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Dreamy Draw area to close for installation

By Colleen Sparks

Dreamy Draw Recreation Area will be closed for about a year starting in 2021 because a water pipeline is being installed underground and major improvements are being made to the park itself.

The city of Phoenix revealed the plans to shut down the recreational area during two public open houses to share information on the project last month. City officials and an outside firm shared details of the planned 66-inch-diameter water pipeline, as well as a rehabilitated/replaced 48-inch-diameter water pipeline in North Central Phoenix.

The 66-inch-diameter pipeline that is expected to begin at the 24th Street water treatment plant around 24th Street and Maryland Avenue had drawn concerns from residents in three neighborhoods and with the Phoenix Mountains Preservation Council, Inc. over the last several months. The pipeline, which is needed to address drought concerns on the Colorado

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Darcy Olsen, on left, founder and CEO, and Rebecca Smith Masterson, vice president and chief counsel, for the non-profit organization Generation Justice, hold photos of children they cared for as foster parents over the years. Their non-profit aims to protect foster care children (photo by Colleen Sparks).

Nonprofit aims to protect foster children

By Colleen Sparks

Angela Barba and her husband, Sean, have hearts for helping children and quickly bonded with the foster children they cared for in their home but their journey to adopt one of them hit a major obstacle that could have forced them to lose him.

That is when the couple had to fight to keep custody of the young boy when his biological grandparents expressed an interest in adopting him. Luckily for the Barbas, they were able to keep and adopt the little boy thanks to legal help they obtained from Generation Justice, a non-profit organization based at 3900 E. Camelback Road that advocates for foster care children. At the helm of the non-profit organization are North Central Phoenix residents Darcy Olsen, founder and CEO, and Rebecca Smith Masterson, vice president and chief counsel.

Barba said that the young boy had been severely abused and was close to death when they became his foster parents in 2017. His grandparents, who lived out of state, had never met him but when they learned of his birth in 2018, they decided they wanted to raise him. However, Angela said doctors warned that moving him to another home would be harmful as he had bonded

with the Barbas and was suffering major health problems. Making their case in court to keep their young son would have been expensive and difficult without the assistance from Generation Justice, which immediately connected her with Smith Masterson and another attorney working on behalf of the non-profit. Generation Justice provided legal assistance at no charge to the Barbas, which included calling an expert witness to testify in favor of keeping the boy with the Barbas.

“For us to be able to try to fight and be a party to the case, we had to file to intervene on the case,” Barba said. “It’s a lot of money and it’s very hard to do

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Grand Canalscape is officially open

By Joshua Ortega

Phoenix's Grand Canal is a modern recreation destination after undergoing a major transformation.

City officials held a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Feb. 15 near Central Avenue to officially open the Grand Canalscape, a 12-mile continuous trail along the canal. Improvements included a paved multi-use trail, pedestrian bridges, and traffic signals with crosswalks at key intersections.

The festivities stretched over a one-mile portion of the trail from Ninth Avenue to Seventh Street between Camelback and Indian School roads. Participants could visit more than three dozen booths that offered games, face painting and free food and water.

Phoenix Mayor Kate Gallego spoke before a small crowd at the celebration about the history of the canal system and how crucial it is to the booming metropolis Phoenix has become.

"The city of Phoenix would not exist without the canals," Gallego said. "They're our past and they deserve to be our future."

Phoenix City Councilmember Laura Pastor, who represents District 4, through which most of the canal runs, was one of a handful of city officials who attended the celebration.

Growing up in the district she now represents, Pastor said she wants the canal to unite the Valley, especially in this current age of technology.

"To me that's what's important, is to see and greet one another, especially in this day and age of internet, phones and games," Pastor said.

To enable this, 17 improved neighborhood access connections have been added to allow people greater access to medical, educational and employment centers, as well as bus and light rail lines. The trail is Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)-accessible with paved walkways on both sides of the canal.

Pastor also recognizes the dangers for pedestrians with a majority of pedestrian deaths occurring in her district, which includes central Phoenix around I-17 and north of the I-10.

This is why it was paramount to add 13 new crosswalk signals where the

trail crosses roadways to make it safer for pedestrians to walk.

Much of the funding came from the U.S. Department of Transportation's \$10.3 million Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Grant.

Along with another \$10 million from Salt River Project's aesthetic funds, only about \$2 million or 9-percent of the project was paid for by local funds.

Currently more than 80 miles of multi-use trails have been developed along canal banks throughout the Valley, according to a press release.

SRP has allowed licensed recreational use of the canal banks since 1964.

The Grand Canal was developed in the 1870s to bring water from the Salt and Verde rivers to the Salt River Valley and is the oldest remaining pioneer canal in the Valley north of the Salt River.

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River, will offer alternative water supplies to north Phoenix as a water shortage looms, city officials have said.

Many of the residents had said they were worried about increased traffic, safety risks and potential environmental damage that the two pipelines would bring to the Preserves and the neighborhoods. Later they said they were happy the city listened to their concerns and changed the planned route for the 66-inch-diameter pipeline to move it closer to the 51 freeway in one area and farther from their homes. The City Council in January approved an inter-governmental agreement with the Arizona Department of Transportation for permanent use of a right-of-way next to the 51 freeway as a different route for the 66-inch-diameter pipeline.

Libby Goff, board secretary for the Phoenix Mountains Preservation Council, is glad the 66-inch-diameter pipeline route was changed to be closer to the 51 freeway.

“This is clearly a win and it’s much better than it was before,” Goff said. “The pipeline will not be going through the most pristine area and it will be a lot less disruption for the neighborhood and the school (Madison Heights Elementary School).”

She said she and the others on the Phoenix Mountains Preservation Council are still concerned about the plans to put the 66-inch-diameter pipeline going “far east into the preserve” to avoid the Dreamy Draw Dam.

“Any time you disturb the desert, it just doesn’t recover well,” Goff said. “In most cases it’s never the same as before it was disturbed. We’re going to continue to watch this and work with the city on this.”

The pipeline is expected to go from the 24th Street water treatment plant, north along 21st Street, then west on Myrtle Avenue and then go north near 20th Street, ending near 32nd Street and Shea Boulevard.

Dreamy Draw Recreation Area will be shut down from February 2021 to the spring of 2022 while the 66-inch-diameter pipeline is installed and other park upgrades are made. The layout of the parking lot at Dreamy Draw will be changed to create better flow and access, the old restroom will be replaced and a new bicycle lane will be built in the park. Hikers will still be able to access the Phoenix Mountains Preserve from other areas during the construction period.

The city also is planning to rehabilitate and/or replace a 48-inch-diameter water main that offers water to the north part of the system, starting from the water treatment plant at 24th Street west to Maryland Avenue, to 20th Street and north to Orangewood Avenue, where it will cross the 51 freeway and link to the existing pipeline. That pipeline has come to the “end of its useful life,” said Darlene Helm, deputy Water Services director for the city of Phoenix. To learn more about the planned water pipelines, visit phoenix.gov/waterservices/droughtpipeline.

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Real Estate Corner

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Your residential real estate specialist for North Central, the Camelback Corridor, and Paradise Valley.

Happy March Madness Month

I teach a three-hour continuing education class every two months, which is Agency Law and Marketing Essentials, and was honored to have 153 people



in my February class. I discuss the marketing ideas that have worked for me, ultimately helping me

sell an average of 118 homes per year and also talk about what ideas didn't work. The key that I share with agents is that you have to spend money and continue to market yourself and your properties if you want an edge in our competitive market. My spend is more than \$5,000 per month. This includes sending out 3,000 post cards every month marketing my active listings and \$1,500 per month in marketing my recent sales, which range from \$275,000 to \$2.4 million. We also add marketing dollars on advertising our homes in the North Central News (three full pages) as well as social media and various Internet sites.

I am very appreciative of all my clients in 2020. This includes the 19 home sales and more than \$18 million in sales so far. I have

been selling homes now for almost 30 years, which really seems crazy to me. I am seeing more and more younger families moving to our neighborhood from Paradise Valley and Arcadia. They realize our values in the Central corridor are the best. We also have great public schools and let's not forget the impact that All Saints', Brophy, Xavier and other private schools have in our neighborhood. Additionally, being close to our downtown also is very important for judges, attorneys and doctors and nurses who have recently moved to North Central. If you are new to our 'hood, enjoy our restaurants and businesses that are unique and special to those of us who have lived here a long time.

Thanks again for the kind words and letters that many of you sent me for my family's tribute to our dad Herb in last month's article.

Hope to see you at a Spring Training game this month! Have a great March.

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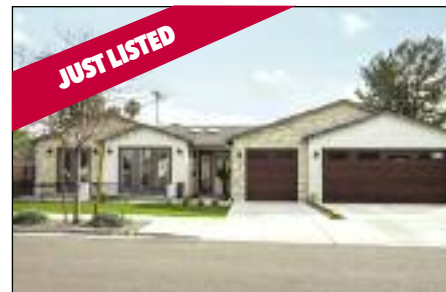
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for a foster family. We never could have done that without Generation Justice. It was amazing. They literally dropped everything and made it possible for us to meet with them. They are literally helping the most vulnerable population in Arizona.”

Barba said their youngest son, who is 3 years old, still struggles physically and sees many specialists but is making progress and is “a totally happy kid.” She and Sean also adopted another, older, boy after fostering him and they have three biological children. The couple served as foster parents for four other children, who were later reunited with their biological families.

Olsen and Smith Masterson say many children in the foster care system are being abused and neglected. They started Generation Justice in 2017 as a way to push for laws and provide other ways of protecting innocent children. The organization represents abused children, pro bono, in their court cases and provides free legal trainings to anyone trying to help foster kids in order to

ensure the children’s best interests are being met. Smith Masterson manages the legal clinic, which goes to churches, schools, agencies and anywhere else to provide trainings. Generation Justice also lobbies for and has successfully gotten several laws passed that aim to protect foster care children. The organization has helped 35,000 foster children through the laws it has helped get adopted and it serves more than 200 kids every year through the legal clinic.

“We really are the 9-1-1 for foster kids,” Olsen said. “We need to make sure the children are able to see equal justice under the laws.”

The cause is close to Olsen and Smith Masterson’s hearts. Olsen has been a foster parent to 10 children and she adopted four of them. Smith Masterson fostered and then adopted a boy when he was 17 years old and also adopted a child from China.

Olsen, who has worked extensively in public policy, said she had planned to foster a teenager but then was contacted to see if she would take in a baby exposed to methamphetamines and that began her foster parent journey.

Smith Masterson was helping her now-adopted son as his pro bono special education attorney, then decided to foster him. He had lived in more than 40 different homes and at one point had said he wanted to commit a non-violent felony so he would be sent to prison in order to have a shelter and regular meals. Smith Masterson said he had several backpacks that he had been given with school supplies every time he moved. The backpacks were appreciated but not enough to aid the teen.

“I was his 46th placement,” Smith Masterson said. “We’re trying to fix the bigger problem. He needed a family, not a backpack.”

Smith Masterson said her son later earned his GED and is now in the U.S. Army.

While Generation Justice helps foster families advocate for themselves, Olsen and Smith Masterson stress that they always try to help the kids get into the best permanent, loving home that is healthiest for them, whether it is with foster parents or biological family members. Their goal is to try to implement the same protection for foster children that

youths in any other home setting with biological or adoptive parents would have including trying to help authorities rescue the many kids who disappear from foster care each year, who become vulnerable targets for sex trafficking.

Generation Justice has helped get six laws passed in Arizona, including ones that decrease the time it takes for infants, toddlers and older teens to get adopted, expedite the search for relatives and require immediate judicial review of serious cases in order to help decrease foster children and teens’ deaths.

The non-profit organization, which has a small staff but many volunteers, can always use support, both in terms of financial donations or volunteer time.

While becoming a foster parent can be difficult as it is unknown how long the child will stay in the home, it is well worth it to help improve kids’ lives, the experts said.

“Just take the first step,” Barba said. “It’s been the hardest thing we’ve ever done but also the most rewarding thing we’ve ever done.”

To learn more, visit genjustice.org.



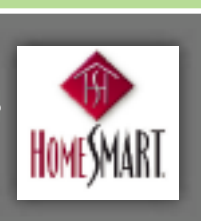
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Local TV personality to share cancer story

By Colleen Sparks

A North Central Phoenix long-time television and radio host, reporter and anchor who is battling lung cancer will take her place in the spotlight at an upcoming performance where she and other survivors will share their stories.

Danielle Williams is battling stage four lung cancer that has spread to other parts of her body. She and eight other women who have survived cancer will share their stories of overcoming challenges and finding purpose at the “S.T.A.R.S.: Survivors Tell A Real Story” curated storytelling performance starting at 2 p.m. on Sunday, March 22, at Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts at 7380 E. Second St.

Still undergoing treatment, Williams, 51, has always been active, frequently hiking and working out and she has never smoked. She was having back pain and found out the cancer had spread to her pelvis, lower back and shoulder. Williams, who was diagnosed with lung cancer in November of 2018,



Danielle Williams, a local TV and radio journalist who is fighting stage four lung cancer, will share her story at “S.T.A.R.S.: Survivors Tell A Real Story” on Sunday, March 22 in Scottsdale (submitted photo).

received radiation and had surgery on her lower spine. Now she is going through chemotherapy and has been on disability but maintains a positive attitude and as active a lifestyle as possible.

“This is just how I live my life,” Williams said. “I’ve trained my brain and myself to be my own cheerleader.

You’re the only one in charge of your life.”

She wears heels and makeup to chemotherapy and is back in the gym working out, as well as hiking at Camelback Mountain.

A2ndAct, a non-profit organization, is producing the Scottsdale show. Olivia Fierro, anchor of “Good Morning Arizona” on 3TV, will serve as emcee for the event. A2ndAct supports and celebrates women who have survived all types of cancer who are using their newly discovered gifts of life and experience to give back.

Williams served as a judge on a panel that selected the other eight women for the show. She also plans to visit Washington, D.C., later this month as an invitee of the American Lung Association for Advocacy Day to advocate on Capitol Hill for funding for education, research and treatment for non-smokers who have lung cancer.

Tickets for “S.T.A.R.S.: Survivors Tell A Real Story” are \$22 per person, not including a surcharge, and may be purchased at 480-499-8587 or at scottsdaleperformingarts.org.

Judith Leiber’s purses to be featured at event

If you love purses and want to learn more about a Holocaust survivor who made a name for herself, check out an event at the Sunnyslope Historical Society & Museum.

The museum at 737 E. Hatcher Road will host a display of Judith Leiber handbags from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, March 21. Leiber was a handbag designer known for purses with intricate details and whimsical styles, made with ostrich, alligator, whipsnake, crystals and other unusual materials. Born in Hungary, she and her family survived the Holocaust. Amy Phillips, a retired banker and owner of the collection, will talk about Leiber’s rise in the fashion industry.

An autographed copy of Leiber’s book, “The Artful Handbag” and one of her purses will be auctioned, and lunch will be served. Proceeds will help pay for upgrades to the Sunnyslope Historical Society & Museum’s building. For tickets, visit sunnyslopehistoricalsociety.org/event/judith-leiber-collection.



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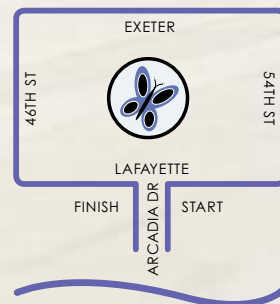
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Police offer tips to stop burglaries

By Colleen Sparks

Banding together, reporting issues to police and arming their property with security systems are some steps neighbors should take in order to prevent more burglaries in Sunnyslope, after a recent rash of break-ins in the area.

Those were some of the tips Phoenix Police Department officials provided to many neighbors at an East Sunnyslope Neighborhood Association & Block Watch meeting at North Village Baptist Church recently.

In just one area of Sunnyslope, about a 20-mile radius of the intersection of 12th Street and Butler Drive, there were 15 residential and car burglaries in September, said Phoenix Police Commander Aimee Smith of the Desert Horizon Precinct. Smith said that was an unusually high number of home and vehicle burglaries for one month.

Phoenix Police Officer William Keech offered tips on preventing burglaries.

“What burglars look for, their mindset is the better your home looks, the more likely you have good stuff to steal,” Keech said. “They want visibility into your house. They look through small windows on doors. They tap on glass to test dogs’ temperament. Install wireless house security cameras. Get familiar with your neighbors.”

He said police need the public’s help and urged residents to write down

serial numbers for their TVs, computers, guns, electronics and other expensive items so police can track them electronically if they are stolen and criminals try to sell them. People may report burglaries and other problems after they have occurred at Crime Stop at 602-262-6151. While a burglary or other crime is in progress, the public should call 9-1-1.

In many of the recent burglaries, the burglars came in the backs of the homes, sometimes through unlocked gates and used rocks. Unmarked police cars have been patrolling neighborhoods and some arrests have been made.

The peak hours for burglaries are from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Keech urged people to lock their doors and windows and to maintain their landscaping so plants are not blocking views. He also recommended installing lighting in the back, sides and front of their houses and now allowing solicitors to enter homes.

Len Stoudt, who lives around 12th Street and Las Palmaritas Drive, said his house was broken into in January of 2017. A crowbar was used to break into his kitchen window and many expensive movie posters, CDs, DVDs and Blu-ray discs were stolen.

“I had never been burglarized before,” Stoudt said. “I saw open windows and oh, my God, an array of emotions from shock to utter rage.”

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This cute pup is among the approximately two-thirds of the 18,000 pets the Arizona Humane Society rescued last year that were treated in the shelter's animal trauma hospital. Now that he has received medical help, he is looking for his future forever family.

Harley is amazing on a leash and potty trained. He knows basics and has lived with cats and dogs so he would make a great addition to any family looking for a furry, four-legged friend. Harley is available at the Arizona Humane Society's Sunnyslope location off 13th Avenue and Hatcher Road. His animal number is 627813.

Harley might have been adopted by the time you visit the shelter but there are dozens more wonderful pets that also are seeking loving homes.



Goofy and sweet to look at, Harley is a four-year-old standard Schnauzer mix who needs a forever home (photo courtesy of Arizona Humane Society).

Take a moment to check out all the adoptable animals at www.azhumane.org/findapet.

Chapman BMW team sponsors adoption fees

A team at Chapman BMW on Camelback is showing its soft spot for furry friends.

Bob Cola, the dealership's general manager, decided to foster an 8-year-old homeless dog rescued from a rural area of Arizona, but he did not realize at the time he would help save more than 400 other lives in the process.

Cola was matched with his foster dog, who he called Beemer, through the Arizona Animal Welfare League's foster program. It was his first time working with a shelter as previously he had always gone to a commercial breeder for his four-legged family members.

Beemer was special, though, and he and Cola quickly became inseparable. Cola would bring Beemer to the office, where she would sit in meetings and walk the showroom floor and ride shotgun on his commute to and from his home. While caring for her, Cola decided to sponsor the adoption of one homeless animal at AAWL for every car his team sold from Nov. 15 through Dec. 31 of that year. His team sold more than 400 cars, allowing them to sponsor the adoptions of homeless animals for at least the next two months at the no-kill animal shelter.

And Cola adopted Beemer. Chapman BMW on Camelback gave AAWL a donation of \$81,540 to sponsor adoption fees. The money donated to AAWL by this foster dad and his team will go toward helping more than 400 animals find their forever homes with a waived adoption fee as part of the "Beemer's Buddies" special happening at the shelter.



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To participate, visit azhumane.org/foster and complete a general online orientation. Once you fill out a foster application, you will have your foster kitten in less than 24 hours. If you need help learning how to feed your kitten, there is an optional, in-person, hands-on bottle baby feeding training available.

Annual salon event raises funds for rescue

If you'd like to pamper yourself while saving some money and also helping rescue animals, Mane Attraction Salon has a purr-fect solution.

The salon at 3156 E. Camelback Road will celebrate the 20th Anniversary of its Beauty to the RESCUE fundraiser from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, March 1. Get a haircut, blow dry, makeup and other services for minimum donation amounts, which will be much less than the regular prices. In addition, 10 percent of the sales of all products sold at Mane Attraction Salon that day also will go toward animal rescues.

In addition to the salon treatments, the event also will include a DJ, booths selling boutique items, a pet psychic, a caricature artist, hydrofacials from Derma Health Skin and Laser, makeup applications, a raffle and a silent auction. There also will be animals available for adoption.

All proceeds from these services will benefit PACC911, an organization that brings together more than 100 animal welfare organizations around Arizona. PACC911's goal is to create a powerful animal rescue community that works under a unified umbrella. It offers large outdoor adoption events, fundraising, educational outreach and medical help

to reduce the costs of veterinary care.

Mane Attraction Salon has helped raise more than \$360,000 for PACC911 through this annual fundraiser.

New sidewalk built in Pierson Place district

A new sidewalk in Pierson Place Historic District is making it easier to navigate the neighborhood.

The sidewalk on the east side of 3rd Avenue from Camelback Road south to the Grand Canal is almost a half-mile long. It covers six blocks going east/west from Central Avenue to 7th Avenue and is the only sidewalk in the Pierson Place neighborhood. The sidewalk offers increased safety to the many residents who walk to and from the canal every day with dogs and baby strollers, said Charley Jones, president of the Pierson Place Historic District.

To get the sidewalk built, proponents submitted an application and a petition with signatures from more than 75 percent of adjacent neighbors, Jones said. He added that the design and engineering stage for the sidewalk process lasted for about 14 months and some underground utilities were moved.

Comment on budget with new online tool

Are you interested in learning about the dollars and sense behind what makes the city of Phoenix run?

You can learn more about the programs and services the city provides and what it costs to bring them to you every day through a new tool called FundPHX. This interactive web tool accesses the city's \$1.4 billion General Fund operating budget and brings it directly to your device – computer, smart phone or tablet. All the city's programs are included with costs and descriptions, so you can learn about what it takes to provide everything from youth recreation activities to reading programs and senior services in your neighborhood.

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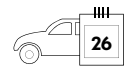
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7th Annual Italian Festival of Arizona

11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, March 14
11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, March 15
Jackson Street between 1st & 4th streets

Purchase pizza, pasta, sausage sandwiches, desserts and other Italian food and drinks. There will be cooking

demonstrations, pizza making and pasta-eating contests, performances by traditional Italian flag wavers and other artists, and displays of Italian artwork and automobiles. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the non-profit Italian Association of Arizona. General admission tickets are \$15; admission for children ages 12 and under is free. For tickets, visit italianfestivalaz.com.

10th Annual Kino Border Initiative Dinner

5 p.m. Saturday, March 14
Brophy College Preparatory's Harper Great Hall
4701 N. Central Ave.

The cocktail reception and entertainment start at 5 p.m. and the program and dinner begin at 6 p.m. The event raises money and awareness for the Kino Border Initiative (KBI), which was founded to address the basic needs of hundreds of migrants deported every day to the U.S.-Mexico border in Nogales, Sonora. It offers warm meals, clothes, pastoral support, first aid and referrals to migrants, education on border and migration topics, research and advocacy.

Tickets are \$250 per person or \$2,500 for a table sponsor. For tickets, visit aesaz.co/ELP/KINO2020.

AAHA! An Art, Food and Wine Experience

6 to 10 p.m. Saturday, March 14
JW Marriott Camelback Inn
5402 E. Lincoln Drive

Enjoy dinner and silent and live auctions. Chef Mark Tarbell, the 2020 honoree and a longtime supporter of Hospice of the Valley, will donate his popular Tarbell's Table One, a dinner for eight people including wine pairings. Proceeds benefit Hospice of the Valley's charity care programs for patients and families, community programs and its Dementia Care & Education Campus. Tickets are \$350 per person or \$300 for guests ages 40 years old and younger. For tickets, visit hov.org.

Phoenix AAUW Meeting and Dinner

5:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 17
Beatitudes Luther Life Center
1616 W. Glendale Ave.

The American Association of

University Women will host Tracey Benson of the Arizona School Boards Association to talk about "Education Equity: Arizona Schools and School Boards." There is an optional dinner for \$15 at 5:30 p.m.; the program starts at 6:15 p.m. The program itself is free. RSVP for the dinner by March 13 by calling 602-283-4884. The program and dinner are open to the public.

Jimmy Santiago Baca Live Reading

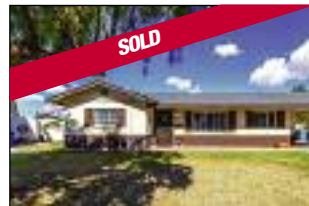
6 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 18
The Clarendon Hotel & Spa Skydeck
401 W. Clarendon Ave.

PC (Phoenix College) Rising Creative Writing Department will host Jimmy Santiago Baca, who will read from his new book, "When I Walk Through That Door, I Am: An Immigrant Mother's Quest for Freedom." The Pushcart Prize-winning poet in his new book puts a human face on the issue of families being separated at the United States-Mexico border, alternating between prose poetry and more traditional verse. This event is open to the public. The cost is \$8.

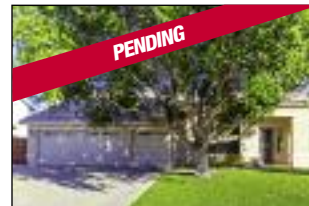
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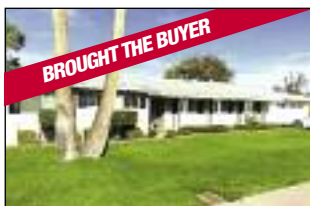
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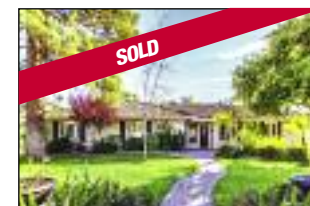
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Haru In The Garden – A Spring Celebration

10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, March 22
Japanese Friendship Garden
1125 N. 3rd Ave.

Explore the cultural traditions of Children's Day, Ohina Matsuri (Doll Festival for Girls) and Ohanami (Cherry Blossom Viewing). There will be an internationally known Japanese puppet group, live traditional Japanese music and dance performances and traditional Japanese toys. General admission is \$20; \$15 for members of the garden; and \$10 for children. Experience the Hina Ningyo Display and drink tea in the Tea Garden for an additional \$5. For tickets, visit japanesefriendshipgarden.org.

Beth Ami Temple Speakers Series

3 to 5 p.m. Sunday, March 22
Beth Ami Temple
3535 E. Lincoln Drive

Valley broadcast veteran Kent Dana and the state's first news pilot and reporter Jerry Foster will talk about their careers in journalism at this event. Dana worked for 30 years on the air, starting in 1974 at KOOL TV and then spent 25 years at 12News before retiring from KPHO-TV. Foster was hired by KOOL Radio & TV in 1971 as a helicopter pilot reporting on traffic and weather. He worked on the Phoenix airwaves for decades as a pilot for Sky 12, getting involved in police chases, desert searches and river rescues. The event is free and open to the public but reservations are required. RSVP to Bobbi Lazaus at 602-956-0805 or bethamitemple@hotmail.com.

Annual FSL Hope in Motion Breakfast and Lunch

8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, March 25
Phoenix Country Club
2901 N. 7th St.

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and Carey Pena of Inspired Media 260, a journalist, TV personality and podcast host, will emcee the lunch. RSVP to attend the event by calling Megan Word at 602-285-0505, extension 327, or emailing her at mword@FSL.org.

Boy Scout Troop 41 Rummage Sale

6 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 4
First United Methodist Church
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'Slope Fest 2020 & Tour de Sunnyslope

8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 4
Palma Park
12th Street and Dunlap Avenue

Tour de Sunnyslope 2020 is a bicycle ride for people of all ages on a pre-designated route starting at Palma Park. Registration starts at 8:30 a.m. and the ride starts at 9 a.m. A Phoenix Police Bike Squad will ride with residents through Sunnyslope and patrol cars with flashing lights will escort bicyclists. 'Slope Fest will feature food, animals, arts and crafts, games, demonstrations and special guests from the city of Phoenix and state. Admission is free. For details, visit slopefestaz.org.

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Madison Education Foundation
6:30 p.m. Saturday, April 4
The Madison Center for the Arts
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COMMUNITY

Garden club marks 90th anniversary

By Colleen Sparks

In the 1920s things in the city of Phoenix were very different from how they are today but one group planted the seeds for an effort that is still blossoming.

The Washington Garden Club of Phoenix recently celebrated its 90th birthday. Founded in 1929, it is reportedly the Valley's oldest garden club. Members meet monthly in the Encanto-Palmcroft Historic District at Valley Garden Center at 1809 N. 15th Ave. and participate in events in various locations around the Valley.

The club visits locales around the Valley to learn from master gardeners and draw inspiration. Members also make silk floral arrangements for tables at the Phoenix VA Health Care System and has linked with gardens at area schools.

In 1929, the garden club gave women a place to congregate, as they generally did not work outside of the home, said Glenna Teel, president of the Washington Garden Club of Phoenix.

"Most of us have gardens," Teel

said. "I am a third generation (member). My daughter is a fourth-generation. Our theme for this year is to nourish our world, our clubs, ourselves. I enjoy getting together with likeminded people. I'm a vegetable gardener, a dirt gardener. Gardening is just healthy; it's good for you, a good stress release. You're getting your vitamin D, your exercise."

A variety of speakers come to the garden club's meetings to share expertise on growing fruits, vegetables and flowers; pruning trees; and other gardening techniques. The group has made garden markers and hanging baskets and also gives back, including donating trees to Valley Garden Center and supporting Desert Botanical Gardens and St. Mary's Food Bank.

"We seem to be turning a tide toward growing our own food," Teel said. "We are seeing an interest in preserving our wildlife in order to grow our food. We will learn about creating an environment in our yard to support our local wildlife."

For more information about the club, contact Teel at gteel22@gmail.com.

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The newly formed AssuredPartners executive team includes (from left) Brett Benton, senior vice-president/sales leader; Paula Itule, chief operating officer; James Mann, president, Janelle Conaway, controller and John Heitel, vice-president (submitted photo).

Long-time agencies form new partnership

By Colleen Sparks

Insurance premiums are going to increase this year, but the merger of two local long-time agencies may offer you more options for yourself or your business.

So says James Mann, agency president of AssuredPartners, a new insurance broker that is the result of a merger of Horizon Insurance Agency and Hester, Heitel & Associates. Mann and Michael Mustacci started Horizon Insurance Group, Inc. in 1990 with the goal of offering clients the appropriate insurance program at cost-effective prices. Hester, Heitel & Associates, Inc. was founded in 1953 in Phoenix and provided insurance for individuals and businesses. The agencies merged in November and in January were acquired by and are operating as AssuredPartners, which is reportedly one of the fastest growing insurance brokers in the country.

Mann said that the newly configured company can offer access to more insurance carriers.

"I can insure anything anywhere in the world," he added. "We represent a significant amount of insurance companies. We have the option to shop different carriers that have different coverages, different offerings."

Hundreds of small and mid-sized businesses in North Central Phoenix are AssuredPartners clients. The company

also helps clients find property and casualty insurance, long-term care, bonds and surety, health and personal insurance.

"If you own a home here and buy another one in Hawaii, we can insure that," Mann said. "A lot of carriers may have issues with that. We can insure exotic vehicles. A large art collection, that's not an issue for us. The high volume is not a problem for us."

His advice to business owners is to "be thorough" when choosing insurance to protect their employees and assets and "don't always look to just the lowest price."

"Businesses have big exposures and they want to buy the appropriate coverage," Mann said. "Sometimes that requires (someone) to pay a little bit more. Those businesses have or can have serious issues, like a fire for example. You want to know when the fire occurs that everybody understands they're protected."

He also advises clients seeking automobile insurance to think about what type of coverage they will need in case of serious losses and not just focus on premium costs.

AssuredPartners was founded in 2011 as a national partnership of independent property and casualty and employee benefits brokerage firms and is based in Lake Mary, Florida.

The new agency is located at 7500 N. Dreamy Draw Drive, #100. To learn more about the company, visit assuredpartners.com.

TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS

Business Briefs

Network with businesses at joint spring mixer

Make business connections and take in scenic views while noshing on appetizers and drinks at the Greater Phoenix Chamber of Commerce's Spring Mixer with Visit Phoenix on Wednesday, March 25.

The event will take place from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Cambria Hotel Downtown Phoenix – Rooftop Bar & Lounge at 222 E. Portland St. It is free for Greater Phoenix Chamber of Commerce members and \$25 for non-members.

For more information, contact Andrea Hamilton at ahamilton@phoenixchamber.com or 602-495-6479. Valet parking is available on the site for of \$5 per car. To register, visit phoenixchamber.com.

Engage in DIY fun, shop at Woods and Whites

If you like vintage and found items or enjoy creating your own art, you might want to explore Woods and Whites, a collective of creatives in North Central Phoenix.

The store in Biltmore Fashion Park at 2502 E. Camelback Road sells handmade and vintage and found furniture, wooden toys, lamps and other items created by artists in the Valley and some around the world. Woods and Whites offers a large selection of baby merchandise and crystals and everything from men's jewelry to leather purses, furniture, custom paintings and upholstered pieces.

It also offers DIY classes and "experience stations," including a bracelet bar, where customers can select from a huge variety of gemstones to create bracelets, and a sugar scrub bar. To see the schedule of classes for March, visit woodsandwhites.us.

Woods and Whites is open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays and from noon to 6 p.m. Sundays.

Two steps you can take to keep pests away

Spring brings flowers and warmer weather, along with plenty of unwelcome pests. But there are a couple of simple steps that can help keep those pests at bay.

The experts at Bug & Weed Mart,

which has several Valley locations including one at 5030 N. Central Ave., recommend a two-step pest barrier system. The first step is to apply insect granules in your yard in the grass and gravel, and activate them by watering them. This will stop pests before they get into the home. In the summer, monsoon storms are ideal for applying granules as the rain will do the work for you.

Next, use a simple pump sprayer to apply spray around your home. Bug & Weed Mart experts recommend spraying from the base of the home up to about 24 inches in height so a barrier is set up all around the home at ground level. Also apply the spray to each door frame and window, as well as the overhang of the roof.

Bug & Weed Mart provides professional products, equipment and instruction related to pests and weed control. To learn more, visit bugweedmart.com.

Tall parking garage to accommodate Park Central

Something very tall is being built on West Catalina Drive at Park Central, a sign of growth coming to the area.

A 551,750-square-foot precast parking structure called Catalina Parking Garage is being built on the south side of Park Central in order to accommodate the increasing use of the property as a central Phoenix office/higher education/retail destination. The garage, being developed by The Plaza Companies in partnership with the city of Phoenix, celebrated its "topping out" at an event last month. The Catalina garage is 10-plus stories high and contains 2,005 spaces.

A new hotel is being built on the Park Central property and is expected to open in August 2022. WCU School of Medical Imaging and Nursing (WCU) is planning to take occupancy on the property in July. A new apartment building also is expected to open on the site.

The Park Central site currently has several restaurants and offices. The new parking structure will be a main focus for transportation for visitors and people who work in Park Central. The erecting company, structural engineers and contractors worked closely together on various scenarios to ensure the garage will be stable and successful at every stage of the building process.



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Local center offers 'Fire & Ice' facial

Arizona Facial Plastics at 3102 E. Indian School Road, Suite 140, offers the "Fire & Ice" facial, a treatment that reportedly helps decrease signs of aging including fine lines and wrinkles. The lasers used in the facial are non-ablative, meaning they resurface the skin and stimulate collagen that can lead to more youthful looking skin. *InStyle Magazine* voted it the number one celebrity facial and celebrities reportedly get it so often it's been called the "Red Carpet Facial."

At Arizona Facial Plastics, the LaseMD laser by Lutronic is used and it creates micro points of light to target pigment in the skin, as well as stimulate cell turnover and collagen production. Next, staff members use the Frozen C Cryotherapy device which targets the face with concentrated super-cooled carbon dioxide to destroy surface bacteria, shrink pores and boost healing. The treatment ends with a customized cooling mask as the client relaxes under the LED lights.

Besides helping to create a more youthful appearance, this treatment

also is very effective for helping patients with acne scars resurface their skin. For those with active acne, Arizona Facial Plastics recommends they first get a hydrafacial regimen to cleanse, hydrate and rebuild their skin.

To learn more about Arizona Facial Plastics, visit arizonafacialplastics.com.

New U-Haul spot open for rentals

There is a new U-Haul dealer in the area, making it easier for customers to rent vehicles to move and use self-storage.

Print Downtown, located at 2301 N. 16th St., recently signed on to become a U-Haul neighborhood dealer, providing U-Haul trucks, towing equipment and moving supplies. It is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Fridays and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays. To reserve U-Haul products at the 16th Street location call 602-252-1041 or visit uhaul.com/Locations/Truck-Rentals-near-Phoenix-AZ-85006/030695.

The new location also is part of U-Haul Truck Share 24/7, which offers

self-pick-up and self-return of trucks and vans 24 hours a day. An internet-connected mobile device with camera and GPS is all you need to take advantage of the self-service options. Simply create an account at uhaul.com. There are no membership fees to use it.

On the Money helps businesses boost profits

On the Money, a bookkeeping and accounting firm that recently moved to the Off 16th Executive Suites, will offer a free lunch on Thursday, March 5, from noon to 1 p.m. The event is a program called Lunch & Learn for Professional Services Business Owners, which will focus on an innovative approach to putting profit first.

On the Money, now located at 7600 N. 15th St., Suite 150, recently began a new service to help entrepreneurs boost profitability. Often business owners pay themselves last, if at all. But Ruth Urban, president and CEO of On the Money, believes businesses should give up on the traditional method of increasing revenue and instead concentrate on driving up prof-

itability. For many businesses more revenue equals more expense but when the focus is on profit the business grows naturally, Urban said.

An initial analysis of the business is done based on six quarters or 18 months. On the Money does a review of the company and presents a management report with a plan to slowly boost profit and owners' compensation to target percentages of revenue over an 18-month period. On the Money staff will stay with the business on a coaching basis after the initial review and finish quarterly reviews to make any needed adjustments.

To register for the free lunch on March 5, call 602-675-8921 or email info@onthemoneyaz.com. The company also offers a free networking and social event called Tax Day Sundaes from 2 to 3 p.m. on April 15. To learn more about the company or its events, visit onthemoneyaz.com.

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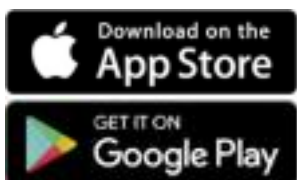


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209 W. Lamar Rd.	\$ 860,000	1516 W. Winter Dr.	\$ 585,000	4301 N. 21st St. #61	\$ 335,000
5112 N. 34th Pl.	\$ 784,000	4430 N.22nd St. #13	\$ 550,000	1124 E. Rose Ln. #6	\$ 255,000
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HEALTHY LIVING

Health Briefs

Teens can apply for hospital volunteer work

Teenagers looking for a way to learn about possible healthcare careers may apply for Abrazo Arizona Heart Hospital's summer volunteer program.

Completed applications are due by Friday, March 20. Student volunteers will work a minimum of one, four-hour shift for eight out of the 10 weeks available from May 26 to August 2 at the hospital at 1930 E. Thomas Road. These volunteers will receive orientation and training to work in the hospital setting, gaining valuable experience for possible future healthcare careers. They will help escort patients, do clerical work, make deliveries, maintain inventories and perform other tasks as assigned. Teens must be at least 14 years old and in high school by May 26 in order to qualify for the program.

Pick up a volunteer application packet at the Concierge Desk at Abrazo

Arizona Heart Hospital. To learn more, contact Norma Morales at 623-561-7232 or nmorales@abrazohealth.com or Patricia Martinez at 623-561-7232 or patricia.martinez@abrazohealth.com.

Hoarding group helps struggling seniors

If you or someone you know is 60 years old or older and struggling with compulsive object hoarding, there is a group that may help.

The Area Agency on Aging's 14-week Too Many Treasures Hoarding Therapy Group offers therapy to Maricopa County residents 60 and older who are willing to self-identify and commit to tackling the disorder. The free, voluntary sessions meet at confidential locations in Central Phoenix.

Group members will spend 90 minutes engaging in activities with others and must complete home assignments. A licensed professional counselor moderates the sessions, which cover understanding the causes of hoarding disorder and learning techniques to identify obstacles and tools to help decluttering or acquiring; discovering new ways to change unhelpful behavior and learning techniques to avoid recurrences and to maintain progress made.

To learn more, email hoarding@aaaphx.org or visit www.aaaphx.org.

Get support after stroke, obtain risk assessment

If you have suffered a stroke or are worried you could be at risk of having one or experiencing a heart attack, Abrazo Central Campus has resources to help you.

The Functional Communication Group: New Hope for Stroke Survivors and Others meets from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 4, at the Abrazo Central Campus at 2000 W. Bethany Home Road. It is free to attend and open to those who have survived a stroke or other conditions or diagnoses that affect their ability to communicate and their caregivers. There will be translation into Spanish at the group meeting.

AngioScreen Heart Attack and Stroke Risk Assessments will be available between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Thursday, March 19, at the Abrazo

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Support community offers grief, loss support group

The Cancer Support Community Arizona offers a free Grief and Loss support group for anyone grieving the loss of a family member who died of cancer. A professional therapist leads the group, which meets from 1 to 2:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Thursdays of every month at the Cancer Support Community Arizona at 360 E. Palm Lane.

The group gives people a safe place to share their feelings and new members are welcome. To learn more and register for the group, contact Marek Lubomirski, Program Event Coordinator, at 602-712-1006 or at MLubomirski@cscnaz.org.

Hospice of the Valley offers mindfulness classes

Hospice of the Valley offers ways to relax and stay focused on the present through its Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction (MSBR) training.

Hospice of the Valley offers mindfulness sittings for free every Thursday from noon to 12:30 p.m. at the Phoenix Art Museum at 1625 N. Central Ave. These sessions, which are led by Hospice of the Valley staff members, are open to the public.

Students focus on breathing and slowing down their movements. Mindfulness gives people a chance to just be and experience what is happening at the moment.

In addition to the free, weekly sessions, Hospice of the Valley will offer its Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction (MSBR) eight-week class beginning Saturday, March 28, at Gardiner Home Education Center at 1522 W. Myrtle Ave. It will run from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and it costs \$100 for Hospice of the Valley volunteers and \$200 for community members.

A four-week Mindfulness Class for Dementia Care Partners will be held March 24 to April 14 from 10 a.m. to noon at Gardiner Home Education Center. There is no charge for Dementia Care Partners.

A four-week Mindfulness for Self-

Compassion class will run from 4 to 5:30 p.m. from April 22 to May 13 at Hospice of the Valley – Central Clinical at 1510 E. Flower St. This class costs \$50 for volunteers and \$100 for community members.

To register and learn more, visit hov.org/our-care/mindfulness.

Destress with yoga in free local classes

Get in shape and relax at free yoga classes offered in the area.

Stretch and bend while listening to jazz music Sunday, March 15 and Sunday, April 19 at Civic Space Park.

All ages and experience levels may attend the classes at the park at 424 N. Central Ave., presented by the city of Phoenix and DiRTYOGA. To learn more, call 602-262-6412.

Provision Coffee offers free yoga classes every Monday to the community through Monday, April 27 in partnership with Lululemon. Classes are held from 6:30 to 8 p.m. The coffee shop is located at 4501 N. 32nd St. Instructors are from local yoga studios. To learn more, visit provisioncoffee.com.

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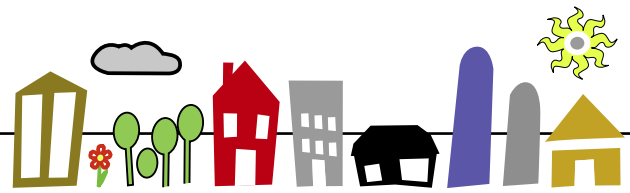


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Xavier College Preparatory's XERO Club (Xavier Environmental Response Club) participated in the city of Phoenix's Grand Canalscape Celebration last month. Pictured here are (front, from left) students Jane Farmer, Catherine Wandachowicz, Maria Castorino, Samantha Braun and Jordan Baker and (back, from left) Xavier teacher and club moderator Catherine Robbins, teacher Jingsheng Yang and staff member Younghee Grinstead (submitted photo).

Xavier XERO Club supports Canalscape

A Xavier College Preparatory club focused on protecting the environment is branching out to the community and demonstrating its support of people walking and bicycling on the Grand Canalscape.

Xavier College Prep's XERO Club (Xavier Environmental Response Club) participated in the city of Phoenix Grand Canalscape Celebration that took place Feb. 15. The event kicked off at Central Avenue and the Grand Canal, with festivities along the canal from 9th Avenue to 7th Street. The club manned a table in support of the project, which its members believe makes Phoenix safer for bicyclists and pedestrians.

The Grand Canalscape is a 12-mile continuous, multi-use trail system linking neighborhoods, schools and businesses. It is ADA accessible and has new pedestrian bridges, traffic signals to allow safe road crossings and artist-designed shade structures and seating areas.

Club activities are aimed at protecting the environment, engaging in many activities to encourage green living including selling reusable straws made of steel, planting seeds for flowers and herbs that members transplant in their gardens at home and making environmentally-friendly cleaners (vinegar-based with essential oils added) that members take home in spray bottles.

The XERO Club members also provide tips about being earth-friendly on the announcements at school. Club members also incorporate the green lessons into Xavier's Girls Have IT Day, asking participants how long it takes various items to decompose in a landfill.

School Briefs

ALHAMBRA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT Students go green in garden built by volunteers

Students at Westwood Elementary School will go green in a garden created by Grand Canyon University student volunteers and Habitat for Humanity on the school campus.

Hundreds of GCU students, Westwood parents and teachers and volunteers from Habitat for Humanity Central Arizona teamed up to enhance the school grounds as part of GCU's semiannual Serve the City last month. They created the first phase of a sustainable community garden project and also refreshed paint on building trim and playground equipment.

Westwood students will explore and learn in the garden and the school also plans to add food grown there to the healthy snacks it provides. A grand opening for the garden will be held next month.

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Westwood classrooms and an after-school program, in which GCU students offer free tutoring.

GLENDALE UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT Sunnyslope High senior accepts Air Force scholarship

The sky is no limit for Sunnyslope High School senior Cole Chilen, who has accepted an Air Force scholarship.

Cole will use the funding to attend an accredited aviation university of his choice to participate in a private pilot license-training program. He, along with more than 2,500 ROTC cadets from across the world, applied for this scholarship and only 200 were selected to receive it. The scholarship is valued at \$22,500 and it covers academics, flight hours, transportation and room and board while he is in a university.



Cole Chilen

Student honored as 'Youth of the Year'

Washington High School senior Kayla Phan recently was named one of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Phoenix's Youths of the Year, representing the Harry & Sandy Rosenzweig Branch.

Kayla, 17, joined the Boys & Girls Club four years ago. A shy, introverted teenager who has blossomed into a confident leader, she was among 12 teens who attended the Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Phoenix who received the honor at the annual Celebrating Youth Event last month in Scottsdale.

Kayla is president of the Rosenzweig Branch's Keystone Club. She plans to attend Arizona State University and major in pharmaceutical sciences.

Kayla and the other branch winners each received \$1,500. Club employees select club members for Youth of the Year based on academic excellence, living a healthy lifestyle, strong public speaking skills and poise, and embodying the qualities of leadership and service.



Kayla Phan

MADISON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT Long-time educator chosen as Rose Lane principal

The Madison School District Governing Board approved the hiring of Rose Devine, an experienced educator who has worked in the professional arts industry, as the new principal of Rose Lane Elementary School. Devine has been an educator for more than 19 years and served as interim principal at Rose Lane for the last year. She also served as assistant principal at Madison #1 Middle School for one year and assistant principal at Madison Camelview Elementary School for two years.



Rose Devine

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Twenty Osborn Middle School band students were recently selected to perform in the Greater Phoenix Honor Band (photo courtesy of Osborn School District).

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forming arts. Devine has a master's degree in educational leadership from Northern Arizona University and a master's degree in choreography/performance from the California Institute of the Arts.

Osborn students demonstrated their leadership by arriving prepared, staying focused during long rehearsals and introducing themselves to other students and the band directors in the Phoenix Union High School District.

The Greater Phoenix Honor Band features middle school students who have excelled at their craft and auditioned to display their talents.

OSBORN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Middle school students perform in honor band

Several Osborn Middle School students are showing they have the keys to success when it comes to playing their instruments and banding together.

Twenty Osborn Middle School students recently were selected to perform in the Greater Phoenix Honor Band at Camelback High School, under the direction of Antonio Lozano. The

Longview Elementary kids hone baking skills

Longview Elementary School fourth-, fifth- and sixth-graders recently learned how to use flour to make bread, cinnamon rolls and pizza dough in partnership with King Arthur Flour and Bake for Good Kids recently. The Bake for Good Kids program teaches children to make bread from scratch as

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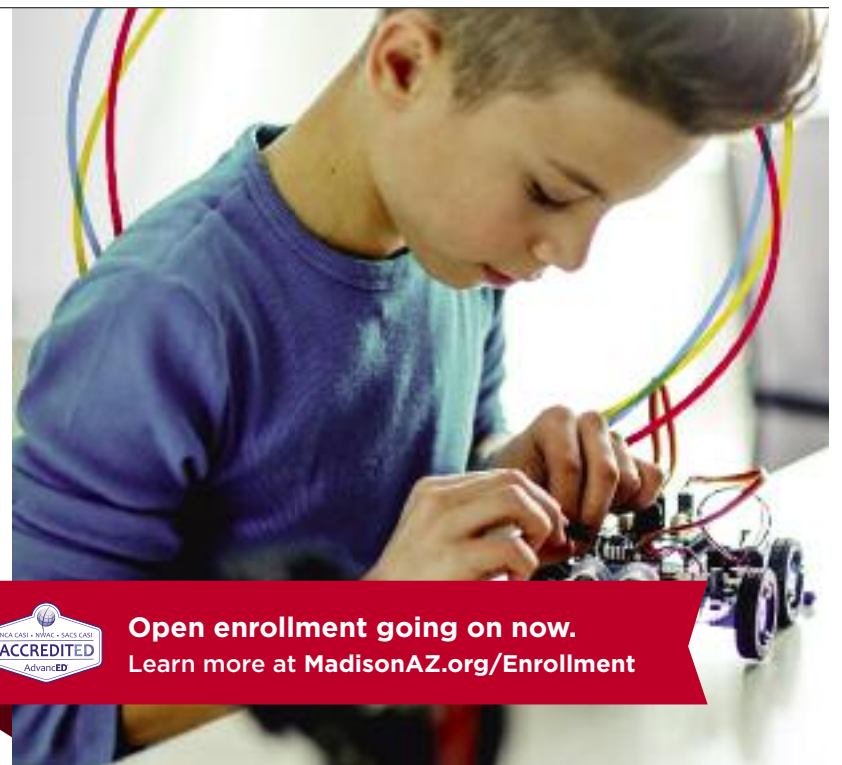
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**PHOENIX UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
Central High Bobcats score big in academics, sports**

The Central High Bobcat Academic Decathlon team took sixth place out of 26 schools at the recent Academic Decathlon Regional Competition, its best showing since the 1990s.

Several Central High team members won individual honors. Amanda York won the gold medal for Interview and received the "Outstanding Interview" award. Rachel Lanier Arozarena earned a silver medal for Economics and Speech. Sean Donahue took home the silver medal in Mathematics and Janette Lim won the silver medal in speech for her division.

The Academic Decathlon Regional Competition tests high school freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors in several subjects and awards points in prepared and impromptu speeches, oral interviews, essay writing and a public Super Quiz Relay

North High teen earns Boys & Girls Club honor

North High School senior Alex Sosa was recently selected as one of the



Alex Sosa

Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Phoenix's Youths of the Year, representing the Warner & Shirley Gabel Branch. Alex, 17, has been involved with the club for the last eleven years, where he has participated in almost every program and club offered.

Alex serves as president of the Gabel Branch's Keystone Club. He also served as manager for the L.I.T. (Leaders in Training) program. After first taking classes at Phoenix College, he hopes to attend the University of Arizona where he plans to major in criminal law.

**WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Job fair to seek district teachers**

Teachers interested in positions in the Washington Elementary School District are urged to attend a Teacher Interview Fair on Saturday, March 7, from 8:30 a.m. to noon at the District Administrative Center at 4650 W. Sweetwater Ave. Student teachers, soon-to-be college graduates, experienced educators and other qualified applicants are urged to participate and should arrive ready to be interviewed.

The district offers benefits including teacher support, competitive pay, discounted childcare, loan forgiveness, weekly professional development, tuition discounts, paid holidays, sick leave and vacation time, medical and dental plans, employer-matched Arizona State Retirement contributions and other benefits.

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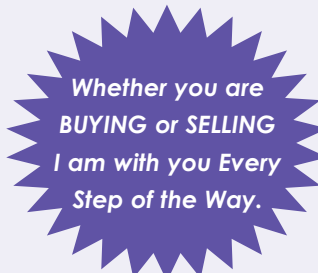
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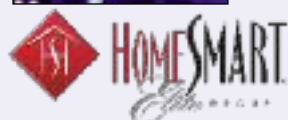
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WESD offers spring break camp at three sites

The Washington Elementary School District will offer KidSpace Spring Fling at three locations over spring break.

The daycare program will run from 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Monday, March 16, to Friday, March 20, at Orangewood School at 7337 N. 19th Ave.; Lookout Mountain Elementary School at 15 W. Coral Gables; and Sunburst Elementary School at 245 E. Mountain View Road.

Half-day and full-day options are available. To register your child and learn more, visit wesdschools.org.

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Brophy seniors named as National Merit finalists

All 15 of Brophy College Preparatory seniors who earned 2020 National Merit semifinalists status have been named as 2020 National Merit finalists. These students are eligible to compete for about \$33,000 in scholar-

ships. The recipients will be announced this spring.

Brophy's National Merit finalists are Aman Agarwal, Wyatt Ashton, Connor Camunez, Nick Hulston, Dean Kobs, Ari Mehta, Jack Munhall, Kris Noori, Liam Richardson, Diego Rivera, Aarin Shah, Justin Smith, Lukas Villalba, Zeyn Waheed and Kevin Yin.

In addition, 16 Brophy seniors were distinguished as 2020 National Merit Commended Scholars. Those students are Zack Amstutz, Ryan Coury, Gray Cuevas, Thomas Derr, Daniel Donahue, Christopher Dorado, Graham Earnest, Hunter Gruler, Alex Izmailov, Dylan Krueger, Sebastian Magri, Tony Mattalino, Daniel Noon, Patrick Nowlen, Jake Powers and Calvin Tyler.

Students' films picked as festival finalists

Five students from Brophy's advanced video production class are finalists in the 2020 Arizona Student Film Festival. These finalists will compete for a chance to win a \$1,000 scholarship from the Phoenix Film Foundation, as part of the 2020 Phoenix Film Festival, which will take place April 4 in Scottsdale.

The Brophy and Xavier students are senior Spencer Blanchard, whose video is titled "742.7," senior Cooper Brown, who produced "Breaking Through the Box," junior Jane Farmer, who made "Serving Reality," junior Logan Logg, who created "Gone" and senior Billy Meaney, who produced "How to Stay a Kid Forever."

For more about the festival, visit azstudentfilmfestival.org.

Freshmen bond with Special Olympic students

Special Olympic students from schools around the Valley came to Brophy's campus for a day of friendship and fun last month. Brophy Student Council and the Brophy Best Buddies Club facilitated this gathering.

Every guest was paired with a Brophy freshman. Students played games in the gym and on the baseball field, danced at a party in the plaza and played board games in Harper Great Hall. There were lots of conversations and snacks in between all the activities.

Game Day is part of the school's outreach and immersion programs that provide students a chance to grow as "Men for Others."



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Midtown Primary School to hold talent show

Midtown Primary School's 14th Annual Talent Show will feature students displaying their diverse skills and abilities to shine on Friday, March 20.

All students, in grades kindergarten through fourth, will perform with their classes in the show at 6 p.m. in the Sanctuary of Westminster Presbyterian Church at 4735 N. 19th Ave. Each class will select and perform a song, dance, skit or other talent. Additional individual and group performers will deliver songs, dances, poems, hula-hooping, magic acts and comedy. Each student had to "audition" for these performances by demonstrating commitment.

Admission is free and open to the public. To learn more, call 602-265-5133.

Xavier College Prep earns computer science honor

Xavier College Preparatory recently earned the College Board AP Computer Science Female Diversity Award for having a high number of young women represented in AP



From left: Paul, Angel, Jade, Sarae, Noel and Bethany performed at a previous Midtown Primary School talent show. This year's talent show will take place March 20 (photo courtesy of Midtown Primary School).

Computer Science A and AP Computer Science Principles classes. Schools recognized with this distinction have expanded girls' access to AP computer science classes. Students are introduced to computer science via programming in AP Computer Science A. In AP Computer Science Principles, an introductory college-level computing class, students cultivate their understanding of computer science by working with data, collaborating to solve problems

and developing computer programs.

Out of the 20,000 institutions that provide AP classes, 818 received the College Board AP Computer Science Female Diversity Award during the 2018-19 school year. In 2019 Xavier College Preparatory was one of only 36 schools recognized for closing the gender gap in both those AP computer science courses. The campuses that received the College Board AP Computer Science Female Diversity

Award have had either 50 percent or higher female representation in either or both of the AP computer science classes or seen the percentage of female computer science examinees meet or exceed that of the school's total female population.

Brophy hosts Black History Month Festival

Brophy College Preparatory brought cultural diversity to life when it hosted its first Black History Month Festival.

The school's Brophy Black Family Alliance, in association with Archwood Exchange, held the event last month that featured music, art, food, vendors and other activities. It provided a way to demonstrate the many ways in which the Brophy community and Phoenix as a whole are enriched by black history and culture.

Empower College Prep to add K through 2nd grade

Empower College Prep hosted a K-2 Round Up late last month as it prepares *please see ADD on page 32*

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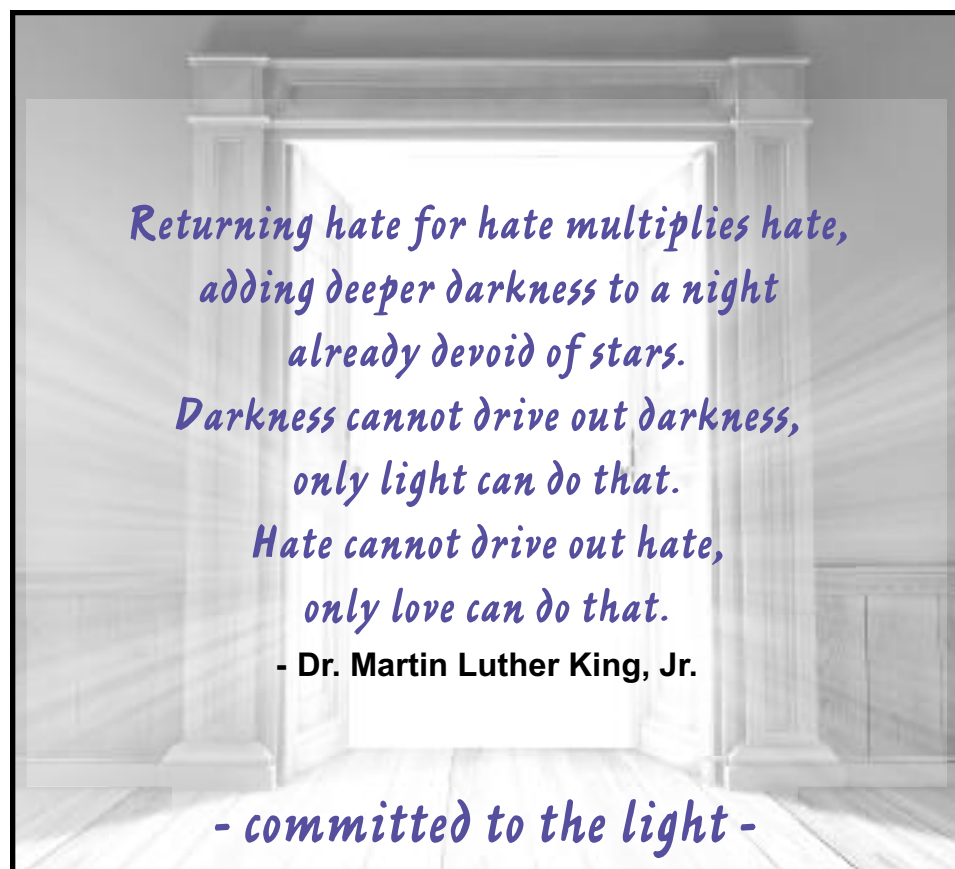
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Madison Highland Prep recently inducted 34 students into the National Honor Society. Students must attain a GPA of at least 3.5 to be eligible (submitted photo).

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to open its doors to kindergarten, first and second-graders starting in the 2020-21 academic year. Families of existing third through 12th graders, along with others in the community, visited to tour the brand new facilities that will house the K-2 grade students to get their children on the list for K-2 classes.

Anyone interested in registering their child in grades K-12 for next school year should contact the school at 602-283-5720.

Madison Highland Prep adds Honor Society members

Madison Highland Prep recently inducted 34 new National Honor Society members. Students must have a cumulative grade-point average of 3.5 or higher and be approved by a faculty committee in order to be accepted into the National Honor Society. The growing chapter, which has students in grades 10th through 12th, now has 167 members.

National Honor Society members are required to volunteer 20 hours a semester in order to maintain membership. They regularly volunteer as tutors at the adjacent Madison Park Middle School and Madison Traditional Academy Preschool, as well as at Valley food banks and Faith North Elementary School for its annual field day in April.

Four Xavier students sign Letters of Intent

Four Xavier College Preparatory student-athletes recently signed National Letters of Intent to play college sports. The students Madeleine Wright, who will swim at the

University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA); Lorelei Glidden, who will play tennis at Hamilton College; Taylor Garman, who will play soccer at California Lutheran University and Victoria Dow, who will swim at Colorado Mesa University.

Xavier officials anticipate that by the end of this school year, 30 of the school's student-athletes will have signed National Letters of Intent.

Xavier senior wins essay contest

Xavier senior Abby Converse, an indoor volleyball and beach volleyball player, recently won the Arizona competition for the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association Scholar Essay Contest.

Every State Athletic Administrators Association holds a contest in which high school students submit essays describing life principles learned in sports. Abby's essay is now entered into competition with four other female students' essays from the NIAAA's Section VII. After that competition, seven winners' essays will be submitted to a national review board and the winner will be announced in the fall.

Abby is involved in student government and took part in Model Legislature at the Arizona state Capitol. She also is part of the AIA Student Leadership Advisory Committee, which aims to increase sportsmanship throughout Arizona by starting microcosms of the committee on school campuses.



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The Foundation for Senior Living holds support groups for caregivers, called Central Phoenix Memory Café, the second and fourth Monday of every month. This group meets from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the FSL Caregiver House at 1201 E. Thomas Road. While the caregivers talk to others and access support and resources, their loved ones engage in music therapy provided by neurologic music therapists.

The music therapy program optimizes how people with memory loss experience and interact with their environment via music and movement. Support group facilitators are experts in caregiving, healthy aging and dementia care.

A Spanish-speaking support group also is available the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at 10 a.m. at the FSL Caregiver House. The support

groups are free to attend. Register with Charise Bebout at 602-285-0505 ext. 184 or cbebout@fsl.org.

Senior center to celebrate St. Patrick's Day, hold fair

Devonshire Senior Center at 2802 E. Devonshire Ave. will hold a St. Patrick's Day party at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, March 17. Darrel Johnson will perform classic hits and Christy Puetz will teach an art class. It is free for members of any city of Phoenix senior centers and their guests to attend.

The center will offer a Spring Fair at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, April 8. There will be corn hole, Cup pong, balloon pop, a craft station and live music. Participants must be members of a city of Phoenix senior center or their guests to attend.

Season brings Purim gathering, other festivities

The Jewish Family & Children's Service Center for Senior Enrichment

at 6250 N. 19th Ave., which is geared towards people at least 60 years old, will celebrate the Jewish holiday of Purim from 10:30 a.m. to noon on Tuesday, March 10. Rabbi Yaakov Benshabbat of Orot Synagogue and musical entertainer Gal Drimmer will lead a megillah reading with upbeat music.

The Center also will mark St. Patrick's Day at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, March 17. Begged and Borrowed, a Celtic music duo, will perform.

The events are free but RSVPs are appreciated. RSVP to carol.goldstein@jfcfaz.org or by calling 602-943-2198. To learn more, visit jfcfaz.org/programs-services/older-adults/center-for-senior-enrichment.

Kids & Families

Children's Museum offers spring break camp

School will be out over spring break but little ones can still explore and learn at the Children's Museum of Phoenix.

The museum at 215 N. 7th St. will offer spring break camp from Monday, March 9, to Friday, March 13. The camp, geared towards kids ages 5 to 8 years old, includes hands-on learning, games and other activities designed to cultivate minds and muscles. Each day campers will learn about two separate exhibits, playing games related to the exhibits and engaging in activities and group projects. The camp runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. with early care from 8 to 9 a.m. and after-care from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

The cost is \$280 per camper per week for non-museum members and \$235 per camper per week for museum members. The daily rate is \$65 per child for non-museum members and \$55 per child for museum members. Extended care is available for \$20 per day or \$80 a week.

To register, visit childrensmuseumofphoenix.org/events/spring-break-camps. For questions, contact camp coordinator Ricardo Bernal at rbernal@childmusephx.org or 602-648-2777.



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Teens can get crafty at library gathering

Crafty teenagers can express themselves at the Phoenix Public Library – Century Library on Tuesday, March 10.

That's when the Teen Crafting class will take place from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at that library branch at 1750 E. Highland Ave. Teens can paint with watercolors that the Friends of the Phoenix Public Library, Century Chapter, provides. This event is open to youths ages 12 to 18 years old.

To learn more, visit phoenix.gov/library.

Little ones will flip over Impact Gymnastics camp

If you are looking for a safe place for your kids to go where they can build athletic skills and mingle with other children over spring break, they might flip over the Impact Gymnastics Academy day camp.

Impact will offer full-day and half-day camps for kids ages 4 years old and older who are potty trained Monday, March 16 to Friday, March 20 at its center at 7812 N. 12th St., Suite B.

Children will participate in gymnastics, games, crafts and other activities.

A full-day camp runs from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and a half-day is from 9 a.m. to noon or noon to 3 p.m. Extended care is available from 8 to 9 a.m. and 3 to 4 p.m. The cost is \$70 per day with advance registration for the full-day camp or \$325 for a week of the full-day camp. Half-day camps cost \$50 per day with advance registration or \$240 per week. Extended care is \$20 per hour per child and a \$10-per-hour discount is offered per sibling. Advanced registration is required for extended care.

To register, visit impactgymnaz.com.

Spring break camp offers variety of activities

Keep your children busy and occupied with exercise, games and plenty of opportunities to socialize during Spring Break Camp at Arizona Sunrays Gymnastics & Dance Center this month.

The center will hold a Spring Break Camp from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. March 9-13, 16-20 and 23-27 at its location at 3923 E. Indian School Road. Youths

ages 3 to 13 years old will learn gymnastics, dance, yoga, team sports, NinjaZone and other activities while they are in the camp. Sign up your children for half-day camp options from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. or noon to 3 p.m.

The cost for the camp is \$59 for a half-day, \$82 for a full-day or \$220 for a week of the half-day options or \$320 for a week of the full-day options. It is recommended that you register ahead of time. There is a \$25 fee for same-day registration. To learn more, call 602-992-5790 or visit arizonasunrays.com.

Kids are on the move in track and field club

Children and teens are lacing up their tennis shoes and hitting the track and field in a new club in North Central Phoenix.

So Swift Athletics is a USA Track & Field-affiliated Youth Track & Field Club that trains and mentors youths ages 5 to 18 years old. The club's mission is to offer a fun, welcoming environment for athletes to have a positive and meaningful experience while learning track and field fundamentals.

Tawnie Martin, founder and coach of So Swift Athletics and a Phoenix native, has been serving in the USA Track & Field Arizona Association for more than five years. She is a Level 1 USATF coach who specializes in mid/long-distance and block starts. She works as the sprint coach at Sunnyslope High School.

Participants in So Swift Athletics meet from 5:15 to 6:45 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. Children and teens of all skill levels are welcome to join. The runners practice at Sunnyslope High School at 35 W. Dunlap Ave. and, on occasion, at other locations. They also participate in meets around the Valley.

There is a monthly cost for membership and uniforms. For cost information, contact Martin at soswiftathletics@gmail.com. For more details on the club, visit facebook.com/SoSwiftAthletics.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

LUNAFEST celebrates female filmmakers

By Colleen Sparks

A festival at the Madison Center for the Arts this month will shine the spotlight on female filmmakers around the globe and also help transform the lives of local women.

LUNAFEST will feature seven, independent, short films all created by women in the movie industry on Sunday, March 15 at the arts center at 5601 N. 16th St. It kicks off with a reception at 4 p.m. and then the showing of the films starts at 5 p.m.

Soroptimist International of Phoenix, the local partner for LUNAFEST, will use the revenue generated from the festival to help empower women and girls in Maricopa County and Mexico. The Phoenix Soroptimist chapter provides scholarships to women pursuing education in vocational, technical or undergraduate universities while another offers funds



Lisa Farrar, Soroptimist International of Phoenix secretary and co-chairwoman of LUNAFEST; Karen Leone, Soroptimist International of Phoenix delegate and LUNAFEST co-chairwoman; Kirstin Elliot, engagement director at Madison Center for the Arts and Amy Marschel, director of the Madison Education Foundation, have partnered to present LUNAFEST on Sunday, March 15 at the arts center (submitted photo).

that may be used for other, everyday living expenses to women who are the primary financial support in their families. A third program offers financial help to a school with female students in Mexico. The local Soroptimist organization hopes to raise and distribute \$20,400 this year for those programs, as well as other causes.

“Soroptimist International is an international, global organization that’s working to transform the lives of women and girls,” said Karen Leone, chairwoman of the LUNAFEST Committee and a delegate with Soroptimist International of Phoenix. “We transform that through education and enabling opportunity. We’ve been

in Phoenix 82 years. We want to grow both the club and the impact.”

LUNAFEST gets its name from the LUNA nutrition bars created for women by Clif Bars & Company. To inspire women and push for equality the company began LUNAFEST nearly two decades ago. The festival travels to nearly 200 cities every year, raising money for local women’s causes.

This year’s movies are recommended for those ages 14 and older. The total program for the films is 96 minutes.

The films include “Purl,” an animated tale of a ball of yarn that gets a job in a fast-pasted start-up, from filmmakers Kristen Lester and Gillian Libbert-Duncan of Pixar Animation Studios. The filmmakers for the seven short movies live in Los Angeles, New York, Israel, China and other parts of the world.

There will be a raffle for prizes. Tickets to LUNAFEST are \$20 each. To purchase tickets, visit themadison.org.

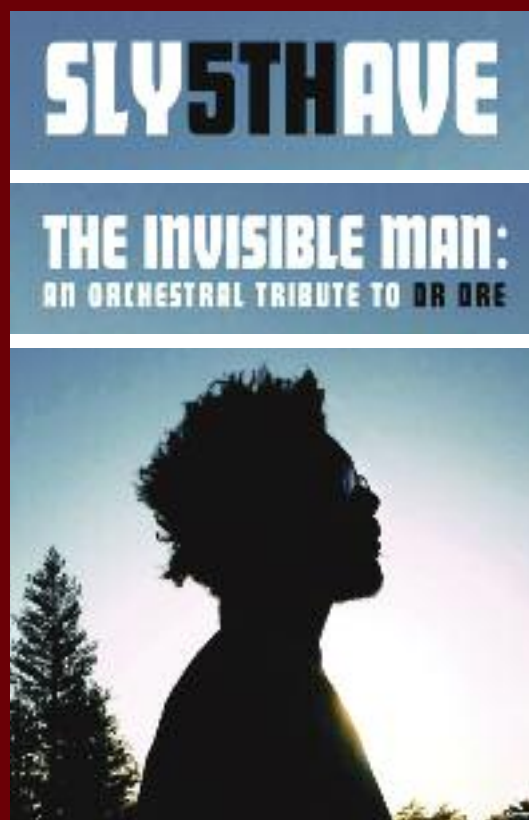


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Disney in Concert: Magical Music from the Movies

7:30 p.m. Friday, March 13
Symphony Hall
75 N. 2nd St.

The Phoenix Symphony and Broadway vocalists will perform songs from popular Disney movies as the films are projected onto a big screen. There also will be Disney sing-alongs. For tickets, visit phoenixsymphony.org.

2nd Friday, Art Night in 19NORTH

5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Friday, March 13
19North Plaza
1820 W. Northern Ave.

19North and Valley Metro's Artline present an art fair that features vendors who will sell their work, plus food and live music. Artists who wish to participate may contact Shannon McBride, executive director of 19North, at Shannon@19north.org.

Fred Forney Quintet: 'I Remember Chet'

7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 14
The Nash
110 E. Roosevelt St.

The quintet will pay tribute to Chet Baker, known as the James Dean of cool jazz. Tickets are \$31 each for VIP seats, \$26 for preferred seats, \$21 for general admission and \$11 for students, ages 25 years old and younger with identification shown. To buy tickets, visit thenash.org.

Beth Lederman Quartet

6 p.m. Sunday, March 15
Church of the Beatitudes' Nelson Hall
555 W. Glendale Ave.

Lederman, part of the family that owned Lederman Music Company, has a diverse repertoire that includes pop, jazz, swing and Latin standards. Lederman will perform with singer Heather Jakeman, Felix Saenz on bass and Emerson Laffey on drums. There is a \$5 suggested donation. To learn more, visit beatitudeschurch.org.

Third Eye Blind – Screamer Tour 2020

8 p.m. on Tuesday, March 17
The Van Buren
401 W. Van Buren St.

This concert is for audience members ages 13 and older. The alternative

rock band, known for its singles "Semi-Charmed Life," "Jumper," "How's It Going to Be," among other singles, will perform its sixth studio album. Tickets cost \$49.50 to \$55. To buy tickets, visit thevanburenphx.com.

André Rieu and his Johann Strauss Orchestra

8 p.m. on Tuesday, March 17
Talking Stick Resort Arena
201 E. Jefferson St.

Rieu, known as the "King of Waltz," will perform with his 70-piece orchestra, the Platin Tenors and many international soloists. Rieu has sold more than 40 million CDs and DVDs. For tickets, visit talkingstickresortarena.com.

Phoenix Boys Choir's Classics Concert

5 p.m. Saturday, March 21
Central United Methodist Church
1875 N. Central Ave.

The choir will honor the Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris by performing the organ C-sharp minor mass Op. 16, "Messe Solennele" by French composer Louis Vierne, who was the principal organist at Notre-Dame for 37 years. For information on ticket prices and to purchase tickets, visit boyschoir.org.

Sly5thAve:

The Invisible Man
7 p.m. Saturday, March 21
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"The Invisible Man" is Sly5thAve's original re-imagination and rearrangement of Dr. Dre's music performed by a 25-piece orchestra. The set includes Sly's classical arrangements of Dre classic songs including "California Love" (2Pac), Guilty Conscience (Eminem) and Next Episode to later hits including "No Diggity" (Blackstreet). For tickets, visit themadison.org.

Jurassic Quest 2020

Friday, March 27- Sunday, March 29
Phoenix Convention Center
100 N. 3rd St.

This exhibit features more than 80 realistic, life-size animatronic dinosaurs. Kids can dig for long hidden dinosaur bones and play in the "Dino Bounce" area with towering dinosaur-themed inflatable mazes, face painting, dino crafts and other activities. For times and tickets, visit phoenixconventioncenter.com.

LUNA FEST

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LUNAFEST, which is dedicated to championing women filmmakers, features seven short films by and about women.

All proceeds will benefit local nonprofit Soroptimist International of Phoenix, whose mission socially and financially empowers women and girls, and Chicken & Egg Pictures, a nonprofit that supports women nonfiction filmmakers whose storytelling catalyzes social change.

For more information visit www.facebook.com/lunafestphoenix2020

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Kathleen McCaffrey-Flick with her son, Brady and father, Seamus McCaffrey, enjoy corned beef and cabbage and fish and chips at Rosie McCaffrey's Irish Pub. Seamus owns the restaurant and Kathleen is the manager (photo by Marjorie Rice).

Café Chat

A taste of Ireland is on tap at Rosie McCaffrey's

By Marjorie Rice

It's Wednesday afternoon at Rosie McCaffrey's Irish Pub and owner Seamus McCaffrey and a few pals are cheering on their beloved Celtics soccer team. Clad in the team's striped green and white jerseys, they toast a goal with Harp Irish ale, on tap at the spacious bar.

After the match, McCaffrey chatted with customers, welcomed newcomers and shared a laugh with familiar faces.

A native of Belfast, Northern Ireland, McCaffrey came to Arizona in 1981. His background wasn't in operating pubs, but necessity called.

"When I first got to Phoenix, it was summer, and I asked where I could find an Irish pub," he said. Someone men-

tioned a downtown spot and McCaffrey made a beeline for the bar.

"I asked for a pint of Guinness and the bartender says, 'We don't have Guinness,'" McCaffrey said. "I says, 'This is an Irish pub and you don't have Guinness? Can I have a pint of Harp?' They didn't know what it was."

For McCaffrey, his only recourse was to open the Dubliner in 1984. With it, he brought something new to the state: Guinness, the silky dark ale that so symbolizes Ireland to Americans.

"We were the first in the state to pour Guinness on tap," he said. "I had to fight hard for it. The distributor said there was no market here for it."

He sold the Dubliner and opened Seamus McCaffrey's downtown, which he later sold. That property still is operating. He then opened the Blarney Stone in Scottsdale, which he later sold, and in



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2001 opened Rosie's, named for his wife. His daughter Kathleen McCaffrey-Flick, a former teacher, joined Seamus in running the pub three years ago.

"This has always been my life," McCaffrey-Flick said. "I did my homework at the bar and I worked in the pubs as a server in college. An Irish pub has a family feel to it more than other bars. It's a welcoming environment."

Her son, Brady Seamus Flick, is starting on the same road. At four months old, he's a frequent visitor, coming to work with his mom.

The atmosphere is Irish, and so are the drinks – Harps and Guinness predominant, with Smithwick's and Kilkenny ales, Magners Irish Cider and Irish whiskeys – and a healthy list of Arizona and international labels.

The food menu has a similar balance of Irish and American. Fish and chips, Guinness steak and mushroom pie, shepherd's pie, bangers and mash, and Irish potato boxty (shepherd's pie, corned beef and cabbage or Guinness prime rib served between two potato pancakes) lead the list of Irish standards. The pies are made with beef

rather than lamb to cater to American tastes, Seamus said.

American standards include burgers, sandwiches, salads and appetizers, including Rosie's egg rolls: wonton skins stuffed with corned beef and cabbage. Sliders – especially with fried fish – are favorites.

Seamus conceded that corned beef and cabbage isn't really Irish, but Americans expect it so that's what he serves.

While the menu is mixed, the atmosphere at Rosie's is pure Irish, from the rollicking songs piped through the sound system to the dark, cozy atmosphere. There are live bands and karaoke several nights each week, and as the Guinness pours, the singing swells.

There's an entire wall devoted to those beloved Celtics. The rest are festooned with crockery, figurines, maps, photos, mottoes, flags, posters of Irish Revolutionary War heroes – so much that there's scarcely a bare square inch.

On St. Patrick's Day, Tuesday, March 17, the pub will rope off the parking lot for its 28th Annual St. Paddy's Day Street Fair beginning at 8 a.m. (that may

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IRISH PUB *continued from page 39*

shift to 6 a.m. so check the website for times), serving a limited food menu and plenty of drinks, including Irish coffee. An outdoor celebration, including three bands, goes on until 2 a.m.

Rosie McCaffrey's Irish Pub, located at 906 E. Camelback Road, is open daily from 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. There is live music Friday and Saturday nights, karaoke Tuesday and Wednesday nights and pub trivia Thursdays. For information call 602-241-1916 or visit rosiemccaffreysirishpub.com.

Dining Briefs

Armadillo Grill getting a wee bit Irish for holiday

Armadillo Grill will help you save green and get into the Irish spirit while you celebrate St. Patrick's Day.

The menu will feature shepherd's pie, corned beef and cabbage, Guinness onion soup and Reuben sandwiches on Tuesday, March 17. There will be specials on Guinness and green beer and happy hour specials from 3 to 7 p.m.

Armadillo Grill will be open from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on March 17 and is located at 1904 E. Camelback Road. To learn more, visit thedilloaz.com.

Taste of Emerald Isle at Phoenix City Grille

Paint the town green on St. Patrick's Day by feasting on some Irish-inspired special meals at Phoenix City Grille at 5816 N. 16th St.

On Tuesday, March 17, the restaurant will offer a meal inspired by the Emerald Isle that includes house-braised corned beef with chipotle Dijon glaze, scalloped cabbage and roasted root vegetables. The cost is \$16 for lunch and \$22 for dinner.

Phoenix City Grille will be open from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. on March 17. To learn more, visit phoenixcitygrille.com.

Miracle Mile Deli offers St. Pat's Day meal

Miracle Mile Deli, located at 4433 N. 16th Street, will celebrate St. Patrick's Day from Monday, March 16, to Sunday, March 22, with an Irish inspired meal of corned beef, cabbage, Irish potatoes and bread and butter for \$14. The deli also will offer green beer for \$6 a pint throughout March.

The restaurant also offers catering for St. Patrick's Day. For prices and other details call 602-776-0992.

Miracle Mile will be open from 10:30 a.m. to 8 p.m., regular hours, on

March 17, St. Patrick's Day. To learn more, visit miracleriledeli.com.

Southern Rail gets jazzy with Sunday specials

Southern Rail, located at 300 W. Camelback Road, will serve sazeracs and Chef Beckett's signature jambalaya while musicians play on the patio, starting Sunday, March 1, from 5 to 8 p.m.

The weekly Sunday night Jazz & Jambalaya Series will continue through April 26.

The sazeracs will \$9 each and jambalaya will be \$25. Customers also can sip on half-price bottles of Arizona wine and Southern Rail's all-day menu will be provided.

For details, visit southernrailaz.com.

Babbo Italian Eatery reopens on 16th Street

Babbo Italian Eatery is back in business at 6855 N. 16th St.

The restaurant reopened on Feb. 10 after having closed for several months due to a fire that caused extensive damage to the building. The fire was ignited outside the building in the utility area, then caught the gas meter and the entire building caught fire. The roof and one side of the building had to be replaced.

To learn more about Babbo, visit babboitalian.com.

Carlos O'Brien's rolling out St. Patrick's Day specials

Carlos O'Brien's at 1133 E. Northern Ave. will put its own spin on St. Patrick's Day on Tuesday, March 17, with corned beef tacos and corned beef and cabbage meals and happy hour prices on drinks all day long.

The eatery be open from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. For more information, visit carlosobriens.com.

Salvadoreño mixes staples with Irish flair

Salvadoreño Restaurant at 8911 N. Central Ave., Suite 101, will give its Central American menu an Irish flair for St. Patrick's Day on Tuesday, March 17, with cabbage relleños filled with ground beef and ground beef and cabbage picadillo. There also will be drink specials including two-for-one deals on beers and \$2 Pupusas.

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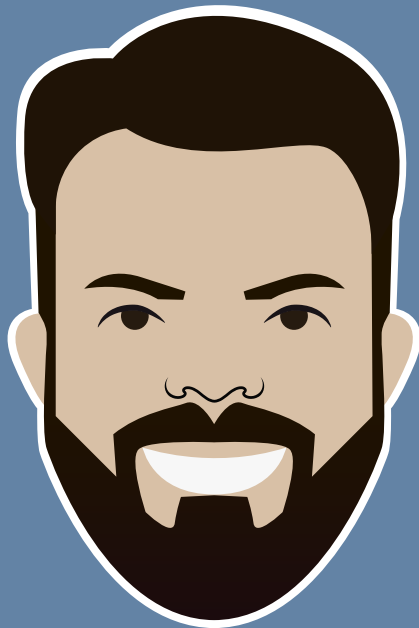
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