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Canalside mixed-use clears Alhambra VPC

By Kathryn M. Miller

At the June 27 meeting of the Alhambra Village Planning Committee (VPC), members heard a presentation on City of Phoenix Case No. Z-9-22-4, a new mixed-use residential development at the southwest corner of Central Avenue and Coolidge Street.

Known as Forty600, the project will be built on the lot formerly occupied by Hinkley's Lighting for seven decades. The 1.71 gross acre-site is adjacent to the Grand Canal Trail and will include 7,100 square feet of ground floor commercial space and 155 residential units above. The seven-story, 80-foot-tall building will include an internal parking structure that is only accessible from Central Avenue.

The project site falls within the Uptown TOD Policy Plan (Transit Oriented Development) and is appropriate for WU Code Transect 5:5, which allows for a 56-foot height maximum according to the City of Phoenix Planning Department staff report. The applicant, RAS Developments, Inc., proposed a PUD (Planned Unit Development) that utilizes WU Code Transect 5:6, which allows for an 80-foot height maximum.

To exceed the recommended transect contained in the Policy Plan, the report says that a project must be "mixed-use," must comply with the Phoenix Green Construction Code in addition to achieving one of the following options: provide a minimum 30

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"Up in the Sky, Down in the Grass," which is installed at the Mountain View Station adjacent to the Rose Mofford Sports Complex and Dog Park, imagines the world from a birds-eye and bugs-eye perspective (photo courtesy of the artist, Mary Lucking).

Ride the light rail, explore the art

By Kathryn M. Miller

Art connects us — to the past, to a place, to one another — and in the greater Phoenix area, art also connects the 28 miles of the current Valley Metro light rail network.

Since it first began operating in 2008, art has been an integral component of the light rail system, with one percent of the total cost of all construction projects dedicated to art. Its goal: to bring beauty, inspiration and a sense of wonder to daily commutes. Fast forward to 2023, and more than 45,000 riders rely on light rail each day, and view nearly 50 pieces of commissioned artwork, created by 24 Arizona artists as well as many others from around the U.S.

"Implementing public art along any of our extensions and involving local artists creates a really vibrant, inclusive and culturally rich environment," said Juliana Vasquez-Keating, a public information officer with Valley Metro. "I think it's a reflection of the community. The community feels involved and it interests a lot of people. It also gives them a more pleasant ride.

"And I think being able to support our local art community has been great as well. We invest in their talents and provide them with opportunities to showcase their work."

Currently under construction is the Northwest Extension Phase II project, which will extend the light rail 1.6 miles west on Dunlap Avenue from 19th Avenue, then north on 25th Avenue and across I-17 at Mountain View Road, ending on the west side of the freeway near the former Metrocenter Mall. The project also includes new stations, including the system's first elevated station. Construction began in 2020 and the line is anticipated to open in early 2024. For updates,

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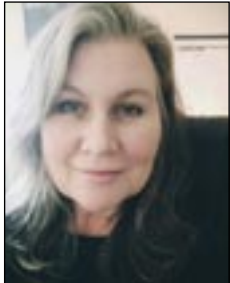


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From the Editor

Hello, North Central Neighbors!

We hope you're handling the record-breaking temps we've been experiencing. With the unrelenting heat, people can get cranky (guilty) but it's a part of desert living and finding ways to cope is key. As we head toward Labor Day, how will you chill out and handle the heat this month? I would love to hear from you!



It's important to recognize that while many of us can escape to air-conditioned homes and offices, many cannot. Maricopa County has set up emergency heat relief shelters across the Valley (<https://hrn.azmag.gov/#/map>) and can help residents with rent, utilities and HVAC repair (<http://maricopa.gov/helpwithbills>).

On the cover, we explore the cool art along the Valley Metro light rail, focusing on the Northwest Extension Phase II, which will extend the line from 19th and Dunlap avenues to a new elevated station at the former Metrocenter Mall. You also can read an update on yet another new residential development along Central Avenue.

For our August Café Chat, Marjorie Rice dipped into Lylo Swim Club at Rise Uptown Hotel and spoke with Greg Zanotti. They have a new menu, as do a handful of other area restaurants — read more in Food for Thought.

Finally, a reminder that this month ushers in a new school year. Please keep an eye out for the kiddos and stopped school busses, and be mindful of your speed in school zones. Stay safe out there, and enjoy our August issue!

All my best,

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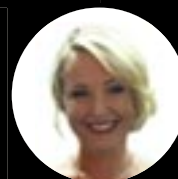
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Funding supports back-to-school program

The Assistance League of Phoenix (ALP) recently received funding for their Operation School Bell program that will help provide new clothes and essential items to low-income students in the Greater Phoenix Area.

The grants were received from The William L. and Ruth T. Pendleton Memorial Fund, \$5,000; Sunwest Bank Charitable Foundation, \$5,000; Helios Education Foundation, \$10,000; and the Employee Community Fund of The Boeing Company Arizona, \$15,000.

Operation School Bell aims to fulfill basic needs, foster self-esteem, and make sure every single student can enter the classroom ready to learn, bringing wardrobe packages to low-income and underserved students who may not have access to appropriately fitting clothing otherwise.

ALP partners with more than 130 Title I schools in the Greater Phoenix Area, including in the Osborn School District and the Washington Elementary School District, among others. Each



Assistance League of Phoenix utilizes a 40-foot retrofitted buses, filled with racks of clothing and shoes, to bring its Operation School Bell program directly to schools (submitted photo).

school selects up to 100 children who can benefit from access to the program.

ALP uses 40-foot retrofitted buses, called Delivering Dreams Buses, to bring the program directly to schools, which cuts out the need for accessible transportation to which low-income families may not have access. The buses are filled with racks of clothing and shoes, along with private dressing rooms. Volunteers

help each child select clothing and ensure that clothes and shoes fit properly. Each student receives a bundle of items valued at approximately \$200-\$250 and includes two bottoms, three tops, seven pairs of socks, seven underwear, a sweatshirt, a pair of shoes, a new book, and a personalized health kit.

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Montaño Searles to run in District 4

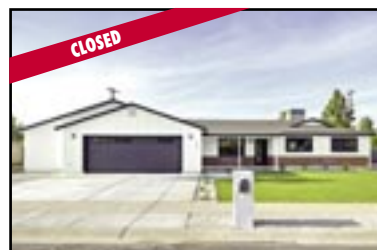
Phoenix native and long-time District 4 resident Aaron Montaño Searles will run for the District 4 seat on the Phoenix City Council.

Montaño Searles attended both elementary school and high school in Phoenix. The president of his own firm, LMC Consulting Enterprises, he has worked in early childhood development, behavioral health, education and small business development. He also worked in affordable housing and previously worked for three Phoenix City Council members.

Currently, he serves on the Encanto Village Planning Committee and as vice-president of the Willo Neighborhood Association. He has served on the volunteer board for more than 10 years for the Chavez Youth and Community Foundation, leading it for three years as president.

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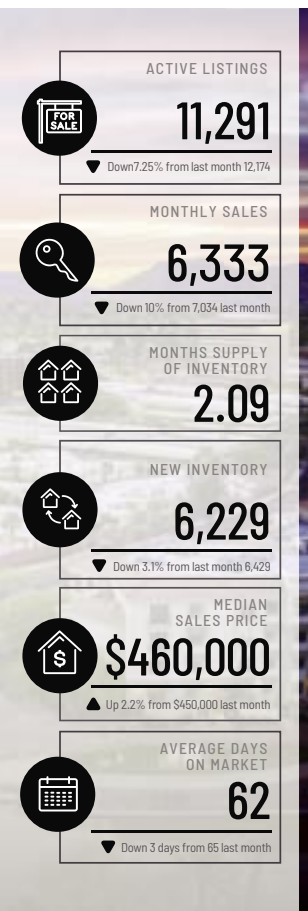


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Lessons learned: What would I tell my younger self about money and investing?

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As you enter a new stage of your life, it makes sense to give some thought to how your money factors into your routines and habits.

Take a close look at your money attitudes and behaviors.

Maybe you have saved every dollar you ever received for every birthday and holiday since you were young. Or maybe you've spent every one of those dollars and do the same with every paycheck. This may be a good time to recognize and perhaps start to change any behaviors that may be contributing to a less-than-optimal outcome. It is never too late to start paying yourself first.

Be intentional in your money decisions.

It is tempting, if starting out with a new job with a steady income higher than you've ever had before, to want to go on a spending spree. Before you start spending, give careful thought to ALL the jobs that money can do for you. Money can buy things, but it can also, depending on how you use it, create stability or help you reach goals you set for yourself. Devote some time to think about the role money will play in your life. Your decisions about money can have very positive or very negative results. (Will money be your friend or your enemy?)

Have a plan.

Some people have a clear plan for their entire lives and start to work that plan upon graduation or at the beginning or completion of a life milestone. If you are not one of those people, at least create a one-year plan for your life activities and calculate the amount of money you will need to support that. Set that budget, and stay true to it for that first year. Commit to some amount of money to save that you will consider untouchable for this first year. At the end of that year, assess your progress, celebrate your successes, and learn from any setbacks. Adjust and implement your plan accordingly.

Pay yourself first.

Create the "pay yourself" habit, and automatically increase contributions as your income rises. Sign up for workplace savings and retirement accounts. If your employer offers a certain percentage match, at least participate to that level to receive the "free money" your employer provides. And with every increase in wages, increase your savings contributions as well.

Pay off your debt AND start saving.

"OK," you say, "I want to save but I have school loans or other debt." Work to rebalance the scale – pay off your debt to stop your cash outflow and reroute that cash flow back to you. Everyone has a unique set of circumstances to consider in order to reduce debt and save more.

Manage your credit to your advantage.

Resist the temptation to accept every credit offer you get. It's important to establish a credit history in order to build your credit rating, but the use of multiple credit options could lead to unwanted debt. If your money plan includes a credit component, have a clear understanding of how much that credit is costing you. Also keep track of your credit rating and understand actions you can take to improve it. Check your credit report on a regular basis to be sure that all the information that appears there is accurate. If it is not, report the discrepancy so that it can be corrected on your credit report.

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Along this extension, five of the seven artists are local, and residents may notice a bit more whimsy in the art that has recently been installed.

"For this extension, we wanted it to support not only the local creative community, but be a representation of the people that live in this area," said Vasquez-Keating. "The aliens are representative of the Phoenix Lights. And if you've been here a while, that's likely a core memory for you."

The installation, "The Travelers," is created by Eugene, Oregon, artist Pete Goldlust and sits atop the 25th Avenue/Dunlap station, as well as incorporated into the station panels. Further along this line will be "Zig-Zag Block" by Phoenix artist Janelle L. Stanley. The utility gate features two plates painted in an abstract Navajo rug design and acknowledges the Diné grandmothers who influenced the artist's weaving design.

Artwork at the Metro Parkway Station includes a tile mosaic of a Costa's Hummingbird that graces the staircase risers of the elevated station ("On a Journey with You" by Phoenix artist Oliverio Balcells), playful sculptures that reflect the fun spirit of the former Metrocenter Mall ice skating rink and nearby amusement park ("Metro Muse" by Phoenix artist Laurie Lundquist), ocotillo stems and blooms that add flourish to the concrete piers of the station ("Ocotillo Rise" by Phoenix artist Mary Shindell), as well as seven sculptures that resemble flowers and are attached to the face of the Metro Parkway Park-and-Ride. The artwork ("Vespertine" by Seattle-based artist Susan Zoccola) is inspired by the night-blooming flower of the Sonoran Desert's native Datura plant, as well as the iconic roofline of the nearby Sarmiento building. Lights placed at the base of each sculpture will illuminate them at night.

Phoenix artist Mary Lucking, who has created eight other pieces of public art for Valley Metro, created "Up in the Sky, Down in the Grass" for the Mountain View station, which is adjacent to the Rose Mofford Sports Complex and Dog Park at 25th Avenue and Mountain View Road.

Lucking, who moved to Phoenix at the age of 10 and attended Central High School, has been part of the light rail art

program from the beginning. She creates public art in all sorts of mediums. For the Mountain View Station, part of the Northwest Extension, the artist used glass, steel and enamel panels and added, "but I'll use concrete, and I'll use electronics, balloons, bubbles and fish...whatever it is that I think that a particular site needs."

"For this station, I wanted to make something that evoked as much fun and playfulness, color, life and movement as I could, to kind of mimic what I was seeing at the park," she said.

Two large sculptures tower over the station and "look either like a bouncing ball or like a giant dandelion, depending on how you look at it," and the station screens have cut outs that evoke movement and motion. There are also enamel panels mounted on the shade screens that depict either a birds-eye view of four surrounding locations, and four panels that have medallions, "which are views as if you were a bug, down in the grass, looking up at dogs, playing with balls."

This is her third light rail station. She also did the artwork at the Indian School/Central Avenue Station and Mesa Drive in Mesa, as well as three streetcar stations in Tempe and three park-and-ride locations, and she encourages Phoenix artists to explore the potential of Valley Metro's public art.

"I find it a really rich, rewarding and interesting process, besides being able to make something that goes out into the world, which is really nice too," Lucking said, adding, "I love how committed Valley Metro is to the variety of art that they put out there. If you look at all the different stations, each one looks absolutely different from the last one. There are all sorts of different materials and techniques and styles."

Also currently under construction is the South Central Extension/Downtown Hub. The five-and-a-half-mile extension will connect South Phoenix to the regional light rail system, operating from downtown Phoenix to Baseline Road. Along the line, there will be eight stations and two park-and-rides, and 18 artists will showcase their talents. A lot of the Downtown Hub art has already been installed, Vasquez-Keating said, and the South Central art will be installed over the next several months. Once the South Central and Northwest Extension Phase II are complete, the rail line will encompass a total distance of 35.1 miles.

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Stay cool and remember some of our children are headed back to school ... take note!

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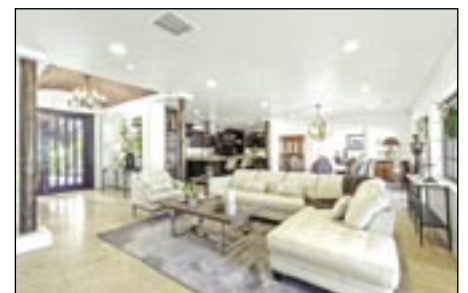
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City staff recommended requiring the applicant allocate funds for improvements to the Grand Canal between Central Avenue and 3rd Avenue. To that end, the developer will deposit \$250,000 with the City of Phoenix to be used to enhance the canal area, with a caveat that “If it is not possible for the City to reach an agreement with the necessary jurisdictional partners such as the Salt River Project after 5 years from the date of deposit, the funds shall be transferred to the Housing Department to fund the development of affordable housing in the District 4 City Council District.”

A number of VPC members questioned both the amount of the donation

and whether it should rather go directly to the Housing Department, citing the greater need for affordable housing in the area. At one point, a motion was on the table to increase the total amount to \$500,000, with \$250K going towards canal improvements and with a three-year timeline, and \$250K going directly to housing. That motion did not pass.

Benjamin Tate with Withey Morris Baugh, PLC, who represented the developer at the VPC meeting, explained in greater detail a few days after the meeting why this project is not suitable for affordable housing.

“If you think about this from a private development standpoint, any private developer who is looking to build residential anywhere, you have to look at the cost to the developer to (a) acquire the land and then (b) build the project and what is feasible from a financial standpoint,” Tate said. “When you take a development that’s this small and the developer is paying over \$2 million just for the dirt... if you were to take some of those units and make them affordable units where you’re really not making any money on rent, in

fact in most cases you’re losing money on rent, it’s much harder to absorb that cost with a smaller development.”

Affordability aside, the project has some unique features that Tate touted as making this project special, in particular, a restaurant space that is oriented towards the canal.

“This is the first where we’ve actually oriented the front door towards the canal,” he said. “We really think it’s something that’s going to make the project unique and special and really activate the Arizona Grand Canal in a way that the city has been envisioning for a long time.”

It is too early in the process to name a potential tenant he said but added, “I think the size of the space and sort of the clientele we would expect, given that it’s going to be largely dependent upon bicycle and foot traffic from the surrounding area... a café, bistro, a coffee shop, something along those lines is probably what the space lends itself to the most.”

Another unique aspect of the project is four live/work spaces, which will also front along the canal and an additional

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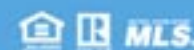
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reason that the developer is invested in assuring that the canalscape is enhanced. Tate said that improving the pedestrian-level surroundings, creating a more comfortable environment with shade trees, art, seating areas and lighting will make it a place that people want to walk to.

“We really believe in this project,” Tate said. “The value of this project for the Central corridor as being a true mixed-use development will show that vertical development on a small infill site, which in more and more cases is the type of development that needs to happen as Central Phoenix becomes more of an urban corridor, is possible and that doing this type of development, that’s oriented towards the canal, is possible.”

The Foty600 project was approved by the Alhambra VPC as recommended by the City of Phoenix Planning Department and will be heard by the Phoenix Planning Commission Aug. 4 and Phoenix City Council in September. If approved and all goes well, the project could be completed by mid to late 2025. Visit www.forty600.com for details.

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Up next for Valley Metro is the Capitol Extension, a 1.4-mile extension that will connect the existing line in downtown Phoenix to the State Capitol. Up to eight artists will be selected to create artwork for this extension, and the process is already underway. An initial meeting was held July 24, and prospective artists are invited to submit a project for consideration. The deadline to apply is Aug. 23. Prospective artists can visit www.valleymetro.org/about/artsline

and click on the “Art Opportunities” tab for a link to more information.

It is not just light rail stations that benefit from beautification, but the train itself as well as Tempe streetcars, area bus stops and park-and-ride locations. The light rail is unique, however, in the way that it also connects residents to Valley arts and culture destinations along the line — from museums to music venues and everything in between. Valley Metro created the Artsline program for residents who want to explore not only the public art, but the destinations throughout the Valley.

“I think public art can have positive economic impact,” Vasquez-Keating said. “Our Artsline attracts people to areas because they want see the art. It is its own art tour, and that’s just another aspect of bringing more people to the community and the surrounding businesses.”

Residents who would like to take an Artsline art adventure on Valley Metro light rail can download a brochure or check out an interactive map at www.valleymetro.org/about/artsline. Or, just hop on the line at any point and enjoy the view.

Golf tournament supports nonprofit

Lura Turner Homes will host its 28th annual golf tournament Friday, Sept. 22, at Stone Creek Golf Club, 4435 E. Paradise Village Parkway S., in Phoenix. Check-in starts at 6 a.m. The cost is \$150 per player and all proceeds will benefit the special needs residents of Lura Turner Homes for Developmentally Disabled Adults. Lura Turner Homes was founded in Phoenix in 1965 by Methodist deaconess Lura Turner.

For details, visit www.luraturnerhomes.org or call 602-943-4789.

Phoenix Housing Market Snapshot as of 7/6/23

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Demand dropped sharply between June and July, and the third quarter is never the strongest part of the year, so there is no reason to expect much from the next 3 months. However, the supply of new listings remains very weak, down more than 40% compared to last year. Lower pricing looks unlikely while supply remains tight.

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It's that time a year again to put my college football predictive skills to the test. **Last year I picked Ohio State to win it all** and they came close but no cigar. This year I am leaving out the Alabama Crimson Tide in my final four, which seems irresponsible since they have made the college football playoffs in 7 of the last 9 years. They are too uncertain at quarterbacks for me this year. **Below are my picks:**

- 4 **Michigan Wolverines** – They have made the playoffs the last two years and hit the transfer portal hard to shore up their offensive line and defense. J.J. McCarthy should continue to improve in his 2nd year at quarterback.
- 3 **Georgia Bulldogs** – The two-time defending national champs are still loaded on defense and the offensive line and their receiving corp should be the best it has been in awhile. I have questions with the quarterback position and how well the new offensive coordinator will perform.
- 2 **LSU Tigers** – This is the second year for Coach Kelly and Jayden Daniels as quarterback, which I expect to show marked improvement. The defense should be stout, especially the defensive line and the wide receivers should be explosive.
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Valley of the Sun United Way's community-driven, five-year plan for Mighty Change by 2026 prioritizes improving outcomes in health, housing and homelessness, education and workforce development (submitted photo).

Funding addresses pressing issues

Valley of the Sun United Way announced in July more than \$9.3 million in strategic investments of programs and services provided by 101 nonprofit organizations and schools throughout Maricopa County. In partnership with First Things First and other government support, Valley of the Sun United Way also provides nearly \$80 million to support families with affordable quality child care and strengthening literacy capacity, serving over 10,000 children statewide.

“We're proud to support and partner with so many incredible nonprofits and schools that are doing amazing and impactful work throughout our community,” said Carla Vargas Jasa, president and CEO of Valley of the Sun United Way. “These partners are a fundamental and a critical component aligned to reach the bold goals of our community-driven, five-year plan for Mighty Change by 2026, which has prioritized improving outcomes in health, housing and homelessness, education and workforce development.”

The community investments include the organization's recent competitive grant funding process in which \$5.8 million has been awarded to support 90 programs and services led by 67 community organizations, and additional investments in the nonprofit's Grassroots Funding initiative that supports nonprofits with annual budgets under \$250,000, as well as multi-year and transformational grants that support long-term programs like Mighty Families and Pathways to Economic Opportunity. Grant amounts had a \$10,000 minimum and were capped at \$200,000 each.

To learn more about the organization's impact and journey to Mighty Change 2026, or to get involved, visit www.vsuw.org.

Museum hosts Legend City exhibit

Sunnyslope Historical Society and Museum will kick off its season of exhibits Sept. 2 by celebrating Legend City's 60th anniversary.

Legend City opened on June 29, 1963. It hosted a number of attractions such as the Lost Dutchman Mine ride, Cochise's Stronghold river ride, Sky Ride, Penny Arcade, Miniature Golf, Log Jammer, and Iron Horse on the Legend City Railroad. TV show hosts Wallace and Ladmo appeared at Legend City virtually every weekend and Vonda Kay Van Dyke, later Miss America 1965, performed a popular ventriloquism act at the park's Golden Palace Saloon.

Originally planned as an Old West theme park, Legend City endured a series of closings, bankruptcies and ownership changes throughout the 1960s and 1970s. It was never a significant financial success. However; Legend City is still remembered fondly and held in high regard by locals who knew and frequented the park in its heyday.

The land was eventually purchased in 1982 by the Salt River Project, which closed the park permanently after the 1983 season. Legend City was then dismantled to the ground to make way for new corporate offices for SRP.

Residents are invited to visit the exhibit at the museum Tuesday, Thursday or Friday, 10 a.m. to noon, at 737 E. Hatcher Road. For additional information, call 602-331-3150 or visit www.sunnyslopehistoricalsociety.org.

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Pet of the Month

Meet super smart, handsome Korvo

With more and more people in the community continuing to struggle for a number of reasons, including astronomical rent increases, job and housing insecurity, medical emergencies and more, Valley shelters are being hit extremely hard. The Arizona Humane Society has already seen an almost 30 percent increase in the number of pets that have come through its doors this year as compared to the same timeframe for 2022.

Pets like adorable Korvo. This sweet pup was surrendered to AHS in June after his previous family did not have the time or resources to give him any longer. The handsome three-year-old American Bulldog Terrier is a great walking buddy as he has great leash manners and loves to explore with his people, especially when it is cooler outside.

Beyond his great looks, Korvo is super smart and knows sit, shake and is very treat motivated. With how smart he is, the speckled boy would do best in a home that helps get his wiggles out



Korvo is a handsome, smart and friendly three-year-old American Bulldog Terrier who would make a great walking buddy (photo courtesy of Arizona Humane Society).

with mental and physical stimulation. What better way to bond with your new furry friend than learning new tricks together? Those interested in meeting kind Korvo are encouraged to visit azhumane.org/adopt to learn more.

If Korvo (pet number 734116) has already been adopted, AHS asks potential pet parents to take a moment to meet some of the animals at the shelter. To see all adoptable animals currently available at the Arizona Humane Society, visit www.azhumane.org/adopt.

August events support local rescue

Almost There Rescue specializes in pregnant and nursing dogs and pups who need time and space to grow and become socialized. To facilitate adoptions and continue its rescue efforts, the nonprofit hosts events at the rescue each month and other community events around town.

This month, residents can enjoy four fun events. First up is Paws + Reflect puppy yoga, Wednesday, Aug. 2, 6-7 p.m. This monthly event offers a fun, relaxed yoga flow with puppy snuggles and kisses. All ages and abilities are welcome. Join Elisha May of Bee The Glow Tuesday, Aug. 15, 6-7 p.m., for a meditation class and discover the harmony of puppies and mindful breathing. Tickets for both events are available on the website.

Also this month, Almost There will host a Yappy Hour event Thursday, Aug. 17, 4:30-6:30 p.m. at Embassy Suites North Phoenix. Enjoy yummy treats and “pawfectly” mixed cocktails. Puppy kisses are available on request and donations are encouraged. RSVP

by emailing kim.pfiefer2@hilton.com.

Finally, head over to Last Exit Live Friday, Aug. 25, 8 p.m. and catch 33 Black in concert. The members of this new band are passionate about dog rescue, and on their first tour they decided to donate merchandise sales for their concerts in each city to a local dog rescue and have chosen Almost There for their Phoenix concert. Enjoy a night of great music while supporting the nonprofit. Find tickets at www.tickettailor.com/events/33black/880235.

Almost There Rescue is located at 2611 E. Indian School Road. For tickets to in-house events, visit www.almosttherescue.org/events or call 480-336-9860 for more information.

Training available for Valley pups

New pet parents who want to help their pups put their best paw forward have options through two Valley nonprofit organizations.

Whether a dog is reactive to others or owners want to teach their dog basic obedience, the Arizona Animal Welfare League (AAWL) may be a good fit. The Basic Obedience Course allows people and their pets to work on learning basics skills and good manners. Participants will learn to train dogs to sit, lay down, stay, come, walk on a loose leash, and more. This course will also work with participants to solve any other problems they may be having with their dog. Learn more and sign up for dog training classes at www.aawl.org/dogtraining.

The Arizona Humane Society (AHS) also offers training classes for dogs of all ages and breeds, geared toward each pup's needs.

AHS offers positive reinforcement, force-free training to help your pup be the best version of themselves, each led by an expert team of certified dog trainers. Consider signing up for the Basics class, which encourages and reinforces the fundamentals. If a pup is reacting to other dogs, the Reactive Rover course is geared to help manage barking, lunging or pulling toward other pups while on leash (not suitable for dogs who are human reactive).

Also, check out the Scent Games or Tricks for fun indoor enrichment to beat the heat. For pups under five months old, Puppy Parties are great for socialization and building confidence early. Learn more at www.azhumane.org/dog-training-classes.



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A mural at Our Saviour's Lutheran reflects the church's values and efforts to create a welcoming environment. The church recently was recognized for its welcoming stance and commitment to equity (submitted photo).

Church recognized for welcoming stance

Last year, Our Saviour's Lutheran commissioned a mural to remind their community to love all their neighbors; a message they strive to live themselves. Now, the church has been recognized by ReconcilingWorks as the most recent Reconciling in Christ congregation in Phoenix.

This recognition comes after the

congregation officially adopted a public statement of welcome and a commitment to racial equity. The statement reads in part, "Our Saviour's Lutheran Church welcomes people of all races and ethnicities, all ages, all sexual orientations, all gender expressions and identities, all physical and mental abilities, all socioeconomic classes, all household structures and marital statuses, all educational backgrounds, and all those who have felt marginalized or left out."

The church's Rev. Dr. Karn S. Carroll sees this statement as a public reminder for the congregation to continue to live in the radically inclusive love and grace of Jesus.

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church is located at 1212 E. Glendale Ave. For additional information, call 602-997-6944 or visit www.oslconline.org.

District 4 will host job fair

The Phoenix City Council District 4 office will host a job fair to promote city and industry jobs aimed at young adults and people looking for a fresh start.

Residents are invited to attend the Aug. 19 event, held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the gym at Carl Hayden High School to learn more about and apply for entry-level jobs that offer competitive pay, set schedules, paid vacation, sick leave, benefits and more.

Attendees also will have the opportunity to apply for a certificate program with Maricopa County Community Colleges. Family members are invited to attend and enjoy free treats and activities while job-seekers jumpstart their new career path.

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TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS

Lieb joins Launch, opens new office

Bobby Lieb, whose name has become synonymous with North Central Phoenix real estate has joined Launch | Compass Real Estate as partner and associate broker.

Consistently one of the top-selling realtors in North Central Phoenix since 2001, Lieb has served the market since 1991 and has ranked in the Top 5 Performing Realtors both locally and nationally every year since 2011. Having witnessed the growth and transformation of Central Phoenix since 1978, he draws upon his extensive experience and established network in the area to deliver for his clients.

Lieb says that he is “thrilled to join and work with a collaborative team of the most experienced and preeminent Realtors in Arizona real estate,” adding that the transaction with Launch | Compass strengthened his decision considering Compass’ systems and dig-



ital tools, a commitment to innovation, up-to-the-second database of off-market properties, and ultimately providing clients access to the finest opportunities available.

Bobby Lieb, who has been a top-selling realtor in North Central Phoenix since 1991, has become a partner and associate broker with Launch | Compass Real Estate. The Launch office in North Central is expected to open this month on Central Avenue (submitted photo).

Launch joined Compass, a tech-enabled real estate brokerage, in April 2023 and is a full-service brokerage based in Scottsdale with approximately 325 full time professional agents. They

have three offices: Old Town Scottsdale, Pinnacle Peak and a new office in North Central Phoenix, which Lieb will manage, together with a collective group of agents who live and work in Phoenix and who he says are “dedicated to providing unparalleled representation to home buyers, home sellers, investors, and developers.”

The North Central Phoenix office, which is expected to be open in August, is located at 5225 N. Central Ave., Suite 108. Visit www.azhomes.com or www.centralphx.com to learn more.

Business Briefs Valley businesses make ‘Impact’

The Greater Phoenix Chamber has selected 10 local companies as recipients of its 36th Annual IMPACT Awards. The IMPACT Awards honor the accomplishments of small and mid-to-large Valley businesses and their pos-

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The Phoenix Art Museum received the 2023 IMPACT Award for IMPACTful Nonprofit in the Mid-to-Large Business Sector category (photo courtesy of Greater Phoenix Chamber).

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itive influence on the community and economy. These recipients were selected following a community vote among 30 finalists of the more than 100 businesses nominated for this honor, and recognized at a June 22 event.

The 2023 Business of the Year IMPACT Award Small Business Sector

recipients are Community Champion, The Joy Bus; Economic Driver, Duffy Group, Inc.; IMPACTful Nonprofit, Make-A-Wish Arizona; Exceptional Workplace, Duffy Group, Inc.; and Industry Innovator, The Joy Bus. The Mid-to-Large Business Sector award recipients are Community Champion, Arizona Public Service; Economic Driver, Desert Financial Credit Union; IMPACTful Nonprofit, Phoenix Art Museum; Exceptional Workplace, Arizona Public Service; and Industry Innovator, Sonora Quest Laboratories.

Learn more at www.phoenixchamber.com.

Torch Award nominees announced

Better Business Bureau Serving the Pacific Southwest (BBB) announced 19 Greater Arizona companies as finalists for the 2023 BBB Torch Awards for Ethics. The award raises awareness in marketplace ethics and recognizes businesses that operate with the highest levels of integrity.

BBB Torch Awards for Ethics is one of the highest honors BBB bestows upon a company and is designed to highlight outstanding ethical businesses. This year's finalists completed an evaluation where they demonstrated their commitment to ethics and trust in four categories: Character, Culture, Customers and Community.

The 2023 Greater Arizona BBB Torch Awards for Ethics finalists include Sunnyslope's 3A Automotive & Diesel Repair in the 6-15 Employee category. There are five categories included in the nominations, from 1-5

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employees to 200-plus employees. One winner from each category will be announced at the signature event on Nov. 15 at the Arizona Biltmore.

For a complete list of this year's BBB Torch Awards for Ethics Finalists visit <http://torchawards.bbbcommunity.org>.

Zia Records is on the move

In June, Zia Records announced that its 19th Avenue and Camelback Road store will be moving to a new location.

In a statement posted on social media, the business said, "Zia Camelback is moving to the biggest Zia location yet! After 11 years at Camelback, we've finally outgrown the space and will be starting to move to 35th Avenue and Bethany Home Road at the end of July. Stay tuned for more updates and announcements!"

Established in 1980, Zia is a popular destination for music, movies, games, toys, collectibles, and more, with five Valley locations, one in Tucson and two in Las Vegas. The com-

pany says that the location at 6135 N. 35th Ave. will boast an even more expansive selection of items.

For more information about Zia Records and the opening of the new Bethany store, please visit www.ziarecords.com.

HonorHealth acquires urgent care centers

HonorHealth announced in July that it has signed an agreement to purchase the remaining interest in 26 urgent care centers in Arizona from FastMed. These urgent cares are currently operated under a joint venture relationship between FastMed and HonorHealth.

"Through this acquisition, our patients will continue to have increased access to urgent care services that are closer to where they live and work," said Todd LaPorte, CEO, HonorHealth. "Now those services will be more tightly aligned and integrated with HonorHealth's six acute-care hospitals, physician practices, outpatient surgery centers and other network services."

HonorHealth already independently operates seven Urgent Care locations

throughout the Valley. These newly acquired locations will operate under the name HonorHealth Urgent Care. The transaction is expected to close this summer. Learn more at www.honorhealth.com.

Brokery partners with Camelot

Camelot Homes has selected The Brokery to handle sales for two new Valley luxury communities, Willow in North Central Phoenix and Aura in North Scottsdale near the Mayo Clinic. This is a continuation of the relationship between the local residential real estate brokerage and the luxury homebuilder.

In 2021, The Brokery first partnered with Camelot Homes to manage sales for the 12-home gated North Phoenix Paradigm community, where only the model home remains for sale. The Brokery will act as an extension of The Camelot team, with a team of agents dedicated to working with interested home buyers for both the Willow and Aura Communities.

Learn more at www.thebrokery.com or www.camelothomes.com.

Waymo expands to Uptown

Last month, Waymo announced that starting July 7, Waymo One riders can now access an additional 45 square miles of Metro Phoenix, which now covers 225 square miles of The Valley. The expanded service area stretches further north to Uptown Phoenix and as far as Gainey Ranch. The service also grows south of the city to South Mountain Village and east to more of downtown Mesa.

Newly added destinations include Camelback Mountain, McCormick Ranch, The Farm at South Mountain and many award-winning resorts across the Valley.

The company says that to service such a large area and better accommodate longer trips, Waymo One tests its vehicles on the freeway with employees and an autonomous specialist behind the wheel. Waymo One serves well over 10,000 trips per week to public riders, not including employees. This latest expansion and strong ridership in Metro Phoenix will play a large role as the company continues to scale over time.

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1888SF • 3BR/2BA



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3103 E Hazelwood St • \$850,000
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Madison No. 1 welcomes students back from summer break (photo courtesy of Madison Elementary School District).

Get ready for a new school year

Schools across the Valley are preparing to welcome students for the new school year. Creating a solid foundation of routines and having good lines of communication with your child's teacher and school can help students start the new year right.

Students in the Madison Elementary School District in north central Phoenix will return to classes on Aug. 8. Long-time educator Laura Webb, the district's new director for Curriculum & Instruction and who previously served as principal for Madison Simis and assistant principal for Madison Rose Lane, offers back-to-school tips for families.

"As students prepare to return from summer break, it is important to establish and practice routines for the school year. These could include bedtime and morning routines, planning for breakfast and lunch, making sure backpacks are ready and planning clothes and shoes for the next day," she said. "Good routines help ease the morning rush and help students arrive at school on time and ready to learn."

"It is also important for families to establish a dedicated homework routine and space for their children that is quiet and free from distractions. Additionally, families should talk with their children about how they feel about the start of the new school year. Are they excited or nervous? These conversations can help students feel more comfortable as the new year begins."

As a former school leader, she added, "It is also important to build a strong partnership with your child's teacher and the school. Make sure you have completed the necessary registration forms and reviewed and updated your emergency contact information. Be on the lookout for emails from your child's teacher, school or the school district. Family involvement with their children's education is incredibly important. Be sure to review the school calendar and plan to attend family events such as Back-to-School or Meet the Teacher opportunities."

Finally, Webb says that if parents ever have concerns about their child's academic performance or behavior or if there are circumstances outside of school that could affect the child during school, having good lines of communication with their teacher and school can help staff address concerns and provide support to ensure students have a positive and productive educational experience.

School Briefs

GLENDALE UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT Enrollment is open for 2023-24

Glendale Union High School District (GUHSD) offers nine nationally recognized high schools. All schools are ranked among America's best high schools by *U.S. News & World Report*. GUHSD provides championship athletics, extracurricular activi-

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ties, cutting-edge STEM opportunities, career & technical education options, and much more.

The new school year begins Monday, Aug. 7. It is not too late for new students to enroll for the 2023-24 school year. Enrollment information can be found at <https://bit.ly/3P7z51W>. Learn more at www.guhsdaz.org or by calling 623-435-6000.

Grads earn college credits

Glendale Union High School District students earned over 9,000 college credits last school year. While still attending a GUHSD high school, students can earn college credits that are recognized and accepted by colleges and universities throughout the country.

The Class of 2023 earned an impressive, accumulated amount of 9,524 in college credits. Students earn college credits through the Advanced Placement and dual enrollment programs at GUHSD.

Students awarded scholarships

Washington High School students Gustavo Serrano Guzman, Sae Meh and Cendy Nguyen received a scholarship from the Sun City Rotary. Each student was awarded \$2,000 to the school of their choice for their essays on the topic of peace.

MADISON SCHOOL DISTRICT

Summer camp offered fun, variety

Students who participated in this year's Madison Elementary School District MAC Summer Camp had the opportunity to for exciting experiences.

The Arizona Puppet Theater visited MAC Summer Camp students at Madison Simis to tell the story of "The Princess, the Unicorn, and the Smelly-Foot Troll." Students were taught about how the puppets are made and how movement is created with the puppets.

At the MAC Summer Camp at Madison Meadows, Deb's Dragons stopped by in late June. Students learned about different reptiles and critters and even had the opportunity to hold some of them.

In addition to summer camp, the MAC (Madison Adventure Club) offers before and after school programs that



MAC Summer Camp students at Madison Meadows got up-close-and-personal with dozens of friendly critters this summer, courtesy of Deb's Dragons (photo courtesy of Madison Elementary School District).

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school-based MAC programs are licensed by the Arizona Department of Health Services. The MAC program is designed to provide students with a wide variety of experiences that extend the school day. Activities are recreational, highly structured, and focused. Contact the Community Education department at 602-664-7956 for information.

The first day of class for the 2023-24 school year in the Madison Elementary School District is Tuesday, Aug. 8. Learn more at www.madison-az.org or by calling 602-664-7900.

OSBORN SCHOOL DISTRICT**Dual language preschool to open at Encanto**

The Osborn School District is opening a new three-year-old dual language preschool classroom at its Encanto Elementary Campus.

Children who are three years old by Sept. 1 are encouraged to enroll in this

full day program. The classroom will support children as they develop their skills in both English and Spanish to become bilingual, biliterate and bicultural. Like all Osborn preschools, partnerships and support for academic, physical and social emotional growth remain. Through the use of specialized and developmentally appropriate curriculum, the Osborn Preschool supports children as they develop positive self-concepts, feel safe and secure, be free to verbalize their feelings and ideas, receive encouragement and have the opportunity to think, reason, question, and experiment and develop both independence and a sense of group membership among others.

Additionally, there are still a few remaining spots in the four-year-old and Montessori program. All programs accept financial assistance and scholarships from local partners and the state. Interested families may call 602-707-2000 for more information.

The Osborn School District kicks off its 2023-24 school year Monday, Aug. 7. Visit www.osbornnet.org to learn more.

WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT
District is enrolling for 2023-24 school year

All WESD schools are now enrolling for the 2023-24 school year, including the Online Learning Academy where students can receive live instruction from teachers in a virtual environment.

The district touts a well-rounded academic experience including free, full-day kindergarten, premiere special education and gifted services, and art, music, P.E. and STEM opportunities for all students. WESD will also provide free breakfast and lunch meals to all students for the 2023-24 school year.

“Our highly qualified and enthusiastic teachers encourage peer-to-peer relationships and collaboration while supporting each student’s unique needs and helping them to discover who they are as learners,” district leadership said.

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district in the country in student growth.

Enroll today to be prepared for the first day of school Monday, Aug. 7. Enrollment can be completed by visiting the WESD Welcome and Registration Center or registering online at www.wesdschools.org/registration.

WESD welcomes new administrators

The Washington Elementary School District (WESD) welcomed Andrea Maroney, new assistant principal at Maryland School, and Annie Diaz, new assistant principal at Mountain View School.

Maroney earned her master’s degree in special education from Arizona State University and joined WESD back in 2016 as a special education teacher at Sunnyslope School. Diaz obtained her doctorate degree for education in Leadership and Innovation from Arizona State University and began her career with WESD in 2015 as an instructional coach at John Jacobs Elementary School.

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The district said, “We are honored to have new dedicated administrators part of the WESD family, and look forward to their leadership in the upcoming school year!”

Kiwanis club supports WESD schools

Over the summer months, the Kiwanis of North Phoenix awarded nearly \$40,000 in grants to the Washington Elementary School District (WESD).

School and district recipients included Maryland School, \$13,000 for its Community Garden; Academic Support Programs; \$10,873 for its University of After-School Academy program; Social Services Department, \$9,500 to support students and families; Health Services Department, \$5,895 for its Hearing and Vision program; and Washington Resource Information Center, \$500 for its Books for Families program.

In a July 13 Facebook post the district expressed its gratitude for the ongoing support and generosity of Kiwanis members.



Representatives from the Washington Elementary School District were joined by members of the Kiwanis of North Phoenix for a grant award presentation (photo courtesy of WESD).

PRIVATE AND CHARTER SCHOOLS Brophy Prep announces leadership transitions

With the close of the fiscal year on June 30, Bob Ryan succeeded Adria Renke as Brophy College Preparatory’s president, becoming the 12th individual to step into that role and the second

layperson. Ryan had served as principal since 2006, a position that Jim Bopp will now fill.

Ryan came to Brophy in 2000, working as a faculty member in the math and religious studies departments. He quickly took on other roles including assistant principal and, in 2006, then-president Fr. Edward Reese, SJ, named him principal. Working first with President Reese

and then with President Renke, Ryan has led the school through many changes and substantial growth. He is credited with strengthening Brophy’s academic profile, increasing student body diversity and developing a talented faculty and staff. During the pandemic, his leadership was instrumental in keeping students in the classrooms for all but the last quarter of the 2019-20 school year.

Always a student-centered leader, he continued to spend time in the classroom when he could and promoted the Jesuit concept of cura personalis — care of the whole person — throughout his tenure as principal.



Bob Ryan

The Board of Trustees first announced the succession plan in November 2021, and in January 2022, Ryan announced that Jim Bopp, a former Brophy teacher and assistant principal, would succeed him. Bopp left

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Brophy after the 2015-16 school year to become principal at Creighton Preparatory School in Omaha, Nebraska. In summer 2022, he returned to Brophy to work with Ryan as vice principal during the 2022-23 school year, making the handoff of roles a seamless process.

Ryan is a graduate of Notre Dame University and holds a master's in education from Arizona State University, as well as a master's in Catholic School Leadership from the University of San Francisco.

Athletic director inducted into Hall of Fame

Sister Lynn Winsor, BVM, of Xavier College Preparatory was inducted into the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Hall of Fame on July 1 at the NFHS annual meeting in Seattle.

The school said that Winsor, who is a member of Xavier's Class of 1961, has been an innovative coach and administrator since she returned to Xavier to teach in 1974.

Her national hall of fame credentials as Xavier's golf coach include most dual victories by a girls' golf team (507); 37 AIA state team golf championships; since 1996, her teams have not lost a regular season match — 285 and counting; from 1996-2014, Xavier won 204 consecutive matches and won 16 consecutive titles, which is tied for the national record; Xavier finished



Arizona Interscholastic Association executive director David Hines joined Sister Lynn Winsor on stage to help honor her July 1 in Seattle (photo by Seth Polansky/azreps365).

first or second at state for 44 consecutive years; she's coached some of the state's all-time greats, including Heather and Missy Farr, Hannah O'Sullivan, Cheyenne Woods, Grace Park, Kimberley Kim, Amanda Blumenherst, and Sarah Schmelzel — all have gone on to compete in the Ladies Professional Golf Association (LPGA).

As a founding member of the Arizona Interscholastic Association's Girls Equity and Sports Committee, she was instrumental in laying the groundwork for the AIA to provide more sports for girls — soccer, beach




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volleyball, and flag football. Sister Lynn continues to be unrelenting in advocating for female athletes and administrators to receive more support. She also co-founded and is a charter member of the Arizona Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association. She began coaching in 1972 when Title IX became law, and was even featured on the CBS Evening News for her work advocating for equity in sports.

The school added that, in her 47th year as Xavier's vice principal for Activities/Athletic director, Sister Lynn is the longest serving high school athletic director in the state. She is always quick to credit her fantastic golf teams, her encouraging golf parents, Xavier's administration, her assistant coaches, especially Tui Selvaratnam — her assistant coach of 17 years and current associate athletic director — for her success.

Brophy offers orientations for new students, parents

The members of Brophy College Preparatory's incoming freshman class will attend Freshman Orientation on Monday, Aug. 7, beginning at 7:45 a.m.

The new students will be greeted by their Big Brothers who, along with their advisors, will walk them through various aspects of campus life, acclimating them to the Brophy environment. They will end with a personal tour of their class schedule and be dismissed by noon.

The new students will receive their Macbooks and Brophy ties as part of their orientation.

Brophy also will offer orientation for parents of new students (Class of 2027 and transfer students) that evening that will include presentations from administrators who will provide valuable and practical information related to each area of the school.

The event, set for Monday, Aug. 7, from 6-8 p.m., will give freshman parents an opportunity to meet their student's freshman advisor. The evening will conclude with a social hour to meet and mingle with other freshman parents.

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A carotid ultrasound exam is part of a low-cost health risk assessment for heart attack, stroke and peripheral artery disease that will be offered Aug. 10 at the Abrazo Central Campus (submitted photo).

Senior Living Heart health screening available

Low-cost health risk assessments for heart attack, stroke and peripheral artery disease will be held this month at the Abrazo Central Campus.

Heart disease is still the leading

cause of death for both men and women. According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, someone has a heart attack every 30 seconds and a stroke every 40 seconds. In addition, every year, nearly 800,000 people in the U.S. have a stroke and approximately 8.5 million people in the U.S. have peripheral artery disease.

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The Angioscreen event will be held Aug. 10 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Wellness Room at 2000 W. Bethany Home Rd. Register by calling 1-844-721-4068 or visit www.abrazohealth.com/events#4016.

This month at city senior centers

City of Phoenix senior centers offer a variety of activities, games, billiards, exercise classes and health programs to older adults in the area.

In addition to its regular schedule of classes and activities, the Sunnyslope Senior Center will hold two free pre-

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sentations this month: “12 Potential Signs You’re Eating Too Much Sugar,” Monday, Aug. 14; and a blood pressure check and health and wellness check, Tuesday, Aug. 22. The center also will host a Luau Birthday Part for its members Wednesday, Aug. 23, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The event will include DJ music, prizes, refreshments, snacks and door prizes.

The Devonshire Senior Center offers a host of monthly programs, such as computer lab, morning mindfulness, Geri Fit, pickleball 101, Zumba, arts and crafts and more. Members will enjoy a lunch trip to Cracker Barrel Aug. 11, a special quesadilla sale Aug. 25, in addition to special art classes and more.

Senior center membership is open to Phoenix residents. The annual membership fee of \$20 provides members access to all 15 centers. Sunnyslope Senior Center is located at 802 E. Vogel Ave. Contact the center at 602-262-7572. Devonshire Senior Center is located at 2802 E. Devonshire Ave. Call 602-262-7807. For information on all of the programs offered to the city’s older adults, visit www.phoenix.gov/humanservices and click on the “Senior Services” link.

Support groups equip caregivers

Those who have been charged with caring for a family member — be it a child, parent, sibling with disabilities, or spouse — understand how taxing caregiving throughout a day can be.

Caregivers need support, both emotionally and physically, to prevent burnout and maintain their own well-being, says Duet: Partners In Health & Aging. The nonprofit organization, which was originally founded in 1981 and renamed in 2009, promotes health and well-being through its vitally needed, free-of-charge services to homebound adults, family caregivers, faith communities, and grandfamilies.

Duet’s diversified family caregiver support groups — including general and specialty such as Spanish language, Alzheimer’s, Parkinson’s, LGBTQ+, caring for parents, and grief — meet monthly both virtually and in-person and offer a valuable resource for caregivers to find emotional support, helpful resources, tips, and guidance to navigate the challenging journey of caregiving.

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www.duetaz.org/family-caregivers or contact Duet Family Caregiver Services at 602-274-5022.

Kids & Families

Local wellness classes offered

Every Thursday, residents can take advantage of free wellness classes offered by Natural Medicine and Detox. The classes will cover a variety of health and wellness topics. Recent classes included how to grow your own microgreens and sprouts at home.

Natural Medicine and Detox opened in 2015 as a one-stop clinic of natural-based therapies, offering a large variety of natural drug-free, non-pharmaceutical approaches to many health issues. The practice is located at 2701 N. 7th St. in Phoenix. For additional information, call 602-307-0888 or visit www.naturalmedicineanddetox.com.

Teen-centric outreach launches

Teen Lifeline is introducing the nation’s first teen-centric Caring Contacts program aimed at reducing repeated suicide attempts among teens in Maricopa County.

Through the program, volunteer peer counselors will reach out to teens who have been discharged from the hospital following a suicide attempt through brief, encouraging phone calls, texts or handwritten notes. The regular contacts last for one full year after a teen’s discharge.

“Studies have shown the Caring Contacts program reduced suicide deaths by up to 100 percent and decreased future hospitalizations by 75 percent among adult participants,” said Nikki Kontz, clinical director at Teen Lifeline. “We believe this incredible program will have a similarly positive impact among Arizona’s teens because it reaches high-risk patients that do not stay in therapeutic care.”

The Teen Lifeline model is the first time the program has been introduced to teens under 18 years of age.

Arizona youths dealing with thoughts of suicide, depression, trouble at school, fights with a significant other, family issues or who just need to talk, are encouraged to call the Teen Lifeline hotline at 602-248-8336 or 800-248-8336.

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Trained teen peer counselors ranging in age from 15-18 answer the phones at Teen Lifeline from 3 p.m. until 9 p.m. daily, including holidays. Trained, adult counselors respond to calls to the hotline at all other times 24/7/365. Teens can also text the hotline at 602-248-8336 between the hours of noon and 9 p.m. on weekdays and 3 p.m. and 9 p.m. on weekends.

For more information, visit www.teenlifeline.org.

Hotline offers help to new parents

Southwest Human Development offers a free bilingual service open to all Arizona families with young children looking for the latest child development information from experts in the field.

Introduced in 2005, the Birth to Five Helpline combines sensitive, supportive listening with sound information from professionals who have expertise in early childhood development and parenting/caregiving. Each child and family are unique. The



Birth to Five Helpline staff can assist new parents on a variety of topics (submitted photo).

helpline collaborates with callers to understand their specific concern and align with each family's own parenting values, traditions and style.

Topics addressed include, but are not limited to sleep, health and nutrition, safety, challenging behaviors, feeding and eating, general child development, potty training/learning, fussiness/colic and parenting.

The Birth to Five Helpline is open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday. Parents and caregivers can also leave a voicemail, complete an online contact form, or text the Helpline. Virtual video consultation services are also available. Contact the Birth to Five Helpline at 877-705-KIDS (5437). Find more information on the Southwest Human Development web-

site: www.swhd.org. Look for a link under the "For Families" tab.

Grief support offered to veterans

In August, Hospice of the Valley is expanding its bereavement services with a new support group tailored to the needs of veterans and their families. Veterans who have experienced loss, or are loved one of a veteran, may find this support group beneficial. It can be healing to share with other adults who are also bereaved and going through similar experiences.

The drop-in group starts Aug. 14 and meets from 5:30-7 p.m. on the second and fourth Mondays of the month at the agency's offices in central Phoenix, 1510 E. Flower St., Building 2. There's no fee and no registration required. Topics may include understanding the grieving process, adjusting to life without the loved one, dealing with loneliness, taking next steps, and finding meaning and reinvesting in life.

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Take a tour of the Orpheum

Friends of the Orpheum Theatre (FOTOT) invites residents to enjoy a free tour of the historic Orpheum Theatre Phoenix this month.

Located in Downtown Phoenix, the Orpheum Theatre is a fully-restored 1929 atmospheric theatre, complete with a disappearing Mighty Wurlitzer Theatre Organ. Guided tours of the theater include all public and many non-public areas and offer visitors a glimpse behind the scenes of a movie palace. Historic tours can last up to 90 minutes.

Upcoming dates include Aug. 8, Sept. 12, Oct. 10, Oct. 31 and beyond. Two tours will be held each day, at noon and 1:30 p.m. Tickets are available at the door, or in advance on the FOTOT website: www.fototphx.org. Click on the “Historic Tours” link

The Orpheum Theatre Phoenix is located at 203 W. Adams St. For more information, call 602-262-6225 or visit www.orpheumphx.com.

Local chorus to hold auditions

The Phoenix Gay Men's Chorus invites music lovers and aspiring singers to be part of a vibrant community that celebrates diversity through the power of music.

Auditions for new members kicked off in July and will continue on Tuesday evenings in August. Whether an experienced performer or just starting your singing journey, the chorus welcomes singers of all skill levels. Chorus members can experience the joy of harmonizing with like-minded individuals and create unforgettable musical moments.

For more information, visit www.phxgmc.org/sing-with-us.

Take a day to pause and play music

The annual Play Music on the Porch Day asks the question, “What if for one day everything stopped...and we all just listened to the music?”

The team at Fiddler's Dream answered, “We think that the world would be a better place. That is why we



Valley residents can take a free tour of the majestic Orpheum Theatre this month (photo by Kathryn M Miller).

do what we do, every weekend and more, providing a space for the community to enjoy music, to present music, to grow the music, to learn about music, and to experience the joy of music.”

As a way to put that belief into action, this year on Aug. 26, Fiddler's Dream will join in the day with music activities and musical friends that so far include Larry Hill, Glen Gardner, Tia Kaye and more. The team also would like to include spoken word and poetry and encouraged residents to join them.

Those who are interested in this event and joining in to share their music, should text or call Fiddler's Dream at 602-997-9795.

Since it is Phoenix in late August, events will be on an “indoor porch” inside Fiddler's Dream. Admission is \$10 and N95/KN95 masks are required inside. Doors will open about 6 p.m., and music will get started by 7 p.m.

This is the 10th Annual “Play Music on the Porch Day” Goes Global, and the theme for 2023 is “Reach Beyond.” As a registered participant, Fidd's is asked to reach outside its usual circles, and bring together all music, all cultures, religions, political leanings, or ethnicities. If you can't make it to the event, they encourage everyone to surround themselves with music on this day — whether in their own living room, listening to something new or an old favorite, or inviting some friends

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over to play and enjoy music together. What is important is to support music, whether it's live and local or virtual online events around the world.

For more information on the movement, visit www.playmusicontheporchday.com. Fiddler's Dream is located at 1702 E. Glendale Ave. Learn more at www.fiddlersdream.org.

Rosie's House seeks instrument donations

Rosie's House's enrollment is growing, so the music education nonprofit is looking for instruments for its new students for the upcoming school year.

Residents who have an unused instrument sitting around the house can donate it to the organization, which will then be paired with its 600 students to support them as they reach their full creative and personal potential.

The school is specifically in need of playable trumpets, saxophones and violins and cellos of all sizes. Due to storage capacity limitations, Rosie's House is unable to accept upright or grand pianos.

Drop off donated instruments at Rosie's House at 919 E. Jefferson between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., Monday through Friday. For more information, call 602-252-8475 or visit www.rosieshouse.org.

On the Town

This month, escape the sultry summer weather with live local music, art and theater, touring artists, a summertime film classic, nighttime exploration, family-friendly events and more. See you on the town in August!

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www.phoenixtheatre.com;
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Aug. 4
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www.japanesefriendshipgarden.org;
602-274-8700

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Aug. 4
The Rhythm Room
www.rhythmroom.com; 602-612-4981

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Aug. 4
The Nash
www.thenash.org; 602-795-0464

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Aug. 6
The Rebel Lounge
www.therebellounge.com;
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'Jaws'

Aug. 8
Orpheum Theatre Phoenix
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Wild Child

Aug. 8
Crescent Ballroom
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Café Chat
Dive into decadence
at Lylo Swim Club

By Marjorie Rice

Lylo Swim Club is a bar/restaurant/mini resort tucked amid dense tropical foliage, so well camouflaged that many folks have no idea this idyllic retreat is there as they drive west of Central on Camelback.

Food and Beverage Director Greg Zanotti hopes to change that as word gets out about the restaurant's revamped menu and summer schedule of pool-centered celebrations.

Part of Rise Uptown Hotel, originally two office buildings that have been transformed into a mid-century modern hotel, with a bar on the rooftop of one building, Lylo is on ground level next to the second.

Lylo features a long stretch of open-air bar with tables for dining. Adjacent to it is a pool, surrounded by comfy lounges that are available for rent, and landscaping that encloses the club in leafy green walls that seem cool, even on the hottest day.

"I was here when the landscaping went in," Zanotti said. "It's really turned into Jumanji over time, a little oasis right off of Camelback."

Despite its secluded location, Friday and Saturday nights are so popular that patrons who aren't staying at the hotel and who want to buy a day pass for a lounge should reserve well in advance, Zanotti said.

But that shouldn't deter guests from a stop, if only for Lylo's updated menu with its Sonoran focus and extensive, innovative cocktail selection.

Zanotti's original menu focused on Hawaiian-themed dishes. Time and tastes changed, and the menu shifted course to a more Sonoran flavor.

Salmon ceviche recalls that Hawaiian menu — think of a Sonoran poke bowl — with diced salmon, jicama and avocado, and sliced red onion, tossed in a ponzu-style sauce with pineapple, tamari, citrus and chile arbol, topped with avocado mousse and sliced chiles. It's served with house-made chips.

The other new offerings give guests options for more substantial lunches and dinners, including skirt steak, carnitas and hamburgers. Tacos are a pop-



Food and Beverage Director Greg Zanotti showcases new menu offerings at Lylo Swim Club at the Rise Uptown Hotel (photo by Darryl Webb for North Central News).

ular specialty, with carnitas, carne asada, pastor, chicken tinga and avocado options at three for \$15.

Zanotti said his dishes are the result of experimentation and attention to

detail. Take the hamburguesa al carbon.

"It's just a simple little smashed burger, but it's actually well thought through," he said. "What's in the grind? How many times do you grind

it? We do brisket and chuck, one grind so it's a little toothsome. We put it on the grill, press it down flat, and then while the grill side is caramelizing, we spread on a little yellow mustard and shaved white onions, then flip it so the onions get caramelized. Then we put a raw onion on top. There's dried onion in our sauce, so there are three different types of onion on our burger.

"It's all about layers, texture. If I put the sauce on the bottom bun and the lettuce on top, it will be totally different if you make exactly the same burger, but in reverse. It's different ingredients in different parts of your palate and they react with the bun in different ways."

Carne asada fries are a patron favorite, another example of Zanotti's focus on layers and textures so all the toppings aren't gone with the first layer of fries.

"We sell a ridiculous amount," he said. "It's super crispy French fries, tossed in salt and layered with a blend of cheeses, then another layer of fries

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and cheese, and broiled until it's bubbly. Then we put them into a bowl that's been lined with cilantro crema and top them with more crema, carne asada, diced white onion and cilantro."

Another popular dish, shrimp aguachile verde, features shrimp split and cooked in lime juice, then served in a green chile sauce and topped with red onion and cucumber.

Cocktails match the food for creativity. Guests can indulge in "The Porn Star Martini," a combination of house-infused vanilla Sobieski vodka with fresh passion fruit and Passoã Passion Fruit Liqueur. Or they can dive into the Lylo Splash Bowl, a punch bowl that serves four to six, with a changing list of ingredients. There are mojitos and bloody Mary's made with premium spirits, but why go traditional when there's the Solero, passion fruit with Sabieski vodka and Giffard vanilla liqueur, mixed passion fruit puree and half & half, then poured over crushed ice for a very grown-up milkshake.

Added to the food and drink is a steady schedule of fun, Zanotti said. "I



Temporary will feature coffee, sandwiches, salads and pastries and will be accessible to PhxArt visitors only (photo courtesy of Phoenix Art Museum).

want people to know that this is a place that does things."

There are night swims, taco Tuesdays, discounted lounge passes on Mondays, and other summer specials and events planned. The events can include specialty cocktails, where representatives of various liquors give out promotional gifts and complimentary

shots of their products.

While bookings fill up fast on weekends, midweek nights usually are more open, and cost less, Zanotti said. Either way, reservations are a must for the pool/lounge day passes.

Lylo Swim Club, at 400 W. Camelback Road, is open Sunday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.,

Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. For reservations and information, call 480-536-8899 or visit www.riseuptownhotel.com.

Dining Briefs
Museum will launch new café experience

Phoenix Art Museum (PhxArt) announced in July that the institution will partner with Conceptually Social, a Phoenix-based food and beverage solutions company, to create a new on-site restaurant experience for PhxArt visitors and Valley residents. The new restaurant will be located in the previous Palette Restaurant space overlooking the Museum's Dorrance Sculpture Garden and is scheduled to open in early 2024.

The restaurant's official concept, branding, and menu will be announced on a later date. In the interim period, a café experience named Temporary will launch Aug. 2 in the Museum's JPMorgan Chase Lobby. Temporary will feature coffee, sandwiches, salads, and pastries and will be accessible to museum visitors only. Vegan and gluten-free options will be available.

Conceptually Social has roots in downtown Phoenix, with their first restaurant concept The Dressing Room. Today, the company owns and operates The Larry and Kaizen inside the historic Lawrence Building in the Phoenix Warehouse District. Conceptually Social's catering division executes daily corporate catering on-site at several large technology firms and academic institutions. The team also caters high-end weddings, exclusive dinners, and multi-day events.

Learn more at www.phxart.org or www.conceptuallysocial.com.

Breakfast battle supports Valley pups

Local breakfast concept Over Easy launched two new seasonal menu items inspired by a popular Valley radio host and his wife, JohnJay and Blake Van Es, that will go head-to-head to raise money for their #LovePup dog rescue.

Battle of the Breakfast menu items include JohnJay's Sweet Hash (two over easy eggs on top of roasted sweet potatoes, with charred onions, mushrooms, broccolini, shredded cheese and dill hollandaise sauce) and Blake's Shortcake (two house biscuits and fresh strawberry compote over top tangy







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whipped lemon ricotta with sweet vanilla custard glaze and chia seeds). For every JohnJay’ Sweet Hash and Blake’s Shortcake sold, \$1 will be donated to the #LovePup Foundation (www.lovepupfoundation.org).

The seasonal menu launched July 7 and will be available through the end of September at all 11 Valley Over Easy locations for dine-in, takeout and delivery. For more information, visit www.eatatovereasy.com.

Summer menu offers seasonal flavors

In mid-July, True Food Kitchen launched its summer menu, putting a modern twist on nostalgic summertime dishes and drinks. In addition, now through Labor Day weekend, the restaurant will offer 50 percent off all bottles of wine every Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

The restaurant brand rolled out its new summer menu across its 44 locations nationwide. Highlights from the menu include a street corn flatbread starter, the return of the heirloom tomato and watermelon salad, a garden pesto pizza and, for a sweet finish, a



True Food Kitchen is offering a bevy of dishes that celebrate the summer (submitted photo).

childhood-favorite summer delight — True Food Kitchen’s root beer float and a blueberry crumble sundae.

The restaurant’s new summer sips include Blueberry Collins, Fresa Rosado, Peacemaker, The Grove and Sparkling Peach Tea.

In the North Central area, visit

True Food Kitchen at its Biltmore Fashion Park location, 2502 E. Camelback Road. Those wishing to enjoy the new summer menu in the comfort of their home can order online or through the app and enjoy free delivery on orders over \$35. Learn more at www.truefoodkitchen.com.

Huss Brewing celebrates ten years

In celebration of its 10th anniversary, Huss Brewing has created eight golden tickets in Scottsdale Blonde and Papago Orange Blossom beers available at retailers all throughout the Valley.

Beginning Aug. 11 through Oct. 1, find a golden can and ticket for a chance to win a peek inside the brewing factory with a tour from Jeff and Leah Huss, beer for a year and Huss swag. Two lucky winners will also be chosen via scan to win opportunities in the company’s taprooms.

For more information about Huss’ 10th anniversary celebration, visit www.hussbrewing.com.

Platform 18 recognized as “Best Bar”

There are an estimated 70,000 bars in the U.S., and only 28 of those made the cut to be included on the 2023 list of North America’s 50 Best Bars — one of which is Phoenix’s very own Platform 18. As a new addition to the list, Platform 18 has been ranked #48.

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Created by the team at Barter & Shake Cocktail Entertainment, led by Jason Asher, Rich Furnari and Mat Snapp, Platform 18 resides within the walls of Century Grand, which also houses cocktail bars UnderTow and Grey Hen Rx.

When guests arrive at Platform 18, they're immediately transported onto an ultra-glamorous, 36 seat Presidential Pullman-inspired train car from the 20th century. While aboard, each traveler embarks on an immersive 90-minute journey that follows the concept's fictitious hero Hollis Cottley Pennington, a railroad tycoon and bootlegger, as he conducts business in the bayous of Louisiana. With interactive elements such as moving visuals depicting the bayou, vibrations, sound and lighting effects, guests are whisked away on an adventure back in time to the 1930s while imbibing a selection of over 45 exquisite cocktails.

Century Grand is located 3626 E. Indian School Rd. Call 602-739-1388 or visit www.centurygrandphx.com for more information.



Platform 18, one of three cocktail experiences housed at Century Grand, has been named one of North America's 50 best bars (submitted photo).

Chilte will offer to-go menu items

The Egyptian Motor Hotel will now offer to-go menu items from its flagship restaurant, Chilte. Hotel guests and visitors to Egyptian LIVE, the hotel's marquee cocktail bar featuring live entertainment, now can order Mexican street food while enjoying cocktails and, on

some nights, live performances.

Orders can be placed via QR codes across the property and in guest rooms and picked up at the Chilte To-Go window outside of the restaurant.

Chilte To-Go menu items include Chilte popcorn (house blend of green chili cheddar and caramel); Chips & Guac (house-charred tomatillo guacamole and corn tortilla chips); Green

Chorizo Vampiro (house green chorizo, Chihuahua cheese, fresh corn tortilla, salsa macha); Green Chili Burger (local beef, noble bun, fire-roasted green chili, caramelized onion, lettuce, chimayo aioli); and Fry (shoestring fry, togarashi powder, cotija cheese, ketchup).

Named one of the best restaurants in the country by InsideHook, Chilte has offered its new-wave Mexican fare via pop-ups and a food truck across town, and in January 2023 opened its first brick and mortar location within the resurrected Egyptian Motor Hotel. The restaurant is co-owned by Chef Lawrence Smith, former NFL athlete-turned-chef who was the runner-up in an episode of Top Chef in 2022, and his fiancée, Aseret Arroyo.

Hotel developer and management company Rebel Hospitality breathed new life into the Egyptian Motor Hotel, a buried treasure of Phoenix history that originally opened in the early 1950s. Today, the property boasts 49 retro modern rooms with bunk bed and king bed offerings as well as a private Airstream; Egyptian Live; adult games and activities; and Chilte.

Egyptian Live is located at 765 Grand Ave. Visit www.egyptianmotorhotel.com for more information.

Pita Jungle launches seasonal menu

This summer, Pita Jungle launched its latest Seasonal Kitchen Crafts menu with a dozen new dishes inspired by the fresh flavors of summer. The new Summer Whirl seasonal menu features a variety of Mediterranean-inspired dishes with light, fresh and unprocessed ingredients inspired by the sea, fields, streets and beyond.

The new dishes include "Sun & Sea" offerings such as Mediterranean ceviche, tuna melt or Tahitian bowl with ahi tuna or shrimp; "Fields & Greens" items such as Andalusian gazpacho, chicken avocado pita tostada with mixed bean hummus, and "Brutus! Better than Caesar Salad"; and "Street Food" dishes shawarma toum chicken taco, skinny toum chicken wrap, and falafel skinny wrap.

The menu is available through September at participating Pita Jungle locations for dine-in, carry out and delivery. In the North Central area, visit the Uptown Phoenix or Arcadia location. For more information, visit www.pitajungle.com.

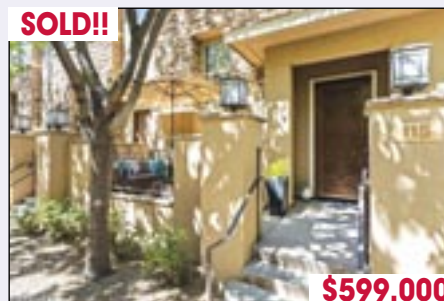
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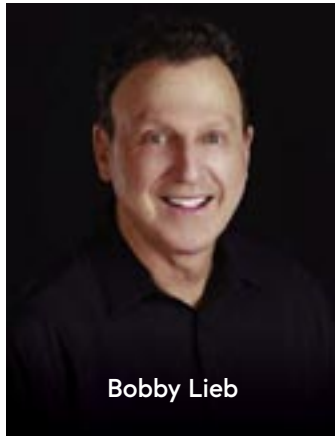
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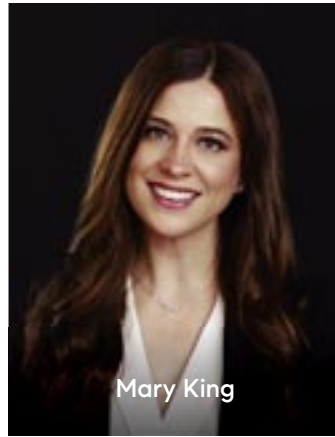
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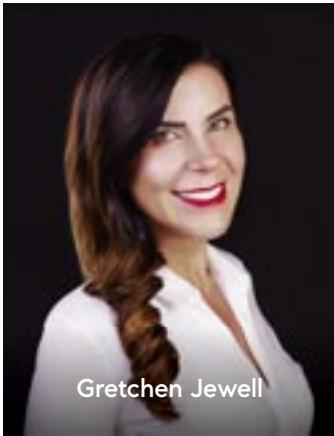
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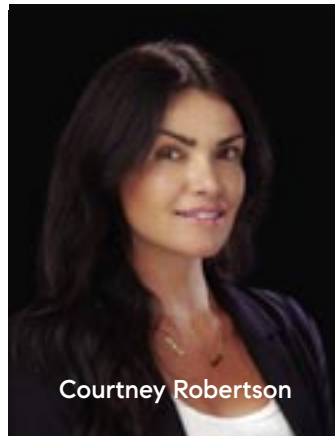


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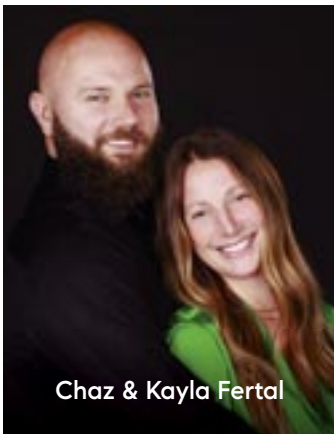
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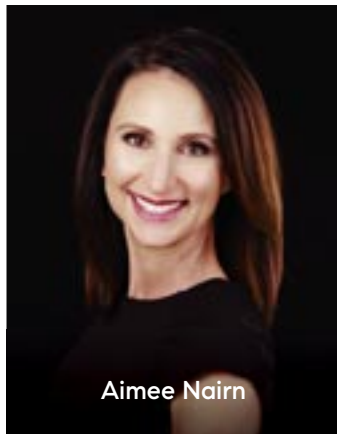
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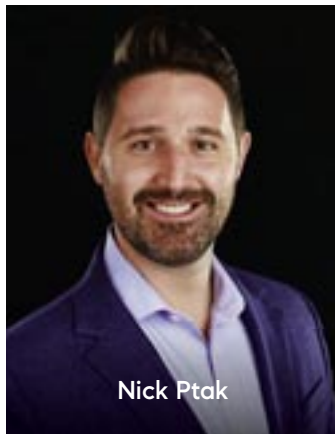
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