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Sunday 'Night to Honor Israel'

PHOENIX — "A Night To Honor Israel" is scheduled for 6 p.m. Sunday at Phoenix Symphony Hall, 225 E. Adams St.

This night will bring Jewish and Christian leaders together to show support and be a bridge for Israel.

This is a non-conversionary tribute to Israel and Jewish people around the world.

Its purpose is to promote respect and understanding between Christians and Jews, emphasizing beliefs held in common.

Keynote speaker is Dennis Prager. Susan Sandager will perform as Corrie ten Boom.

There will be Holocaust survivors in attendance.

Tickets are \$18 and may be purchased through Ticketmaster at 480-784-4444 and ticketmaster.com.

Information: Pastor Eddy Paul Morris, 623-582-1001.

Museum presents Native foods

PHOENIX — Pueblo Grande Museum will hold its sixth annual Native Foods Fair today.

It will feature Native foods, a farmers market and other activities. Admission is free.

The museum is at 4619 E. Washington St.

State Fair sets Senior Day

PHOENIX — The Arizona State Fair is offering \$2 admission for seniors 55 and older Oct. 29 during Senior Day.

From noon to 5 p.m., the north stage in the Arizona Lottery Backyard is reserved for seniors, with giveaways and entertainment.

Seniors can have free rides on La Grande Wheel and Carousel all day.

There will be a "Fastest Fingers Knitting Contest" at 2 p.m. in the Wesley Bolin building.

The fair opened Friday and runs through Nov. 8.

It's closed on Mondays and is at 19th Avenue and McDowell Road.

Information: www.azstatefair.com.

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Ballpark to host grand opening

GOODYEAR — Goodyear and the Cincinnati Reds will host a grand-opening party today for the city's newest spring-training facility.

The free party runs from 6 to 9:30 p.m. at the practice fields just south of the Reds' clubhouse, 3125 S. Wood Blvd.

Activities include a Reds youth baseball clinic, a youth coach-pitch baseball game, a drawing for a spring-training game and a ribbon-cutting ceremony. The animated feature "Monsters vs. Aliens" will be shown at 8 p.m.

The Reds' clubhouse and fields are part of a \$108 million stadium and two-team training complex funded by Goodyear and the Arizona Sports and Tourism Authority.

The Cleveland Indians played their first training season last spring at Goodyear Ballpark, southeast of Estrella Parkway and Yuma Road. The Reds will join their Ohio rivals for spring training in February.

Vanguard part of volunteer day

GLENDALE — More than 200 volunteers from Vanguard Investment Group are helping out Glendale residents today as part of Make A Difference Day.

They plan to paint house numbers on curbs, do yard work for elderly and disabled residents, install wood chips under playground equipment at Mary Silva Park and remove graffiti in the Bethany Heights neighborhood.

School to host opening event

GOODYEAR — The Goddard School in Goodyear marks its grand opening today at 13235 W. Thomas Road.

The celebration runs from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. with refreshments from Berrygood Frozen Yogurt and Chick-fil-A.

The Goddard School provides day care, preschool services, and after-school and enrichment programs.

Information: 623-536-8185 or www.goddardschool.com.

3 dead in home; child found safe

Toddler's screaming, friend's 911 call lead officers to grisly scene

By **Dustin Gardiner**
Jessica Lutjemeyer
THE ARIZONA REPUBLIC

A crying toddler and a friend's concerned phone call led Peoria police to a home where three dead bodies were found Friday.

PEORIA Police discovered the violent scene around 10 a.m. after a woman called 911 to report she heard a child screaming from inside the home of a friend who had missed work, said Peoria police spokesman Mike Tellef.

Officers entered the residence in the 7400 block of West Sierra Street and found three people dead in different areas and a nearly 2-year-old boy, who was unharmed, Tellef said.

Police have identified the deceased as two adult females and one adult male. A cause of death had not been determined Friday evening, though Tellef said it was "clearly not a natural situation" and violence was involved.

He said police believe there are likely no remaining suspects in the case but could not confirm whether the incident was murder-suicide, as friends at the

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Mike Tellef
Peoria police spokesman

scene suggested.

"We're very comfortable with knowing that everyone inside are the only ones involved," he said.

Friends and co-workers said a woman living at the address had been having problems with her ex-boyfriend, the toddler's father.

Several people who said they knew that woman said she was receiving persistent threats and wanted to leave Arizona.

Bree Anderson, who identified herself as a close friend of one of the victims, said the female resident had complained about ongoing custody problems with her ex-boyfriend when they talked earlier in the week.

Anderson said the woman lived at the home with her mother and son.

"He was bothering her, texting her, harassing her," Anderson said of the ex-boyfriend.

Tellef said the toddler is being cared for by Peoria victim-assistance workers until his closest relatives can be identified.

Mitchell challenger to host town-hall meetings

Eric Wnuck, a Republican vying for U.S. Rep. Harry Mitchell's seat in the 2010 election, is getting an early start on his campaign with a town-hall meeting today in Scottsdale. The public forum is the second in a series of meetings this fall to discuss the economy, border security and health care.

Wnuck, a local businessman, faces at least two other Republicans, businessman Jim Ward and former Maricopa County Treasurer David Schweikert, in an Aug. 24 primary for Congressional District 5.

The winner will take on Mitchell in the Nov. 2, 2010, election.

"I'm running because our career politicians have failed us over and over and over again, and this year voters will be handing them their pink slips," Wnuck said in a news release.

Mitchell, a two-term Democrat from Tempe, recently hosted live telephone town-hall meetings on health-care reform and a "United We Serve" Community Action Day. His spokesman, Adam Bozzi, said the congressman "remains focused on common-sense policies."

"There will be time for campaigning later, when 10 months from now we will see who emerges from what will likely be a contentious fight throughout the Republican primary," Bozzi said in an e-mail.

Here is more on Wnuck's forums:

— Beth Duckett, *The Republic/azcentral.com*

DATE	TOPIC/TIME/LOCATION
Today	Economy, 10:30 a.m.-noon, Mustang Library, 10101 N. 90th St, Scottsdale.
Oct. 24	Health care, 10-11:30 a.m., Fountain Hills Community Center, 13001 N. La Montana Drive, Fountain Hills.
Nov. 7	Border security, 10-11:30 a.m., Mesa Community College, 1833 W. Southern Ave., Mesa.
Nov. 16	Health care/economy, 6-7:30 p.m., Pyle Adult Recreation Center, 655 E. Southern Ave., Tempe.
Dec. 5	Health care, 10-11:30 a.m., Ironwood Library, 4333 E. Chandler Blvd., Phoenix.
Dec. 12	Health care, 10-11:30 a.m., Chandler Public Library, 4930 W. Ray Road, Chandler.

Mental-health agency providing police with 40-hour class in crisis intervention

Magellan teaches officers to react with more sensitivity

By **Michael Ferraresi**
THE ARIZONA REPUBLIC

Magellan Health Services of Arizona is training police officers throughout the Valley on how to handle incidents involving people who may have a mental illness.

PHOENIX The 40-hour crisis-intervention course is available to nearly all Maricopa County law-enforcement agencies. Magellan says it works with 20 percent of all law-enforcement personnel in the county. Phoenix police hope to have about 20 percent of the patrol force trained through the program.

Nick Margiotta, a Phoenix officer who oversees the department's Crisis Intervention Training Program, said the crisis-intervention tactics are useful in domestic emergencies brought on by depression or attempted suicide due to financial problems, the types of cases officers have seen spike since the economy took a downward turn last year.

On a daily basis, patrol officers deal with trespassing transients, family squabbles that turn violent and tragedy brought on by economic woes.

The Magellan program is designed to place officers in five scenarios, from dramatic rescues to routine encounters with the homeless, so they can learn safe ways to react to calls that require greater sensitivity.

Magellan began working with police two years ago to develop a more efficient system of dealing with mentally ill or emotionally troubled subjects.

After securing a scene, officers must decide whether to transport the subject to a psychiatric facility or jail, or release them.

Four- and five-hour waits at some mental-health intake centers are now reduced to minutes, helping officers get back quickly to the streets.

"One of the things that we try to do with this program is provide the officers with the ability to connect these folks to treatments so they don't need to have that cycle of going over and over again," said Jim Stringham, Magellan's chief operating officer.

Magellan estimated that its business has increased 30 percent since officers became aware of its urgent-care center at Second and Fillmore streets in central Phoenix.

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Domestic-violence fundraiser

FOUNTAIN HILLS — A fundraiser at Fort McDowell Adventures today will help raise money to build a domestic-violence shelter in Fountain Hills.

Heather's Friends' Place needs money donations, clothing and household items for victims. The public is invited to the free family event, which starts at 3 p.m. and will feature live bands, food and a full bar until midnight.

Fundraiser coordinator Sharon Intorf said they hope to raise a portion of the \$36,000 needed to open a shelter. The group is named after Heather Intorf, Sharon's daughter, who died in a car accident eight years ago.

Fort McDowell Adventures is at 14803 N. Hiawatha Hood Road on the Fort McDowell Indian Reservation.

Information: 480-326-0736.

Friends of Library picks board

SCOTTSDALE — Friends of the Scottsdale Public Library has named its 2009-10 board of directors: Andrea Allen, Joan Fudala, J. Noland Franz, Betty Kjellberg, Carol Lewis, Jane McGrath, Roberta Pilcher and Melinda Schechner.

Officers are Jerry Hargitt, president; Martha Green, vice president; George Hartz, secretary; and Elaine Arena, treasurer.

Friends of the Scottsdale Public Library is a non-profit, community-volunteer organization whose members support Scottsdale's public-library system.

'Get Real Now' logo contest set

SCOTTSDALE — Community Bridges, a non-profit agency that provides treatment and substance-abuse prevention services, and Mesa Prevention Alliance are having a logo contest for their "Get Real Now" campaign.

Applicants must be 12 to 18 and reside in or attend a school in Scottsdale, Tempe, Mesa, Chandler, Gilbert or Queen Creek. The top prize is a flat-screen television.

Deadline is Dec. 4. Information: www.myspace.com/get_real_now.

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Road-rage case under review

APACHE JUNCTION — The case against Apache Junction Vice Mayor R.E. Eck was sent to the Gila County Attorney's Office for review to determine if Eck should face felony charges over an early-morning road-rage incident with a motorcyclist.

The Pinal County Attorney's Office sent the case to Gila County to avoid the appearance of a conflict.

The Pinal County Sheriff's Office recommended an aggravated-assault charge against Eck in the Oct. 2 incident in Apache Junction.

Eck and his son, R.E. Eck III, got into a dispute after the vice mayor's vehicle rear-ended a motorcycle driven by Eric Martinez.

Officials said R.E. Eck III attempted to hit Martinez with a pipe, but Martinez punched him in the face. Martinez then confronted Eck, who threatened to run him over. After Martinez punched the vice mayor, Eck rammed the motorcycle.

'Hate in the State' discussed

CHANDLER — About 25 Chandler employees and Human Relations Commission members heard unsettling news about hate groups' activities around the state — and a positive story about tolerance programs in Gilbert schools created in response to the racist Devil Dog gang's activities a few years ago.

The occasion was a brown-bag lunch and "Hate in the State" talk by Bill Straus, regional director for the Anti-Defamation League. He said Gilbert schools are a prime example of how a culture of tolerance and learning can emerge from hate. "Gilbert had the worst reputation for racism 10 years ago," Straus said. "Now, there is peer training in every one of their high schools and a wholesale embrace of tolerance."

He credited local businessman Dave Thompson's \$50,000 donation to a program to counteract Gilbert's negative image.

Lottery results

Lottery information is available on the Web at www.arizonalottery.com or by dialing 480-829-PICK (7425).

Powerball

Wednesday's drawing: 05 15 25 30 40; Powerball: 06; Power Play: 2.
Tonight's estimated jackpot: \$20 million.

The Pick

Wednesday's drawing: 04 10 11 15 22 24.
Tonight's estimated jackpot: \$1.8 million.

Pick 5

Friday's drawing: 10 11 12 19 29.
Estimated jackpot: \$50,000.

Pick 3

Friday's drawing: 4 5 5.

CASH4

Friday's drawing: 01 05 17 25.

2by2

Friday's drawing: Red: 19 21. White: 01 03.