writer, and anthropologist, Quinn also is an expert on the topography, history, and culture of the American southwest and how best to enjoy its wonders by automobile.

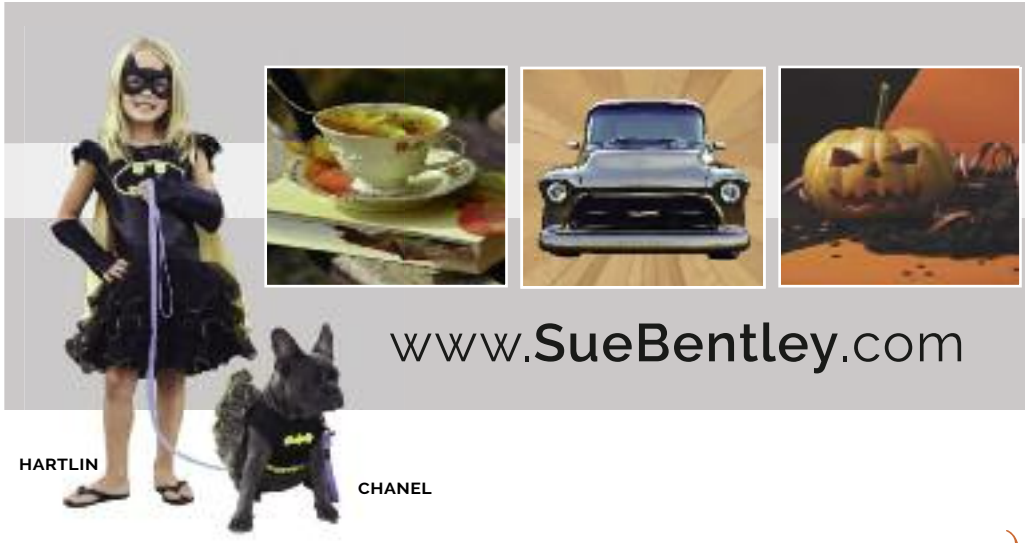
The guide is available at Barnes & Noble Metrocenter, 10235 N. Metro Parkway East (602-678-0088), as well as online at www.BarnesandNoble.com.

Gates appointed to federal commission

Maricopa County Supervisor Bill Gates has been chosen to play a key role in the national conversation about telecommunications. Gates, who is a businessman, lawyer, and former Phoenix city councilman, will join the Intergovernmental Advisory Committee (IAC) to the Federal Communications Commission.

The mission of the IAC is to "provide guidance, expertise, and recommendations to the Commission on a range of telecommunication issues for which local, state, and Tribal governments explicitly or inherently share responsibility or administration with the Commission."

The IAC was recently expanded from 15 to 30 members to better represent the viewpoints of different parts of the country and all levels of government. Gates is one of two elected county officials on the committee. Gov. Doug Ducey has been appointed IAC chair. Russell Begaye, president of the Navajo Nation, joins Gates and Ducey on the committee.



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#1

ROI: **102%**

COST TO COMPLETE: $10,500
RETURN ON INVESTMENT: $10,700

Minor Bathroom Remodel

What is included: Replacing the tub, tile surround, floor, toilet, sink, vanity and fixtures will give your outdated bathroom a welcome face lift!

#2

ROI: **100%**

COST TO COMPLETE: $4,967
RETURN ON INVESTMENT: $4,967

Upgraded Landscaping

What is included: Many homeowners will hire a professional for help with landscaping to add pops of color with flowering shrubs or trees, install a flagstone walkway, planters, fresh mulch & more!

#3

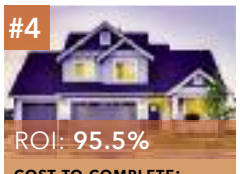
ROI: **98.5%**

COST TO COMPLETE: $15,000
RETURN ON INVESTMENT: $14,913

Minor Kitchen Remodel

What is included: If your kitchen's floorplan is good but requires a cosmetic update, refacing cabinets, adding a new countertop, and under cabinet lightening is a great start.

#4



ROI: **95.5%**

COST TO COMPLETE: $7,239
RETURN ON INVESTMENT: $6,914

Exterior Improvements

What is included: Outdoor spaces add curb appeal and a place to enjoy all your new landscaping. Repainting your home or investing in a new front door can add a welcoming feel.

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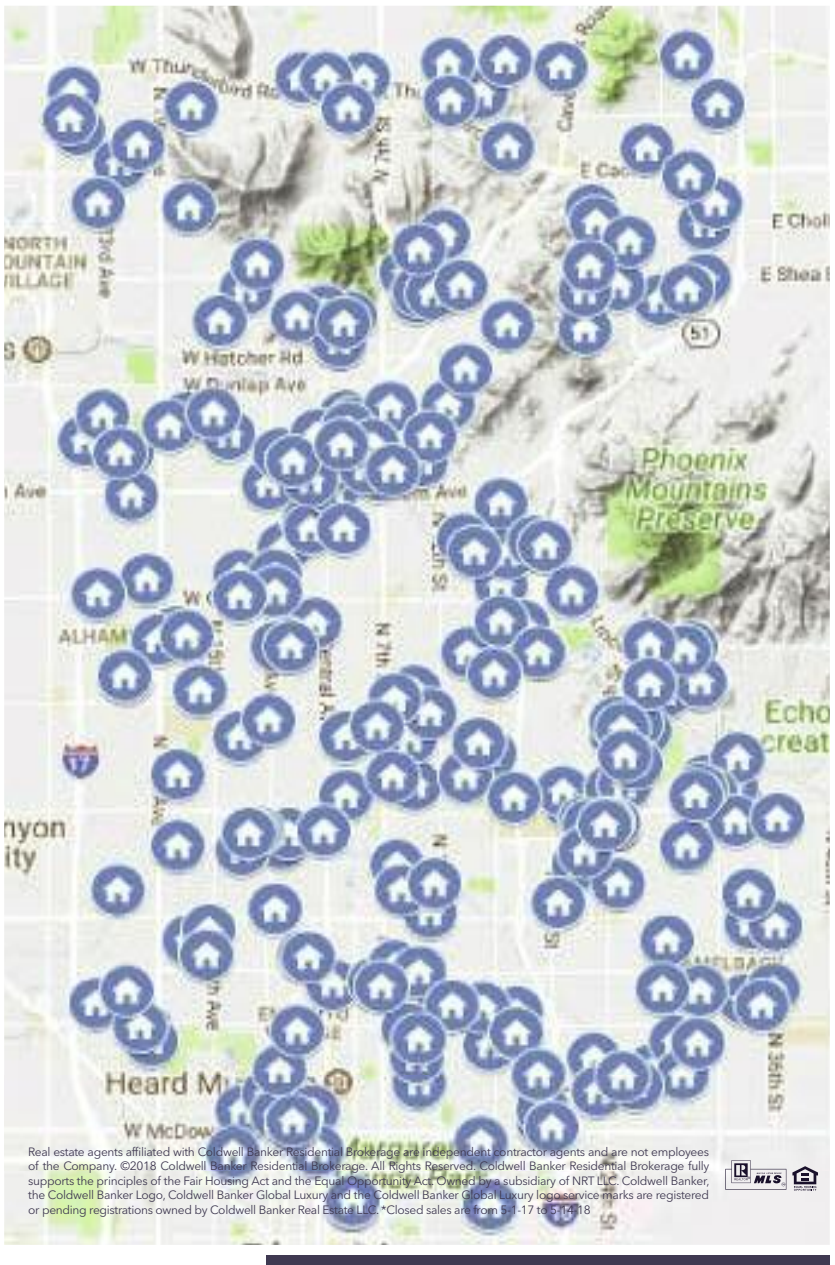

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Melrose Swap Meet

9 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 7
Campbell Plaza
700 W. Campbell Ave.

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

Native American Connections Parade

9-11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 13
Central Phoenix
602-254-3247

This year's theme is "Recycle, Reuse, Protecting Mother Earth." The parade will include school groups, veterans groups, other nonprofit agencies, local businesses, and more. It will travel from 3rd Street and Oak to the Steele Indian School Park. Stop into the Phoenix Indian School Visitor Center after the parade for free tours. For details, visit www.nativeconnections.org.

Arizona's Education Issues

6:30 p.m. Tuesday Oct. 16
Beatitudes Luther Life Center
1616 W. Glendale Ave.
602-510-1544

The Phoenix Branch of AAUW hosts Kathy Knecht, currently a 12-year member of the Peoria Unified School Board and in 2016, president of the Board for the Arizona School Boards Association. She is now an Independent candidate for the Arizona Senate in LD21. Knecht will share her perspective of local and statewide primary and secondary education issues. The program begins after an optional dinner ($15) at 5:30 p.m. RSVP for the dinner by Oct. 12. Visitors are welcome.

Community Yard Sale

Oct. 18-20
Holiday Spa
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10401 N. Cave Creek Road
602-309-8804

Residents will display their wares on their driveways or patios. There will be furniture, TVs, clothing, knick-knacks, collectibles and more. Hours are 8 a.m.-3 p.m. all three days. Entry gates will be open during these hours.

Growth of Real Estate in North Central Phoenix

10 a.m.-12 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20
Sunnyslope History Museum
737 E. Hatcher Road
602-331-3150

Come enjoy a free presentation on the growth of the real estate markets and property taxes around North Central Phoenix, presented by Ron Gawlitta. Lunch is available for $2 current member, $5 non-members, free for volunteers.

Multi-Family Rummage Sale

8 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20
8001 N. Central Ave.

The 38 households that make up the 8001 North Central HOA will be cleaning out their closets, sheds, and attics this fall, and assembling a trove of clothing, furniture, books, sporting goods, household appliances, electronics, and more, all of which will be sold at rock-bottom prices to lucky pre-holiday treasure hunters. Arrive early to find the best bargains in the "0" blocks of East Manzanita Drive and East Loma Lane, at the northeast corner of Central and Northern avenues.

Connect to Careers

9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20
Burton Barr Central Library,
College Depot
1221 N. Central Ave.
602-262-4626

Explore hot tech careers you can enter in the Phoenix area, meet local entrepreneurs, get networking tips, and find out how you can get the education you need for the future you want. Free and open to the public; targeted to those ages 16-22. No preregistration required.

Camelback Community Market

9 a.m.-12 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20
Corner of 17th Ave. & Camelback

Shop local vendors and crafters from the Camelback Corridor area, including international crafters who have settled in the Camelback community. Held in the parking lot, next to Goodwill. Free and open to the public. Another market will take place on Nov. 17.

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"Just Do It". This monumental and sometimes controversial slogan from Nike is celebrating its 30th anniversary. In honor of this achievement, Nike has decided to wade right into the deep waters of the Colin Kaepernick/National Anthem divide. Whether you think it's about social justice or American patriotism, it comes with a lot of emotion and passion. I just want to thank Nike for the 30 years of pushing the hot buttons in our country and trying to raise awareness (yes, my dear cynics, I know their number one goal is to sell product). But at the end of the day it leads to conversations and discussions about complicated issues we can ultimately only resolve by understanding each other. Not only has "Just Do It" celebrated paid Nike endorsers, but also everyday people like Walter Stack, who starred in in the first spot at 80 years old. Over the years, the slogan has been used to advocate for the disabled, promote equality for female athletes, and feature an openly gay HIV-positive runner at a time when it was way outside the norm.

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The Urban Farm, 6750 N. 13th Place, will host free tours of the 1/3-acre property on Oct. 5 and Oct. 6.

The Urban Farm, which is the home of Greg Peterson, boasts more than 70 fruit trees, rainwater and greywater harvesting, a (primarily) edible landscape, chickens, and two different kinds of solar panels. It is Phoenix's first environmental showcase urban farm.

Experience firsthand some of the many things that you can do to live a more environmentally friendly life. Peterson will give guided tours through the property and cover many different aspects of turning an urban property into a food forest.

This is a free tour with a requested $10 donation. The tour starts at 9 a.m. on Friday, and 8:30 or 10 a.m. on Saturday. Tours will last approximately 90 minutes, including time for questions.

This is an outdoor event; bring water, wear sun protection and wear comfortable shoes. Street parking only, so be mindful of neighbors and carpool, bike or rideshare if possible. For more information, visit www.urbanfarm.org.

Annual fall plant sale, workshops

Browse plants grown by Master Gardeners and celebrate fall at an event hosted by Metro Tech High School, 1900 W. Thomas Road, from 8 a.m.-12 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 28. How-to demonstrations by trained Master Gardeners will help your plants do well in your yard.

Students will sell products from their woodshop class, flower arranging class, and more. They also will help buyers transport purchases to their vehicles. The event is free and open to the public.

Get free seeds from the library

The time is right for autumn gardening and the Phoenix Public Library's Seed Library is here to help you. The Seed Library is free with your Phoenix Public Library card.

"Check out" up to three seed packets at a time (limit three per three-week period) at the Acacia Library, 750 E. Townley Ave., Burton Barr Central Library, 1221 N. Central Ave., and Saguaro Library, 2808 N. 36th St., using your library card.

A variety of non-GMO/organic vegetable and herb seeds are available to begin, or add to your garden. Since these seeds will be planted in your garden, there is no due date or overdue fees. The seed packets will be automatically removed from your account after the three-week checkout period.

Also at www.phoenixpublic library.org, you can find a list of available seeds, growing tips and planting guides, as well as upcoming garden-related classes hosted by the library. Go to "Services for You" and click on "Unique Collections & Services" to find the Seed Library page.

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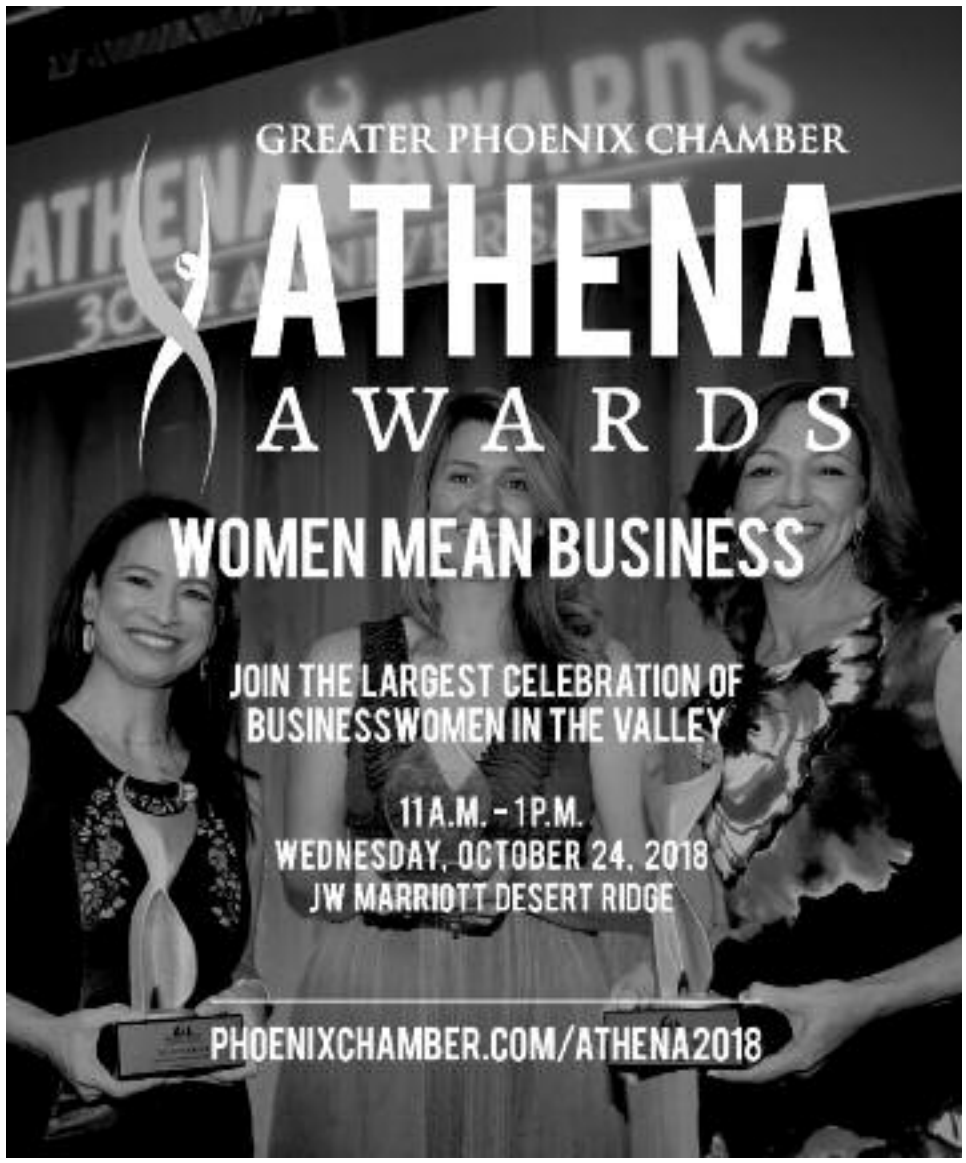

TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS

Pam Cannedy, right, co-owner of the Cannedy Performing Arts Centre in North Central Phoenix, ceremonially passes the key to the business to new owner Rendee Combs, who took over the studio space on Oct. 1 (photo by Mary Nelle Photography).

Cannedy center changes hands

The Cannedy Performing Arts Centre, a fixture in North Central area for more than 30 years, will become AZ Dance District on Oct. 1 with the sale of the business by Pam Cannedy and Stepan Oleksyn to Rendee and Lincoln Combs.

Rendee has owned a successful dance studio in Goodyear for more than 20 years, but the Combs are now North Central Phoenix residents, where Lincoln grew up. Their daughter, Callee, 13, attends Arizona School for the Arts, and will be on the AZ Dance District Performance Team. Their son, Parker, 10, attends Madison Meadows. Lincoln currently has his law office in the Biltmore area.

"Rendee has the same philosophy that we have lived by which has contributed to the success of our studio during these last 30 years," said Cannedy. "We have an incredible faculty and administrative staff, and it was important to us that their employment and creative purpose be honored. Rendee is doing just that."

Cannedy added that Combs is a "breath of fresh air with great energy" and will bring new and innovative ideas to the studio at 7th Street and Rose Lane.

"Our faculty and studio families can already feel the warm and loving heart that Rendee carries into the studio, as she continues the success and legacy that has long been established."

Rendee has arranged for Cannedy and Oleksyn to use the studio to rehearse their own projects during studio "down time."

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ventures," Cannedy explained. "We wish Rendee and Lincoln continued success, and know that their studio will be nothing short of excellent in all ways."

Cannedy and Oleksyn have made a second home in Prescott, where they are involved as choreographers for Prescott Center for the Arts, working on their fourth show this year. They have recently been hired by Yavapai College as choreographers for the school's upcoming performances. The couple will be dedicating their newfound time to producing shows and performances for corporate and community events and fundraisers.

For more information about the new AZ Dance District, call the studio office at 602-218-6175 or e-mail studio@AZdancedistrict.com.

Business Briefs

Call for artists for annual Crafeteria

Frances boutique hosts the 13-annual Crafeteria on Dec. 7, and is seeking local artists, crafters, jewelry makers and more to exhibit at the event, held in the parking lot at 10 W. Camelback Road.

Space is limited to 35 vendors, whose items must be handmade locally. Applications are due by Oct. 15, and selected vendors will be notified by Nov. 1. There is no fee to participate.

For more information, visit www.francesvintage.com/crafeteria.

ATHENA Awards lunch set for Oct. 24

The ATHENA Awards, presented annual by the Greater Phoenix Chamber of Commerce, recognize the achievement of businesswomen across the Phoenix Metro area.

ATHENAs are challenged across industries to continue their dedication to leading, serving and mentoring. ATHENAs demonstrate inspiring leadership within their industry, mentor women throughout their career, and dedicate themselves to the community.

The 11 outstanding businesswomen who have been named finalists in the three categories (Private Sector, Public Sector and Young Professional) will be honored at the Greater Phoenix Chamber's ATHENA Awards Luncheon, set for 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 24 at the JW Marriott Phoenix Desert Ridge, 5350 E. Marriott Drive.

Tickets are $110 for non-chamber members. For more information, visit https://phoenixchamber.com or call 602-495-2182.

Women who give: tax implications for 2018

Women business owners and those in accounting departments can receive a firsthand, day-of-release overview of the Women Give 2018 Report during the "Women Know How to Bestow" presentation, 4-6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 25 at the Valley of the Sun United Way, 3200 E. Camelback Road, Suite 375.

Join the YWCA Professional Advisory Committee at this informative event— offering CE credit hours—that will highlight the research of the Women's Philanthropy Institute at the Lilly Family School of Philanthropy.

Presented by Denise A. McClintic, chartered advisor in Philanthropy and Philanthropy Specialist, Wells Fargo Private Bank, this event will include an overview of the newly published report as well as strategies and implications for business Charitable Giving under the new tax law.

The event is free, but pre-registration is requested. To register or for more information, call Robyn Reyff at 602-258-0990, ext. 11, or visit https://ywcaaz.org/calendar/.

Ottawa continues enrollment on Oct. 8

In just its second year of operation, Ottawa University Arizona (OUAZ) began the 2018-19 academic year with a 42-percent increase over prior year, with a total enrollment of 618, consisting of 602 undergraduates and 16 graduate students.

Classes began for students on Aug. 20. Enrollment currently is open for the second eight-week term, which begins Oct. 8.

This fall, students are participating in 22 varsity sports within the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) and the National Christian

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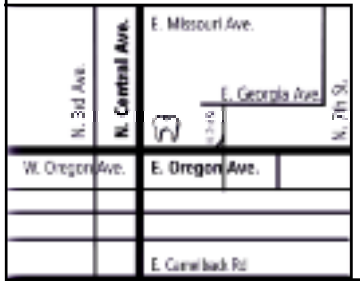

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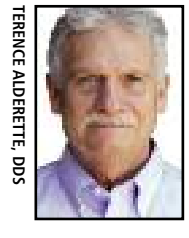
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TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS

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College Athletic Association (NCCAA). OUAZ is competing in the Golden State Athletic Conference (GSAC) for all sports except football. The football team is competing in the Sooner Athletic Conference (SAC). In addition, the University is offering numerous club sports and non-athletic programs to enrich the overall student experience.

Founded in 1865, Ottawa University is a comprehensive, not-for-profit educational institution serving more than 3,000 students in part through its adult campuses including 9414 N. 25th Ave. in Phoenix. For more information, visit www.ottawa.edu.

Lieb noted for top real estate sales

Bobby Lieb, an associate broker with HomeSmart Realty and the office manager for the North Central HomeSmart office, was honored by the *Phoenix Business Journal* in September.

Lieb was named the No. 1 Residential Real Estate agent for Maricopa County in 2017, with 117 transactions, and was No. 5 with total volume sales that totaled $53.64 million. He was among three HomeSmart agents who made the top-five rankings in total transactions.

"These HomeSmart agents are leaders in their industry and their respective communities," said Laurie McDonnell, designated broker for HomeSmart's Scottsdale brokerage. "You get to this level of success by earning the trust of the community through the way they handle the biggest transactions and transitions in their clients' lives."

Lieb has averaged 119 sales the past eight years and specializes in the North Central/Biltmore area. So far in 2018, he has sold 84 homes with 16 in escrow.

Lieb can be reached at 602-376-1341 or by e-mail at boblieb@aol.com.

Speaker series offers tips on leadership

The nationally acclaimed speaker series Live2Lead will be featured in a re-broadcast event on Friday, Oct. 26 at The Fountain Church, 1055 E. Hearn Road.

From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., including lunch, guests can enjoy this half-day leadership event themed "The Shifts Every Leader Must Make."

The broadcasted program features some of the most sought-after speakers in the industry such as John C. Maxwell, leadership expert, best-selling author and coach; Carly Fiorina, former CEO of Hewlett-Packard; Daniel Pink, best-selling author; and Debra Searle, self-described professional adventurer and serial entrepreneur. Maxwell is scheduled to speak to the theme specifically, Fiorina's speech will focus on innovation, Pink will talk about understanding "perfect timing," and Searle will talk about confidence and attitude during "the shift"—something she learned while rowing the Atlantic by herself.

The knowledge gained will help guests be prepared to implement new action plans; start leading with renewed passion, energy, and commitment; create vital networking relationships, and formulate new ideas.

Tickets are open to the public for $69. Reservations are required and can be made through www.eventbrite.com, keyword search Live2Lead 2018 (select the Fellowship Square Phoenix listing).

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7102 N 18th St			4BR/3BA	$ 840,000
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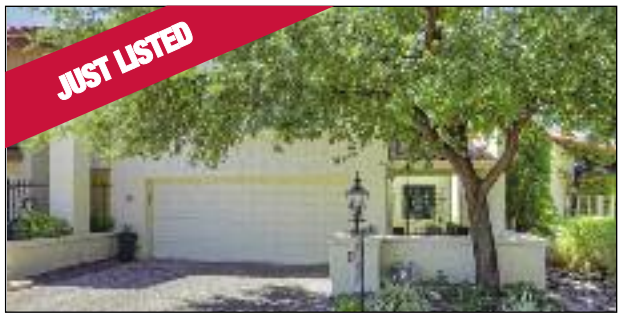

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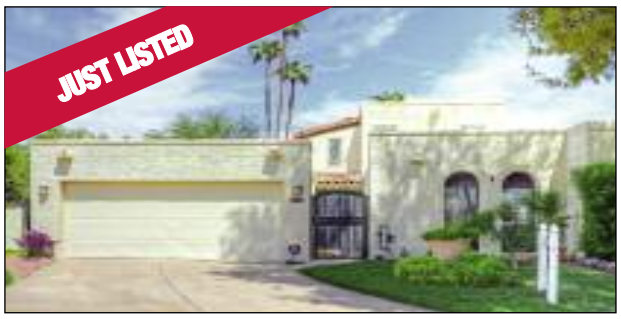

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5829 E. Joshua Tree Ln.	$1,550,000	196 W. Flynn Ln	$ 810,000	1430 W. Myrtle Ave.	$ 595,000	102 W. Victoria Square	$ 506,000	3025 E. Campbell Ave.	$ 330,000
3920 E. Mountain View	$1,350,000	1230 E Luke Ave	$ 770,000	14392 W Becker Ln	$ 585,000	4526 N. 34th St.	$ 500,000	722 E. Boca Raton Rd.	$ 321,500
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243 W. Montebello Ave.	$ 940,000	1410 W. Myrtle Ave.	$ 679,092	4230 E. Carol Ann Ln	$ 552,500	6311 N. 10th Ave.	$ 438,500	7156 N. 17th Dr.	$ 269,020
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21 E Cactus Wren	$ 852,500	3018 E. Hazelwood St.	$ 633,350	11307 N. 34th St	$ 549,500	527 W. San Juan Ave	$ 350,000	1333 E. Morten Ave #139	$ 152,000

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Creighton University announced last month that it will begin construction early next year on a $100 million health sciences campus at Park Central in midtown Phoenix (rendering courtesy of Creighton University).

Medical school to be built at Park Central

Phoenix's health care landscape is about to change significantly—as is one of Phoenix's most iconic properties.

Creighton University, a Jesuit, Catholic University located in Omaha, Neb., has reached an agreement on the construction of a new, nearly $100 million health sciences campus at Park Central in midtown Phoenix, a significant expansion of the university's current presence in the state.

Phase one of the project includes a new building totaling 200,000 square feet that eventually will house nearly 800 Creighton health sciences students in Arizona. The expansion will include a four-year medical school, nursing school, occupational and physical therapy schools, pharmacy school, physician assistant school and emergency medical services program. A second building adjacent to the first may be added in the future.

The new building will be located along Central Avenue on the Park Central property, on land that is currently a parking lot. Construction on the new building will begin in spring 2019, and is expected to be completed in spring 2021.

In the interim, Creighton University's College of Nursing, which launched its first Phoenix-based Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing program in January, will move into a temporary home at Park Central effective January 2019. The School of Medicine, which first came to Phoenix in 2009, will continue operating its third- and fourth-year programs out of space adjacent to Dignity Heath St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center until construction is completed.

The new Phoenix campus for Creighton will meet the university's current needs while providing ample room for expansion in the future, and the central Phoenix location makes it convenient for students doing their residencies and other studies at nearby hospitals.

Health Briefs

Kharma Life Center celebrates anniversary

Kharma Life Center, 700 W. Campbell Ave., celebrates its 3-year anniversary 3-6 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 3. The event will showcase the multiple therapies and classes offered at Kharma. Celebrations include a food truck, refreshments, an art showing, and prizes as well as free sample sessions.

Established in 2015 by Theresa Martin Snyder and Jane Mayer, Kharma is dedicated to promoting the healing benefits and therapeutic application of yoga, fitness, and complimentary therapies. Their mission is to offer the highest quality options for healthy, drug-free living.

The Center offers weekly classes in Hatha Yoga, Qi Gong and fitness. In addition, the center dedicates four treatment rooms to holistic therapies including Massage, Acupuncture, Energy Healing, Nutrition, Thai Yoga Massage, Private Yoga and Hypnotherapy. A variety of workshops, trainings and special events

HEALTHY LIVING

occur throughout the year.
This is a free event and all are welcome to attend. For more information, visit www.kharmalife.com.

Breast Center opens at Abrazo Central

Community members are invited to learn about 3D mammography and more in the newly remodeled Breast Center at Abrazo Central Campus during an open house from 4-7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 18, at 2000 W. Bethany Home Road.

The spacious Breast Center just received a complete makeover in addition to new 3D mammography technology. Physicians and staff will be on hand during the open house to answer questions about the center and breast health.

To register for the open house, call 1-877-934-9355.

Free yoga sessions those with TBIs

Nonprofit LoveYourBrain Foundation (LYB) this month launches its free Yoga program for those with traumatic brain injuries and their caregivers, in partnership with Urban Wellness, 2024 N. 7th St., Ste. 201.

LYB believes in the holistic and dynamic nature of yoga to meet the individual needs of each person with TBI, from wanting to rebuild strength and balance, to manage stress, and to find comfort in a community of people with shared experiences.

Urban Wellness will host its FUNdamentals series starting on Oct. 30, every Tuesday from 9:15-10:45 a.m., until Dec. 4. To learn more and to register to attend the series, visit http://www.loveyourbrain.com/yoga/az.

Mindfulness classes offered this fall

Hospice of the Valley is offering several courses in Mindfulness this fall to improve community health. Some are tailored to specific issues, such as caregiver stress and depression and anxiety.

Scientific studies show mindfulness practices can change the way people think, work and play by opening new pathways in the brain. Learn how to focus on the present and live in the moment.

Classes range from a one-day workshop to weekly sessions and are open to the community. Fees vary. Many take place at the Gardiner Home Education Center, 1522 W. Myrtle Ave. For information and class registration, visit www.hov.org/mindfulness or call 602-636-5334.

Zombie yoga and spooky cocktails

Mountain Shadows Resort, 5445 E. Lincoln Drive, hosts The Ghoul Down—a Halloween-inspired poolside yoga class and evening dip under the moonlight—6-8 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 28.

Dress the part as a ghastly guru, zen zombie or downward werewolf and be led through a series of yoga tricks by renowned wellness witch, Veronica Clark. After the one-hour session, transform into a creature from the black lagoon (or throw on your favorite swimsuit) and enjoy a spooky cocktail as DJ Soloman conjures up some monster mashups that will leave you howling for more.

Cost is $35 per person, which includes class, parking and spooky cocktail. Bring your own mat. To register, visit www.mountainshadows.com/resort/events/ghoul-down.

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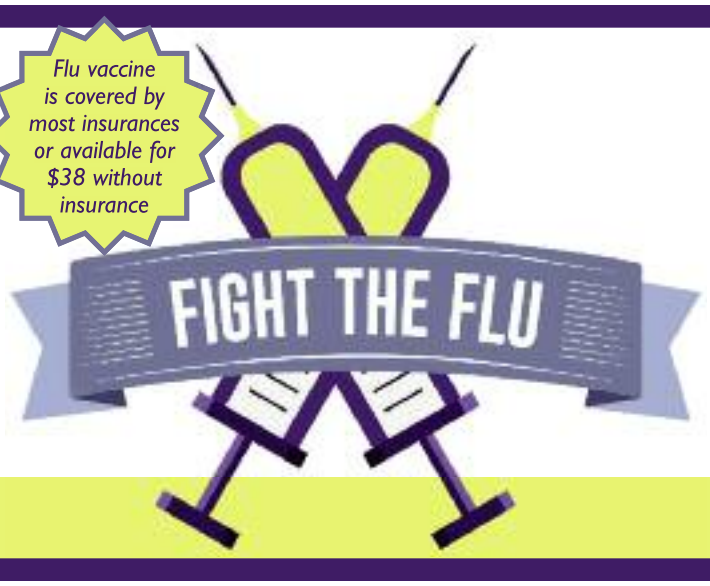

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Brophy seniors who earned recognition as National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists for 2019 are John (Jack) Callahan, Ryan Chaffee, Bryan Gopal, Bryce Grove, Connor Hill, Rohit Khurana, Paul Kim, Nikolas Kirk, Eric Lin, Justin Loo, Cameron MacKenzie, Jacob Michalik, Alex Noori, Ayaan Patel, Nicholas Rau and John Schantz (submitted photo).

Students named as Merit Semifinalists

More than 1.6 million juniors in about 22,000 high schools entered the 2019 National Merit Scholarship Program by taking the 2017 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT), which served as an initial screen of program entrants.

The nationwide pool of Semifinalists, representing less than 1 percent of U.S. high school seniors, includes the highest-scoring entrants in each state—and several North Central students made the list this year.

Semifinalists from Sunnyslope High School include: Jeremy Becker, Zoe Friese, Derek Gemar, McKenna Kellner, and Michael Perry. Danielle Zylstra from Thunderbird High School also was named a semifinalist.

In addition, 16 seniors at Brophy College Preparatory were named National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists. Among them are North Central residents Cameron MacKenzie, Jack Callahan, Johnny Schantz and Nikolas Kirk.

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information about the Semifinalist's academic record, participation in school and community activities, demonstrated leadership abilities, employment, and honors and awards received.

A Semifinalist must have an outstanding academic record throughout high school, be endorsed and recommended by a high school official, write an essay, and earn SAT® scores that confirm the student's earlier performance on the qualifying test.

From the approximately 16,000 Semifinalists, about 15,000 are expected to advance to the Finalist level, and in February they will be notified of this designation. All National Merit Scholarship winners will be selected from this group of Finalists. Merit Scholar designees are selected on the basis of their skills, accomplishments, and potential for success in rigorous college studies, without regard to gender, race, ethnic origin, or religious preference.

Award seeks top youth volunteers

The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards is looking for Arizona's top youth volunteers of the year.

Students in grades 5-12 are invited to apply, through Nov. 6, for 2019 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards if they have made meaningful contributions to their communities through volunteer service within the past 12 months. The application is available at http://spirit.prudential.com and www.nassp.org/spirit.

Students must complete the online application by Nov. 6. Students also can request a paper application by calling 855-670-4787. Then, students submit the application for certification to their principal or head of a local participating organization. Applications can be certified by the head of a Girl Scout council, county 4-H organization, American Red Cross chapter, YMCA or an affiliate of Points of Light's HandsOn Network.

Certifiers review all applications for their school or organization, then select a Local Honoree to nominate for state-level judging by Nov. 16.

On Feb. 5, 2019, the top middle level and high school volunteer from each state and the District of Columbia will be named State Honorees. They will receive $1,000, engraved silver medallions and an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C., with a parent or guardian for four days of recognition events from May 4-7, 2019.

School Briefs

GLENDALE UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

Guntermann receives renewable scholarship

Adina Guntermann, a 2018 graduate of Sunnyslope High School, was a 2018 recipient of a Desert Financial Community Service Scholarship. The award was presented by the Moon Valley branch of Desert Financial Credit Union, 406 E. Thunderbird Road.

Adina Guntermann

Guntermann attends the ASU School of Sustainability. She is an exceptional student who demonstrated

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a commitment to serving her community by completing over 50 hours of community service during her senior year of high school.

Desert Financial supports students that devote time and effort to community service with scholarships for high school seniors that plan to attend college or university in Arizona. In addition to being awarded a scholarship for the 2018-19 school year, Guntermann will have the opportunity to earn a scholarship renewal for the following year by continuing her commitment to community service.

Desert Financial also surprised the 2018 scholarship recipients with a $250 gift to the Arizona nonprofit of their choice, and a new iPad and keyboard.

T-bird Varsity Cheer helps pack food boxes

The varsity cheer team at Thunderbird High School recently volunteered at nonprofit organization, Feed My Starving Children. The team worked for two hours and helped pack boxes of food to be sent to children in need in the Philippines.

The Varsity Cheer squad at Thunderbird High School channeled some of their boundless energy into packing meals for undernourished children at the Feed My Starving Children distribution center in Mesa. In two hours, they packed 165 boxes filled with more than 35,000 meals, bound for the Philippines (submitted photo).

Feed My Starving Children has a warehouse and distribution center in Mesa, where groups of volunteers can come and pack meals specifically formulated for undernourished children around the globe. For more information, visit www.fmsc.org.

Volleyball clinic held at Sunnyslope High

The volleyball team at Sunnyslope High School held its annual volleyball clinic for the Ramms Program. More than 150 elementary and middle school students participated in the clinic to learn volleyball fundamentals such as passing, hitting and serving. The students were encouraged to gain new skills, practice and have fun.

MADISON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Student earns prestigious award

Jula Keturatana's 8th birthday celebration wasn't quite what you would call ordinary. Instead of receiving gifts for herself, she asked family and friends to donate supplies for the animals at the Arizona Humane Society. Actions such as this are just one component of what Keturatana learned through Madison Simis Elementary School's International Baccalaureate program.

As a result, Keturatana, who now attends Madison No. 1 Middle School, was nominated and awarded the 2018 recipient of the Arizona IB Primary Years Programme Student of the Year award while a student at Simis Elementary.

Through the IB curriculum at the

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Jula Keturatana was named 2018 recipient of the Arizona IB Primary Years Programme Student of the Year while a student at Simis Elementary (submitted photo).

Madison School District, students become independent learners capable of in-depth research, report writing, and taking action.

"The benefits of IB are that you learn the parts of being a good person and how to show that every day in what you do," said Keturatana, a fifth-grader who plans become a teacher or a zookeeper.

Melissa Powers, the IB Coordinator at Madison Simis Elementary, nominated her for the award. Keturatana said she was proud and overjoyed to win the award, the first student ever to win the AZIBS Primary Years Program Student of the Year.

Open house for REACH program

Madison School District will host an informal evening to give parents of highly gifted children information about the REACH Program and the admissions process. This gathering, set for 6-7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 7, is open to all parents, both inside and outside of the Madison School District.

The Open House format will provide parents a sneak peek at the classes and opportunities for students in the REACH Program. Teachers, administrators, and students will be available to answer any questions.

The event will take place in the Madison School District Governing Board Room, 5601 N. 16th St. For more information, contact Casey George, director for Signature Programs, at 602-664-7931.

OSBORN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Osborn "alum" lend a helping hand

Former Osborn students visited their elementary alma mater to give time and service to the next generation of musicians. Osborn students begin band in fifth grade at Clarendon, Longview, and Solano, and have the opportunity to continue their musical career with band or choir at Osborn Middle School (OMS).

Band teacher Julia Georges works with students for four consecutive years, and the students are motivated to continue their musical careers in high school as the OMS students have the opportunity to play in concerts or march with bands from North and Central High Schools annually.

Some North High School band students who began their time at Clarendon and continued studying with Georges at OMS recently returned to run a fifth-grade band clinic with the Clarendon instrumental newbies, introducing the young students to the instruments and how to care for them.

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Solano garden thrives through partnerships

The Solano Community Garden continues to grow through the efforts of Osborn's FoodCorps member, Lilian Kong, and student volunteers from Phoenix College.

FoodCorps is a national nonprofit organization whose mission is to partner with communities to connect kids to healthy food in schools. The vision is to teach children what healthy food is, care where it comes from, and eat it every day. Osborn is one of two school districts in Phoenix working with the FoodCorps program.

The Solano Garden project is in its fifth year and hopes to thrive with these kinds of partnerships and the continuing work of the Solano School families and surrounding community.

Community and student volunteers from Solano School as well as Phoenix College work on upkeep at the Solano Community Garden, now in its fifth year (submitted photo).

PHOENIX UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

Coding students join Central sports

Central High and the Coding Academy are neighbors, and the proximity allows Coding students to take advantage of the extracurricular programs that Central has to offer.

New Central High athletic director Evanna Santee went to Coding Academy for its Club Rush Aug. 16. A Club Rush allows students to learn about and sign up for clubs and sports. Santee brought Eloi Kwete, who is one of Central's star football players. Santee talked to the students about the clearance process for athletics and the sports that were available. Kwete shared his experiences playing sports at Central.

More than 40 students from Coding signed up to play sports at Central High.

Community service key at Metro Tech

All Metro Tech students are required to perform 20 hours of community service per academic year. Service Saturdays are an opportunity for students to perform this community service on campus. The first-ever Service Saturday was in August, and 41 students washed and cleaned all of Metro Tech's school vans and mini buses inside and out, covered bulletin boards with new paper, and completed an outdoor drainage project.

The next Service Saturday was held Sept. 22, and more than 75 students signed up. They painted the baseball and softball storage units with school colors and performed gum removal from sidewalks.

Service Saturdays will be held each month.

Students hold a passion for badminton

North High has a foreign exchange student from China who is hoping to form a badminton club. Jingdi Shang and some classmates competed in a tournament, September 8, and he and his partner won the high school doubles championship at the 2018 Smash Doubles Tournament at the Arizona

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Badminton Center. He wrote an essay about his experience.

"It is my hope that I can establish a school club and form a school team before I get to college. It is my hope that I can pass on what I have learned to our team. And it is my hope that the badminton team of North High School would shine in the next tournament," Shang wrote.

Shang began playing badminton at age seven, and has been coached by a national badminton champion. North exchange students Fuma Suzuki (Japan), and Vu Trung Nghia and Chau Minh Huynh from Vietnam also played in the tournament.

Pelotte named a finalist for Teacher of the Year

Metro Tech English teacher Lettice Pelotte was selected as one of the top 10 finalists for the Arizona Educational Foundation (AEF) Teacher of the Year, however, she did not make the final top 5 list, from which a winner will be chosen. The top 10 finalists and winner will be honored at an Oct. 25 luncheon.

The AEF Teacher of the Year program annually recognizes 10 exceptionally skilled and dedicated pre-kindergarten through 12th grade public school teachers. Honorees are those individuals who have gained the respect and admiration of students, parents, and co-workers. The Arizona Teacher of the Year becomes Arizona's candidate for the National Teacher of the Year.

Pelotte is in her fourth year teaching at Metro Tech.

A group of scholars from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia recently visited the Washington Elementary District Office (submitted photo)

WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Saudi scholars serve as guest teachers

Twenty-four scholars from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia visited the District Office as part of an Arizona State University program designed to provide individuals the opportunity to come to the United States and learn about how American educators work with diverse student populations.

WESD teachers will provide the scholars with a balance of exposure to various educational settings, academic content and methodologies. The scholars will be guest teachers in classrooms at eight schools, including Mountain View, Royal Palm and Orangewood, through Dec. 21. Each scholar will observe in the classroom, as well as collaborate with WESD teachers to engage in various co-teaching models.

WESD boasts a Teacher of the Year finalist

Jonathan Perrone, eighth-grade STEM teacher at Mountain Sky Junior High, has been selected as a Top 5 finalist for the Arizona Educational Foundation (AEF) Teacher of the Year Award.

The AEF Arizona Teacher of the Year program spotlights the contributions of outstanding public school teachers throughout Arizona by annually recognizing 10 exceptionally skilled and dedicated pre-kindergarten through

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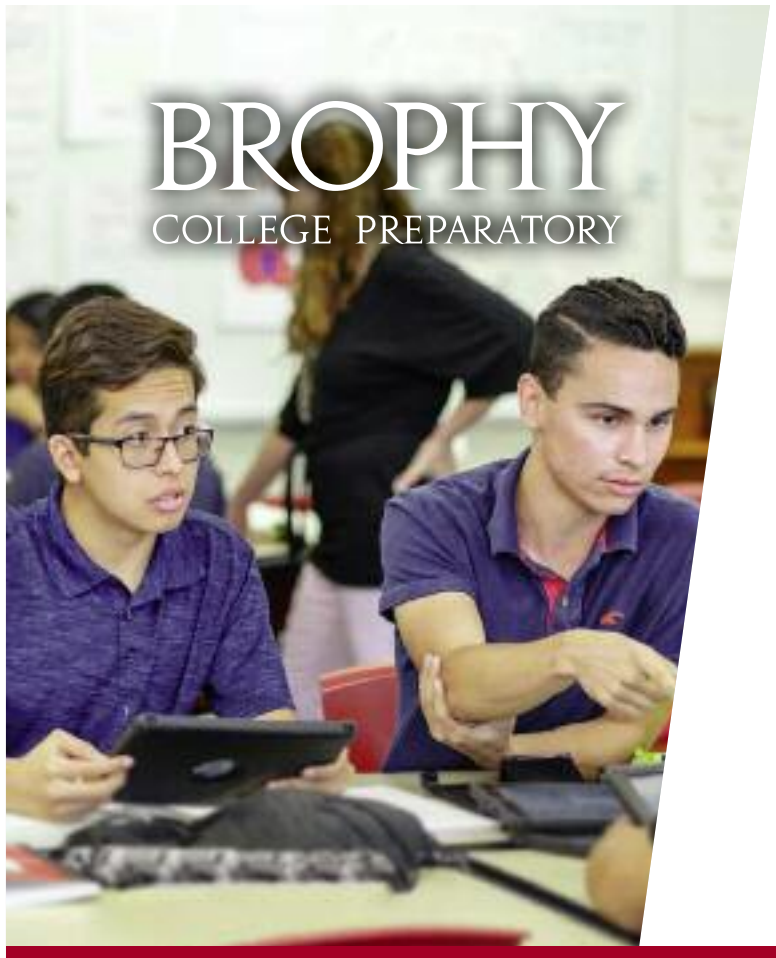

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12th grade public school teachers.

Perrone will be honored at a luncheon in October, where the Teacher of the Year will be announced.

PRIVATE AND CHARTER SCHOOLS

Cavnar honored by alma mater

Kim Cavnar, Principal of St. Francis Xavier School, received Loyola University of Chicago's 2018 Damen Award from the Institute of Pastoral Studies.

Each year, Loyola recognizes alumni from each of its schools who embody the qualities of leadership and service to others that are the hallmark of a Loyola University Chicago education. The Damen Award, named for Loyola's first president, Father Arnold J. Damen, S.J., is among the highest honors bestowed by the University.

Cavnar received this award because of her commitment to Jesuit education through her hard work in schools.

Before pursuing graduate studies at Loyola's Institute of Pastoral Studies, Cavnar earned a Bachelor's Degree in Communications from Loyola. Upon graduation, she served as the university's associate director of Campus Ministry and also taught part time from 1977 to 1980 in the Department of Communication Arts. In addition, she has taught religious studies, served in campus ministry and held leadership roles at several Jesuit schools.

Cavnar earned a second master's degree in educational leadership from Arizona State University.

Open house planned at St. Francis Xavier

St. Francis Xavier School, 4715 N. Central Ave., will host a Preschool and Kindergarten Open House on Wednesday, Oct. 17, from 8 to 9:30 a.m. Parent Ambassadors will give tours; parents will have the chance to visit the classrooms during the school day, followed by a presentation given by the principal and teachers.

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

AmeriSchools offers school lunch program

AmeriSchools Academy is participating in the National School Lunch Program. As part of this program, AmeriSchools Academy offers healthy meals every school day. Lunch will cost $3. However, your children may qualify for free or reduced-price meals. Reduced-price meals cost is $.40 for lunch.

Qualifications for children to receive free or reduced price meals include: belonging to a household whose income is at or below the Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines; belonging to a household that receives public assistance; or if the child is homeless, migrant, runaway, foster, or participates in a Head Start or Even Start pre-Kindergarten program.

Household size and income criteria are used to determine eligibility for free and reduced-price benefits if the household does not receive assistance or the children are not in the other categories mentioned above.

To apply for free or reduced-price meals, households can fill out the application and return it to the school unless the household has already received noti-

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This colorful new basketball court was installed over the summer at The Phoenix Hebrew Academy, in honor of the memory of alumnus Ari Block (submitted photo).

fication that their children are approved for free meals this year. Only one application is required for all children in the household. Families can apply for benefits at any time.

Under the provisions of the free and reduced-price policy, the school lunch coordinator will review applications and determine eligibility. For more information or to receive an application, contact the school office at 602-532-0100.

New basketball court at Phoenix Hebrew Academy

The Phoenix Hebrew Academy has dedicated a new state-of-the-art basketball court on its campus in memory of alumnus Ari Block.

P A students formerly played basketball on a decades-old plain slab of concrete painted with the outline of a basic basketball court. The smooth, hard surface was dangerous, forcing PHA to move many of its home games played in after-school sports leagues to other locations.

Installed over the summer, the new facility required a major funding campaign to cover its approximately $35,000 cost, spearheaded by PHA alumnus Jacob Reuben in Block's memory.

PHA is pleased to be able to provide this state-of-the-art sports facility to the broader Phoenix Jewish community.

Brophy, Xavier students receive acting awards

National Youth Arts has announced the winners of its 13th Annual National Youth Arts Awards to honor outstanding work by youth in the arts for 2017-18. Among them were both productions and individual students from Xavier/Brophy Theatre.

The student theater troupe earned several awards from the "Into the Woods" production, including Lead Performance in a Musical Awards to Lily Castle as the Baker's Wife and Kyra Klononski as Cinderella. Receiving Outstanding Supporting Performance in a Musical Awards were Tatum Dial as the Witch, and Johnny Robaina as Cinderella's Prince. The entire cast received an Outstanding

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Performance Award for Outstanding Ensemble.

Also receiving a Lead Performance in a Musical Award was Greer Tornquist as Ariel in "The Little Mermaid."

Outstanding Lead Performance in a Play Awards went to Stokley Berg as Ponyboy in "The Outsiders," as well as Griffin Fletcher as Black Stache and Grace Tobin as Molly Aster in "Peter and the Starcatcher." An Outstanding Supporting Performance in a Play Award went to Camden Andl as Mrs. Bumbrake in "Peter and the Starcatcher." Another Outstanding Ensemble award was earned for this production. Maureen Dias also received an Outstanding Director Award for "Peter and the Starcatcher."

The winners from Xavier/Brophy Theatre will be formally presented with their awards on stage during the Western Regional Ceremony, 7:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 22 at Valley Youth Theatre, 525 N. 1st St. Tickets are $12 for guests. Registration begins at 6:45 pm. In addition, nomination certificates will be available at the registration table for nominees. For more information or tickets, visit https://bit.ly/2xrFeQD.

National Youth Arts Awards is a membership organization that supports youth in pursuing the performing arts.

Xavier College Preparatory teacher Nathan Ward works on a carving of the corpus of Christ, which was installed in August in the school's Chapel of Our Lady (submitted photo).

Teacher creates detailed carving

A new carved corpus of Christ hangs from the cross in the Chapel of Our Lady on the Xavier College Preparatory campus. Joining the other carved pieces of the altar and ambo, this exquisite work completes the interior of the chapel. The corpus was completed in June and installed before students returned to campus in August.

Carved from soft maple, this newest work, by Xavier teacher Nathan Ward, took three years to carve.

"There are so many anecdotes from my time working on this piece," Ward said. "I wasn't sure how I would accomplish it. I eventually asked Jesus to guide my hands and they became his power tools for the carving."

Never having carved a sculpture with mallet and chisel, Ward worried about using hand tools while mastering the technique on the carving. His greatest challenge was carving the drooping head with all the technical aspects involved in that portion of the corpus.

Ward recalls, "I traveled to Lourdes on the Xavier pilgrimage a few years ago. While there, I was struck by the life size crucifixes and got a lump in my throat when I saw them. I got the same lump in my throat when I saw the corpus installed in the Xavier chapel."

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School for Seniors begins on Oct. 15

For many seniors with cognitive issues, the idea of going back to school might seem daunting, or even impossible. But at SunTree Center, 4120 N. 20th St., a new program has launched that keeps seniors mentally active and engaged.

Van Nguyen, program director at SunTree, developed the School for Seniors curriculum which she says follow three fundamental concepts: Purpose, Engagement and Socialization (PES).

Those who are already members of the center's Adult Day Program can take School for Seniors at no additional charge. The next session begins on Monday, Oct. 15. New members are welcome to enroll in the center and take advantages of the School for Seniors classes. The 12-week curriculum may include courses incorporating dance or music, storytelling and other topics that touch on the participants' emotional, cognitive and physical health.

Ashley Shoup, a SunTree Center staff member and nursing student at Phoenix College, leads a class during School for Seniors (photo courtesy of SunTree Center/School for Seniors).

"School for Seniors is about stimulating what was once learned and what was once everyday knowledge. It is about stimulating the senses, reactivating parts of the brain and the memories—remembering one's history," Nguyen explains.

Handouts are available for caregivers to continue the exercises at home. "Instead of homework, we call it 'Home Fun,'" Nguyen says. "The caregiver works with our senior scholar to expand on their knowledge and experience."

Some classes are taught by SunTree staff members, while others are taught by Valley nursing students. The seniors scholars not only benefit from these courses that can tap into their long-term memories, but also benefit from being with others through socialization, peer support, and emotional connectivity.

"They are excited to be students again, and it helps preserve their dignity and elevates their quality of life," Nguyen says.

For more information, visit www.suntreecenter.com or call 602-441-4900.

Senior Living

On a quest to view all Vermeer paintings

Local art buff Sue Kapp has spent years on a globetrotting quest to physically view the original canvas of every known painting by the 17th Century Dutch master Johannes Vermeer.

She has put together a history of her interest in Vermeer, and the cities and countries to which she has traveled to

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see these master works. The SAGES on Central Seniors Group will host Kapp at the group's monthly luncheon, 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 10 at All Saints' Episcopal Church, 6300 N Central Ave.

Members of the public are invited to dine with the group (a $5 voluntary donation is requested) beginning at noon, or just attend Kapp's presentation at no charge.

For questions or further information, contact the church office at 602-279-5539.

Variety of activities at senior center

The Sunnyslope Senior Center, 802 E. Vogel Ave., is preparing for the fall season with engaging and insightful programs.

Seniors will enjoy a special Oktoberfest celebration beginning at 10 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 12, with musical entertainment from Paul and Mindy Hubbard. And for those who are reading to get outside and enjoy the cooler morning, the Hiking Club will visit the trails near Shadow Mountain at 8 a.m. on Monday, Oct. 22 (transportation cost is $2).

Special health presentations this month include Medicare Made Clear on Oct. 8; Fall Prevention on Oct. 15; Driving and Transportation on Oct. 22; Domestic Violence Awareness on Oct. 25; and a look at opioid abuse on Oct. 29.

All programs and events are free with senior center membership ($20 annually). For more information, call 602-262-7572 or stop by the front desk.

Musical therapist visits Memory Café

Jewish Family & Children's Service's October Memory Café will feature Shana Rebilas Bousard, musical theater actress and music therapist, 10-11:30 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 4 at Beth El Congregation, 1118 W. Glendale Ave.

Bousard will share a variety of tunes and singing along is encouraged.

There is no charge to attend, but registration is required. E-mail Kathy.Rood@jfcsaz.org or call 602-452-4627.

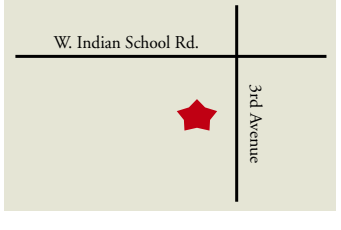
Duet hosts Family Caregiver Symposium

Join Duet and its panel of expert speakers as they share insights on how to find hope along the caregiving journey, 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 18 at First Christian Church of Phoenix, 6750 N. 7th Ave.

Topics include Alzheimer's disease and how it impacts family caregivers; the importance of caring for oneself while caring for others; and how to live with grief and change after the caregiving journey is over.

The cost is $20 and lunch is provided. There will be free, on-site, non-medical adult day care available for loved ones, provided by Beatitudes at Home. Reservations required.

For more information or to register for the program, visit www.duetaz.org or call 602-274-5022.



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Senior center hosts weekly bingo games

Bingo is available three days a week at the Devonshire Senior Center, 2802 E. Devonshire Ave.

Cards go on sale at 12:45 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, with games beginning at 1:30 p.m. Saturday bingo sales start at 11:30 a.m., and games start at 12:30 p.m.

Participants will enjoy the low cost of buy-in and good prizes. The center also features a snack bar with free coffee.

In order to participate, you must have Parks and Recreation membership card ($20 annually) or you may buy a $2 day pass at the front desk.

Kids & Families

Sesame Street Live comes to AZ State Fair

Your friends from Sesame Street are throwing a celebration and the whole neighborhood is invited, Oct. 27-28 inside the Veterans Memorial Coliseum during the Arizona State Fair.

Show times are 1 and 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday; the coliseum is located at 1826 W. McDowell Ave. Parking is extra. General, unreserved seating is included with fair admission of $10 for adults (14 and older) and $7 for children ages 5-13. Children younger than 5 admitted for free.

For reserved seating (tickets start at $40), visit https://azstatefair.com/concerts/.

Kids can enjoy a Spooktacular night

The Arizona Sunrays Gymnastics & Dance Center, 15801 N. 32nd St., hosts a Halloween-themed Kids' Night Out from 6 to 10 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 20.

Children ages 3 to 14 are invited to come dressed up in their Halloween costumes for an evening of gymnastics, dancing, a haunted house, costume contest, foggy maze, jumping in a bounce house and on trampolines, obstacle courses, fort building in the foam pits, and then wind down the evening by watching a Halloween-themed movie.

Cost is $30 per child with a $5 off sibling discount. Pizza and drinks are included. An additional sleepover option is available for ages 5 and older. Cost for the sleepover is an additional $20 per child. Pick-up is the following morning at 8 a.m. A light breakfast will be served.

Advanced registration is required. Call 602-992-5790 or visit www.arizona-sunrays.com.

Fall break camp at Impact Gymnastics

Impact Gymnastics Academy has expanded its facility and offerings to bring more options and variety to the area. Located at 7812 N. 12th St., the gym owned by Samantha Baltierrez and Maria Lawrence has been in business since 2015.

It was originally 10,000 square feet but has more than doubled in size with the addition of 14,000 square feet, which includes a new Ninja Zone area.

The academy will offer a Fall Break Gymnastics Camp Oct. 8-12, with full day (9 a.m.-3 p.m.) and half day (9 a.m.-12 p.m. or 12-3 p.m.) options available. Extended care is available from 3-4 p.m.

Advanced registration, which ends on Oct. 6, is $70 for full day, individually, or $325 for the week. Advanced registration for half-day schedule is $45 per day, or $215 for the week.
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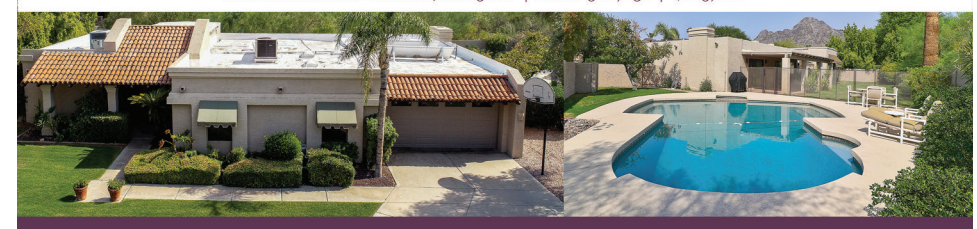
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Choral festival returns to church

The Sing Phoenix! Choral Festival returns to Church of the Beatitudes, Oct. 18-20. This year's festival will feature five choirs, more than 250 singers, and chamber orchestra.

Morten Lauridsen

The festival takes place all weekend, with several events open to the public, including a final concert at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 20. All events are located at Church of the Beatitudes, 555 W. Glendale Ave.

This year will honor the life and works of Morten Lauridsen, who will serve as festival clinician and guest of honor. Lauridsen will host a variety of musical events open to the public, culminating in a performance of his music the evening of Oct. 20.

Tickets are $50 for a full Festival Ticket, which covers admission to any event taking place all weekend. Tickets are $25 for general admission to the closing concert on Oct. 20.

For a list of events, tickets and more, visit www.beatitudeschurch.org/sing-phoenix-2018.

A & E Briefs

Love Always! Lenny'

Phoenix Opera
7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 4
Paradise Valley Community College, Center for the Performing Arts
18401 N. 32nd St.

A program celebrating the 100th anniversary of the birth of American composer and conductor, Leonard Bernstein. The show is filled with highlights from West Side Story, On the Town and The Mass. Tickets are $10-$25 plus fees in advance, additional $4 at the door the day of the show. Visit www.phoenixopera.org.

'Teotihuacan: City of Water, City of Fire'

First Friday Opening
6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 5
Phoenix Art Museum
1625 N. Central Ave.
602-257-1880

This exhibition provides comprehensive insight into the art, everyday life, and religion of the ancient Mesoamerican metropolis, bringing these archaeological treasures to Arizona for the first time. First Friday offers free admission to the museum and discounted admission of $5 to this exhibit, which is also free to members of the military and their families. Advance tickets available online. The exhibit runs through Jan. 29, 2019. Visit www.phxart.org.

'Jaws: Live, Abridged & Completely Underfunded'

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'Seussical'

Xavier/Brophy Theatre
Oct. 10-11 & 13
Kemper and Ethel Marley Theater, Xavier College Prep
4710 N. 5th St.
602-240-3161

The musical follows Horton and his adventures with the Whos, the Egg, and Gertrude McFuzz, with the Cat in the Hat as a sort of master of ceremonies. Suitable for the entire family, all are welcome to this staging of classic childhood characters from Dr. Suess. Show times are 7 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, and 2 and 7 p.m. on Saturday. Online pre-sale tickets will be $12. Tickets purchased at the door or within a half hour of curtain will be $15. Go to www.xcp.org to purchase your tickets in advance.

'Meat & Potatoes of the German String Quartet'

Arizona ProArte
7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 12
University Club of Phoenix
39 E. Monte Vista

Bring your casual clothes, an appetite and a fun attitude for a night of musical exploration, led by Arizona ProArte's "listening guide," who will lead you through tunes and talks about Haydn, Mozart, Beethoven and Brahms. The program consists of approximately 45 minutes of music with breaks for dialogue. Tickets are $35 for the performance, discussion and hors d'oeuvres reception. Cash bar available. Free parking on site. Visit www.azproarte.com.

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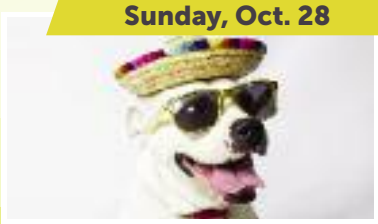
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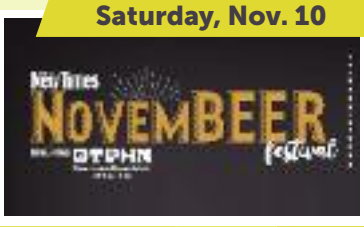

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for Halloween … featuring the critically acclaimed, "The Return of Dracula" plus premiere works by Center Dance Ensemble Assistant Artistic Director, Diane McNeal Hunt; Nicole Olson and Instinct Dancecorps. Show times are 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are $28 adults, $23 seniors and $14 for students with ID. Lunchtime theater performances also are available at 12:10 p.m. Oct. 18-19. Tickets are $7 plus fees. Visit www.herbergertheater.org.

'Around the World With 88 Keys'

4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 21
Trinity Cathedral
100 W. Roosevelt St.
602-254-7126

Presented by Music at Trinity, this free piano concert presents the "Dueling Divas," Andria Fennig and Ashley Snavely, who perform pieces by Ravel, Moskowski, and Berstein. Parking is available in the garage just north of the cathedral (off Central Avenue) and on the surrounding streets.

'Mid-Century Modern'

Phoenix Chorale
7:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27
Trinity Episcopal Cathedral
100 W. Roosevelt St.
602-253-2224

The year 1958 was the height of the Mid-Century Modern era and also the year the Phoenix Chorale was founded as the Bach and Madrigal Society. For centuries, choral music has incorporated the ideas, sounds, and texts of our modern lives. This program offers a glimpse into this practice with an interesting twist on 'Mid-Century Modern,' featuring music by composers born in the middle of the 20th Century and music from the middle 19th Century. Tickets are $35 adults, $30 seniors (65+) and active-duty military, and $15 for students with ID. Visit www.phoenixchorale.org.

'The Girl Who Swallowed a Cactus'

Childsplay Theatre
7 p.m. Oct. 27-Nov. 18
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Café Chat

Dogs and doughnuts worth sitting up and begging for

By Marjorie Rice

There's an old saying that when life hands you lemons, make lemonade.

In a twist on that adage, Brad and Kat Moore, handed lemons by the Great Recession of 2008, decided to make hot dogs. And doughnuts.

Really delicious hot dogs—on puffy naan bread, served with a creative array of toppings (think mango chutney with a drizzle of mayo; or chipotle cream cheese with sautéed onion and fried bread-and-butter pickles). And divine brioche doughnuts, from traditional favorites like maple-bacon to spicy Thai coconut and chocolate cake doughnuts topped with peanut butter icing and chocolate covered pretzel crumbles.

All this deliciousness is rooted in professional challenges for the husband and wife team. He was in banking, she was an interior designer. When the recession hit, his bank closed, and her employer hit the wall when home construction came to a screeching halt in the state.

Brad and Kat Moore, the creative team behind the popular Short Leash Hot Dogs food truck, will be opening their third brick-and-mortar restaurant later this year in the Good Shepherd Plaza at the northeast corner of 19th and Northern avenues (photo by Teri Carnicelli).

They decided to take a very different road.

"We've always been passionate about food, and Kat is an exceptional cook," Brad says. "When Kat was in college, she wasn't sure if she wanted to go into culinary or interior design. I talked her out of doing culinary, and here we are, 12 years later, in the food business.

"The food truck was a perfect opportunity for us," Brad explains. "It was less expensive to start than a brick-and-mortar restaurant, and we could do it on a part-time basis with less overhead. We thought if we love it, great, and if things don't go well, we'd have the food truck to sell and recoup some of our investment."

Fortunately for the Moores—and for Valley hot dog aficionados—the business took off, and today encompasses three trucks and two restaurants, with a third on the way.

"We've had amazing community support and have been able to grow," Brad says.

A big reason is the quality of the dogs.

"Our hot dogs are unique," he points out. "The meat is all natural and

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nitrate-free and preservative-free. We offer six types, including a vegetarian dog, so we can accommodate any dietary preferences. And we decided to make our hot dogs truly unique, so our topping combinations not just your typical onions, mustard and relish."

Their best seller is a combo called The Bear. "It sounds weird, but it's very purposeful," Brad says. "It's peanut butter, bacon, smoked Gouda, barbecue sauce and crumbled Cracker Jacks. People think it's going to be a sweet dog, but I say it kind of marries together like a Thai peanut sauce. The Cracker Jacks give it some texture, but it's not sweet at all. Kind of like when you put potato chips on a sandwich as a kid."

All this is packed into puffy naan, Indian-style flatbread.

"I hated hot dog buns because all the stuff just falls out the bottom after the first bite, so we serve all our hot dogs on naan," Brad explains. "It really holds up well with the dog and all the toppings."

Their first brick-and-mortar restaurant was on Roosevelt Street in downtown Phoenix. After five years they decided a move to 7th Avenue in the Melrose District was a better fit, which was accomplished in late July. They added Rollover Doughnuts next door, eventually combining the two.

"It's in walking distance to our house, and we've lived in that neighborhood for 17 years," Brad says. The Melrose location also was larger, allowing them to offer breakfast, lunch and dinner and weekend brunches.

A second location can be found in Biltmore Fashion Square, with a walk-up window and outdoor tables for diners in the Union Shops area.

And now the Moores are planning a third restaurant, at the northeast corner of 19th and Northern avenues in the former location of For Love of Chocolate. That is expected to open in mid-December.

"One of the reasons we're so excited about being in the 19North community is that it has a lot of the same characteristics in the surrounding neighborhood as the Melrose location," Brad points out.

Meanwhile, the Moores continue to operate the food trucks that go out three or four times a week, primarily for catering and private functions and corporate events. "We still go out to festivals and street fairs, including second Fridays at 19North," Brad says.

One more note. What are hot dogs without beer?

"One thing a lot of people may not know about is our amazing selection of beers and whiskeys," Brad adds. "We have more than 90 beers—many craft beers in cans—and 11 whiskeys at our location on Melrose, representing local breweries and distilleries. We're really excited about our beer program and our happy hours."

Short Leash at Melrose is located at 4221 N. 7th Ave. (602-795-2193), and Short Leash at the Biltmore is located at 2502 E. Camelback Road (602-795-2193). To learn more about upcoming food truck stops, and to peruse the food and beer menus, visit www.shortleashhotdogs.com. For catering and other events, call 480-620-8479 or e-mail info@shortleashhotdogs.com.

Dining Briefs

North Mountain Brewing celebrates Oktoberfest

Getting into the "spirits" of the season, North Mountain Brewing, 522 E. Dunlap Ave., hosts a special Oktoberfest event from 11 a.m.-11 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 6, featuring Happy Kraut Marzen Fest Bier (lager style), $6 brat bites and a $14 sausage platter with spaetzle and German red cabbage.

There also will be live music from 8-10 p.m., including Polka classics, blues and country. For more information, call 602-861-5999 or visit them on Facebook at North Mountain Brewing Company.

Outdoor dinner to raise funds for park

The Hance Park Conservancy is hosting the third-annual "Noche en Blanco" event at Hance Park, 5-10 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27. Inspired by a similar "dinner in white" which got its start in Paris 30 years ago, Noche en Blanco will have a uniquely Phoenix character, featuring live music and dancing. This event will take place on the east lawn, near 67 W. Culver St.

Guests are encouraged to dress all in white. It will be a fun, elegant event with long rows of tables draped in white,

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strings of lights and stars overhead.

Gourmet picnics for two are only available by pre-order, which will close seven days before the event date. You may also pre-order "welcome bread and spreads" and/or passes to the dessert bar, available through Oct. 17. Guests need to provide their own (white) plates, napkins, stemware, flatware, etc.

Guests also are encouraged to also pre-order bottles of wine and craft beer; drinks may be purchased from the pop-up bar during the event. All guests are welcome to bring their own picnics. Tickets for this all-ages event are $30 per person, or $200 a table (up to eight people). For more information, visit bit.ly/nocheenblanco2018.

Conant oversees Italian tasting dinners

Experience the regional tastes of Italy without ever leaving the Valley. Mora Italian's Tour of Italy series brings the cuisine of Italy to guests each month, guided by celebrity chef, restaurateur, cookbook author and "Chopped" judge Chef Scott Conant—the creative culinary force behind Mora Italian, 5651 N. 7th St.

The monthly Tour of Italy series will feature a different locale's flavors, from Calabria (Oct. 24) to Puglia (Nov. 28) to Lazio (Dec. 27), with select dates including appearances from Conant.

The five-course dining experience is reserved for 100 guests. Pricing varies. To reserve your spot, visit the event page on www.opentable.com, or call Mora Italian at 602-795-9943.

Wine, beer bar opens new location downtown

Rott n' Grapes, located in Uptown Phoenix, announces that Valley chef Chris Newstrom has partnered with the wine and beer bar as consulting chef for the new location that, as of press time, was scheduled to open on Sept. 26 in the Roosevelt Row Historical District at 3rd Avenue and Roosevelt Street.

Newstrom also is bringing a new menu to the brands' flagship location at 4750 N. Central Ave. Previously, Newstrom was part of the Upward Projects family, serving in the role as culinary director.

"We are really excited to have Chris come on board," says Patty Gii, founder of Rott n' Grapes. "We are a local wine bar that likes to have fun. Chris is a local chef that takes food seriously yet likes to have fun. It was a perfect match from the beginning."

The menus at Rott n' Grapes will feature gourmet appetizers, bruschetta, paninis, pizzas, salads and three unique entrees for evening dining. The menus also will include an eclectic brunch menu during the weekend, as well as a variety of desserts.

With more than 70 wines and craft beers in store, Rott n' Grapes has one of the largest wine and beer selections by-the-glass menu in the Valley. For more information, visit rottngrapes.com.

TEXAZ Grill offers State Fair food

If you've got a craving for the kind of sticky, fried and otherwise decadent food that only a true Texas State Fair can offer, stop on by to TEXAZ Grill through Oct. 21 to sample the State Fair Menu.

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

The Corny Dog ($6), a State Fair of Texas staple since 1942, comes with two servings accompanied by a bag of Frito's. The Frito Pie ($5.50) is said to be invented in the 1930s by Daisy Dean Doolin, mother of the founder of the Frito-Lay company. TEXAZ Grill's version features homemade chili presented in a small bag of Fritos corn chips, topped with onions, cheese and served with a plastic spoon.

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

Tasting Tour features popular uptown eateries

The Madison Tasting Tour returns on Wednesday, Oct. 17, providing participants with the opportunity of riding a traditional yellow school bus to "taste" several of Phoenix's best-loved and new restaurants: The Bevvy, Farm

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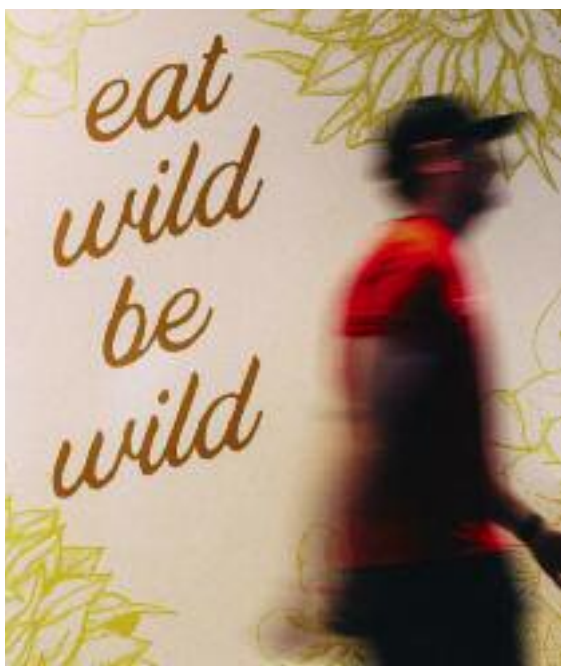

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& Craft, Pure Sushi Colony and Stock & Stable. Food pairings and cocktails will be served at each location.

Hosted by the Madison Education Foundation, there is a new spin on the tour this year—the addition of a "Sweet Ending" to cap off the night with delectable desserts being provided by A Bake Shop and Uncle Biff's Killer Cookies.

Seating for the Madison Tasting Tour is limited to only 100 guests. Two groups of 50 each will depart at 5:45 and 6 p.m., respectively, from the brand new Madison Center for the Arts, 5601 North 16th St. Parking can be found on the N.E. corner of 16th Street and Missouri Avenue.

A donation of $70 per person benefits the Madison Education Foundation, which supports music and the arts in our local Madison district schools. Tickets for the 2018 Madison Tasting Tour can be found online at https://madisoneducationfoundation.org/events/. For more information, call 602-664-7778.

Fall flavors found at Luci's

'Tis the season for everything pumpkin, and Luci's at the Orchard and Luci's Healthy Marketplace are getting into the flavorful spirit.

At Luci's at the Orchard, check out a brand new "Chumpkin Latte," a house blend syrup of cinnamon, sugar and pumpkin. This drink can be served hot, iced or blended.

Not to be left out, Luci's Healthy Marketplace offers a Pumpkin Spice Latte, with cinnamon syrup, pumpkin syrup and cinnamon powder on top. This drink also can be served hot, iced or blended.

Both locations also are cooking up Pumpkin Pancakes for fall. Each order comes with two fluffy pumpkin pancakes topped with whipped cream, sprinkled cinnamon, powdered sugar and served with syrup. They are available for purchase for $8.99 and also come in a gluten-free option.

These treats will be available for a limited time only at Luci's at the Orchard, 7100 N 12th St., and Luci's Healthy Marketplace, northwest corner of 16th Street and Bethany Home Road.

Live music at new SanTan brew pub

SanTan Brewing's newest location, at 1525 E. Bethany Home Road, launched Acoustic Wednesdays last month, where patrons can enjoy live music from popular local entertainers every Wednesday from 6-9 p.m.

Get there a little early and enjoy happy hour (3-6 p.m.) or stay after the show and take advantage of reverse happy hour (9 p.m.-close). To see the full menu of available beers and food items, visit https://santanbrewing.com.

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