

URBAN AFFAIRS

Adopt, Foster Or Mentor

Hundreds of children in Arizona's foster care system are in need of a place to call home. Adopting or fostering a child could be a daunting endeavor to say the least, but certainly a noble one; maybe this is the time to learn more about it. Aid to Adoption of Special Kids (AASK) is offering free orientations for those who want to know about foster care, adoption and mentoring. Meetings will take place on select evenings in June from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the West Valley, East Valley, Central Phoenix, Casa Grande and Apache Junction locations, with one Saturday orientation scheduled on June 21 at 10 a.m. at the Lodestar Family Connections Center, 2320 North 20th Street. AASK is a private, nonprofit foster care and adoption agency now in its 20th year. The agency is dedicated to the placement of children in Arizona's foster care system into permanent, loving homes, with the goal to build, support and preserve families. For more information, call 602-930-4900, or visit www.aask-az.org.

Gnosis Honoring Al Beadle

Al Beadle's name may not be bantered about as often as Frank Lloyd Wright's, but his importance to local architectural awareness is equally significant. In honor of the 10th anniversary of his death, Gnosis Ltd. is reprinting *Constructions: Buildings in Arizona* by Alfred Newman Beadle, B. Michael Boyle and Diane Upchurch's 1993 out-of-print catalogue. A mid-century modernist, Al Beadle is known for bringing the glass box to Phoenix. To help cover costs, Gnosis is asking lovers of good design and local history to consider making a tax-deductible donation to the organization for a copy of this worthwhile resource. For \$125, Gnosis will publish your name in the reprinted catalogue and send a copy to you, as well as count you as a paid 2008 member of Gnosis Ltd., which will get you discounts on architectural and design tours and events, symposia, field trips and more. For details or to order, go to www.gnosisltd.org or email executive director Suzanne Johnson at suzanne@gnosisltd.org.

Watch D-backs For A Great Cause

Take Dad to a Diamondbacks game against the Oakland A's on Wednesday, June 18, and not only treat him for Father's Day, but also support the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation of Arizona. Five dollars from every ticket sold through a special link on the Diamondbacks website will go to the organization. Cystic fibrosis is a devastating genetic disease that affects children and young adults, and funding for research to help find a cure is needed now more than ever. To order tickets for the D-backs Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Night on June 17, visit www.dbacks.com/cysticfibrosis; the promotional code is CFAWARE.

Rare Exhibit To Be Shown

The International Rescue Committee Phoenix is partnering with Gebert Contemporary in Scottsdale to show a rare

collection of 20th-century artists July 1-15 called *Flight: Chagall, Miró and the Plight of the Refugees*. This special portfolio of 12 individual works represents the struggle of those who flee from their homes in search of freedom. Eleven lithographs and one serigraph will be on display by artists such as Alexander Calder, Marc Chagall, Joan Miró, Adolph Gottlieb, André Masson and several others. A limited number of the original 300 sets remain and are offered for sale to benefit the International Rescue Committee (IRC), which was established in 1933 at the behest of Albert Einstein to aid refugees escaping the Nazis. Since 1994, the IRC Phoenix has helped over 8,700 of the world's refugees resettle, adjust and rebuild their lives in Arizona. For event details, visit www.chiaroscuroaz.com or call 480-429-0711.

Luxian Partners With Sanctuary

The exclusive gated enclave of three private estates is going up soon next to The Phoenician, and owners will have full membership access to Sanctuary Camelback Mountain Resort and Spa. Luxian owners will enjoy fine spa, dining and resort amenities just down the road at one of Arizona's best resorts, recently voted number one in the *Condé Nast Traveler Reader's Choice Award* for U.S. resorts. Offices for Luxian Scottsdale are located at 6991 East Camelback Road, #B-210 near Scottsdale Fashion Square. For more information, call 1-888-Luxian1, or visit www.luxianscottsdale.com.

White Smile Tax-Deductible

Douglas Family Dentistry in Scottsdale is supporting Potentials Foundation through their Smiles for Life campaign. Through the end of June, you can get your teeth professionally whitened and help children who have a rare and unusual form of dwarfism called MOPD. Potential Foundation works to unite and assist those with MOPD, who are extremely small in stature and grow to the comparable height of a 4-year-old. Not only do they face daily challenges, they deal with serious medical issues. Douglas Family Dentistry is donating their time, Discus Dental is donating whitening materials and you get whiter teeth. Call 480-948-3680 for an appointment at Douglas Family Dentistry, 10630 North Scottsdale Road. Learn more at www.potentialsfoundation.org.

Early Inspiration

The Children's Museum of Phoenix is slated to open this month in the historic Monroe School Building at the corner of 7th Street and Van Buren, with a free grand opening celebration over the weekend of June 14-15 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Made possible by Target Corporation, the weekend festivities "sold out" 1,500 tickets in less than 24 hours, although more tickets may become available as the event nears. Phoenix Mayor Phil Gordon will speak at the ribbon-cutting ceremony and other VIPs will also be on hand, including donors Ron Barness and Robert Sarver. Ten years in the making, the museum will house

over 35,000 square feet of hands-on educational activities for children ages birth to 10 years, engaging the minds, muscles and imaginations of the artist in all of us. Everyone is invited to become an active participant, whether it's as a volunteer, donor or as part of an upcoming community project. Learn more at www.childrensmuseumofphoenix.org.

The Slugger In All Of Us

Inside Pitch Baseball and Softball Training Facility is hosting its summer baseball and softball camps for ages 8 and up. With over 16,000 square feet dedicated to the development and training of all ages participating in baseball, girls' softball and adult softball, it's more than just a batting cage. Summer camps run from early June to early August and include quality professional skills instruction, classroom discussion and interaction, speed, agility, fitness and nutrition and a free Inside Pitch t-shirt. Cost ranges from \$75 to \$325. For more information, go to www.insidepitchaz.com or call 623-869-6725.

Lion's Den Scottsdale Opens

Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) athlete Ken Shamrock has opened an 8,000-square-foot, cutting-edge training facility with a professional-size boxing ring, a competition octagon, a full weight and cardio room and 3,000 square feet dedicated to grappling and striking mat space. Ken Shamrock has selected a world-renowned team of instructors who will lead classes for men, women and children of all skill levels, from beginners to professional athletes, in kickboxing, boxing, grappling, MMA, sports conditioning and more. Private lessons and children's martial arts programs are also available. Lion's Den is located at 2954 North Hayden Road. For more information, call 480-941-LION (5466) or visit www.lionsdenaz.com.

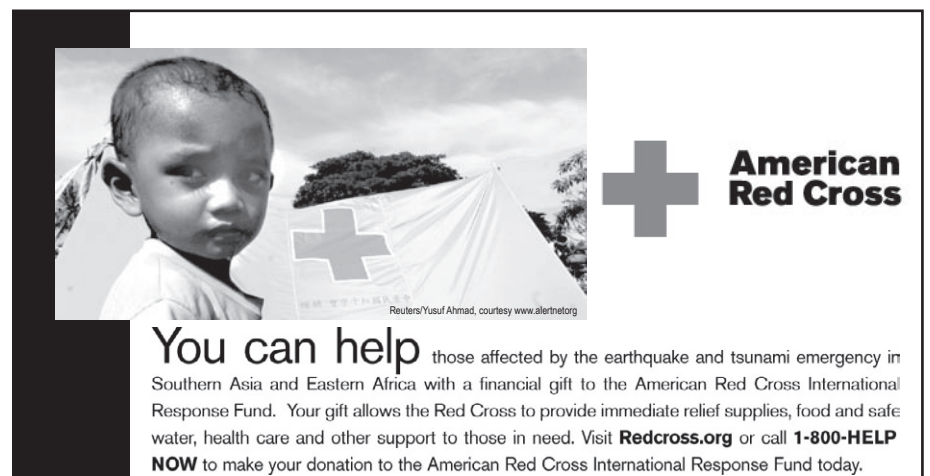
Learn The Art Of Adobe

The sixth annual Statewide Historic Preservation Partnership Conference will be held June 12-14 and based at the Esplendor Resort in Rio Rico, Arizona, and will offer a two-day workshop on adobe construction led by experts in the field of design and preservation. Held jointly by the State Office of Historic Preservation and the nonprofit Arizona Preservation Foundation, the Preservation on the Line conference will bring together more than 300 attendees interested in current topics on preservation. The Adobe Workshop will be on Friday, June 13 and Saturday, June 14; the first day will cover adobe conservation, construction systems in Arizona, current issues and challenges, and talks on the first Pinal County courthouse, San Xavier Mission, as well as talks by adobe craftsmen from the National Park Service, experts in adobe methodologies. The second day will be spent doing a hands-on field exercise at the Tumacocari National Museum. Register at www.azpreservation.com; space is limited.



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