



Groups creating safeguards as early voting begins

By Jeff Wendt
INDEPENDENT NEWSMEDIA

With early voting underway across Arizona, local and national civic organizations are ramping up efforts to empower voters and address concerns about election security and voter intimidation.

One Arizona, a coalition of 24 community-based organizations, is leading statewide initiatives focused on civic engagement, nonpartisan voter education, and voter protection.

"We do a ton of voter education as we are a nonpartisan organization," said Araceli Villezcas, director of marketing and communications for One Arizona. "So, what we will focus on is just giving people the information they need to vote."

"Whoever they vote for, whichever way they vote, That's up to people at the end of the day," Villezcas added, "but what we're doing is mak-

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Phoenix continues to grow mental health emergency response program

Mental health specialists can respond solo or with police/fire

By Mark Carlisle
INDEPENDENT NEWSMEDIA

Behavioral health specialists are taking more calls than ever in the city of Phoenix, in lieu of police or fire, and the program continues to expand.

Phoenix's Community Assistance Program is at 86% of its staffing goal. Its most recent batch of recruits began training in August and will be out in the field in November. The program will start another round of recruitment later this month. The program also uses peer support specialists through

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Mary Prado, left, and two other crisis intervention specialists with the Phoenix Community Assistance Program, which provides mental health specialists to respond to emergency calls instead of or in addition to police, pose for a photo in front of a van. (Courtesy city of Phoenix)





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COMMUNITY NEWS

PHOENIX

Phoenix advances plan to transform banks of Rio Salado

By Mark Carlisle

INDEPENDENT NEWSMEDIA

The City of Phoenix earlier this month took a step toward transforming the banks of the Rio Salado.

The Phoenix Planning Commission approved a general plan amendment on Oct. 1 for the Rio Salado District Policy Plan. The amendment will still need to be approved by Phoenix City Council.

The plan, according to the general plan amendment, lays out collaborative efforts through 2050 between the city, area residents, businesses and community stakeholders to transform the area beyond the banks of the Rio Salado.

The commission was presented the general plan amendment in August but sent it back to the South Mountain Village Planning Committee for additional discussion. After the VPC revisiting the amendment in September, staff attached changes to the amendment on Sept. 29, ahead of it returning to the Planning Commission.

Among the changes were building height limitations, affordable housing incentives and encouraging city-led actions to promote inexpensive housing, local business engagement, infrastructure improvements and keeping residents in the area from being displaced. The city will also create an interactive online tool to allow residents to track the plan's implementation and give their feedback.

Nick Ryan, a designer with Multistudio, the city's consulting firm on the plan, said he spoke to more than 1,000 community members during the pub-



An artist's rendering of an activated area along the banks of the Rio Salado. (Courtesy of the City of Phoenix)

lic input process for the plan. He said he learned a lot about the area, its residents and businesses and heard a lot of excitement for the plan.

"I'm always inspired by the passion in the community members' speeches and the conversations on the different areas of the plan," Ryan said during the commission meeting.

The area included in the plan is generally bounded by Interstate 17 to the north, 32nd Street to the east, Broadway Road to the south and 19th Avenue to the west.

The area includes an inactive aggregate mine. The land use map for the Rio Salado District Policy Plan does not allow industrial uses. Phoenix Planner Enrique Bojórquez Gaxiola said that the community had "some significant concerns" around allowing new industrial uses to the area, which is why they were excluded.

Nick Wood, a development lawyer for that property owner, said that while

he supports the plan, he hoped the city would make it clear that the aggregate mine is grandfathered in as an industrial use, should it ever want to become active again. Wood said that mine has helped supply materials for the construction of TSMC, the I-10 Broadway Curve, the expansion of Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport and other projects throughout the city.

Ryan said that after sending the general plan amendment back to the South Mountain VPC and returning to the Planning Commission, they had landed on a good result.

"I believe the policy plan is focused on creating a transformative vision centered around the people, businesses, nature and culture of the existing communities in this area," Ryan said. "I also believe the land use map presents the best path forward for promoting a vibrant and active mix of uses along and beyond the banks of the Rio Salado."

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HOUSING

Phoenix plans \$5.9M to help lift people out of homelessness

By Mark Carlisle
INDEPENDENT NEWSMEDIA

The city of Phoenix is planning to spend \$5.9 million toward programs to lift people out of homelessness.

On Wednesday, Phoenix City Council voted 8-0 for the city to apply for a \$500,000 grant from the Arizona State Housing Trust Fund to support workforce readiness and navigation services at the Phoenix Navigation Center. The city is putting forward \$5.4 million of its own money toward the program for a total of \$5.9 million.

“Investing into programs like this shows our residents that we are serious about moving people out of homelessness and into a path of stability,” said Councilmember Anna Hernandez. “But more importantly, I think it shows the residents that we are putting our money where our mouth is when it comes to this issue.”

The Phoenix Navigation Center is a 280-bed shelter at 11 S. 71st Ave. It connects shelter guests to resources, including helping them find work, long-term housing, medical or behavioral health services or obtain key personal documents. Workforce opportunities include the St. Vincent de Paul Neighborhood Brigade program, which allows guests to earn income while staying at the shelter by completing neighborhood beautification projects in the area.

“This is the kind of wraparound services and support that really recognizes people as whole human beings and not just as people experiencing homelessness — but as people who have goals, who have skills, who have responsibilities and a real desire to move forward,” Hernandez said.

Hernandez thanked Office of



Phoenix Office of Homeless Solutions Director Rachel Milne, left with scissors, and then Phoenix City Councilmember Carlos Galindo-Elvira, right with scissors, are joined by city and nonprofit leaders at the ribbon-cutting for the Phoenix Navigation Center in March 2025. (Courtesy of the City of Phoenix)

Homeless Solutions Director Rachel Milne and her staff for their efforts on the funding, as well as Fund for Empowerment and other nonprofits helping the city address homelessness.

MEL MARTIN MILE

Phoenix honors founder of Martin Auto Museum with ceremonial street sign

By Mark Carlisle
INDEPENDENT NEWSMEDIA

The City of Phoenix is dedicat-

ing a ceremonial street sign to the founder and owner of the Martin Auto Museum.

Mel Martin is the founder of the Martin Auto Museum at the northwest corner of 43rd Avenue and Thunderbird Road.

“I’m proud that we can make his contributions a little bit more visible here in Phoenix by literally putting his name on the map,” said Phoenix City Councilmember Ann O’Brien during an Oct. 7 city council meeting.



Mel Martin poses with one of his cars at the Martin Auto Museum at 43rd Avenue and Thunderbird Road in Phoenix. (Courtesy of Martin Auto Museum)

The council voted 8-0 to approve “Mel Martin Mile” street signs at three intersections along a mile stretch of 43rd Avenue, at Thunderbird Road, Acoma Drive and Greenway Road.

The museum now houses more than 200 vehicles spanning multiple eras, including rare and exotic models such as a 1948 Tucker, a Carroll Shelby and a Duesenberg. The museum also contains one of the largest collections of auto memorabilia, antique gas pumps, signage and a vintage carousel that still works. The museum also includes an event space.

“Mel’s contributions to Phoenix have been cultural, historical and educational,” O’Brien said. “He’s spent a lifetime preserving and sharing the story of the automobile and making that history accessible to our community.”

The museum opened in 2008 but moved to its new, larger location in 2008.

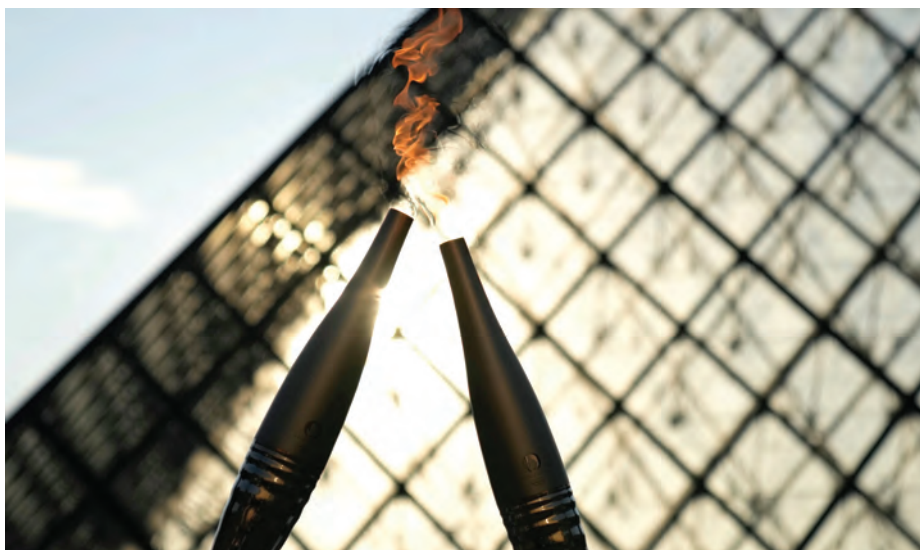
Mayor Kate Gallego thanked Martin, who was present at Wednesday’s city council meeting, for his investments into the city, including philanthropic investments and ensuring cars were available for city parades.

She also said with a smile that her son is particularly thankful for the Transformer at museum.

“From multiple generations of my family, thank you,” Gallego said.

The museum is a nonprofit that welcomes groups of school children as well as walk-in visitors. Admission is \$15.60 with children 5 and under free. Visit MartinAutoMuseum.org for more information.

The museum’s mailing address says Glendale, but it is inside the city of Phoenix.



The Olympic torch is seen during a relay in the courtyard of the Louvre museum Sunday, July 14, 2024 in Paris. The Phoenix City Council voted 8-0 to enter into a contract with the L.A. Organizing Committee and the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games to host the torch relay and related events. (Associated Press/Christophe Ena)

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OLYMPIC GAMES

The Olympic torch could pass through Phoenix in 2028

By Mark Carlisle
INDEPENDENT NEWSMEDIA

The Olympic torch for the 2028 Los Angeles games will be first lit as it always is in Greece, the birthplace of the Olympic Games. It will then travel through all 50 U.S. states for the first time ever, en route to Los Angeles.

Phoenix is vying to be a part of that route.

“The city is thrilled about the prospect of participating in LA28’s historic torch relay,” Mayor Kate Gallego said during an Oct. 7 city council meeting.

The council voted 8-0 to enter into a contract with the L.A. Organizing Committee and the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games to host the torch relay and related events.

Gallego said the city is working directly with the L.A. Organizing Committee about the next steps in

the consideration process. However, the item on the meeting agenda states that the L.A. Organizing Committee requested that Phoenix enter into the contract.

Vice Mayor Kesha Hodge Washington said securing the event “would be a tremendous win for our city.”

There would be a cauldron lighting ceremony at a yet-to-be-determined location when the torch first arrives in Phoenix and when it leaves the city.

The contract states there would be no cost to the L.A. Organizing Committee. The city of Phoenix would pay for things such as LA28 branding, decor, signage and street pole banners as well as marketing and promotion. It would also involve things like public safety and traffic coordination as well as street cleaning, sanitation and waste management services.

The agenda item said there is not yet a cost estimate for the contract but specified the city manager must get additional approval from city council if the costs rise above \$32 million.

“Phoenix will be honored to play its role in showcasing our city to the world,” Gallego said.

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Gallego is making several efforts to involve Phoenix in the Los Angeles 2028 Olympics. She said she has convened a statewide committee to examine opportunities, including hosting qualifying events or having international teams train in the Phoenix market. Last year, Phoenix City Council entered a bid to host marathon qualifying events for the 2028 games.

“The Olympics represents so much more than competition,” Hodge Washington said. “It is a recognition of individual and team excellence. It also represents perseverance, friendship and the ability to bring people together. And I think those are values that we should continue to celebrate here in Phoenix.”

Councilmember Ann O’Brien said Phoenix knows how to host sporting events on a global stage, from the Women’s Final Four, NBA and WNBA All-Star Games, the World Series, NBA and WNBA Finals as well as spring training in the city of Phoenix to events related to the Super Bowl and Men’s Final Four when they were hosted in Glendale.

“Phoenix knows how to welcome the world,” O’Brien said.

HONOR

St. Sava Serbian Orthodox Church in Phoenix to get ceremonial street sign

By Mark Carlisle
INDEPENDENT NEWSMEDIA

The City of Phoenix is honoring the St. Sava Serbian Orthodox Church with a ceremonial street sign.

Vice Mayor Kesha Hodge Washington said the church has been an “anchor in this Phoenix neighborhood” since it was built in 1958.

“For nearly seven decades, it

has provided cultural, spiritual, educational, charitable and community support while preserving Serbian-American heritage for generations,” Hodge Washington said during the Oct. 7 city council meeting.

The council unanimously approved the street sign, which will be at the intersection of 44th and McKinley streets, which is the only way to drive to the church at 4436 E. McKinley St.

“What I particularly appreciate is that this recognition also celebrates the way culture can bring people together,” Hodge Washington said.

She highlighted the church’s Serbfest, which gives thousands of people a chance to experience Serbian food, music, dance, history and traditions while creating opportunities for cultural exchange. This year’s Serbfest is Nov. 7-8. Visit serbestphoenix.com for more details.

Mayor Kate Gallego said Phoenix has a wonderful Serbian community and that the church has beautiful buildings, including stained glass and art from Serbia.

“A real gem and a jewel for our city,” Gallego said about the church.

Gallego also praised the food, culture and dancing at Serbfest.

Resident Leonard Clark spoke before council, saying he was happy to hear about preserving our cultural heritage in the city.

“I know different Serbian people, and all I have to say is I’m so glad you’re doing this, and thank you to the Serbian people for enriching our city and its culture and its history. And ‘Živeli!’” Clark said, ending on the Serbian word for “cheers.”

A city staff document states that St. Sava provides essential spiritual guidance, cultural preservation programs, youth education, charitable initiatives and consistent community services.

“A ceremonial sign may seem simple, but these signs tell a sto-



St. Sava Serbian Orthodox Church is located at 4436 E. McKinley St. in Phoenix. The city of Phoenix is honoring the St. Sava Serbian Orthodox Church with a ceremonial street sign. (Courtesy of St. Sava Serbian Orthodox Church)

ry about who we are as a city and the communities that helped build Phoenix,” Hodge Washington said.

MOUNTAIN RESCUES

Phoenix Fire launches new e-bike teams to improve mountain rescue response

INDEPENDENT NEWSMEDIA

The Phoenix Fire Department has introduced specialized electric-bike units to enhance emergency response in the city’s mountain preserves.

E-bike teams began operating on Sept. 23, and the first two e-bike teams will begin operating out of Fire Stations 28 and 45.

The e-bikes are designed to help firefighters reach patients more quickly in rugged terrain where traditional vehicles cannot easily access. Each station will deploy two e-bikes mounted on support trucks, along with equipment bags containing medical supplies and rescue gear. In cases where air-rescue technicians are involved, the teams will also carry equipment used during helicopter

hoist operations.

During an emergency response, two firefighters will ride the e-bikes into the preserve and make initial contact. Once on scene, they will manage rescue operations until additional crews arrive.

After the patient is treated and prepared for transport, the bike team will leave the trail system while continuing to provide updates to ensure full accountability.

The new Phoenix Fire Department e-bike teams represent a significant step toward faster, more efficient rescues in challenging mountain environments.

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understands that great representation is about more than the financial outcome of a case. It's about being there for people when they need you most. That commitment makes him an exceptional attorney and an important leader for our team."



Gabriel L. Anderson

A first-generation American, Anderson was inspired to pursue a legal career after watching members of his immigrant family navigate complicated systems without always having access to the resources or legal knowledge they needed. That experience instilled in him a commitment to

helping people through difficult circumstances and ensuring they have an advocate in their corner.

Anderson earned his Bachelor of Science from California State University, San Bernardino in 2005 and his Juris Doctor from Western Michigan University Cooley Law School in 2009. He began his legal career in criminal defense, where his work in the public defender's office taught him to connect with clients from a wide range of backgrounds, effectively manage demanding caseloads and remain prepared under pressure.

Anderson was recognized as a 2023 Attorney of the Year by Rafi Law Group.

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contracted organizations, which are also currently hiring more specialists for program with Phoenix.

CAP is split into Crisis Response Units, which handle higher acuity calls alongside police or fire, and Behavioral Health Units, which typically respond to calls alone. Behavioral Health Units began in 2022 with \$15 million in funding from city council.

City Councilmember Laura Pastor said she remembered hearing from residents that mental health first responders were needed because they were seeing more and more behavioral health issues in the community. She said she was grateful to staff.

“The fact that we took the opportunity to listen and be able to create what we have today,” Pastor said during a city subcommittee meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 7. She added that the program continues to improve.

CAP Program Administrator D.C. Ernst played a 911 call for the Public Safety and Justice Subcommittee illustrating the new policy for dispatchers to ask callers if they need police, fire or behavioral health.

That policy began in December 2025. It immediately brought an uptick in calls transferred to CAP — from about 450 in November to 701 in December. The monthly numbers this year have continued to far outpace 2025, including going to a high of nearly 800 in March.

The 911 call Ernst played was a senior veteran who had a fall at home and said he was ready to go to 24/7 care through the VA.

The man needed to be transported to the hospital in an ambulance because of injuries, but the Behavioral Health Unit was able to speak to him while in the hospital to coordinate that transfer to 24/7 care.

“When individuals finally make that decision, which is a very difficult decision... it’s important that someone shows up in that time and is able to get them where they need to go,” Ernst said.

Councilmember Ann O’Brien, chair of the subcommittee, said she was grateful to Ernst and the CAP team for their efforts expanding the program and hiring the right people to ensure “that we provide the services that our citizens, community

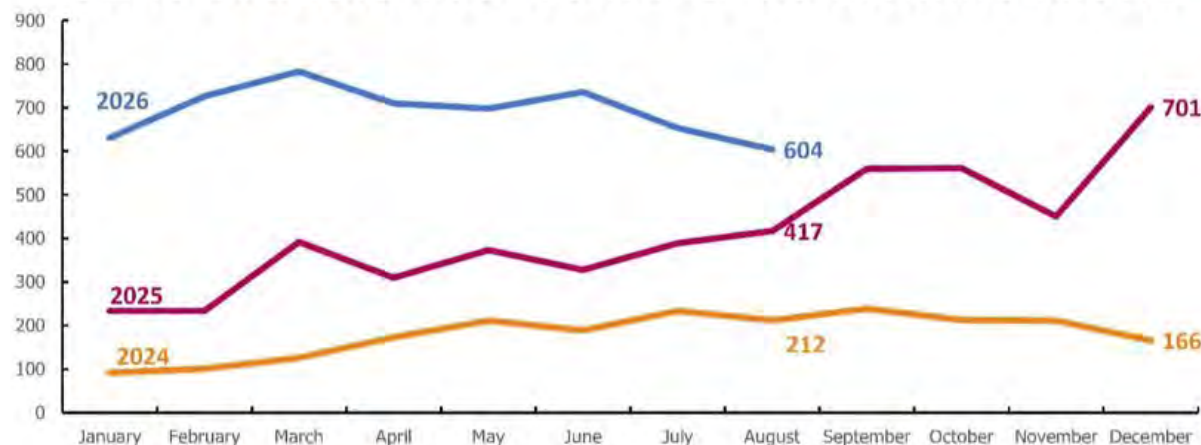


The Phoenix Community Assistance Program's most recent batch of recruits began training in August and will be out in the field in November. (Courtesy city of Phoenix)

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Calls Transferred from PD Communications



This graphic shows the number of 911 calls transferred to the teams of mental health specialists in the Phoenix Community Assistance Program each month. (Courtesy city of Phoenix)

members need when they need it.”

Pastor said years ago before CAP was formed she was once called because a distant relative was having a mental health crisis. Pastor and her mother went to where the woman was, but she would not talk to them.

“I didn’t know what to do,” Pastor said.

She ultimately called public safety professionals who responded with mental health specialists similar to CAP who calmed the woman down and got her what she needed.

“My point of story is that I know the impact CAP has on our community because I experienced it at a certain level,” Pastor said. “So, thank you. Thank you so much, because you are making an impact in our community.”

City officials have also lauded CAP as a way to lighten the load on Phoenix Police, which has been consistently under its staffing goal for years.

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Voting

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ing it easier for people to feel empowered to make a plan to vote.”

One Arizona partners with Election Protection Arizona — a nonpartisan initiative offering trained volunteers and legal hotlines to support voters encountering obstacles.

“We, in Arizona, we have a really great system for voting,” Villezcas said. “So we have that on our side, but of course, at the end of the day, there’s always gonna be issues. So the way we kind of prepare for that is we have a coalition.”

Volunteers are stationed at polling locations statewide to assist with issues, from questions regarding acceptable IDs to addressing concerns such as voter intimidation or potential claims of unauthorized law enforcement presence.

“No one is allowed to intimidate you or keep you from voting,” Villezcas said. “If you are a registered voter, you have the right to vote.”

Villezcas added that if people feel intimidated to go to the polls, they can still choose to get a ballot by mail. The deadline to receive a ballot by mail is Oct. 23, and the deadline to return the ballot in the mail is by Oct. 27.

Another group planning to help voters is the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

The group announced plans to have legal war rooms across the country in place by

Oct. 24. Arizona is one of 16 states where legal hubs will be stationed.

“Voting is our sword and our shield,” said Dominik Whitehead, chief of field, membership growth and unit sustainability at NAACP, in a release. “For the next 40 days, we are going to be relentless in ensuring our communities have the information, resources, protection, and support they need to participate in this election.”

The NAACP is working to mobilize more than 6.5 million voters across 33 congressional districts and 14 states. The effort comes during what are expected to be large turnouts during a pivotal midterm election that see both the House and Senate up for grabs amid declining popularity of President Donald Trump.

Election Protection Arizona operates multilingual hotlines and has a real-time online wait-time map covering polling locations across the state, allowing voters to check wait times and review live reports of any issues before heading to the polls.

“We’re also letting voters know you can look at this and have that piece of mind,” Villezcas said. “I’m going to this voting location. There hasn’t been an issue reported, and it’s like a two minute wait, so that’s the one I’m going to and anything like that that can help.”

“We want to make people’s lives easier when voting and it is something that you know we’re really promoting,” Villezcas added.



Voters stand in line outside a polling place at Madison Church on Tuesday, Nov. 5, 2024 in Phoenix. (Associated Press/Matt York)



Arriving voters are given safety instructions by a poll worker at the Living Word Bible Church voting station in Phoenix on Election Day on Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2020. (Associated Press/Dario Lopez-Mills)

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First ever Phoenix Corporate Games to be held at GCU next spring

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PHOENIX — The Visit Phoenix Sports & Events Commission and Fiesta Sports Foundation are partnering to launch the inaugural Phoenix Corporate Games, a field-day-style event bringing Greater Phoenix businesses together through teamwork, wellness and community engagement.

This new event will take place on Friday, March 19, 2027, at Grand Canyon University, where friendly competitions will put company representatives through a gamut of activities designed to connect Greater Phoenix employees, celebrate workplace culture and give back to the community.

To learn more or sign up for the inaugural Phoenix Corporate Games, please visit FiestaSportsFoundation.org/CorporateGames. Teams that register before Friday, Dec. 4, receive 10% off team entry.

The inaugural Phoenix Corporate Games brings together sports organizations, local businesses, community leaders and companies from across the region in a way that goes beyond the traditional business setting. That experience starts prior to event day as participants compete in pre-Games challenges.

Designed to grow into an annual tradition, the Phoenix Corporate Games will create a shared experience that businesses and employees can look forward to each year.

“The Phoenix Corporate Games represents more than economic impact and hotel room nights,” stated



Fans gather at picnic tables outside of Grand Canyon University's Brazell Field at GCU Ballpark. GCU host the inaugural Phoenix Corporate Games on Friday, March 19, 2027. (Courtesy GCU)

Joel Koester, Executive Director of Sports & Events at Visit Phoenix. “While attracting visitors and generating tourism benefits remain an important part of what we do, this event is about bringing our community together through friendly competition, encouraging healthy and active lifestyles and strengthening connections across Greater Phoenix’s businesses and workforce.”

Featuring a variety of team athletic competitions, Phoenix Corporate Games includes games such as tug-of-war, cornhole, dodgeball, wiffle ball home run derby, basketball shooting contest, soccer shootout, street hockey shootout and running, alongside wellness-focused events, such as yoga and walking.

All teams will be provided lunch and a tent to enjoy as their own team headquarters. Outside of the team activities, the event features live music, food, games and entertainment for participants, friends, co-workers and family to enjoy and round out the experience.

Editor's note: The above was republished from

a joint news release from Visit Phoenix and Fiesta Sports Foundation.

NEW BUSINESS

New ABA therapy provider opens in north Phoenix

INDEPENDENT NEWSMEDIA

The Communication Lab ABA Therapy opened on Thursday, Oct. 8 at its new location in north Phoenix.

The lab is located at 21043 N. Cave Creek Rd., Suite 11. It provides Applied Behavior Analysis therapy and family services, with individualized, play-based and neurodiversity-affirming care offered both in-center and in-home.

The grand opening will give families and members of the community an opportunity to tour the new clinic, meet the Communication Lab team and learn more about the services available to local families.

The evening will include clinic tours, opportunities to meet the team, a Kids' Lab with crafts and sensory play, take-home activities and complimentary tacos for guests.

CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE

Phoenix Chamber names Butler new Public Affairs chair

PHOENIX — The Greater Phoenix Chamber has announced Shannon Butler, Executive Director of Government Affairs at CVS Health for the West Region, as the new chair of its Public Affairs Committee.

She succeeds Susan Anable, Market Vice President for Cox Communications, after serving as Chair for the past twelve years.

The Public Affairs Committee plays a critical role in the Greater Phoenix Chamber’s advocacy efforts, helping shape the organization’s public policy priorities and ensuring the voice of business is represented on issues affecting Arizona’s economy, workforce and quality of life.

“The Greater Phoenix business community is evolving rapidly and plays a critical role in shaping our future by ensuring business voices are connected, heard, and at the table,” stated Butler in a news release.

“I’m honored to serve as Public Affairs Chair at such a pivotal time for our business community. I look forward to working with the Chamber to bring leaders together to focus on our economy, expanding opportunity, and helping to shape our thriving state.”

Butler added that she is grateful to Anable for her leadership and commitment she brought to the role.

“She set a high bar with her expertise,” Butler stated. “I will follow her lead by ensuring the Chamber continues to be a meaningful force for businesses of all sizes.”

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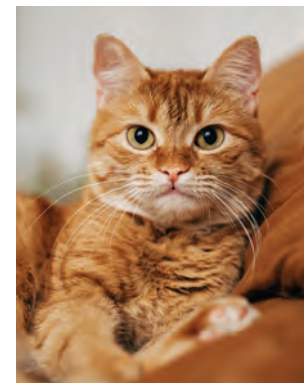
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ELECTIONS

U.S. Supreme Court refuses to overturn Lake, Finchem attorney penalties

By Howard Fischer
CAPITOL MEDIA SERVICES

PHOENIX — The U.S. Supreme Court won't overturn \$122,200 in penalties against an attorney for Kari Lake and Mark Finchem for filing what lower court judges called a "frivolous" challenge to the use of voting machines in Arizona.

Without comment, the justices on Tuesday rejected claims by Andrew Parker that it was wrong for U.S. District Court Judge John Tuchi to impose the sanctions after concluding that Parker and Kurt Olson, his co-counsel, had claimed that the machines used to tabulate ballots can produce inaccurate results. The trial judge said those claims were little more than speculation, backed only by "vague" allegations about electronic voting systems generally.

But what caused Parker to seek review by the high court was that Tuchi decided that he and Olson should pay Maricopa County's cost and attorney fees fees not only because there was no legal basis but that the lawsuit, shortly before the 2022 election was political.

"It is to make clear that the court will not condone litigants ... furthering false narratives that baselessly undermine public trust at a time of increasing disinformation about, and distrust in, the democratic process," the judge wrote. He said the sanctions "send a message to those who might file similarly baseless suits in the future."

Parker and Olson had no better luck at the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals where the majority concluded that the penalty was merited not just because they filed an action without



Mark Finchem and Kari Lake on the floor of the Arizona House in early 2022, before they filed their legal challenge to state laws requiring the use of tabulation machines to count votes. (Capitol Media Services/Howard Fischer)

merit but that their lawsuit misled the public and caused "baseless concern about a topic of national importance."

Lake and Finchem filed suit ahead of the 2022 election in which their names were on the ballot — her as the Republican nominee for governor and his as the GOP pick for secretary of state.

Through their attorneys, the pair alleged that the machines used to tally the paper ballots "cannot be deemed reliably secure and do not meet the constitutional and statutory mandates to guarantee a free and fair election." They also argued that

the use of components from other countries made the vulnerable to hacking.

More to the point, they asked Tuchi to require that the 2022 election conducted with paper ballots which would be counted by hand, calling it "the most effective and presently only secure election method."

Not only did their claim get thrown out but both ultimately lost their races: Lake to Democrat Katie Hobbs and Finchem to Democrat Adrian Fontes. And both failed in state court appeals to overturn the election results.

Their separate bid to overturn

Tuchi's dismissal of their bid to have ballots counted by hand was rejected two years ago by the Supreme Court.

That left only the question of the sanctions imposed on her lawyers.

In seeking review, Nathan Lewin, Parker's attorney, pointed out that the 9th Circuit decision upholding the penalties was not unanimous.

Appellate Judge Patrick Bumatay said that leaving the sanctions in place risks "inadvertently inflicting real damage to our republic by slamming the courthouse door on citizens and their counsel legitimately seeking to vindicate rights, which is also important to maintaining public confidence in elections."

"By sanctioning parties and their lawyers for bringing debatable, long-shot complaints, courts risk chilling legal advocacy and citizens raising 'questions' under the guise of defending the rule of law," he wrote.

"Even if done inadvertently and with the best of intentions, such sanctions present and real and present danger to the rule of law."

Lewin, in his argument to the Supreme Court, echoed that theme.

"Creative, aggressive, and novel claims and arguments are necessary for a system of justice to adapt to novel issues and circumstances — all the more so in a world of increasingly rapid change," he told the justices.

But Tuchi said this was not about punishing lawyers for being creative. He said there were a series of factual and legal problems with the lawsuit, starting with the claim that Arizonans do not now vote by hand on paper ballots.

LITIGATION

Arizona AG files lawsuit against TikTok for concealing mental health dangers to teens

By Howard Fischer
CAPITOL MEDIA SERVICES

PHOENIX — Arizona is filing its own lawsuit against TikTok and its affiliated companies accusing the social media platform of violating state consumer protection laws by concealing its mental health dangers to teens.

“Defendants own internal studies demonstrate that users including Arizona minors feel addicted to TikTok,” according to the lawsuit filed Thursday in Maricopa County Superior Court by Attorney General Kris Mayes. “Defendants have taken no action to make the platform less addictive.”

Mayes also contends TikTok has a business strategy designed to purposely addict minors. And that, she said, “has caused widespread and significant injury to Arizona minors and to Arizona consumers generally.”

If all that sound familiar, it should.

The Arizona litigation comes exactly two years after more than a dozen states filed their own lawsuit with allegations the company deliberately designed the platform to keep teens hooked on the service. That case is still pending.

On Thursday, Richie Taylor, spokesman for Mayes, would say only that Arizona “wasn’t in a position” two years ago to become part of that lawsuit. It is too late now for Arizona to join.

That means Mayes has to make the case on her own that what she is accusing TikTok of doing violates Arizona’s Consumer Fraud Act.

That law allows her to ask a judge

to issue restraining orders against company officials from engaging in what she says are deceptive practices and fraud. Mayes also wants a judge to order the company to refund any money it got through illegal practices and surrender any profits it made.

There was no immediate response to inquiries about the new lawsuit. And Richie declined to comment on whether the timing of Thursday’s filing is in any way linked to the upcoming election.

TikTok has defended its practices after the earlier multistate lawsuit was filed. And it says it has adjusted safety features.

But Mayes, in the new lawsuit, says the company misrepresented the safety features to families — to the extent that there even were such features.

“In reality, none of TikTok’s safeguards are meaningful counterbalances to the real and profound harm caused by the design elements (of the platform), and TikTok knows this to be true,” the lawsuit states.

Mayes said TikTok is popular with Arizonans who are minors. She said the company’s own records show that an average of more than 543,000 Arizona minors on the platform per month between April 30, 2022 and Dec. 31, 2023.

What also is happening, she said, is the company tracks users in various ways, including session duration, sessions by hour of the day and age group. And that information, according to the lawsuit, is being used “to make the platform appealing to even more Arizona residents.”

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CITY COUNCIL

Strengthening Phoenix's future in nation's capital

I was in Washington, D.C., recently to advocate on behalf of Phoenix and District 8 residents. We held several productive meetings with the Arizona congressional delegation and representatives of national organizations and federal departments.

As chair of the city's Community Services and Education Subcommittee, I met on issues from early education to housing.

A meeting with the National Head Start Association involved the administration's proposed rule changes and coordinating a response. If enacted, the changes would have a negative impact on the city's Head Start programs and its young learners. Review more information and submit a comment by Oct. 6 asking the Department of Human Services to protect Head Start.

I also connected with leaders from the Department of Housing and Urban Development to advocate for more housing choice vouchers and to discuss how passage of the 21st Century ROAD to Housing Act will help us. The new law will give cities stronger tools to build housing faster, reduce barriers and support families who are being priced out or pushed out.

On several panels, I spoke with Arizona business leaders and utility-industry professionals. I shared the city's plan to secure our water future, as well as our collaboration throughout the region to meet that goal, including my role as a board member of the Arizona Municipal Water Users Association. I emphasized that my focus is to ensure both reliable and affordable water and energy. I am making sure we do our part to guarantee that Phoenix has a bright energy future.

I went to D.C. for new ideas to bring back. From affordable housing

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to reliable energy, I am looking forward to these innovative approaches. The week was about building relationships, advocating for our residents and new ways to continue building a stronger Phoenix together.

Kesha Hodge Washington
PHOENIX

Vice Mayor Kesha Hodge Washington represents District 8 on the Phoenix City Council.

ELECTION 2026

Why Phoenicians can count on Ashley Harder

I have worked alongside Ashley Harder for more than a decade on projects that brought together art, history, veterans and communities across Phoenix. In all those years, one thing has remained constant: When Ashley commits to something, she shows up and does the work.

Our friendship began through a shared commitment to Arizona's veterans. At the time, I was working with others to establish a Minority Veterans Memorial at Wesley Bolin Plaza. Ashley immediately understood why the project mattered and stepped forward to help advocate for it.

That was only the beginning.

Since then, we have worked together on art exhibitions, community presentations, workshops for veteran artists, murals, memorials and projects designed to bring art directly into Phoenix neighborhoods. We helped establish the Arizona Contemporary Artist Gallery at the State Capitol Museum and collaborated on an oral

Speak Up

Here are some comments about stories happening in your area:

LOCAL/STATE NEWS

Phoenix plans \$5.9M to help lift people out of homelessness

"They can use all these schools they have closed for shelters. Some of them are willing to work towards a home and others want no rules but handouts." — **Karla R.**

Homeland Security agents arrest Mexican national for harboring 12 in Phoenix stash house

"How did that happen? I thought Homeland Security held people that are here illegally and breaking the law." — **John B.**

Gas prices fall slightly around Valley but still remain at historic high

"People are out and spending money. We visited our son in Tennessee a few weeks back and the airport was packed on a Tuesday midday, so all the complaining about cost doesn't seem to add up, but I guess it's still a conversation." — **Tony D.**

Coyotes' legacy endures 30 years after first Valley game

"Phoenix had a long history of pro hockey before the Coyotes relocated from Winnipeg." — **Brian N.**

Letters

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history and mural project that elevated the stories of residents in Grant Park and surrounding barrios.

Through every project, I have seen Ashley's respect for artists and the communities they serve.

She does not simply attend an event, take a photograph and move on. She listens. She asks what needs to be done. Then she rolls up her sleeves and helps make it happen.

As an artist and curator, I know how important it is to have leaders who understand that arts and culture are not extras. They tell our stories, preserve our history, strengthen neighborhoods and bring people together. Ashley understands that deeply.

I trust Ashley because I have worked beside her. I have seen her knowledge, professionalism, compassion and commitment firsthand. Those qualities have made her a valued partner in our community for years, and they are qualities she would bring with her to the Phoenix City Council for District 4.

Jim Covarrubias
PHOENIX

Arizona native and U.S. Army veteran Jim Covarrubias is a longtime advocate for the arts.

COSTS

Where's conservative outrage over high prices?

If you've visited the grocery store or gas station lately, you've probably noticed the continual increase in prices. Diesel is at the highest price in history. Almost everything we buy is transported by trucks that use diesel.

This drives up the cost of everything.

My question for my right-wing, conservative neighbors is this: Where is the outrage? They were so vocal when prices rose during the Biden

administration, but now they're noticeably silent when prices during the Trump administration have jumped even higher.

Apparently, they don't mind paying higher prices now as long as their guy is in power. Our higher prices are a direct reflection of war in Iran and unconstitutional tariffs.

This administration starts trade wars with our allies and friends, while doing very little to confront authoritarian regimes like Russia. At the same time masked ICE agents roam our country, indiscriminately detaining individuals without warrants or due process. Many of those being detained turn out to be American citizens or legal permanent residents — not criminals. The only common denominator seems to be that they are almost always people of color.

When are my conservative neighbors going to stand up like the patriots they claim to be, and start holding their leaders accountable?

Maybe they never really believed in American democracy. Maybe what they wanted all along was just an America where certain types of individuals are more equal than others.

Will Resist
SUN CITY

This writer is using a pen name.

POLITICS

Will the real Republicans please step forward?

I have a question for Paul Cahill, who wondered in a recent letter to the editor where America's real Democrats are.

I admired the courage of Arizona Republican Sen. John McCain. I appreciated the honesty of Utah Republican Sen. Mitt Romney. So, I'll ask: Will the real Republicans please step forward?

Republicans should be appalled at the idea of Trump starting a government-run television network, banning what he believes is unfavorable

journalism, acquiring stakes in private companies, prosecuting political enemies and claiming only elections Republicans lose are unfair.

My favorite is the deficit hawks that rail on Democrats — who actually decrease the deficit — yet are crickets when Trump increased it by 33% his first term and is on pace to break that after inheriting a strong economy from two different presidents.

I agree with Paul that it's time to save America! Time to vote for Democrats to do just that.

Nathaniel A. Kwak
MORRISTOWN

JOBS

No need to expand collective bargaining efforts in Arizona

This is a response to Annarose Lilly's recent letter, "Arizonans deserve real bargaining power."

I read Ms. Lilly's opinion with great interest. She seems to be advocating for labor unions either to be formed or expanded.

In any event, my vote is firmly no. There is considerable evidence that labor unions, on the whole, have become more of a repository of funds that are ultimately contributed to liberal causes and/or politicians. A particular example is the American Federation of Teachers, which, lately, has done little to promote better educational practices or better classroom conditions.

Labor unions were originally organized to protect employees from exploitation, for example low pay, long hours, unsafe working conditions, no benefits. Their success for many years helped to balance the scales of injustice and inequality in industry.

However, unions have become so powerful that their influence can affect election outcomes and policy decisions in arenas where they should have no business. Their political influence has evolved into an "it's good for me but not for thee" philosophy.

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Union members pay dues yet have very little or no influence on how that money is used. But most assuredly much of it is given to causes their membership has no interest in supporting.

Arizona's labor laws are relatively fair, and there should be no need for new or additional collective-bargaining efforts unless and until there is an erosion of ethics and fairness.

Joe Pasta
SURPRISE

This writer is using a pen name.

WILDLIFE

Grand resident weighs in on coyotes

Regarding Jason's Stone's article, "Surprise woman wants Grand solution to coyote problem":

I seldom see coyotes in the Grand while out walking and they have never approached me; but if I am walking my dog it goes crazy.

It's best to turn and walk the other way with the dog. You can carry a coyote whistle to scare them away or throw rocks towards them if necessary.

I agree that a person being aggressive toward a coyote could make it turn on them. Perhaps the coyote's stomach is empty. Their main food source seems to be the rabbits which are abundant here.

Sadly, I have seen dead coyotes along Grand Avenue as the animals had attempted to cross. It is shocking to see the tiny and obviously sick coyotes of the last couple of years.

Without the coyote, the rabbit population could become a problem!

Barb Kugler
SURPRISE

SPORTS

NFL

Marvin Harrison Jr.'s tenure with the Cardinals is done, others might follow out the door

By David Brandt
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

TEMPE — The clunky conclusion to Marvin Harrison Jr.'s flameout with the Cardinals was the lowlight this week for a franchise that's had a lot of them in recent seasons.

It's fair to wonder if others in the organization could soon be following the former No. 4 overall pick out the door.

Harrison's awkward trade to the Houston Texans — which happened in the middle of the Cardinals' embarrassing 45-21 loss to the Detroit Lions — was another stain on general manager Monti Ossenfort's resume. Ossenfort has a 16-40 record after three-plus seasons in the desert and things don't look like they're getting better anytime soon.

"Decisions like this are never easy," Ossenfort said in a statement after the Harrison trade became official Monday. "Ultimately, we have to do what is best for our football team and that will always be the driving factor. We are extremely grateful to Marvin for what he has contributed to our organization and wish him the very best as he moves forward in his career."

Ossenfort's draft history — particularly with first-round selections — hasn't been great. The Cardinals selected left tackle Paris Johnson Jr. at No. 6 in 2023, and he's been good, but not necessarily the franchise



Then-Cardinals wide receiver Marvin Harrison Jr. (18) celebrates his touchdown catch against the New York Giants with Cardinals guard Isaiah Adams (74), offensive tackle Paris Johnson Jr. (70) and offensive tackle Elijah Wilkinson (65) during a game, in East Rutherford, N.J., Sunday, Oct. 4. Harrison was traded to the Houston Texans over the weekend. (The Associated Press/Adam Hunger)

anchor that many expected. Now he's out for the season with a torn left biceps.

Harrison obviously didn't work out and the Cardinals' other pick in the first round in 2024 was No. 27 selection Darius Robinson, a defensive lineman who has failed to make much impact. In 2025, the Cardinals selected defensive lineman Walter Nolen III, who has flashed some potential but has struggled

with injuries and hasn't consistently produced.

Ossenfort isn't the only one under pressure in the organization.

Cardinals defensive coordinator Nick Rallis had another rough day against the Lions. Arizona's defense has given up 37 points per game during the four-game losing streak.

First-year coach Mike LaFleur inherited Rallis from the previous staff and — at least for now — still believes he's the man for the job.

"We just haven't consistently done it for 60 minutes," LaFleur said. "We need to tackle that. There's going to be no changes with play-callers, but we're looking at how to improve this defense and make sure that we are better than what we're putting out there. ... I do believe we have the right guys on defense to play better."

Finally, there's quarterback Jacoby Brissett's situation. The 33-year-old Brissett had another decent statistical game vs. the Lions with 292 yards passing, three touchdowns and an interception, but he has a 2-15 record as the team's starter over the past two seasons.

It's fair to wonder if the Cardinals might look to the future and give rookie Carson Beck a shot under center.

The 24-year-old was a third-round selection out of Miami and had some good moments during the preseason.

MLB

D-back defense: Four are finalists for Gold Glove awards

By Mark Carlisle
INDEPENDENT NEWSMEDIA

The Diamondbacks flashed the leather on the diamond this year, and for some of them, it could result in an addition to their trophy case.

Four D-backs are finalists for National League Gold Glove awards this

season, MLB announced Wednesday. Catcher Gabriel Moreno, shortstop Geraldo Perdomo, right fielder Corbin Carroll and utility player Ildemaro Vargas are each one of three finalists for the awards, which will be announced on Sunday, Nov. 1.

Moreno is the only won who has

won the award before, in 2023.

The Diamondbacks could be a candidate for the team Gold Glove award, too, which began in 2020, though signs point to the Cubs being the likely winner. The Cubs are the only NL team with more finalists than Arizona with five — the Braves also have four. And

while the D-backs are near the top in team stats like errors, fielding percentage, defensive runs saved above average and total fielding runs above average, Chicago leads the majors in each.

The four Arizona nominees creates the possibility that this year's squad

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ASU FOOTBALL

'I want to play better'

ASU's Dillingham hungry for more after win

By Alex Swift
CRONKITE NEWS

TEMPE — One word said everything when Arizona State coach Kenny Dillingham described his level of fulfillment Saturday, Oct. 10.

"Blah."

"I want to play better," he said about his team's 30-12 victory over Hawaii. "I think we're better than that. I think we can get better. I think this is a team that can continue to grow, and we've got to find a way to win games while we're growing."

Perspective is required as ASU reflects on the victory. Hawaii is ranked 129th out of 138 FBS teams in scoring offense and 88th in scoring defense. With a difficult schedule ahead, growth is pertinent.

Saturday's effort came on the heels of ASU's largest defeat since joining the Big 12, a 55-19 loss to Baylor.

Dillingham responded by handing playcalling duties back to offensive coordinator Marcus Arroyo. Dillingham took on that role ahead of the 2025 Sun Bowl and kept it until the poor performance against the Bears.

After ASU (3-2, 1-1 Big 12) defeated Hawaii (1-5, 0-3 Mountain West), Dillingham found success in places.

"There's some things that we have to clean up throughout the week, but I thought the game was called really well," Dillingham said. "I was supportive of basically everything that was happening."

While the offense made the biggest adjustment during the week, the de-

fense had the most work to do after giving up its highest mark since 2023.

After holding the Rainbow Warriors to 12 points, the least the defense has allowed against an FBS opponent this season, junior linebacker Martell Hughes was happy with how the defense fixed the mistakes seen the previous week.

"I felt like we did good at that," Hughes said. "I feel like we all played with energy, played off of each other, and were able to make each other right."

With Arroyo taking over playcalling duties for Saturday, the offense found its rhythm.

ASU gained 420 yards, the most it gained since week one.

The primary contributor to the offense was freshman running back Cardae Mack, who celebrated his 19th birthday by rushing for 154 yards and two touchdowns.

His 154 yards were the most by an ASU freshman since Keegan Herring ran for 197 in 2005.

After the game, Mack was proud that the win got ASU back on track.

"We just had to get back in our groove and find ourselves," Mack said. "Who we are is who we are. The only people that can stop us is us."

Heading into the game, nobody wanted to see

Mack succeed more than his mom. Dillingham said that Mack's mother asked him before the game he was going to play.

The answer from Dillingham was a resounding yes, giving Mack 13 carries as a birthday gift.

Mack made the most of his opportunity, averaging 11.8 yards per carry. Mack's first touchdown of the night came from ASU's "Sparky" formation, the term the team uses instead of wildcat.



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COLLEGE HOCKEY

ASU hockey team honors Matthew Mayich with yellow ribbons, falls to Holy Cross in home opener

Before the Arizona State men's hockey team faced Holy Cross on Friday, Oct. 9 at Mullett Arena in Tempe, fans received yellow ribbons with Matthew Mayich's initials and No. 27 etched on them. Mayich collapsed during an Aug. 20 outdoor workout that left him incapacitated in a hospital with what family attorneys said is no hope of recovery. (Cronkite News/Riley Kelton)



By Ashling Filippi
CRONKITE NEWS

TEMPE — Before the puck dropped on the Arizona State men's hockey team's home opener against Holy Cross on Friday, fans received yellow ribbons with Matthew Mayich's initials and No. 27 etched on them.

Sun Devil players wore decals on their helmets with the same yellow ribbon in a show of support for their teammate. The team also hung his jersey from his usual stall in the dressing room.

Aside from those references to the recent tragedy engulfing the program, the Sun Devils' first game at Mullett Arena this season felt like business as usual. There were no visible signs, held by fans, mentioning Mayich. There were no protests. The crowd, while smaller than normal for a home opener, filled in to mostly full as the game progressed.

Arizona State dropped the first home game of the season 2-1 to Holy Cross. The Crusaders scored twice in an 11-second span with under two minutes remaining in the game.

D-backs

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could break or at least tie the team record of three Gold Gloves in a season. That record was set in 2019 by Zack Greinke (P), Nick Ahmed (SS) and David Peralta (LF) who each won the defensive award at their positions.

D-backs history

The Diamondbacks have won 22 Gold Gloves in the team's 29 seasons. No Diamondback has won the utility Gold Glove, which began in 2022. The only other position they have never won one at is third base.

Moreno's 2023 win is the only time a D-back has won a catching Gold Glove. Nick Ahmed is the only D-back to win the award at shortstop; he did it twice in 2018 and 2019. The only D-back to win the right field award is Gerardo Parra in 2013. However, prior to 2011, the league simply handed out three outfield awards rather than splitting them up between left, center and right. Steve Finley has three outfield Gold Gloves for the D-backs (1999, 2000, 2004). He played only center field in all three seasons.

Will they win?

Catcher

Moreno's fellow finalists at catcher are the Mets'

Luis Torrens and the Padres' Freddy Fermin. Both are seeking their first Gold Glove.

By one metric, Baseball Reference's Defensive Wins Above Replacement, or dWAR, Moreno is on top: 2.0 versus 1.4 for each of the others. In the year he won the award in 2023, Moreno had a 3.1 dWAR, the highest at any position in the majors.

Shortstop

Perdomo's competition at shortstop is the Cubs' Dansby Swanson and Cardinals' Masyn Winn. Winn won the award last year, and Swanson has won it twice, in 2022 and 2023.

Going by dWAR, Winn has the edge to repeat. He had a 1.8 dWAR this year versus 1.6 for Perdomo and 1.3 for Swanson.

Right Field

Carroll's competition for the right field award is the Cubs' Seiya Suzuki and Mets rookie Carson Benge. All three are looking for their first award.

Suzuki has a slight edge over Carroll by dWAR — 0.8 versus 0.7 for Carroll. Benge trails the pack with 0.1

Utility

Vargas is looking to be the fifth player to win the NL utility award after it was introduced in 2022. He's against two players who have won a utility Gold Glove before. The Pirates' Jared Triolo won the NL



Diamondbacks second baseman Ildemaro Vargas (6) celebrates with shortstop Geraldo Perdomo (2) and right fielder Corbin Carroll after the first game of a doubleheader against the San Francisco Giants, Saturday, Aug. 29 in San Francisco. All three are finalists for a National League Gold Glove this season, as is catcher Gabriel Moreno (not pictured). (The Associated Press/Jeff Chiu)

award in 2024, and the Braves' Mauricio Dubón won the AL award with the Astros in 2023 and 2025.

Vargas trails the pack going by dWAR. He had a 0.3 mark compared to 0.9 for Triolo and 0.7 for Dubón.

Vargas played mostly first and second base for the Snakes this season, but he also appeared at third base, shortstop and left field. He even pitched three times. Triolo played mostly shortstop and third base for Pittsburgh, while also appearing at first base, right field and one game in center. Dubón played mostly left field and shortstop for Atlanta.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

MUSIC

Pentatonix to bring their Christmas show to Glendale



(Photo provided by Republic Records)

SPECIAL TO INDEPENDENT NEWSMEDIA

Three-time Grammy-winning vocal quintet Pentatonix will bring their Christmas In The City Tour to Glendale.

Pentatonix will bring their harmonies and festive spirit to 28 arenas across North America this November and December and will make a West Valley stop at Desert Diamond Arena on Saturday, Dec. 19.

Tickets are available at www.home.ptxofficial.com.

On the tour Pentatonix will partner with the music education non-profit Save The Music.

Due to its connection with pre-

IF YOU GO

Who: Pentatonix

When: Saturday, Dec. 19

Where: Desert Diamond Arena, 9400 W. Maryland Ave., Glendale

serving music education in schools, fans can make a charitable donation to the organization during the ticket purchase process on select shows.

Since emerging in 2011 the vocal quintet — Scott Hoying, Mitch Grassi, Kirstin Maldonado, Kevin Olusola, and Matt Sallee — have sold 10 million albums worldwide.

FESTIVAL

Tickets on sale for Phoenix music festival Decadence Arizona

Phoenix Raceway to host two-day New Year's event

SPECIAL TO INDEPENDENT NEWSMEDIA

Tickets are available for Decadence Arizona: Sands of Eternity, one of the country's biggest New Year's Eve music festivals, at Phoenix Raceway.

So far the lineup features Beltran, Bunt., Chris Lake, Eli Brown, I Hate Models, ISOxo, Kettama, Levity, The Masquerade, Max Dean b2b Luke Dean, RØZ, Slander, Wankdat (Crankdat b2b Wooli), with

IF YOU GO

What: Decadence Arizona: Sands of Eternity

When: Dec. 30-31

Where: Phoenix Raceway, 7602 Jimmie Johnson Drive, Avondale

more to be announced. The 12th annual event will take place across two nights, Dec. 30 and 31. All two-day ticket levels, including general admission GA+, VIP, and platinum are available at decadencearizona.com.

Decadence Arizona is an 18+ event.



(Festival poster provided by Relentless Beats)

YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD TO-DO LIST

FESTIVAL OF FRIGHTS

About: 5-8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 16, at South Mountain Activity Complex, 10401 S. Central Ave., Phoenix
Info: The Phoenix Parks and Recreation Department presents a free, family-friendly Halloween celebration featuring seasonal activities and entertainment.
Web: phoenix.gov

HALLOWEEN MONSTER BASH

About: 6-8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 16, at Desert West Park, 6602 W. Encanto Blvd., Phoenix
Info: Celebrate Halloween with a free community event presented by Phoenix Parks and Recreation. The family-friendly gathering is part of the city's October lineup of fall festivities.
Web: phoenix.gov

LIVE JAZZ AT WRIGLEY MANSION

About: 7 p.m. Thursdays, Oct. 22 and 29 at Wrigley Mansion, 2501 E. Telawa Trail, Phoenix
Info: Wrigley Mansion's Hornel Jazz Series brings live jazz to the historic landmark overlooking the Valley. Visitors can enjoy an evening of music and dining. Reservations are recommended; individual performers and admission details are available through the venue.
Web: wrigleymansion.com

ROADRUNNER PARK FARMERS MARKET

About: 8 a.m.-noon, Saturdays, Oct. 17, 24 and 31 at Roadrunner Park, 3502 E. Cactus Road, Phoenix
Info: The weekly farmers market features locally grown produce, fresh baked goods, specialty foods, hand-



Among the many celebrations this month, the Deer Valley Fall-o-Ween takes place this weekend at Deer Valley Park in Phoenix. (Metro Creative Connection)

made products and other offerings from Arizona farmers and vendors.
Web: arizonacommunityfarmersmarkets.com

MESA MUSIC FESTIVAL

About: Through Oct. 17 in downtown Mesa
Info: A unique event that is a true celebration of music in downtown Mesa. Look for artists and attendees from around the world for three days of music, art and fun.
Web: mesamusicfest.com

PHOENIX GREEK FESTIVAL

About: 3-10 p.m. Friday, Oct. 16; 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17; and 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 18 at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral, 1973 E. Maryland Ave., Phoenix
Info: The Phoenix Greek Festival celebrates its 65th anniversary with traditional Greek food, music, dancing, jewelry, shopping and activities

for children. Visitors can explore Greek culture while enjoying a variety of traditional dishes and live entertainment.
Web: phoenixgreekfestival.org

JASON BISHOP

About: 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17 at The Vista Center for the Arts, 15660 N. Parkview Place, Surprise
Info: Magician and illusionist Jason Bishop's performances blend large-scale illusions, sleight of hand and interactive moments with the audience. His performance combines visual illusions with precise, close-up magic projected on screen, along with a light, comedic approach that makes the experience approachable and fun for all ages.
Web: jasonbishopmagic.com

FAMILY FRIGHT NIGHT

About: 4-9 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17, at Washington Activity Center, 2240 W. Citrus Way, Phoenix

YOUR EVENTS, PLEASE

We welcome your events for our Neighborhood To-Do List page. Please send the following for publication in our calendar: name of the event, time, date and location with address and if there is a cost to attend. Email us: AZNews@iniusa.org.



EVENTS

The Sun City West Independent will host its Sun City West Expo at 9 a.m. Wed., Oct. 28 at the SCW Foundation. Individuals wishing to participate may reach out to the sales team. Email us: AZAds@iniusa.org.

Info: Bring the family for an evening of Halloween festivities and a movie in the park. The event is part of Phoenix Parks and Recreation's free seasonal programming.
Web: phoenix.gov

DESERT FOOTHILLS BOOK FESTIVAL

About: 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17 at Holland Community Center, 34250 N. 60th St., Scottsdale
Info: Celebrating its fifth year, this free event will feature nearly 90 local authors from various genres, onsite food trucks and a special giveaway for book lovers.
Web: desertfoothillsbookfestival.com

SUNNYSLOPE TRUNK-OR-TREAT

About: 5-7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17, at Sunnyslope Community Center, 802 E. Vogel Ave., Phoenix

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Info: Families can collect candy from decorated vehicles, enjoy games, visit a pumpkin patch and participate in a costume contest. Admission is free.

Web: phoenix.gov

SCARYVALE AT MARYVALE

About: 6-9 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17, at Maryvale Park and Community Center, 4420 N. 51st Ave., Phoenix

Info: The annual Halloween celebration features live music, trunk-or-treat activities, a haunted house and a costume contest. Food will be available for purchase.

Web: phoenix.gov

DEER VALLEY FALL-O-WEEN

About: 6-8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17, at Deer Valley Park, 2001 W. Wahala Lane, Phoenix

Info: Enjoy a free Halloween celebration featuring live entertainment, costume contests, candy and treats. Food and beverages will be available for purchase.

Web: phoenix.gov

TREASURES AND TALES: MATT PAXTON

About: 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 21 at Hilltop Theatre & Concert Hall, 5356 N. Litchfield Road, Litchfield Park

Info: Join Discovery Channel's Matt Paxton of Filthy Fortunes for a funny and heartfelt live event. Hear unforgettable stories about treasured belongings and the memories that connect generations.

Web: sunhealthfoundation.org/matt-paxton



The Phoenix Greek Festival returns for its 65th anniversary Oct. 16-18 in Phoenix. (Photo provided by Phoenix Greek Festival)

TRUNK OR TREAT AT ABRAZO

About: 6-8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 23 at Abrazo Peoria Emergency Center, 26900 N. Lake Pleasant Parkway, Peoria

Info: Come spend the early evening with local firefighters, health officials and friends and family from the neighborhood with a family-friendly night of trunk or treating.

Web: abrazohealth.com

HALLOWEEN COMICS CELEBRATION

About: 5-9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 23, at Phoenix Center for the Arts, 1202 N. Third St., Phoenix

Info: Panels & Pages Halloween celebrates comics, art and creativity with artist discussions, vendors, collaborative art activities, exhibitions and book signings. General admission is free.

Web: phoenixcenterforthearts.org

SCIENCE AFTER DARK

About: 6-10 p.m. Friday, Oct. 23, at Arizona Science Center, 600 E. Washington St., Phoenix

Info: The Paranormal Project: Where Science Meets Supernatural explores unusual phenomena,

paranormal culture and the mysteries of the unexplained. Tickets start at \$20.

Web: azscience.org

ORPHEUM GHOST TOURS

About: Select dates Oct. 23-31 at Orpheum Theatre, 203 W. Adams St., Phoenix

Info: Explore the historic theater's past through guided tours highlighting its architecture, backstage spaces and reported ghostly encounters. Tickets are \$30.

Web: pccicketing.com

BOO BASH AND 5K DASH

About: 8 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Oct. 24 at Millennium High School, 14802 W Wigwam Blvd., Goodyear

Info: Join the LESD Educational Foundation for the inaugural Boo Bash & 5K Dash in Goodyear. Run or walk, dress up, enjoy Halloween fun and support local students and educators.

Web: 4peaksracing.com/events/boo-bash-2026

BOOFEST RETURNS

About: 6-9 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 24, at Paseo Highlands Park, 3435 W. Pinnacle Peak Road, Phoenix

Info: Phoenix celebrates its 23rd annual BooFest with live entertainment, costume contests, candy, inflatable attractions and children's train rides. Admission is free. Food and merchandise will be available for purchase.

Web: phoenix.gov

PARADISE VALLEY TREATS

About: 6-8:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 24, at Paradise Valley Community Center, 17402 N. 40th St., Phoenix

Info: Families are invited to a free trunk-or-treat celebration featuring candy, inflatable attractions and games. Children are encouraged to wear Halloween costumes.

Web: phoenix.gov

HALLOWEEN SENSORY NIGHT

About: 4:30-6:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 25, at Children's Museum of Phoenix, 215 N. Seventh St., Phoenix

Info: The museum hosts a sensory-conscious Halloween evening for children with autism and other needs. Families can explore exhibits in a quieter environment while enjoying costumes, treats and seasonal activities. Admission is free, but reservations are required.

Web: childrensmuseumofphoenix.org

HALLOWEEN MOVIE CLASSIC

About: 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 27, at Orpheum Theatre, 203 W. Adams St., Phoenix.

Info: The historic theater presents a screening of Tim Burton's "The Nightmare Before Christmas," featuring the adventures of Jack Skellington and the residents of Halloween Town. Tickets start at \$11.

Web: pccicketing.com

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Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: SPOIL UPPER AURORA THATCH
Answer: When the twins spoke at the same time, sometimes they would — “PAIR-A-PHASE”

By Tribune Content Agency

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



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WHEN THE HERDING DOG RENTED A ROOM, HE BECAME A ---

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

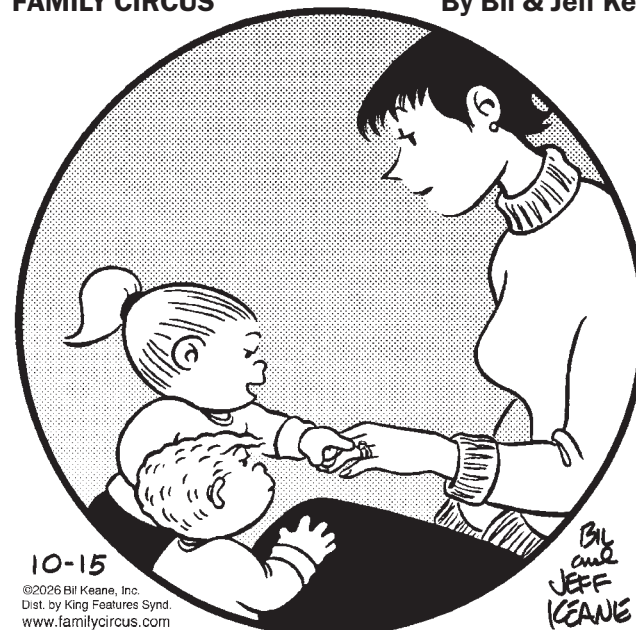
MARMADUKE By Bradley Jay Anderson



“Thank you for fetching the hose, but next time I'll get it myself.”

FAMILY CIRCUS

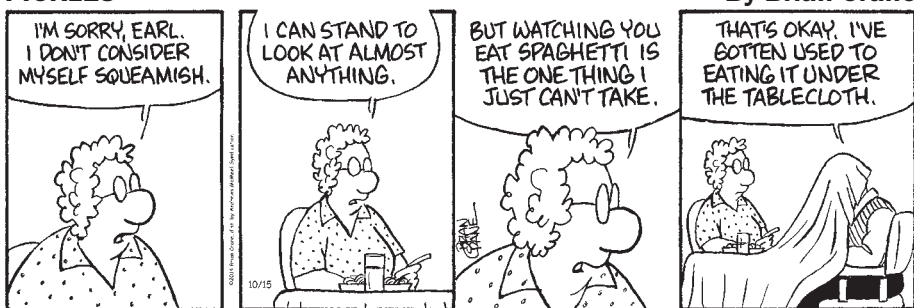
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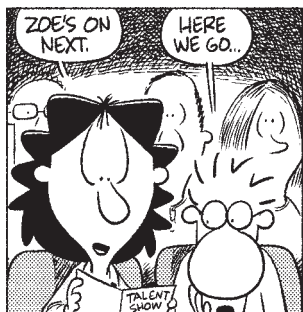
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BABY BLUES



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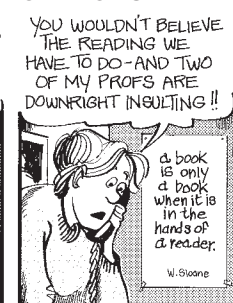
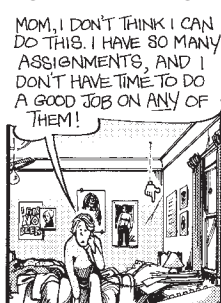
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By Greg Walker, Brian Walker & Neal Walker



FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE



By Lynn Johnston

HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



By Dik Browne

BLONDIE



By Dean Young & John Marshall

CLASSIC PEANUTS



By Charles M. Schulz

LOOKING BACK

Oct. 15

Thursday, Oct. 15, is the 288th day of 2026.

On Oct. 15, 2017, actor and activist Alyssa Milano tweeted that women who had been sexually harassed or assaulted should write "Me too" as a status. Within hours, tens of thousands had taken up the #MeToo hashtag (using a phrase that had been introduced a decade earlier by social activist Tarana Burke).

Also on this date:

In 1815, Napoleon Bonaparte, the deposed French emperor, arrived on the British-ruled South Atlantic island of St. Helena, where he spent the last 5 1/2 years of his life in exile.

In 1945, the former premier of Vichy France, Pierre

Laval, was executed for treason.

In 1946, Nazi war criminal Hermann Goering fatally poisoned himself hours before he was to have been executed.

In 1954, Hurricane Hazel made landfall near the North Carolina-South Carolina coastal border as a Category 4 storm; Hazel was blamed for about 1,000 deaths in the Caribbean, 95 in the U.S. and 81 in Canada.

In 1976, the first debate of its kind took place between vice-presidential nominees. Democrat Walter F. Mondale and Republican Bob Dole faced off in Houston.

In 1991, despite sexual harassment allegations by Anita Hill, the Senate narrowly confirmed the nomination of Clarence Thomas to the U.S. Supreme Court, 52-48.

In 1997, British Royal Air Force pilot Andy Green twice drove a jet-powered car in the Nevada desert faster than the speed of sound, officially shattering the world's land-speed record.

In 2003, 11 people were killed and 70 were injured when a Staten Island ferry slammed into a maintenance pier. (The ferry's pilot, who had blacked out at the controls, later pleaded guilty to 11 counts of manslaughter.)

In 2018, Paul G. Allen, who co-founded Microsoft with his childhood friend Bill Gates before becoming a billionaire philanthropist who invested in conservation, space travel, arts and professional sports, died at age 65.

CELEBRITY BIRTHDAYS

- Baseball Hall of Famer **Jim Palmer** is 81.
- Musician **Richard Carpenter** is 80.
- Film director **Mira Nair** is 69.
- Britain's Duchess of York, **Sarah Ferguson**, is 67.
- Chef **Emeril Lagasse** is 67.
- Actor **Dominic West** is 57.
- R&B singer **Ginuwine** is 56.
- Singer-TV personality **Keyshia Cole** is 45.
- Former heavyweight boxing champion **Anthony Joshua** is 37.
- Actor **Bailee Madison** is 27.
- WNBA basketball player **Lauren Betts** is 23.

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

- 1** Some poems
5 Scorches
10 Trapper's item
11 Campaign promise
12 Superfruit berry
13 Sci-fi visitors
14 Risky venture
16 Apollo event
20 Marked down
23 Jargon suffix
24 Unfettered
25 Deli fixture
27 Excellent, in dated slang
28 Boatman of myth
29 Hockey hit
32 Actor's pic
36 Financially solvent
39 App makeup
40 Score count
41 Church reply
42 Grove makeup
43 High home

DOWN

- 1** Milky stone
2 1920s art style
3 Flair
4 Marks of shame
5 Styling site
6 Highway ramps
7 Casino card
8 Enter the race
9 Ave. crossers
11 Western resort lake
15 Foot feature
17 Get news of
18 Ibsen's home
19 Freshman, usually
20 Early carmaker
21 Seasonal song
22 Family room fixture
25 Not barefoot
26 MRI's kin
28 Casual talks
30 Caller's need
31 Plane count
33 Browser button
34 Metal sources
35 Circus sight
36 Gifted
37 In favor of
38 Tell tales

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Yesterday's answer

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WONDERWORD

By DAVID
OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the **WONDERWORD**.

GINGHAM SCHOOL DRESSES

Solution: 12 letters

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Belt, Blouse, Bows, Bright, Butterfly, Checkered, Collar, Cotton, Crochet, Fashion, Flair, France, Frills, Green, Jumper, Kids, Knit, Lace, Linen, Pastel, Pinafore, Pink, Plaid, Playsuit, Pleated, Pockets, Polka Dots, Print, Ribbon, Royal, Ruffle, Shirt, Size, Skirt, Sleeves, Soft, Straps, Style, Tartan, Ties, Uniform, Vintage, Violet, Yarn, Zipper

Yesterday's Answer: Yellowstone

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Tribune Crossword

EDITED BY PATTI VAROL

ACROSS

- 1 __ bass
5 Support before a run, perhaps
9 One way to take the bull by the horns?
14 Gilded element in some religious art
15 "The Good Dinosaur" dinosaur
16 In base eight
17 Gas vs. electric?
19 Play lightly
20 Course selection for a student with senioritis, maybe
21 Mind
23 Hose shade
24 Kenwood vs. Sony?
27 Benders
31 Ruling to restart court proceedings
32 Arctic Monkeys lead singer
33 Denny's rival
37 Subtle vibes
41 Old World vs. New World?
44 Katana, e.g.
45 Average
46 Home of the Taj Mahal
47 The whole lot
49 Country legend Willie

DOWN

- 1 Card dispenser
2 Heavy-duty soap made by WD-40
3 Some drafts
4 Petting zoo ride
5 Paving gunk
6 Clutch
7 "I was home watching TV all night," e.g.
8 Birling contest
9 Spanish article
10 "Quick, look like you're not up to something!"
11 Confidential gait
12 __ Arabia
13 Early Mesoamerican civilization
18 Expose
22 Runway letters
25 "That is to say ..."
26 Aqua kin
27 Egg pouches
28 Snowbank creator
29 Silver State city
30 Boosts in some games
34 Cutting edge of fashion?
35 Common Scrabble tile value
36 School org.
38 Semis
39 Curly coif
40 Superfan
42 Asian rice cake
43 Green Gables girl
48 With 58-Across, exercise venue
50 Really bad grades
51 Does a laundry chore
52 Spring bloom
53 Latina friend
54 Like some lean products
55 Yankees manager Aaron
56 Street corn often topped with cotija
60 Cartoon supplier of instant roads
61 Steep rock
62 "I did it!"
63 Went fast
65 Shade tree
67 Darken

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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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Answer: When the herding dog rented a room, he
became a — "BOARDER" COLLIE

Great job using decimals with the odd numbers.

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Thanks, but they're not my favorite.

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(Answers tomorrow)

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SLURP!

HI, GRAMMA AND GRAMPA! WHAT'S FOR SUPPER?

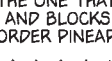
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SPAGHETTI, PULL UP A TABLECLOTH.

SLURP!

THE ONE THAT LAUGHS AT YOU
AND BLOCKS YOU WHEN YOU
ORDER PINEAPPLE ON A PIZZA?

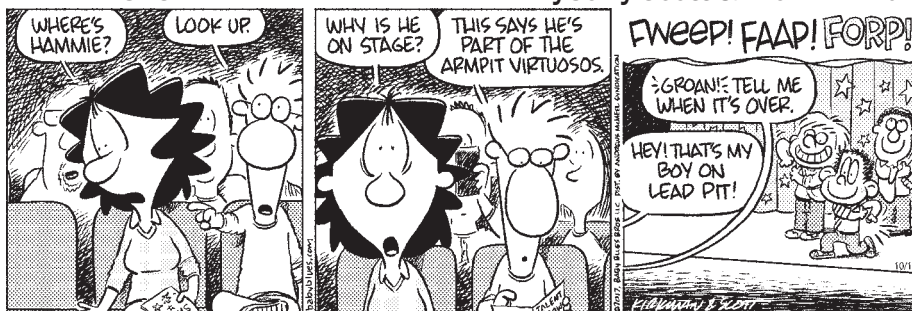


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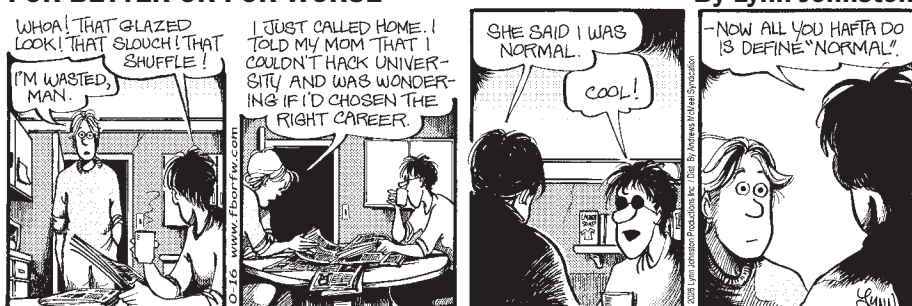
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TODAY IN HISTORY

Oct. 16

Friday, Oct. 16, is the 289th day of 2026.
On Oct. 16, 1962, the Cuban missile crisis began as President John F. Kennedy was informed that reconnaissance photographs had revealed the presence of Soviet nuclear missile sites in Cuba.
 Also on this date:
In 1758, American lexicographer Noah Webster was born in Hartford, Connecticut.
In 1793, Marie Antoinette, the queen of France, was beheaded during the French Revolution.
In 1859, radical abolitionist John Brown and his small force raided the U.S. arsenal at Harpers Ferry in what was then western Virginia. The attack failed to spark Brown's intended slave rebellion but deepened North-South animosities leading to the Civil War. (Ten of Brown's men were killed, others fled, and Brown and six followers were caught and later executed.)
In 1923, Walt and Roy Disney found the Disney Brothers Cartoon Studio, signing their first contract for an animated

series and launching what would become The Walt Disney Co.
In 1934, Chinese communists, under siege by the Nationalists, began their "long march" lasting a year from southeastern to northwestern China. The 6,000-mile retreat saved the communist force from destruction, allowing them to regroup in the remote north.
In 1964, China set off its first atomic bomb, code-named "596," at the Lop Nur test site in Xinjiang.
In 1968, American athletes Tommie Smith and John Carlos sparked controversy at the Mexico City Olympics by giving "Black power" salutes during a victory ceremony after they had won gold and bronze medals in the 200-meter race.
In 1978, the College of Cardinals of the Roman Catholic Church chose Cardinal Karol Wojtyla to be the new pope; he took the name John Paul II.
In 1984, Anglican Bishop Desmond Tutu was named winner of the Nobel Peace Prize for his decades of non-violent struggle for racial equality in South Africa.
In 1987, 18-month-old Jessica McClure was pulled from

an abandoned well in Midland, Texas, after being stuck there for more than two days. The efforts to rescue "Baby Jessica" captured the attention of the nation.
In 1991, a gunman opened fire at a Luby's Cafeteria in Killeen, Texas, killing 23 people before taking his own life.
In 1995, the Million Man March, a gathering of Black men meant to foster unity in the face of economic and social issues affecting African Americans, was held in Washington, D.C.
In 2017, Army Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl, who had been captured and held by the Taliban for five years after walking away from his post in Afghanistan in 2009, pleaded guilty to desertion and misbehavior before the enemy. He was subsequently given no prison time after submitting evidence of torture at the hands of the Taliban. A federal judge vacated his military conviction in 2023.
In 2024, more than 140 people were killed in Nigeria when an overturned gasoline tanker truck exploded as they tried to scoop up spilled fuel. Dozens more were injured in the inferno at the site in Jigawa state.

CELEBRITY BIRTHDAYS

- Actor **Fernanda Montenegro** is 97.
- Actor **Barry Corbin** is 86.
- Musician **Bob Weir** is 79.
- Actor-director **Tim Robbins** is 68.
- Rock musician **Flea** is 64.
- Filmmaker **Kenneth Lonergan** is 64.
- Actor **Terri J. Vaughn** is 57.
- Singer **John Mayer** is 49.
- Former WNBA point guard **Sue Bird** is 46.
- Actor **Caterina Scorsone** is 45.
- Philadelphia Phillies outfielder **Bryce Harper** is 34.
- Tennis player **Naomi Osaka** is 29.
- Race car driver **Charles Leclerc** is 29.
- Actor **Ruby Rose Turner** is 21.

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

- 1** Molten rock
6 Spots for tots
11 Patriot Ethan
12 Kidney-related
13 Wasn't thrifty
14 Birdie beater
15 Badge material
16 Marked for life
18 Conclude
19 To date
20 Auditing org.
21 Paper pack
23 Parliament members
25 Moon-shine holder
27 Massage
28 Egypt's Anwar
30 Geeky sort
33 Ab's neighbor
34 Opponent
36 Early auto
37 Requests
39 Bearded beast
40 Cut follower
41 Some apples

- 43** Love affair
44 Sioux language
45 Advances
46 Old characters

DOWN

- 1** Learn completely
2 Skiing variety
3 Two-time Best Actress winner
4 Fellows
5 Fidgety
6 Inventive one
7 Back
8 Two-time Best Actress winner
9 Farm machines
10 Winter gliders
17 Animation frame
22 Coffee, in slang
24 Try for office
26 Set electricians
28 Tahini base
29 Overly
31 Fail to follow suit
32 Throws water on
33 Vatican-based
35 Fielder's goof
38 Poker game
42 Buckeyes' sch.

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Yesterday's answer

1	2	3	4	5		6	7	8	9	10
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WONDERWORD

By DAVID
OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the **WONDERWORD**.

MORNING WALKS

Solution: 6 letters

S	T	R	E	E	T	T	H	G	I	L	N	U	S	K
P	G	O	P	K	L	A	W	D	R	A	O	B	S	E
E	N	O	G	A	W	L	I	S	T	E	N	I	A	E
E	N	D	D	R	A	I	N	B	O	W	R	R	R	R
D	M	T	R	O	A	D	T	S	A	B	Q	D	G	C
S	W	U	D	O	O	M	E	D	D	U	C	S	K	I
E	R	O	S	A	P	H	R	F	I	U	H	C	R	R
A	I	R	D	I	F	E	R	E	A	O	O	E	D	C
S	T	M	L	A	C	W	T	O	E	L	L	L	H	U
O	U	I	M	A	E	S	E	S	B	L	L	D	C	L
N	A	I	N	A	E	M	V	I	O	H	O	L	A	A
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Y	N	H	O	S	R	E	T	A	E	W	S	I	B	I
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Yesterday's Answer: School Colors

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Tribune Crossword

EDITED BY PATTI VAROL

ACROSS

- 1 Barnyard call
4 A pop
7 Compels
13 Like some pickup-only deals
15 Prehistoric hand tool
17 Female sib
18 Cozy eatery
19 "Ferrari" actor Driver
20 Second singer to be honored with a Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award
22 Some laptops
23 Man of La Mancha
25 Ernie's "Sing After Me" duet partner
27 See 74-Across

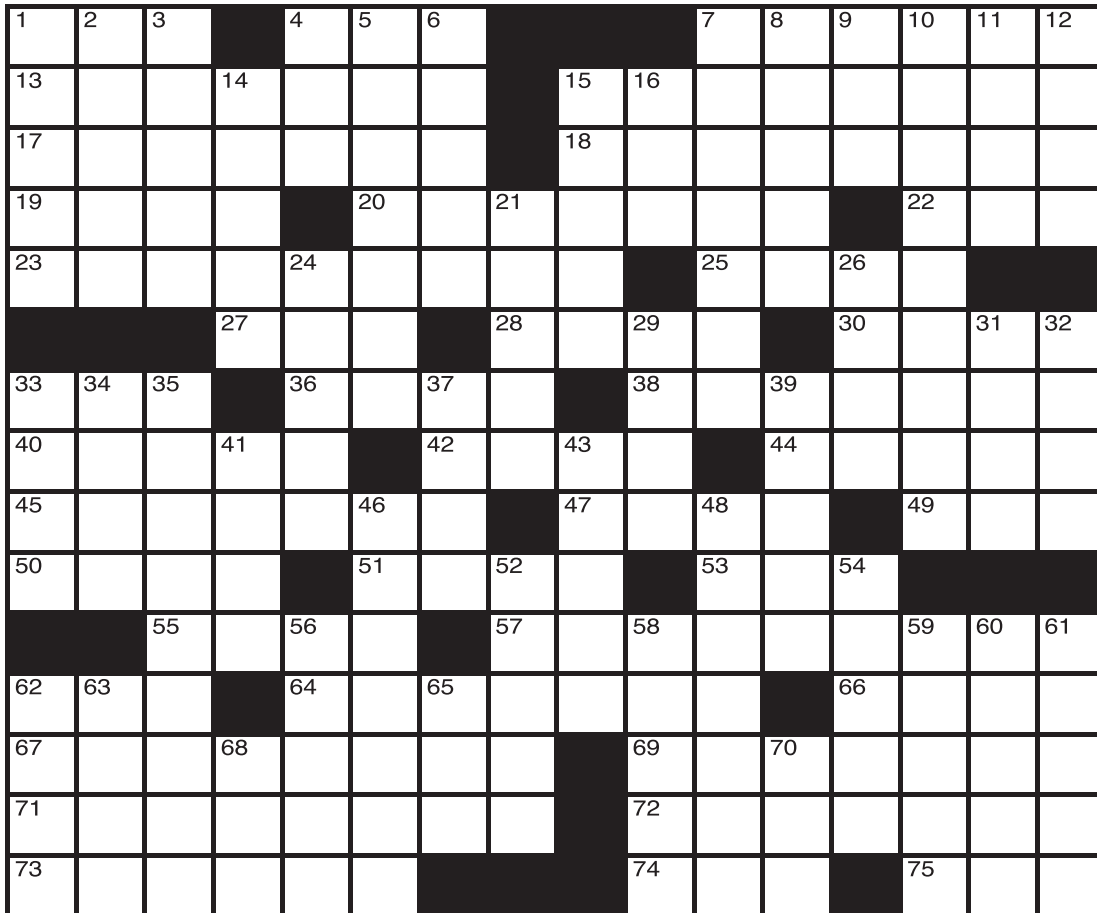
- 28 Monument Valley formation
30 Winter layer
33 ___ Nation: Jay-Z's conglomerate
36 Novelist Quindlen
38 The complete set
40 Approximately
42 Many a K-pop singer
44 Starting lineup
45 Big flowerpot
47 Gaelic speaker
49 Cornerback Bly in the College Football Hall of Fame
50 Was gripping?
51 Breathe fire, say
53 Inhale, maybe
55 Couple

- 57 Extemporizes
62 "Thrilla in Manila" boxer
64 Approached bedtime
66 Wife of Zeus
67 Low-level laborer
69 "Perfect!," or how to make seven answers in this puzzle match their clues?
71 Peppers in some mole sauces
72 Writer/illustrator who often wrote in anapestic tetrameter
73 Villainous looks
74 With 27-Across, big name in watercraft
75 Therapist's maj.

DOWN

- 1 King with a touching story?
2 Battery part
3 Breakfast tea variety
4 Pea sheller's discard
5 Canyon former
6 Amber, once
7 "Seriously?"
8 "Gorilla Warfare" artist Shaquille
9 NWSL official
10 Didn't ride solo
11 Corp. bigwig
12 Goes out with
14 Retiring
15 Shake
16 Ink spot, for short
21 Digital ___: remote tech worker
24 Deep defenses
26 MD-to-be's exam
29 Clearance event
31 Not nearby
32 No longer feral
33 Impetuous

- 34 Clarinet kin
35 "Do my eyes deceive me?"
37 Totenberg of NPR
39 Like some flaws
41 Linguistic cousin of Hindi
43 One of a geographic quintet
46 Formally decrees
48 Galena, e.g.
52 Bonny landscapes
54 Sierra Nevada lake
56 Match point?
58 Sells
59 Came together
60 Olive oil maker
61 Flip
62 Intro courses?
63 Swimmer Marchand who won four gold medals at Paris 2024
65 "___ true!"
68 ___-de-France: Paris's region
70 Govt. cybersecurity monitor



ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:



ELECTION 2026

Aide to governor tries to discredit opponent's vote on sex offenders in Congress

By Howard Fischer
CAPITOL MEDIA SERVICES

PHOENIX — A new bid by a top campaign aide to Katie Hobbs to throw some more shade on Andy Biggs may have backfired.

In a post on X, Michael Beyer called attention to a story in American Journal News which points out that Biggs, as a state senator, was one of only three Arizona lawmakers to vote against a 2012 measure designed to restrict the ability of convicted sex offenders to serve as security guards or private investigators. And in a separate post, Beyer, the publicist for the Hobbs reelection campaign, repeated a line from the story by political reporters Jesse Valentine that the Republican gubernatorial hopeful whose “alleged pattern of voting to protect sexual predators has become a significant liability for his campaign.”

And when asked about it by Capitol Media Services, Beyer said it's another example of Biggs siding with abusers.

It is true that Biggs voted against the bill.

But what neither the media outlet that runs multiple stories attacking Republicans or Beyer ever mentions is that Biggs voted against the 2012 bill after a last-minute amendment actually weakened the measure.

And that is not an explanation coming now from Biggs.

It comes in fact from what he publicly told colleagues on April 10, 2012, when the proposal came to the full Senate. And in those contemporaneous comments, Biggs made clear his motive for his “no” vote had to do with that late change.

None of this is likely to end the bid by Hobbs and her campaign to paint Biggs, in their words, as a “predator protector.” The governor already has released four separate commercials with that message.

She also has hammered away at the fact that Biggs, as a member of Congress, initially voted against release of the files the Department of Justice has on convicted child molester Jeffrey Epstein. Biggs did oppose a resolution in committee but eventually voted for it on the House floor, some-



Andy Biggs, the Republican nominee for governor, talks after a debate on Oct. 6, 2026. (Capitol Media Services/Howard Fischer)

thing not mentioned by the governor.

But now Beyer, seeking to amplify the charges of Biggs protecting predators, is shining a light on that 2012 bill.

The measure, sponsored by then-Rep. David Gowan, was designed to close loopholes in law dealing with who could get a state license. It cleared the House unanimously.

But before a final roll-call vote, Sen. Rich Crandall added an amendment.

It allowed the Private Investigator and Security Guard Hearing Board to allow licensing if the crime committed was a misdemeanor and the person has completed all terms of sentencing.

And it also said exceptions are available even in cases of felonies “if 10 or more years have passed since the person completed all terms of sentencing.” That was the version that was presented to

the full Senate for a final vote — and the version that Biggs opposed.

He acknowledged that the bill would still ban registered sex offenders from getting licensed.

But Biggs pointed out that the measure would allow felons convicted of various other offenses — including some that could be considered sex crimes — to get licensed simply because they weren't ever required to register as sex offenders and that some time had passed.

“Someone who has committed a sex offense previously, but 10 years has gone by, and they haven't been caught or they haven't been required to register, with this type of offense could also become a security guard at that point,” he said in a floor speech.

“I don't know about you,” Biggs told colleagues. “But that gives me pause. So I'm a ‘no.’”

He was not the only one. The measure also drew dissents from Senate President Steve Pierce and Sen. Ron Gould.

Beyer sidestepped a question of why he believes that vote makes Biggs unsuitable for governor. Instead, he doubled down on what has potentially become a key talking point by Hobbs and her campaign: painting Biggs as a protector of pedophiles.

“From protecting Warren Jeffs' corrupt pedophile cult in Colorado City to voting against bipartisan legislation to bar registered sex offenders from working as security guards and opposing the release of the Epstein Files, Andy Biggs has a disturbing pattern of siding with sexual predators instead of their victims,” Beyer told Capitol Media Services.

“Time and again, Biggs has had the opportunity to protect vulnerable Arizonans, and time and again, he's chosen to stand on the side of their abusers,” he said.

It's also clear that the online American Journal News — the source Beyer used to launch his online attack -- never checked on the nature of the vote. But the publication has proven to be a highly biased source, with its most recent front page displaying a series of stories attacking Republicans and defending Democrats.

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NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING DETAILS

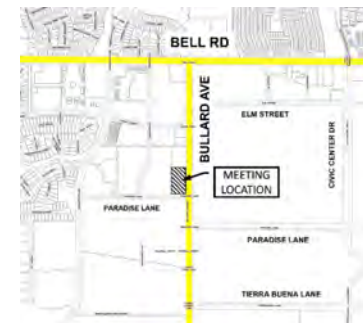
DATE: Monday, November 2, 2026

TIME: 6:00 PM

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MEETING LOCATION



PROJECT LOCATION



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You are not required to attend this hearing except as provided in A.R.S. § 14-5401(D). However, if you oppose the relief requested in the petition that accompanies this notice, you must file with the court a written response at least 7 calendar days before the hearing date OR you or your attorney must attend the hearing by following the instructions provided in this notice.

Any written response must comply with Rule 15(e) of the Arizona Rules of Probate Procedure. If you do not file a timely response or attend the hearing:

- (1) the court may grant the relief requested in the petition unless otherwise prohibited by law and without further proceedings, and
- (2) you will not receive additional notices of court proceedings relating to the petition unless you file a Demand for Notice pursuant to Title 14, Arizona Revised Statutes.

1. Notice is given that CHISA MUHAMMAD has filed the following:

- PETITION FOR AUTHORITY TO COMPROMISE, TO INVEST FUNDS AND TO WAIVE ACCOUNTING

2. COURT HEARING. An initial hearing has been scheduled to consider the Petition as follows:

DATE and TIME: **Monday, November 16, 2026 at 9:45 AM**JUDICIAL OFFICER: **Judge Michelle Carson**PLACE: **125 W. WASHINGTON STREET, PHOENIX, AZ 85003 - COURTROOM 209**TELEPHONE NO: **(602) 372-3169**

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 14-1306(A), if duly demanded, a party is entitled to trial by jury in any proceeding in which any controverted question of fact arises as to which any party has a constitutional right to trial by jury.

Any interested person, including the Petitioner and the Petitioner's attorney, may attend the Initial Hearing virtually unless the Court has specifically ordered that person to attend the hearing in person. To attend the hearing virtually, use Court Connect as described in Section 3 below. If the Court has specifically ordered you to attend the Initial Hearing in person, you must do so by appearing at the location stated above at the time of the Initial Hearing.

3. COURT CONNECT / MICROSOFT TEAMS

If you have a camera-enabled computer, smartphone, or tablet device, you should go to tinyurl.com/bazmc-prb06 a few minutes before the Initial Hearing is scheduled to begin. For the best experience, download and install the Microsoft Teams application on a camera-enabled computer, smartphone, or tablet device using either of the following prior to the time set for the Initial Hearing:

- Go to the following link: <https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/microsoft-365/microsoft-teams/download-app>

Or scan the following

- QR code on your smartphone or tablet:



If you have a camera-enabled device, but do not want to install the Microsoft Teams application, you may use a web browser simply by tinyurl.com/bazmc-prb06 into your browser a few minutes before the Initial Hearing is scheduled to begin. Please note, however, that you will not have access to all the features if you use a web browser rather than the Microsoft Teams application.

If you do not have a camera-enabled device, you can still attend the Initial Hearing by calling:

- Courtroom Phone Number: 1-917-781-4590
- Courtroom Conference ID#: 880 692 825 #

For more information about Court Connect, please see <https://superiorcourt.maricopa.gov/court-connect>

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Public Notice

CITY OF EL MIRAGE**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS****ARC FLASH HAZARD ANALYSIS STUDY****CITY OF EL MIRAGE
PROJECT NO. EM26-ARC01**

The City of El Mirage, Arizona ("City") is soliciting proposals from qualified and experienced engineering firms to perform a comprehensive Arc Flash Hazard Analysis Study of its electrical distribution systems

No earlier than Friday, October 09, 2026, at 8:00 AM, copies of the Request for Proposals (RFP) packet may be obtained, by downloading the packet from the City's Procurement Portal, <https://procurement.opengov.com/portal/elmirageaz>

Request for Proposals (RFP) packets must be received by the City no later than **8:00 AM (Arizona Time) Tuesday, November 10, 2026**. Further delivery instructions are contained in the RFQ.

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LEGAL AD BPM007790 Kiosk and Retail Pay Services

The Arizona Department of Economic Security (DES), Division of Child Support Services (DCSS) and the Office of Accounts Receivable and Collections (OARC) are soliciting competitive sealed proposals for **Kiosks and Retail Pay Services**.

A Pre-Offer Conference will be held virtually on **Friday, October 23, 2026, at 1:00 p.m.**, Local Arizona time. The Call-in information is as follows:

Google Meet joining info

Video call link:

<https://meet.google.com/drh-ycbj-zkf>

Or dial: (US) +1 440-652-2319 PIN: 293 916 050#

More phone numbers:

<https://tel.meet/drh-ycbj-zkf?pin=7132098479181>

You may obtain a copy of solicitation **BPM007790** (RFP) at <https://app.az.gov>. Proposals are due electronically through the State's eProcurement system on or before **November 6, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. local Arizona Time**. Please submit all questions pertaining to this solicitation through the State's eProcurement system via the Discussion Forum tab.

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Public Notice

**Athletic Venue LED Display Solutions
for Arizona State University
Request for Proposal**

The Arizona Board of Regents (ABOR), for and on behalf of Arizona State University (ASU), is requesting sealed bids from qualified firms to establish one or more contracts for LED Display Solutions inside Sun Devil Athletics venues. **RFP #112601, Athletic Venue LED Display Solutions**. Bids will be accepted until **4:00 PM, PST, 11/03/2026**. Bid package with instructions for submission is available at: <https://cfo.asu.edu/bid-boards>.

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Personal Representative:
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 4808 Jasmine Court
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA
 IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MARICOPA

In the Matter of the Estate

PB 2026-006790

of

ROBERT D. HELZER, A/K/A
ROBERT DEAN HELZER, A/K/A
ROBERT HELZER, A/K/A
BOB HELZER

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that **DOUGLAS M. HELZER** has been appointed Ancillary Personal Representative of this Estate in the State of Arizona. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present their claims within four (4) months from the date of first publication of this Notice, or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to the Ancillary Personal Representative in care of the Law Office of Robert F. Jeckel, P.L.L.C. at 17028 North Boswell Blvd., Sun City, Arizona, 85373, Attorney for the Estate.

DATED: 8-17-26

DOUGLAS M. HELZER, Ancillary
 Personal Representative

ROBERT F. JECKEL, P.L.L.C.

By: **Robert F. Jeckel, Attorney**
 for Personal Representative

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Public Notice

THE SORESENSEN FAMILY REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned is the Successor Trustee of the above-mentioned Trust.

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 14-6103, all persons having claims against the trust estate are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice or within (60) days after the mailing or other delivery of the notice, whichever is later, or the claim will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to the undersigned Trustee in care of Moore Law Partners, PLLC, 9949 West Bell Road, Suite 201, Sun City, Arizona 85351.

Dated this 6th day of October, 2026.

Richard Fortier, Trustee

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SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA, MARICOPA COUNTY

In the Matter of the Estate of:

NO.

PB2026-006549

MICHAEL J. FILKINS,

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that **MICHAEL E. FILKINS** has been appointed Personal Representative of this Estate. All persons having claims against the Estate are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented by delivering or mailing a written statement of the claim to the Personal Representative at c/o: Wayne P. Marsh, PLC, 17028 N. Boswell Blvd., Sun City, AZ 85373.

DATED this 28th day of September 2026.

Wayne P. Marsh
 Attorney for Personal Representative

WAYNE P. MARSH, PLC

By: **Wayne P. Marsh**

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