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# Methadone clinic to open in the 'Slope

By Teri Carnicelli

The rumors were true—not only was Community Medical Services (CMS) looking for a location for another treatment center in the Sunnyslope area, but has, in fact, announced a new clinic will open by summertime at 1507 W. Hatcher Road.

The property includes a 3,710-square-foot restaurant space, built in 1971, and 822-square foot small home/office. The commercially zoned property was purchased in early November by Scottsdale-based Western American Investments LLC, which also acquired the vacant lot behind the two buildings (currently used for parking), and a lot further south on 15th Avenue. CMS will lease the buildings and the parking lot for its new clinic, which officials say should open in early summer.

CMS operates six substance use disorder treatment centers in the Valley—and a total of 11 in Arizona—serving primarily those with a heroin or opioid addic-

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Hillary Rusk, right, board member of the Royal Palm Neighborhood Council, discusses the newly installed alley gate east of 15th Avenue with (from left) Dr. Bob George, who has lived in Royal Palm for more than 50 years; District 3 City Councilwoman Debra Stark; and Royal Palm Neighborhood Council member Luke Bevans (photo by Teri Carnicelli).

### First alley gates added in Royal Palm area

By Teri Carnicelli

The Royal Palm neighborhood saw the installation of its first alley gates on Dec. 8 and celebrated the occasion with balloons, doughnuts, coffee and a host of residents and city representatives.

The event was the culmination of more than two years of effort by members of the Royal Palm Neighborhood Council, urging the city of Phoenix to create a program whereby residents could close off troubled alleys with secured gates and prevent issues like illegal dumping, alley "campers," and abandoned shopping carts, as well as reduce residential crime by cutting back access to back yards from unsecured alleys.

The city in mid-2017 ultimately agreed to launch a pilot Gated Alley Program (GAP), with Royal Palm and Sunnyslope being identified as the two launch areas. The Royal Palm neighborhood is defined as the area from Northern to Dunlap avenues, and from 19th to 7th avenues.

The first gate installation is on the east side of 15th Avenue, between Ruth Avenue and Orchid Lane. The gate was designed by Royal Palm resident David Takeuchi, who works at a local architecture firm. He designed the metal gate with a roll bar at the top, which prevents a person from getting a handhold to be able to climb over the fence, and also can

deter coyotes from trying to go over the fence as well.

The fence was fabricated by E2 Innovations in Phoenix, and the installation came with help from Hurricane Holes, which dug the post holes for the gates.

Three more installations are planned in the next couple of months, also east of 15th Avenue.

"Councilwoman Debra Stark helped us navigate the process through numerous departments in the city, and it took about a year," said Hillary Rusk, one of the board members of the Royal Palm Neighborhood Council.

"I'm really proud of this program," Stark said at the event. "It's not going to stop every problem, but I really think it's going to help."

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### Hearing set for medical marijuana dispensary

By Teri Carnicelli

A Maricopa County Superior Court judge on Jan. 10 will hear arguments related to a motion to dismiss a lawsuit filed against the owners of a proposed medical marijuana dispensary at 1616 E. Glendale Ave. Also named in the lawsuit are the city of Phoenix, and the Phoenix Board of Adjustment.

At issue is a 5-1 ruling made by the Board of Adjustment on April 5 overturning an earlier decision by a Phoenix zoning administrator to deny a use permit and two variances for the medical marijuana facility. The board's vote effectively gave the go-ahead to Mitchell Song, DVM, the property owner, and investment partner 64 Alpha LLC.

The developers claimed that property suffered under "hardships" that were not of the owner's making. For example, in 1989 the city of Phoenix used its eminent domain authority to condemn part

of the property in order to widen Glendale Avenue. As a result, the property lost three parking spaces and the frontage was reduced to just 70 feet. The size of the lot, small building and limited parking made it difficult to find anyone else interested in buying the property, they argued.

A similar case was presented to the board that had received approval from the Arizona Supreme Court that also argued "hardships" because of a partial property taking under eminent domain. Members of the Board of Adjustment felt there was enough similarity between the two cases to warrant the granting of the variances and use permit.

The lawsuit was filed by Helen Houser and Julie Karasek, residents of the nearby Monteil neighborhood, who argue the Board of Adjustment members were unduly influenced by petitions in favor of the dispensary that they claim were mostly fraudulent, although the board did not give opponents the opportunity to effectively prove that the bulk of

the petitions were questionable, at best, and were "dismissive" of their claims.

The two neighbors also felt there was some "undue influence" at play in the board's decision, given that a group of same lobbyists and activists that had presented before the board in this, and in similar cases had consistently won the day—whether they were in favor of a dispensary, or in some cases, opposed to a dispensary.

"As these cases have come to light, the veracity and impartiality of the (board) has been called into serious question," they wrote in their complaint.

By law, opponents had 30 days from the Board of Adjustment's decision to file their lawsuit with the Maricopa County Superior Court. However, the appeal wasn't filed until May 31.

The lawyers for Mitchell Song and 64 Alpha LLC have filed a motion to dismiss the case, pointing out the lawsuit wasn't filed in the proscribed timeframe. As for the argument that the Board of Adjustment was unduly influenced by

allegedly falsified petitions, making its decision arbitrary and "an abuse of discretion," the lawyers argue the proof is in the minutes of that hearing.

After making the motion to overturn the zoning administrator's ruling, Board Vice Chair Yvonne Hunter, who herself is an attorney, pointed out that the board's role is to deal with the facts that are before them, and they are not able to make their decision necessarily based on who in the neighborhood may or may not have been involved in supporting or opposing the project. While the board does take this information seriously, Hunter emphasized that petitions are not a critical part of the board's decision-making process.

Generally speaking, the role of the Board of Adjustment is to look at the specific legal requirements of a use permit or variance request, and judge it by those standards.

The chance of an appeal like this succeeding is very low, said Jack Wilenchik,

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tion. They are often referred to as "methadone" clinics, although methadone is one of three medications used to wean people off of heroin.

CMS came under fire in recent months because of its clinic at 23rd and Northern avenues, which when to a 24-7 operation last summer and caused a host of issues with nearby residents and businesses, as well as traffic congestion problems. CMS is still working to reduce its caseload at that location—with numbers still upwards of 750 clients—and has acquired the property to the south to work on the traffic and parking issues.

But business owners along Hatcher Road are more than just concerned those same issues will be coming to their area in less than six months—they are worried that their family-owned businesses may be irreparably damaged by the presence of the clinic.

Just over a year ago, a group of business owners along Hatcher Road formed the Hatcher Urban Businesses (HUB) alliance, and have been meeting monthly since February 2018. The

group has grown to more than 200 members, including representatives of nearby schools, churches, and neighborhood associations—all on, or adjacent to Hatcher Road.

After discovering the property at 1507 W. Hatcher Road was sold and hearing that CMS would be opening a clinic there, the HUB held and impromptu meeting on Nov. 29, and invited representatives of CMS to attend.

Caroline Lobo, co-chair of the HUB and co-owner of Pawgo, a mobile pet grooming service, stated that, "Our goal is to attract more business owners like restaurants, small retail, and art studios. That is really our focus. A methadone clinic is completely at odds with what we are trying to do."

Nadine Alauria, co-chair of the HUB and co-owner of 3A Automotive and Diesel, added that, "We're very excited about what is happening on Hatcher. Businesses are really taking a role in this community. And we are the ones invested and vested in this community. We are the ones with hundreds of thousands of dollars sunk into our businesses for our future."

The more than 20 HUB members

present all expressed concern about the future of their businesses, as well as the safety of their customers and the children from the nearby Mountain View Elementary School, who walk in that area on a regular basis.

Tina Braham, Regional Operations director for CMS, attended the meeting. Her parents started CMS in the 1970s, and she told the group that she had a sister who died from a heroin overdose. In the last couple of years her parents sold their shares of the company to an investment firm to bring in additional capital in order to open more clinics to serve the growing number of people becoming addicted to heroin and opioids.

"The purpose is not to attract individuals with drug problems to come into this area, it's to serve the people in need who are already here," Braham stated.

Unlike the beleaguered Northern Avenue clinic, this new facility will be open from 4:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. daily, and will not offer intake services, but rather will take clients who are already on CMS's roster. She said the target capacity at the new clinic would be 450-500 clients, but what that translates to in terms of daily visits can very, since some come once a day, and some come once a week. Braham estimated an average of about 350 client visits a day.

In terms of traffic issues, Braham explained that contracted vehicles will drop off and be able to pick up someone else who is waiting, an option that wasn't available before. Which would mean fewer people standing around waiting for their insurance-contracted ride.

"We want to bring services to people living in the community who are seeking help," Braham said. "Our goal is to provide whatever services we can to help them reintegrate into society."

HUB board members said they will continue to explore what options, if any, they have to mitigate the impact of the CMS clinic coming to their area. They will be contacting city and state officials expressing their concerns and looking for solutions down the road, which may not benefit them, but could help other businesses in the future who are faced with a similar dilemma.

"It looks like we have a long road ahead of us. And the truth is we don't really know what the impact will be until they are open," Alauria said.

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Former Dist. 5 Councilman Daniel Valenzuela was actively involved in GAP, since part of Royal Palm falls into the Dist. 5 area. Councilwoman Vania Guevara has pledged to continue to help residents in her area with the process of getting alley gates.

The program incorporates both relocation of solid waste service from the alley to the curbside, and installation of gates at the ends of identified "troubled" alleyways. Homeowners abutting the alleys in question must agree to the installation of the gates by 50 percent, plus 1.

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

Royal Palm was quick to secure funding for its first four gates. Some residents contributed, but the bulk of the funds came from a donation made by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Arizona, whose offices are nearby at 2444 W. Las Palmaritas Drive. Also the city amended its categories for neighborhood Block Watch grants to include alley gates, and Royal Palm was the first to receive a \$5,000 block watch grant for this purpose.

The East Sunnyslope Neighborhood Association & Block Watch is beginning the process to apply for grant money and identify alleys in that area that could be closed off.

"I hope the city will eventually see the value in this and give the opportunity to all older neighborhoods that area dealing with these issues of crime and blight in their alleyways," Rusk said.

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a lawyer with Wilenchik & Bartness Attorneys at Law, which is representing Mitchell Song and Alpha 64 LLC.

"The judge is limited to looking at the decision the board made and determining whether it had a legal basis for its decision, or whether the decision can be judged as 'arbitrary and capricious,' with no valid basis for making the decision. That is a tough thing to prove," Wilenchik said.

If the judge moves to dismiss the

lawsuit, the case is over. If he decides to hear further arguments, it could go on for several more months.

In the meantime, the dispensary partners have moved forward with their architectural plans, which have been submitted to the city of Phoenix Planning Department for design review. However, no physical work has begun as yet on the building, which has been fenced off.

"We have a decision, we got our approval in April, so there's no reason to stop working on this," Wilenchik said.

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#### COMMUNITY

### Construction set to begin on rehab center

By Teri Carnicelli

Phoenix's Board of Adjustment gave the final stamp of approval for a 55-bed drug and alcohol rehab center in Sunnyslope, and property owner and developer Native American Connections (NAC) says it will start construction within the next couple of month.

While the nonprofit NAC already owns the property at 1431 E. Dunlap Ave., which is zoned multi-family residential, a use permit is required for a "community residence center," sometimes referred to as a sober living home.

The use permit was first approved by a Phoenix zoning administrator on Oct. 15 and the appeal was heard by the Board of Adjustment at its Dec. 6 meeting. Will Rodriguez, whose wife, Teresa Duhancik, filed the appeal, spoke in opposition to the use permit. The couple lives within a few houses of the former Mountain Preserve Reception & Conference Center and also owns several other homes in the neighborhood. Rodriguez said that he and many neighbors were worried about the possible negative effect on their property values.

He also stated the additional traffic would be a burden on the already overwhelmed, residential dead-end street. He expressed concern about potential clients of the rehab center leaving before the program was complete and essentially walking off into the neighborhood.

Representatives of NAC said that while some clients do quit before their program is complete, the majority of the time they have a friend or family member pick them up. Clients also are not permitted to leave a personal vehicle on site, and transportation is provided by NAC to off-site needs, such as doctor's appointments.

In the end, all five members of the Board of Adjustment agreed that under the current zoning of R-5, the proposed use would in fact be less impactful in terms of noise, traffic, dust and environmental impact than what could be built there, which is upwards of 200 apartments or townhomes.

NAC does, in fact, plan to construct an addition 55-unit, 3-story apartment building, but the use permit was only related to the rehab center. The multifamily housing component is allowed by right under the current zoning.

NAC will remodel two of the exist-

ing buildings on site into a 48-bed and 7-bed "dormitory," respectively, and will construct a new building that will house a dining facility with communal educational and crafting space as well as administrative offices. Work is set to begin by the end of first quarter 2019.

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The Oasis Intergenerational Tutoring Program is looking for community members who are interested in sharing their love of reading with a child. By becoming a literacy tutor, you will support a student once a week for an hour during the school day to experience enjoyment and success in the skills of reading, writing, and communication.

Oasis is a nonprofit organization that partners with the Madison School District to pair adults, who may or may not be retired, with students needing literacy support. The program serves kindergarten through fourth-grade children in four of the district's elementary schools: Camelview, Heights, Rose Lane and Simis.

Tutors receive training by a reading specialist along with a tutor handbook, bag, and materials. Upcoming Tutor Training will be held 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.



Brian Berens, a volunteer with the Oasis Intergenerational Tutoring Program, works with Camelview Elementary student Angelo Monje on reading skills (submitted photo).

Jan.14-16 at Madison Camelview, 2002 E. Campbell Ave.

For more information and/or to register for training, contact Kim Gullo at 602-664-7285 or e-mail kgullo@madisoned.org.

### Two books look at unique Arizona

Arizona's official State Historian, Marshall Trimble, has released a new book, "Arizona Oddities: Land of Anomalies & Tamales" (\$23.99, paperback, Arcadia Publishing).

Arizona has stories as peculiar as its stunning landscape. The Lost Dutchman's rumored cache of gold sparked a legendary feud. Kidnapping victim Larcena Pennington Page survived two weeks alone in the wilderness, and her first request upon rescue was a chaw of tobacco.

Trimble, an author, singer, storyteller and former community college professor, shares these and other historical "oddities," such is how the town of Why got its name, how the government built a lake that needed mowing, and how wild camels ended up in North America.

Trimble published his first book in 1977, and since then he has written more than 20 books and has been inducted into several Halls of Fame.

Susan Tatterson, a professor of

Digital Media at Central Arizona College, began photographing America's abandoned landscape in 2008 as part of her MFA thesis at the University of Baltimore. She reveals a side of Arizona rarely seen in "Abandoned Arizona: Ghost Towns and Legends" (\$24.99, paperback, Arcadia Publishing).

From dusty ghost towns to eerily silent concrete masterpieces, what has been discarded in the settling of this young state is revealed. From Arizona's once thriving mining communities, to long-abandoned trading posts along Route 66, Tatterson captures haunting images of what once was.

Her photographic journey encompasses the entire state, including its largest city, where the legendary Phoenix Trotting Park stood isolated and forsaken for half a century.

"Arizona Oddities" is available at Changing Hands-Phoenix, 300 W. Camelback Road. Call 602-274-0067 to check on availability. "Abandoned Arizona" is available via special order at Changing Hands. For more information or to purchase online, visit www.arcadiapublishing.com.

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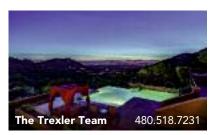
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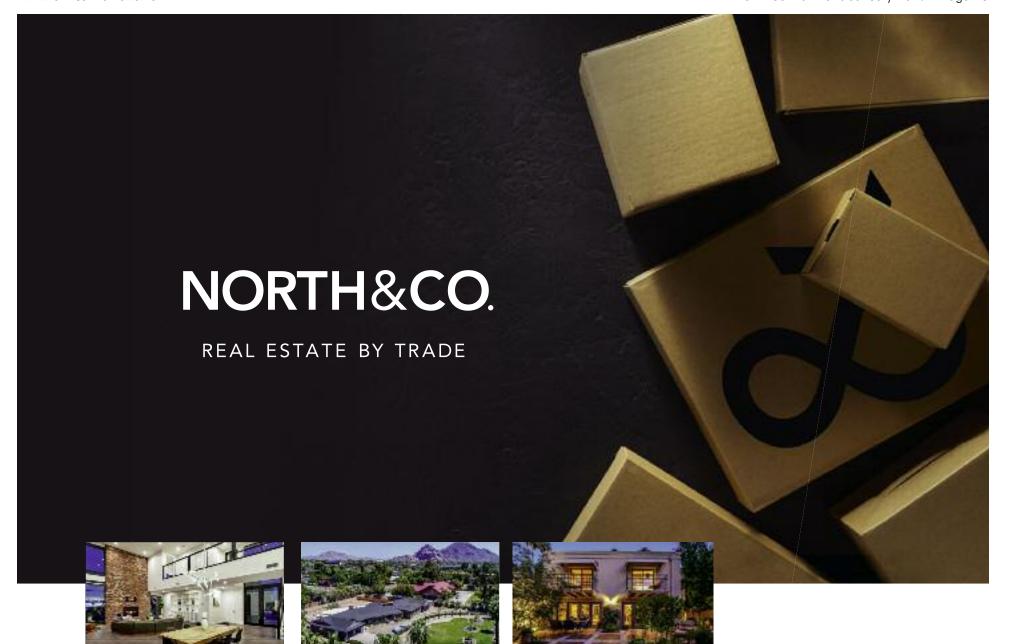


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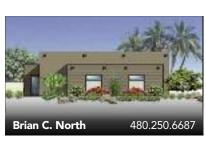


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### Community Central

Geology of the Valley of the Sun 1:30-3:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 12 Burton Barr Central Library, 4th Floor Lecture Room 1221 N. Central Ave.

Mountains as high as the Himalayas; valleys more than a mile deep; active volcanoes and lava flows; and seas. These are not the geologic features you see today, but they did exist in the Valley of the Sun and the surrounding area thousands of years ago. Jack McEnroe of the McDowell Sonoran Conservancy leads the discussion of dynamic forces at work—what came before and where we are today. Free; no pre-registration required.

#### WESD Teacher Hiring Fair 8:30 a.m.-12 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 12 WESD Administrative Center 4650 W. Sweetwater Ave. 602-347-2622

The Washington Elementary School

District (WESD) looks to hire teachers for the 2019-2020 school year. Interviews will be conducted for those interested in teaching kindergarten, elementary education, special education, language arts, mathematics, science, social studies, general music, art and special needs preschool. Apply online prior to the interview fair at jobs.wesd-schools.org. Human Resources will contact qualified applicants directly to preschedule an interview.

#### Crochet Mindfulness 2:30-3:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 13 Cholla Library 10050 N. Metro Parkway E.

Join the tradition of using crochet as a mindfulness practice. The repetitive action of crocheting can help relax and let go of stressors. Learn to crochet socks and leave feeling relaxed with a new project! Crochet hooks and yarn will be available to use during the program. If you would like to continue your project after the program, bring yarn of your choice and a hook. Socks are normally created with Yarn Weight 1 and hooks 3.5 to 4.5 mm.

#### Free Family Sundays 12-5 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 13 Phoenix Art Museum 1625 N. Central Ave. 602-257-1880

Through the generosity of Discount Tire, the museum offers free general admission on the second Sunday of each month, with educational programming, free tours, hands-on activities, collaborations with Phoenix-based artists, and more. This month's theme is "Space!" Admission to the special-engagement exhibition, "Teotihuacan: City of Water, City of Fire" is discounted to just \$5. Visit www.phxart.org/events/family.

### How Your Vote is Counted 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 15 Beatitudes Luther Life Center 1616 W. Glendale Ave. 602-510-1544

The Phoenix Branch of AAUW (The American Association of University Women) hosts Constantin Querard, who will speak on "The National Popular Vote Interstate

Compact, The Electoral College, and Arizona." Querard was named Best Campaign Consultant in 2015 by the Arizona Capital Times. He also founded and served as executive director of the nonprofit Arizona Family Project, which is focused on involving families in the public policy process. The program begins after an optional (\$15) dinner at 5:30 p.m. RSVP for the dinner by Jan. 12. Visitors are welcome.

### Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

### 4 & 6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 26 Madison Baptist Church 6202 N. 12th St.

Lura Turner Homes hosts its 9th-annual spaghetti dinner, with Arizona Diamondbacks' organist Bobby Freeman and wife Charlene entertaining at both seatings. Tickets are \$20 for adults; \$10 for children 12 and younger. All proceeds benefit the special needs men and women who live at Lura Turner Homes for Adults with Developmental Disabilities. To RSVP, contact Max McQueen at 602-943-4789 or maxm@luraturnerhomes.org.



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### Acacia Library marks 50 years of service

On Saturday, Jan. 5, the Acacia Library, located at 750 E. Townley Ave., will mark 50 years of service to the community. Join City Librarian Rita Hamilton and community leaders for a celebration of Acacia Library's past, present and future.

Festivities begin at 10 a.m. and will include a Mother Goose Storytime, screenings of the film "Chasing a Cure: The History of Sunnyslope 1900-1990," a photo booth, and more. Light snacks courtesy of the Friends of the Phoenix Public Library—Acacia Chapter will be provided.

In addition, longtime area residents were invited to contribute to "Our Roots," a storytelling project featuring remembrances of the library and the important role in has played in the Sunnyslope community. A sampling of those stories will be available to peruse as leaves on a large paper wall tree inside the main reading area of the library.

For more information, visit phoenixpubliclibrary.org or call 602-262-4636.

### A look at the past, cleaning up the present

The Sunnyslope Historical Society begins the new year with a look at the past, and a hand-on activity to improve the present.

First up is a free program on "Phoenix Past and Present," 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 12 at the Sunnyslope Historical Museum, 737 E. Hatcher Road. Paul Scharbach, Robert Melikian and John Jacquemart will narrate a photo slideshow through time. Experience how things have changed in Phoenix, as well as how they have remained the same. Lunch will be available for \$2 current member and \$5 non-members.

The Sunnyslope Historical Society partners with the city of Phoenix, the Hatcher Urban Businesses (HUB), area schools and businesses for a Neighborhood Clean-Up, 8-9:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 26. Meeting in the historical society's parking lot and enjoy a doughnut buffet and coffee before setting out along Hatcher Road, between Central Avenue and 12th Street. The city of Phoenix will provide roll-off dumpsters, trash bags, gloves, and "picking" sticks. Wear closed-toe shoes and dress appropriately for the weather.

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### Apply for young man/ woman of year

The city of Phoenix Youth and Education Office is now accepting applications for the 2019 Outstanding Young Man/Young Woman (OYMYW) of the Year awards.

This awards program is open to any students currently enrolled in high school in Phoenix or live within Phoenix city limits.

Students interested in applying will need to write an essay, submit a recommendation letter and proof of legal residence in the United States. Finalists will be interviewed by members of the community. District award winners will be invited to a luncheon sponsored by Rotary 100 where the citywide award winners will be announced.

Eligible students can apply through the online application form located at www.phoenix.gov/education/outstanding-young-man-woman/award-application before 5 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 28.

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I Recycle Phoenix is back, where local residents can clear out their items and stay green for 2019. It will take place at Christown Spectrum Mall on Saturday, Jan. 5, from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. The drop-off area will be located on the back side of Walmart, off of Montebello and 15h avenues.

This event, organized by Keep Phoenix Beautiful, provides residents across the Valley a simple, easy way to repurpose recyclable items, which reduces the waste in Arizona landfills. Items accepted include hard drives, cell phones, laptops and other electronics, housewares, office supplies, rechargeable batteries, bicycles, and safe shredding of personal documents.

Also, unique to Saturday's event, Christmas trees and wreaths for mulching will be accepted. Remove all tinsel, hooks, and decorations first. Some of the items not accepted include



Recycle your old electronics, as well as live Christmas trees, gently used bicycles, and much more, on Jan. 5 during the I Recyle Phoenix event (photo courtesy of Keep Phoenix Beautiful).

single-use batteries (AA/AAA) and light bulbs, prescription drugs and hazardous waste like oil, paint, or chemicals.

Residents can learn more about the event and download a list of accepted and unaccepted recyclable items by visiting www.keepphxbeautiful.org/i-recycle-phoenix.

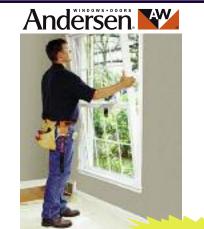
### Ikebana Exhibit Jan. 26-27 at garden

The Japanese Friendship Garden of Phoenix hosts the 10th Annual Ikebana Exhibit Jan. 26-27, sponsored by The Sonoran Desert Sogetsu Study Group. Sogetsu Ikebana is a contemporary Ikebana art style that encourages creativity and artistic expression using the natural beauty of flowers, leaves, and branches, and unexpected, unconventional materials.

The exhibition will feature traditional and unusual ikebana art displayed in eight galleries along the path winding around lakes, past the waterfall, and across the bridge throughout the 3.5-acre garden.

Attend formal presentations by instructors Carol Brecker at 11 a.m. on Saturday, and Ping Wei at 11 on Sunday. Engage with artists at daily demonstrations, tours, making your own small ikebana, and more.

The garden, located at 1125 N. 3rd Ave., will be open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. each day. Tickets are \$7 adults, \$6 seniors age 62 and older, and \$5 for students/military with ID. To view the full schedule of events, visit www.japanese-friendshipgarden.org/ikebana-exhibit. For more information, call 602-274-8700



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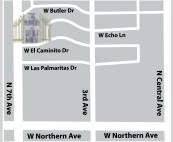


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TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS



Joel Johnson, president-East Valley for FirstBank, congratulates North Central entrepreneurs Jeff and Denise Malkoon of Peanut Butter Americano for winning FirstBank's \$20K Good Business Giveaway (submitted photo).

### Local businesses win cash prizes

Business entrepreneurs and thirdgeneration North Central residents Jeff Malkoon and his sister, Denise, the team behind Peanut Butter Americano (PBA), recently were named Arizona's grandprize winner of FirstBank's "\$20K Good Business Giveaway" contest.

Launched six years ago this month, PBA is a regular vendor at the Uptown Farmers Market, and is available at several local retail shops (www.pbamericano.com).

Through Peanut Butter Americano's giving arm, Fund For the Americas, the company has been able to follow its mission of aiding community development, education, and poverty relief efforts across the Americas.

With FirstBank's tagline of "banking for good" in mind, several hundred businesses submitted a video demonstrating how they "do good," for their communities, customers, or employees. Five Arizona finalists were selected, and their videos were entered into a round of public voting. At the end of the voting period, PBA received the most votes of all the Arizona businesses and was declared the winner.

In addition to winning \$20,000, FirstBank will work with PBA to promote and feature the business on a variety of online, e-mail, and social channels as part of a larger effort to bring

awareness to their organization and help grow their customer-base.

The runner up in the Arizona contest was Practical Art, located at 5070 N. Central Ave., which received a \$2,500 cash prize from FirstBank. Practical Art is a retail and gallery space featuring 100-percent, locally-made wares in wood, fiber, ceramic, glass, metal, and up-cycled materials (www.practical-art.com).

### **Business Briefs**

### Barry's Ace Hardware now a U-Haul dealer

Barry's Ace Hardware, 1929 W. Glendale Ave., has signed on as a U-Haul neighborhood dealer to serve the Phoenix community. Barry's will offer U-Haul trucks, towing equipment, moving supplies and in-store pick-up for boxes.

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The Arizona North chapter of the American Society of Interior Designers (ASID) is giving homeowners the opportunity to consult with a professional interior designer, at a reduced rate, with the Interior Designer for Hire program. Designers volunteer their time and the fees collected are used for local student scholarships and educational programs

Now in its tenth year, Interior Designer for Hire runs from Feb. 1 through April 30. This popular program matches homeowners with local ASID designers for a one or two-hour consultation at \$99 for a one-hour consultation or \$175 for a two-hour consultation. The Interior Designer for Hire program is only offered once a year and is a great opportunity to work with an interior designer, seek their

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#### Sean Lieb promoted to first vice president

North Central native Sean Lieb recently was promoted to first vice president of the Phoenix office of SRS Estate Partners, 3131 E. Camelback Road, Ste. 110.

Lieb is a former All Saints ('04) and Brophy College Prep ('08) student, who graduated from the University of Arizona in 2012 with a B.A. in Regional Development.

He joined SRS in 2017 and has quickly become a strong member of the Phoenix team. Lieb is known for diligently pursuing tenants for his client's projects and for his tenacity to get deals done, said Ed Beeh, EVP & market leader in the Phoenix office.

"Sean has leveraged his local market knowledge and deep family history in the real estate industry to bring new

clients to SRS," added Beeh. "We are very proud of Sean's accomplishments and what he has brought to our team."

You can reach him at 602-682-6010 or sean.lieb@srsre.com.

#### Tibi takes helm at **Biltmore Lions Club**

Phil Tibi, founder of The Phil Tibi Group, 2 Biltmore Estates Drive, was named president of the Phoenix Biltmore Lions Club.

"After serving as a member of the Biltmore Lion's Club for nearly 8 years, I'm very proud to have been elected as president of such a reputable and established organization," said Tibi.

The Phoenix Biltmore Lions Club was established in 1964 by a group of business and professional people interested in serving the community. With a motto of "We Serve," the community benefits from this organization with feeding the hungry, assisting those with sight and hearing disabilities, helping elderly citizens, and aiding veterans. Since it was established in 1964, the Phoenix Biltmore Lions Club has raised and donated millions of dollars.

#### **Central Phoenix commercial** properties are selling well

Central Phoenix continues to experience significant new development. Cashen Realty Advisors in the second half of 2018 closed more than \$11 million in infill real estate transactions.

The large lot with a home set back far from the street at 6316 N. 7th St., just south of Maryland Avenue, was sold last year for \$2.5 million, and is slated for commercial development. Aspirant Development was the buyer and The Zunick Trust was the seller.

Cashen was involved in several other infill transactions, including: 4210 and 4220 N. 32nd St., a combined 65,340 square feet, which sold for \$1.575 million; 3102 E. Weldon, 54,014 square feet purchased for \$1.1 million; 733 and 719 E. Marlette Ave., a total of 40,374 square feet for \$1.25 million; 4522-4536 N. 7th St., a 16,500-square-foot building for \$2,523,531; and a vacant lot at 1210 E. Indian School Road, which sold for \$1.29 million.

Cashen has six more deals in escrow in Central Phoenix all scheduled to close in the first part of 2019.

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15 N. Country Club Dr	632SF5BR/5BA	\$1,450,6	000
318 W. Lawrence RdJUST LISTED5	256SF5BR/4BA	<b>.\$1,175</b> ,0	000
21 E. Maryland Dr5	694SF5BR/5BA	\$1,150,6	000
115 W. Morten AveIN ESCROW3	958SF4BR/4BA	\$1,150,0	000
<b>7822 N. 3rd WayNEW PRICE3</b>	726SF4BR/3BA		000
4817 E. Arroyo Verde DrIN ESCROW3	229SF4BR/3BA		000
19 W. Frier Dr	246SF5BR/5BA	\$ 749,	900
6725 N. 7th StNEW PRICE3	473SF3BR/2.5BA	<b>. 7</b> 99,	000
1441 E. Missouri AveNEW PRICE4	293SF5BR/4BA		000
310 S. 4th St #2001 NEW PRICE	981SF3BR/3BA		000
110 E. Lawrence RdNEW PRICE19	958SF3BR/1.65BA	\$ 624,	900
1010 E. Pierson St2	611SF4BR/3BA		000
8216 N. 14th St	505SF4BR/3BA		000
6829 N. 1st Pl	372SF3BR/2BA		000
7210 N. 1st PlNEW PRICE2	637SF4BR/3BA		<b>500</b>
7603 N. Central AveJUST LISTED2	900SF4BR/2.65BA	\$ 587,	<b>500</b>
1321 S. Camellia Ct IN ESCROW	141SF6BR/4BA	\$ 559,	000
77 E. Missouri Ave #36 NEW PRICE3	184SF4BR/3BA	\$ 535,	000
1940 E. Cactus Wren Dr2		-	000
1251 W. Rancho DrIN ESCROW2	812SF3BR/2BA	\$ 499,	900
1801 W. Stella Ln	750SF5BR/3BA		<b>500</b>
219 E. Northern AveNEW PRICE2	688SF5BR/3BA	\$ 509,	000
710 W. Seldon LnNEW PRICE3	836SF5BR/3.5BA	\$ 499,	900
1022 E. Wagon Wheel Dr .NEW PRICE2	219SF3BR/3BA	\$ 470,	000
5901 E. Windrose DrIN ESCROW	753SF4BR/2BA	\$ 450, <sup>6</sup>	000
342 W. Turney AveIN ESCROW1	927SF3BR/2BA		000
6844 N. 13th St1	472SF3BR/2BA	\$ 409,	900
8938 N. 18th Ave	963SF3BR/2BA	\$ 363,	000
29 E. Butler Dr1	789SF2BR/2BA	\$ 359,	000
310 S. 4th St. #2006IN ESCROW1	533SF2BR/2.5BA	\$ 349,	000
711 E. Boca Raton RdNEW CONSTRUCTION1	784SF3BR/2.5BA		100
718 E. Boca Raton RdNEW CONSTRUCTION1	640SF3BR/2.5BA	\$ 286,	900
8000 N. Central Ave. #8JUST LISTED1	524SF2BR/2BA	\$ 274,	900
13801 N. 12th St1	500SF3BR/2BA	\$ 245,	000
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6755 N Central Ave	\$2,280,000	6333 N. 4th Dr.	\$ 765,000	4210 E Carol Ann Ln	\$ 575,000	6821 N. 2nd Pl.	\$ 475,000	6521 N 5th Ave	315,000
4532 E. Desert Park	\$2,275,000	314 E Rose Ln	\$ 765,000	4214 E Carol Ann Ln	\$ 575,000	302 W. Butler Dr.	\$ 474,000	2747 E Amelia Ave.	315,000
5829 E. Joshua Tree Ln.	\$1,550,000	308 W. Lamar Rd.	\$ 750,000	2145 E. Kaler Dr.	\$ 575,000	329 W Butler Dr	\$ 465,000	1911 E. Montebello Ave	\$ 315,000
3920 E. Mountain View	\$1,350,000	421 W Northview Ave	\$ 720,000	320 E. Orangewood Ave.	\$ 575,000	7638 N. 5th Ave.	\$ 465,000	6162 W. Wikieup Ln.	\$ 295,000
9789 N. 57th St.	\$1,270,000	3030 E Squaw Peak Cr	\$ 720,000	1620 E Echo Ln	\$ 565,000	7140 N 15th St.	\$ 454,000	6040 N. 5th Ave.	290,000
7170 N Central Ave.	\$1,150,000	1400 W. Myrtle Ave.	\$ 718,720	3800 E. Lincoln Dr. #29	\$ 556,000	6311 N. 10th Ave.	\$ 438,500	710 E. Boca Raton Rd.	\$ 289,900
1761 E. Hatcher Dr.	\$1,100,000	1300 W. Myrtle Ave.	\$ 715,000	4230 E. Carol Ann Ln	\$ 552,500	3819 N 4th St	\$ 421,500	11016 N 33rd St	\$ 287,000
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243 W. Montebello Ave.	\$ 940,000	1410 W. Myrtle Ave.	\$ 679,092	11307 N. 34th St	\$ 549,500	11430 N. 12th Pl	\$ 402,500	16510 W Thether Trail	\$ 235,000
7209 N. 3rd St.	\$ 910,000	6020 N 5th Ave	\$ 670,000	4214 E Carol Ann Ln	\$ 540,000	1910 E Augusta Ave	\$ 379,900	1333 E Morten Ave #113	\$ 179,900
2023 N 11th Ave	\$ 900,000	7117 N 2nd Dr	\$ 650,000	7920 S. 32nd Pl.	\$ 530,000	77 E Missouri Ave #55	\$ 362,000	7134 N. 27th Ln.	\$ 175,000
310 E. Wexford Cove	\$ 900,000	31 W. Flynn Ln.	\$ 642,000	210 E Keim Dr.	\$ 529,000	527 W. San Juan Ave	\$ 350,000	1333 E. Morten Ave #139	\$ 152,000
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7110 N 18th St	\$ 834,000	37 W San Juan Ave.	\$ 611,000	4526 N. 34th St.	\$ 500,000	3025 E. Campbell Ave.	\$ 330,000		
6730 N. 7th St.	\$ 820,000	1430 W. Myrtle Ave.	\$ 595,000	5244 N. 15th St	\$ 499,000	6317 N 14th St	\$ 324,000		
196 W. Flynn Ln	\$ 810.000	14392 W Becker Ln	\$ 585.000	8401 N. 17th Pl	\$ 485.000	722 E. Boca Raton Rd.	\$ 321.500		

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#### **HEALTHY LIVING**

### **Health Briefs**

### Yoga teaching certification class come to Kharma Life

A new fast-track yoga teaching certification that concentrates on the Therapeutic Foundations of Yoga will launch on March 1, and features evening classes designed for working professionals.

The four-month program will take place 6-9 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays, and 12-5 p.m. on Saturdays at Kharma Life Center, 700 W. Campbell Ave., Ste. 1.

The Optimal State<sup>™</sup> 200 Therapeutic Foundations of Yoga Course is a launching point for practitioners wishing to work collaboratively within the Western medical system, at hospitals and medical centers around the nation, or in private practice. Candidates who successfully complete this program are eligible for Yoga Alliance's RYT 200 certification, allow-

ing them to teach yoga in most circumstances throughout the nation.

For more information or to download a registration packet, visit www.a-path-to-balance.com or call Kharma Life Center at 602-795-9767.

### Dizziness might be an inner ear problem

If you are experiencing dizziness, you are not alone. BPPV stands for "benign, paroxysmal, positional vertigo," and is surprisingly common, especially in individuals over 60.

Its symptoms are distinctive: a spinning, dizzy sensation when changing position such as rolling over in bed or when tilting the head back. This sensation is transient, typically lasting a few seconds to a minute.

Diagnosis can be made by an audiologist with a test called a "videonystagmogram" or VNG. Doctors and physical therapists also can make the diagnosis by performing a simple bedside test. Treatment involves taking the patient through a series of positions and often can be successfully completed in one to two visits.

To learn more about BPPV, join Arizona Balance & Hearing Aids (ABHA) at a free educational seminar on Thursday, Jan. 24, from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Family Life Center, Room 109, 5757 N. Central Ave. To reserve a spot, visit www.azbalanceandhearing.com/events/ or call 602-300-9199.

For more information, contact Dana L. Day, Au.D, CCC-A, at ABHA, 404 N. 7th St., at 602-300-9199 or visit www.azbalanceandhearing.com.

### Learn the benefits of fermented foods

Suzette with local business Garden Goddess will share the benefits of fermented foods, 12:30-1:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 19 at the Cholla Library, 10050 N. Metro Parkway East.

Discover how fermented foods can

support health by detoxing vital organs, benefiting from trillions of probiotic strains for better digestion, boosting immunity and curbing sugar cravings. Learn how to tell the difference between fermented foods and pickled foods and how they affect your health.

This program made possible by the Friends of the Phoenix Public Library Cholla Chapter. No pre-registration is required.

### Fitness center offers workout challenges

The Camp Transformation Center, a national brand featuring fitness centers that focus on inspiring physical and emotional transformations, recently opened a new location in Central Phoenix.

The Camp Mid-Phoenix is located at 1810 W. Northern Ave., on the east side of the Good Shepherd Shopping Center. The Camp program consists of



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If challengers lose 20 pounds or a certain percentage of body fat (depends on their current level), they get the cost of the challenge program back. The center will start its first signature challenge group class on Jan. 7, with signups available now.

To learn more about The Camp Mid-Phoenix, or to sign up for a challenge group, visit www.thecamptc.com, or call 602-THE-CAMP.

### Start the new year healthy with yoga

Make this the year to start or come back to your yoga mat. Desert Song Healing Arts Center, 3232 N. 20th St., has monthly opportunities for you to join its three-week "Into to Yoga" workshops, which take place on Thursdays with daytime and evening options.

The daytime "Intro to Yoga" workshop, which is held from 12:30-2:25 p.m., is a slower-paced class, making yoga very accessible for students with limitations or injuries, incorporating props and chairs as well as basic therapeutic moves for better posture.

The evening class from 6-7:55 p.m. is designed for students new to yoga, as

well as those who would like to review the principles of yoga. The series focuses on primary yoga postures, principles of alignment, breathing techniques and yoga philosophy.

Both classes begin on Jan. 17. Cost for either three-week series is \$55. Register at www.desertsongyoga.com/events/. For more information, call 602-65-8222.

### Mindfulness for happy self, health family

The ASU Center for Mindfulness, Compassion and Resilience team offer a free interactive introduction to these wellness practices, 11 a.m.-12 p.m. Jan. 19 at the Cholla Library, 10050 N. Metro Parkway East.

This presentation is an effort to provide the community with stress-reduction tools and to empower attendees to live happier, healthier lives. It is designed for the entire community, but parents and caregivers are especially encouraged to attend. Mindfulness is one strategy that can reduce the stress of being a parent.

Practicing mindfulness means paying attention to what's happening in the moment and accepting those experiences and feelings without judgment. The presentation is geared towards ages 13 and older. No pre-registration is required.

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Patricia Wharton (second from right), a fourth-grade teacher at Sunnyslope Elementary, is surprised with a donation of a 2006 Jeep Grand Cherokee from the team at 3A Automotive & Diesel, including, from left: Jim Alauria, founder of 3A, and Nadine and Jimmy Alauria, owners of 3A Automotive (photo by Teri Carnicelli).

### Teacher surprised with donated vehicle

By Teri Carnicelli

Christmas came early and in a big way for Sunnyslope Elementary fourth-grade teacher Patricia Wharton, who was surprised with a donated vehicle during a special event held Nov. 30 on the school's campus.

The 2006 Jeep Grand Cherokee was donated by the owners of 3A Automotive at 1539 W. Hatcher Road as part of its "Turbo Boost Car Giveaway." 3A started taking nominations in October for those who were deserving of the donation, and two of Wharton's colleagues nominated her.

Wharton has been at the school for two years but has been part of the Washington Elementary School District for much longer. She works as the school's outreach specialist for its After School programs, and while she receives a small stipend for that work, it's a drop in the bucket for the amount of personal time she puts in, says Sunnyslope Elementary Principal Chance Whiteman. "She contributes so much of her time, she's really passionate about helping these kids be successful."

Wharton's husband is a teacher at a Phoenix charter school, and he drops her off early in the morning before heading to work. Wharton had sometimes needed to borrow a co-worker's car to go to a doctor's appointment or make a trip to Costco to pick up snacks for the After School program.

Wharton was completely shocked by the unexpected donation, which was accompanied by cheers and applause from her students, co-workers, team members from 3A Automotive, and firefighters from the nearby Station 7 on Hatcher Road. She also received a



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year's worth of free oil changes at 3A Automotive.

Wharton expressed her gratitude to her co-workers for their patience and their help, and was overwhelmed with the donation of the SUV. Her students joined her in checking out the new-toher vehicle, which had been fixed up by 3A Automotive—to the tune of several thousand dollars—and completely detailed inside and out.

"We've really become more actively involved in our community the last couple of years, and wanted to do something to give back," explained Jimmy Alauria, owner of 3A Automotive, which was started in 1975 by his parents Iim and Earlene.

"We had close to 40 nominations, and had it narrowed down to about three. But when we started talking to some of the nominators, and learned more about Patricia, we realized how truly amazing she was and knew it had to be her. It's not just her commitment to her students and the school, it's her passion for life and learning, and her spirit—she wasn't letting something like not having a car stop her from giving 100 percent."

Wharton is in the process of earning a master's degree in education from Northern Arizona University, and is applying National for Board Certification, an advanced teaching credential that is the highest level of distinction a classroom teacher can achieve.

### **School Briefs GLENDALE UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Future freshmen** invited to campuses

Glendale Union High School District hosts its annual Future Freshman Night at all eight of its high school campuses on Thursday, Jan. 17, with great opportunities for eighth grade students and their families to learn why GUHSD is the district of choice in the Glendale and Metro-Phoenix area.

Families will have plenty of opportunities to tour the campus, meet teachers, gain significant curriculum information and learn more about our schools' accomplishments. Come and learn why more than 16,000 students are proud to attend GUHSD schools. For additional information, contact your neighborhood high school or check out their website via www.guhsdaz.org.



Members of Thunderbird High School's student council spent an afternoon volunteering in the urban farm operated by St. Vincent de Paul in downtown Phoenix (submitted photo).

#### **Students volunteer** at nonprofit garden

The student council Thunderbird High School recently took the opportunity to give back to their community when they volunteered at nonprofit organization, the Society of St. Vincent De Paul. The organization helps provide food, shelter and services to individuals and families in their community.

The Thunderbird Student Council

provided a lending hand at St. Vincent De Paul's Urban Farm by harvesting and cleaning vegetables. The produce that the students attended to will be sent to the organization's central kitchen and added to food boxes to feed families in need.

#### WHS students, staff honored by board

Achievement Above All recipients at Washington High School were recplease see GUHSD AWARDS on page 26





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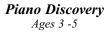
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#### GUHSD AWARDS continued from page 25

ognized by the GUHSD Governing Board at its Oct. 17 meeting.

Every school year, one teacher, student, student group, support staff member and volunteer are honored for their outstanding accomplishments in the GUHSD community. This year's recipients were ELL teacher Renee Lisowski as Teacher of the Year; senior Aurora Gabow as Student of the Year; Rams United for Student Group of the Year; College and Career Specialist Debbie Lohr as Support Staff Member of the Year; and boys basketball volunteer Gabe Chapa as Volunteer of the Year.

### MADISON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT APS Supergrand

APS, Suns award STEM project grants

What do robots, amusement park rides and weather balloons have in common? They are all projects designed by K-12 teachers throughout Arizona and funded by the APS and Phoenix Suns STEM mini-grant program.

For 13 years, the two organizations have teamed up to provide financial grants to help Arizona teachers bring innovative hands-on science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) learning to tens of thousands of students throughout the state.

This year, 28 kindergarten through high school teachers across Arizona received grants totaling more than \$48,000. Among the recipients was teacher Bonnie McCarthy of Madison Simis, who received a \$750 grant. Under the umbrellas of technology and transportation, her Madison students will explore how solar energy can be used to develop technological solutions to current transportation challenges. The use of solar cars for this project will provide a hands-on opportunity for outdoor hypothesis testing and experiential learning.

The mission of the mini-grants program is to introduce more students to STEM subjects in a new and innovative way through hands-on classroom projects, ultimately resulting in a more tech-savvy workforce.

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### OSBORN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

### Numerous arts programs keep students engaged

Students in Osborn's arts programs recently performed band concerts, sing--a-longs and dance productions.

Osborn Middle School students, under the direction of Julia Georges, submitted audio recordings and were blindly scored to determine selection into the Greater Phoenix Honor Band. Twenty-eight Osborn students were selected and will perform at 3:30 p.m. Jan. 19 at Camelback High School.

Solano General Music and Band teacher Amy Swietlik was a roundtable panelist at the Society for Ethnomusicology Annual Conference in Albuquerque, N.M., where she described her efforts to foster social and cultural learning in her general music classroom. In February Swietlik will present at the Arizona Music Educators' Association Annual Conference in Mesa on techniques for incorporating mindfulness, restorative justice, and neuroscience of the brain into a music classroom.

### PHOENIX UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

### North art teacher honored by AAEA

The Arizona Art Education Association presented North High School's art teacher, Alejandra Rascon with the Outstanding New Professional Award at the awards dinner at the AAEA conference in November.

Rascon, an Arizona State University graduate, began her teaching career in 2017-18 at North. She student-taught with art teacher Penny Hansen prior to last year and then joined the department. Last year during teacher appreciation week, Rascon had more thank you notes from students than any other staff member, recalls fellow art teacher Julie Peters.

### Camelback student lauded for leadership

Jowun Ben of Camelback High was one of two Phoenix Union seniors honored at the Arizona American Indian Excellence in Leadership Awards, held

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#### **SCHOOL DAYS**

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Nov. 14 in Scottsdale.

Ben, a full Navajo, has a 3.8 unweighted grade point average (4.6 weighted) and participates in numerous school and community activities. Ben also works at a local grocery store.

She plans to attend Arizona State University, double major in political science and biochemistry, and ultimately attend the University of Pennsylvania's School of Medicine to become a cardiothoracic surgeon.

### Three Metro Tech seniors surprised with scholarships

Three Metro Tech students were among the first nine seniors to receive Students Inspiring Students Scholarships from Grand Canyon University. Jeremy Cubbage, Fatima Al-Shamari and Giselle Loredo were invited to the school on Nov. 13 with their parents, supposedly for a scholarship information meeting, but left with four-year full-tuition scholarships.

The students have been attending the ACE (Academic and Career Excellence Centers) at the GCU Learning Lounge, and have banked over 100 hours needed for eligibility for the scholarship.

### Putting in money and time to build playground

Camelback DECA members partnered with volunteers from Fiesta Bowl Charities on Dec. 1, to rebuild the ARCH (Arizona Recreation Center for the Handicapped) playground, which was destroyed in a fire this summer.

ARCH is a 5-acre recreation center located at 1550 W. Colter St. that offers skills-based programs and activities, enabling adults and children with developmental disabilities to obtain higher levels of physical well-being, pride, independence, and self-esteem.

Camelback DECA, working with Camelback's Exceptional Students, helped to raise \$500 for the re-build. Working with the first responders and Fiesta Bowl volunteers, the entire playground was reconstructed in less than six hours.

### WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Kinder open house set for Jan. 22

WESD offers a free, full-day kinder-



Spirit, the Fiesta Bowl Charities' mascot, pitches in to help Camelback High DECA members and volunteers from Fiesta Bowl Charities' partner groups install new playground equipment at Arizona Recreation Center for the Handicapped (photo courtesy of Phoenix Union High School District).

garten experience that includes high academics, art, music and PE. The district currently is enrolling kindergarten students for the 2019-20 school year.

The Kindergarten Open House will be held 5-6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 22, at all WESD elementary schools. Students and families will have the opportunity to visit classrooms, meet the teacher, pick up enrollment information and sign up for the Jumpstart program—the WESD's new kindergarten readiness program.

For more information, or to begin filling out the registration materials, visit www.wesdschools.org/Page/987 or call 602-896-6950.

### PRIVATE AND CHARTER SCHOOLS

**PC** students

#### 'outdoor classroom'

Since its founding 30 years ago, the preschool campus of Phoenix Christian Preparatory School, formerly known as Light & Life Preschool, continues to be a place for learning and exploration for young children from all across the Valley.

Students at PC Preschool are encouraged to learn and explore outside as teachers promote opportunities for active free play. The outdoor classroom experience at PC Preschool recently was improved by parent and student volunteers, who created recycled tire gardens using tires donated by Community Tire.

The children also painted birdhouses and feeders that attract birds for the

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Phoenix Christian Preschool recently hosted a "playground paint-over" event to enhance the aesthetics of the outdoor classroom and create specific play spaces for the children to explore (submitted photo).

students to observe.

Wind chimes and a music wall made from repurposed pots, pans and musical instruments will help develop awareness of rhythm and repetition, which will play a critical role in future comprehension of math and science.

The PC preschool teachers foster the importance of nutrition as the children actively participate in growing vegetables and herbs that will be used to make healthy snacks.

For more information, contact Lori Miller, director of Early Education, at lmiller@phoenixchristian.org or 602-265-7728.

### MHP student achieves top score on the NMSQT

Madison Highland Prep student Dodge Flynn received a 222 composite score on the 2018 PSAT/NMSQT administered this past fall. Flynn, a junior, scored in the top 1 percent of students taking the exam nationally this year and 2 points above the cut score for National Merit Scholars in Arizona last year. He will begin the competition for a National Merit Scholarship in the spring.

Madison Highland Prep had 12 juniors and 11 sophomores score at or above the 90th percentile nationally on the PSAT/NMSQT test.

### Xavier cross country, golf team accolades

Xavier College Prep's 2018 State Champion Golf and Cross Country teams earned top honors for their coaches and athletes in the AIA's Premier Region.

Additional awards for Golf included: Player of the Year, Ashley Menne; First Team honors for Breyanna Matthews, Lauren Garcia, Ivy Song, and Bailee Tayles; and Honorable Mentions for Emily Cons and Eve Worden.

Cross Country First Team honors went to: Mia Olsen, Jaime Stelnik, and Grace Valandra. Second Team honors were awarded to Karina Hawkins, Karina Smith, Sammy Braun, and Helen Innes; and an Honorable Mention went to Karli Baker.





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### **Senior Living**

### Movement, dance at Memory Café

January's special guest artist at the Memory Café is Michelle Dionisio, who will lead a variety of dances from 10-11:30 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 3, at Beth El Congregation, 1118 W. Glendale Avenue

Dionisio is a movement teaching artist who has worked with seniors for over 30 years in various settings from dementia centers to city parks and recreation programs.

The Memory Café is a meeting place for those with changes in their thinking or memory, mild cognitive impairment or dementia due to Alzheimer's disease or a related disorder, along with their care partners. Coffee and snacks are provided. There is no charge to attend, but registration is required; e-mail Kathy.rood@jfcsaz.org or call Kathy at 602-452-4627.

### Free programs for at Palazzo for seniors

JFCS's Center for Senior Enrichment presents two free programs this month that are sure to entertain and engage. First up is Arizona's own "Hip Historian," Marshall Shore, whose passion is uncovering the weird, the wonderful, and the obscure treasures from our past: the semi-forgotten

people, places, and events that have made us who we are today. He will visit The Palazzo, 6250 N. 19th Ave., at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 15.

Then on Tuesday, Jan. 22, photojournalist Lois Zuckerman will stop by to discuss her adventures related to photographing people and places in 113 countries on all seven continents. The program also begins at 1 p.m.

Zuckerman's love of nature and adventure has led her into jungles, rushing rivers, and meeting tribal people. She has led 30 photographic safaris in seven different countries in Africa. Many of her photos have been featured in private shows, galleries and publications.

The events are free and open to senior members of the public. For more information, call 602-943-2198.

### **Kids & Families**

### Local author signs new children's book

Phoenix author Barbara Renner is launching her new picture book, "Quincy the Quail and the Mysterious Egg," from 1-3 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 26, at the North Mountain Visitor Center, 12950 N. 7th St.

Refreshments will be served and interesting facts about Arizona's Gambel's Quail will be presented. Renner will personalize every book that is purchased.



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Amanda Wells, illustrator of the Quincy the Quail picture book series, will also be available at the book launch to sign copies of the new book.

A percentage of all sales will benefit the Save Our Mountains Foundation.

#### **Applications open** for Camp O'Connor

Applications for The Sandra Day O'Connor Institute's Camp O'Connor 2019 will open Monday, Jan. 7, at www.CampOConnnor.org. Camp O'Connor is a free, weeklong summer program providing civics education and leadership development for middle school students.

The 2019 camp, now in its third year, will be held June 10-14 in downtown Phoenix at the Beus Center for Law and Society, home of the Sandra Day O'Connor Institute and the ASU Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law. Camp O'Connor is open to students entering seventh or eighth grade in the 2019-2020 school year.

Campers develop leadership skills, greater knowledge of our nation's democracy and experience civics in action through the Executive, Legislative and Judicial branches of government. Field trips to enhance their learning are part of the interactive

Applications will be available online through March 1. Camp applicants will be notified by Friday, March 15 of their acceptance. For more information, email camp@OConnorInstitute.org.

#### **Revamped McDonald's** opens with family events

The McDonald's at 7th Street and Townley Avenue in Phoenix re-opened last month with technology upgrades, free Wi-Fi, and a brand-new Play Place for children.

The new restaurant, located at 8849 N. 7th St., invites families to celebrate the eatery's re-launch with a Grand Opening from 12-2 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 5, featuring the iconic Egg McMuffin for \$1 and Big Mac for \$2. Family fun activities and performances by Sunnyslope High School Band and Cheer will take place from 12 p.m., followed by a ribbon cutting attended by community leaders at 1

Additional events set for this month include: LEGO Fun featuring Bonanza Educational tallest tower builds and \$1.99 Happy Meals, 12-2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 12; and amazing chemical reaction demonstrations by Mad Science and \$1.99 Happy Meals, 12-2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 19.

#### Workshop for youth to solo in jazz combos

The Nash, 110 E. Roosevelt St., is set to premiere a workshop specifically for novice musicians (ages 10-17) who want to learn how to solo in jazz combos or bands.

The Nash Futures Workshop is designed to teach students the skill of jazz improvisation—a language developed over time through the process of listening and imitation. Students will learn to improvise small phrases and melodies that, eventually, can be linked together into longer musical sentences that can communicate ideas and feelings.

The Nash Futures Workshop will be held Monday evenings from 4-6 p.m. for 15 weeks, from Jan. 14 through April 22. Registration is \$150 and is available at www.thenash.org/ education.



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### Two music series featured this month

Arizona Bach Festival returns for its 10th-annual season of inspiring, transcendent performances of the music of Baroque composer Johann Sebastian Bach, Jan. 13-Feb. 21. Performance venues are in North Central Phoenix and Paradise Valley. Tickets are \$21-\$30 in advance or \$25-\$35 at the door (student discounts available). Find more information and purchase tickets at www.arizonabachfestival.org.

The Church of the Beatitudes Jazz Coffee House Concert Series returns, featuring some of Arizona's most prolific jazz artists. The next concert is set for 6 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 20 on the Nelson Hall stage with a performance featuring the Latin percussion vibes of local favorite, Cinco De Moio, Minus 1. Admission is a suggested donation of \$5. For more information, visit www.beatitudeschurch.org/concerts or call 602-264-1221.

### A & E Briefs

'It's Not You, It's Me'

The Second City Jan. 2-20 Phoenix Theatre 100 E. McDowell Road 602-254-2151

With Valentine's Day looming, February is a month that makes us all take stock in our love lives. "It's Not You, It's Me" is an improvised adventure into the modern dating scene and the age-old phenomenon that is falling in love. Tickets are \$26 to \$86, fees included. Visit http://www.phoenix theatre.com/secondcity.

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### 'A Jewish Night on Broadway'

3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 13 Beth El Phoenix 1118 W. Glendale Ave.

Starring Jonathan Angress, Cantor, and Charlotte Maltby, Broadway actress. Three price levels of seating available. For tickets, visit www.tinyurl.com/y7xg2y4t.

#### 'Out of Africa' Art Show 5:30-7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 17 VALLEYLIFE 1142 W. Hatcher Road

Phil Mastores and his wife, Sarah, captured many amazing photos of the villagers and wildlife they encountered during a month traveling across Africa. Enjoy a presentation and slideshow, drinks and hors d'oeuvres. Framed photos will be available for purchase. All proceeds will be donated to VALLEYLIFE. RSVP to Margaret Stephens-Reed at 602-331-2414 or via e-mail at mreed@valleylifeaz.org by Jan. 11.

#### 'Hostage' iTheatre Collaborative Jan. 18-Feb. 2 Herberger Theater 222 E. Monroe 602-252-8497

Based on the true events of 1979 when students in Tehran took over the American Embassy. The play imagines what happened when mother and son were reunited, and the consequences the mother faced when she returned home and was suddenly suspect in her own country. Tickets are \$27.50 general admission plus fees. Visit www.herbergertheater.org.

#### Helen Peel Memorial Organ Concert

3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 20 Trinity Cathedral 100 W. Roosevelt St. 602-254-7126

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the organ department at the Jacobs School of Music, Indiana University, Fishell is a recitalist and teacher of international standing. She regularly performs in many of the greatest concert venues throughout the United States, Europe and Asia. Admission is free. Visit http://trinitymusicaz.org.

# 'Jersey Boys' Jan. 23-March 10 Phoenix Theatre 100 E. McDowell Road 602-254-2151

This Tony Award winner for Best Musical tells the origin story of Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons as they rose from blue-collar boys to doo-wop sensations. Tickets are \$61 to \$91, fees included. Visit http://www.phoenix theatre.com/jersey.

### 'The Secret Comedy of Women'

Playhouse Productions Inc. Jan. 23-Feb. 24 Herberger Theater 222 E. Monroe 602-252-8497

An original comedy that celebrates the honor, truth, humor and silliness of being female. With a two-woman cast and audiences full of raucous, laughing ladies, the show is an examination of all things girly. Tickets are \$54-\$62 plus fees. Visit www.herbergertheater.org.

#### 'Legally Blonde: The Musical' American Theatre Guild Jan. 25-27 Orpheum Theatre 203 W. Adams St.

Follow the transformation of sorority president Elle Woods. Woods set out on a mission to win the love of her life back whilst tackling the air-head stereotype which has been branded onto her. Matinees available Saturday and Sunday. Tickets are \$40.25-\$80.25 plus fees. Visit https://phoenix.ticket-force.com and select the Orpheum Theatre under venue.

#### Away From Home: American Indian Boarding School Stories

9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 26 Heard Museum 2301 N. Central Ave. https://heard.org

The revamped exhibit at the muse-

um reopens after being updated from its 2000 initial installation. It explores the efforts of the U.S. government, during the 19th and 20th centuries, to educate and assimilate American Indian students through the controversial and often tragic practice of removing children from their families and forcibly placing them in distant residential schools. It incudes new works of art, archival material, first-person interviews and interactive elements. The exhibit will remain up indefinitely.

#### 'Waiting for Henson'

All Puppet Players Feb. 1-23 Playhouse on the Park, Central Arts Plaza 1850 N. Central Ave. 602-254-2151

This nonsensical original show abandons logical construction, rational thought, and intellectually usable arguments to prove that irrationality, self-awareness, and puppets are a lethal combination when someone tries to assign meaning to them. Tickets are \$26 general admission, \$55 VIP. Visit www.allpuppetplayers.com.



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Long Nguyen, left, and his family have purchased neighborhood favorite TEXAZ Grill from original co-founder Steve Friedkin. Nguyen says the somewhat wacky décor of license plates, hats, neon beer signs, taxidermied animals and more will remain; in fact, the only changes customers might notice will be more vegetable options on the menu (photo by Teri Carnicelli).

### Café Chat

### Friedkin passes the apron at TEXAZ Grill

By Patty Talahongva

Change is in the wind at TEXAZ Grill, 6003 N. 16th St., with the retirement of co-founder Steve Freidkin, who is passing on the torch on to another family. "I've been in this business since I was 10 years old, starting in our family delicatessen in Louisiana," says Freidkin. "It's time for me to hang up my apron."

The popular neighborhood eatery

was started by Friedkin and business partner Jim Mitchell in 1985. Mitchell sold his share of the business to Friedkin more than a decade ago, but came back as a contractor to help with the bookkeeping. The two have been friends for more than 30 years.

During their time together, the partners developed customer favorites like the hugely popular Chicken Fried Steak (more than 950,000 sold so far), Texas Red Chili, and Pecan Pie. While Friedkin is leaving, those favorites are staying on the menu.

Among Friedkin's top memories in his 33 years of owning TEXAZ Grill

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include meeting and developing friendships with his customers and employees. Having an amazing staff, he says, made the work truly enjoyable. Some of the crew has been there more than 20 years.

Through the years the restaurant has built a strong following. "We've had loyal customers coming in since we opened. We've watched kids grow up and have families of their own," he says.

"It's cliché, but we tried to treat everyone like a guest in our home, and took a lot of pride in the product we served," Friedkin points out. To that end, the restaurant's "regulars" were happy to learn that the staff and menu will remain the same.

In fact, it's one of those loyal customers who bought the restaurant. Long Nguyen and his family, who officially took over the restaurant in November, say they will keep TEXAZ Grill intact, with a few minor changes. The Nguyens immigrated to Houston in 1989, and moved to Arizona in 2007.

"Steve has done an amazing job and it is very hard to surpass what he's created," says Nguyen. "We owe it to our loyal customers to do the best we can to continue and meet the high standards Steve set and accomplished over the years." The only immediate change to the menu will be adding a few more vegetable dishes.

The iconic décor with the license plates and kitsch will stay. "It just works so we plan on keeping everything the same," Nguyen emphasized.

Nguyen has had experience in the restaurant industry. "Like many, my first job was also starting out as a dishwasher. Over the years, I have always been more on the business management side in another industry, with a few hours here and there helping out the family restaurant in Houston. It wasn't until 2015 that we decided it might not be a bad idea to see what we can accomplish in the hospitality industry."

Last year his family purchased St. Francis at 111 E. Camelback Road from owner-chef Aaron Chamberlin, and they also operate two other restaurants in the West Valley. "We hope to be able to bring the fabulous food from TEXAZ Grill over to the west side so

more customers can experience the amazing food without having to travel across town," Nguyen explains.

Change can be worrisome for many people and Nguyen is quick to reassure Freidkin's long-time customers. "We are doing everything we can to keep everything the same, and keep TEXAZ Grill around for another 33 years so everyone can enjoy great down-to-earth, homestyle Texas cooking right here in the heart of Phoenix. If you haven't gotten a chance to give us a try, please stop by."

And you can bet that Freidkin will not be a stranger. Even though he's retiring and will spend time traveling, volunteering, relaxing and enjoying, as he puts it, "long-neglected hobbies," he will also become a "regular." You may even occasionally find him shucking oysters behind the bar.

"It's still my favorite restaurant in Arizona," Friedkin says.

TEXAS Grill is open 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Sunday. Call 602-248-7827 or visit www.texazgrill.com.

### Dining Briefs Press, Over Easy donate to PCH

Press Coffee, 2390 E. Camelback Road, is holding a Day of Giving on Jan. 25 to support Phoenix Children's Hospital. It will donate all proceeds from sales made in its stores and online on that day to the hospital's foundation. It's all part of its Press On Charities initiative, an ongoing commitment from the local roaster to support Arizona's communities.

Joining Press in support of Phoenix Children's Hospital is one of the coffee shop's wholesale partners. Over Easy, the popular local breakfast spot with six Valley locations (including next door to Press Coffee in Phoenix), will match Press' donation. Over Easy serves Press as its hot drip coffee and its cold brew on tap.

All profits from the one-day sales of coffee and food in the stores and online will go to the Phoenix Children's Hospital Foundation. Over Easy will match the donation amount based on Press' sales. For more information, visit www.presscoffee.com/press-on-charities/.







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#### Indulge in a 10course Chinese feast

Celebrate the end of the Phoenix Chinese Week with a 10-course Chinese Lunar New Year Banquet at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 17, at the Great Wall Restaurant, 3446 W. Camelback Road.

The banquet is co-sponsored by Phoenix Sister Cities Inc., and no-host cocktails begin at 6 p.m. There will be live entertainment.

Tickets are \$50 per person and are expected to sell out in advance of the banquet. For tickets, call Elaine Wong at 480-406-7470 or e-mail her at elainewong@cox.net.

For more information about the Chinese Week celebration, visit www.phoenixchineseweek.org.

### Donate citrus for new CenPho Citrus IPA

Huss Brewing Co. is accepting citrus donations from now through Jan. 14 to make its upcoming batches of the all-new CenPho Citrus IPA, which will be making its world premier Feb. 9 at the Arizona Strong Beer Festival.

To participate, simply drop off your

clean, bagged citrus at Huss Brewing Co.'s Uptown Taproom, 100 E. Camelback Road. In exchange you'll receive a certificate for two pints of CenPho Citrus IPA at the Huss Citrus Fest on Saturday, Feb. 16. Donations will be accepted, and certificates offered until enough citrus is sourced to complete the brewing process.

The new CenPho Citrus IPA will be brewed with homegrown citrus in honor of Phoenix's first-ever (and oftforgotten) Orangewood citrus grove, planted in Central Phoenix circa 1895.

For more information, visit www.hussbrewing.com.

### Former brewers create unique seasonal batch

Stop by North Mountain Brewing (NMT) this month to experience Ghosts of Brewers Past, a collaboration on a winter ale with some of NMT's former brewers and brewer's assistants.

The brewery, located at 522 E. Dunlap Ave., first opened in April 2013. The group of seven past and present brewers came together on Nov. 19 to create the mash, putting in some of the ingredients that they associate with the season, including: dates, gingerbread, Piloncillo (Mexican brown sugar), hard candies, potatoes, cinnamon sticks and pine cones. Yes, pine cones (they were just given a short soak, more for the symbolism than anything).

More "spice" was added near the end of the fermentation period, including maple syrup, more cinnamon and ginger. The beer should be available at the restaurant through the end of January. For more information, visit www.northmountainbrewing.com or call 602-861-5999.

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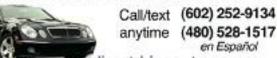
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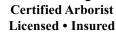
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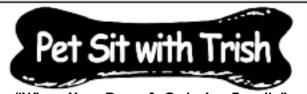


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