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Protect yourself from online scammers

By Jeff Wendt
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Online scams have evolved from basic phishing emails into sophisticated operations that cost consumers billions of dollars each year.

According to fraud.com, the Top 10 online scams in 2025 included: phishing/spoofing, general merchandise on the internet, prizes/sweepstakes, investments including cryptocurrency, advance fee loans, fake check scams, friendship/sweetheart swindles, family/friend impostor, home repair and credit repair.

Rachel Caballero, community developments director and public relations manager for TruWest Credit Union, says they see people getting scammed on a daily basis.

"We see this is growing widespread, especially with AI increasing," Caballero said. "We still see that the most vulnerable are the older groups."

Joe Ducey of the Better Business

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After surge early in year, Phoenix sees dip in mountain rescues over summer

By Mark Carlisle
INDEPENDENT NEWSMEDIA

The beginning of the year saw an alarming uptick of 50% more mountain rescues in Phoenix in January-May. However, that trend did not carry over into the summer. Phoenix saw a typical number of mountain rescues in the summer season of May-September.

This summer, Phoenix Fire rescued 64 hikers from mountains versus 88 last year, despite this being a hotter summer.

"We do believe the trail restrictions have a positive impact on those numbers," Phoenix Assistant Fire Chief Mark Gonzales told the Parks and Recreation Board on Oct. 22.

In 2021, the city began closing some of Phoenix's more dangerous trails on days when the National Weather Service issues an Extreme Heat Warning. The list of closures has since expanded and closes affected trails 8 a.m.-5 p.m. on Extreme Heat Warning Days.

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Below, Phoenix and Tempe fire crews rescue an injured hiker off the Papago Park Trail in May 2024. (Phoenix Fire Department)

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Study: $71.5M in economic impact from Women's Final Four

By Mark Carlisle
INDEPENDENT NEWSMEDIA



UCLA center Lauren Betts (51) and South Carolina center Madina Okot (11) battle for a tip-off of a semifinal game between UCLA and South Carolina, Friday, April 3 at Mortgage Matchup Center in Phoenix. (Associated Press/John Locher)

Nearly seven months after the final buzzer sounded on the first Women's Final Four in Arizona, the state is revealing the economic scoreboard from the weekend of games.

The Women's Final Four generated $71.5 million in economic impact for Arizona, including creating $42.2 million for Arizona's gross domestic product, according to a study by Arizona State University's Seidman Research Institute.

"Such significant numbers. Behind them: the hotels welcomed visitors, restaurants filled with fans, local businesses served new customers," Phoenix Mayor Kate Gallego said during a news conference Wednesday at the Collier Center, 201 E. Washington St.

The Final Four included two semifinal games on April 3 and a championship game on April 5, including ancillary events downtown.

To measure the impact of the Valley's first Women's Final Four, researchers conducted face-to-face surveys with hundreds of out-of-state visitors who came to Arizona for Women's Final Four games on April 3 and April 5 at Mortgage Matchup Center in Phoenix.

The survey measured only new dollars that flowed into the state due to the Women's Final Four. The study estimated that 27,330 out-of-state visitors came to Arizona for the Women's Final Four. They stayed 4.08 nights on average and spent an average of $220.64 per person per day.

"We're very proud of the impact on our community. Even if you didn't get a chance to attend, you benefit from the economic activity and the great visitors who came," Gallego said.

This type of economic study is common after large sporting events in the Valley. Gallego said it is the most in-depth economic study that has ever been conducted on a Women's Final Four, and will help illustrate to other cities the type of economic activity that can be expected.

The ASU study found that spending by Women's Final Four visitors created 426 job years employment and contributed $24 million to labor income in Arizona. The study conservatively estimated the Women's Final Four also directly generated a total of $4 million in taxes for the State of Arizona ($2.3 million), Maricopa County ($200,000) and cities ($1.5 million).

"Major sporting events fuel economic growth, create jobs and introduce the world to all that Arizona has to offer," Gov. Katie Hobbs said in a pre-recorded video played at Wednesday's news conference.

Hobbs said the past six major sporting events have generated $3.1 billion in economic impact for the state.

The Women's Final Four games were televised worldwide, attracting a combined total of 9.9 million viewers.

A record 1,280 credentialed media created millions of impressions of Arizona and transmitted them around the world.

The three games drew a combined 29,811 fans to Mortgage Matchup Center. The championship game between UCLA and South Carolina drew a sold-out 15,856 fans.

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ARTS

Phoenix Symphony could resume performances 'this month'

By Steve Stockmar
INDEPENDENT NEWSMEDIA

Less than two weeks ago the Phoenix Symphony's season came to a sudden halt. Now, ongoing talks indicate possible signs for the music to return to the stage.

The Symphony on Oct. 20 announced it would suspend the remainder of its 2026-27 season following its Nov. 1 performance, citing a financial shortfall that has left the organization unable to meet its operating obligations. The Symphony's board of directors said the suspension will affect musicians, employees, subscribers and community programs. Unpaid layoffs of musicians began Nov. 2.

Despite increased ticket sales and philanthropic support, the symphony has struggled with persistent operating deficits and mounting financial obligations, according to the Oct. 20 press release.

On Nov. 2, the Symphony's musicians and its board and staff released a joint statement indicating that talks continue.

"Representatives of the Phoenix Symphony's Board of Directors, Staff, and Local 586, American Federation of Musicians met today for a respectful, constructive conversation about the Symphony's future. All participants left the meeting encouraged by the progress made toward our shared goal of returning the orchestra to the stage," the press release stated.

"The central items discussed included the meaningful fundraising progress made over the past week and a plan to resume performances, possibly as soon as this month. We also agreed that the Symphony Musicians, Board, and Staff will collaborate on fundraising to support the Symphony. We appreciate the spirit of cooperation reflected in today's critical discussion. Continued dialogue and community support will be essential as we work together to bring live symphonic music back to our audiences and community."



On Nov. 2, the Phoenix Symphony's musicians and its board and staff released a joint statement that indicates that talks to possibly resume the organization's cancelled season continue. (Photo by TAVITS Photography, submitted by The Phoenix Symphony)

While a return to performances has not been announced the Symphony was previously scheduled to host "Beethoven's 7th Symphony & Chopin's 2nd Piano Concerto" Nov. 6-8, at Symphony Hall, as part of the Jeanne L. Herberger Classical Series.

HIKING

Phoenix to add electronic signs at eight more trailheads in next year

By Mark Carlisle
INDEPENDENT NEWSMEDIA

Hikers in Phoenix will soon be seeing more electronic message boards at the start of their hikes.

The city is already using the signs at Echo Canyon Trail on Camelback Mountain and at Piestewa Peak. The Park Department has eight other locations under design that will be finished by the end of 2027.

The signs are one of several efforts to tell hikers if a trail is closed due to an Extreme Heat Warning by the National Weather Service. They will also cycle through safety reminders for hikers.

"It's designed to get people's attention right before they get on a trail and maybe think about some things that they hadn't previously," Deputy Parks Director Jarod Rogers told the Phoenix Parks and Recreation Board during its Oct. 22 meeting.



A new electronic message board at Piestewa Peak in Phoenix. (Submitted photo/City of Phoenix)

Rogers previewed three safety reminders that are planned to start being displayed over the next couple of weeks:

- "Flip flops fail on desert trails."
- "Smart hikers hydrate."
- "Stay on trail. Keep wildlife safe."

The parks department has similar messaging already displayed at trailheads, but Rogers said these signs may be more eye-catching for hikers.

One location to get electronic signs is North Mountain Park, which is undergoing a major renovation that is planned to be finished in late 2027 or early 2028.

"Any new big renovations like that will also have the new electronic signage," Rogers said.

To notify hikers that trails are closed on Extreme Heat Warning days, other than the electronic message boards, the Parks Department also closes the gates to trailhead parking lots, places signage at trailheads and sends staff to check on restricted locations. News about trail closures is also sent out to the Parks Department email list, shared on phoenix.gov and city social media pages, shared with many hotels so they can inform out-of-town guests and shared with the local news media.

HEALTH CARE

Phoenix Children's ranks 10th on 2026 Healthiest Workplaces in America list

INDEPENDENT NEWSMEDIA

PHOENIX — For the sixth year in a row, Phoenix Children's was featured in Healthiest Employers "Healthiest 100 Workplaces in America."

Ranked No. 10 on this year's list,

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Workplaces

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Phoenix Children's jumped 16 places in the rankings compared to last year when it was named No. 26. The health system states this ranking reflects its unwavering commitment to supporting its employees' mental wellbeing and creating a culture that puts wellness at the forefront of all operations.

"Our employees give so much of themselves to care for our community, and they deserve the same level of care and support in return," stated Monica Singh Uddin, Phoenix Children's vice president of engagement, culture and wellbeing, in a news release. "From expanding mental health and preventive care resources to supporting working parents, we're continually evolving to meet the needs of our clinicians and administrative staff."



A Phoenix Children's patient is dressed as an elephant for Halloween. (Submitted photo/Phoenix Children's)

Phoenix Children's has built a comprehensive wellbeing program. The organization offers on-site counseling, Employee Assistance Program services, wellness challenges, preventive health screenings, access to fitness equipment, relaxation spaces and educational programming. Specialized initiatives such as financial assistance and tuition benefits further help employees balance work and personal responsibilities.

"Investing in employee wellbeing is the right thing to do," Uddin stated in the release. "It strengthens our organizational culture, elevates the patient and family experience and helps our staff contribute wholeheartedly to our vision of improving the health of a generation. That vision extends beyond the children and families we serve to the dedicated healthcare professionals who make that care possible every day."

Scoring for the "Healthiest 100 Workplaces in America" is based on a broad assessment, which evaluates organizations across six core areas: Culture and Leadership Commitment, Foundational Components, Strategic Planning, Communications and Marketing, Programming and Interventions and Reporting and Analytics.

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Phoenix Children's states its continued investment in employee health and wellbeing is a part of a broader commitment to set the standard for exceptional workplace culture in healthcare.

For more information about careers at Phoenix Children's, visit careers.phoenixchildrens.com.



This holiday season, the city of Phoenix encourages residents to join Healthy Giving Friendsgiving, a donation drive for neighbors experiencing homelessness. (Submitted photo/City of Phoenix)

HOMELESSNESS

Phoenix Thanksgiving donation drives aids people experiencing homelessness

INDEPENDENT NEWSMEDIA

This holiday season, the city of Phoenix encourages residents to join Healthy Giving Friendsgiving, a donation drive for neighbors experiencing homelessness.

Rather than giving directly on the street, the states donations make a bigger impact when donated through trusted nonprofits working alongside the city's Office of Homeless Solutions that connect individuals with shelter, services, meals, healthcare and other resources.

"Phoenix is a community where people care deeply about helping one another, especially around the holidays," stated Mayor Kate Gallego in a news release. "Friendsgiving turns that compassion into lasting action by connecting residents with community partners which provide critical services and support year-round."

The city's Friendsgiving builds on the Healthy Giving initiative, which promotes safe, responsible ways to give back in the community, without creating negative impacts on neighborhoods, like blight or trash.

"Not all giving has the same impact," stated Rachel Milne, Office of Homeless Solutions director in the news release.

"Giving on the street may seem helpful, but when food doesn't get eaten or items are left behind, it can have unintended consequences for the community. It also prevents people in need from getting connected to services to help end their homelessness. That's why, this year, we've reached out directly to local organizations and asked them exactly what they need so your generosity can make the greatest impact."

The city partnered with nine local nonprofits that have shared the items they urgently need and the locations where they need the most help that you can volunteer at this holiday season.

Partners include A New Leaf, Central Arizona Shelter Services (CASS), The Salvation Army, Phoenix Rescue Mission, Andre House, St. Vincent de Paul, Keys to Change, UMOM, and Valley Dogs Rescue. OHS also has volunteer and donation opportunities at the Safe Outdoor Space or the Turquoise Navigation Center shelter (formerly Phoenix Navigation Center).

Whether donating supplies, volunteering time or supporting any local nonprofit, your generosity can make a real difference. Be part of the solution this holiday. Explore opportunities, nonprofit wish lists and other smart ways to give back at phoenix.gov/friendsgiving.

LIBRARIES

Read local: Phoenix Library to host Local Author Fair on Nov. 7

By Mark Carlisle
INDEPENDENT NEWSMEDIA

Looking to shop local for your next read? Look no further than the Phoenix Public Library's Local Author Fair.

The annual event will feature 108 authors from Arizona from a wide range of genres. It will be held 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7 at the Burton Barr Central Library.

Kelly Pearson, Phoenix Public Library's adult services coordinator, told the Phoenix Library Advisory Board during its Oct. 21 meeting that they try to schedule it for the first Saturday of November to align with the Local First Arizona Fall Festival. The library is given a booth at the festival each year.

"So we get a lot of cross traffic, and it really drives people into the building," Pearson said about the Local First event.

Board Chair Abraham James asked if one of his favorite local authors, DaVaun Sanders, would be at the event. Pearson said he did not apply. Library staff mentioned two other well-known local authors that did not apply for the event: Jenn McKinlay and Alexandra Bracken.

However, Library Services Director Erin MacFarlane said sometimes when larger authors have attended the Author Fair in the past, it led to others being overlooked.

"They would take all of the air in the room to those corners," MacFarlane said.

"So, it's kind of nice that we leave it for folks that maybe aren't as popular yet. It gives them the opportunity to interact with folks."

The library received 220 submission for the local author fair, and a 12-person review team used a rubric along with the library's collection services policy to select about half of that number to be featured at the event. All authors must be an Arizona resident.

This is the first year that the library added another rule that city employees cannot apply. Pearson said that they got several city employees applying last year, and because they have to turn so many authors away, it would be a "bad look" to grant a spot to a city employee.

The event will be on the second floor of the library, in the general area of the floor and in the College Depot auditorium.

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Amazon to refund Arizonans trapped into membership program

By Howard Fischer
CAPITOL MEDIA SERVICES

PHOENIX — Retail giant Amazon has agreed to refund $3 million to Arizonans who Attorney General Kris Mayes claimed were effectively trapped into paying for Prime membership program because the company made it difficult to get out.

In a new consent judgment, Amazon denies that it ever engaged in activity that violates any Arizona law. And attorneys for the state agreed to they cannot claim that any past, present or future business practices are illegal.

But the deal requires Amazon to provide $3 million to the Attorney General's Office which will be distributed to "eligible consumers." And that, according to spokesman Richie Taylor, will be people who tried to end their $139-a-year Prime membership but were faced — at least according to Mayes — with purposely designed hurdles to make it difficult.

The company also will pay another $1.5 million into another fund used by the AG's office to investigate consumer fraud and educate Arizonans about how to protect themselves. There's also another $1.5 million to cover the state's legal fees.

And Amazon also will make $1 million in charitable donations to organizations selected by Mayes, all of which are involved in providing food to those in need.

The lawsuit surrounds complaints that until 2023 Amazon used a system where it took at least six separate actions by consumers to cancel their Prime membership online despite multiple claims in advertisements that customers can "cancel anytime."

Mayes, in filing suit in 2024, said that system set up a process where cancellation required clicking a minimum of six times on Amazon.com:

- Log in to Prime Central;
- Click on "manage membership;"
- Go to "end membership;"
- Click on "continue to cancel;"
- Again go to "continue to cancel;"
- Go to "end now."

"The project was a success," Mayes said in her court filings, with Amazon managing at one point to reduce cancellations by 14% "as fewer members managed to reach the final cancellation page."

But none of this process, she said in the lawsuit was made known to people signing up for the program that for that $139 annual fee promised free delivery — sometimes the same day.

What made this process valuable to Amazon, Mayes argued, is that Prime members spent more than double on purchases than non-Prime customers, a figure she said averages about $1,400 a year. She also said that Amazon collects $25 billion a year in Prime subscription fees, with about three-quarters of that from U.S. subscribers.

The company did agree to change its cancellation policies last year in a settlement with the Federal Trade Commission. That deal including a $1 billion civil penalty and $1.5 billion in refunds to customers.

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Rescues

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Affected trails

- Camelback Mountain Trails
- Piestewa Peak Summit Trail and associated trails
- Holbert, Mormon, Hau'pal Loop Trails as well as access to the National Trail from Pima Canyon at South Mountain

Gonzales thanked the board, saying it is not just the health of hikers that were impacted when mountain rescues.

"After sending multiple firefighters to the hospital for ascending these mountains multiple times during the hottest days, we worked through this board to establish the temporary trail restrictions we have in place. So thank you for your support keeping our community and our firefighters safe," Gonzales said.

No firefighters got sick or injured while performing mountain rescues in 2026, Gonzales said.

The past seven years have included the five most Extreme Heat Warning days Phoenix has experienced. This year saw 47, topped only by 48 in 2020.

Deputy Parks Director Jarod Rogers showed a chart depicting that the number of hikers this summer dropped when temperatures rose.

"Hikers do tend to self-regulate being out on a trail on extremely hot days," Rogers said. "...And we believe that's a combination of awareness because the heat restrictions are advertised and that people just tend to stay out of the extreme heat for obvious reasons."

This year Phoenix saw an Extreme Heat Warning day in March for the first time. However, temperatures were milder in May and June, then most of the Extreme Heat Warning days came in July and August.

Gonzales said the number of mountain rescues doesn't tell the paint the full picture of patients the department treats.

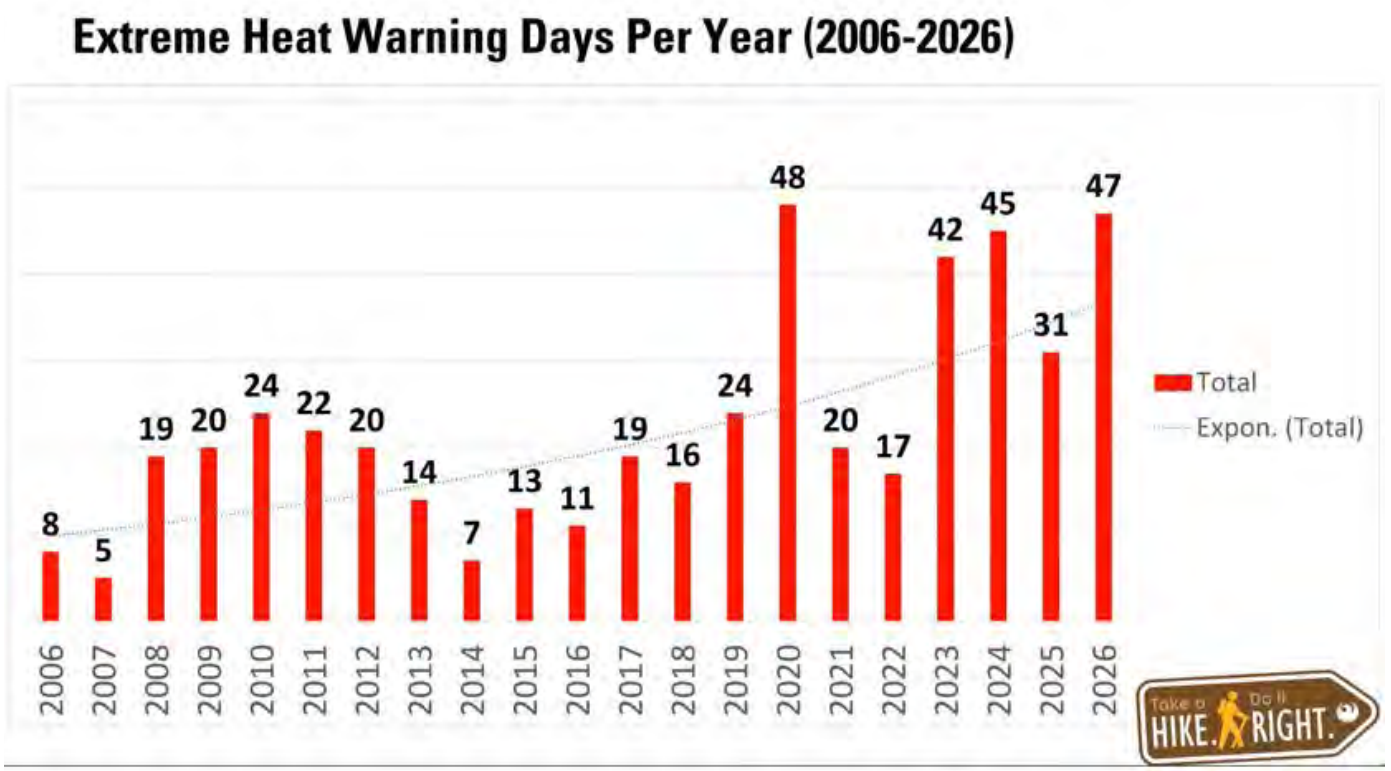
"Many times while ascending the mountain to treat a patient, we run into more patients, who require evaluation and sometimes rescue treatment and transportation," he said.

The total number of patients between Camelback Mountain, Piestewa Peak and South Mountain that Phoenix Fire treated this summer was 52, down from 61 last summer.

Total patients seen on mountain rescues by year

- 2021: 59
- 2022: 48
- 2023: 40
- 2024: 48
- 2025: 61
- 2026: 52

Board Member Sarah Porter noted that not every patient treated is due to a heat-related illness.



The past seven years have included the five most Extreme Heat Warning days Phoenix has experienced. (City of Phoenix)



Oscar-winning former Disney animator and Paradise Valley resident Glen Keane thanked local rescue crews for rescuing him from Mummy Mountain in July with a drawing to hang in a Phoenix Fire station. (Submitted by city of Phoenix)

"I can imagine that maybe in those shoulder months there would be people who maybe are spraining an ankle or something like that," Porter said.



Phoenix Fire Captain Adam Skiver holds up a sign that says "Stop Hiking in the Heat." (Phoenix Fire Department)

Scammers

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Bureau said he believes there are contributing factors as to why older groups may be the most vulnerable.

"I think that the overall concern I have is when people are alone and people have nobody to talk to," Ducey said. "People can't run ideas off of other people. And a lot of these are seniors.



Joe Ducey

"And they're maybe widowed, they may be on their own, and they're lonely," Ducey added. "I think it's a loneliness. I think there's a little bit of greed in all of us."

According to a Pew Center Research report, about three-quarters of adults under 30, as well as those ages 30 to 49 and 50 to 64, report experiencing an online scam or attack. A slightly smaller share of those 65 and older (66%) report the same.

In Arizona, according to a report from the Common Sense Institute, those ages 70-79 report the most fraud (0.74%), followed by those ages 60-69 (0.65%) and those 80 and over (0.51%).

Online shopping fraud remains the single most common scam reported by the public, according to Ducey, spiking sharply during the holiday season as millions of shoppers search for deals on unfamiliar websites.

While online shopping scams hit the largest volume of victims, other types of digital fraud take a far more devastating financial and emotional toll.

Romance scams and cryptocurrency investment schemes rank among the highest for financial loss per victim.

A lot of times, people get in too deep within the scams and start to lose money and don't think anything about it.



Kevin Brozek, community engagement officer at the Arizona Attorney General's Office, speaks to Sun City West residents about scams. (Independent Newsmedia file photo/Jennifer Jimenez)

"We try to tell people to slow down, ask questions, don't feel pressured," Caballero said. "Be diligent with the current trends. If anything comes up, notify us at the credit union. We keep up to date with all the current scams on our website."

The integration of artificial intelligence is further lowering the barrier for cybercriminals. Bad grammar and awkward phrasing — long considered reliable warning signs — are disappearing as AI tools refine text and generate convincing voice clips or video deepfakes.

AI also enables scam operations to scale rapidly, bombarding consumers with high volumes of realistic fake ads, emails, and customer service portals that rank near the top of search engine results.

Ducey says the BBB has several precautions to emphasize when being on the lookout for a scam:



Rachel Caballero

• Research before you buy — don't purchase from unknown sites and verify URLs correctly.

• Avoid unknown callers and texts — let unknown numbers go to voicemail. Legitimate callers will leave voicemail messages.

• Log in directly — check in your online app or organization's website to verify its legitimacy. Don't use information given in the message for it could be fake.

• Always use credit cards — Credit card purchases can be disputed, whereas if you use a debit card or gift card, the funds are removed immediately.

• Stay on monitored platforms —Be cautious if the scammer asks you to move conversations off standard platforms to unmonitored messaging services.

• Check on family — discuss threats regularly and help them spot red flags before financial harm occurs.

For Caballero, TruWest tries to help its customers in every way possible.

"We try to hit it from every angle possible," Caballero said. "We'll talk to them about the situation, we'll put holds on accounts if we have to.

"We'll even get law enforcement involved to do welfare checks if we need to," Caballero added.

Anyone who suspects they have encountered or fallen victim to a scam, can report the incident to the Better Business Bureau, the Federal Trade Commission, or the Arizona Attorney General's office to help prevent others from falling victim to similar schemes.

PHOENIX BUSINESS

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West-MEC wins West Valley innovation award

INDEPENDENT NEWSMEDIA

Western Maricopa Education Center received WESTMARC's West Valley Excellence in Education & Workforce Development Award Oct. 22 at the annual Best of the West Awards, recognizing the career and technical education district's approach to preparing students for careers in Arizona's semiconductor industry.

The award honors educational programs, organizations and partnerships that enhance quality of life in the West Valley.

West-MEC earned the recognition for its advanced manufacturing program and the opening of the nation's first K–12 semiconductor cleanroom of its size at its Northeast Campus this spring. Developed in collaboration with TSMC, Amkor and Intel, the facility offers hands-on training with industry-standard equipment and technology. Students gain practical skills and earn industry-recognized credentials that prepare them for careers as semiconductor technicians.

"We are honored to receive this recognition, which would not be possible without the expertise of our industry partners and the dedication of our educators in bringing something truly innovative to life," West-MEC Superintendent Scott Spurgeon stated in a press release.

"By aligning education with industry, we're giving students a competitive advantage while building a pipeline of skilled workers for our region's growing industries."

West-MEC plans to expand its advanced manufacturing training model to three additional locations in the next two years. The next milestone comes in January 2027, when students at the new Southeast Campus, located near Thomas Road and Loop 101, will begin training in the district's second semiconductor cleanroom.

In May 2027, West-MEC's first cohort of Advanced Manufacturing students will complete the program, equipped with the technical skills and industry-recognized credentials needed to enter the workforce.



West-MEC employees and staff celebrate winning the West Valley Excellence in Education & Workforce Development Award Oct. 22 at the annual Best of the West Awards presented by WESTMARC. (Submitted photo)



Hero, an Italian Restaurant from the Vivili Hospitality Group, opened Friday, Oct. 30 in downtown Phoenix at 1030 N. 1st Street. (Submitted by Joey Granath)

DINING

New Italian restaurant to open in downtown Phoenix on Friday

INDEPENDENT NEWSMEDIA

A Prescott-based hospitality group opened an Italian restaurant in downtown Phoenix last week.

Hero, from the Vivili Hospitality Group, opened at 1030 N. 1st St. on Friday, Oct. 30. It is a 2,800 square-foot restaurant with a 2,500 square-foot patio to follow.

The restaurant is the first of three concepts that the group is opening near Roosevelt Row.

"Hero is the first expression of what we're building in Phoenix," stated Skyler Reeves, founder of Vivili Hospitality Group in a news release. "We wanted to create a place that is completely focused on hospitality and connection, not just with each of our guests, but with the neighborhood that we already love so much. The icing on the cake is the creative design, energetic atmosphere, and unforgettable food. It will feel transportive, but still grounded in hospitality, somewhere people can come often and feel connected to."

Centered around handmade pasta, timeless cocktails, and genuine hospitality, Hero blends the energy of a classic Italian trattoria with the warmth of a neighborhood favorite.

Two additional concepts, PIZZANISTA! and Bar Saint Bruno are set to follow nearby, establishing a multi-concept destination in one of the city's most dynamic neighborhoods.

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HEALTH CARE

MY DR NOW opens new clinic at 64th Street and Greenway

INDEPENDENT NEWSMEDIA

MY DR NOW will open its newest family medicine clinic at 64th Street and Greenway Road on Monday, Nov. 9.

The location will be open 8 a.m.-8 p.m. every day of the week Monday-Friday and 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. Families can walk in or book a same-day visit. The clinic provides family medicine, pediatrics and women's health, along with preventive care and annual checkups, chronic disease management, sports and school physicals, immunizations and virtual visits.

Located at 6339 E. Greenway Road, Suite 107, in Phoenix, the clinic will serve families in north Phoenix and Scottsdale from the Fry's shopping center at the southwest corner of 64th Street and Greenway Road.

"Families have full weeks, and their family doctor should fit around them, not the other way around," said MY DR NOW founder and CEO Dr. Payam Zamani. "We're open seven days a week so checkups, physicals and ongoing care can happen on a weekend afternoon as easily as a weekday morning or evening."



A MY DR NOW clinic opens in Surprise in 2023. A new clinic at 6339 E. Greenway Road, Suite 107, in Phoenix will open Monday, Nov. 9. (Independent Newsmedia file photo)

FUNDRAISING

House of Broadcasting to host 13th Annual Holiday Concert to benefit higher education

INDEPENDENT NEWSMEDIA

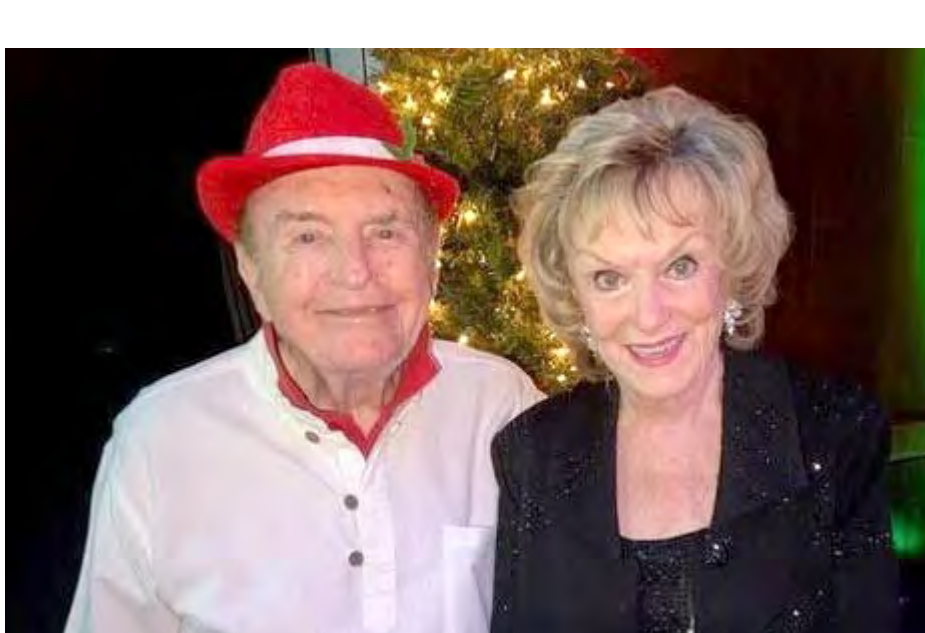
House of Broadcasting is hosting its 13th Annual Holiday Concert this December, with all proceeds going to higher education.

The hosts of the event will be hosted by Arizona broadcast icons Pat McMahon and Rita Davenport. Entertainment will be provided by Mike Chamberlin and Arizona's Living Legends of Broadcasting.

The concert will be held at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 11 at North Phoenix Baptist Church, 5757 N. Central Ave. The event will include a silent auction and raffle. Proceeds provide scholarships for Arizona State University's Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and the Hugh Downs School of Human Communications and the University of Arizona's Eller College of Management.

Tickets are $20. Children 12 and under are free. To reserve tickets email barb@gotchasecretarial.com or call 602-944-1997. Tickets are also available at the door.

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Arizona broadcast icons Pat McMahon and Rita Davenport will host the House of Broadcasting's 13th Annual Holiday Concert this December. (Submitted by House of Broadcasting)

Arizona lawyers tell judge Trump administration should stay out of reduced tuition discussion

By Howard Fischer
CAPITOL MEDIA SERVICES

PHOENIX — Lawyers for the state are telling a federal judge it's none of the business of the Trump administration who gets reduced tuition at Arizona's public universities.

In new court filings, Assistant Attorney General Hayleigh Crawford acknowledges that Arizonans voted in 2022 to change the law for who qualifies for in-state tuition and is eligible for certain kinds of financial aid. And it allows the lower tuition for those who meet certain requirements, "regardless of residence and lawful immigration status."

That led to the Trump administration filing suit earlier this year claiming that the policy runs afoul of both a 1998 federal law and an executive order issued last year by Trump.

But Crawford told U.S. District Court Judge Murray Snow he should send the attorney from the Department of Justice packing.

"The government lacks standing," she wrote.

Crawford said the only people who can sue in federal court to overturn Arizona's law are those who can show an injury that "concrete and particularized, and actual or imminent." Yet the administration's lawsuit nowhere claims such an injury to the federal government.

"Instead, the government points to alleged economic harm suffered by Arizona universities," she said, a figure the Department of Justice put at $10.5 million for the last school year.

Aside from the fact that Crawford told Snow the amount of reduced tuition is wrong — she does not say what it actually is — she said it's irrelevant.



Students walk between classes along Palm Walk at Arizona State University's Tempe campus on Aug. 28, 2025. (AZCIR/Christopher Lomahquahu)

"Any alleged economic harm from reduced tuition payments to state universities accrues to Arizona and its institutions, not the United States," Crawford said.

She also sniffed at the claim that the federal law was designed to ensure that those who are not citizens would not become "public charges." She said what voters approved are "state education policies intended to promote self-sufficiency through educational attainment and training."

And if those arguments don't work, Crawford has several others.

The issue of tuition for those who are not citizens traces its roots back to the Obama administration which created the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program in 2012. It allows people who arrived in this country illegally as children before 2007 — colloquially called "Dreamers" — to remain and even to work if they meet certain conditions.

Based on that, the Maricopa community college system and, later, the Arizona Board of Regents agreed to let DACA recipients pay in-state tuition. But the Arizona Supreme Court ruled in 2018 that is precluded by Proposition 300, a 2006 ballot measure that denies various public benefits to those not in the country legally — including any form of subsidized tuition.

Proposition 308, approved in 2022 by a margin of 51.2% to 48.8%, was crafted to say that no longer applies to tuition and scholarships.

A 1998 federal law says someone who is not lawfully present in the United States can't get any post-secondary benefits based on residency in a state unless the same benefits are available to citizens of any other state.

But it was not until 2025 when Trump when Trump issued an executive order directing the Department of Justice to take action against any state that has practices that give benefits to aliens that are not available to all American citizens.

That, the order says, includes "state laws that provide in-state higher education tuition to aliens but not to out-of-state American citizens."

There is no question but that Prop. 308, the 2022 ballot measure, allows certain individuals who have graduated from a high school in Arizona and meet other conditions to pay the same tuition available to state residents, regardless of immigration status. At the same time, U.S. citizens from another state can be required to pay the higher non-resident tuition.

More to the point, none of what is in Prop. 308 is linked to the student's legal status. In fact, one provision in that voter-approved law specifically says that "persons without lawful immigration status are eligible for in-state tuition."

The financial difference is significant.

At the University of Arizona, for example, in-state undergraduate tuition is $13,906 a year. That compares with the out-of-state cost of $43,068.

Crawford, in her new court filing, acknowledged that Congress has "broad, undoubted power" over immigration and the status of those who are not here legally.

"But the regulation of education remains a core state prerogative," she said. "Indeed, education is perhaps the most important function of state and local governments."

What the Trump administration is doing, Crawford said, is attempting to use immigration law "to curtail a state law that has no connection with immigration law."

"There is no conflict between Arizona's classification of who pays in-state tuition and any federal immigration classification," she told the judge.

Judge rejects argument that hens have to be cage-free in Arizona

By Howard Fischer
CAPITOL MEDIA SERVICES

PHOENIX — Arizona egg producers don't have to create cage-free environments for their hens unless they want to, a judge has decided.

And it's all because the owner of some Tucson restaurants claimed that it would cost him more.

In a new decision released Monday, Maricopa County Superior Court Judge Scott Blaney rejected arguments by the state Department of Agriculture that it has broad authority to regulate all matters of "poultry husbandry." And that, said attorneys for the agency, includes the power to determine by rule that the long-standing practice of putting laying hens in cages — as small as 67 square inches — was no longer acceptable.

Only problem with that, said Blaney, is that Arizona law says state agencies can enact only those rules "specifically authorized" by statute.

But he said that the broad power to regulate poultry husbandry is not a licensed for the Department of Agriculture to unilaterally decide that includes the mandate to get rid of cages. And the judge chided the agency for making such a claim.

"The operative language of (the law) is so broad and vague that it could be used to authorize nearly any rule promulgated by defendant that purports to governing the raising of chickens and/or the production of eggs," Blaney wrote. "Nothing in the broad language of the statute suggests that the Legislature intended to specifically authorized defendant to institute an entirely new ban on the sale of all eggs that were not produced in a 'cage-free' environment."

Nor is this an academic exercise. The judge said that, everything else being equal, there is evidence that requiring egg producers to go to a cage-free environment would increase costs for consumers.

The Department of Agriculture did not contesting that finding.

In fact, when it crafted the rules it estimated that the change could increase wholesale prices by up to 39 cents a dozen, or about 3.25 cents per egg. But the agency said that, based on annual per capita consumption of slightly more than 270 eggs a year, that would mean an annual cost of less than $8.80.

But Grant Kruger, owner of the Union Hospitality Group, said that for him the issue is more than a few dollars. He operates three restaurants: Union Public House, Reforma Modern Mexican Mezcal + Tequila, and Proof Artisanal Pizza and Pasta.

The Goldwater Institute, which filed the 2023 lawsuit on his behalf, said he purchased 578 cases of eggs in a recent-12-month period, or 104,040 eggs.

That translates out to $3,380 in increased costs. And that, Blaney concluded, was enough to give Kruger standing to challenge the rule.

A spokesman for the Attorney General's Office, which represents the agency, said his office is reviewing the decision.

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Civility Checklist

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☐ **Be respectful.** Bullying, public humiliation, insults, name-calling, harassment, and threats directed at another person — or that person's race, gender, religion, ethnicity, etc. — have no place in civil discussions. Find ways to respectfully disagree without questioning someone's character or motives.

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☐ **Don't misrepresent.** Always identify your opinions as opinions (not stating opinions as facts). Never misrepresent the views of others or falsely claim your opinions represent someone else. If quoting the words of others, identify and credit the source.

☐ **Listen & learn.** It's both polite and respectful to listen to those we disagree with (as well as those we support) and be genuine in our attempts to understand their point of view. Expand your mind by thoughtfully seeking out views that don't agree with your own.

☐ **Look for common ground.** When disagreeing with others, look for even small areas of agreement — which can be the gateway to working together for the greater good.

☐ **Respect privacy.** Keep private things private — whether it involves your own information or those with whom you disagree. Revealing private information about someone else is rude, unethical, potentially harmful and, in many cases, illegal.

☐ **Set a good example.** Practice civil behavior online as well as in public and in your interaction with others. Encourage others to practice these civil behaviors. And it's OK to challenge disrespectful behavior — but be courteous, respectful and helpful in your approach.

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We promptly correct factual errors. We offer a "right of reply" to the people we cover. Readers who disagree with a news story may respond with a letter.

RENAMING

Honor Arizona heroes along Interstate 17

Arizona has a long and proud history of answering the nation's call, and few stories embody that sacrifice more than those of Kayla Jean Mueller and Navy SEAL Charles H. Keating IV.

Recently, Congressman Abe Hamadeh introduced HR 10091, the Mueller-Keating Memorial Highway Act, to designate a 26-mile stretch of Interstate 17 between Phoenix and Prescott in their honor.

This recognition — which includes memorialization of the Sunset Point Rest Area, a great place to stop on a scenic drive — is a fitting and deeply deserving tribute to two remarkable Arizonans who gave everything in defense of freedom and humanity.

Mueller, a Prescott native, devoted her life to humanitarian aid before being taken hostage and killed by ISIS in Syria in 2015. Keating IV, a Phoenix native, laid down his life in 2016 during intense combat with ISIS in Iraq while attempting to rescue fellow servicemen.

Naming this portion of I-17 after Kayla and Charles ensures that millions of drivers traveling from Phoenix to Northern Arizona will be reminded daily of their bravery, selflessness and sacrifice.

Congressman Hamadeh deserves credit for championing this legislation and bringing our community together behind a common purpose.

I urge our congressional delegation and local leadership to give HR 10091 their full support and help immortalize the legacy of these two Arizona heroes.

Jason Begalke
PHOENIX

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SURVEY

Two ways you can make a difference in Phoenix

Phoenix is ready to launch its community survey with questions on a range of topics around life in our community. It asks what residents think is working, where they see a need for improvement and providing feedback that is used to calculate ongoing satisfaction scores.

The survey is one more way to gather information from residents in our effort to more holistically understand neighborhood issues and enhance our responsiveness to community priorities.

The survey takes less than five minutes to complete and is available in both English and Spanish. The survey system sets response targets based on Census data to ensure community representation. Survey responses will be anonymous.

The survey is served up to residents on various websites and social media platforms. To respond to the survey, visit surveys.zencity.io/city-of-phoenix/Sfdvtg/?s=sd.

Interested in serving on a board or commission?

District 1 is seeking community leaders interested in serving as the representative for various boards and commissions, such as the Village Planning Committee. To start

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SPEAK UP

Here are some comments about stories happening in your area:

GAS PRICES IN THE VALLEY TAKE A DIP FOR HALLOWEEN

"They took a drop for the midterms but don't worry, they will be headed up again shortly. Get ready..." — **Julie W.**

PHOENIX LAUNCHES PHXLINK, AN ON-DEMAND SHARED RIDE TRANSIT SERVICE

"I bet it would be cheaper for the city to distribute Waymo, Uber and Lyft vouchers." — **Bart H.**

PHOENIX SYMPHONY COULD RESUME PERFORMANCES 'THIS MONTH'

"This is potentially wonderful news." — **Andrew B.**

D-BACKS HAVE THREE GOLD GLOVES WINNERS

"Three Gold Gloves on one roster is pretty impressive. Just another reminder that building a good baseball team takes more than arguing about how much everybody else spends." — **Rob K.**

"The Golden Trio has a nice ring to it!" — **Jordan**

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the application process, please visit the city's boards and commissions at https://boards.phoenix.gov.

Ann O'Brien
PHOENIX

Ann O'Brien represents District 1 on the Phoenix City Council.

SAFETY

Helping Arizona teens become better drivers

Getting a driver's license means freedom for teenagers, but for parents, it can bring fear and anxiety. In 2024, 2,320 teen drivers ages 15 to 18 died in auto crashes and more than 80,000 were injured. Passing a driving test is just the beginning. In Arizona, teens generally need 30 hours of supervised driving practice, but operating a vehicle isn't the same as making safe decisions in unpredictable situations.

Sudden stops or lane changes, unpredictable pedestrians and weather issues can quickly create dangerous situations for new drivers. Quality driver education helps teens learn to recognize hazards and respond safely.

National Teen Driver Safety Week, held Oct. 18-24, marked the 20th annual observance promoting safer driving. Here are three important steps families can take to keep kids safer behind the wheel:

• Practice beyond the basics. Help teens gain experience on freeways, at night and in rainy conditions. Teach them to scan ahead, check blind spots, maintain safe following distances and anticipate hazards.

• Invest in professional training. Research driving schools, read reviews and ask for recommendations. Choose instructors who emphasize defensive driving and real-world decision-making. High-tech simulators can help students practice responding to dangerous scenarios, such as tire blowouts, before encountering them on the road.

• Make safe decisions nonnegotiable. Require seat belts, ban cell phones, limit passengers, demand adherence to speed limits and forbid driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol. Parents should model these habits, too.

As a driving instructor, my favorite moment is when students recognize hazards, slow down, create space and adjust without instructor intervention. That's when I know they've moved beyond simply operating a vehicle to thinking like safe drivers.

Maria Wojtczak
SCOTTSDALE

The author is a longtime driving instructor who is CEO and co-founder of a Valley driving school.

TRANSPORTATION

Those with dementia shouldn't be driving

I've lived in Sun City West for 17 years. I recently had a strange encounter at the post office. The drive-thru drop box for mail has one entrance and one exit. I was in it when suddenly there was a woman in a large sedan facing me.

I thought she must have gone into the exit. While she got out and walked around the car to mail her letter, I tried to pull over to the right as much as I could to let her get around me.

In the meantime, a car pulled up behind me and one pulled up behind her, hanging out into the street!

The lady in the big car pulled around me, rolled down her window and asked, "Is it a holiday or something? There are no cars in the parking lot," to which I answered, "It's Sunday. The post office isn't open on Sundays."

As she rolled up her window, she said, "I have dementia, can you tell?" I told her if she has dementia she shouldn't be driving. I hope she heard me before her window was up.

Anyone with family members who have dementia should have a pleasant talk with them to point out this letter, if necessary. No one who has dementia should be driving, let alone pointing it out to others!

Terry Ann Smith
SUN CITY WEST

GROWTH

West Valley jobs are coming; are colleges ready?

The West Valley is growing fast. TSMC is producing advanced semiconductors. Amkor is building a major semiconductor packaging and testing campus in Peoria. VAI Resort is taking shape in Glendale. Hospitals and medical facilities are expanding with our population.

That means jobs, and the question is whether we're doing enough to prepare West Valley residents to fill them. The answer is no, and we need to change that now. That's one reason we are running for the Maricopa County Community College District Governing Board.

Our community colleges should expand nursing and allied-health programs and work directly with healthcare providers to create more opportunities. We need the same urgency in the skilled trades. The West Valley needs electricians, welders, HVAC technicians and technical workers. Our colleges should work directly with employers and build programs around the skills they actually need.

That includes short-term certificates and apprenticeships that can get people working sooner while allowing them to continue their education.

First, we have to get people through the college door.

That's partly why we want to bring back junior college football, which the district eliminated at four Valley colleges after the 2018 season.

John played JUCO football. It helped get him into college and gave him coaches and teammates who expected him to show up, go to class and succeed.

Some young people may not be thinking about college. Football can give them a reason to walk onto campus. Once they're there, our job is to help them get an education and find a career. The West Valley is growing. We want to make sure our residents grow with it.

John Crow
SCOTTSDALE

Ryan Caracciolo
PEORIA

VOTING

Explaning the ballot process

I took my completed mail-in ballot to a voting center, had the sealed envelope ID-verified, dropped the ballot in the drop box and awaited acknowledgements from the sign-up tracking system that my ballot had arrived at the processing center and had been counted.

The ID-verification step allows the Maricopa County Tabulation and Election Center crew to skip the signature verification and send my ballot directly to pre-tabulation processing. I trust the U.S. Postal Service, but I've seen how understaffed my local branches are, and I wanted to avoid the new rule that has USPS postmarking my mail when it leaves the facility, not when it arrives at the facility. The subtlety of this effort to jeopardize my ballot is sickening, yet consistent with the current administration's efforts to reduce the number of counted votes.

Maybe in a few cycles the opposition will once again try to win more votes the old-fashioned way: with better policies.

Loretta O'Connor
TEMPE

SPORTS

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Minshew Mania might be a mirage, but Cardinals' gritty culture is starting to look real

By David Brandt
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

TEMPE — Running back Jeremiyah Love got hurt in the first half, quarterback Jacoby Brissett got benched in the second half and Chad Ryland missed a potential game-winning extra point in the final seconds of the fourth quarter.

For much of Sunday, it looked like another frustrating day of Arizona Cardinal-ing for these Arizona Cardinals.

But during one of the more improbable afternoons in recent franchise history, a patchwork offense, led by backup quarterback Gardner Minshew, clawed back from a 14-point deficit in the fourth quarter and persevered in overtime to beat the Dallas Cowboys 33-30.

"I don't know if there's any words that I can express about this team right now other than they're resilient," first-year coach Mike LaFleur said. "They just keep fighting. They're always in the fight. That was a total, total team effort right there."

The 30-year-old Minshew earned a reputation for dramatic wins early in his career and added another highlight against the Cowboys, throwing for 188 yards and three touchdowns in less than a half.

LaFleur said on Monday that Minshew will be team's starter moving forward. Rookie Carson Beck will be the backup and Brissett will be the emergency third-string option.

Minshew's emergence and the surprise win don't really change the Cardinals' season outlook — they have a 3-5 record and are still a beat-up bunch that lacks talent in key areas. Getting to seven or eight wins feels like the ceiling, and even that might be a stretch considering the avalanche of injuries the team has suffered in recent weeks.

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Cardinals quarterback Gardner Minshew II celebrates an overtime win against the Dallas Cowboys after a game in Arlington, Texas, Sunday, Nov. 1. (The Associated Press/ Julio Cortez)

Randy Bennett opens new chapter with win in ASU men's basketball coaching debut



Valley native Randy Bennett recorded a win in his first game as coach of the Arizona State men's basketball team, defeating East Tennessee State 75-65 on Monday at Desert Financial Arena in Tempe. (Cronkite News/Richie Meno)

By Alex Hernandez
CRONKITE NEWS

TEMPE — The lights went out, flames shot into the air and Sun Devils fans turned up the heat with a warm welcome for Randy Bennett as he took the court for his regular-season coaching debut with Arizona State.

As student and fan cheers echoed through Desert Financial Arena, Bennett barely reacted. The crowd grew louder, but Bennett sat on the bench, keeping his focus on the game and his opponent, East Tennessee State.

After 25 seasons at Saint Mary's, Bennett turned the page to a new chapter in his career.

The Mesa Westwood High School graduate returned to his Arizona roots, taking the sideline for the first time in a regular-season game as coach of the team for which he grew up rooting.

Bennett's journey to his Sun Devils debut came with an unexpected detour. After accepting the coaching vacancy on March 23 following Bobby Hurley's departure, Bennett had an undisclosed heart issue that led to a 10-day hospital stay at Mayo Clinic, delaying his introductory press conference to May 7.

Despite the unexpected setback, Bennett was roaming the sideline when the Sun Devils defeated East Tennessee State 75-65, giving Bennett his first victory at ASU.

When asked what it meant to finally coach the team he cheered for growing up, Bennett struggled to put the significance into words.

"The only way I can say it is, this means a lot to me," he said.

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But the competitive spirit under LaFleur is a welcome sign for a franchise that hasn't been to the playoffs since 2021 and hasn't won a postseason game since 2015. It's the second time in three weeks the Cardinals have pulled off an unexpected win; they beat the Rams 18-16 on the road on Oct. 18.

Receiver Michael Wilson is one example of the culture LaFleur is trying to build.

The 26-year-old played through the pain of two broken ribs on Sunday and finished with eight catches for 111 yards, including a 13-yard TD catch from Minshew that forced overtime.

"It's easy to show up in the NFL when you're winning, when you're playing great, you'll get every one's best personality," Wilson said.

"The true measure of yourself, your coaches, your teammates, is how do they respond with they're not playing 100 percent because they're hurt or they had a bad play or maybe coach isn't calling the game the right way. When stuff is (bad), that's when you find out who your are as a person and as a man.

"I could not be more proud to be an Arizona Cardinal under a team led by Mike LaFleur."

What's working

Minshew wasn't the only player who had a clutch performance on Sunday. The Cardinals showcased some depth, with third-string left tackle Josh Fryar, backup right guard Hayden Conner and running back Tyler Allgeier playing well in expanded roles.

Center Hjalte Froholdt — who had two pancake blocks on safety Caleb Downs during a long run by Allgeier — said the run of bad injury luck on Sunday made everyone just focus on their jobs.

"We were down so many guys and everyone's just like, 'OK, I don't know where I'm going to be lined up, I don't really know what position I'll be at, but I know my playbook, I can trust my technique, I can trust what my rules are,' and then guys just went out and executed," he said.

What needs help

The defense played well when it needed to get stops in the fourth quarter and overtime, but the unit still gave up 30 points or more for the sixth time in seven games.

All Allgeier

Allgeier has been a very good running back for the past 4 1/2 seasons, but he's never had a game like Sunday. The 26-year-old set career highs with 191 yards from scrimmage and 147 yards rushing against the Cowboys, playing a huge chunk of the snaps because he was the team's only healthy rusher for a big chunk of the game.

Cardinals RB Love goes to IR with ankle sprain

TEMPE (AP) — The Cardinals placed running back Jeremiyah Love on injured reserve with a high ankle sprain in another setback during his rookie season, the team announced on Tuesday.

The No. 3 overall pick out of Notre Dame was expected to make an immediate impact with the Cardinals but has battled problems with both ankles since the preseason.

He returned from ankle issues to play against the Cowboys on Sunday but had just 23 rushing yards on nine carries before leaving with a different ankle injury.

Seahawks QB Darnold ruled out against the Cards with a quad injury

SEATTLE (AP) — The Seattle Seahawks will be without starting quarterback Sam Darnold on Sunday against the Arizona Cardinals because of a quad injury.

Seahawks coach Mike Macdonald announced Wednesday that backup Drew Lock will step in for Darnold. Lock started one game earlier this season against the Cardinals in Arizona and played most of the season opener against the New England Patriots after Darnold suffered a glute injury.

ASU

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The victory did not come without obstacles. Only two players returned from last season's roster. New situations bring challenges, but Bennett knows he must establish his coaching philosophy while his players build chemistry because they have limited experience playing together.

Bennett spent much of the game on the bench, allowing his assistants to play a more active role in communicating with the players offensively. Only occasionally did his calm demeanor give way to emotion on the defensive side of the ball.

He jumped out of his seat when his team drew a charge and remained standing for multiple possessions until a TV timeout after disagreeing with a foul called on Paulius Murauskas.

Arizona State led the entire second half, but the Buccaneers tested the Sun Devils' poise when they cut the lead to five at the halfway point.

"What I was pleased with (was) composure," Bennett said. "Because it was kind of ratty there for a while, and we were choppy on defense."

Bennett is no stranger to success, having established Saint Mary's as a consistent NCAA Tournament threat. During his time in the West Coast Conference, Bennett compiled a 589-228 record with the Gaels and made 12 Tournament appearances, including six since 2019.

During his time at Saint Mary's, his teams emphasized getting stops on defense and finding high-quality looks offensively while controlling the pace and limiting mistakes.

Bennett's offensive philosophy was on display Monday.

The Sun Devils created open looks but struggled to knock down shots early, shooting 3-for-14 from beyond the arc in the first half.

ASU found more success from 3-point range in the second half, connecting on 41.7% of its attempts. ASU also won the turnover battle, committing 10 to East Tennessee State's 13.

Portland transfer guard Joel Foxwell played a pivotal role in creating offense for the Sun Devils with 15 points and five assists. He helped create opportunities for his teammates while adjusting to the blitzing and pressure from the Buccaneers' defense.

For Foxwell, Bennett's system means making quick decisions to get his teammates open and keep everyone involved.

"Randy's just giving me the opportunity to go out there, run the team and give the guys the best shot possible," Foxwell said.

Foxwell's responsibility was evident throughout the game. The Sun Devils always looked to make the extra pass to help create open looks, something Bennett emphasized at Saint Mary's.

Despite the improvements offensively, Bennett's defensive expectations are still a work in progress. Murauskas followed Bennett from Saint Mary's to Arizona State and wasn't satisfied with the defensive effort, since he knows the standard.

"I don't think we played great tonight," Murauskas said. "I'm not satisfied with it, but it's good that we grabbed the win. That's the most important thing."

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Rosie's House brings a season of music, community to Phoenix

Free student concerts, Ovation Gala, citywide Make Music Phoenix highlight nonprofit's 2026-27 calendar

Special to Independent Newsmedia

Rosie's House will put young musicians in the spotlight throughout its 2026-27 season with free concerts, its annual fundraising gala, and a citywide celebration of music.

The Phoenix nonprofit provides free music education to more than 1,000 children and teens, with programs ranging from early childhood music through instrumental and vocal instruction, mariachi ensembles, digital music composition and summer camps. Its upcoming signature events offer the public opportunities to hear students perform while supporting the organization's music education programs.



Piano instructor Kristal Ramsey guides a student through her lesson. (Photo provided by Rosie's House)

The season begins with Rosie's House's Annual Holiday Concert at 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 22 at The Madison Center for the Arts, 5601 N. 16th St., Phoenix. The free concert will feature students performing seasonal and traditional selections.

Students return to the stage for the Great Performers Showcase at 4 p.m. Feb. 28 in the Divine Performance Hall at Rosie's House, 919 E. Jefferson St. The free concert highlights students and the skills developed through their music studies.

Rosie's House will hold its Ovation Gala at 5:30 p.m. May 8 at Omni Scottsdale Resort & Spa at Montelucia in Paradise Valley. The nonprofit's primary annual fundraiser features student performances and live and silent auctions, with proceeds supporting free music instruction.

The season concludes June 21 with Make Music Phoenix, an all-day, free celebration featuring performances and activities at Rosie's House and locations throughout the city. Part of the international Make Music Day, the most recent Phoenix event included more than 100 artists and 70 activities and performances at more than 20 venues, drawing more than 3,400 participants. Additional event and program information is available at rosieshouse.org.

Goodyear Chalk Art in the Park adds new creative attractions

Special to Independent Newsmedia

Goodyear's annual Chalk Art in the Park will introduce two new activities this year, inviting residents to help create a community mural and decorate their own reusable tote bags.

The free, family-friendly event returns from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 14, at the Goodyear Recreation Campus, bringing together professional artists, high school students and residents for a day of sidewalk art, competitions and hands-on activities.

Among this year's additions is a Community Puzzle Mural led by local artist Dariana Trevizo. Participants will color individual squares that will be assembled into a larger artwork featuring contributions from throughout the community.

Residents can also decorate tote bags using stencils and fabric markers, creating personalized, reusable keepsakes to take home.

Eight professional chalk artists will compete for the People's Choice Award, while eight high school teams will vie for the traveling High School Challenge Cup. Community members can also create chalk artwork in designated squares, which may be reserved in advance or requested at the event.

Attendees will vote for their favorite artwork in three separate categories: professional artists, high school teams and individual community participants. People's Choice prizes will be awarded in each category.

A live DJ will provide music, while food trucks will offer coffee and a variety of options.

Chalk and additional art stations will be available.

Chalk Art in the Park welcomes visitors of all ages and artistic abilities. No previous chalk art experience is necessary.

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HOROSCOPES

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22

You are operating in full detective mode, Scorpio. Before you delve into a new mystery, focus on mastering a new skill or solving a work problem.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21

Sagittarius, your wanderlust is flaring up, even if your budget is more attuned to a walk around the neighborhood. Find a way to travel on the cheap this week.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20

Schedule some time on the calendar to for fun things, Capricorn. Resting is just as important as your amazing work ethic. Your efficiency will get a needed boost as a result.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18

Aquarius, your wildest ideas may be your best ones this week. Write them all down before they drift away. Others may feel differently about your plan, and that's alright.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20

Pisces, you are prone to daydreaming lately, but be sure to anchor yourself in reality from time to time. Turn imaginative vibes into creative pursuits.

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20

Aries, your energy levels are at 10, but all you need to get through the week is a 6. Conserve your energy for times when the demands on you are greater.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, comfort may be your strength this week, but don't let that transform you into a permanent couch potato. Figure out a way to get involved to stay busy.

GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21

You probably want to clear out the clutter of information running through your brain, Gemini. Pick a topic and focus on it exclusively for now. Surprising news comes mid-week.

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22

Cancer, your intuition is very sharp this week, so much so that you might start predicting others' behavior. Trust your gut on personal choices.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23

The spotlight may be on you right now, Leo. Take the stage, but share the glory with someone else. Collaborating on a creative project will yield better results than going solo.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22

Resist the urge to judge a friend's life choices, Virgo. You might want to micro-manage things, but save that for your own schedule and needs. A small tweak to your routine is beneficial.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23

Libra, make an effort to be more decisive this week. Don't ponder every decision for hours; pick the first option and stick with it. This will free up time.

SUDOKU

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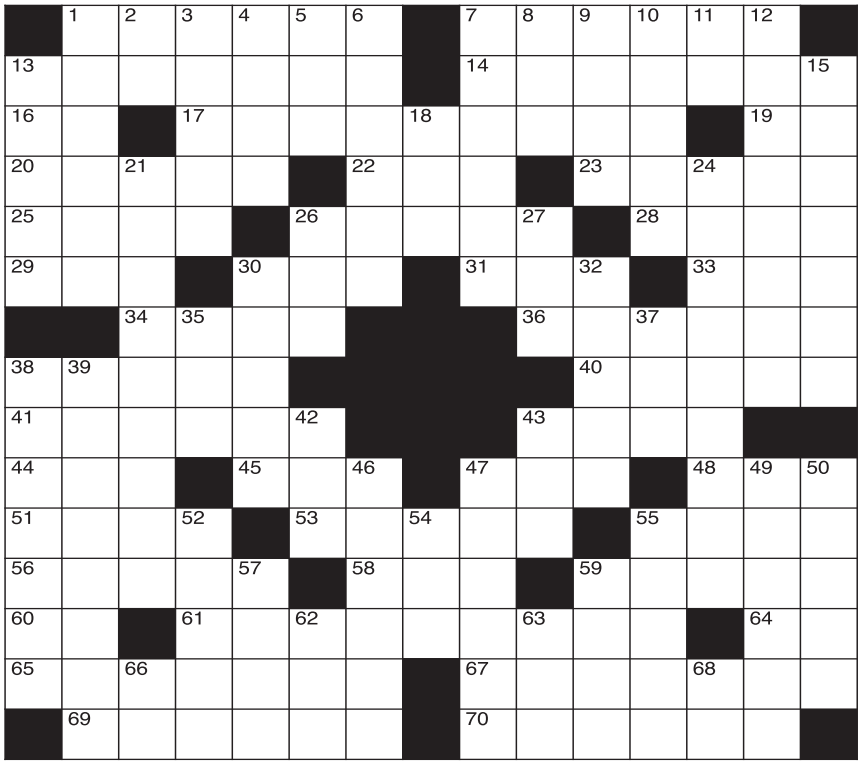
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Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes.

ANSWER:

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CROSSWORD



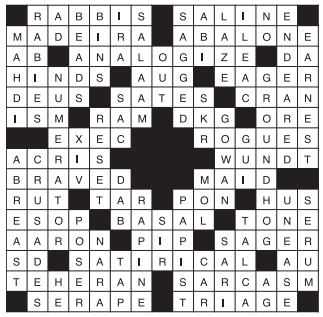
CLUES ACROSS

1. Spiritual leaders
7. Containing salt
13. Fortified wine
14. Edible mollusk
16. Blood type
17. Make a comparison
19. Government lawyer
20. "Game of Thrones" actor Ciaran
22. 8th month of the year (abbr.)
23. Very willing
25. __ ex machina
26. Satisfies
28. New Zealand mountain
29. A doctrine
30. Popular Dodge truck model
31. Dekagram
33. Naturally occurring solid material
34. Company higher-up
36. Villains
38. Cricket frog genus
40. Influential early psychologist
41. Endured
43. Servant
44. You can get stuck in one
45. __ and feather
47. Passive optical network
48. French ballet dynasty
51. Employee stock ownership plan
53. Forming a bottom layer
55. Sound
56. Yankees slugger Judge
58. Dickens character
59. Beloved late sportscaster Craig
60. "The Mount Rushmore State"
61. Sarcastic and critical
64. Atomic #79
65. Longtime Atlanta Braves pitcher
67. Humor
69. Shawl
70. Preliminary assessment of patients

CLUES DOWN

1. Animal disease
2. Commercial
3. Craft supplies
4. Containers
5. A way to save for your golden years
6. Common Arabic greeting
7. Bulged downward
8. Acquired brain injury
9. Lay about
10. Intestinal
11. Not yes
12. In a way, pleased
13. Messianic figure in Islam
15. Resulting from intense conviction
18. Not in
21. Number above the line in a fraction
24. Lawn pest
26. Pouch
27. Ancient language (abbr.)
30. Start anew
32. Wild flower
35. Fourteen
37. Graphical user interface
38. Facing the same way
39. Campaigns
42. Touch lightly
43. "Boardwalk Empire" actress Gretchen
46. Violent seizure of property
47. One who supports the Pope
49. Malaise
50. Body fluid
52. Inauthentic person
54. Title of respect
55. Moth genus
57. Central Japan city
59. Silk garment
62. Draw from
63. Automobile
66. A male
68. Powerful government lawyer

PUZZLE SOLUTION



YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD TO-DO LIST

FIRST FRIDAY
ABOUT: Friday, Nov. 6 throughout downtown and central Phoenix
INFO: Artlink's First Friday brings visitors to galleries, studios, arts spaces and businesses for exhibitions, performances and other activities.
WEB: artlinkphx.org

ANCIENT MUSIC
ABOUT: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday-Sunday, Nov. 6-8 at Musical Instrument Museum, 4725 E. Mayo Blvd., Phoenix
INFO: MIM celebrates the opening of "Unearthed Musical Masterpieces from the Southern Kingdoms of Ancient China" with performances, lion dances, curator talks, gallery tours and activities.
WEB: mim.org

LOCAL AUTHORS
ABOUT: 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7 at Burton Barr Central Library, 1221 N. Central Ave., Phoenix
INFO: Phoenix Public Library's Local Author Fair brings together more than 100 Arizona writers representing fiction, nonfiction, poetry, memoir and children's literature, with opportunities to meet authors and purchase signed books.
WEB: phoenixpubliclibrary.org

GRAND AVENUE
ABOUT: 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7 along Historic Grand Avenue in Phoenix
INFO: The free Grand Avenue Festival celebrates the arts district with art, live music, food and activities highlighting neighborhood artists and businesses.
WEB: historicgrandave.com



The Hondo Rodeo Fest takes place Nov. 13-15 at Chase Field. (Submtted by Hondo Rodeo Fest)

FALL FESTIVAL
ABOUT: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7 at Margaret T. Hance Park, 1202 N. Third St., Phoenix
INFO: Local First Arizona's 20th Certified Local Fall Festival showcases more than 250 Arizona businesses along with food, local makers and entertainment.
WEB: localfirstaz.com

RODEO, MUSIC
ABOUT: Friday-Sunday, Nov. 13-15 at Chase Field, 401 E. Jefferson St., Phoenix
INFO: The Hondo Rodeo Fest combines professional rodeo competition with concerts by Tim McGraw, Miranda Lambert, Blake Shelton, Turnpike Troubadours, Parker McCollum and Lynyrd Skynyrd.
WEB: hondorodeofest.com

MUSICAL KNIGHTS
ABOUT: 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 13-14, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 15 at Symphony Hall, 75 N. Second St., Phoenix
INFO: The Phoenix Symphony presents "Music of the Knights," featuring music associated with Andrew Lloyd Webber, Elton John and Paul McCartney.
WEB: phoenixsymphony.org

FESTIVAL OF ARTS
ABOUT: 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 14 at Herberger Theater Center, 222 E. Monroe St., Phoenix
INFO: The free Festival of the Arts features live performances, artist demonstrations, about 30 artisan and vendor booths and children's activities.
WEB: herbergertheater.org

PIZZA FESTIVAL
ABOUT: 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 14, and 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 15 at Margaret T. Hance Park, 1202 N. Third St., Phoenix
INFO: Phoenix Pizza Festival features local pizza makers, live music, craft beer, lawn games, vendors and a children's zone.
WEB: phxpizzafest.com

STAGE AND SCREEN
ABOUT: Saturday, Nov. 14 at Pioneer Arizona Living History Museum, 3901 W. Pioneer Road, Phoenix
INFO: The inaugural Phoenix Stage & Screen Festival features independent films, live theater, outdoor music, local artists, vendors and food.
WEB: phxssfest.org

'MARY POPPINS'
ABOUT: Opens 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 18 at The Phoenix Theatre Company, 1825 N. Central Ave., Phoenix
INFO: The Phoenix Theatre Company opens its production of Disney and Cameron Mackintosh's

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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.**

IN EVENTS
The Mesa Independent will host its Expo at 9 a.m. Fri., Nov. 13 at Mesa Market Place Swap Meet. Individuals wishing to participate may reach out to the sales team.
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"Mary Poppins." Performances continue through Jan. 3.
WEB: phoenixtheatre.com

PORTAL FEST

ABOUT: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21 at S'edav Va'aki Museum, 4619 E. Washington St., Phoenix
INFO: The free eighth annual Portal Fest features Indigenous music, dance, storytelling, artist demonstrations and programming about the Ancestral Sonoran Desert People.
WEB: phoenix.gov

FAIRE AT SQUARE

ABOUT: Saturday, Nov. 21 at The Square PHX, 113 N. Sixth St., Phoenix
INFO: The free Faire @ The Square is a family-friendly festival and winter artisan market at Heritage & Science Park in downtown Phoenix.
WEB: thesquarephx.org

CULINARY JOURNEY

ABOUT: 5:30-7:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21 at Musical Instrument Museum, 4725 E. Mayo Blvd., Phoenix
INFO: "Echoes of the Southern Kingdoms: A Culinary Journey" pairs a five-course dinner inspired by ancient China with access to MIM's "Unearthed Musical Masterpieces" exhibition. Tickets are $150.
WEB: mim.org

'MURDER, SHE WROTE'

ABOUT: 7:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Nov. 28-29 at Herberger Theater Center, 222 E. Monroe St., Phoenix
INFO: "Solve-Along-A-Murder-She-Wrote" combines an interactive screening of the television mystery series with comedy, games, prizes and audience participation.
WEB: herbergertheater.org



"The Arizona Nutcracker" will be on stage at The Madison Center for the Arts Dec. 19-20. (Submitted/The Arizona Nutcracker)

HEY ARNOLD! LIVE

ABOUT: 8 p.m. Monday, Nov. 30 at The Van Buren, 401 W. Van Buren St., Phoenix
INFO: Composer Jim Lang and the PS 118 All Stars perform music from Nickelodeon's "Hey Arnold!" live.
WEB: thevanburenphx.com

ZOOLIGHTS

ABOUT: 5:30-10:30 p.m. nightly, Dec. 1-31, at Phoenix Zoo, 455 N. Galvin Parkway, Phoenix
INFO: The Phoenix Zoo's annual holiday celebration features millions of lights, illuminated animal displays and a floating Christmas tree light show. A sensory-friendly evening with reduced sound and flashing lights is scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 8, with separate tickets required.
WEB: phoenixzoo.org/events/zoolights

'DIE HARD: A CHRISTMAS CAROL'

ABOUT: Select performances Dec. 3-30 at Playhouse on the Park, 1850 N. Central Ave., Phoenix
INFO: All Puppet Players combines the action movie "Die Hard" with Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" in an irreverent, adult-oriented puppet production. The show is recommended for audiences ages 17 and older.
WEB: allpuppetplayers.com

LAS NOCHES DE LAS LUMINARIAS

ABOUT: 5-9:30 p.m. Dec. 4-6, 11-13, 16-23 and 26-31 at Desert Botanical Garden, 1201 N. Galvin Parkway, Phoenix
INFO: Thousands of luminarias illuminate the Garden's desert trails, accompanied by holiday lighting, live entertainment and seasonal displays. The event also features the floral art installation "Super Bloom." Tickets required.
WEB: dbg.org

APS ELECTRIC LIGHT PARADE

ABOUT: 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, beginning at Central and Montebello avenues and ending at Seventh Street and Indian School Road, Phoenix
INFO: Phoenix's 39th annual Electric Light Parade features illuminated floats, holiday displays and entries from community organizations and businesses. Spectators should anticipate road closures along the parade route.
WEB: phoenix.gov

PHOESTIVUS HOLIDAY MARKET

ABOUT: 4-10 p.m. Fridays, Dec. 11 and 18, at Arizona Center, 455 N. Third St., Phoenix
INFO: The downtown holiday market features more than 175 local vendors selling handmade gifts, artwork, food and other merchandise, along with live music and entertainment. Admission is free.
WEB: phoestivus.com

'THE ARIZONA NUTCRACKER'

ABOUT: 1 and 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 19, and 1 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 20, at The Madison Center for the Arts, 5601 N. 16th St., Phoenix
INFO: Dance Studio 111 presents a holiday ballet featuring young dancers, festive costumes and traditional Nutcracker characters. Afternoon performances include indoor snowfall, a singalong and opportunities to meet Santa and cast members afterward.
WEB: themadison.org/az-nutcracker

HOLIDAYS AT THE HEARD

ABOUT: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday-Tuesday, Dec. 26-29, at Heard Museum, 2301 N. Central Ave., Phoenix
INFO: The museum's holiday celebration features Indigenous dance performances, live music, art activities and outdoor art walks. Scheduled performers include the Pee-Posh Bird Singers and Dancers, Yellowhouse Dancers and Yellow Bird Productions. Outdoor holiday activities are free; regular admission applies to museum galleries.
WEB: heard.org/event/holidays

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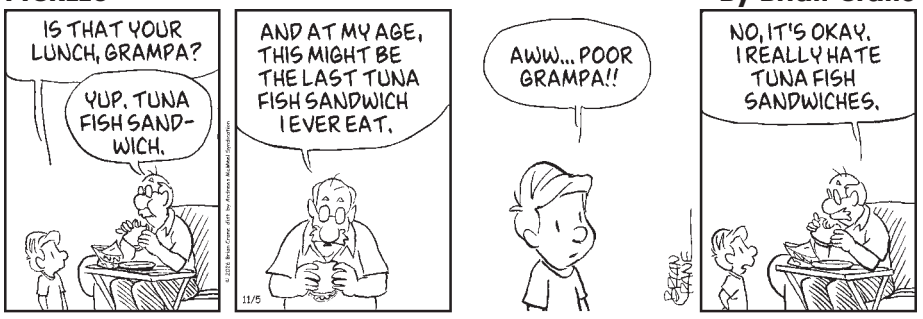
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"Not everything that is brought into the house is for you."

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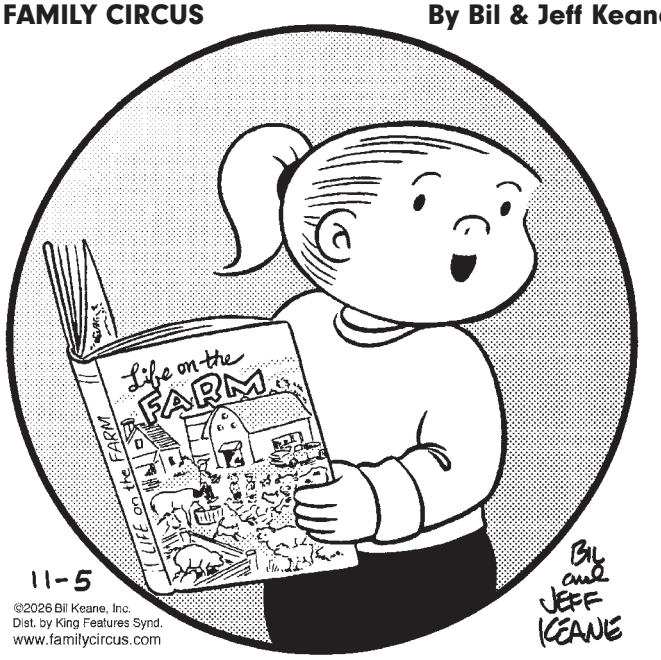
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"Farm kids are lucky. They have a whole petting zoo in their backyard."

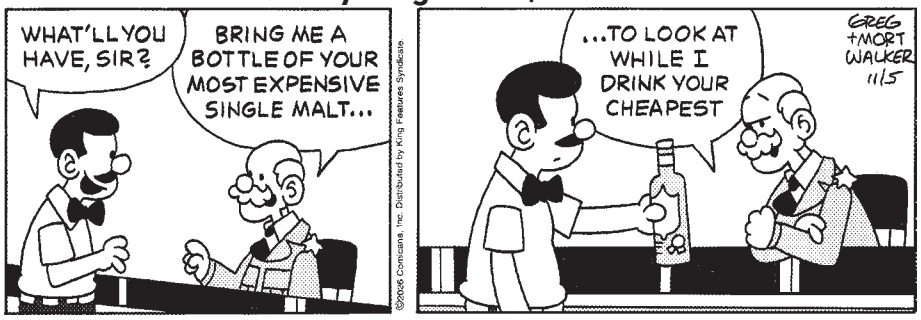
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BEETLE BAILEY

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

Nov. 5

Thursday, Nov. 5, the 309th day of 2026.

On Nov. 5, 1872, suffragist Susan B. Anthony defied the law by casting a vote in the presidential election; she was later arrested and charged with "knowingly voting without having a lawful right to vote." Found guilty at trial, she was fined $100, which she refused to pay.

Also on this date:

In 1605, the "Gunpowder Plot" failed as Guy Fawkes was seized before he could blow up the English Parliament; Fawkes and his co-conspirators were later convicted of treason and hanged.

In 1912, Democrat Woodrow Wilson was elected president, defeating Progressive Party candidate Theodore Roosevelt, incumbent Republican William Howard Taft and Socialist Eugene V. Debs.

In 1930, novelist Sinclair Lewis became the first American to win the Nobel Prize in Literature.

In 1940, Democratic incumbent Franklin D. Roosevelt won an unprecedented third term as president, defeating Republican challenger Wendell L. Willkie.

In 1968, Republican Richard M. Nixon won the presidency, defeating Democratic Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey and American Independent Party candidate George C. Wallace.

In 1994, George Foreman became the oldest heavyweight boxing champion at age 45, knocking out Michael Moorer in the 10th round of their title bout.

In 1996, President Bill Clinton won a second term in the White House, defeating Republican Bob Dole.

In 2006, Saddam Hussein was convicted of crimes against humanity and sentenced by the Iraqi High Tribunal to death by hanging.

In 2009, a shooting rampage at the Fort Hood Army post in Texas left 13 people dead and wounded more than 30; Maj. Nidal Hasan, an Army psychiatrist, was later convicted of murder and sentenced to death. He remains in prison on death row.

In 2017, a man armed with an assault rifle opened fire in the First Baptist Church in Sutherland Springs, Texas, killing more than two dozen people; the shooter, Devin Patrick Kelley, was later found dead from a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

In 2021, fans at a Houston music festival surged toward the stage during a performance by rapper Travis Scott, triggering panic that left 10 people dead and many more injured.

In 2024, Republican former President Donald Trump was elected to a second term, defeating Democratic Vice President Kamala Harris; he was the second president, after Grover Cleveland in 1892, to be elected to a nonconsecutive second term.

CELEBRITY BIRTHDAYS

- Singer **Art Garfunkel** is 85.
- Singer **Peter Noone** is 79.
- Singer **Bryan Adams** is 67.
- Actor **Tilda Swinton** is 66.
- Actor **Tatum O'Neal** is 63.
- Actor **Judy Reyes** is 59.
- Actor **Seth Gilliam** is 58.
- Actor **Sam Rockwell** is 58.
- Musician **Jonny Greenwood** is 55.
- Golfer **Bubba Watson** is 48.
- Olympic gold medal marathoner **Eliud Kipchoge** is 42.
- Musician **Kevin Jonas** is 39.
- Retired NFL player **Jason Kelce** is 39.
- Country singer **Tucker Wetmore** is 27.
- Actor **Julian Lerner** is 19.

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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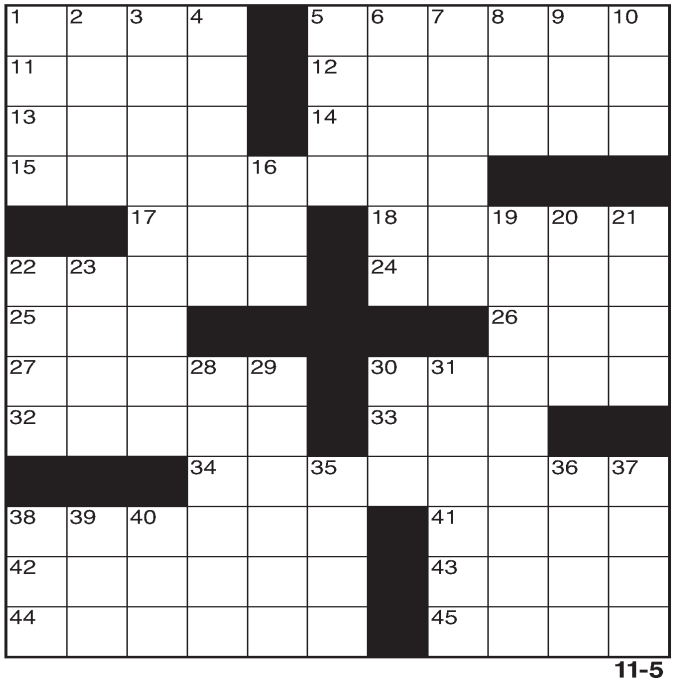
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11 Lake near Buffalo
12 Fictional castaway
13 Poet Sexton
14 "Are you glad I'm back?"
15 Reward for sitting
17 Summer sign
18 Union chapter
22 Vigilant
24 Trap
25 Take notes
26 Gun, as a motor
27 Attests
30 Clinic cost
32 Kidney-related
33 Poem of praise
34 Cambridge coin
38 Get by
41 Sax great Getz
42 Come into sight
43 Broadcast
44 Christmas tree stuff
45 Dance and music, e.g.

DOWN

1 Honeyed drink
2 Florence's river
3 John who directed "Boyz n the Hood"
4 Wobble
5 High point
6 Ordeals
7 John who directed "The African Queen"
8 Curvy letter
9 — de plume
10 Take in
16 Nonsense
19 John who directed "Hallow-een"
20 Vicinity
21 Impose, as taxes
22 Not quite closed
23 Cherish
28 John who directed "Hair-spray"
29 Hammer type
30 Force member
31 Texas city
35 Seasonal song
36 Jargon
37 Cuts off
38 Ran into
39 Paris pal
40 Filmmaker Burns

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Yesterday's answer



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ITALY'S FRASASSI CAVES — **Solution: 8 letters**

S	M	I	N	E	R	A	L	S	E	E	K	E	R	S
S	T	A	L	A	C	T	I	T	E	S	O	L	F	S
Y	C	A	R	T	I	F	A	C	T	S	R	Y	L	A
G	A	I	L	C	A	N	D	L	E	S	G	L	O	N
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T	S	U	A	S	A	E	I	E	N	H	I	R	O	A
N	R	T	T	C	G	B	X	T	T	A	P	V	N	V
O	E	A	I	A	O	E	Y	P	E	I	E	E	E	R
E	B	N	S	N	C	L	N	R	L	S	S	L	T	E
L	M	S	O	H	R	(D)	U	G	I	O	L	S	K	S
A	A	R	O	A	(N)	A	E	M	A	N	R	O	C	E
P	H	E	R	(I)	T	A	G	E	N	A	T	E	O	R
C	C	E	(W)	R	R	D	A	R	K	S	K	H	R	P

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Yesterday's Answer: Nine to Five

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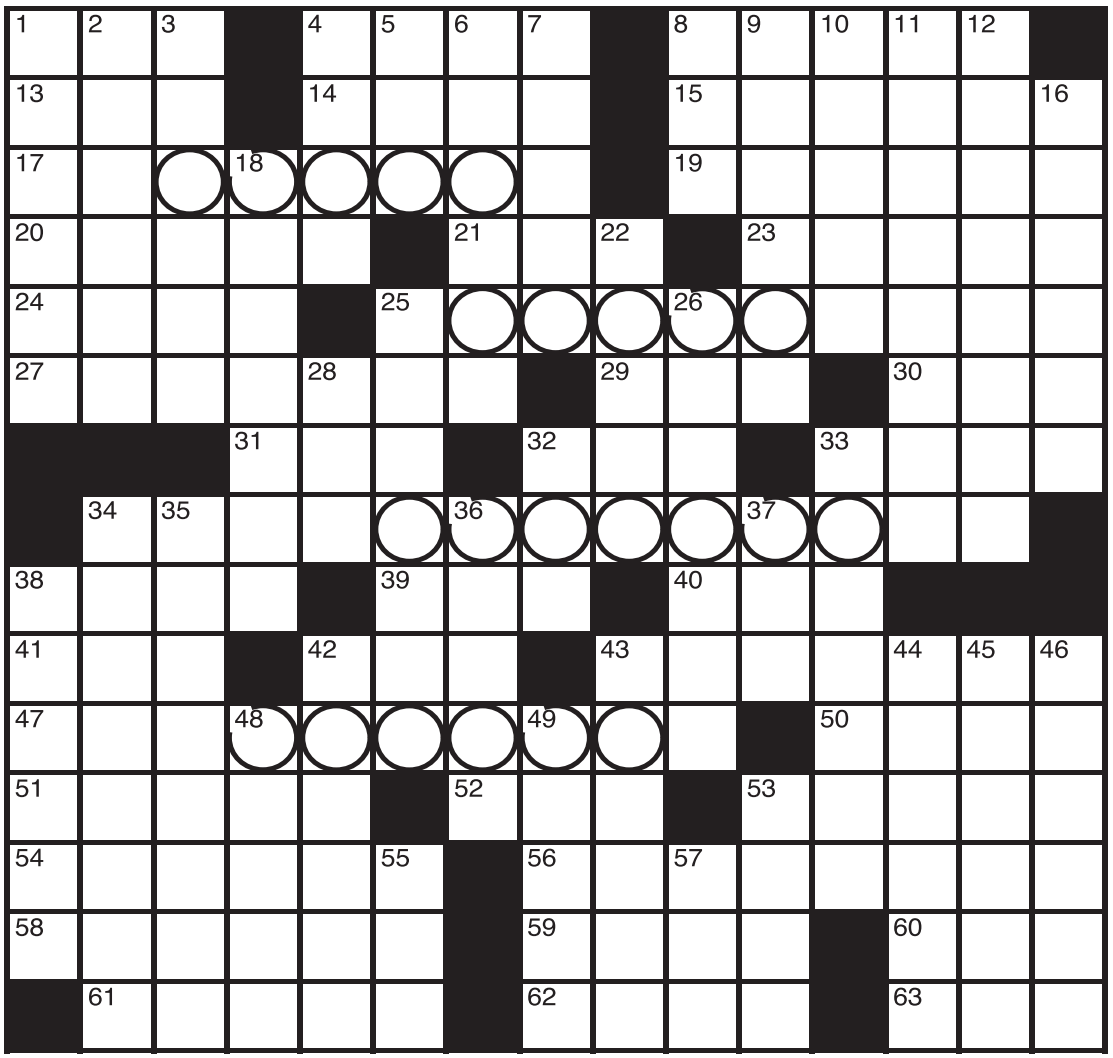
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ACROSS

1 "So mad!"
4 Fill up
8 Curses
13 Filmmaker Ang
14 Mosque leader
15 Hosts
17 Destination for a team bus
19 "Don't panic"
20 Italian city with a big Fashion Week
21 Significant phase
23 Pico de __
24 Proper partner
25 Hair product that often contains cornstarch
27 "Me Talk Pretty One Day" writer David
29 Faux follower
30 Furrow
31 Ad __ committee
32 Corral
33 Anya's "The Queen's Gambit" role
34 Dried or fried fruity snacks
38 Some pub pints
39 "20/20" network
40 "Yikes"
41 Vietnamese New Year
42 "Give __ try!"
43 Bike alternative
47 Extremely terse voicemail message
50 Show up
51 Central Plains people
52 German "Bah!"
53 Sasha Obama's sister
54 Emmy-winning drama with primarily Japanese dialogue
56 Many a house wine, or what can be found in each set of circled letters
58 El __ tequila
59 "Bugonia" actress Stone
60 Mama deer
61 Direct (to)
62 Min. parts
63 Bruins great Bobby

DOWN

1 Stays in a heated yurt, perhaps
2 Alter, as neural pathways
3 Passport alternative for U.S. domestic travelers
4 Talk with one's hands?
5 Reddit session with a celeb guest
6 Some big animal handlers
7 Nail file material
8 Food blogger Perelman
9 Some fatty acids
10 Thinker with a "razor"
11 Cook for the week ahead, say
12 People accused of losing artistic integrity
16 Slick
18 Some motorcycles and keyboards
22 Setting of the annual Food & Wine Classic
25 Use voice-to-text technology
26 "Round Midnight" Oscar winner Herbie
28 Baseball analyst Darling
32 Quick snapshot
33 Like some lenses
34 Vegan-friendly fabric
35 Blow off steam
36 Addis __, Ethiopia
37 "Oh, boo-__!"
38 Without markup
42 "No doubt in my mind"
43 Plot
44 Lake Erie port
45 Key related to G major
46 Bookworm
48 __ lamb
49 Griffith Park's 4,210+
53 Wharton degs.
55 Neither partner
57 Rap trio Run-__



By Emily Biegas

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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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O	S	E		T	I	D	E			B	O	S	O	X
R	H	Y	T	H	M	A	N	D	B	O	O	S		
			E	S	P	Y		E	R	I	T	R	E	A
A	M	O	R				A	M	E	N		O	A	R
C	A	L	I	F	O	R	N	I	A	G	H	O	S	T
C	U	D		A	B	E	T				A	M	E	S
T	I	E	C	L	I	P		K	I	A	S			
		L	O	S	T	O	N	E	S	G	H	O	U	L
A	M	P	L	E			A	R	I	A		S	N	O
L	O	A	M		I	D	O	N	T	S	C	A	R	E
M	A	S	A		N	O	M	E		P	O	K	E	S
A	N	O	N		N	E	I	L			G	A	P	S

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
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Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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

"_____"

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: SALSA UDDER SENTRY UPHELD
Answer: Even without a tuxedo, the porcupine was — SHARPLY DRESSED

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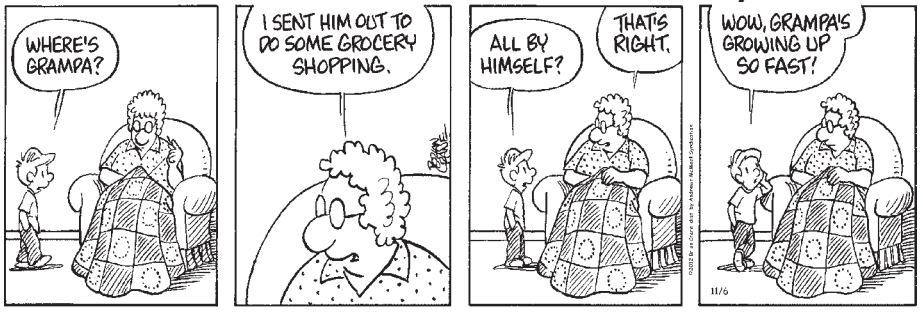
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"Well, that certainly was some walk."

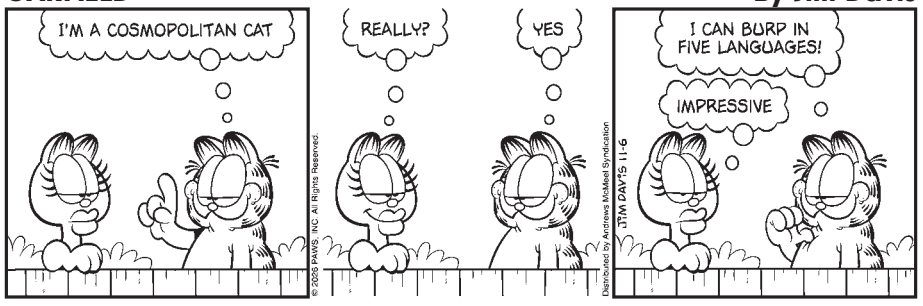
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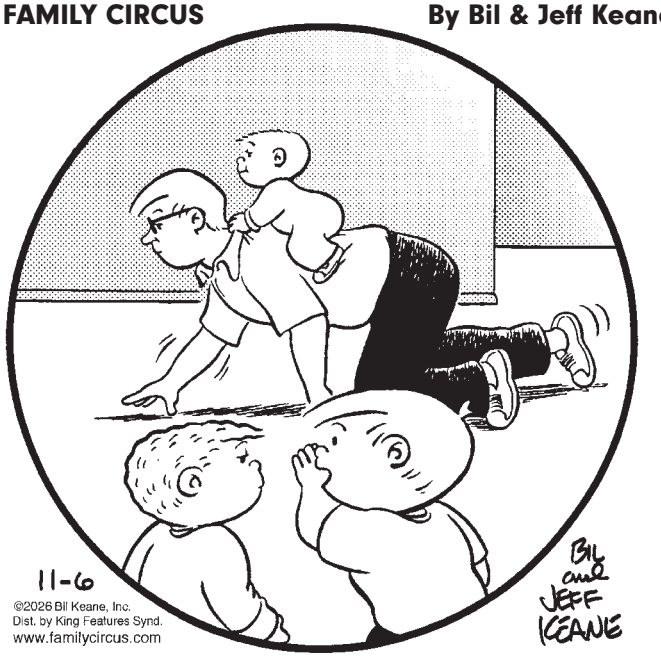
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"When PJ gets too old for that, I guess we'll hafta put Daddy out to pasture."

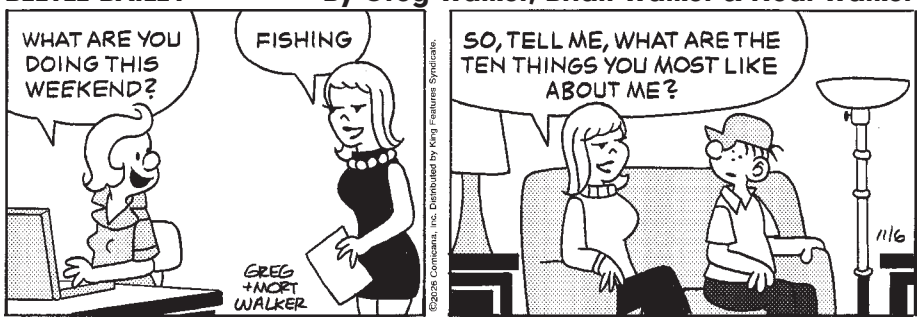
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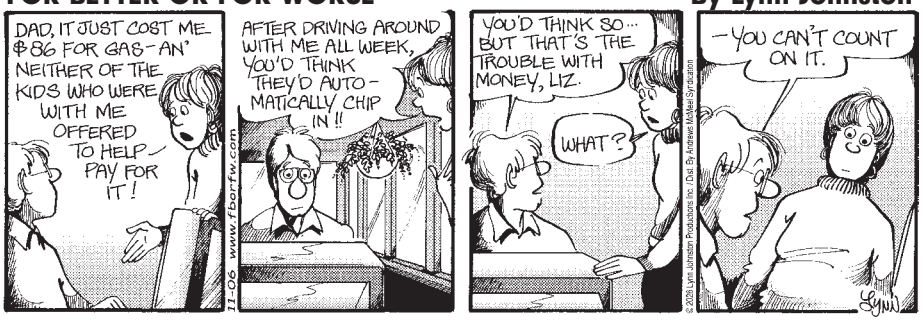
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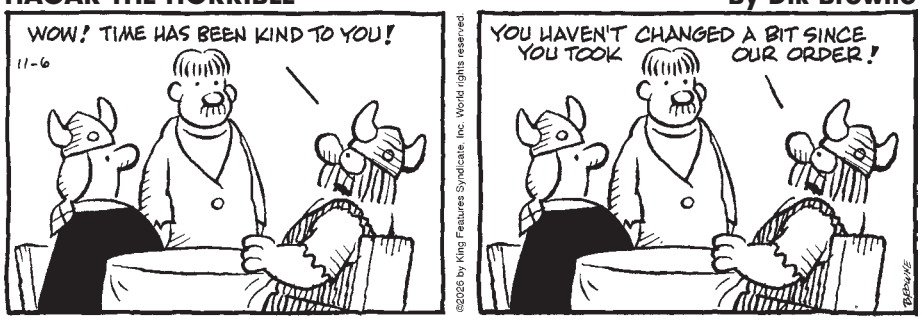
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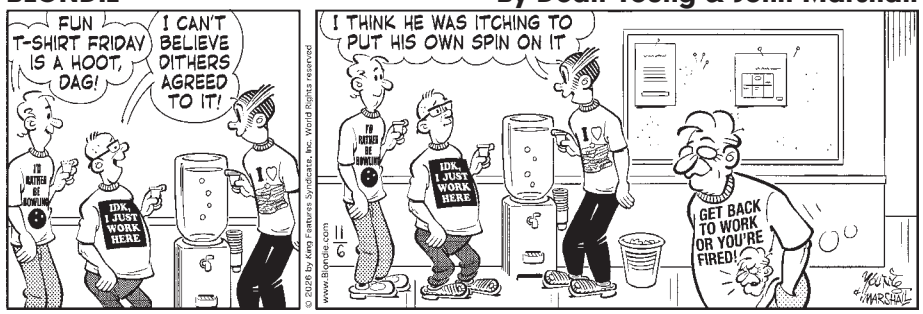
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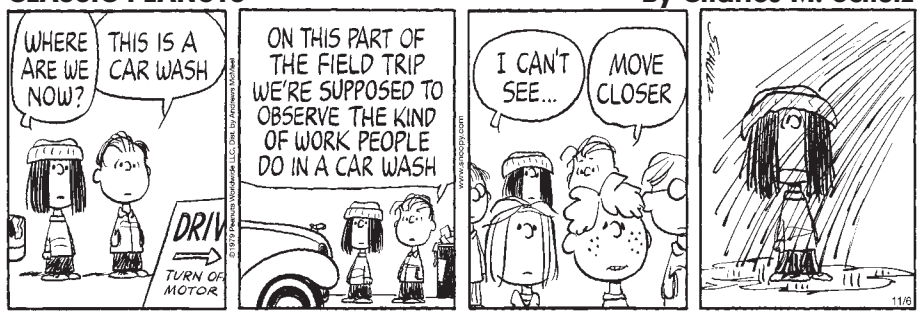
BLONDIE

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CLASSIC PEANUTS

By Charles M. Schulz



TODAY IN HISTORY

Nov. 6

Friday, Nov. 6, is the 310th day of 2026.

On Nov. 6, 1860, former Illinois congressman Abraham Lincoln of the Republican Party was elected president of the United States as he defeated John Breckinridge, John Bell and Stephen Douglas.

Also on this date:

In 1861, an unopposed Jefferson Davis was elected to a six-year term as president of the Confederate States of America, after serving much of the year as its provisional president.

In 1888, Republican presidential candidate Benjamin Harrison won the electoral vote over incumbent Democrat Grover Cleveland, despite Cleveland gaining 90,000 more total votes; it would be the last time the popular vote winner would lose the election until 2000.

In 1947, "Meet the Press" made its debut on NBC; the host was the show's co-creator, Martha Rountree, and it would become the longest-running television program in the United States.

In 1956, President Dwight D. Eisenhower won reelection, defeating Democratic nominee Adlai Stevenson II for the second time.

In 1977, 39 people, mostly students, were killed when the Kelly Barnes Dam in Georgia burst, sending a wall of water through Toccoa Falls College.

In 1984, President Ronald Reagan won reelection by a landslide over former Vice President Walter Mondale. The Democratic challenger won just one state, his native Minnesota.

In 2012, President Barack Obama won reelection, vanquishing Republican former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney with 332 electoral votes to Romney's 206.

In 2018, the U.N. Human Rights Office reported that more than 200 mass graves containing the remains of thousands of victims had been discovered in areas formerly controlled by the Islamic State group in Iraq.

In 2022, a passenger plane crashed into Lake Victoria as it approached an airport in Tanzania, killing 19 people aboard.

In 2025, Speaker Emerita Nancy Pelosi announced she would not seek reelection to the U.S. House, closing out a career as the first woman in the speaker's office and one of the era's most influential American politicians.

CELEBRITY BIRTHDAYS

- Actor **Sally Field** is 80.
- Jazz musician **Arturo Sandoval** is 77.
- Author **Michael Cunningham** is 74.
- Journalist-author **Maria Shriver** is 71.
- Author **Colson Whitehead** is 57.
- Actor **Ethan Hawke** is 56.
- Actor **Thandiwe Newton** is 54.
- Model-actor **Rebecca Romijn** is 54.
- Actor **Taryn Manning** is 48.
- Actor **Emma Stone** is 38.
- Comedian-actor **Bowen Yang** is 36.
- Actor Hero **Fiennes Tiffin** is 29.
- MLB All-Star baseball player **Alejandro Kirk** is 28.
- Olympic swimming gold medalist **Bobby Finke** is 27.

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

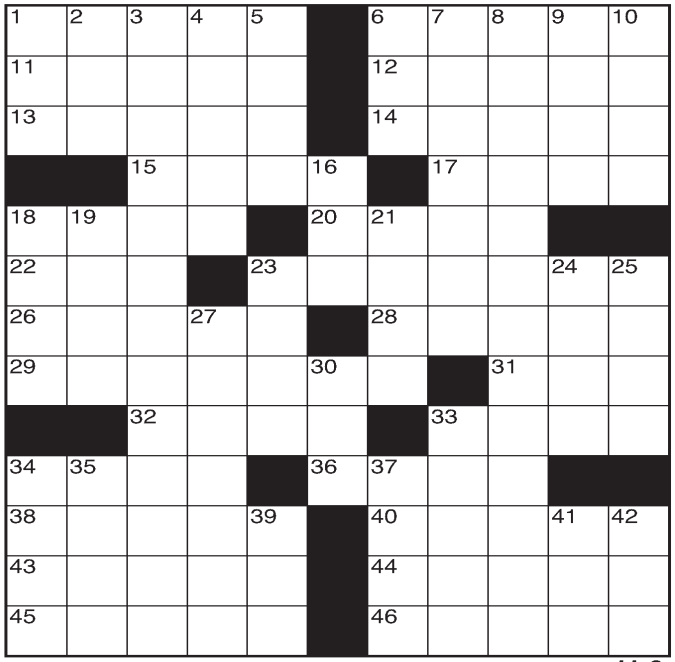
1 Ready to swing
6 Owed amounts
11 Madame Curie
12 Skylit lobbies
13 Printer's need
14 Microwave sounds
15 Utah ski resort
17 Reckless
18 Tour de France vehicle
20 Weasel relative
22 Print measures
23 "Guernica" painter
26 Contest form
28 John of music
29 Casual tops
31 Rhythmic sound
32 Adam's grandson
33 Soccer's "Black Pearl"
34 Mansion part
36 Drawer feature
38 "Hello" singer
40 Give an address
43 Home of some alligators
44 Bolshevik leader
45 Briskness
46 Invited

DOWN

1 Band blaster
2 Black goo
3 Informs of recent events
4 Usher's place
5 Final, for one
6 Bit of ointment
7 Unending
8 Wins big at a casino
9 Waiting rewards
10 Window part
16 Bordeaux buddy
18 Borscht veggie
19 Hostels
21 Chilled desserts
23 Firebug
24 Music genre
25 "My treat!"
27 Lock of hair
30 Chiding sound
33 Skin openings
34 Scrub
35 Concept
37 The Big Easy, informally
39 Before, in poems
41 Bind
42 Purpose

M	A	S	T	■	A	T	H	E	N	S
E	R	I	E	■	C	R	U	S	O	E
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Yesterday's answer



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OLIVIA MUNN (ACTRESS) — **Solution: 7 letters**

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M	C	D	N	O	I	T	C	A	G	V	F	M	E	I
I	O	T	I	F	N	I	B	N	O	A	E	U	N	G
N	R	O	I	T	O	O	I	L	N	N	I	L	A	A
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R	E	V	O	C	E	S	E	M	A	N	T	E	I	V

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Yesterday's Answer: Landmark

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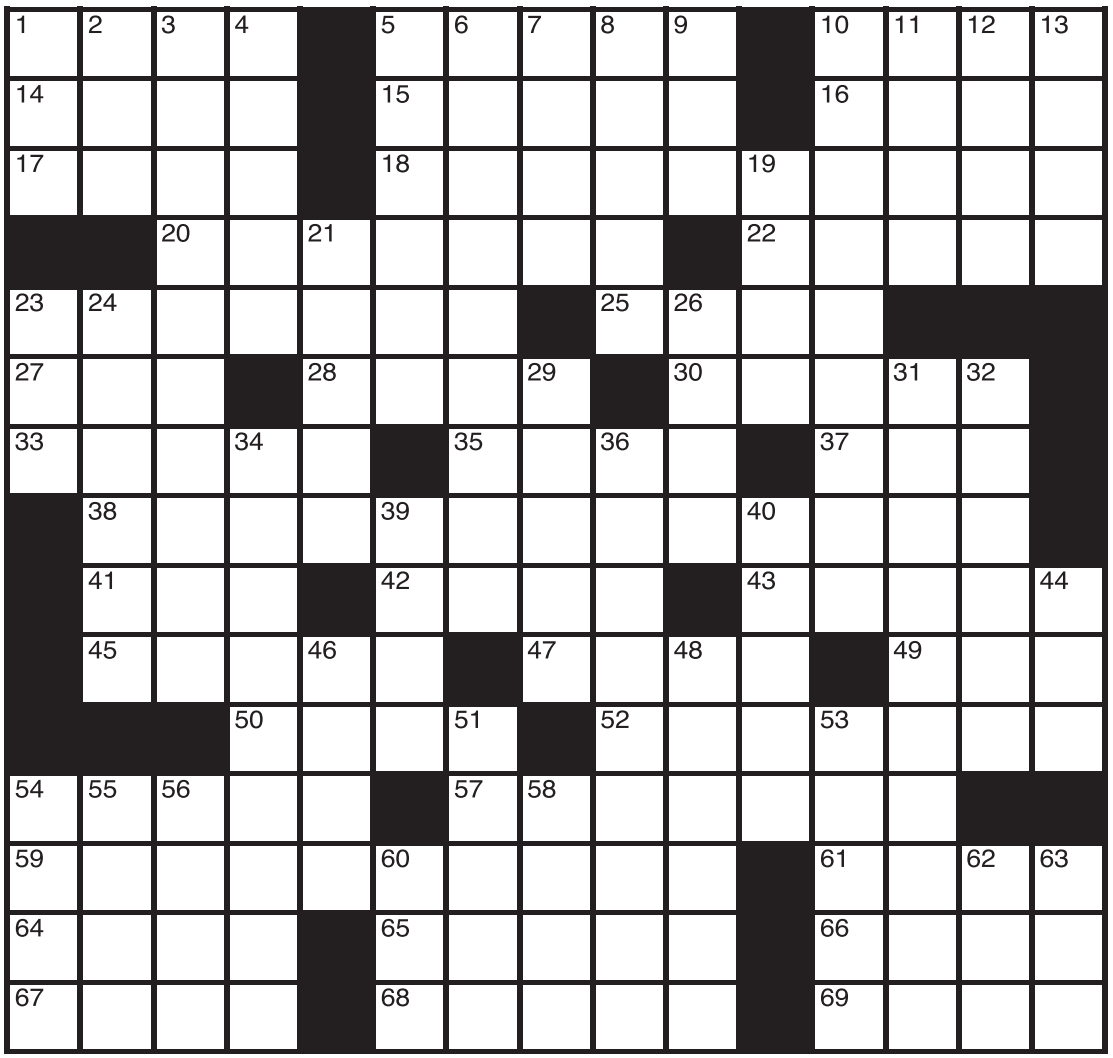
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ACROSS

1 Wilts
5 Lacking the knack
10 Each, informally
14 Monkey's fist, for one
15 James of "North by Northwest"
16 At its prime, in a way
17 Online chat status
18 Go with the flow?
20 Reduce the importance of
22 Osso buco cut
23 Early tourney rounds
25 Storage tower
27 German article
28 Clothes line
30 Herding breed that originated in Wales
33 Sponsor, as a stretch of highway
35 Exceed 21 at a casino, say
37 Legged it
38 Go wild?
41 Shrill cry
42 Part of AM
43 Make quickly, as eggs
45 Not just dreaming about
47 One, for two
49 It's mined, all mined!
50 Noun suffix
52 Handout to a passerby
54 Tempo slower than adagio
57 Gulped down
59 Go vegan?
61 "Could not agree more"
64 Sting operators?
65 "Alice in Wonderland" instruction
66 Prefix with quit or bait
67 Point of view
68 Optional stair part
69 With 23-Down, stir-fry vegetable

DOWN

1 Compete in the super-G, e.g.
2 "Is there more to this story?"
3 Go blond?
4 __ wool
5 "Sign me up!"
6 Paperless filing center?
7 Genesis sibling
8 Southern cornmeal cakes
9 Letters on red Minecraft blocks
10 Hybrid subgenre for Ari Aster and Jordan Peele
11 Kebab bread
12 Kick off
13 Added benefit
19 Scandinavian city served by Gardermoen Airport
21 Far-reaching outlook
23 See 69-Across
24 Like Ruffles
26 Sugar-coated, in a way
29 Cave entrance
31 Go figure?
32 Create a policy for
34 Toy breed that originated in China
36 Touch base in an unusual way?
39 License plates
40 Ingredient used by nose-to-tail chefs
44 Caress
46 Inert gas
48 More economical
51 Red Sea peninsula
53 Psychoanalysis topics
54 Pride Month letters
55 Side by side?
56 Raise a big stink?
58 Minor complaints
60 Poetic contraction
62 I, to Claudius
63 Still in the box

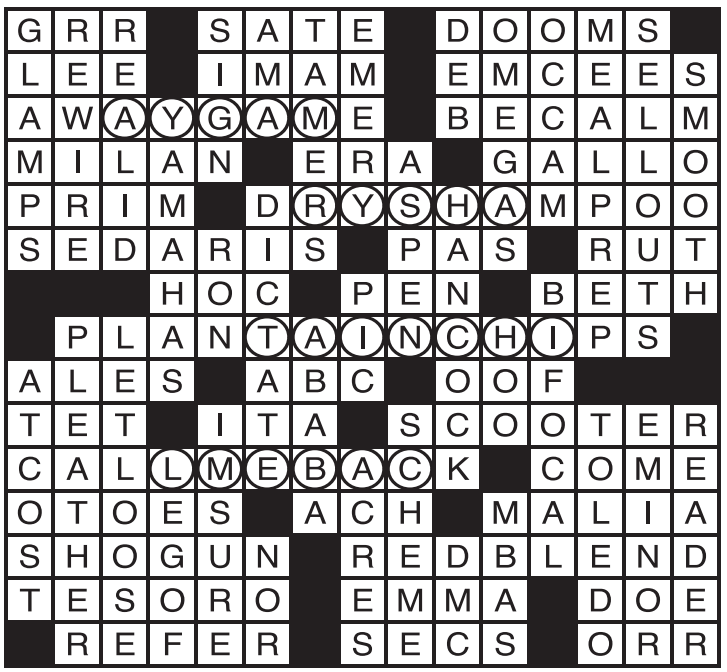


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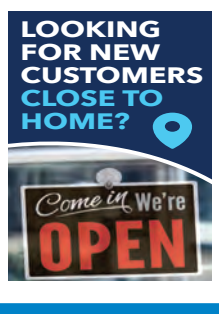
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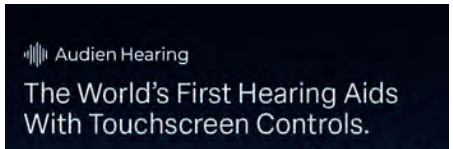
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NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING

Please be advised, Ramon Meza with Pathangay Architects, LLCS, will host a Neighborhood Meeting to discuss the project referenced below. Any member of the public may participate in this conversation as it pertains to this project by utilizing the access information provided under Meeting Details below. According to Surprise Municipal Code, the applicant is required to host a Neighborhood Meeting to present their project to the public while soliciting feedback and providing answers to questions. Please note, the City of Surprise is not the host of this meeting; however, the assigned City Planner will be available to provide information as needed in response to inquiries received from residents.

Applicant: Ramon Meza, 602-500-9513, meza@pathangayarchitects.com

City of Surprise: Tanner Wessel, 623-222-3137, tanner.wessel@surpriseaz.gov

NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING DETAILS (REVISED)

DATE: **Monday, November 23, 2026**

TIME: 6:00 PM

PHYSICAL LOCATION:
Surprise Community & Resource Center – Mancini Room
12641 W. Santa Fe Drive
Surprise, AZ 85378

MEETING LOCATION



PROJECT LOCATION



PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

A proposed rezone of 4.19 acres from Community Commercial (C-2) to Regional Commercial (C-3) located at the SWC of Dysart Road and Westgate Drive. Surprise Planning Case FS25-0227.

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Public Notice

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-07

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CAVE CREEK, MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA, AMENDING THE OFFICIAL TOWN OF CAVE CREEK ZONING MAP BY CHANGING THE UNDERLYING ZONE OF PARCELS 211-16-017, 211-16-018, 211-16-024, 211-17-042, AND 211-17-043, WHICH IS COMMONLY KNOWN AS "PA SEITTS PRESERVE" FROM DESERT RURAL 190 (DR-190) TO OPEN SPACE CONSERVATION (OSC) WHICH TOTALS APPROXIMATELY 272 ACRES AS DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT A AND DEPICTED IN EXHIBIT B

WHEREAS, Zoning Case No. Z-26-05 has been noticed for public hearing pursuant to the Town of Cave Creek Zoning Ordinance and the Statutes of the State of Arizona.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Cave Creek, Arizona, as follows:

Section 1: That the Zoning Map is hereby amended to reflect that parcels 211-16-017, 211-16-018, 211-16-024, 211-17-042, AND 211-17-043 , which total approximately 130 acres, described by the attached legal description (EXHIBIT A) and depicted in (EXHIBIT B) and are rezoned from Desert Rural Residential (DR-190) to Open Space Conservation (OSC)

Section 2: If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY the Mayor and Council of the Town of Cave Creek, Arizona, this 20th day of October, 2026 to be effective upon expiration of a thirty (30) day period following the adoption hereof and completion of notice and publication pursuant to A.R.S. §9-812.

ATTESTED TO:

Teresa Riza

Teresa Riza, Town Clerk

FOR THE TOWN OF CAVE CREEK:

Robert Morris

Robert Morris, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

William J. Sims

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Public Notice

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-04

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CAVE CREEK, MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA, AMENDING THE OFFICIAL TOWN OF CAVE CREEK ZONING MAP BY CHANGING THE UNDERLYING ZONE OF PARCELS 216-06-013C AND 216-06-013D, FROM DESERT RURAL 89 (DR-89) TO OPEN SPACE CONSERVATION (OSC). WHICH TOTALS 2.2 ACRES AS DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT A AND DEPICTED IN EXHIBIT B

WHEREAS, Zoning Case No. Z-26-02 has been noticed for public hearing pursuant to the Town of Cave Creek Zoning Ordinance and the Statutes of the State of Arizona.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Cave Creek, Arizona, as follows:

Section 1: That the Zoning Map is hereby amended to reflect that parcel 216-06-013D, which totals 2.2 acres, described by the attached legal description (EXHIBIT A) and depicted in (EXHIBIT B) and is rezoned from Desert Rural Residential (DR-89) to Open Space Conservation (OSC)

Section 2: If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY the Mayor and Council of the Town of Cave Creek, Arizona, this 20th day of October, 2026 to be effective upon expiration of a thirty (30) day period following the adoption hereof and completion of notice and publication pursuant to A.R.S. §9-812.

ATTESTED TO:

Teresa Riza

Teresa Riza, Town Clerk

FOR THE TOWN OF CAVE CREEK:

Robert Morris

Robert Morris, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

William J. Sims

William J. Sims, Town Attorney

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Public Notice

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-08

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CAVE CREEK, MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA, AMENDING THE OFFICIAL TOWN OF CAVE CREEK ZONING MAP BY CHANGING THE UNDERLYING ZONE OF PARCEL 216-29-011A FROM DESERT RURAL 89 (DR-89) TO OPEN SPACE CONSERVATION (OSC) WHICH TOTALS APPROXIMATELY 5 ACRES AS DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT A AND DEPICTED IN EXHIBIT B

WHEREAS, Zoning Case No. Z-26-06 has been noticed for public hearing pursuant to the Town of Cave Creek Zoning Ordinance and the Statutes of the State of Arizona.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Cave Creek, Arizona, as follows:

Section 1: That the Zoning Map is hereby amended to reflect that parcel 216-29-011A which totals approximately 5 acres, described by the attached legal description (EXHIBIT A) and depicted in (EXHIBIT B) and is rezoned from Desert Rural Residential (DR-89) to Open Space Conservation (OSC)

Section 2: If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY the Mayor and Council of the Town of Cave Creek, Arizona, this 20th day of October, 2026 to be effective upon expiration of a thirty (30) day period following the adoption hereof and completion of notice and publication pursuant to A.R.S. §9-812.

ATTESTED TO:

Teresa Riza

Teresa Riza, Town Clerk

FOR THE TOWN OF CAVE CREEK:

Robert Morris

Robert Morris, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

William J. Sims

William J. Sims, Town Attorney

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Public Notice

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-06

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CAVE CREEK, MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA, AMENDING THE OFFICIAL TOWN OF CAVE CREEK ZONING MAP BY CHANGING THE UNDERLYING ZONE OF PARCELS 211-18-146 AND 211-18-147, CAHAVA SPRINGS TRACT PARCELS B AND C, FROM DESERT RURAL 190 (DR-190) TO OPEN SPACE CONSERVATION (OSC) WHICH TOTALS APPROXIMATELY 130 ACRES AS DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT A AND DEPICTED IN EXHIBIT B

WHEREAS, Zoning Case No. Z-26-04 has been noticed for public hearing pursuant to the Town of Cave Creek Zoning Ordinance and the Statutes of the State of Arizona.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Cave Creek, Arizona, as follows:

Section 1: That the Zoning Map is hereby amended to reflect that parcels 211-18-146 AND 211-18-147 , which total approximately 130 acres, described by the attached legal description (EXHIBIT A) and depicted in (EXHIBIT B) and are rezoned from Desert Rural Residential (DR-190) to Open Space Conservation (OSC)

Section 2: If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY the Mayor and Council of the Town of Cave Creek, Arizona, this 20th day of October, 2026 to be effective upon expiration of a thirty (30) day period following the adoption hereof and completion of notice and publication pursuant to A.R.S. §9-812.

ATTESTED TO:

Teresa Riza

Teresa Riza, Town Clerk

FOR THE TOWN OF CAVE CREEK:

Robert Morris

Robert Morris, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

William J. Sims

William J. Sims, Town Attorney

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Public Notice

THE ELIZABETH DIXON 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 21 day of October, 2026.

Harvey John Mullery

Harvey John Mullery, Trustee

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Public Notice

In the Matter of the Trust of THE WJP TRUST, u/t/a dated March 21, 2017 WALTER T. PRICE, Deceased) NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned is the Trustee of the above-mentioned Trust. All persons having claims against the Trust 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 undersigned Trustee at the Office of ROBERT F. JECKEL, P.L.L.C., 17028 N. Boswell Blvd., Sun City, Arizona 85373, Attorneys for the Trust.

DATED: 10-22-26

Josephine C. Price

JOSEPHINE C. PRICE, Trustee

ROBERT F. JECKEL
Attorney for Trustee
17028 N. Boswell Blvd.
Sun City, AZ 85373
(623) 972-1133

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Public Notice

TOWN OF CAVE CREEK
REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS
UTILITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
POSITION

The Town Council of the Town of Cave Creek is currently seeking applications from customers of the town's water utility, either Cave Creek Water or Desert Hills Water, wishing to serve on the Town of Cave Creek Utilities Advisory Committee. Currently there are five positions up for appointment, with a term ending December 31, 2029. Applications are available either at Town Hall or you may download via the Town of Cave Creek website via the following link: https://www.cavecreekaz.gov/DocumentCenter/View/2740/Board-Committee-and-Commission-Application-3?bidId=. Applications must be submitted to the Town of Cave Creek **on or before Noon, Monday, November 23, 2026.** Applications should be submitted to Teresa Riza, Deputy Town Manager/Town Clerk, 37622 N. Cave Creek Road, Cave Creek, Arizona, 85331 or by email at townclerk@cavecreekaz.gov. Town Council will review all letters of interest and conduct interviews with applicants on December 15, 2026.

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NOTICE OF VACANCY
PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
CITY OF EL MIRAGE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of El Mirage is accepting applications to fill 3 vacant seats on the Planning and Zoning Commission.

About the Commission: The Commission is a volunteer citizen body that serves as the primary advisory panel to the City Council on rezoning, conditional uses, temporary uses, and adoption of the general plan.

Requirements: Applicants must reside within the City of El Mirage limits. Ideal candidates should possess an interest in community growth, development, or related fields (such as architecture, construction, real estate, or civil engineering), though all residents are welcome.

Term: This is an appointed position (3) for unexpired terms.

How to Apply: Interested candidates can apply online through the City's website at www.elmirageaz.gov. Completed applications must be received by no later than January 29, 2027, at 5:00 p.m.

Published by order of the City Clerk.

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Public Notice

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Maureen Therese Simpson passed away on August 22, 2026.

PURSUANT TO A.R.S. §14-6103, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to any creditors of Maureen T. Simpson that they must present their claims within four 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 indicating its basis, the name and address of the claimant, the date the claim is due, the amount claimed, and describing any security for the claim. The claim is deemed presented upon receipt by the Executor at the address set forth herein: Thomas Olson, 9719 W. Alabama Ave, Sun City, AZ 85351

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Public Notice

TOWN OF CAVE CREEK
REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS
PLANNING COMMISSION POSITION

The Town Council of the Town of Cave Creek is currently seeking applications from Cave Creek residents wishing to serve on the Town of Cave Creek Planning Commission. Currently there are three positions up for appointment with a term ending December 31, 2029. Applications are available either at Town Hall or you may download via the Town of Cave Creek website via the following link: https://www.cavecreekaz.gov/DocumentCenter/View/2740/Board-Committee-and-Commission-Application-3?bidId= Applications must be submitted to the Town of Cave Creek **on or before Noon, Monday, November 23, 2026.** Applications should be submitted to Teresa Riza, Deputy Town Manager/Town Clerk, 37622 N. Cave Creek Road, Cave Creek, Arizona, 85331 or by email at townclerk@cavecreekaz.gov. Town Council will review all letters of interest and conduct interviews with applicants on December 15, 2026.

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Public Notice

THE MUSSATTO FAMILY REVOCABLE 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 15th day of October, 2026.

Tina M. Jordan, Trustee

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Public Notice

In the Matter of the Trust of The Robert E. Fredericksen and June A. Fredericksen Revocable Declaration of Trust dated September 2, 2005 June A. Fredericksen, deceased	NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned is the Trustee of the above-mentioned Trust. All persons having claims against the Trust 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 undersigned Trustee in the care of ROBERT F. JECKEL P.L.L.C., 17028 North Boswell Blvd., Sun City, Arizona 85373, Attorney for Trust.

DATED: 10/15/26

James S. Fredericksen, Trustee of The Robert E. Fredericksen and June A. Fredericksen Revocable Declaration of Trust dated September 2, 2005.

Robert F. Jeckel
ROBERT F. JECKEL, P.L.L.C.
17028 North Boswell Blvd.
Sun City, AZ 85373
623-972-1133

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SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA IN MARICOPA COUNTY

** FILED **
10/14/2026
Clerk of the Court

Issued and Filed: 10/14/2026

PROBATE COURT ADMINISTRATION

In the Matter of

JAMES HONNLEE

Case No. PB2026-007726

NOTICE OF INITIAL HEARING REGARDING:
PETITION FOR FORMAL PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

WARNING

This is a legal notice; your rights may be affected. **Éste es un aviso legal. Sus derechos podrían ser afectados.**

You are not required to attend this hearing except as provided in A.R.S. § 14-5401(D). However, if you oppose any of the relief requested in the petition that 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 YOUNG JASON HONNLEE has filed the following:

   - PETITION FOR FORMAL PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

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

   DATE and TIME: **Thursday, November 19, 2026 at 9:45 AM**
   JUDICIAL OFFICER: **Judge Joseph Kiefer**
   PLACE: **125 W. WASHINGTON STREET, PHOENIX, AZ 85003 - COURTROOM 002**
   TELEPHONE NO: **(602) 372-6101**

   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/jbazmc-prb07** 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 methods 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 typing **tinyurl.com/jbazmc-prb07** 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 phone by calling:

   - Courtroom Phone Number: 1-917-781-4590
   - Courtroom Conference ID#: 728 539 63#

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

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Public Notice

In the Matter of the Trust
of
The JSR Trust dated June 23, 2025, as amended//John Mark Riley and Sandra Jean Riley, deceased

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned is the Trustee of the above-mentioned Trust. All persons having claims against the Trust 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 undersigned Trustee in care of ROBERT F. JECKEL, P.L.L.C., 17028 North Boswell Blvd., Sun City, Arizona 85373, Attorney for Trust.

DATED: 10/20/2026

Ryan Xaviel Riley, Trustee of The JSR Trust dated June 23, 2025, as amended

Robert F. Jeckel
ROBERT F. JECKEL, P.L.L.C.
17028 North Boswell Blvd.
Sun City, Arizona 85373
623-972-1133

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Person Filing: BRIANNA DANIELLE CASTRO
Address (if not protected): PROTECTED
City, State, Zip Code:
Telephone:
Email Address:
ATLAS Number:
Lawyer's Bar Number:
Representing ☒ Self, without a Lawyer or
☐ Attorney for ☐ Petitioner OR ☐ Respondent

ARIZONA SUPERIOR COURT, PIMA COUNTY

BRIANNA DANIELLE CASTRO
Petitioner
and
CHRISTOPHER LEE ROMERO
Respondent

Case No D2 2026 1463
SUMMONS
(Family Law)
LUKE BROWN

WARNING. THIS IS AN OFFICIAL DOCUMENT FROM THE COURT THAT AFFECTS YOUR RIGHTS. READ THIS SUMMONS CAREFULLY. IF YOU DO NOT UNDERSTAND IT, CONTACT AN ATTORNEY FOR LEGAL ADVICE.

FROM THE STATE OF ARIZONA TO CHRISTOPHER LEE ROMERO
(Name of Respondent)

1. A lawsuit has been filed against you. A copy of the lawsuit and other related court paperwork is served on you with this Summons.
2. If you do not want a judgment taken against you without your input, you must file a Response in writing with the Court, and you must pay the required filing fee. To file your Response, take or send the papers to: Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court, 110 West Congress, Tucson, Arizona 85701. Mail a copy of the Response to your spouse, the Petitioner, at the address listed on the top of this Summons.
3. If this Summons and the other court papers were served on you within the State of Arizona, your Response must be filed within TWENTY (20) CALENDAR DAYS from the date of the service, not counting the day of service. If the papers were served on you outside the State of Arizona, your Response must be filed within THIRTY (30) CALENDAR DAYS, not counting the day of service.
4. Requests for reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities must be made to the court by parties at least 3 working days in advance of a scheduled court proceeding.
5. Either spouse, or both spouses, may file in the conciliation court a petition invoking the jurisdiction of the court for the purpose of preserving the marriage by effecting conciliation between the parties.

GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the Superior Court of the State of Arizona in and for the County of Pima this day of JUN 2 2026

JAMES W. GIACOMINO
CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
By Deputy Clerk LISSET GONZALES

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Attorney for Personal Representative:
ROBERT F. JECKEL, P.L.L.C.
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Personal Representative:
MICHAEL A. TESKEY
531 South 57th Street
Tacoma, WA 98408

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MARICOPA

In the Matter of the Estate
of
SUSAN C. TESKEY,
Deceased.

PB 2026-007606

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that MICHAEL A. TESKEY 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: 10/30/2026

ROBERT F. JECKEL, P.L.L.C.
By: Robert F. Jeckel, Attorney for Personal Representative

MICHAEL A. TESKEY, Ancillary Personal Representative

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Attorney for Personal Representative:
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Personal Representative:
SANDRA MARIE BECK
15810 North 110th Avenue
Sun City, AZ 85351

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MARICOPA

In the Matter of the Estate
of
ANTONIUS PETER BOECK,
Deceased.

NO. PB 2026-055541

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned 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 from the date of first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to the undersigned Personal Representative at the law offices of ROBERT F. JECKEL, P.L.L.C., 17028 North Boswell Boulevard, Sun City, Arizona 85373, attorneys for the Estate.

DATED: 10/16, 2026.

SANDRA MARIE BECK
Personal Representative

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

By: Robert F. Jeckel
Attorneys for Personal Representative

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Public Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE

BRIANNA DANIELLE CASTRO
Protected Address
Petitioner Pro Per

Prepared by: Ella J. Blass, AZCLDP#81721
AZ Paralegal Assist, LLC #81732

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JUN 2 2026
JAMES W. GIACOMINO
CLERK, SUPERIOR COURT

THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF PIMA

BRIANNA DANIELLE CASTRO, **Petitioner,** and **CHRISTOPHER LEE ROMERO,** **Respondent.**	**CASE NO.** D 2026 1463 LUKE BROWN **PETITION FOR DISSOLUTION OF NON-COVENANT MARRIAGE WITH CHILDREN** **Hon.**

Petitioner, **BRIANNA DANIELLE CASTRO**, Pro Per, for her Petition for Dissolution of Non-Covenant Marriage with Children (hereinafter "the Petition"), states and alleges as follows:

1. That Petitioner's name is **BRIANNA DANIELLE CASTRO**, and she has filed the Sensitive Data Sheet filed with the court and has a protected address. The Petitioner has been domiciled in the State of Arizona in excess of ninety (90) days before the filing of this action. Petitioner is employed as a medical assistant.

2. That Respondent's name is **CHRISTOPHER LEE ROMERO**, and his whereabouts are unknown to Petitioner at this time.

3. That the parties were married on January 27, 2018 in Las Vegas, Nevada, and ever since have been and now are husband and wife.

4. That there is one (1) minor child common to the parties hereto, namely: **JAXON JETER ROMERO**, born May 30, 2017. The Petitioner is not pregnant.

5. That neither party is active-duty military.

6. There are no existing protective orders in effect, but significant physical domestic violence has been perpetrated by Respondent, who has been convicted of felony criminal acts against Petitioner, including, but not limited to, Aggravated Assault, Unlawful Imprisonment and Endangerment. Petitioner was choked to the point of near death by Respondent and is extremely fearful of Respondent.

7. That the marriage of the parties is irretrievably broken with no reasonable prospect for reconciliation and that neither party has filed any other action for dissolution in this or any other jurisdiction. This is not a covenant marriage.

8. That it is in the minor child's best interests that the Petitioner/Mother be awarded sole legal decision-making and be designated the primary residential parent. Father should not exercise any parenting time with the Minor Child. Father abandoned the Minor Child. He last saw the Minor Child in November of 2021. His current whereabouts are unknown to Petitioner. Father is a dangerous convicted felon.

9. That Petitioner's proposed Parenting Plan is being filed herewith, and Petitioner seeks the court's approval of same.

10. That child support should be ordered in accordance with the Arizona Child Support Guidelines and as set forth on Petitioner/Mother's Child Support Worksheet filed concurrent with this Petition.

11. The parties have no community property which needs to be divided between them.

12. That each party should retain their own separate personal property currently in their possession.

13. That the parties has no community debt. Each party should pay whatever debt is in their name alone.

14. That neither party is entitled to an award of spousal maintenance.

15. That Petitioner shall claim the Minor Child as her dependent on her federal and state income tax returns beginning tax year 2026 and each year thereafter.

16. That each party should pay their own attorney and/or legal fees and court costs unless Respondent takes an unreasonable position or unnecessarily delays these proceedings, in which case he should be ordered to pay a portion or all of Petitioner's legal fees and costs;

WHEREFORE, Petitioner prays as follows:

A. That this Court enter a Decree of Dissolution of Marriage returning each party to the status of a single person;

B That Petitioner/Mother be awarded sole legal decision-making of the Minor Children and designated the primary residential parent;

C. That Petitioner/Mother's proposed Parenting Plan be approved;

D. That child support be ordered in accordance with the Arizona Child Support Guidelines as reflected on the Petitioner's Child Support Worksheet;

E. That each party retains their own separate personal property currently in their possession;

F. That each party pays any separate debt in their own name.

G. That neither party be awarded spousal maintenance;

H. That Petitioner claim the Minor Child as her tax dependent on her federal and state income tax returns beginning tax year 2026 and each year thereafter;

I. That each party pays their own attorney or legal fees and court costs unless Respondent takes an unreasonable position or unnecessarily delays these proceedings, in which case he should be ordered to pay a portion or all of Petitioner's legal fees and costs;

J. For such other and further relief as the Court shall deem just and proper in the premises.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 2nd day of April 2026.

BRIANNA DANIELLE CASTRO,
Petitioner Pro Per

VERIFICATION

STATE OF ARIZONA)
) SS
COUNTY OF PINAL)

BRIANNA DANIELLE CASTRO, being first duly sworn upon oath, deposes and says:

That she is the Petitioner in the above-captioned Petition for Dissolution of Non-Covenant Marriage with Children;

That she has read the foregoing Petition for Dissolution of Non-Covenant Marriage with Children, by her subscribed, and knows the contents thereof; and

That she believes that the matters and things herein contained are true and correct in substance and in fact.

BRIANNA DANIELLE CASTRO

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this 2nd day of April 2026 by **BRIANNA DANIELLE CASTRO.**

NOTARY PUBLIC

Ella J Blass
Notary Public
Pinal County, Arizona
My Comm. Expires 04-11-29
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Public Notice

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-05

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CAVE CREEK, MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA, AMENDING THE OFFICIAL TOWN OF CAVE CREEK ZONING MAP BY CHANGING THE UNDERLYING ZONE OF PARCEL 211-01-039 FROM DESERT RURAL 190 (DR-190) TO OPEN SPACE CONSERVATION (OSC) WHICH TOTALS APPROXIMATELY 25 ACRES AS DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT A AND DEPICTED IN EXHIBIT B

WHEREAS, Zoning Case No. Z-26-03 has been noticed for public hearing pursuant to the Town of Cave Creek Zoning Ordinance and the Statutes of the State of Arizona.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Cave Creek, Arizona, as follows:

Section 1: That the Zoning Map is hereby amended to reflect that parcel 211-01-039, which totals approximately 25 acres, described by the attached legal description (EXHIBIT A) and depicted in (EXHIBIT B) and is rezoned from Desert Rural Residential (DR-190) to Open Space Conservation (OSC)

Section 2: If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY the Mayor and Council of the Town of Cave Creek, Arizona, this 20th day of October, 2026 to be effective upon expiration of a thirty (30) day period following the adoption hereof and completion of notice and publication pursuant to A.R.S. §9-812.

ATTESTED TO:

Teresa Riza

Teresa Riza, Town Clerk

FOR THE TOWN OF CAVE CREEK:

Robert Morris

Robert Morris, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

William J. Sims

William J. Sims, Town Attorney

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Public Notice

ORDINANCE O26-10-03

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL MIRAGE, ARIZONA, AMENDING ORDINANCE O25-10-09 ADOPTING THE 2026 CALENDAR FOR REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE COMMON COUNCIL, FIXING THE DATES, TIMES, AND LOCATION OF SUCH MEETINGS

IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED by the City of El Mirage Mayor and Council as follows:

SECTION 1. The regular meetings of the Common Council of the City of El Mirage shall be held at 6:00 p.m. on the following dates, unless otherwise properly noticed:

January 6, 2026	*January 21, 2026 (Wednesday)
February 3, 2026	*February 18, 2026 (Wednesday)
March 3, 2026	March 17, 2026
April 7, 2026	April 21, 2026
May 5, 2026	May 19, 2026
June 2, 2026	June 16, 2026
July 7, 2026	**Summer Hiatus
**Summer Hiatus	***August 17, 2026 (Monday)
September 1, 2026	September 15, 2026
October 6, 2026	October 20, 2026
November 3 17, 2026	*No Second Meeting in November*
December 1, 2026	*No Second Meeting in December*

***For MONDAY HOLIDAYS, MEETINGS MOVED TO WEDNESDAY**
****Council Summer Hiatus – July 8 – August 14, 2026**
*****League Conference – August 18 – 21, 2026**

SECTION 2. The regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of El Mirage shall be held either virtually and/or in person at the El Mirage Council Chambers located at 10000 N. El Mirage Road in El Mirage Arizona, unless otherwise changed to another location by the Mayor giving not less than seventy-two hours notification of the change of location to the public by posting notice of change in the locations where the agenda is posted and providing personal notice of the change to all other councilmembers not less than twenty-four hours before the beginning of the meeting.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City of El Mirage Mayor and Council this 20th day of October 2026.

CITY OF EL MIRAGE INCORPORATED 1951 ARIZONA

Alexis A. Hermosillo, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jill A. Boltz, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Justin Pierce, City Attorney

CERTIFICATION OF POSTING

I, Jill A. Boltz, City Clerk, do hereby certify that a true and correct copy of Ordinance No. O26-10-03, adopted by the Common Council of the City of El Mirage on the 20th day of October, 2026, was posted in three places on the 22nd day of October, 2026

Jill A. Boltz, City Clerk

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Public Notice

Samantha Pfaff-Goldstein
Arizona Bar #: 03854
Florence Immigrant & Refugee Rights Project ("FIRRP")
2025 N. 3rd Street, Suite 205
Phoenix, AZ 85004
Tel.: (602) 283-4791
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Attorney for the Minor, PETITIONER

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MARICOPA

In the Matter of:	No. JD536519
DANTE ALDAHIR LIZARRAGA ESQUER	**NOTICE OF HEARING OF APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN**
DOB: 12/24/2016 (Person under 18 years of age)	Honorable Commissioner Nicole Bricker

TO: **Luis Alejandro Lizarraga Enriquez**, parent or guardian of the above-named child.

1. Attorney Cooper Richardson filed a Motion to Appoint a Guardian pursuant to Title 8 of the Arizona Revised Statues, Rule 4.1 and 4.2 of the Arizona Rules of Civil Procedure, and Rules 344 and 345 of the Rules of Procedure for the Juvenile Court.

2. The Court has set a Publication Hearing on **December 04, 2026, at 9:50 a.m.** (9:50 a.m. in Sonora, MX) at the Maricopa County Superior Court, 3131 W. Durango St., Phoenix, AZ 85009, before the Honorable Nicole Brickner for the purpose of determining whether any parent or guardian named herein is contesting the allegations in the Motion.

3. You and your children are entitled to have an attorney present at the hearing. You may hire your own attorney or, if you cannot afford an attorney and want to be represented by one, one may be appointed by the Court.

4. You have a right to appear as a party in this proceeding. You are advised that your failure to personally appear in court at the initial hearing, pretrial conference, status conference or adjudication, without good cause shown, may result in a finding that you have waived your legal rights and are not contesting the motion. In addition, if you fail to appear, without good cause, the hearing may go forward in your absence and may result in termination of your parental rights and/or the establishment of a permanent guardianship based on the record and the evidence presented to the Court, as well as an order of paternity, custody, or change of custody in a consolidated family law matter and an order for child support if paternity is established.

5. If you are receiving this Notice by publication, you may obtain a copy of the Guardianship Motion and Notice of Hearing by submitting a written request to: Samantha Pfaff-Goldstein, P.O. Box 32670, Phoenix, AZ 85064 or you may call (602) 283-4791, or email spfaff@firrp.org.

6. Maricopa County Superior Court is conducting the hearing remotely. Parties are instructed to call in using https://tinyurl.com/jbazmc-juj09 or +1 (917) 781-4590, Participant Code 292 462 301#. If the parties would like to appear in person, a request should be made to their attorney, or to the division at (602) 372-2053 if they are not represented by counsel.

7. Requests for reasonable accommodation for persons with disabilities must be made to the Court by parties at least three working days in advance of a scheduled court proceeding and can be made by calling (602) 372-2053.

8. You have the right to make a request or motion prior to any hearing that the hearing be closed to the public.

DATED this 13th day of October, 2026.

By: /s/ Samantha Pfaff-Goldstein
Samantha Pfaff-Goldstein
Attorney for the Minor

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Abogada para El Menor

EN LA CORTE SUPERIOR DEL ESTADO DE ARIZONA
EN Y PARA EL CONDADO DE MARICOPA

En el caso de:	No. JD536519
DANTE ALDAHIR LIZARRAGA ESQUER	**NOTIFICACION DE AUDIENCIA SOBRE EL NOMBRAMIENTO DE UN TUTOR**
Fecha de Nacimiento: 24/12/2016 (persona menor de 18 años)	Honorable Comisaria Nicole Brickner

A: **Luis Alejandro Lizagarra Enriquez,** padre o tutor del menor dicho.

1. Se notifica que la abogada, Cooper Richardson, sometió una Moción para Nombrar un Tutor según Titulo 8 de las leyes revisadas de Arizona, reglas 4.1 y 4.2 de las reglas de procedimiento civil, y reglas 344 y 345 de las reglas de procedimiento de la corte juvenil.

2. Se fija una audiencia para considerar la petición para el **04 de diciembre del 2026 a las 9:50 a.m. (9:50 a.m. en Sonora, MX)**, en el Centro de Tribunal Juvenil de Maricopa, 3131 W. Durango St., Phoenix, AZ 85009, ante la Honorable Comisaria Nicole Brickner, para el propósito de determinar si existe un padre o tutor quien quiere disputar los alegatos de la moción.

3. Usted y sus hijos tienen derecho a tener un abogado presente en la audiencia. Usted puede contratar su propio abogado o si no puede pagarle a un abogado pero quiere ser representado por un abogado, la corte le puede asignar un abogado.

4. Usted tiene el derecho de aparecer como un partido en estos procedimientos. Se le advierte que si usted no aparece en la corte en la audiencia inicial, la conferencia preliminar, cualquier conferencia o adjudicación, sin demonstrar una buena razón, el Tribunal podrá considerar su inasistencia como una renuncia de sus derechos y no está en contra de las declaraciones hechas en la moción. Además, si no aparece, sin buena razón, la audiencia podrá llevarse a cabo sin usted, y podrá resultar en la cancelación de la patria potestad y/o el establecimiento de una tutela permanente basado en el récord y la evidencia presentado a la Corte, y además una orden de paternidad, custodia, o cambio de custodia en un asunto de ley familiar consolidado y una orden para apoyo de menor si la paternidad se establece.

5. Si usted está recibiendo esta Notificación por publicación, usted puede obtener copias de la Moción de Tutela y Noticia de Audiencia si envía una solicitud escrita a: Samantha Pfaff-Goldstein, P.O. Box 32670, Phoenix, AZ 85064 o puede llamar (602) 283-4791, o por correo electrónico al spfaff@firrp.org.

6. El Tribunal Superior del Condado de Maricopa está llevando a cabo la audiencia de forma remota. Se les indica a las partes que se conecten a través de https://tinyurl.com/jbazmc-juj09 o llamando al +1 (917) 781-4590, Código de Participante 292 462 301#. Si las partes desean comparecer en persona, deben solicitarlo a su abogado o, si no están representados por un abogado, a la división correspondiente llamando al (602) 372-2053.

7. Solicitudes para acomodaciones razonables para personas con incapacidades necesitan ser hechas por lo menos tres días de trabajo antes del procedimiento de corte, y pueden ser hechas al llamar al (602) 372-2053.

8. Usted tiene el derecho a solicitar o hacer una petición antes de cualquier audiencia que la audiencia sea cerrada al público.

SOMETIDO este 13 día de octubre del 2026.

Por /s/ Samantha Pfaff-Goldstein
Samantha Pfaff-Goldstein
Abogada para el Menor

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