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RELOCATION

City quietly relocated peacocks in fall

Richard Smith
INDEPENDENT NEWSMEDIA

With little fanfare and no formal discussion after September, Glendale found new homes for nearly three quarters of the peacocks and peahens in and around Sahuaro Ranch Park and the city's main library.

Council reached a consensus to humanely remove the birds during an Aug. 12 workshop. Since the contract for relocation of the peacocks was under the \$100,000 amount, it did not require a council vote, stated Media Relations & Communications Program Manager Lesley Miller in an email.

Residents and visitors who thought they saw less peafowl (the catch-all term for both peacocks and peahens) in and around the park over the holidays were right.

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NEWCOMERS ARIZONA

Mountain Ridge senior's refugee app bridges cultural gap



By Richard Smith
INDEPENDENT NEWSMEDIA

A child of Afghani refugees, Mir-Aedrees Sekandari got used to helping his parents bridge language and cultural barriers from a very young age.

His parents fled during the Soviet Union's invasion of Afghanistan in the 1980s.

"When they came to America and had us, they had a very difficult time of going through the systems. When they came to Arizona back then it was completely inaccessible. They had to manage learning English not through ESL classes but by watching TV," Sekandari said. "As a young child I had to help my parents with documentation and some extremely complex vocabulary. I didn't know what taxes were. I was filing for the IRS and I was like 6."

He said he has been surrounded by refugees his entire life and learned how difficult it was for local refugees to access

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Mountain Ridge High School senior Mir-Aedrees Sekandari holds his phone opened to the Newcomers Arizona app in Glendale on Feb. 13. Sekandari designed the multilingual app to help refugees navigate basic services and legal forms. (Independent Newsmedia/Richard Smith)

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Glendale student vies for state spelling bee title

Ronito Romel, 12, of Hillcrest Middle School in Glendale won Deer Valley Unified School District spelling bee in February.

The seventh grader advances to the state competition on Saturday, March 21, at The Madison Center for the Arts in Phoenix.

Read online:

<https://tinyurl.com/4y65mabn>

Planning commission recommends Chipotle

The Glendale Planning Commission recommended approval Jan. 22 of a Chipotle with a drive-thru along Bell Road.

Chipotle is asking for an amendment to the Talavi PAD to allow for another drive-thru restaurant. This site is between 57th and 59th avenues on the south side of Bell.

This item is scheduled to be voted on during the Feb. 24 Glendale City Council meeting. Results were not available at press time.

Read online:

<https://tinyurl.com/z9kp8mt7>

Bill to allow 'patriotic' groups to speak during class advances

Sponsored by Rep. Tony Rivero, R-Peoria, House Bill 2312 prohibits a public school from denying equal access to a "patriotic" group wishing to conduct a meeting or distributing material in class during the first quarter of the school year. The House Education Committee voted 6-5 for a do pass recommendation on Feb. 3.

Read online:

<https://tinyurl.com/2dscy53x>

GLENDALE OFFICE

Arizona Autism United unveils local center

By Richard Smith

INDEPENDENT NEWSMEDIA

Arizona Autism United recognized the void, both in its own services and the availability for diagnostic services to West Valley families, when planning its latest office.

While opening its new clinic in Glendale on Jan. 22 will not erase the need, the mission-based nonprofit will serve more families and speed up the diagnostic process.

The North Valley Center, 7170 W. Camino San Xavier C, focuses on three areas: diagnostic services for children that may be on the spectrum, therapy for children and family members, and training and mentoring college students interested in becoming providers.

"This new North Valley center strengthens our ability to serve families across the entire metro Phoenix region. As waitlists continue to grow statewide, this center will be a point of availability and family support," AZA United founder and CEO Aaron Blocher-Rubin said during the grand opening.

Dr. Erica Skepnek is the senior director of psychological and diagnostic services and is now based in Glendale.

Skepnek knew Blocher-Rubin for years, and worked at the Southwest Autism Research & Resource Center for about a decade. Skepnek joined AZA United 4½ years ago.

"What stood out, before I even started here, was how multidisciplinary it is, the collaboration between teams. Yes, they do AZA services, which a lot of children get. But they also do speech, and we do (occupational therapy). With the addition of my department, which I was hired to kind of create here, we're doing psychotherapy services, diagnostic evaluations and group options for parents," Skepnek said.

Parents need the support, too. As



Arizona Autism United Senior Director of IT Kyle Fyfe, left, Dr. Erica Skepnek, the nonprofit's senior director of psychological and diagnostic services, second from left. Amelia Graves, AZA United's event specialist, and Arizona Autism United founder and CEO Aaron Blocher-Rubin talk Jan. 22 at AZA United's new Glendale Center. (Courtesy Arizona Autism United)

Skepnek said, parents usually put themselves last, but need to factor themselves in, because they need to be there for their child.

AZA United offers a family support team, which is rare. Skepnek said some other Valley service providers offer caseworkers or social workers.

"We try to also focus on the support system surrounding the child. I think it's a fabulous approach," she said.

AZA United has a five-member family support team.

Skepnek said the family-wide psychotherapy services are invaluable.

The West Valley has long lacked adequate autism diagnostic services. There is one other diagnostic provider in the Northwest Valley.

At most, there are seven developmental pediatricians in the entire state. Evaluations are being outsourced to psychologists, Skepnek said.

"We needed to expand. People are waiting too long," she said. "As far as the amount of people in the West Valley that were seeking services? We've

had close to 1,000."

AZA United has five Valley clinics, and not every service is offered in each clinic. The Avondale site does not offer diagnostic services or psychotherapy.

"Our next closest office was right by the airport. That's our main one," Skepnek said. "That's where they were driving from. We would see people with addresses in Goodyear, and people from Tucson and Prescott — even out of state."

Diagnostic services are given for a limited time at the center before the child moves to another office.

Counseling services are open to children, adolescents, adults and family members. These services do not require an autism diagnosis.

"That is a pretty niche offering as well, to offer psychotherapy services to an entire support system for developmental disabilities," Skepnek said. "It's not required. We don't check diagnoses. It's our specialty. We definitely get a high number of patients with autism and ADHD."

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HIGH SCHOOL

DVUSD graduations return to stadium

By Steve Stockmar
INDEPENDENT NEWSMEDIA

The schedule is out for this spring's graduation ceremonies for Deer Valley Unified School District's five high schools.

The district governing board during its Feb. 17 meeting voted to approve a cost of \$139,351.66 for the Thursday, May 14, events to be held at State Farm Stadium in Glendale.

The rental fee amount includes \$66,550 (or, \$13,310 per school), plus an additional \$21,185 for estimated audio/visual expenses, and up to \$15,000 for potential vandalism to be used only if needed. Other costs include \$22,823 in additional security fees, and a venue-charged parking fee of \$13,793.

The schedule for that day has San-



A student choir adds to a recent graduation ceremony for Deer Valley High School seniors at State Farm Stadium in Glendale. (Independent Newsmedia/Steve Stockmar)

dra Day O'Connor High School's ceremony up first at 8 a.m. The other high schools will follow suit including Deer Valley (11 a.m.), Boulder Creek (1:30 p.m.), Mountain Ridge (4:30 p.m.), and Barry Goldwater (7:30 p.m.).

Graduation ceremonies for Aspire, Deer Valley's Online Academy, will take place at 6 p.m. Friday, May 15

at the Goldwater High School auditorium.

The dates are not in conflict with currently announced scheduling practices for the Arizona Cardinals who, as State Farm Stadium's primary tenant, have priority over dates should the NFL change practice times.

While no 2026 Cardinals dates

SCHEDULE

What: DVUSD 2026 high school graduations

When: Thursday, May 14

Schedule: O'Connor (8 a.m.), Deer Valley (11 a.m.), Boulder Creek (1:30 p.m.), Mountain Ridge (4:30 p.m.), Goldwater (7:30 p.m.)

Where: State Farm Stadium, 1 Cardinals Drive, Glendale

have been announced yet, in 2025 the team hosted rookie minicamp in early May and voluntary organized team activities with veterans and rookies in late May. Those time-tables figure to be consistent this spring.

State Farm Stadium lists no entertainment events on its May calendar as of Feb. 16.



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BUSINESS MOVES

NOW OPEN

- 1 **Shiloh Wholistic Wellness Center** recently opened, offering whole-body well-being, root-cause care and God-designed healing inside Phenix Salon Suites, 17570 N. 75th Ave, Suite 102, Glendale.
- 2 **Cell Repair Arena** recently opened at 5932 W. Bell Road, Suite D106, Glendale.
- 3 **Gear Max Auto Sales** celebrated its grand opening Feb. 7 at 4850 W. Glendale Ave., and offers a wide range of used cars.
- 4 Just north of Glendale's northern boundary in Peoria, **Next Health** opened for business in February at its first-ever Arizona location at 23423 N. 67th Ave. It is a health optimization and longevity center. **Bosa Donuts** also opened in the same shopping center.

OPENING SOON

- 5 **Tanger Outlets Phoenix** will add several offerings throughout 2026, including national fast-casual restaurants, a popular frozen yogurt shop and a full-service nail spa. at the open-air outlet center, 6800 N. 95th Ave, Glendale. **Habit Burger & Grill**, **Yogurtland** and **QDOBA Mexican Eats** all open this summer. **Café Zupas** will open in the fall. **Pinky Nails & Spa** will open a 1,729-square-foot nail and spa lounge

AWARD

- 6 The 2.4 million-square-foot **Luke Field** logistics campus, developed by global commercial real estate firm Lincoln Property Company and Goldman Sachs at 13543 A and B Northern Ave. in Glendale has achieved LEED Gold v4 for a Core & Shell and Warehouse Dis-



tribution Center.

ANNOUNCEMENT

- 7 Cushman & Wakefield announced Jan. 23 that the firm has arranged the sale of Commerce @ 303, a 663,367-square-foot Class A industrial property and adjacent entitled, shovel-ready 32.6-acre development site at 5215 N. Alsup Road in Glendale. **EQT**, a large private equity investors, acquired the property from New York Life Real Estate Investors and Steel-Wave.





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FROM THE COVER

App

• From page 1

necessary documents and services.

Sekandari Works with RISE, a part of the American Muslim Women's Association, tutoring for refugee children ages 4 through 16.

Those experiences informed him when developing and coding Newcomers Arizona, a mobile app assisting refugees in Arizona with basic services across the state. The app provides multilingual resources for legal aid, healthcare, housing, jobs, education, mobility and community hubs.

One caveat — Mir-Aedrees Sekandari is a teenager who will graduate from Mountain Ridge High School in May.

"I've been helping them directly for a long time hand to hand and tutoring," Sekandari said. "I got an opportunity to meet a lot of the parents, who were also refugees. I looked for a one glove fits all solution. I saw applications and I've taken a lot of AP computer science classes at Mountain Ridge. In my sophomore year, I was able to code and develop a project. Over the years my computer science teacher has been my biggest help through it all. I wasn't a natural coder or developer of any sort. I didn't really know how to display UI. She helped me with all the development processes and polishing it so that it actually looked good."

The goal is to transform complex and unnecessary forms into easy, clear steps. The app is free and private.

Sekandari said Mountain Ridge CTE Ambassador and marketing teacher LoriBeth Horton is an incredibly kind person who has always looked to help refugees.

"Edrees is a fantastic young man. He is helpful, bright and kind. It has been my pleasure working and traveling with him throughout his Career Technical Student Organization jour-

ney with DECA and FBLA," Horton stated in an email.

The app has prompts in 18 languages.

Refugees and asylum seekers arrive in Arizona to find most documentation, signs and conversation options in English and Spanish only.

"In developing an app, there's only so much code you can input before it crashes on the user's phone. So we did the 18 most dominant languages in Arizona, some of them being Arabic, Pashto, Dari, Farsi, Swahili, Kirundi," Sekandari said.

He said it took about a year to get Newcomers Arizona onto the app store. Since then, he has promoted it to refugee people he knows.

Newcomers Arizona has 5,200 downloads as of Feb. 13 and averages about 400 daily users.

"At my mosque, a lot of refugees come every day for congregant prayers. I get the opportunity to meet and talk with them. In doing so, I hear a lot of their issues and problems," Sekandari said. "It's very rewarding in creating this app that you can think about a niche subject that they need help with. I was speaking with my dad every Friday about building it. Finally when it was done I told him to search us on the Google Play store. He said, 'No way.' He was ecstatic, shouting in Arabic."

Now the goal is to expand the app beyond Arizona, even as refugees and asylum seekers are swept up into the larger immigration controversies of the second Trump administration.

RESOURCES FOR REFUGEES IN AN ICE AGE

Newcomers Arizona is a host organization of the Survivor Style nonprofit clothing brand, which Sekandari is also a part of.

The International Rescue Committee is a frequent partner as is UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR).

"We've been tackling assistance for



Mir-Aedrees Sekandari (Independent Newsmedia/Richard Smith)

refugee rights for a long time. Especially now in the current times, we're helping with GoFundMe (campaigns) helping a lot of refugees who are immigrants," Sekandari said. "We are kind of covering that entire sphere of anybody attempting to legally migrate."

California is an early expansion target for the app. Newcomers Arizona recently received a \$4,600 grant from that state for applying.

Sekandari said he is looking to use that money to help refugee and immigrant families in Echo Park, Hollywood and Fremont — among other California cities.

"We don't just want to stay in Arizona. We want to branch out, hopefully," Sekandari said.

Immigration is a controversial topic.

In the public sphere, there is not a lot of nuance in immigration discus-

sions — with little distinction between refugees and asylum seekers, illegal immigrants, and those on a work visa.

"It's crazy that the United States current administration is bringing all these people into one sort of pile. It's not fair to the people who don't deserve it, who are refugees, who are here on EAD or working. They are the ones who have worked incredibly hard. It's not fair to anyone," Sekandari said.

He was part of a student-led ICE protest at Mountain Ridge Jan. 30.

Sekandari said he tries to engage in discussions that can get people out of their bubble.

"We take these matters seriously. People are dying. But then there's a large group that is very opposed to it. Whether they are gaining that kind of view from their parents or social media, I never try to oppose them entirely. I try to learn from them and their perspective and give them a little bit of our insight," Sekandari said.

A PRACTICAL APPLICATION

Newcomers Arizona users get started with background, language and when the user arrived in Arizona.

The app is then tailored to the user and their location.

"We're kind of a resource hub. When you're navigating on the internet refugees have to go on English-only websites and it's so complex. There's an IRS website here and you're filing for your EAD and you don't know what to do, so you put everything into our app. With it, we connect with every partner they need to connect with — whether that be your ESL class, we partner with ESL classes and programs at ASU and they put their resources, websites and locations — we're the bridge in between," Sekandari said.

Abdullah Mbudji recently moved to Phoenix and was interviewed by Survivor Style.

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If you're feeling helpless amid American turmoil and division, you're not alone.

I can whine and wallow, and where does that get me? I don't have sports expertise, but have watched enough football to learn a thing or two to elevate my optimism. Call me "Pollyanna," but I know it's time to change my attitude when it resembles "Negative Nellie." I suggest:

Act. In the huddle, coach yells, "Do something!" Sounds vague, but it's the first step. Action leads to determination and a feeling that I am doing something to move the ball toward the goal. Writing this is action. Registering to vote is action. Encouraging others to register is, too. Arizona Clean Elections, azcleanelections.gov, makes it easy to discover your federal and state districts as well as your local precinct.

Connect with others who are concerned about our country. Talk to neighbors, friends and family. Join a group advocating for an issue or candidate that's important to you. Listen with an open mind to speakers and take a few notes. Invite others to events.

Speak up! Show respect to other humans. During a recent rally, a driver yelled a bad word and waved the middle finger. I was restrained since any comeback would be wasted. Also, Pollyanna wouldn't cuss since that would detract from her message.

I am grateful for high school students who recently marched. I'm glad they are experiencing democracy firsthand with action, connection and voice. Coach wants to know if I'm ready to play. "Yes, I have my playbook." I am in the Brewer Precinct, LD 27 and CD 8. I attend LD meetings and am volunteering with Debo-

LETTERS TO THE NEWSROOM

rah Howard's campaign.

Football coach, Lou Holtz, once said, "Life is 10 percent what happens to you and 90 percent how you respond to it." I hope others respond positively.

Julie Skrzypek
GLENDALE

Students lose when school districts choose field trips

A quiet but troubling trend is emerging in schools across Phoenix: teachers are no longer choosing their own field trips. Instead, districts are increasingly centralizing these decisions by selecting destinations, programs and experiences for teachers and students.

I taught in the West Valley for 20 years. I never treated field trips as rewards or add-ons. They were extensions of the classroom and always addressed the needs of my students.



Beth Maloney

Today, I hear from teachers who are being told exactly where their students will go, regardless of interest, age or needs. This loss of choice doesn't just affect teachers. It directly impacts students. Teachers are well-trained professionals. They plan lessons, assess learning and adapt instruction based on the students. Field trips are no different.

There is also a real financial barrier associated with field trips, one that teachers and districts must navigate. Transportation, admission and ticket fees, as well as logistical burdens, can quickly make meaningful experiences feel out of reach, particularly for low-income Title I schools.

This is where nonprofit partners like Act One play a vital role. By covering the cost of buses, tickets and coordination, Act One removes finan-

cial barriers while preserving teacher choice and allowing educators to select arts and cultural experiences that align with their curriculum, calendars and students' needs.

Beth Maloney
PHOENIX

'Sound of freedom' is the sound of F-35 mismanagement

The "sound of freedom" has become a rather trite phrase. No, I am not complaining about the noise, nor am I complaining about Luke Air Force Base.

I figured it was time to put some costs to our trite phrase. The F-35 program is now \$200 billion in cost overruns. Just remember, your tax dollars, your children and grandchildren are going to end up paying for this nonsense.

Just a quick math comment. It takes a thousand million to make a billion. The software upgrades are reported to be years behind schedule. Not one F-35 variant has met its mission requirement goals. This jet is now 85% over budget. Only 55% of the aircraft are mission available. Key issues are slow repair times, lack of spare parts and a shortage of technical data and training.

Every time we hear these planes take off from Luke, they cost taxpayers \$30,000 to \$40,000 just to fly for one hour.

So next time you hear the "sound of freedom," just remember the people we put in charge of this program are not doing a very good job and we keep letting our military production companies charge us whatever they want and our government bends over and pays this crazy price.

James Kepler
SUN CITY

FROM THE COVER

Resource

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Here is an excerpt of his interview translated from Arabic to English.

“When I would call these offices that sometimes never pick up, they get frustrated with me and my broken English. Not being able to do things yourself makes you feel like a burden. But Edrees’s Newcomers app is so simple and easy. It has everything jam packed into my phone, and I didn’t download it for a while because I didn’t believe there’d be Arabic on it. I didn’t believe there would actually be jobs I could apply for or ESL classes I could put my kids in. But there was, and a whole lot of other features I am greatly thankful for, especially in my early days in Arizona,” Mbudji said.

Sekandari said he wants to major in human rights and international relations, or a related diplomatic field. He wants to impact legislation.

He was recently named one of the 150 total 2026 Coca-Cola scholars nationally.

“It’s been hell trying to promote an app to thousands of refugees in the state,” Sekandari said. “It is a bit of a shock and they sometimes ask, ‘Why do you care about us so much?’ ... I don’t think I could have done it without the help and support I received from my family, my teachers.”

Peacocks

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“The peafowl project occurred in November and 96 peacocks were rehomed. We estimate that 35 peacocks remain,” Miller stated.

In August, residents started a petition drive titled “Stop the relocation of the Sahuaro Ranch Park peacocks,” As of Sept. 4 the petition, had 2,943 signatures, and by Feb. 16 it had grown to 4,718 signees.

“Dwindling the flock down to just 33 will leave them weak to predation. When a flock of birds has lived together in certain numbers for their whole lives, they create a system within the flock for protection. When you wipe those numbers out, the flock does not know how to protect itself in such small numbers. Considering the amount of predatory animals in the area, this could very well lead to the complete eradication of the remaining birds,” read a section of the petition.

Resident Joyce Capson filed a formal complaint about the peafowl removal on Nov. 25 without bringing it back before the council for a vote.

A February 2024 census counted 111 peafowl, the February 2025 census showed 160 peafowl and in March 2025 it was 137 peafowl.

City staff used Raptor Events for humane removal and relocation of the peafowl, at \$425 per bird.



A peacock perches on a railing near the Glendale Main Library on Jan. 31, Almost 100 peafowl were relocated to new homes in November 2025 and the city estimates 35 remain in the area. (Independent Newsmedia/Kelly O’Sullivan)

The original idea to send up to 40 birds to Texas A&M University’s Department of Ecology fell apart quickly.

Petitioners raised several concerns related to Texas A&M’s history.

Councilmember Lauren Tolmachoff confirmed at the Sept. 15 council meeting that the city will not send any peafowl to the university.

Relocation cost approximately \$50,000.



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PREP BASEBALL PREVIEW



Deer Valley baseball players huddle in the dugout before a 4A baseball playoff game May 5, 2025 in Glendale. (Independent Newsmedia/Nash Jensen)

Playoff teams plan to improve

Compiled By Richard Smith
INDEPENDENT NEWSMEDIA

Feb. 25 marks the beginning of the high school baseball season. West Valley Preps asked local coaches to take a look at their teams:

DEER VALLEY SKYHAWKS

4A West Valley Region

Coach: Erik McMahon (First year as Deer Valley coach)

2025 Record: 19-10-1, 10-0 region (Reached 4A quarterfinals)

What is your team's best attribute entering this season? All starting juniors returned for their senior season. We have good not great overall hitting but have some top loaded arms this year.

What will your team need to improve for the season to be a success? Chemistry, game reps with each other.

Who are your team leaders? Maxton Weaver, Cameron Waddell and Brennan Larson

Who are newcomers to the varsity squad that could make an impact? Brennan Larson and Gabe Elliot. Brennan is a transfer (from Valley Lutheran). He's a junior and already committed to Wake Forest. He throws

93-95 mph. Gabe Elliot is a freshman with some electric stuff, he will be one to watch as he gets older.

What needs to happen for your squad to reach the state tournament this season, or reach the goals the program has set? For us to reach our goals we need to stay focused on one game at a time, with 1 and 0 mentality and stay together in difficult situations.

GLENDALE PREP GRIFFINS

2A West

Coach: Rick Green (third year as Glendale Prep coach)

2025 Record: 16-4, 7-1 region (Reached 2A quarterfinals)

What is your team's best attribute entering this season? Experience and our defense.

What will your team need to improve for the season to be a success? We just need to have some of the new/young players fill in at a couple positions.

Who are your team leaders? Corbin Kim is the only senior, and the backbone of the team. Hits around .500, he's fast and can play multiple positions.

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Black Business Owners showcase vendors downtown

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What started out as Negro History Week in 1926 then became, in 1976, Black History Month. This is the 100th year of its observance.

In honor of its centennial, the Black Business Owners Coalition of Glendale is relocating its annual Vendors Extravaganza from Rose Lane Park to Historic Downtown Glendale.

BBOCG will lead its fourth Vendors Extravaganza in Black History Month from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 28 in the Glendale City Park and Ride parking lot on the northeast corner of 59th and Myrtle avenues.

Participants can support social needs, such as the mobile blood donation bus, and drop off donated canned and packaged food. Guests



Organizers, vendors and guests smile during the second annual Vendors Extravaganza put together by the Black Business Owners Coalition of Glendale in 2024. This year's event is from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Feb. 28 in downtown Glendale. (Submitted)

also are welcome to visit the free health screening booth.

A special kids zone will feature face painting, free books, arts and crafts and other outdoor specific activities.

Join the celebration with live music. Soul Food, Caribbean and African food trucks will be on site.

Local communities' reigning beauty queens will be there. The public may take part in raffles, give-

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HOME SHOW

Maricopa Home and Landscape Show returns to stadium

INDEPENDENT NEWSMEDIA

The Maricopa County Home & Landscape Show, the largest home show in the Southwest, returns to State Farm Stadium from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, March 6 through Sunday, March 8.

This family-friendly show will feature more than 1,000 vendor booths providing Home Show specials on landscaping, plants, kitchen and bath remodeling, décor and painting.

"We look forward to providing a Home Show for everyone," Katie Jones, show manager, stated in a press release. "With free parking and only \$10 admission, attendees can connect with home improvement experts, participate in free make and take activities, learn garden skills, shop the artisan market, and more."

The Home & Landscape Show is partnering with Maricopa County Animal Care & Control to help find loving homes for local pets. Attendees can receive free admission by donating a brand-new item from the list of needed pet supplies found online.

Show attractions include:

Hands on Gardening Workshops

Learn tips and techniques at free workshops and practice skills like:

- Harvesting seeds
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Local Artisans Market

Showcasing handcrafted goods, custom designs, and creative finds to find home accents, gifts, and one-of-a-kind pieces while supporting local businesses. Artisans include:

- Custom hat bar
- Handmade pet products
- On site engraving
- Original fine art
- Handcrafted home décor (metal, wood, ceramic and more)
- Living greenhouse: Explore plants and exotic animals in this living ecosystem, including a snake petting encounter.

Plant Pavilion

Shop a selection of houseplants, succulents, exotic varieties, trees, soil, tools and garden décor.

- Handmade Headquarters: Free make-and-take craft workshops:
- Custom salt soak bar workshop
- Floral macramé wall decor
- Living moss art
- Sage bundles: The garden hero
- Multicolored custom wood night lights

Seminars

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- Meet the Dogs & Learn How Pet Adoption Works: MCACC shares what to expect when bringing a new

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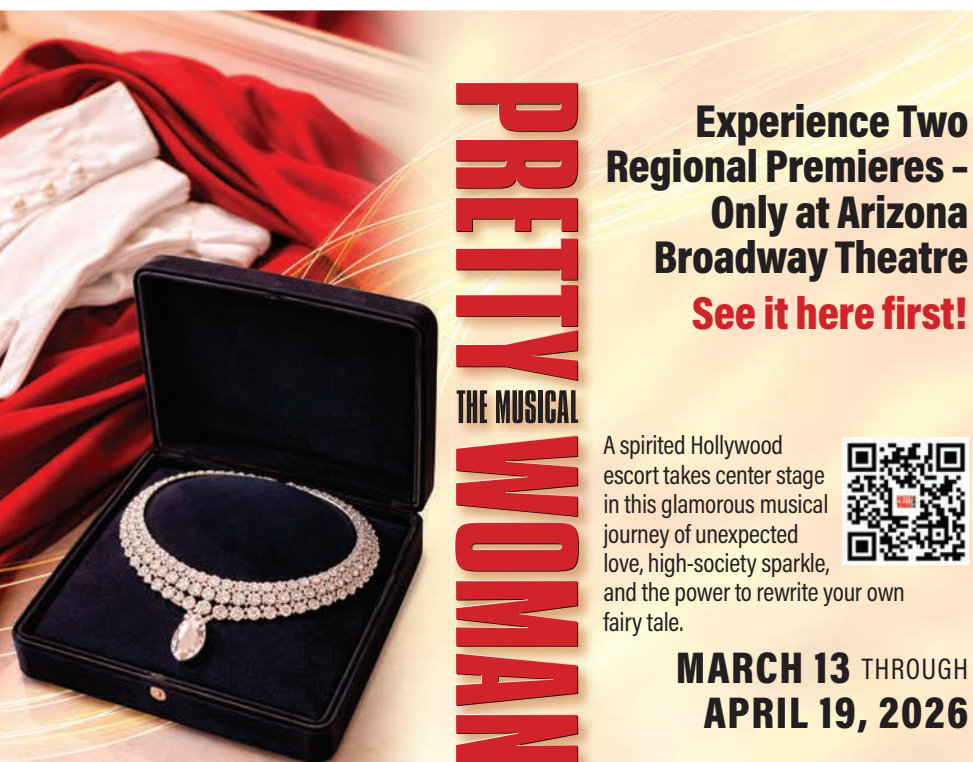
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Home show

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• **Magic Show**

• **Free consultations on home remodeling, gardening, and landscaping.**

• **Tote-Ally Upcycled Billboard Bags:** Recognized by the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality, Maricopa County Home Shows help keep vinyl out of landfills.

• **Fur-ever Pet Adoptions:** Maricopa County Animal Care & Control offers pet adoptions from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

• **Donations are accepted at the entrance (Gate 2).** One ticket for a bag/box dog treats (approx. 16 oz



The Plant Pavilion is one of the popular features of the Maricopa Home & Landscape Show at State Farm Stadium in Glendale. This year's version of the annual event will be March 6-8. (Maricopa Home & Landscape Show)

or larger. Two tickets for a leash/collar, or durable toy (e.g., Kong-style)

General admission is \$10 daily

for adults, kids age 12 and under get in free. Box office is card only.

Senior morning is from 10 a.m. to noon March 6. Admission is \$5 for

guests age 55 and above with ID. Customer appreciation offers \$5 admission from 2 to 5 p.m. March 6 and March 8.

Teacher appreciation is active all three days, with \$6 admission for any carrying a valid Arizona school ID. Military appreciation also is available, with \$6 admission with valid military identification.

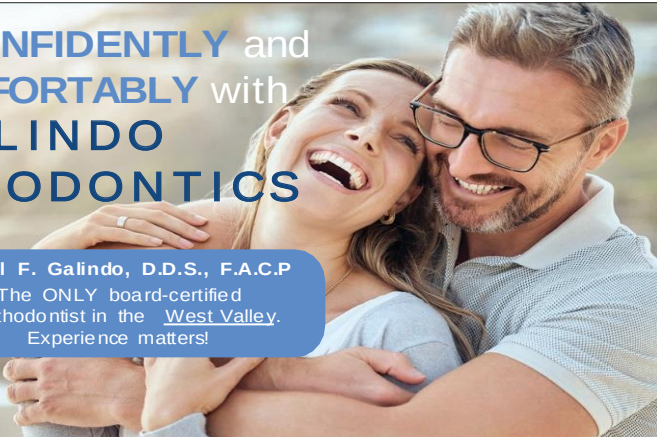
People with March birthdays should visit the pink prize tent for a complimentary present with valid ID.

Free fidget spinners for kids ages 4-12, while supplies last. Wheelchair and scooter rentals are available through Mobility Arizona.

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Who are newcomers to the varsity squad that could make an impact? Freshman Wil Rosenblum will not only make an impact for us this year, but especially in the future. Good size, good power, good speed, and pitches both right and left handed.

What needs to happen for your squad to reach the state tournament this season, or reach the goals the program has set? Like every year, we just need to have reliable pitching, consistent hitting and especially solid defense like we had last season.

O'CONNOR EAGLES

6A Desert Valley Region

Coach: Jeff Baumgartner (24th year as coach)

2025 Record: 21-12, 6-2 region (Final six of 6A playoffs)

What is your team's best attribute entering this season? We built

an identity on pitching and defense and have a strong returners up the middle with Jacoby Noble at short and Giovanny Montoya-Boncore, who may be the best defensive outfielder in the state.

What will your team need to improve for the season to be a success? Constantly working on run production. Trying to get our offense working and cutting down on strikeouts.

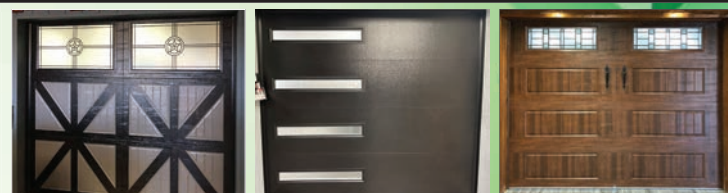
Who are your team leaders? Mikey Leslie, Tommy Pascanu and Brent Sollars are our captains.

Who are newcomers to the varsity squad that could make an impact? Jameson Mohler is a sophomore catcher who will start. Clayton Sheets can be a plus defender at third base.

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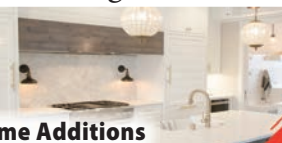


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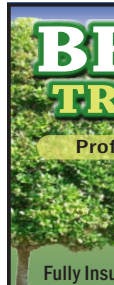
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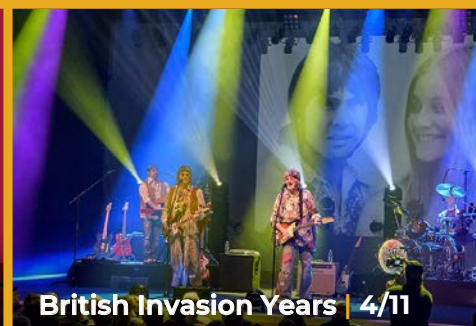
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