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## Neighbors fight to block development

By Colleen Sparks

Many residents who live in homes around the intersection of Maryland and 11th avenues are fighting to try to stop a proposed development they say would exacerbate traffic, boost pollution and compromise the integrity of their neighborhood.

Their passionate pleas to keep two-story homes from being built slightly east of the southeast corner of 11th and Maryland avenues divided members of the Alhambra Village Planning Committee and Phoenix Planning Commission. Neither the committee nor the commission could reach a majority vote needed among their members to recommend the Phoenix City Council approve or deny the rezoning request to allow the development to be built. The Phoenix City Council will reconsider the zoning change that would allow the development at its meeting Oct. 2.

Some members of the Planning Commission at *please see FIGHT on page 4*



Ella and Eva Grieff, sisters, bond with their family's dog, Ozzie, who was adopted from non-profit animal rescue organization Almost There Foster Care. Their mother, Emily Grieff, said she was impressed by the non-profit's passion and care for animals (Photo courtesy of Almost There Foster Care).

## Dog foster program caters to older canines

By Colleen Sparks

While some people who crave furry friends might find small puppies attractive, a local non-profit organization is urging people to take a chance on older dogs that need foster care and forever homes.

Almost There Foster Care (ATFC), founded in 2013, rescues dogs, focusing on large breeds, as well as pregnant and nursing dogs and their puppies.

"Our mission is really to help those dogs in need and lower euthanasia rates," Geri Hormel, executive director and founder of ATFC, said. "We focus on those pregnant and nursing dogs. Not many rescues have the time and space and the care that's needed for these dogs."

Hormel said her organization has nine kennels, with some large enough to house the mother dogs and their puppies. ATFC offers them a "cleaner, quieter" and less stressful temporary home than they might find in other animal shelters, she added.

ATFC will share its call for foster and adoptive families at its 3rd Annual Imagine: A Black and White Affair from 6 to 10 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 2, at Wrigley Mansion/Geordie's Restaurant at 2501 E. Telawa Trail. The event will raise funds for ATFC and

its partner, Community Canine Project. The evening includes a chance to mingle with puppies, indulge in drinks and nibbles and enjoy live music, a raffle, a silent auction and other entertainment. Proceeds will go toward food, vaccines, spay and neuter treatments, microchips, kennel upkeep, grooming supplies and other necessities.

While many people believe they want to adopt puppies so they can train them, there are advantages to adopting older dogs, Hormel said.

"I'm all about the moms and the adult dogs because you know what you're getting," she said.

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### Madison school district seeking bond, override

Voters will be asked next month to support a maintenance and operations override and bond to support the Madison Elementary School District.

On Nov. 5 voters will be asked to authorize the district to adopt a general maintenance and operations budget that includes an amount up to 15-percent over the revenue control limit for the fiscal year 2020/21 for six subsequent years. Board-authorized and voter-approved bonds leverage property tax dollars to pay back a bond “loan” under the best negotiated terms possible.

In 2015 voters in the Madison district approved a \$94 million bond that paid for renovations at Madison Simis, as well as a cafeteria renovation, arts center, new district warehouse and other work. An M&O override offers additional money above that provided by the state-funding formula to support district operations including salaries, curriculum and student and staff support, according to the Madison Elementary School District.

The total budget override amount is predicted to be more than \$4.8 million and would be paid for by an estimated 45-cent tax rate per \$100 dollars of net assessed valuation, which is about equal to the current tax rate levied for the existing override.

Students will benefit from the override and bond as the measures will pay for construction and renovation of schools, safety and security improvements, technology upgrades, school buses and transportation vehicles, recruitment and retention of highly qualified education professionals and energy-efficient enhancements.

To learn more about the Nov. 5 bond and override election, visit [madisonaz.org/community/elections](http://madisonaz.org/community/elections).

### Local Civitan Club celebrates anniversary

Few social clubs survive long enough to celebrate their 40th anniversaries, but one local organization will do just that this month.

Phoenix Bird Civitan Club will mark its 40th anniversary at a gala at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 15 at Moon



Members of the Phoenix Bird Civitan Club from left: Lance Kleckner, a current officer, Francis Diaz, a current officer, Esther Alper, who just started her term as president on the board Oct. 1 and Dan Rich, outgoing president and charter member, pose by a banner. The club will celebrate its 40th anniversary on Oct. 15 (submitted photo).

Valley Country Club at 151 W. Moon Valley Drive.

The club is part of Civitan International, an organization with community service clubs in more than 35 countries focused on helping those with developmental disabilities. The Phoenix club got its start when local insurance salesman Don Poppe, who was governor of the Civitan clubs in Arizona and New Mexico, was approached about starting a club that would include men and women who had special needs among its leadership.

“There was lots of paperwork and questions as to how this would all work,” Poppe said. “Then they said the clincher: Joyce Ridge would be in charge. That’s all it took to say ‘yes.’”

Ridge, who since has passed away, was executive director of Lura Turner Homes, Inc., which provides adults with disabilities with a safe, enriching, loving family environment. Under Ridge’s direction, Lura Turner Homes became the sponsor of the Phoenix Bird Civitan Club.

The club’s immediate past president, Dan Rich, was a charter member. He has stayed with the club because he enjoys attending its monthly programs and participating in its many volunteer projects. Esther Alper became club president Oct. 1.

The Phoenix Bird Civitan Club meets the first and third Tuesdays of the month at 4:30 p.m. at ARCH at 1550 W. Colter St.

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their Sept. 5 meeting said trying to decide whether to recommend approving the new homes was challenging because they liked developer Nick Blue's design plans and said they believed he had compromised with neighbors to appease their concerns.

But they said they also appreciated neighbors' devotion to preserving the rural feel of their neighborhood, where many live in ranch-style homes passed down to them from their families. Some locals in the neighborhood have horses and donkeys on their property.

Blue, executive director of Blue Sky Real Estate, wants to build 15 homes on the vacant, 2.51-acre site he owns, which is currently zoned to allow nine to 11 homes on it. The proposed development would be compatible with the adjacent, existing single-family residential uses and the General Plan Land Use Map designation that is 3.5 to 5 dwelling units per acre.

A vote to allow the rezoning for the development was tied, 4-4, and then a second proposal to recommend denial of the rezoning failed in a 2-6 vote at the

Phoenix Planning Commission meeting. The Alhambra Village Planning Committee in August voted a few times but also could not reach a consensus.

"The neighbors are going to fight for our neighborhood," Debbie Ramsey, who lives on Maryland Avenue said after the Planning Commission meeting. "I believe in keeping the neighborhood the way it is."

Planning Commission Vice-Chairwoman Sissie Shank praised Blue but also showed support for the neighbors who spoke against the project before voting to recommend denial of the development.

"I'm kind of struggling on both sides of the fence," Shank said. "I actually like [the] design and development. I love that you're (neighbors) standing by your homes."

Blue said during the meeting he and the architectural team behind the plan had met several times with neighbors and adjusted their proposal to appease concerns, including decreasing the project from 35 to 15 homes. He and the team also said to ensure privacy for adjacent property owners the new homes would have balconies that did not face perimeter property lines.

"We are a family business in the Valley," Blue said. "We build communities and not just houses. We feel like it's in line with where the general plan is headed."

Several neighbors were not convinced and said even though zoning currently allows for homes to be built on the site, allowing 15 homes would set a precedent for more, higher-density home developments to be built that are not in line with their neighborhood's character.

"Maryland has only one lane in each direction," Mary "Kay" Wing of Maryland Circle said. "I recognize that infill is inevitable. I agree five more houses is not going to make or break property on Maryland...Those five homes start adding up."

Some also said they do not like the proposal for modern, two-story houses as they will not blend in with the older, ranch-style houses in their neighborhood.

"I've lived in this house for 23 years," Brian McGrath of North 10th Avenue said. "Our neighborhood's had a nice, rural feeling for the last 50-plus years."

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Some Planning Commission members said they sympathized over the traffic but still saw positive aspects to the housing proposal.

“I understand what you guys are going through with traffic, but we can’t stop progress,” Planning Commissioner John Montalvo II said.

Planning Commissioner Pete Gorraiz also expressed understanding of the neighbors but sided with the developer.

“I can really feel with the neighborhood wanting to keep the neighborhood the way it is,” Gorraiz said. “The final straw (is) there has been compromise on one side, not on the other.”

Planning Commission Chairman Justin Johnson urged Blue and his architectural team to talk to the neighbors to see if they could reach an agreement on ways to adjust the architectural plans to make most of the neighbors happy.

One thing Blue and several neighbors agreed on was that they were disappointed the Planning Commission did not make a recommendation either way. But they said they would follow Johnson’s advice to meet again to try to

hammer out their differences.

“I was a little surprised and disappointed,” Blue said after the Planning Commission meeting. “We’ve compromised really at every level.”

Ramsey said she believed Blue could talk to neighbors and come up with a plan to make the property with the homes “look more beautiful.”

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### **DOG FOSTER continued from page 1**

“You know what they’re going to look like. They’re not wanting to chew on every thing or pee over everything.”

An animal lover who started getting involved in animal rescue at 16 years old, Hormel is the daughter of the late Geordie Hormel and his wife, Jamie, owners of the Wrigley Mansion.

Like many non-profit organizations, ATFC relies on volunteers to help with tasks including feeding dogs and helping them get socialized, as well as walking them. It also has many foster parents who take dogs or puppies home. The visits with the foster parents might last two days or longer.

“We really are trying to grow our foster program,” Hormel said.

Foster parents give the dogs a nice break from the kennels and also give the humans a chance to get used to a dog if they are thinking about adopting one.

Emily Grieff adopted her dog, Ozzie, from ATFC. She said she had been looking for a dog and discovered the organization on Facebook with pictures of black and white puppies.

“We arrived at ATFC and were blown away,” Grieff said. “Their love for animals and passion for giving the best care to their pups and mamas is obvious from the moment you arrive on site. We instantly fell in love with all the puppies and chose our boy, Ozzie. We still had two weeks before we could take him home so we went back several times to visit, introduce our kids and love on the pups. After a long two weeks we brought Ozzie home. He had his first round of shots, was neutered and already used to using a doggie door.”

She said Ozzie loves to cuddle every chance he gets.

“I am so grateful that ATFC popped up on my Facebook feed that fateful day, we have the best dog as a result!” Grieff wrote.

Michael and Emily Harris also adopted a dog, Bevy, from ATFC.

“We went to ATFC just intending to take a look at Bevy, but once we held him we knew he was coming home with us,” Michael and Emily wrote. “ATFC streamlined the entire adoption process, including taking care of getting Bevy neutered and giving

him his first shots. We wouldn't trade our experience with Bevy and Almost There Foster Care for anything.”

To expand its outreach, ATFC bought the property on East Indian School Road at 26th Street where The Secret Village used to be located. The rescue organization hopes to move into the site by the summer of next year. Of the three buildings on the site, ATFC plans to use one for its own operations and lease a second one to Community Canine Project, which is operated under Almost There Foster Care's non-profit status. Community Canine Project helps city shelters with grants and enrichment, socialization and play groups for dogs. It also brings dogs to ATFC. Plans for the third building include the possibility of a low-cost veterinary clinic.

In addition to the 3rd Annual Imagine: A Black and White Affair, ATFC also will host an event called Puppies, Pilates & Prosecco on Nov. 29, also at Wrigley Mansion.

To learn more about ATFC and these events and to buy tickets, visit [www.atfc.org](http://www.atfc.org).



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**From Kevin Hanson:** I would like to call out the 60th anniversary of the football state championship of Sunnyslope High School in 1959 (school opened in 1953). This will be celebrated at the last regular season game of the year on Nov. 1 with a pregame happy hour and then on-field recognition at halftime. If you were part of that team in any way please reach out to current year Gridiron Club Presi-

dent and client Kevin Hanson at 602-810-1182 to be included in the recognition and festivities. Kevin also would like to thank ALL the North Central businesses that have and continue to support our local communities sports teams!

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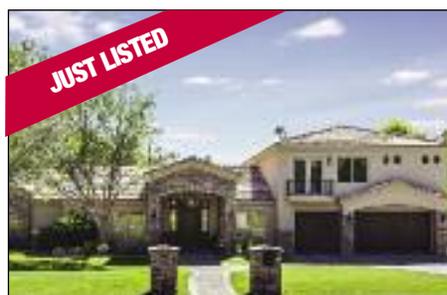
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Madison Simis Fall Fair is a large, family-friendly community event held at Madison Simis Elementary School. This year's festival will take place Oct. 26 and is just one of many fall events in North Central Phoenix (photo by Charlotte Shaff).

### Local fall festivals and events abound

As the temperatures cool off it's almost time for local businesses, churches and schools to roll out their fall and Halloween-themed festivals and feasts inspired to draw chills, thrills and old-fashioned fun with neighbors. Here is a look at some of the many events happening in the area this month and next to celebrate the season.

#### 59th Annual Phoenix Greek Festival – "The Original!"

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[www.phoenixgreekfestival.org](http://www.phoenixgreekfestival.org)

In this longest-running ethnic festival in the Valley, people will celebrate Greek food, music, dance, jewelry, art, grocery items and children's activities. Expect authentic Greek food including gyros, kalamari, pastitsio (Greek "lasagna"), spanakopita (spinach pie) and lamb roasted on a spit. National-award winning Greek folk dancers will perform almost every hour and dance lessons will be offered. The Hellenic Museum of Phoenix will be open so people can check out vintage photographs of pioneer Greek families as featured in the book, "Greeks in Phoenix." Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral tours will also be

given throughout each day. A kid zone will offer carnival-type activities. Tickets cost \$5 for adults and children under 12 years old are free. The festival is free for senior citizens from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday only. Tickets are available at the gate.

#### Fall is in the Air at Uptown Plaza

2-6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 26  
Uptown Plaza  
Northeast corner of Central Avenue and Camelback Road  
<http://uptownplazaphx.com>

This family-friendly plaza will feature pumpkin decorating, Halloween crafts, giant yard games, live music, face painting and other activities. Live music will be performed from 4 to 6 p.m. in the courtyard. Uptown Plaza tenants will also provide free samples to people during the festival.

#### Madison Simis Fall Fair

1-5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 26  
Madison Simis Elementary School  
7302 N. 10th St.  
214-673-1753  
[madisonsimisfair@gmail.com](mailto:madisonsimisfair@gmail.com)

This huge community event will feature "Trick or Treat" from 2 to 4 p.m., as well as a fun house, carnival swing ride, petting zoo, giant slide, a street hockey rink, two PS4 gaming stations, a dunk tank, game booths, a cupcake walk and many other activities. Admission is free but some booths are fee-based. Raffle items will be given away including sports gear, gift certifi-

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cates, children's birthday party gift cards, a Tuft & Needle mattress, spa cards and more. The fair typically draws more than 1,000 people to the campus. Parking is available in the Simis preschool lot, Orangewood Church and along streets that do not require permits south of campus.

**Madison Education Foundation Halloween Fundraiser**

**7 p.m. to midnight, Saturday, Oct. 26  
Madison Center for the Arts  
5601 N. 16th St.**

The Madison Education Foundation kicks off a new fundraiser and community gathering called "Spooktacular Soiree." Guests can sip on cocktails and play casino games and are encouraged to wear costumes. Some tricks and treats are planned and prizes will be awarded for costumes. Proceeds from the event will benefit arts education in the Madison School District. Tickets are \$65 starting Oct. 1 and to buy them visit [www.madisoneducationfoundation.org](http://www.madisoneducationfoundation.org).

**'Monsters Ball, a Politico Zombie Apocalypse'**

**7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 26  
Alwun House  
1204 E. Roosevelt St.  
602-253-7887**

This event is a high-energy party with live music and a spirited costume contest. Guests can check out blow-out art, a noir cabaret stage show, cash bars and darkly bizarre performances. This hair-raising party is for those 21 years old and older. Tickets are \$15 ahead of time and \$20 at the door. For tickets and more information, visit [alwunhouse.org](http://alwunhouse.org).

**After School Halloween Kids Tea Party at The Teapot**

**4:30-5:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 31  
The Teapot  
818 N. 5th Ave.**

Guests can enjoy ghoulish treats, petite sandwiches and "spooky tea," as well as play games and participate in other activities. This event is best for those ages 1 to 8 years old. People are encouraged to wear Halloween cos-

tumes and there will be a prize for the best-dressed. Tickets need to be purchased on The Teapot's Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/theteapot.us](http://www.facebook.com/theteapot.us).

**Local First Arizona's 15th Annual Arizona Fall Fest**

**10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 2  
Margaret T. Hance Park  
67 W. Culver St.**

Started 15 years ago, this festival will bring together local businesses, live music and residents. More than 40 food trucks are expected, as well as more than 200 vendors. The Kid Zone will offer family-friendly games, crafts and other activities and Sports Zone will highlight professional sports teams. Three stages will host live local entertainment and cultural performances and a free swag bag filled with local gifts will be given to the first 500 families to show up. An all-Arizona Hensley Beverage Craft Beer and Wine Garden will offer adult beverages. It is free to attend but tickets will be sold for food and other items. To learn more, visit [www.localfirstaz.com](http://www.localfirstaz.com).

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## Volunteer and patient conquer the kitchen

Whether it's Hungarian paprika chicken, sausage lentil soup or Brussels sprouts with pickled onion, local resident Mark Adinolfi loves to try new recipes. He is happiest feeding his passion – whipping up gourmet dishes for his wife Jeanne and daughter Sophia.

But in January 2016, Mark was diagnosed with ALS, a type of muscular dystrophy sometimes called Lou Gehrig's disease. At first, Mark noticed a loss of strength in both hands. As his condition progressed, he was no longer able to prepare meals — even though his heart longed to be in the kitchen, chopping, dicing and sautéing.

"Because of ALS, I can't provide other things as much," Mark said. "But I still wanted to spoil my wife, who appreciates good food."

Thanks to a marvelous assistant, Mark is still a chef. Hospice of the Valley volunteer and area resident Jeff Riddle has become Mark's hands. Though he calls himself "a reluctant cook," Jeff dutifully executes the



Hospice of the Valley volunteer Jeff Riddle plays chef's assistant for ALS patient Mark Adinolfi, whose passion is creating meals for his wife and daughter (submitted photo).

detailed instructions Mark gives from his motorized wheelchair — from sprinkling Aleppo Turkish pepper on potato slices to slicing apples just the right thickness.

"This disease isolates me," Mark said. "But a wonderful guy comes into my life and sometimes when he shows up, I say, 'Dude, we're cooking whatever falls out of the fridge.'"

Riddle said "cooking and sharing a meal with Mark and his family is the best thing that I do."

"We improvise a lot due to his prowess and it always tastes amazing!" he added.

Every Friday, the Adinolfi kitchen is filled with laughter. The weekly ritual is something both men anticipate with excitement. They tease and joke as if

they've always known one another. Sophia even decorated an apron for Jeff. The 11-year-old inspects the meat to make sure it's brown enough before going in the oven. A beaming Jeanne sets the table, savoring the happy noises and the tantalizing smell of caramelized onions.

About an hour later, dinner is served: beautifully roasted pork tenderloin with green apples and rosemary potatoes. The meal is perfect.

But it's not really about the food. "Jeff met me in a wheelchair," Mark said. "He's not like an old friend who maybe has a little sadness in their eyes. Jeff knows me exactly as I am now... He's a genuine new friend."

Such friendships are waiting for anyone who might feel moved to volunteer with a family. If you're interested in providing companionship to Hospice of the Valley patients and offering support and respite to their families — whether it's cooking reading, singing or just being present and caring, contact [hov.org/volunteer](http://hov.org/volunteer) or call 602-530-6900. Hospice of the Valley is based at 1510 E. Flower St.

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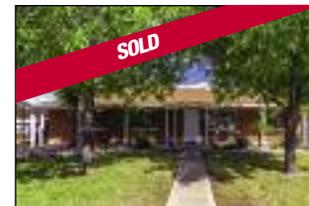
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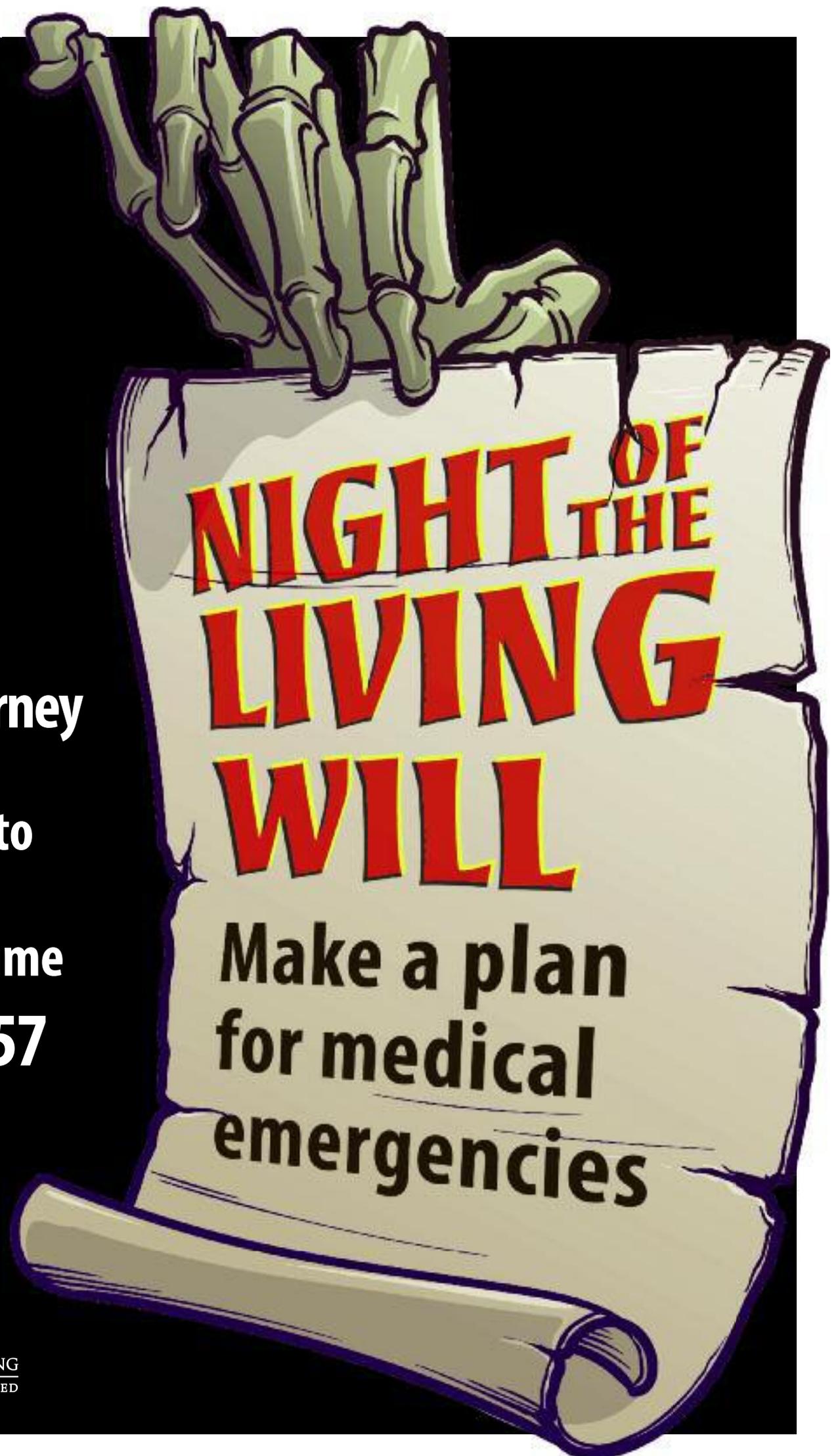


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Handsome Hippo, a three-year-old Chow Chow, who is a bit shy, is looking for a patient owner who will give him a lot of love and a forever home (submitted photo.).

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Meet hungry Hippo at the Arizona Humane Society's Sunnyslope Campus at 9226 N. 13th Ave. His adoption fee includes his neuter surgery, as well as a microchip, current vaccinations and a free follow-up exam. For more information, call 602-997-7585 and ask for animal number 616623 or visit [www.azhumane.org/adopt](http://www.azhumane.org/adopt) to see all the animals available to adopt right now.

**Clinics offering  
spay/neuter discount**

The dog days of summer may be over but there are still some perks for people who own pit bulls and pit bull mixes this season and through the end of the year.

They can get a spay/neuter for pit bulls and pit bull mixes for \$20 when they book their appointments this month (October) at the Arizona Humane Society's veterinary clinics. That includes a free microchip provided by Arizona Animal Rescue Mission. While people should book the appointments this month, they can take advan-

tage of the deal through Dec. 31.

To schedule an appointment, people should call 602-997-7585, ext. 5. To learn more, visit [www.azhumane.org](http://www.azhumane.org).

**Howl-o-ween to  
be a scream for dogs**

Humans are not the only ones who can have fun around Halloween.

Downtown Phoenix Inc. and the Arizona Humane Society are hoping to give dogs a reason to wag their tails with glee at the Howl-o-ween featuring The Big Dog Show celebration from noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 27 on the west side of Margaret T. Hance Park at 1134 N. Central Ave. The whole family, furry friends and all, can gather for the event that will feature the Howl-o-ween Dog Parade and 20, eight-foot-tall dog sculptures called The Big Dog Show. The traveling art exhibit raises money for pets in need around the country.

Often whole families will dress up in themed costumes including as pirates and circus troupes for the parade. There is a \$25 entrance fee to walk in the parade and vie for a chance to win the grand prize. Food trucks will also be part of the festivities.

It's free to attend the event.

To learn more, visit [dtpnx.org/howloween](http://dtpnx.org/howloween).

**Celebrate Dogtober  
at two events**

Halloween and October are going to the dogs at North Mountain Brewing. The restaurant and bar at 522 E. Dunlap Ave. is holding two dog-related events this month.

Eat, drink and play bingo on Oct. 13 from 2 to 6 p.m. on Dogtoberfest Sunday, with proceeds benefiting the Arizona Human Society. The event includes a special beer release, a special food item and plenty of bingo cards. Guests are asked to leave their furry friends at home.

You can dress up your dog on Sunday, Oct. 20, and Strut Your Mutt from 2 to 5 p.m. at a Halloween event for dogs. There will be costume contests with prizes and Paparazzi for your furry friend, along with doggie treats and a red carpet.

For more information visit <http://www.northmountainbrewing.com> or call 602-861-5999.

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### Experts warn about marijuana-infused candy

As Halloween approaches, experts are warning parents to be careful their children and teens do not get their hands on what they believe is regular candy that is actually infused with marijuana.

Gummy bears, chocolate bars, gummy worms, cookies and other edibles are available for adults who have medical marijuana cards to legally buy at dispensaries in Phoenix and around the state. However, some say children and teens might accidentally eat them, not realizing they have medical marijuana in them. Southwest Behavioral & Health Services vice-president of community services Ed McClelland said it's important for adults to safely store any medications in their home.

McClelland and other medical experts around the country say the danger is anyone who consumes too much of cannabis plant's main ingredient, THC, can experience paranoia, panic, dizziness, hallucinations and even death. They urge parents to keep medications locked or out of their children's reach. It's also recommended adults keep their medications in their original containers with the labels on them.

Anyone who suspects their child or teen might have accidentally ingested something containing marijuana or any other type of poison is urged to try to find out what the child consumed. If the person who ingested it is awake and alert, call the American Association of Poison Control Centers at 1-800-222-1222. If the individual collapses, has a seizure, has trouble breathing, or can't be awakened, call 911.

### Area ranks high for home remodels

North Central Phoenix is on the map when it comes to a relatively high number of home remodeling projects.

A new study from Arlington Custom Builders said areas in the 85016, 85331, 85013 and 85254 were the zip codes of the top two sections for the most home remodeling projects in the country this last year. The neighborhoods are "always a trending area with a centralized location, large lots" and other features., the review said They also are a "great location."

Besides North Central Phoenix, the Valley as a whole was ranked as the fastest-growing city in the country and

is still the fifth most-populous city in the United States.

To learn more about the study, visit <https://arlingtonaz.com>.

### Rock-a-billy band to play at museum

Experience music and art at a special event on Oct. 26 at the Sunnyslope Historical Society and Museum.

A rock-a-billy band will perform while the Sunnyslope Open Art Studio Tours are going on. The band will perform from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the society and museum at 737 E. Hatcher Road and it's free to attend. It will be a live broadcast of the local artist playing music. Those who can't attend the event in person can listen to the music at [FullMoonHacksaw.com](http://FullMoonHacksaw.com). While in the neighborhood, people can visit several art studios as part of the free, self-guided studios tour.

To learn more, call 602-331-3150 or visit [sunnyslopehistoricalsociety.org](http://sunnyslopehistoricalsociety.org).

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## AARP Aging Networking Breakfast

7:30-9:30 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 9  
Beatitudes Campus  
1610 W. Glendale Ave.

Speakers who will discuss the growing concern about senior-citizen homelessness include Lisa Glow, CEO of Central Arizona Shelter Services; Wendy Johnson, executive director of Justa Center and Amy Schwabenlender, executive director of Human Services Campus. To RSVP for this free breakfast, visit [AARP.org/Phoenix](http://AARP.org/Phoenix).

## Phoenix Branch of AAUW Meeting

6:15 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 15  
Beatitudes Luther Life Center  
1616 W. Glendale Ave.

The American Association of University Women will host Arizona Auditor General Lindsey Perry in a discussion about what the Auditor General's Office does to better govern-

ment. The program starts at 6:15 after an optional dinner for \$15 at 5:30 p.m. To RSVP for the dinner, call 602-283-4884 by Friday Oct. 11.

## Hydrate Phoenix: Hydrate Your Food

6-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 16  
Burton Barr Central Library  
1221 N. Central Ave.  
602-534-1209

Learn about rain tanks, which can hold 1,000 gallons or more of water from storms that can be stored to use during drier months, at this free workshop. Watershed Management Group officials will show participants how to use rain tanks as active forms of rain-water harvesting to nourish vegetable and herb gardens. Sign up in advance at <https://watershedmg.org/hydrate>.

## Goodwill Donation Drive

1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 26  
Palma Park  
1135 E. Dunlap Ave.

East Sunnyslope Neighborhood Association & Block Watch is looking for donations of dishes, pictures,

frames, plates, pots, pans, bakeware, stuffed animals, figurines, mugs, glasses, lamps and other items. For every pound of items donated, 10-cents will be provided for the 'Slope Fest event in April. Visit [www.eastsunnyslope.com](http://www.eastsunnyslope.com).

## Fourth Annual Noche En Blanco

5-10 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 26  
Margaret T. Hance Park  
67 W. Culver St.

Guests are encouraged to dress in white as they make a sunset toast and feast on gourmet picnics paired with fine wine and craft beer. Festivities include live music and dancing. All proceeds will go to the Hance Park Conservancy, a non-profit organization dedicated to the future of Hance Park. Tickets range from \$28 to \$250. For details, visit [hanceparkconservancy.org/noche-en-blanco](http://hanceparkconservancy.org/noche-en-blanco).

## Night Golf

7-10 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 26  
Palo Verde Golf Course  
6215 N. 15th Ave.

Hit a glow ball and get a glow neck-

lace during a round of night play on this nine-hole executive course that features a lake. Golfer also can hit practice balls before the round. The cost of \$28 per person includes a pull cart (on a first-come, first-served basis) and a gift. Check-in time is 7 p.m. and the shotgun start is at 7:30 p.m. To register, visit [www.phoenix.gov/calendar/parks/3011](http://www.phoenix.gov/calendar/parks/3011) or call 602-534-4653 ext. 5.

## Welcome to the New Roaring '20s

Phoenix Boys Choir  
6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 9  
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6850 E. Main St., Scottsdale

The new Phoenix Boys Choir artistic director Herbert Washington will be welcomed in this Roaring-20s-themed event that will feature master of ceremony Rich Berra of the nationally syndicated radio morning show "The Johnjay and Rich Show." 20s-themed cover band Jackie Lopez will perform, as will the Grammy Award-winning Phoenix Boys Choir. For tickets, visit [www.boyschoir.org/roaring20sgala](http://www.boyschoir.org/roaring20sgala).

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## Another fight brewing over coffee 'hut' site

By Colleen Sparks

A battle is brewing once again over Dutch Bros. as neighbors try to stop the coffee business from relocating to another location on Camelback Road, after being ordered to shut down its current location next year.

The drive-through coffee shop at Central Avenue and Camelback Road will close no later than Feb. 28, 2020, according to a private agreement reached by the franchise owner and representatives of nearby businesses after area businesses and neighbors said the coffee hut created traffic and parking issues.

Purpose Driven Development has requested rezoning on a site about 140 feet east of the northeast corner of 3rd Avenue and Camelback Road, where Dutch Bros. would like to set up its new shop, that would remove a special permit that allows for car rental and leasing. A single-family house converted to a car rental office had operated as Enterprise Rental Car from about 1999 to 2011 on the site, according to a city Planning and

Development Department staff report. That structure was demolished in 2016.

The request was to change the zoning from Intermediate Commercial, Special Permit, Interim Transit-Oriented Zoning Overlay District One (TOD-1) to Intermediate Commercial to allow commercial uses. The intent of the Interim TOD-1 is to encourage an "appropriate mixture and density of activity around transit stations" to boost ridership along the light rail corridor and to promote alternative transportation modes to cars, the staff report said.

At its meeting in late August, the Alhambra Village Planning Committee voted to recommend the zoning request be denied but the Phoenix Planning Commission in September continued the matter to a later date.

During the Alhambra Village Planning Committee meeting, several residents spoke out against the proposal to allow the rezoning.

Ellen Bilbrey, president of the Medlock Place Historic Neighborhood Association, which sent a letter to planning officials opposing the request to rezone, told the Planning Committee that the Dutch Bros. drive-through would result in vehicles idling in place and hundreds of cars entering and exiting the Dutch Bros. onto Camelback Road, many of which likely would turn onto 3rd Avenue where Medlock neighbors are already frustrated by cut-through traffic.

Rick Mountjoy, chairman of the Traffic Committee for the Medlock Place Historic Neighborhood Association, echoed Bilbrey's concerns.

"[This request] foreshadows the typical mechanism of decline of many older neighborhoods in Phoenix," Mountjoy said. "We agree with the Federal Transit Administration and the City of Phoenix that this neighborhood become a Walkable Urban Community."

David Gartner, a parent and neighbor, also opposed the proposed rezoning.

"This is the most walkable place we have in Phoenix," Gartner said. "Let's not destroy it."

While some residents opposed the proposal, Susan Demmitt, the attorney representing Dutch Bros. on behalf of the property owner, spoke in support of it, as did Village Planning Committee member Charles Jones.

"This is really about restoring the ability to develop this property with the underlying uses," Demmitt said. "We have been in conversations with

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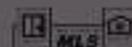
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neighbors for many, many miles. The property is not developable today.”

Jones said the committee needed to consider just the rezoning request to remove the special permit for car rental and leasing, rather than voting based on a future Dutch Bros. He said he did not want to unfairly single out that property so he voted against a motion to recommend denying the rezoning.

“There really is a fairness issue,” Jones said. “I see it as a private property right.”

However, he did not convince others on the committee to support it.

“The owner of the property certainly has rights,” Village Planning Committee member Gary LeBlanc said. “At the same time we’ve got to protect our neighborhoods and the TOD is very specific.”

After the committee voted to recommend denying the zoning change Demmitt said the property owner cannot move forward without the approval.

“We don’t agree with the decision,” Demmitt said. “I think it’s really in reaction to the possibility of Dutch

Bros. There’s been a lot of dialogue with the neighbors regarding traffic at that site.”

She said the property is larger than the current Dutch Bros. location at Central Avenue and Camelback Road and the drive-through would be “big enough so traffic doesn’t overflow onto Camelback” Road.

Mountjoy said he, Bilbrey and other neighbors met with city staff members, Demmitt and Dutch Bros. representatives in a private meeting late in August after the Village Planning Committee meeting. He said Dutch Bros. is expected to share a traffic study of how a coffee shop on the proposed site would affect vehicles moving around the neighborhood.

The Phoenix Planning Commission is expected to consider the request at its Oct. 3 meeting and the City Council will likely discuss it Nov. 6.

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Jim LaBrie, owner of Bug & Weed Mart, on left, and his son, Joe LaBrie, stand in one of the six stores Jim owns in the Valley. Bug & Weed Mart recently celebrated its 40th anniversary and Jim said he started the business out of a need without knowing a lot about pest and weed control (Photo by Cara LaBrie).

**Local business owner has come a long way**

By Colleen Sparks

Jim LaBrie got his start as an entrepreneur early in life, selling newspapers for five cents in downtown Seattle as a fifth-grader.

He has come a long way from those days as the owner of the Bug & Weed Mart, which recently expanded to its sixth store in the Valley. The business is a family affair – his son, Joe LaBrie, is director of retail personnel while his daughter, Cara LaBrie, runs the back office, website and point-of-sale for the stores.

The business, which started in 1979, offers professional products, equipment and instruction related to pests and weed control. Last month it celebrated its 40th anniversary with specials, donating \$1 from every sale for a week to the Two Pups Wellness Fund.

LaBrie is pleased and still somewhat surprised by the success of Bug & Weed Mart.

“We happen to fall into a niche,” LaBrie says. “Essentially there’s a market for people who want real chemicals to do the job safely and effectively.”

He said the idea for the business began because of a need. He and his wife, Ellin, were living in California with their three children, who were suffering from respiratory illnesses. They moved to Arizona to ease their kids’ health issues but needed products to make their home healthier.

Jim, who began his career teaching and also worked as a proofreader at *The Arizona Republic* and later for 18 years

selling pharmaceuticals, said he could not afford to hire a professional pest controller for the family’s home. He came across a man mixing chemicals for pest control in his garage and he tried it.

He then discovered a do-it-yourself retail store in Mesa specializing in bug and weed control was for sale. Though he didn’t know much about the industry, he believed he could do a better job than the current owner.

“It was a learning experience,” Jim said. “I never expected it to last as long as it has.”

Jim and his staff focused on teaching customers how to use bug and weed control products themselves and by 1982, the business had expanded to three stores in the East Valley and sales steadily increased every year. In 2010 Jim and his team opened a location at 5030 N. Central Ave. near Jim’s home in north central Phoenix.

Today, the experienced staff members at all the locations aim to offer friendly and easy-to-understand information on every aspect of independent pest and weed control. Customers can find products to help with battling just about any type of pest. The stores carry bed bug mattress protectors, dusters, hose-end sprayers, back-pack sprayers, granulators, black lights, gopher probes, dust masks, gloves and many other products.

Outside of work, Jim, 81, volunteers for The Society of St. Vincent de Paul out of St. Francis Xavier Parish, delivering meals to homebound people and doing whatever else is needed. He

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also volunteers with Catholic Charities Community Services, helping the organization provide low-income housing to those in need, support shelters for domestic violence victims and other outreach. He and his wife now have six adult children and five grandchildren (with a sixth grandchild on the way).

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Paul received a framed certificate and is one of 38 individuals eligible for the National Outstanding CSR of the Year Award, which comes with a \$2,000 cash prize and a scholarship.

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- Trouble coping with stress

While most people will experience these symptoms at some point in their lives, those with ADHD will often recognize that they have been present and problematic for their entire lives. Identifying and treating ADHD in adulthood is often an emotional and gratifying revelation after years of struggle.

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**Health Briefs**

**3-D printing helps with spinal surgery plans**

Modern technology being used in an innovative way at the Barrow Innovation Center is making it easier for surgeons to plan for and create new surgical techniques to help patients.

The center, located inside St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center at 350 W. Thomas Road, has created technology involving 3-D printing to transform spine surgery. Dr. Michael Bohl, founder and director of the Barrow Innovation Center and chief neurosurgery resident at Barrow, said the 3-D printers are used to create models of patients' spines that are not just anatomically realistic but also "biomechanically realistic." This method allows doctors to produce exact replicas of people's spines to decrease the length of surgeries and offer patients improved outcomes and shorter recovery times.

The 3-D printing helps to plan a variety of spinal surgeries for disorders



Dr. Michael Bohl, founder and director of the Barrow Innovation Center and chief neurosurgery resident at Barrow, said 3-D printers help him and other doctors plan for and create new surgical techniques to help spinal patients (submitted photo).

including scoliosis. Doctors take medical imaging of patients' spines and convert it to files that can run through a 3-D printer to create the 3-D model, Bohl said.

"It gives us an opportunity to rehearse a patient's case ahead of time to test out different plans, see what's going to work best," he said.

To learn more, visit [www.barrownuro.org](http://www.barrownuro.org).

**Breast Cancer Awareness stresses early detection**

It is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, a time to honor those who lost their battle with the disease and to support family and friends fighting against it.

Awareness campaigns in Phoenix and around the world stress the importance of getting screenings and advanced technology is leading to more accurate diagnoses so breast cancer may be detected and treated in its earliest stages, Sherry R. Gage, director of oncology services at Abrazo Central Campus at 2000 W. Bethany Home Road, said.

In Arizona, the age-adjusted rate of new female breast cancer cases was 115 per 100,000 women in 2016, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. One out of every eight women in the United States will be diagnosed with breast cancer.

Some of the advancements in technology helping detect and treat breast cancer include 3D mammography, breast ultrasound, breast MRIs and stereotactic and ultrasound-guided biopsies. There also is a more concerted effort to educate patients and their families and caregivers, Gage said. Around 80-percent of breast cancers

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occur in women with no family history or known risk factors, she added.

Gage said three-dimensional mammography has proven it significantly increases detection of early-stage breast cancer. Screening should start at age 40 but anyone with a family history might need to be screened at a younger age.

The National Breast Cancer Foundation offers free mammograms. To find a location, visit [www.nationalbreastcancer.org/national-mammography-program](http://www.nationalbreastcancer.org/national-mammography-program).

For more information about the Breast Health Center at Abrazo Central Campus at 2000 W. Bethany Home Road, visit [www.abrazohealth.com/services/oncology/breast-cancer](http://www.abrazohealth.com/services/oncology/breast-cancer).

**Many treatments available for tennis elbow**

It's a tennis player's worst nightmare: tennis elbow.

Also known as tendonitis or a painful Achilles tendinopathy, it is a strain or injury to the tendons that are outside of the elbow, according to Dr. Azmi Nasser, medical director of Arizona Pain Treatment Centers.

Nasser said typically he will recommend some activity adjustment for patients, including decreasing the amount of activity that might be causing the injury. Patients also can do physical therapy and wear a tennis elbow strap. If those treatments don't help, non-steroidal injections or a ultra-minimally-invasive surgical repair can be performed.

For more information, call Arizona Pain Treatment Centers at 602-254-6879 or visit [www.arizonapain-treatmentcenters.com](http://www.arizonapain-treatmentcenters.com).

**Seminar offered on treating, managing AFib**

Dr. Akash Makkar, a cardiac electrophysiologist, will discuss A-Fib symptoms and diagnosis at a free lunch and seminar on Wednesday, Oct. 16, from noon to 1 p.m. The discussion, which also will cover treatment options aimed at decreasing the high risk of stroke associated with the condition, takes place at Abrazo Heart Hospital, 1930 E. Thomas Road.

To register, call 1-844-563-6108 or visit [AbrazoHealth.com](http://AbrazoHealth.com).

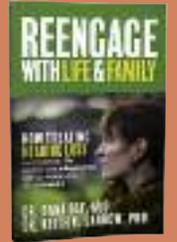
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SCHOOL DAYS

## Stories, music flow where gardens grow

Young minds are growing in unusual gardens where stories, music and creativity blossom at Villa Montessori School.

First through sixth-grade students have been getting lessons related to specialty nature gardens that opened late last month at its elementary school campus at 2802 E. Meadowbrooke Ave. Many donors provided the support for the new space for Villa's current and future elementary school students to connect with nature daily. The gardens support outdoor learning in the Montessori Method, which focuses on developing the whole child – the physical, social, emotional and cognitive aspects.

Lessons are tied to the gardens and the natural world in an open-air teaching pavilion. The Bugs and Birds Garden includes a Little Free Library box that holds books students will use to research animals in and near this habitat. This garden also has bug and bird houses.

Students are urged to write in the fairy-themed Storytelling Garden situated under large trees with brightly colored mailboxes for classroom mail.

The Monarch Butterfly Garden is certified as an official Monarch Butterfly Waystation designed to help



Oliver Colville, Fletcher Bloom and Grayson Mackle, (middle row); Madelynn Fisher and bottom row (from left): Teagan Rummage and Alana Martine read in the new gardens at Villa Montessori School. The gardens combine bug and bird houses, a Monarch Butterfly Waystation, musical instruments and space for writing (Photo by Athena Moskoyes).

support and preserve Monarch butterflies as they migrate across North America. The garden will be a safe haven for the butterflies and breeding area in the spring and summer.

The Music Garden has three modern instruments: a "duet" metallophone/marimba, Lilypad Cymbals and contrabass chimes. The garden offers a multi-sensory experience with different textures, sounds and vibrations on the instruments as students play and listen to music.

For more information, visit [www.villamontessori.com](http://www.villamontessori.com) or call 602-583-7850.

enrollment and streamline drop-off and pick-up methods. The new concept has transformed traditional, 900-square-foot classrooms at the school into flexible and open areas, sometimes even outside. All the spaces are designed to keep kids interacting, moving and ultimately learning in various ways.

## GLENDALE UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT Bands to perform at festival

Music is going to fill the air when students perform in the Glendale Union High School District's annual Marching Band Festival.

The event will feature the nine high school marching bands in the district starting at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 21, at Glendale Community College at 6000 W. Olive Ave. in Glendale. Students will demonstrate their talent but are not rated.

## Two National Merit Semifinalists honored

Two high school seniors in the district are on a roll this academic year.

The Glendale Union High School District Governing Board recently recognized its 2020 National Merit Semifinalists: Sunnyslope High School senior Alexis Hatch and Thunderbird High School senior Jessica Zylstra.

## School Briefs

### CREIGHTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

#### Biltmore Prep renovation completed for the fall

Students are enjoying the fruits of the construction that was completed over the summer at Biltmore Preparatory Academy.

Bond dollars the community approved paid for a new gymnasium, renovated the middle school learning spaces and reconfigured the parking lot to accommodate for the increasing

## MADISON SCHOOL DISTRICT'S ANNUAL DISCOVER MADISON TOUR

Families with preschool-age children are invited to attend. Visit each of Madison's elementary schools and receive guided tours by the principals.

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Friday, October 25	8:30AM to 12PM	District Office, Governing Board Room 5601 N. 16th St   Phoenix 85016

**Seating is limited!** To RSVP call (602) 664-7900 or visit [MadisonAZ.org/Discover-Madison-Tour](http://MadisonAZ.org/Discover-Madison-Tour)



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ABOVE LEFT: Thunderbird High School senior Jessica Zylstra (left) and Sunnyslope High School senior Alexis Hatch, were recently named 2020 National Merit Semifinalists (submitted photo). ABOVE RIGHT: Jacqueline Hogan, a senior at Sunnyslope High School, will receive the bronze medal from the Congressional Award Program (submitted photo).

National Merit Semifinalists are selected every September out of 1.6 million applicants around the United States. About 16,000 students, out of the 50,000 high school students with the highest PSAT/NMSQT Selection Index scores qualify as semifinalists.

**Sunnyslope senior to get Congressional Award**

Sunnyslope High School senior Jacqueline Hogan will receive a national honor - a bronze medal from the Congressional Award Program.

The program offers young people the opportunity to set personal goals and achieve them. Participants must set and meet goals in physical fitness, voluntary public service, personal development and expeditions/exploration. Awards are given at the gold, silver and bronze levels.

Hogan received a certificate and was presented her medal by Rep. Greg Stanton.

**Dealership loans vehicles to driver's education**

A car dealership is driving a program that helps students safely take the wheel. Sanderson Ford AZ has supplied two new vehicles to the Glendale Union High School District's Driver's Education Program. Driver's ed classes are offered at Moon Valley High School. Besides attending 12 hours of classroom instruction, students also get six hours of behind-the-wheel instruction.

**MADISON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT Learn about gifted program at event**

Parents who want to find out if their children might benefit from a gifted education in the school district might want to come to the Madison District's Gifted Program Open House & Information Night on Thursday, Nov. 7.

*please see GIFTED on page 28*

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# Fall Festival & TRUNK OR TREAT

It's time once again for our annual Fall Festival Trunk or Treat at First United Methodist Church. This is a FREE event for the entire family that takes place Sunday, October 27, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. in our parking lot. Our annual event is a safe and fun alternative to the original door to door approach to Halloween for our littlest ghosts, goblins, superheroes and princesses. Kids are encouraged to wear their Halloween costume and partake in the festivities. This year, in addition to trunk or treat, we will have:  
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The informal event will take place from 6-7 p.m. at The Madison Theatre at 5601 N. 16th St. Parents can learn about the classes and opportunities for students in the Rigorous, Enriched, Accelerated Curriculum for the Highly Gifted (REACH) program, which maintains the highest admission standards in Arizona. To learn more, contact Casey George, director of Signature Programs, at 602-664-7931.

**Simis Elementary teacher, student earn IB honors**

A teacher and her former student are going to the head of the class for shining at Madison Simis Elementary School.

The Arizona International Baccalaureate Schools Association recently gave two awards to Madison Simis Elementary School's International Baccalaureate Program. One award went to Simis teacher Julia Hubbs, who was named the Arizona IB Primary Years Programme Teacher of the Year. Her former student, Sophie



Simis teacher Julia Hubbs and former student, Sophie Garcia, received awards from the Arizona International Baccalaureate Schools Association (submitted photo)

Garcia, received the 2019 Arizona IB Primary Years Programme Student of the Year award for her time as a fourth-grade student at Simis.



First and sixth-graders at Solano Elementary participated in the Great Globe Project, a UNESCO program for elementary students. Pictured with the students (back row, from left) are Keith Thompson, a project volunteer; Francis Tesmer of UNESCO; and Bryan Beaulieu, project head and an engineer at the East Valley Institute of Technology (submitted photo).

**OSBORN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Solano students engage in global 3D project**

Solano Elementary School students are getting a global education some might say is out-of-this world.

Teams of first and sixth-graders recently participated together in the Great Globe Project, a UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Science, and Cultural Organization) education-

al program designed for elementary school students to make 3D printed tiles, which will cover a large-scale model of Earth.

The students were able to experience the methods of 3D printing and engineering design after putting together a simple machine out of 3D printed parts. Their work was documented for presentations to other schools and interested groups and it will be shown to UNESCO in Paris, France.

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Students on the Phoenix Coding Academy Python Robotics team recently attended the FIRST Lego League and FIRST Tech Challenge kickoff event in Tempe. Pictured here are Elsie Rodriguez, Brandon Garcia Gomez, Joseph De La Cruz, Gabino Meraz, then Wendy Gonzalez is the one kneeling, followed by Manuel Rendon-Chavez, William Keinanen, Gianni Dragos and Cristina Valenzuela (submitted photo).

**PHOENIX UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Phoenix Coding team pushes for robotics support**

The force seems to be strong with a group of students at Phoenix Coding Academy. The school's Python Robotics team participated in the FIRST Lego League and FIRST Tech Challenge kickoff event on Sept. 7 at Arizona State University's Memorial Union in Tempe.

Students on the Phoenix Coding Academy team met with middle school robotics clubs in the area to help spark their interest in Phoenix Coding Academy and robotics in the Phoenix Union High School District.

**Camelback gets fired up at spirit conference**

Camelback High School students are showing their spirit and spreading cheer to teens around the state.

The school's student council hosted the 2019 Arizona Association of Student Councils Fall Leadership Spirit Conference on Aug. 28. Nearly 1,000 students from around Arizona participated in the event at Camelback High on North 28th Street to show their school spirit and participate in activities intended to help foster their leadership skills and character development.

**Metro Tech opens flower shop**

Something new is blooming at Metro Tech that will give students a chance to build entrepreneurial experience.

The high school recently opened a flower shop that students will manage and run. It is open from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays and from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Wednesdays. The

*please see FLOWERS on page 30*



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shop sells flowers, balloons, stuffed animals, small gift items and some student-made merchandise from teens' work in their Fashion Department, welding class, horticulture class and other courses and clubs on campus.

**WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**District job fair to highlight openings**

Anyone who enjoys working with children might be interested in applying for one of many job openings in the school district.

The Washington Elementary School District will hold a Support Staff Job Fair from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 4 at the district administrative center at 4650 W. Sweetwater Ave. in Glendale. Available positions include special education assistants, bus drivers and assistants, food service assistants, substitute health technicians, substitute teachers, office technicians, office managers, food service managers, custodians and after-school support

employees. Apply online prior to the job fair at [jobs.wedschools.org](http://jobs.wedschools.org).

**Sunburst Elementary teacher receives honor**

A kindergarten teacher at Sunburst Elementary School is in the spotlight after getting a state distinction.

Jessica Buttles was chosen as a Top 10 finalist for the Arizona Educational Foundation Teacher of the Year Award. The AEF Arizona Teacher of the Year program honors the contributions of great public school teachers around



Jessica Buttles

the state by annually recognizing 10 exceptionally skilled and dedicated educators who teach pre-kindergarten through 12th grades. Buttles started her career in the Washington Elementary School District in 2005 and she grew up in Phoenix.

The 2020 AEF Arizona Teacher of the Year Awards luncheon will be held

at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 24 at the Arizona Biltmore at 2400 E. Missouri Ave.

**PRIVATE AND CHARTER SCHOOLS**  
**Homecoming, open house at Phoenix Christian**

Phoenix Christian Preparatory School is getting ready to celebrate its rich history during a time-honored traditional event.

The school will host its 70th Homecoming starting with a dinner at 5 p.m., followed by a 7 p.m. football game on Friday, Nov. 1, on the campus at 1751 W. Indian School Road. The celebration will include festivities and fireworks as part of the game against Scottsdale Christian Academy. A Homecoming Court will participate in the event and a Homecoming king and queen will be crowned. Student government plans all the activities, including a Royalty Parade and the crowning of the king and queen.

Anyone interested in learning more about Phoenix Christian Preparatory School may attend to an open house



Zach Cole, left, football team captain, Ashley Felix, student body president, and Nathan Tarver, National Honor Society president, are leading the school's Homecoming celebrations (submitted photo).

from 9 to 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 7. To RSVP for the open house call 602-265-4707. To learn more about the campus, visit [phoenixchristian.org](http://phoenixchristian.org).

**Madison Highland Prep offers SAT, PSAT/NMSQT**

It's almost time for students at Madison Highland Prep to take exams that will help evaluate their academic per-

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Ellis Totman, Blake Wise, and Owen Wilson graduated from Gateway Academy, a private school for third through 12th-graders. The school recently got certified as a School Tuition Organization, meaning donations made to it qualify for dollar-for-dollar tax credits up to a certain amount (submitted photo).

formances as they get ready for college.

The school at 1431 E. Campbell Ave. will offer the PSAT/NMSQT test to sophomores and juniors and the PSAT 8/9 test to freshmen from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 16. Students take the PSAT/NMSQT and PSAT 8/9 exams so that their performance can be measured and to identify areas in which they need to grow in preparation for college entrance tests.

For juniors, the PSAT/NMSQT exam also serves as the qualifying test as they compete for the National Merit Scholarship.

Madison Highland Prep also will hold the SAT School Day Exam on Oct. 16.

**New charter school stresses emotional growth**

A new local charter school emphasizes life skills and emotional growth while giving students a chance to engage in workshop-style, hands-on projects.

Phoenix Modern, a school for kindergarten through eighth grade, opened recently with about 200 students at 200 E. Mitchell Drive. Classes began Aug. 8.

North Central Phoenix resident Andrew Collins, a social entrepreneur who has helped launch more than 30 schools, opened this school.

Tina Sweis of North Central Phoenix is thrilled that her son, Troy, 6, is a student at Phoenix Modern. He has suffered from serious health problems and was bullied by children at other schools but has found acceptance and friendship at the new school.

To learn more about the school, visit phoenixmodern.org.

**Gateway Academy certified for tax-credit donations**

There is good news for anyone who would like to support the students and families at Gateway Academy while getting their own tax-related benefit.

The private school for third through 12th-graders was recently officially certified as a School Tuition Organization. That means any donations made to Gateway qualify for dollar-for-dollar tax credits up to \$1,135 per single taxpayer and \$2,269 for married couples who file jointly. To learn more, call 480-998-1071 or visit www.gatewayacademy.us.

**Xavier offers classes in financial literacy**

It was nearly 40 years ago when a financial literacy class became the norm at Xavier College Preparatory.

As a summer, independent study course that requires research, writing essays and taking a final exam, the high school's financial literacy class takes students from understanding broad economic theories to learning how to use them in practical ways.



Grace Bunch

"The financial literacy course helped me understand the flow of money on a personal level," Xavier senior Grace Bunch said.

It is only this year that Arizona started requiring these lessons through a half-credit in economics.



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## SCHOOL DAYS



Among the students who participate in after-school Irish dancing classes at Saints Simon & Jude are (back row from left): Justine Keebler, physical education teacher, students Natalie Cinalli, William Chrisman, Miranda Montoya and Emma Flores, Principal Sister Raphael Quinn and Mike Byam, president of Terryberry; and in the front row (from left): Colleen Kelahan-Pierson, the Irish dancing teacher, and students Madeline McKinley, Sophia Bullicer, Carolyn Chapman and Tianna Escobar (submitted photo).

### Dancing and walking underway at SS Simon & Jude

Students are urged to get moving and they often get a spring in their step at Saints Simon & Jude Cathedral

School. Several of them take Irish dancing classes once a week with Colleen Kelahan-Pierson, an instructor who visits the campus. They perform throughout the school year.

Irish dancing has been offered as an extracurricular activity at the school for decades and pays tribute to the Irish nuns who came from Ireland to Phoenix to start the school in 1954.

For the second year, Saints Simon & Jude Cathedral School teachers, staff members and students will take part in the Arizona Walking Challenge, sponsored by Terryberry. To learn more about the walking challenge, visit [www.workplacewalkingchallenge.com](http://www.workplacewalkingchallenge.com).

### St. Francis Xavier hosts open house

Parents interested in exploring the educational offerings at St. Francis Xavier School may attend a Preschool and Kindergarten open house on Wednesday, Oct. 30.

The Jesuit elementary, preschool that serves students from 3 years of age through eighth grade is located at 4715 N. Central Ave. Parents can visit classrooms from 8 to 9:30 a.m. and listen to presentations. For details, visit [school.sfxphx.org](http://school.sfxphx.org).

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**GENERATIONS**

## Senior Living

### Learn about natural aging, signs of Alzheimer's

It's normal for people to experience changes in their memory as they get older but Alzheimer's disease is not a typical part of aging.

Anyone can learn the difference between the natural aging process and the disease at the "Is it Alzheimer's or Normal Aging?" workshop from 9:30 to 11 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 12 at North Phoenix Baptist Church, 5757 N. Central Ave. It's free but anyone who wants to attend should RSVP at 480-842-5068 or at [info@dementiacareeducation.com](mailto:info@dementiacareeducation.com).

### Grant to help grandparents raising grandchildren

Grandparents and other relatives are raising more than 100,000 children around Arizona. Now a local nonprofit organization has more resources to help them.

Duet: Partners in Health & Aging recently received a \$15,000 grant from Thunderbirds Charities to assist with Duet's Grandparents Raising Grandchildren program. The program offers support groups, workshops, family activities, respite care and information and referral to grandparents raising grandchildren.

To volunteer, ask for help or donate to Duet, call 602-274-5022 or visit [www.duetaz.org](http://www.duetaz.org).

### Learn to relax at meditation lecture

It can be easy to get stressed out and many people believe high stress levels are a normal state. Jewish Family & Children's Service is offering a special lecture to help senior citizens and others learn more about stress and how to relax.

The organization will provide Mindfulness & Meditation 101 at 10 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 8 at the JFCS Center for Senior Enrichment at The Palazzo at 6250 N 19th Ave. In this free lecture, people will learn about where habitual stress comes from and what meditation does for the brain. Those who want to attend should RSVP to the Center for Senior Enrichment at 602-943-2198. To learn more, visit [www.jfcsaz.org](http://www.jfcsaz.org).

### AARP Foundation seeks tax volunteers

AARP Foundation Tax-Aide is looking for volunteers to help do taxes.

The foundation started its volunteer recruitment for the Tax-Aide program, the country's biggest volunteer-run, tax-preparation service. It is accepting new volunteers through the end of this month. Tax-Aide provides free, in-person tax preparation and help to low and moderate-income individuals around the country.

To learn more, visit [aarpfoundation.org/taxaide](http://aarpfoundation.org/taxaide) or call 1-888-OUR-AARP (1-888-687-2277).

### Ballet Arizona offers creative aging classes

Ballet Arizona Creative Aging Through Dance offers a residency program in aging and senior centers around the Valley as a way for seniors to get and stay healthy while relieving stress.

School of Ballet Arizona faculty

members teach movement classes, the basics of choreography, as well as guide rehearsals. Sessions are being taught at Adam Diaz Senior Center at 4115 W. Thomas Road through Oct. 23. To learn more, visit [balletaz.org/creative-aging](http://balletaz.org/creative-aging).

## Kids & Families

### Bookstore, libraries offer storytimes

Half Price Books at 2102 E. Camelback Road, offers Storytime Sundays the first Sunday of every month at 1 p.m. Parents can bring their children to read and listen to stories. To learn more, visit [hpb.com](http://hpb.com).

At the Yucca Library at 5648 N. 15th Ave., Family Storytime will take place from 10:15 to 10:45 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 17. A Bilingual Family Storytime will be held from 11:30 a.m. to noon on Oct. 17 at Acacia Library at 750 E. Townley Ave. To learn more about the Phoenix Public Library programs visit [www.phoenixpubliclibrary.org](http://www.phoenixpubliclibrary.org).

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## GENERATIONS

**Kids can tumble, jump at Flip Dunk camps**

Flip Dunk Sports is giving kids lots of ways to jump, tumble and play with others over fall break.

The fall break camps include noodle soccer, jousting, scooter races, relay races, fort-building, dodgeball, tug-of-war and many other activities.

Flip Dunk Sports will offer half and full-day fall break camps Oct. 7-11 and 14 and 15 at its center at 1515 E. Bethany Home Road. To register, call 602-277-0067 and to learn more, visit [flipdunksports.com](http://flipdunksports.com).

**Babies can get introduction to gym**

Arizona Sunrays Gymnastics & Dance Center at 15801 N. 3rd St. offers little ones the opportunity to participate in gymnastics and dancing and jump in a bounce house and on a trampoline at its Kids' Night Out from 6 to 10 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 5. The center also offers free baby dance and baby gym classes every month. To learn more, visit [www.arizonasunrays.com](http://www.arizonasunrays.com).

**Free fair to offer kids health help**

Anyone looking for resources to fight dangers that threaten their children's health might want to check out a free event on Saturday, Oct. 19.

The Arizona Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics and Strong Families AZ will hold Speak Up for Kids: Heroes United! Health and Wellness Fair from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Historic Downtown Heritage Square at 113 N. 6th St. Children can participate in superhero-themed games and get free hearing, dental and vision screenings.

To learn more, visit [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com).

**Kids night out to help teachers**

Parents can enjoy a night out while their children engage in tumbling, all while helping support teachers.

Impact Gymnastics Academy will hold a Late Night Fundraiser for Teachers from 7 to 10 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 26 at its center at 7812 N. 12th St. Children ages 4 years old

and older, who are potty trained, can participate in the open gym and a costume contest and play Halloween games. The cost is \$20 per child. To learn more, call 602-870-7574 or visit [www.impactgymaz.com](http://www.impactgymaz.com).

**Essay contest to help fund college costs**

Children in fifth-grade can get a jump start on saving money for college.

Arizona Family College Savings Plan (AZ529) is having an essay-writing competition open to all fifth-graders in the state with the theme of "In 20 years I'll change the world by..."

The winners of the contest will get \$529 towards an AZ529 college savings plan and 20 prizes will be given across Arizona. The deadline to submit essays is Oct. 31 in direct mail or online. To learn more, visit [az529.gov/essaycontest](http://az529.gov/essaycontest).

**Fall is a good time for kids' swim lessons**

The weather has cooled off but it is still a good time for children to take swim lessons. Recently the American

Academy of Pediatrics updated its drowning prevention guidelines and now recommends youths start swim lessons when they are a year old.

Hubbard Family Swim School at 13832 North 32nd St., Suite 100, offers swim lessons for infants and children. To learn more, call 602-971-4044 or visit [hubbardswim.com](http://hubbardswim.com).

**Touch-A-Truck to show off vehicles**

Kids can get up close to trucks and other vehicles at a Junior League of Phoenix fundraiser next month.

The Junior League of Phoenix (JLP) will hold its 7th Annual Touch-A-Truck event from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 16 at Aviano Community Park, 3975 E. Lockwood Drive. A special, horns-free hour with no horns honking or other disruptive noises designed for children with special needs will take place from 9 to 10 a.m. Money raised from Touch-A-Truck will help support the Junior League of Phoenix's mission.

To learn more, visit [www.jlp.org](http://www.jlp.org).



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## ARTS &amp; ENTERTAINMENT

## Dia de Los Muertos to celebrate life

By Colleen Sparks

Dancers and members of a mariachi musical troupe dressed in colorful costumes, classic cars, “shoebox altars” and other art will combine at the sixth annual Dia de Los Muertos Festival at St. Mary’s Basilica Plaza next month.

Meaning “Day of the Dead” in Spanish, the free-of-charge festival is set for 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 3, at St. Mary’s Basilica Plaza at 231 N. 3rd St. Dia de Los Muertos is a celebration of life incorporating music and dancing and a day to honor and remember those who have died.

There will be a procession around the plaza starting at 12:30 p.m. Mariachi Juvenil de mi Tierra, as well as The Devoted Dolls, a group of vintage-style, pin-up girls who give back to the community, Matachines (carnavalesque dancers) and a Franciscan priest, along with altar servers and church parishioners will make up the procession.

Four ofrendas (altars to honor the memories of ancestors) designed by local artists Diana Calderon, Edgar Fernandez, Gloria Martinez and Martin Moreno encompassing the themes of earth, wind, water and fire will be on display. An artisan market will feature pieces created by artists Kathy Cano-Murillo, Emily Costello, Veronica Verdugo Lomeli and Marco Garcia.

A Dia de los Muertos Mass will be celebrated inside the Basilica at 11 a.m. For more information, visit [saintmarys-basilica.org](http://saintmarys-basilica.org).

## A & E Briefs

**SlopeArts Art on the Canal**  
Noon to 9 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 5  
Herberger Park One  
The Canal at Central Avenue  
8622 N. Central Ave.

This progressive, open-air art event will feature juried artists’ work, live art demonstrations, mural artists, student artists, music and refreshments.

**Scorpius Dance Theatre’s ‘A Vampire Tale’**  
7:30 p.m. Oct. 3-5, 7:30 p.m. Oct. 10-12  
The Hardes Theatre,  
The Phoenix Theatre Company



Women dressed as catrinas, tall, female skeletons that wear fancy hats with feathers, will be part of the Dia de Los Muertos Festival on Sunday, Nov. 3 at St. Mary’s Basilica Plaza at 231 N. 3rd St. (photo by PeterJordanPhoto.com).

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In its annual Halloween performance, the dance theatre will provide dance and aerial feats, along with quirky, comedic acting and heart-thumping music. Individual tickets start at \$25. For tickets and information, visit [www.scorpiusdance.com](http://www.scorpiusdance.com).

**Childsplay’s ‘Edward Tulane’**

1 and 4 p.m. Saturdays and 1 p.m. Sundays through Oct. 13  
The Herberger Theater Center  
222 E. Monroe St.  
602-252-8497

This is the story of “Edward Tulane,” a toy rabbit who falls overboard from a ship and embarks on an adventure. Based on the popular book by Kate DiCamillo, “The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane.” To learn more, visit [www.herbergertheater.org](http://www.herbergertheater.org).

**Second Annual Art of the Women of Perryville Exhibit**  
Oct. 5-Nov. 2  
All Saints Episcopal Church, Santa Barbara Gallery  
6300 N. Central Ave.  
602-999-5238

An opening reception for this exhibit that features 50 to 60 art pieces that 25 artists in the Perryville Women’s Prison created will take place from 3-5 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 5 at the church. To learn more, contact Lora Villasenor at [LMVillasenor@msn.com](mailto:LMVillasenor@msn.com) or visit <https://allsaintsoncentral.org/>

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**Phoenix Chorale's  
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7:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 19  
Trinity Episcopal Cathedral  
100 W. Roosevelt St.  
602-253-2224

The performance will include songs reflecting the themes of memory and loss, including music-setting poetry by great, war poets of World War II. The program also showcases Gabriel Fauré's *Requiem*, one of the most famous settings from the Catholic Requiem Mass. The Chorale welcomes guest soloists from the Phoenix Boys Choir. For tickets, visit [www.phoenixchorale.org](http://www.phoenixchorale.org).

**Fine Art at the Market**

9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 26  
Uptown Farmers Market  
North Phoenix Baptist Church  
5757 N. Central Ave.

Working Artists Studio will hold its Fine Art Show and Sale featuring Arizona artists who are nationally recognized. Paintings, charcoal wash and other pieces of art will be sold while the farmers market is going on. Admission is free.

**'Special Engagement:  
Celebrating Women In Jazz**

7:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 26  
The Nash  
110 E. Roosevelt St.  
602-795-0464

Claudia Bloom on piano and Mary Petrich on saxophone offer a show featuring the compositions and arrangements of female, jazz pioneers including Renee Rosnes, Melissa Aldana, Terri Lynn Carrington, Mary Lou Williams, Ingrid Jensen, Geri Allen and guest artist Mayu Saeki, a flutist. For tickets and information, visit [thenash.org](http://thenash.org).

**Sunnyslope  
Open Studio Tour**

10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 26  
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[larryjortega.com/theslopefest](http://larryjortega.com/theslopefest)

Visit 14 art studios between 19th Avenue and 20th Street and Thunderbird Road and Northern Avenue on this free, self-guided tour. Artwork will include mixed media, kiln-formed glass, oil pastels, hand-bound books and other mediums.

**Disney Tim Burton's 'The  
Nightmare Before Christmas'**

Oct. 31 - Nov. 3  
Check the website for days and times  
The Phoenix Symphony  
Symphony Hall  
75 N. Second St.  
602-495-1999

Celebrating Tim Burton's inventive world in the spooky classic movie, "The Nightmare Before Christmas," the Phoenix Symphony will perform Danny Elfman's score as the audience follows on screen Jack the Pumpkin King's mission to seize Christmas. For tickets, visit [tickets.phoenixsymphony.org](http://tickets.phoenixsymphony.org).

**'Monsters Menagerie'  
Exhibit**

Oct. 4-Nov. 1  
Alwun House Foundation  
1204 E. Roosevelt St.  
602-253-7887

This juried art exhibit features profane art in various media created by area artists. Expect demented creative works including dark noir fantasies and monstrous creations. Admission is free. To learn more, visit <http://alwunhouse.org>.

**'Game' by KC Woolf  
Haxton**

Through Nov. 1  
MonOrchid Gallery  
214 E. Roosevelt St.  
602-253-0339

The artist describes this exhibit as "Conception. Contrast. Light and Dark, Fast and Slow. Resistance and Acceptance." KC Woolf Haxton will have 13 pieces in this exhibit involving painting, light and relief sculpture. For more information, visit [www.monorchid.com](http://www.monorchid.com).

**4th Annual Phoenix  
Mariachi Festival**

7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 9  
Orpheum Theater  
203 W. Adams St.

The festival, which features Mariachi Nuevo Tecalitlan along with their folklor dancers, also will include performances from other talented soloists and international mariachis, all hosted by Jose Armando Ronstadt. Ticket prices range from \$40 to \$90 per person. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit [phoenix.ticketforce.com](http://phoenix.ticketforce.com).



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**FOOD FOR THOUGHT**



Co-owner Johnny Chu shows off the Papaya Salad and House Dynamite at RedThai Southeast Asian Kitchen, an Asian fusion style eatery at 7822 N. 12th St. Chu and his wife, Linda Quach, opened the restaurant five years ago (photo by Colleen Sparks).

## Café Chat

### Flavors of Southeast Asia flourish at RedThai

By Marjorie Rice

The first thing to know about RedThai is that it isn't a "Thai" restaurant. Instead, think Asian fusion – a Southeast Asian culinary journey that picks up souvenirs along the way in Vietnam, Thailand, Burma (now Myanmar) and Cambodia.

And forget the typical Thai décor of ornate frescoes, elephants and golden Buddhas and instead think edgy Roosevelt Row vibe – an enormous Thai-inspired mural on the back wall, high ceilings and a changing display of art by locals. Now match it with an ongoing video splash of anime over the long bar (where the mixologist stirs up a montage of specialty martinis). The anime is for the kids – this is a family place – and the martinis are for the grownups.

At the back, there's a spot for a DJ Friday and Saturday nights and live jazz on Sundays. There's also a small patio out front, which should be lovely once temperatures drop a bit.

The latest dining incarnation by chef Johnny Chu and his wife, Linda Quach, RedThai is tucked into an unassuming shopping plaza at the corner of 12th Street and Dunlap in the home of a former Chinese buffet. The

full name is RedThai Southeast Asian Kitchen, and it's just that – an amalgam of flavors.

RedThai opened five years ago. Chu says he chose the location because it's near home. Also, he wanted to move from downtown.

"Downtown has changed so much," he said. "It was tough for an independent business. The parking was a big issue. Now it's getting better, but back then it was really confusing."

Family also played a role in choosing North Central, Chu added.

"I have three girls and I want to have more time with them," he said.

The choice of décor is deliberate, Chu said. He and Linda chose the muralist and friends from Chu's downtown stints created all the art decorating the restaurant.

"I don't think people expect a Thai restaurant with this kind of style," Chu said. "A lot of people think that because we're north of downtown that it's suburban. It's not like that. We just wanted to create a fun place where everyone can hang out. Everyone is welcome, just bring an open mind."

Quach manages the front of the house while Chu is in the kitchen. He was born and raised in Hong Kong in a family with a restaurant tradition and moved to the United States as a teen in 1991.

Chu began his culinary career at 20 years old. Valley Asian food aficionados *please see FUSION on page 38*

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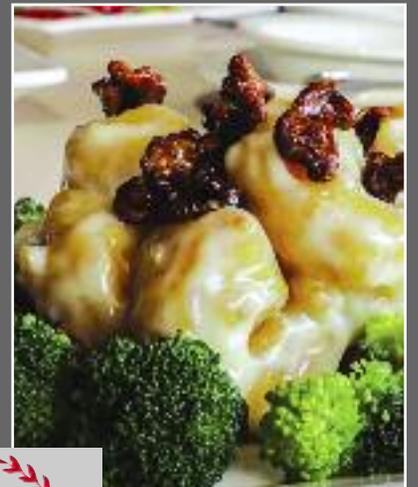
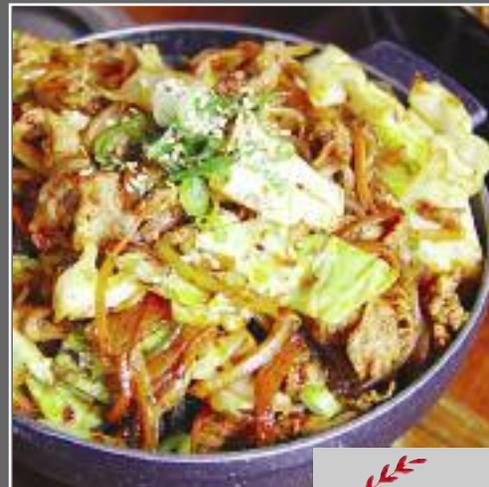


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**FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

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are familiar with Chu from his string of eateries including Sochu House, Tien Wong Hot Pot (later T. Spot) and Sens Asian Tapas. They'll recognize their favorites at RedThai, he said.

"Most of the dishes have been around for a while," Chu said. "I created most of them, finding the better ingredients and sauce to go with them. As an artist, I just want to create. My concept is not just Thai. I don't like to label food. The ingredients are in the Southeast Asian kitchen. The flavor reflects what I believe in – the best ingredients, not much sugar, not too salty, everything cooked at that moment, to order. I wanted to change things, to be a chef, an artist, not just a cook."

For customers who aren't familiar with Chu's cooking and want to sample, there's a great lunch special menu (\$8.88) with dishes that also are on the dinner menu (prices there range from \$12 to \$18). Sugar Cane Pork, a long-time favorite with Chu's followers, appears, along with Coconut Milk Yellow Curry and Pad Thai.

On a hot summer afternoon, Papaya Salad was a standout, with shredded green papaya, carrots, mint, crisp shallots, peanuts and sweet-and-sour dressing, along with a choice of chicken, tofu or shrimp.

House Dynamite combines tofu, shrimp or chicken with snow peas, pineapple, baby corn, onion, bell peppers and carrots in a spicy sauce, topped with peanuts. It's easy to see why this sophisticated take on sweet-and-sour is a customer favorite.

The Pho Ga, with chicken and rice noodles in a glistening pho broth topped with scallion and onions, is a great light lunch choice. In fact, all the soup selections are delicious because of Chu's masterful broth foundations. Those broths also appear in Shabu Fondue's menu. The restaurant, next door to RedThai, also owned by Chu and Quach, features savory broths and the diner's choice of a lengthy selection of meat, seafood, dumplings, mushrooms (up to five types, depending on what's available at the day's market), vegetables, tofu and noodles.

All the ingredients are cut to order

so the textures and flavors are at their freshest, Chu said. Customers cook the items themselves, simmering them at the table in electric pots.

"It's all about slow pace," Chu said. "A place to relax and have fun."

RedThai, 7822 N. 12th St., is open for lunch 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesdays to Fridays; dinner from 5 to 9 p.m., Tuesdays to Thursdays and on Sundays, and 5 to 10 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. For more information call 602-870-3015 or visit redthaiphx.com.

**Dining Briefs**

**'Dish It Out' to help children**

It's almost time to dig in and help local children and teens at a well-known culinary event with a big variety of food and spirits to satisfy diverse tastes.

Dish It Out will feature 40 restaurants from North Central Phoenix and around the Valley from 5 to 8 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 20, at High Street, a dining and shopping experience at 5415 E. High St. Those at least 21 years old can try dishes from popular restaurants

as well as wine and spirits, with all proceeds from the event going to the Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Phoenix.

Mathew Blades and Priscilla Ornelas of the morning team at iHeart Radio's Mix 96.9 FM will serve as emcees for the gathering and the band The Walkens will perform.

Tickets are \$75 each for general admission and \$200 for VIP access, which includes entry an hour earlier, at 4 p.m., and two exclusive areas with premium restaurants, wine and spirits, a beer yard and other goodies. For tickets and more information, visit dishitoutaz.org.

**Fun mix of cereals offered at b:fast**

Breakfast is not only typically the first meal of the day but can also be a fun way to get a boost anytime.

That is the theory behind b:fast, a cereal bar that opened in July at Biltmore Fashion Park at 2502 E. Camelback Road. The fast-casual eatery caters to customers on the go stopping in for the all-day breakfast or lunch or a midday or evening snack.

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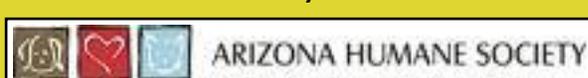
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Guests can choose from more than 25 cereal choices with over 20 toppings and a big variety of milks to wash down the cereal. Some cereals on the menu include Frosted Flakes, Apple Jacks, Cap'n Crunch, Cheerios, Fruit Loops, Lucky Charms and Raisin Bran. Those who do not want to decide can opt for the six, clever cereal mixes.

B:fast offers gluten-free and dairy-free options. It also serves cereal shakes, cereal parfaits, sweet sandwiches, grilled cheeses sandwiches and cereal-infused waffles. The restaurant is open from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sundays. To learn more, visit [www.bfastacerealbar.com](http://www.bfastacerealbar.com) or call 602-413-6629.

**New shop offers gourmet doughnuts**

A new doughnut and coffee shop with a catchy name is giving locals a chance to jump-start their day with fun treats.

DÖH! recently opened at 6025 N. 16th St., slightly north of Bethany Home Road. It is Brat Haus owner Dave Andrea's latest concept and next door to Brat Haus. The shop offers locally sourced gourmet doughnuts and bagels, as well as coffee from CULT Artisan Beverage Company. On tap, it also provides nitrogen-infused cold brew, Wild Kombucha and Zardetto Prosecco for bottomless mimosas.

**Donut Festival rolling to downtown**

Satisfy your craving for diverse sweet treats at the Downtown Donut Festival on Sunday, Nov. 17.

Festival-goers can eat doughnuts and other foods from more than 20 different businesses at the event from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Margaret T. Hance Park, 67 W. Culver St. Besides the popular breakfast food, the festival will offer wine, mimosas and beer from area breweries. There will be live music, lawn games, local market vendors and a photo booth.

Vendors include Jewel's Bakery & Café, North Mountain Brewing, SanTan Brewery, Muse & Market and Novel Ice Cream.

Doughnuts and other samples will be available to buy starting at \$1. Tickets for the festival must be bought ahead of time for access. General

admission tickets, for those coming at 10 a.m., are \$10 and general admission tickets for entrance at noon are \$8, not including fees. To buy tickets and get more information, visit [www.downtowndonutfest.com](http://www.downtowndonutfest.com).

**First Watch offers seasonal menu**

First Watch restaurant is celebrating the season with a pumpkin pancake breakfast and other flavorful specials.

The breakfast, brunch and lunch eatery is offering its limited-time "Harvest the Season" menu with pumpkin pancakes, mixed berry toast, million dollar bacon, braised short rib Benedict, truffled wild mushroom fritata, butternut squash bisque and carrot crush drink. The menu will be offered through Nov. 3 at First Watch locations at 3215 E. Camelback Road, 3110 N. Central Ave. and 61 W. Thomas, as well as around the Valley.

The pumpkin pancake breakfast includes two, cage-free eggs and a Jones Dairy Farm grilled, all-natural savory chicken sausage patty. The mixed berry *please see SEASONAL on page 40*

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toast is thick-cut with lemon ricotta cream, strawberries, blueberries, blackberries, granola and crème anglaise.

First Watch contributed last month to the Dine for No Kid Hungry fundraising effort, an initiative to try to end childhood hunger in the country, with proceeds from sales from the fall seasonal menu. To learn more, visit [www.firstwatch.com](http://www.firstwatch.com).

**New cocktail bar opens in The Churchill**

There is a new place to sip unusual cocktails made with fresh fruits, vegetables and herbs in the area.

So Far, So Good was expected to open Oct. 1 in The Churchill at 901 N. 1st St. downtown.

Former Pobrecito general manager Sam Olguin launched the new cocktail bar, where guests can enjoy cocktails with straightforward, clean flavors. The bar, located where Pobrecito used to be, features a minimalistic look with black, white and gold accents.

The Churchill houses several small, local businesses that have all pledged to complete at least four hours of com-

munity service per month. Centered around a communal courtyard that is about 9,000-square-feet, The Churchill also has a curated event series that includes speakers, as well as art and fitness classes, sports viewings and pop-up artist galleries. To learn more, visit [thechurchillphx.com](http://thechurchillphx.com).

**PHX Beer Co. offers new brews, food**

Something new is available to beer and food fans in the area.

PHX Beer Co., a new brewery and restaurant concept, made its debut in the Valley last month. The concept changed all existing Phoenix Ale Brewery locations into PHX Beer Co.'s own, with new beer and food, a new look and new ownership.

Locations include the former Phoenix Ale Brewery Central Kitchen at 5813 N. 7th St. and the former Phoenix Brewery and Tap Room at 3002 E. Washington St.

Former owner and CEO of NYPD Pizza and Phoenix Ale Brewery Central Kitchen founder Richard Stark has transformed the menu at the PHX Beer Co. locations. PHX Beer Co.'s kitchen has popular comfort

foods including Cast Iron Macaroni & Cheese, as well as Iron Horse Porter Brownie, Morenci Copper Ale Wings, Black Iron pizzas and Whiskey BBQ meatballs. PHX Beer Co.'s brewery director Adam Wojcik has guided brewers to create the flagship IPA, Arizona Gold and Orange Grove IPA.

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

**Pumpkin treats on Culver's menu**

Culver's restaurant is getting into the season with some sweet and savory desserts at its locations in North Central Phoenix and around the Valley.

A pumpkin spice shake, pumpkin fresh custard and salted caramel pumpkin concrete mixer are on the menu through Nov. 24 or while supplies last. The pumpkin spice shake has hand-mixed vanilla fresh frozen custard, along with real pureed pumpkin and pumpkin spice. The salted caramel pumpkin concrete mixer blends creamy, vanilla fresh frozen custard, real pureed pumpkin and ribbons of old-fashioned, salted caramel.

Culver's has a location at 825 E. Camelback Road and at Metro Center

at 10225 N. 28th Drive. To learn more, visit [www.culvers.com](http://www.culvers.com).

**Wine event to offer special sips, nibbles**

Anyone who gets excited about vino might like to check out the Grape Arizona Wine Event Oct. 27 at Heritage Square.

The Phoenix Rotary 100 and Phoenix Rotary Club Charities are organizing the event from 1 to 5 p.m. at 113 N. 6th St. Guests will get the opportunity to buy limited release wines, as well as wine-related merchandise and purchase raffle tickets for prizes.

Main Event admission includes 12 tasting tickets, a souvenir glass, an event program, as well as bites and dishes from area restaurants. Live music will be performed and vendors will be on the site. Participants this year include Pillsbury, Caduceus Cellars & Merkin Vineyards, Arizona Sake, Rune and Page Springs.

This event is for people ages 21 years old and older. Tickets cost \$65 to \$100. For tickets, visit [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com).

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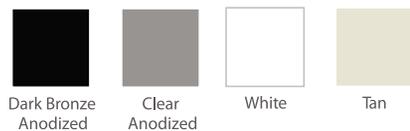
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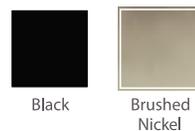
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