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Clinic delayed, SB 1535 advances

By Teri Carnicelli

Community activists in the Sunnyslope area received some welcome news last month, as officials with an opioid treatment center slated to open later this year have agreed to look at alternative uses for the space—even as new legislation moves through the Arizona Senate that directly targets these types of opioid treatment program (OTP) facilities.

Community Medical Services (CMS), which announced in November that it would open a new OTP clinic at 15th Avenue and Hatcher Road by summer, has instead taken a step back on its plans as it works with neighborhood businesses and other area stakeholders to potentially find a less controversial use of the property, located at 1507 W. Hatcher Road.

CMS doesn't own the property but has entered into a lease agreement with Scottsdale-based Western American Investments LLC, which bought the property in early November. After receiving a lot of push-

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Despite putting out "no parking" signs and even closing its walk-up window, the Dutch Bros. at Central Avenue and Camelback Road couldn't stop its customers from illegally parking or blocking the bus bay and alley access to adjacent businesses (photo by Mara Friedman).

Dutch Bros. at busy corner to close

By Mara Friedman

The Dutch Bros. at the northwest corner of Central Avenue and Camelback Road, which has created traffic and parking issues almost since the day it first opened, will shortly be closing.

While a firm date to shut down Dutch Bros. at 4 W. Camelback Road has not yet been set, the closing itself was confirmed at a Feb. 15 Phoenix Zoning Adjustment hearing. A lawyer representing Dutch Bros. said at the hearing that a new location is planned to open further west, at 140 W. Camelback Road.

The city of Phoenix Planning and Development Department filed an application to seek possible revocation of the business's use permit for its drive-through, as well as a variance to allow use of the public right-of-way (alley), after receiving numerous complaints from adjacent business owners who said their customers couldn't get to them because the alley was continuously clogged with cars, or people were parking in their businesses' spaces so they could walk up to the order window at Dutch Bros.

The traffic congestion at that corner, a busy intersection across from a light rail stop and with a bus bay directly in front, became a public safety concern, according to city officials.

The store closed its walk-up counter in attempt to

be a good neighbor and lost 17 percent of its sales, said Jim Thompson, the franchise owner of the store. It was assumed that if nobody had to park a car, the issue could be resolved.

That clearly was not the case, according to Trent Martin, owner of the 22-year-old skateboard shop Cowtown at the strip mall directly to the north. Martin said that he has had customers that are Yelp users publish that they left before entering the store because they were inconvenienced by the lack of parking.

"It's an old building where there is one row of parking. When you back out of our parking lot you are backing onto Central, basically. They can't loop around the property because the Dutch Bros. drive-

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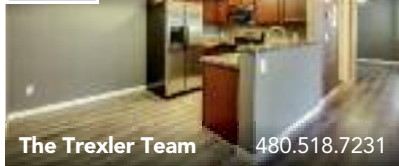



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Local activist Green lauded on her birthday

By Teri Carnicelli

If you've lived for any length of time in Sunnyslope, you have heard the name Winifred Green. Maybe you've seen her speak in front of the Phoenix City Council. Maybe you've driven by the park at 17th and Peoria avenues that bears her name.

Or maybe you've popped into Antique Outpost and found Green behind the counter—where you can find her on most days since she and her husband, Frank, opened the shop in 1967.

Green, who turned 90 last month, shows little sign of slowing down. When asked about retirement, she shoots back, "Why should I? What else would I do?"

Green is originally from West Virginia and moved to the Globe/Miami area in the early 1950s, before moving to Sunnyslope around 1960. She is one of the founding members of the Sunnyslope Village Alliance (SVA), and served as its first woman president in the early 1990s. She also was the first president elected to a two-year term instead of a one-year term.

She was active in the Sunnyslope Historical Society for many years and still attends meetings and programs at the History Museum.

Over the years Green has served in many volunteer roles, including various block watch and neighborhood Fight Back programs, community improvement projects through First Christian Church, and she served as chairperson for the citizen advisory committee that was instrumental in the development of "her" park's master plan. Of course, at the time she had no idea the city was

going to name the park in her honor. The city built the park on a blighted dirt lot next to the Sunnyslope Youth Center and named it after Green in March 2007.

If you ever want to chat with Green about the area's history, or are just looking for a unique gift or a conversation piece, stop by Antique Outpost, 10012 N. Cave Creek Road, Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. For more information, call 602-943-9594.



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through blocks the lanes,” Martin explained.

Kimber Lanning, owner of Stinkweeds, located in the Medlock Plaza directly to the west, spearheaded a letter-writing campaign by affected businesses owners who had long fought against the illegal parking issue, even going so far as to make up “No Dutch Bros. parking” sandwich boards that could be placed out near their designated parking spaces.

Dutch Bros executives contend they attempted to address the complaints they had received. However, Lanning argued their security guards don’t enforce the rules.

“Management says ‘that’s not the Dutch way,’” Lanning said in a form letter she drafted, proving that “the guards are just for show and not actually there to make it safer.”

Gammage and Burnham lawyer and Dutch Bros representative, Cameron Artigue, admitted the current site has unique and perhaps unfixable problems. “Were we opening a brand new store in 2019, this is not the sight we would pick,” said Artigue, adding that attempting to reconfigure the property was not an optimal long-term solution.

As a result, he had a pre-application meeting with the City of Phoenix on Feb. 14 to discuss transitioning the shop’s location to 140 W. Camelback Road. Due to that meeting’s pending decision, Artigue requested a 30-day continuant to the zoning adjustment hearing.

Thompson deeply apologized for inadvertently creating what had become an unworkable situation for many. Thompson said that after the recession, he didn’t expect sales to blow up to \$10,000 dollars a day. He recognized the grief caused, and said that after a lot of contemplation, the win-win situation would be to move the store.

Lindsey Leavitt, a lawyer from Jennings Strouss, which represents many of the businesses adjacent to Dutch Bros., is confident the shut down will occur whether Dutch Bros. commits to another location or not.

Neighboring shop owners requested that Dutch Bros. spend the remainder of its time at that location bringing its security guards back and providing them with the teeth to enforce the no parking regulations and prevent cars from blocking the alley or city bus bay.

Circle K relocates to Hatcher and 7th Street

A brand-new Circle K gas station and mini mart opened last month at 9418 N. 7th St., on the property where a former Shell gas station and drive-through car wash once stood.

The built-from-the-ground-up store at the northwest corner of 7th Street and Hatcher Road replaces the older, smaller Circle K at the southwest corner of 7th Street and Mountain View Road, less than half a mile to the north. That store had two aging gas pumps—and a wealth of problems, according to nearby neighbors. Drug activity, panhandling, theft, loitering by transients and more issues plagued the small store, spilling over to the public bus stop adjacent to it on 7th Street.

The property at Mountain View, purchased by Circle K in January 1998, has been fenced off, and the company says it will be sold with deed restrictions that prevent another convenience store, liquor store, smoke shop or gas/motor fuel station opening there.

But it was the single-serve liquor sales, residents contend, that kept bringing the transients to the area, with their pockets full of change to buy a single can of beer or 40-ounce bottle.

The new Circle K store is selling single beer/wine, “but we will not sell in containers of 40 ounces or greater,” says Suzy Peel, director of Circle K’s Real Estate Development-Arizona Division.

That’s small comfort to residents who worry the same “bad element” will now travel the short distance down the street to continue to purchase their single beer/wine at the new, larger location, which is open 24/7, 365 days a year.

“Security needs are continually evaluated and we are working with local law enforcement agencies to ensure the safety of our employees, customers and the community,” Peel said, adding that the new store has 20 security cameras with 24/7 monitoring from the Circle K Arizona Security Center. Law enforcement has immediate access to video.

In addition, the site is very well lit and the back of the store is fenced “to deter vagrancy and trespassing,” Peel said. An Authority to Arrest is on file with Phoenix Police Departments for any vagrants or trespassers.

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Phoenix, called Herb's Underground, in 1970, where his DJ was the one and only Bill Heywood. After my dad sold the Underground he opened The Jockey Club Nightclub in 1976, located at Town and Country Shopping Center, which he sold in 1986. I came from Atlanta in 1978 to become a partner with my dad at this nightclub, where we had more than 2,000 members. Many of my current and past clients were members of our club. Finally, we opened another Jockey Club in 1987 at Uptown Plaza and then sold the location to Sweet Tomatoes in 1996.

I was burned out in the bar and restaurant business, so in 1992 I started in residential real estate with Mark Moskowitz, who was with Realty Executives, as my mentor. I had been coming to Central Phoenix since I was 7 years old to visit my dad twice a year, so when I finally moved to Phoenix when I was 22 I felt like I knew every person who lived in this area, including their pets. North Central has been my home for more than 40 years, so I am very lucky to live and work in the same area that my dad moved to in 1964. I have seen many changes to North Central in 50 years and I am very proud to be VERY active in my Dad's old 'hood!!

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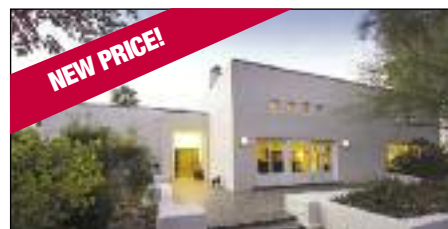
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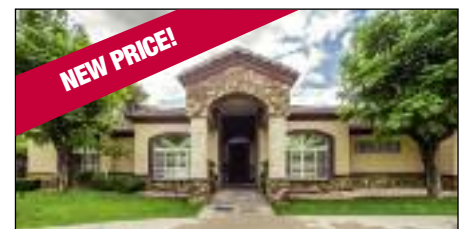
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back from the neighborhood, including members the Hatcher Urban Businesses (HUB) alliance, CMS agrees to look at alternative uses of the site, such as enhanced counseling services.

“Our goal is to provide additional service options to the hundreds of people in the Sunnyslope area that already use our OTPs,” said Michael Eggers, Chief Operations Officer for CMS. “We are working with community leaders on what this looks like and we feel their input is an important part of that process.”

Members of the HUB are hopeful CMS will continue to work with them going forward and come up with a solution for the space that allays their concerns while still serving CMS’s clients—but in a capacity other than daily medication distribution.

In the meantime, a bill directed at the operators of these OTPs passed its first hurdle last month as it received a unanimous vote to move forward from the eight-member Senate Health and Human Services Committee.

Senate Bill 1535, sponsored by Sen.

Kate Brophy-McGee and co-sponsored by Sen. Heather Carter, Sen. Tony Navarrete and Rep. Robert Meza, establishes reporting requirements for OTPs who receive reimbursement from the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS), as well as AHCCCS contractors.

If passed, the bill would essentially direct OTP providers that receive reimbursement from AHCCCS or its contractors to submit an annual report that contains, among other things, a Community Relations and Education Plan that includes procedures to minimize the negative impact the OTP may have on the community. The plan must contain consideration of community needs and impacts when selecting a site for the program or program growth, and consideration of community input on the potential impact the program may have on the surrounding neighborhood.

Under the plan, the OTP would designate a liaison to work with community leaders to address or resolve community problems, including patient loitering, parking and traffic, and ensure that program operations “do not

affect community life adversely.”

SB 1535 contains additional directives, such as compliance with all tracking, reporting and evaluation requirements already set forth in federal regulations. Those reports include average daily patient census, square footage of the provider’s location, and the number of patients served by each medication-assisted treatment type offered by the provider (generally, Suboxone, methadone, and Vivitrol).

In addition, the annual report must include a comprehensive plan related to the care of all patients and how the OTP program ensures that appropriate standards of care are being met.

What gives the bill its teeth is that if an AHCCCS-contracted OTP provider’s annual report is rejected because the administration identify areas of concern regarding compliance with state rules, federal regulations and administration policies, or because the report does not demonstrate enforcement of public relations plans, security plans and other required plans, then the OTP provider has 30 days to fix the issues identified. If at that point the

OTP provider doesn’t get the revised plan back in the 30 days allotted, or the revised report is still not approved, the administration will cut off all reimbursements by AHCCCS or its contractors until the report is approved.

While opponents argue the legislation adds an unnecessary extra layer of government to policies that already exist for OTPs under federal regulation, proponents point out that those policies regarding community relations, safety plans, etc. are considered “guidelines” and are typically unenforced.

By adding the financial penalty for non-compliance, OTP providers now have the incentive to work with the adjacent communities or face costly consequences.

The Senate Health and Human Services Committee gave unanimous approval to pass the bill to the next stage during its public hearing on Feb. 20. Carter and Navarrete are members of the committee, and McGee is the chair.

But the bill still has a long way to go before it reaches the governor’s desk, and it may undergo several changes before then.

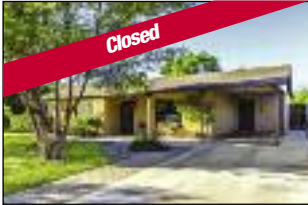
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Kiwanis launch library project at apartments

By Teri Carnicelli

Every child should have access to books, no matter their economic status. So believes the North Phoenix Kiwanis Club, and members backed up that belief last month in a tangible way.

In keeping with Kiwanis International’s Read Around the World Initiative, the local Kiwanis club on Feb. 15 set up free lending libraries in the leasing offices of two Phoenix apartment complexes: Dunlap Falls at 3333 W. Dunlap Ave., and Villa Toscana at 10201 N. 33rd Ave. Three more “lending libraries” are in the works, also planned for area apartment complexes that serve more socioeconomically challenged families.

The Kiwanis purchased an assortment of books from the First Book Marketplace, using grant monies from Walmart and Ross Dress for Less. In addition, members held a book drive and brought in several hundred donated books just via word of mouth.

The Kiwanis then contacted the



Celebrating the unveiling of the first North Phoenix Kiwanis Lending Library at the Dunlap Falls Apartment Homes are, from left: Alysa Edwards, Friends of the Phoenix Public Library; John Gilchrist, Rockler Woodworking; Jeremy Dennis, American Furniture Warehouse; Adriana Balderrama and Emma Villa of Dunlap Falls; and Julian Cruz; North Phoenix Kiwanis President David Balzarini; Kiwanis board member Dave Fogt; and Dist. 5 Phoenix City Councilwoman Vania Guevara (photo by Teri Carnicelli).

Friends of the Phoenix Public Library, the nonprofit organization that supports the city’s library system. The Friends group works with area organizations that provide literacy programs for children, and allows those organizations to come to their warehouse and select up to 250 to take for free. This offer is available to these groups

one time each year.

With nearly 1,800 books in hand, from beginning readers to mid-teen, the Kiwanis were ready to launch their first lending library. Members recalled having worked with Dunlap Falls on a different project, and found the property’s new management company, Chamberlain & Associates, to be accom-

modating and eager to participate. From there, the North Phoenix Kiwanis reached out to other business partners in the community, including American Furniture Warehouse, which donated 10 bookshelves, and Rockler Woodworking, which custom engraved each bookshelf. In addition, Williams Express Printing created custom labels, and workers in the vocational program at ValleyLife placed those labels inside each book that will go into a Kiwanis lending library.

More than 400 books—from fantasy, to literature, to educational topics like science, math and geology—were placed in each of the two lending libraries unveiled on Feb. 15. Additional books are still be gathered, not just for future lending libraries, but also to replace books that may go missing or unreturned at the existing locations.

The North Phoenix Kiwanis is continuing to collect books and also is looking for volunteer readers to come to these spaces on a periodic basis and be available to read to children after school and on Saturdays. For more information, e-mail KiwanisLibrary@yahoo.com.



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Because his kitty cold went untreated for so long, Stash developed a condition in which his inner eyelid has attached to the eye itself. The sweet kitty can see a bit but relies heavily on his other senses and gets around like nothing is wrong. He loves to play, is a big cuddle bug and even will sniff like a dog to greet you. Given his visual impairment, he should be kept indoors.

Visit sweet Stash at the Arizona Humane Society's Sunnyslope Campus at 9226 N. 13th Ave. His adoption fee is \$150 and includes his neuter surgery, microchip and vaccinations. For more information, call 602-997-7585 and ask for animal number 596174, or visit www.azhumane.org/adopt to see all animals available for adoption right now.



This adorable kitten may be visually impaired, but he is still a typical bundle of kitty love and energy, looking for a loving, permanent home (submitted photo).

Cat show, adoption event on March 9

It's a cat lover's dream at this year's Saint Catty's Day Cat Show & Adoption Event, set for 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, March 9 at the El Zaribah Shrine Auditorium, 552 N. 40th St.

There will be numerous pedigreed cats and kittens to see, as well as every-

day household pet cats. All About Animals Rescue will have gorgeous purebreds and household cats available for adoption. Several cat vendors will be displaying lots of cat-related goodies to buy.

New this year are two educational events: Cat Care, beginning at noon; and How to Show Your Cat, at 2 p.m. Both are included with admission. Admission is \$8 adults, \$7 seniors/military, and \$4 for children 6-12. A family four pack is available for \$24. For more information, visit www.CFASouthwest.org.

Fashion show aids AHS shelter pets

The Arizona Humane Society (AHS) hosts its 21st annual "Compassion with Fashion: In Pursuit of Dreams," 11 a.m. Sunday, March 31, at the Camelback Inn Resort and Spa, 5402 E. Lincoln Drive.

The event begins with a silent auction, featuring a myriad of one-of-a-kind items. Afterward, guests will be treated to a seated luncheon and live auction accompanied by a designer fashion show presented by My Sister's Closet and Well Suited.

The event would not be complete without the 16 adoptable pets who will follow their dreams into their new forever homes.

Tickets are \$250 each, or \$350 for VIP access and seating. For more information, visit www.azhumane.org/cwf.

Benefit assists senior animals

Rusty's Angels Sanctuary hosts its sixth-annual Sunday Funday event, benefitting senior dogs, 1-6 p.m. Sunday, March 3 at Rum Runner's Bar, 8355 N. 7th St. Enjoy vendor booths, tasty food available for purchase, a silent auction, and a raffle prize drawing every quarter hour.

Admission to the event is free. No animals will be present, this is not an adoption event.

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I told my sons since they were young to follow their dreams, and their lives will be well-lived. My oldest son is graduating from college soon and moving to Los Angeles to chase his dreams. I am so excited for him, yet I sometimes worry that my simplistic advice might leave him ill-prepared for the hurdles that life will put in his path. However, another part of me says maybe as we get older, we overthink things and this simplistic approach is the actual path we should follow.

Like many, I never really had a well-defined dream or plan, and my life unfolded and led me to what I do now and who I am. I have no complaints: My life has been rich in all the things that matter. But I do sometimes wonder what it would look like if I had followed a dream when I was younger. I must assume that working toward a cherished aspiration, ambition or ideal would be extremely fulfilling. To those who had the strength to follow their dreams, kudos to you. To those that have not yet had the chance, I hope that opportunity arises.

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Fun event looks at city's, your own past

Learn how to preserve your old mementos, photos, glass, silver, linens and more while browsing books about local Phoenix-area history and historic neighborhoods during the "Preserve the Past" Festival, set for 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, March 16 at the Shops on Camelback, 835 E. Camelback Road.

Several repair and preservation specialists will be on hand with advice and information on their services; bring your item needing cleaning or repair to receive a free quote. There also will be members of area historical societies, specialty antique vendors (stamps, coins, trains, political items, etc.), and food trucks to help keep you fueled during the free event.

There also will be on-site appraisers to help you determine the value of that family heirloom that may be gathering dust in a closet (\$20 per item). A certified genealogist will offer tips on how to start your family tree search. Several books about local history will be avail-

able for purchase, and some authors may be present to sign the book.

Since much of the event takes place in the parking lot, overflow parking is available a few buildings away at Faith Lutheran Church, 801 E. Camelback Road.

Don't forget to head inside and visit some of the dealers, some of whom also specialize in furniture refinishing. For more information about this event, call 602-277-1030.

Roman Roads included on historic register

Raise a glass to celebrate the inclusion of Al Beadle's 1964 Roman Roads complex, 1691 E. Maryland Ave., on the National Register of Historic Places. A number of these sought-after condominiums will be open for wine tasting and snacks at sunset on Sunday, March 17.

Rachel Simmons will make remarks about the historic community beginning at 5:30 p.m.; the event is presented by Modern Phoenix Week.

Tour tickets are \$48 and include

pours from Terroir Wine Bar and a commemorative wine glass (while supplies last). Visit www.eventbrite.com and do a keyword search for Roman Roads. Proceeds benefit common property improvement initiatives at Roman Roads.

Parking is limited, so guests are encouraged to use a taxi or ride share service.

Lifeguards, swim instructors sought

The city of Phoenix is hiring lifeguards and swim lesson instructors for the summer 2019 pool season. These are great jobs for teenagers, college students or teachers looking for part-time work during summer break. Apply with the Parks and Recreation Department at www.Phoenix.gov/Lifeguard.

Interviews will be held during March. No certification is necessary to apply; those selected will then take the certification class.

The city of Phoenix operates 29 public pools. Pools are open from Memorial Day weekend through July,

with 11 pools open on weekends only in August through Labor Day. Registration for 2019 swimming lessons and aquatics programs opens on May 2 at 6:30 p.m. Visit www.Phoenix.gov/Parks/Pool for more information.

Hear women authors at luncheon event

The Phoenix Branch of the AAUW Book Festival presents the Women's Authors' Luncheon on Saturday, March 30, at noon at the Beatitudes Campus Luther Life Center, 1610 W. Glendale Ave.

Katrina Shawver, author of the award-winning "HENRY: A Polish Swimmer's True Story of Friendship from Auschwitz to America," will join fellow authors Betty Webb, Stella Pope Duarte, and Ann Santoscoy as a guest speaker at this fundraising event. Books will be available for purchase and book signing.

Cost for the event is \$40, which includes lunch. For reservations contact Lesli Jones at 602-283-4884 or leslipetlover@gmail.com.



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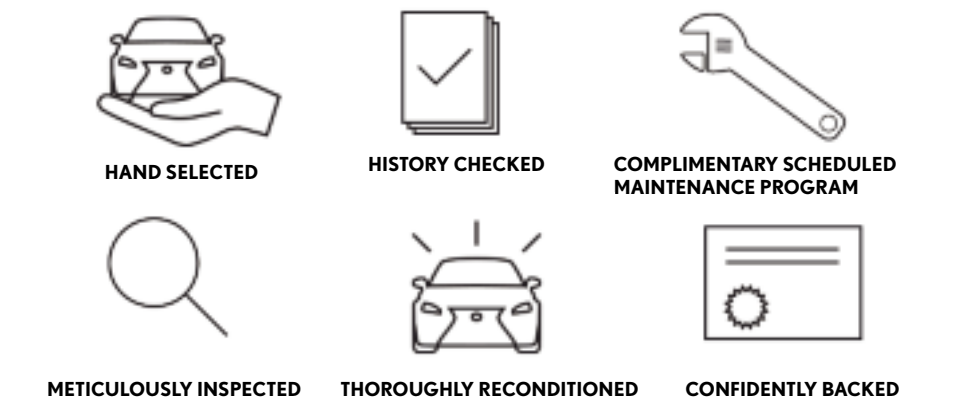
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Community Flea Market

7 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, March 9
Faith United Methodist Church
8640 N. 19th Ave.
602-943-3465

The church is providing its parking lot for free to area residents to hold their own mini “yard sales” at no charge. There also will be a variety of local craft vendors. Admission is free.

Speaker Series: Lin Sue Cooney

2-4 p.m. Sunday, March 10
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Hospice of the Valley executive and former longtime Channel 12 newscaster Lin Sue Cooney will discuss her transition from journalism to hospice care, and the services HOV offers. A question-and-answer session will follow. Free, but reservations requested.

International Cultural Potluck

12-2 p.m. Saturday, March 9
Sunnyslope Historical Society,
737 E. Hatcher Road
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Meet new friends and neighbors at this free event, held in the adjacent courtyard. Bring a dish typical of your early upbringing and share and your history while learning about other cultures.

Spaghetti Supper

5-7 p.m. Friday, March 15
Our Saviour's Lutheran Church
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All are invited to a spaghetti dinner featuring three types of sauces, salad, garlic bread and dessert. Free-will donations will be collected to support the Our Saviour's Youth Group.

New Member Coffee

10-11 a.m. Tuesday, March 19
ALP Philanthropic Center
9224 N. 5th St.
602-559-5635

Assistance League of Phoenix, a volunteer-driven nonprofit serving children living in poverty through partnerships with Title I schools, will host a coffee introducing its programs, membership and volunteer opportunities. If you would like more information or to RSVP to attend, e-mail membership@alphx.org.

Terry Mills Book Launch

7 p.m. Wednesday, March 20
Changing Hands-Phoenix
300 W. Camelback Road

Phoenix native Terry Mills, a poet, presenter and author, has published a book titled, “A Hospice Heart: The Painful Journey to Joy.” Mills, who worked in hospice for 12 years, shares the stories of her patients’ journeys and the original poetry she wrote for them. Mills will be available to sign copies of her book (\$14.95, paperback).

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Travel In Time to Early Sunnyslope

10 a.m.-12 p.m. Saturday, March 30
Sunnyslope Historical Society
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Enjoy a look at the early settlers in the Phoenix area, and learn about the Sunnyslope Desert Mission from inception to 1945. The program is free; lunch will be available \$2 current member, \$5 non-members, following the presentation. Don't forget to check out the gift shop while there.

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HOME & GARDEN

19North garden hosts grand opening event

The 19North Community Garden is ready to make its public debut after nearly two years of planning and work.

The garden is a project of 19North, a nonprofit organization formed to bring together community members, business leaders, law enforcement, local government, churches, schools and other stakeholders who live and work in the area of Dunlap to Montebello avenues, and 15th to 23rd avenues. The purpose is to create a vibrant, safe, engaged community.

Ground was broken in the fall of 2017 for the garden on land being leased from the city at 8215 N. 19th Ave. Most everything for the garden was donated or purchased with donated funds. The citrus-themed mural along the east wall was designed by local artist Myranda Bacon, and painted with assistance from community volunteers.



A group of volunteers spread mulch around the newly planted raised garden beds at the 19North Community Garden, set to officially open on March 30 (submitted photo).

The grand opening event for the garden will take place 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Saturday, March 30; park on El Caminito or Las Palmaritas drives. Enjoy complimentary refreshments, a tour of the garden, activities for kids, and an

official opening ceremony at 10:30 a.m. In addition, 19North is organizing monthly classes and volunteer opportunities at the community garden space. For more information, visit <http://19north.org/community-garden/>.

Hazardous waste collection planned

Phoenix residents can dispose of common hazardous wastes and other items at a Household Hazardous Waste collection from 7 a.m. to 12 p.m. March 22-23 at Rose Moffard Park, 9833 N. 25th Ave.

In addition to car batteries, motor oil, paint, antifreeze, pesticides and pool chemicals, the events will accept five road tires per household, computers and household appliances that use refrigerants, including refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners and heat pumps.

You must bring a current city services bill showing solid waste fees and matching photo ID with the same address as on the bill. Remain in your vehicle at all times.

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Beate Assmuth-Ong, standing left (purple top), co-owner of Mane Attraction Salon, works on a customer’s hair while PACC911 volunteers walk dogs awaiting adoption through the shop during the annual Beauty to the RESCUE fundraising event (submitted photo).

Mane Attraction marks 19 years of aiding pets

Since 1977, Mane Attraction Salon and its staff has been outfitting its clients with the latest looks out of its longtime home at the northwest corner of 32nd Street and Camelback Road. Husband-and-wife owners Kendall Ong and Beate Assmuth-Ong purchased the landmark salon in 1998.

The Ongs also have been servicing the needs of pets awaiting adoption through their philanthropic project called Beauty to the RESCUE, set for Sunday, March 17. It is the owners’ love of dogs that keeps them returning each year to offer this sudsy, stylish fundraiser, now in its 19th year.

Kendall and Beate, who met while both working for Vidal Sassoon, have run Mane Attraction for nearly two decades, and combined, they have

more than 50 years of international experience. They have also traveled the world teaching other hair stylists and designing new looks for clients.

The couple also devotes their efforts to improving the community, notably with the Beauty to the RESCUE fundraiser for PACC911, which brings together the many animal welfare organizations throughout Arizona, providing four key resources: large outdoor adoption events, ongoing fundraising, educational outreach, and medical assistance to soften the high-cost veterinary care.

This year’s Beauty to the RESCUE is set for 9 a.m.-2 p.m. and for a minimum donation (\$30 for haircuts, \$20 for Blow Dry Style, \$20 for Makeup Touch Ups and \$10 for Deep Conditioning Masque), anyone can partake in a day of personal pampering.

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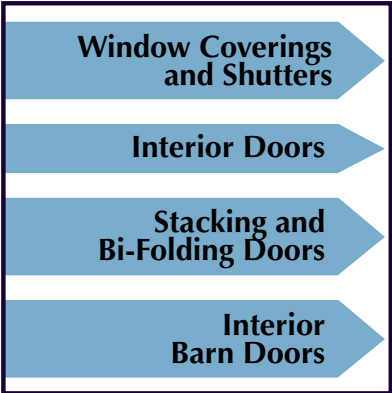
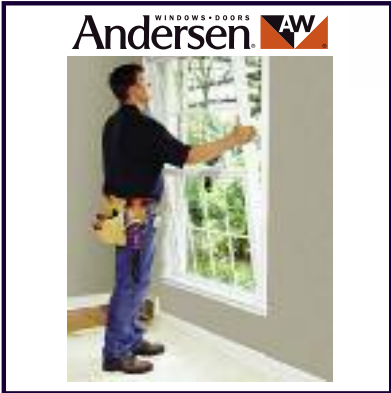
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Mane Attraction Salon is located at 3156 E. Camelback Road. For more information, or to make a reservation for March 17 (recommended), call 602-956-2996 or visit www.maneattractionsalon.com.

Business Briefs

Camelback Antiques hosts flea market

Camelback Antiques, at 2230 E. Indian School Road, is celebrating its second anniversary in that location with a storewide sale March 21-24, with discounts offered throughout the mall.

Along with the sale, there will be a Flea Market in the parking lot 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday, March 24. Flea Market shoppers are asked to park west of the mall in the lot between Heidelberg Bakery and Global Home. The mall will be open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on that day.

Visit www.camelbackantiques.com or call 602-957-7357 for details.

Arizona water rights and future development

Last month the Arizona Legislature passed the much-needed Colorado River drought plan. However, questions remain as this historic pact faces choppy waters. The Central Arizona chapter of CCIM, commercial real estate’s global standard for professional achievement, will present a discussion on Arizona’s water rights on Wednesday, March 6, at the Esplanade E-Center, 2501 E. Camelback Rd., Suite 50.

Leading the discussion will be attorney Grady Gammage Jr. Gammage is one of the founders of Gammage & Burnham and has been at

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The event begins at 7:15 a.m. with registration and breakfast (there is a vegan option for breakfast). The program runs from 7:45 to 9 a.m. Registration fee is \$40 for CCIM chapter members, and \$50 for non-members and guests. To register, visit <https://bit.ly/2Gy6hRr>.

Buy or sell used sports equipment

If the coming of spring has got you itching to clean out old bikes, golf clubs, exercise equipment collecting dust and more, you can potentially turn those abandoned items into cash.

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Got kids participating in spring sports? Check out the store's selection of new and used sporting goods including baseball, softball, golf, and more.

C&S Sporting Goods is open seven days a week. For more information, visit www.cssportinggoods.com or call 602-279-8406.

Free events held at Uptown Plaza

Uptown Plaza, 100 E. Camelback Road, is welcoming spring with a series of free events every Saturday in March. Come for movies, music and yoga in the courtyard, and stay for lunch or dinner at one of the plaza's 11 restaurants or browse the offerings at one of 11 retailers on-site.

The March schedule includes: movie screening of "The Sandlot," 6 p.m. March 2; music by Mike Chapman, 4-7 p.m. March 9; Yoga in the Courtyard with Sweatshop, 10:30 a.m. March 16; acoustic music, 4-7 p.m. March 23; and movie screening of "La La Land," 6 p.m. March 30.

All events are free and open to the public. For the music and movie events, bring your own blanket or chair to sit on; for yoga, bring your own mat. For more information, visit www.uptownplazaphx.com.

Salon offers affordable luxury

Sadie and Ronaldo Marquez, who met at the Vidal Sassoon Academy in Santa Monica, came to Arizona when Ronaldo transferred to the Scottsdale salon. Sadie worked with the Sassoon family, formulating a line of hair care products, while Ronaldo worked on some of the most prominent people in the Valley for 22 years.

Two years ago, they decided it was time to combine their passions, talents and experience of more than 50 years into their own salon, Union Hair Co. at 8801 N. Central Ave.

The salon is a relaxing oasis where clients experience personal transformation with an uptown vibe. Focused on hair color and cuts for men, women and children, it offers a wide range of affordable luxury services using the HairPhix product line of 100-percent certified organic, GMO-free products.

Union Hair Co. is open Tuesday through Saturday with appointments ranging from morning to evening. Call 602-456-4740 for more information and schedule an appointment.



WORKFORCE SUMMIT

The Greater Phoenix Chamber Foundation is hosting its inaugural Workforce Summit on March 13. The summit will provide businesses tools to support their talent development and attraction strategies. Creating robust talent pipelines is essential to business growth and requires partnerships between employers, education and training providers, and government.

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7603 N Central Ave	IN ESCROW	2900SF	4BR/2.65BA	\$ 550,000
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Health Briefs

Hearing loss can lead to isolation, dementia

Everybody thinks “we hear with our ears,” and while that is partially correct, the process of hearing actually happens at the level of the brain. If your clinician thinks hearing first and not brain first in his or her treatment plan, you are missing out on many long-term lifestyle benefits, according to Dana L. Day, a clinical audiologist with Arizona Balance & Hearing Aids (ABHA).

Age-Related Hearing Loss, a progressive and degenerative disorder resulting from the loss of receptor cells (i.e. hair cells) in the ear, can have a significant impact on several key brain areas, including the memory, hearing, speech and language portions of cognitive function, Day explains.

Several key research studies have pointed to the potential links of hearing loss and dementia, including a

groundbreaking study from Johns Hopkins Medical Center that indicated untreated hearing loss can increase risk of dementia by 200-500 percent.

ABHA presents a free educational event with guest speaker Dr. Keith Darrow, Ph.D., 10 Tuesday, March 12, at a Central Phoenix location that is TBA. Darrow will speak about “Stop Living in Isolation: Dementia & Cognitive Decline.” Darrow is a Harvard Medical and MIT-trained neuroscientist, clinical audiologist, speaker, researcher and author.

For more information or to register for this free program, call 602-265-9000 or visit www.azbalanceandhearing.com.

Wellness challenge is easy, fun, with prizes

Wellness AtoZ, an initiative of the Greater Phoenix Chamber Foundation, offers the “Wellness Wonders of AZ” challenge, which brings together fun and healthy activities that you can do with your family, groups, clubs or simply enjoy some “me time.”

There are seven Wellness Wonders activities, including hiking a mountain or walking a trail, taking a stroll along a canal, or visiting a farmer’s market. The spring challenge begins on April 1, and ends on Wellness AtoZ Day, set for May 19. Prizes will be awarded to participants who complete and log their wonder activities by May 20. The more activities completed, the more chances to win. Four prizes are awarded weekly, with the Grand Prize winner chosen at the end of the challenge.

It’s free to participate. To register, visit <https://phoenixchamberfoundation.com/wondersaz/>.

Free support groups at Abrazo Central

The Better Breathers Club, a free support group for people with lung disease and their caregivers, meets 5 p.m. Tuesday, March 5, at the Abrazo Central Campus, 2000 W. Bethany Home Road, in the south building.

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tions and improve their quality of life. In addition, a Functional Communications Group meets 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 6 in the Abrazo Central Campus Acute Inpatient Rehab Conference Room. This group is for any individuals and/or caregivers that are affected by conditions or diagnoses that impact a person's ability to effectively and independently communicate, including but not limited to: Parkinson's, stroke, ALS, patients with dysarthria, and more.

Find support as well as learn strategies that may facilitate ongoing recovery and increased independence. This group will be designed in part by its members. For more information or to pre-register for either free event, call 877-934-9355.

Free expo focused on breast cancer resources

A free Breast Cancer Resource Expo will be held 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, March 9 at the Phoenix Airport Marriott Hotel, 1101 N. 44th St. Resources such as pain management, support groups, financial support, wigs and mastectomy

clothing will be available. In addition to resources and vendors there will be breakout sessions for participants to learn more about topics related to breast cancer. The event is hosted by My Hope Bag, is a local nonprofit that supports the breast cancer community. Visit www.MyHopeBag.org.

Free event for new, expecting moms

Matrescence: 4th Trimester Planning and Support hosts a free event for new and expecting moms, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday, March 24 at Desert Song Healing Arts Center, 3232 N. 20th St. "Mom SEEN" is an event for pregnant moms and moms with littles to feel "seen" for the important role they fill in their family and society. At this family friendly event, moms will enjoy free movement sessions, free information sessions, family friendly entertainment, complimentary goodie bags, and a chance to win over \$1,000 in raffle prizes. For more information, including the full schedule of events, visit www.4thtrimesterplan.com/momseen.

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Team members who helped bring thousands of dollars of items to student clubs at Camelback High School on Feb. 14 included, from left: Christina Hawbaker, program manager, and Kristen Saetrum, marketing manager for Support My Club; Bruce Hilby, longtime supporter and recent "flash funder"; and Amy Armstrong, founder of Support My Club (photo by Teri Carnicelli).

Online platform helps fund club supplies

By Teri Carnicelli

Arizona native Amy Armstrong, a mother of two, was alarmed several years ago to learn about Arizona's high dropout rate.

Already active in the philanthropic community, Armstrong founded Support My Club in 2012 after attributing part of the growing dropout numbers to the lack of extracurricular activities that help take some of the stress off academics, build camaraderie and support, and give students a place where they belong. She started with raising funds for programs at Camelback High School, and it quickly grew from there.

Since crowdfunding was already becoming a familiar presence in the general population, she used that idea to build an online platform to connect students in need with community donors. By providing an e-commerce solution where donors can supply needed items, Support My Club is able to equip students to pursue their interests and reduce their own out-of-pocket costs and time spent on fundraising.

Once a year, Support My Club holds a flash-funding event, encouraging community members to go the extra mile, whether by picking a specific school and a specific club, or through cash donations that the organizers can spread among different student requests.

While items that receive funding throughout the year are drop-shipped as ordered, after a flash-funding period, Support My Club brings many of the items to the schools in a an in-person distribution event.

Such an event was held, appropriately, on Valentine's Day at Camelback High School, where Support My Club first began. A total of 26 clubs received nearly \$19,000 worth of items at the Feb. 14 event, including: the Archery Club, which got two packs of arrows; the Wrestling club, which received four packs of ear guards; the Swim Club, getting several swim caps; the Culinary Club, which toted away five boxes of vinyl gloves and two 25-pound sacks of flour; white dress gloves and two wooden flag poles for JROTC; and several packs of Gatorade and bottled water for the Athletics Club.

In addition, two clubs—DECA and FBLA—received monetary sponsorships for future state competitions, and the Dance Team received sponsorship funds for dance costumes.

Earlier in February, The Support My Club organization delivered \$1,965 worth of donations to Metro Tech clubs and sports.

Requested items can range from \$5 to thousands of dollars to cover registration and travel expenses to state and national events. All donations are tax deductible. Potential donors can search by ZIP code, school name or specific club activity. To learn more, visit <https://www.supportmyclub.org>.

SCHOOL DAYS



Members of Phoenix fire and rescue prepare to load a “body” into the coroner’s van during a mock DUI crash scenario held on the football field at Washington High School on Feb. 1 (photo courtesy of the Phoenix Fire Department).

School Briefs

GLENDALE UNION
HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

Mock DUI crash highlights
dangers of drinking, driving

City of Phoenix public safety officials participated in a mock crash at Washington High School on Feb. 1, with the help of sponsors from the Governor’s Office of Highway Safety, Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD), Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD), Western Towing, St. Joseph’s Hospital, Department of Public Safety, and the Maricopa County Medical Examiner.

Phoenix Fire and Police emergency crews simulated an alcohol-involved crash on the school’s football field to educate teens about impaired driving. The reenactment included extricating injured victims from vehicles, demonstrating the DUI testing and arrest process, and bagging and transporting a DOA patient from the scene.

National Merit
Semifinalists
advance to Finalist status

All of Glendale Union High School District’s 2019 National Merit Semifinalists have officially advanced to the Finalist level of the competition. These academically high-performing students include Sunnyslope High seniors Jeremy Becker, Zoe Friese, Derek Gemar, McKenna Kellner and Michael Perry; and Thunderbird senior Danielle Zylstra.

To be considered for this designation, students fulfilled several acade-

mic requirements. They are now eligible for a \$2,500 scholarship and will be competing for one of 2,500 available National Merit Scholarships that will be awarded on a state-representational basis.

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SCHOOL DAYS

'Thundershack' recertified as gold

The Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) club at Thunderbird High School recently recertified their gold level status for their school-based enterprise (SBE) called the Thundershack.

To earn this designation, DECA students had to perform an in-depth financial and marketing analysis about their school store business and compose a 50-page project for National DECA review. They will also participate in DECA's International Career Development Conference in Orlando, Fla.

JROTC team bring home several wins

Sunnyslope High School's Air Force JROTC cadets captured several first-place wins, as well as the all-around trophy, during the annual "Patriot Games" field day competition held Feb. 2 at Cactus High School.

More than 200 cadets from seven high schools participated in the games, which included the JROTC



AFJROTC cadet Jayson Lewis Jr. of Sunnyslope High School makes a spectacular effort during a "volley tennis" game, helping his team capture the first-place win at the "Patriot Games" field day competition on Feb. 2 (photo by Bette Sharpe).

relay, Iron Cadet Challenge, ultimate fris-ball (a Frisbee and football hybrid game), dodgeball, volley tennis,

flickerball, and tug-of-war.

The Sunnyslope team captured first place in the relay, fris-ball, volley tennis, dodgeball, and the tug-of-war, and received the first-place trophy for the top overall team.

**MADISON ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL DISTRICT**
Fundraiser held in new
Center for the Arts

Journey down the rabbit hole April 13, with The Madison Education Foundation's Imagination 2019 gala, "Wonderland."

At this inaugural event, held 6:30-11 p.m. in the new Madison Center for the Performing Arts, attendees will sip, nosh and experience a performance of Convergence Ballet's production of "Alice in Wonderland." Guests will have the opportunity to participate in a silent auction, two raffles and whimsical games. The evening will end with an after party complete with dessert and dancing.

Proceeds from the event support the Madison Education Foundation's mission to enhance music and arts edu-

cation across the entire district. Tickets are \$100 for general admission and \$150 for VIP attendees. VIP tickets include reserved seating to the performance, one raffle ticket providing guests an opportunity to have a seat named after themselves (\$500 VALUE) and a signed print by artist Kat Katz.

For more information or tickets, visit
www.madisoneducationfoundation.org.

Applications accepted for open enrollment

The Madison Elementary School District is accepting applications for Open Enrollment for the 2019-2020 school year.

Each of Madison's schools features a program designed to focus students on an area of excellence including STEAM, Arts, International Baccalaureate, Spanish Immersion and REACH Highly Gifted and gifted programs.

In addition to academics, the district takes a comprehensive approach to address the social and emotional needs of the students. This includes specific wellness programs and having social workers at each school site.

Applications are being accepted online for seven of the eight district schools at <https://madisonaz.org/enrollment/>. Madison Traditional Academy has different enrollment procedures and is no longer accepting applications.

The district also offers a preschool program at five school sites. For enrollment information, visit <https://madisonaz.org/why-madison/preschool/>.

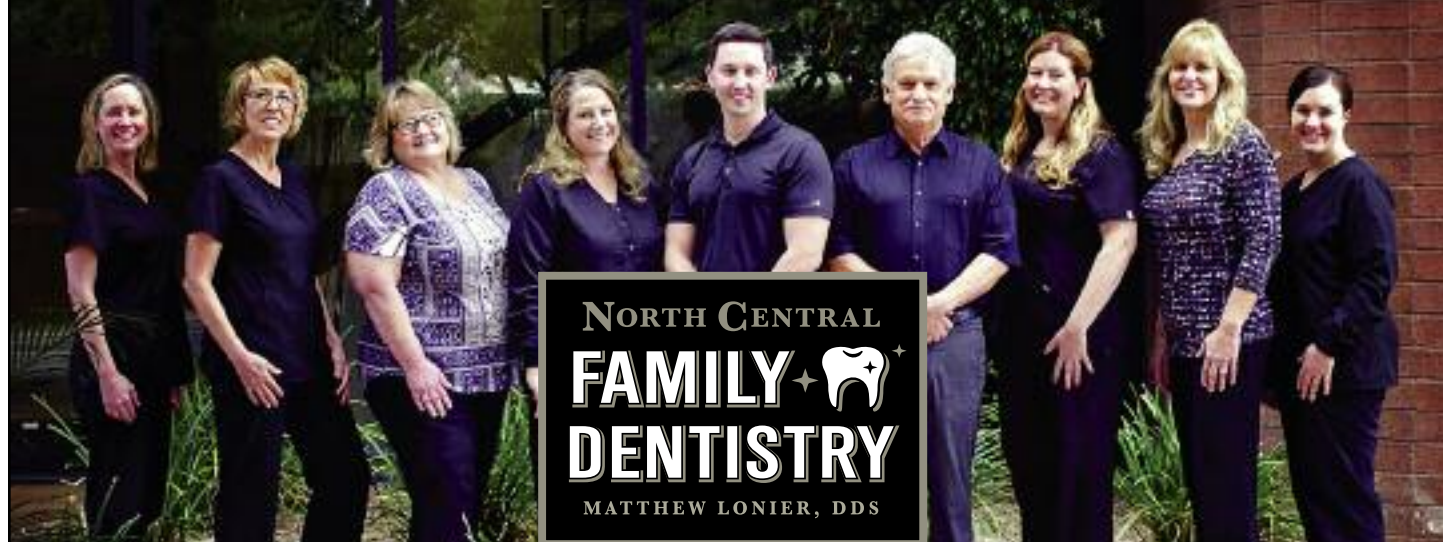
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The Dual Language program in the Osborn District has been a recognized program of excellence, having garnered an A+ Program designation many years ago.

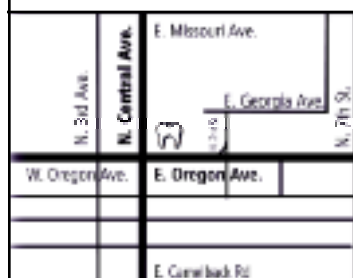
With goals of bilingualism, biliteracy, and multicultural understanding for all, Osborn dual language students have been thriving for more than 20 years. With expansion to another grade level at Longview, a program beginning at Solano, and consideration of foreign language offerings at Osborn Middle School, Osborn could very soon have dual language or foreign language offerings at all five schools.

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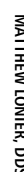


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SCHOOL DAYS

Solano School launches new Heritage Program

Solano School recently kicked off its new Roots Program for Native American students. The program is an opportunity for students to connect to their roots.

Roots Lunch & Learn for fifth and sixth graders is a series of monthly workshops/field trips. During their first workshop, Well For Culture founders Chelsey Luger and Thosh Collins led students through breathing and movement exercises and talked with students about wellness and holistic health from an Indigenous perspective.

Roots After-School Club for first and second graders is focused on cooking and gardening activities that connect students to traditional food sources.

**PHOENIX UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
Metro Tech is strong in weight lifting field**

When it comes to weightlifting, Metro Tech is powerful. The Metro Tech Girls Weightlifting Team repeated as state champions, and the boys' team finished second at the Arizona High School State Championships, held Feb. 2 at Central High School.

The Knights had five individual state champions: Celina Ortega, 81-Kilogram (also named State Junior Lifter of the Year and a National Qualifier); Vivian Lara Olivas, 40KG; Jocelyn Gonzalez, 45KG; and Desslie Valencia, 86KG for the girls. On the boys team, Alan Ramirez took the top title with 109KG.

It was the largest high school Olympic Weightlifting event in the history of Arizona with 17 schools and weightlifting clubs participating.

Espinoza's artwork earn his a scholarship

Christian G. Espinoza of North High School was one of 32 students whose artwork was selected for scholarship prize money during the New Horizons High School Student Art Exhibition, which recently took place at the Shemer Art Center, 5005 E. Camelback Road.

Espinoza's entry of "Rosaly" earned him the Art Renaissance Initiative Award.

New Horizons is Shemer's annual, valleywide high school student art exhibition. More than 40 schools participated this year. A total of 25 donors contributed 41 award scholarships totaling \$2,950.

Students host a prom for senior citizens

North High's Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) chapter on Feb. 9 hosted a Senior Citizen Prom as a community outreach project, teaming up with the City of Phoenix at a local senior center. Over 100 seniors had a chance to dance, eat, make new friends and new memories.

Guests were provided a free prom photo and were encouraged to make song requests. Even after Donna Summers' "Last Dance" song played at the end, guests wanted to keep dancing.

**WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Bailey receives prestigious award**

WESD Assistant Superintendent Lyn Bailey has been selected as the Public Educator of the Year by the School Social Work Association of

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Arizona. This award recognizes those “who have made an exemplary contribution to the academic and social success of children by focusing on prevention and or intervention with children to enhance their academic, emotional, and social functioning.”

Bailey has been instrumental in implementing and maintaining social work positions in the district. This has ensured that students’ social and emotional needs are addressed.

Bailey also serves on the First Things First Advisory Board and participates in volunteer events regularly. Bailey will be honored at an awards breakfast March 1.

PRIVATE AND
CHARTER SCHOOLS
Local youth on team
that won robotics tourney

Félix Sarreal of North Central Phoenix was part of a three-member team that captured first place in the Arizona FIRST Lego League (FLL) championship competition, held Jan. 19-



Taking home the championship title at the Arizona FIRST Lego League (FLL) competition was the Desert Coders team, including: Udbhav Akolkar, Félix Sarreal and Wesley Nelson (submitted photo).

20 at Arizona State University in Tempe. Sarreal’s team, the Desert Coders, also included Udbhav Akolkar and Wesley Nelson, and was coached by parents Saurabh Akolkar and John Sarreal. Sarreal attends All Saints Episcopal Day School, and Akolkar and Nelson attend to Scottsdale Prep. They are all in the seventh grade.

About 700 students in 95 teams participated in the competition that tests skills in robotics and the fundamentals of engineering design and problem solving. The students had to build and program small robots from a LEGO

MINDSTORMS kit and then operate the robots in accordance with a series of prescribed maneuvers and tasks.

As the first-place winner, the Desert Coders will go on to one of the FIRST U.S. Championship events in Houston in April.

Empower celebrates
growth of campus

Empower College Prep on Jan. 24 held a community event celebrating the expansion of its school campus, located at 2411 W. Colter St. The event was attended by more than 800 students,

staff, and community members.

The school has been approved for \$16.9 million in bond financing to turn the current junior high and high school campus into a \$20 million educational center serving K-12 students. When completed, the campus will include a 13,000-square-foot gym and 68,000 square feet of classroom and office space.

The event also kicked off a \$2 million capital campaign, “Building our Futures Together,” which will fund a community center and new cafeteria.

The school currently serves 400 students in grades 7-11 and will add 12th grade next school year. Empower’s elementary campus, located inside North Phoenix Baptist Church, has 250 students, who also will move to the Colter campus next year. Empower plans to add K-2 the following year (2020-21). The finished site will have capacity for about 1,200 students.

Local girl has feature
role in stage play

She may only be in fourth grade, but North Central youth Kate Williams recently had a starring role in Valley Youth Theatre’s production of “The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane,” which ran for three weekends in February.



Kate Williams

The play tells the tale of a self-absorbed china doll rabbit who encounters new friends on an unexpected adventure and learns how to love and care for others along the way.

Williams, 10, who attends All Saints Episcopal Day School, starred as Abilene, a little girl who loves her doll rabbit, even though he is vain and self-centered. On an ocean voyage, Edward is accidentally lost, leaving Abilene heartbroken. Williams says that the story is one of her very favorite books.

Williams recently appeared in VYT’s “Annie” as Molly, and in Spotlight Youth Theatre’s production of “The Best Christmas Pageant Ever” (Gladys).

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Members of the first place “Trinity” team from SS. Simon and Jude School included, from left: Back row, Ava Larkin and Annie Dawson; front row, Adam Acunin, Nate George and Enzo Gonzales (submitted photo).

is now available at the school.

It is very specific procedure that was introduced to the school by one of the parents, who has since been trained in it and volunteered on the Midtown Primary campus while getting her Barton Certification. She will continue helping the kids next school year as one of the tutoring specialists.

For more information, call 602-265-5133 or visit www.midtownprimaryschool.com.

‘Trinity 9’ team wins aerospace challenge

Trinity 9, an eighth-grade team from SS. Simon & Jude School, won first place in the Honeywell Fiesta Bowl Aerospace Challenge on Feb. 9. The Honeywell Fiesta Bowl Aerospace Challenge is the largest extracurricular STEM program for grade school and junior high school students in the state.

The five students on the Trinity 9 team created a scale model and written report about an International Logistics Mission to colonize Phobos, a moon of Mars, the primary purpose of this mission being the development of a plan to establish a sustainable base on Phobos with minimum support from Earth.

NASA astronaut Robert Gibson was in attendance and commended Trinity 9 team members on their knowledge of the material. These winning students from SS. Simon & Jude will enjoy a week at Space Camp in Huntsville, Ala., this summer and be featured at half-time during the Fiesta Bowl game.

Art students’ work featured in periodical

Xavier College Preparatory’s Studio Arts Department has five students with art selected for publication in the National Art Honor Society News.

They included seniors Emily Conn, Giselle Bojorquez, Sophia Gardos and Ava Kline, and junior Maddie Tribolet.

“I am regularly awed by the quality of my students’ work, but never to the point of taking it as a given,” said art teacher and department chair, Alison Dunn. “Instead I see it as a shared blessing: The students listen, practice discipline, add their unique gifts and imaginations, and produce something that can lift us out of ordinariness and open all the windows that art can open.”

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Senior Living Health and fun are focus in March

The Sunnyslope Senior Center, 802 E. Vogel Ave., offers seniors a guided trail hike 8-11:30 a.m. Mondays, March 4 & 11. The class is chaperoned and facilitated by a staff member, and is geared to students with no mobility barriers.

Participants must supply their own walking stick, water, and appropriate hiking attire. There is a \$2 transportation fee; meet at the center prior to departure. Pre-registration requested at the front desk.

A St. Patrick's Day Festival will take place at the center beginning at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, March 13, and a presentation about a renowned artist will be presented by the Phoenix Art Museum at 10 a.m. on Thursday, March 14.

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.

New app helps check Medicare coverage

If you are a senior who has learned how to download and use apps on your smart phone or tablet, there's a new tool that can help you discover what tests and services original Medicare may—or may not—cover.

It's Medicare's new "What's Covered" app and it's free. You can use the app in the doctor's office, hospital, or anywhere else you use your phone or tablet.

The app displays general cost, coverage and eligibility details for medical items and services covered by Medicare Part A and Part B. You can search or browse to learn what's covered and not covered; how and when to get covered benefits; and basic cost information.

You also can get a list of Medicare-covered preventive health services, such as flu shots and cancer and diabetes screenings.

"What's Covered" is available through the Apple App Store and Google Play. Search for "What's covered"

or "Medicare." Once "What's Covered" is installed, you can use it to get reliable Medicare information even when you don't have access to your computer.

Craft activity featured at March Memory Café

Jewish Family & Children's Service presents its monthly Memory Café 10 a.m. Thursday, March 7, at Beth El Congregation, 1118 W. Glendale Ave. March's guest teaching artist is Shari Keith, a visual artist who is also known as "The Junk Lady!"

Keith will provide a treasure trove of found objects for you to use in creating a small work of art that can be worn as a pendant, hung as decor or used as a key fob. No background or artistic skills are needed.

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

There is no charge to attend, but registration is required. To register or for more information, e-mail Kathy.rood@jfcasaz.org or call 602-452-4627.

Gardening club launches at senior living community

Have you always wanted to grow your own vegetables, herbs, fruits and flowers, but don't have the time or strength to do all the work alone? The JFCS Senior Center has partnered with Keep Phoenix Beautiful to launch a Garden Club at The Palazzo, 6250 N. 19th Ave., that is open to all Valley seniors.

A welcome party for the new Garden Club is set for 11 a.m. Tuesday, March 5. Food and drinks will be provided. The club will meet at 11 a.m. Tuesdays during the first eight-week program, which is free to join. For more information, call 602-943-2198.

Kids & Families

Free 'Movie at the Mountain' on March 30

The public is invited to a free family event set for 7 p.m. Saturday, March 30 at Mountain View Park, 8901 N. 7th Ave. This inaugural "Movie at the Mountain" will featuring a screening of the hit Disney movie, "Coco."

Prior to the movie, there will be an open house-style "Garden Party" at the adjacent Mountain View Community Garden beginning at 5:30 p.m., followed by a small info fair and raffle drawings from 6-7 p.m. in the park.

Bring blankets or lawn chairs to sit on, and snacks and refreshments. No glass containers are allowed in city parks. Pets must be leashed at all times.

Sunrays hosts 'Supercamp' for Spring Break fun

The Arizona Sunrays Gymnastics & Dance Center will offer its "Supercamp" for ages 3 to 13 when the kids are off from school for spring break March 11-15, 18-22, and 25-29. Children can learn gymnastics, dance, "Ninja Zone," yoga, trampoline, playing games, and much more.

The camp is offered half day (8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.) and full day (8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.) Cost is \$216 for one week, half day, and \$311 for one week, full day.



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Favorite kids books come to life on stage

Children’s book author Eric Carle’s iconic stories and illustrations come to life on stage, Saturdays and Sundays from March 17 through April 21 at the Herberger Theater, 222 E. Monroe.

From “A Very Hungry Caterpillar” who undergoes a magical transformation to “The Very Lonely Firefly” who learns to shine his light by finding friend, you won’t want to miss this fantastical puppet experience.

All shows are matinees on Saturdays or Sundays. Tickets are \$12-\$30 plus fees. Recommended for ages 3 and older. For more information, visit www.herbergertheater.org or call 602-252-8497.

Circus comes to Central Phoenix

Arizona’s own family circus, Circus Americana, will host “Circus Spectaculum” for three performances, March 22-23 at the Madison Center for the Arts, 5601 N. 16th St.

Featuring an all-human cast, this spectacular show will invite you to travel to a turn-of-the-century world of stunning acrobatic feats, innovative acts, and comedic flair. Pirates soar across the stage on trampoline pirate ships and robots come to life. Vampires

will contort in impossible positions and performers will defy gravity walking through the air.

Show times are 7:30 p.m. Friday, and 2 and 7 p.m. Saturday. Tickets are \$12-\$33 plus fees. For tickets, visit <https://www.themadison.org> and select “More Events.”

Get kids jumping during spring break

Impact Gymnastics Academy, 7812 N. 12th St., Ste. B, hosts full-day and half-day camps for children ages 3 and up during Spring Break, March 18-22. Full-day camp runs from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and cost is \$70; half-day camp runs from choice of 9 a.m. to noon or 12-3 p.m., and cost is \$50. One snack is provided; full-day campers must bring their own sack lunch.

Pre-registration is required and can be made by calling 602-870-7574 or stopping into Impact Gymnastics.

Free family Sundays continue at art museum

Phoenix Art Museum continues its free general admission for all guests on the second Sunday of each month, courtesy of a grant from Discount Tire. The museum will offer free admission from noon-5 p.m. on Sunday, March 10.

Enjoy free art demonstrations, hands-on activities, live music and/or dance performances, tours, and more.

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To keep the music coming and the coffee flowing, Save Our Mountains Foundation hosts an "In Tune With Nature" fundraising event from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. on Saturday, March 16. A full lineup of musicians will perform, including coffee house regulars.

Admission, as always, is free, but donations will happily be accepted. For more information, call 602-343-5125.

The center is open 365 days a year. Regular hours are 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday through Friday, 7 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturdays, and 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Sundays.

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'Tartanic'

7:30 p.m. Friday, March 8

Irish Cultural Center

1106 N. Central Ave.

Dressed in kilts and sunglasses, Tartanic gives its audiences a barrage of sound from two highland bagpipes, two percussionists, eight drums, six drones and more, all played at over 120 beats per minute. Tickets are \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door. Visit <https://www.azirish.org/concerts>.

Beth Lederman Quartet

6 p.m. Sunday, Mar. 17

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Pianist Beth Lederman, whose family owned Lederman Music Company, grew up in a world filled with music. Her repertoire includes pop music, jazz, swing, and Latin standards. Lederman will share the Nelson stage with singer, Heather Jakeman, Felix Saenz on bass and Emerson Laffey on drums. Admission is a suggested \$5 donation at the door. Visit www.beatitudeschurch.org/concerts.

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Café Chat

A 'clever' addition opens Across the Pond

By Patty Talahongva

If you think the name "Clever Koi" is well, clever, then you'll love the name of the newest restaurant opened by Nicholas Campisano and Joshua James right across the breezeway. It's called, fittingly, "Across the Pond," or ATP for short.

This 35-seat space tempts with a compact, ever-changing menu of eight different cocktails plus an extensive selection of Japanese whisky served in the traditional Japanese style, craft beer and wine, all paired with an innovative menu of traditional Japanese-style sushi hand-rolled by chef Alvaro Salinas.

Clever Koi, 4236 N. Central Ave., suite 100, opened in 2013 with four original partners. Today, it's just Campisano and James who are left from the original partnership, now called Born and Raised Hospitality, and



Nicholas Campisano (left) and Joshua James, the two partners behind Born and Raised Hospitality Group, jumped on the chance to open a small cocktail and sushi bar across the breezeway from their popular Clever Koi restaurant on Central Avenue (submitted photo).

their business is booming—even more so with the addition of ATP.

Campisano says they wanted to "...create an environment to have a good time." That model has worked

for the partners so well that when the adjacent space became available, they jumped at the chance to open a cocktail lounge that features sushi.

Across the Pond is in Suite 101

(formerly the home of Central Wine), and the atmosphere "is nice, it's a good vibe," says Campisano.

Guests can enjoy a cocktail at ATP while waiting for a table at Clever Koi. Some of the whimsical cocktail names include, "Almost Always Bad News," which features rum swizzled in a glass and garnished with mint and an orange twist. Beer, wine, and sake also are available.

The décor in ATP mirrors the décor in Clever Koi, especially with the wicker basket lights. Their liquor license also allows guest to bring drinks from one establishment to the other. "We were blessed to take over this space," Campisano said.

While the menu at Clever Koi changes with the seasons, there are some customer favorites such as the Porkbelly steamed buns, which Campisano calls "amazing." There are also vegan and gluten-free dining options. Chef Anthony Dang created the Dan Dan Noodles, a vegan dish that has become another customer favorite.

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Kids are welcome to dine and the partners keep a stack of coloring pages ready for the youngsters. Quite often they pin their art on the community board after they finish dining. The children’s menu isn’t printed, so just ask your server for the daily options.

Campisano is from Tucson and now lives in the North Central area. Work took him first to California, where he and a friend opened their first lounge in San Francisco when he was 22. James graduated from North High School and worked in restaurants as a bartender. The two met when they both worked at The Parlor on Camelback Road. James also lives in the North Central area.

“Nick and I are both very hands-on owners who work side by side with all our employees,” says James. And while they can both pitch in on every job, “By no means am I a cook,” cautions Campisano with a laugh.

“If there is a take away from both Clever Koi and ATP, it would be that we strive incredibly hard to have the most knowledgeable and educated staff in Phoenix,” says James. “All our servers, bartenders and cooks go through a rigorous training process to ensure 100-percent knowledge of our products and, most importantly, our culture of hospitality.”

That culture shows, as they have a steady stream of local regulars. “This is a people business,” says Campisano, “people taking care of people.” They also do their part to take care of the environment. They compost at all of their restaurants and their to-go containers are recyclable.

Clever Koi is open Tuesday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m., and Sundays and from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. You can reach them at 602-222-3474.

Across The Pond is open Wednesday through Saturday from 4 p.m. to 12 a.m. Call 602-296-5629 for more information.

Dining Briefs

Jazz & Jambalaya at Southern Rail

Southern Rail invites guests to enjoy Arizona’s beautiful weather, smooth jazz, and southern comfort food and cocktails on the patio for the spring Jazz & Jambalaya Series.

The series begins on Sunday, March 3, and features \$8 sazeracs, half-price

bottles of Arizona wine, live music, and Chef Justin Beckett’s signature jambalaya (\$24).

Jazz & Jambalaya will take place every Sunday from March 3 through April 28 from 5 to 8 p.m. Featured local jazz artists include Adam Clark, Nick Manson, What’s The Big Idea, and Andy Galore.

Southern Rail is located at 300 W. Camelback Road. Reservations are encouraged to ensure patio seating for the event. Call 602-200-0085 or visit www.southernrailaz.com.

Crudo rebrands as Bar Pesce

Award-winning chef and restaurateur, Cullen Campbell, has rebranded his Crudo restaurant at 3603 E. Indian School Road as the new Bar Pesce. Featuring a fresh new look, Bar Pesce (which is the Italian word for fish and pronounced “PESH-keh”) also boasts an all-new menu combining new twists on the modern Italian cuisine that Crudo was famous for, plus exciting new dishes inspired by Japan, Vietnam

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and South America. Think Crab Mi Roll starters with lobster roe aioli, pickled veg and cilantro, Swordfish Belly crudo with leche de tigre, shallot, and white olive oil, or decadent entrées such as Steak Fiorentina with grilled beets and ponzu verde.

Open Tuesday through Saturday from 5-10 p.m., Bar Pesce has added a new wine cellar to the dining room to better showcase the compact yet global wine menu. Plus, enjoy Bar Pesce's all-new 10-cocktail menu served in both the dining room and at the adjacent craft cocktail lounge.

But some things at the new Bar Pesce have not changed. Bar Pesce will still serve up fresh hand-made pasta, and grill its meats and seafood over locally harvested pecan wood.

For more information, call 602-358-8666 or visit www.barpesce.com.

Sierra Bonita goes back to 'range' roots

A North Central Phoenix go-to spot since 2005, Sierra Bonita Grill recently launched a completely overhauled menu.

Sierra Bonita Grill's owner, Nate

Hopper, wanted to bring the menu back to its roots, putting more emphasis on "out on the range" cowboy-style cooking, while still integrating ingredients prominent in Mexican and Native American cuisine

One of the most notable changes to the dinner menu is the addition of a "From the Ranch" section featuring a variety of steaks, chops and chicken. Each entree is paired with a choice of a side dish and a housemade sauce.

A selection of new salads has been added to both the lunch and dinner menus. A few standouts include the roasted brussels sprouts salad (\$16) with grilled shrimp, the bacon wedge Salad (\$16), and the Red River Salad (\$17), mixed greens topped with grilled chicken, panela cheese, cherry tomatoes, roasted corn, green chiles, and poblano ranch.

Many longtime Sierra Bonita Grill favorites have remained on the menu, including the buttermilk chicken, smoked red or green chile pork roast, carne asada, grilled fish tacos, carne asada tacos and SBG signature burger.

Sierra Bonita Grill is located at 6933 N. 7th St. For more information, call 602-264-0700 or visit www.sierrabonitagrill.com.

Taco Guild updates food, drink menus

At Taco Guild, old and new world traditions are celebrated. Housed in a historic church circa 1893 located at the northwest corner of 7th Street and Osborn Road, diners are treated to a uniquely Arizona space.

New appetizers, four new tacos, two new desserts and more options for guests to customize their dishes are now being offered. Try the Grilled Shrimp Bruschetta or Borracho Bean Dip to start, followed by a Pork Carnitas or Cartel Coffee Beef Taco. Wrap up your meal with a Chocolate Torte or a rotating selection of locally made ice creams.

In addition to these new food items, the bar's shaken things up and now serving a completely new cocktail menu (specialty drinks average \$12 each).

Named one of the best Mexican restaurants in the country by Travel Channel's "Food Paradise," Taco Guild serves lunch and dinner during the week, daily happy hour and taco specials (including Taco Tuesdays), and brunch on the weekends. Taco Guild is located at 546 E. Osborn Road. To check out the full menu, visit

<http://tacoguild.com>. For special events, follow them on Facebook.

Winter flavors found at True Food

True Food Kitchen last month launched its winter menu, made up of seasonally inspired dishes and drinks.

True Food Kitchen's winter dishes and beverages include in-season ingredients and adhere to Dr. Andrew Weil's anti-inflammatory principles.

Some highlights from True Food Kitchen's winter menu include: fig & onion tart; Mauritius Island redfish with kale tabbouleh; pan seared chicken Breast with puntanescas; and Vegan Chorizo Bowl.

Cozy up with five new seasonal cocktails from True Food Kitchen's scratch bar, including a Citrus Colada with lime-infused rum, orange, pineapple, coconut, and the Spiced Apple Cider with mulled spiced brandy, cinnamon, lemon and cayenne.

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

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