

Injured Pooch Simon Needs New Home

Pet of the month missing leg but will make a good companion.

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After being struck by a car, Simon lay injured in the middle of the road with a broken leg, a fractured shoulder, and several wounds. An emergency animal medical technician rushed him to the Arizona Humane Society trauma center, where vets determined that his leg couldn't be saved and an emergency amputation surgery was performed on his front leg.

Simon (shown at right) spent the next several days recovering and is now ready for a forever home. For some, it may be impossible to look past the Chihuahua's missing leg, but the lively 5-year-old hasn't missed a beat, and he is often found parading around or sprinting through the grass barking with excitement while chasing after a stuffed toy. He is a smart doggy who is very well-mannered and knows a few tricks, but his specialty is sharing sweet kisses. All he wants is a place to call home.

Simon is just one of the many adoptable pets at the Arizona Humane Society and he's available *now* at the Sunnyslope Adoption Center located at 9226 N. 13th Ave. in Phoenix. His adoption fee is \$35 and includes his neuter surgery and vaccines. For more information call 602-997-7585 x2045 and ask for animal ID numbers A463007.

—*Ashliegh Goebel is the media specialist for the Arizona Humane Society.*

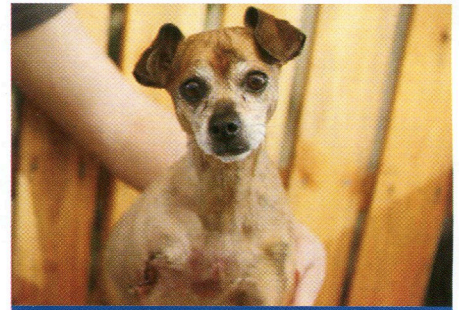


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How to Help AHS

FOR JUST \$25 a month, people can make a difference in the life of an animal as a Constant Companion to the Arizona Humane Society, with 85 cents of every dollar donated going directly to programs and services. Visit azhumane.org for details.

My Sister's Closet Moves

Consignment shop has new location.

It's been 22 years since sisters Ann and Jenny Siner opened their first location of My Sister's Closet in the Town & Country Shopping Center near 20th Street and Camelback in Phoenix. But now Eco-Chic Consignments

is happy to announce the recycled designer consignment shop is moving. Starting at 8 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 8, My Sister's Closet and Well Suited will open its doors in a new contemporary space (6,373 square feet) behind Nordstrom Rack at the Town & Country Shopping Center. "Town & Country has been a great location for us these past two decades, but it is even more special because this is where My Sister's Closet started back in 1991," said CEO and Founder Ann Siner. Tess Loo, shown above, left, with Ann Siner, later joined her two sisters as the head stylist for the business. The first 100 people lined up at My Sister's Closet at 4859 N. 20th St. by 8 a.m. on Feb. 8 will get a free swag bag filled with goodies from nearby merchants. My Sister's Closet has Scottsdale locations at 23269 N. Pima Road and 6204 N. Scottsdale Road. —*Jennifer Parks*



Photo by Jim Brophy

City Acquires 2,365 Acres

\$21.3M purchase expands preserve.

Scottsdale has acquired 2,365 acres of land for its McDowell Sonoran Preserve at a state land auction. The city was the only bidder. The city's successful bid was \$21.3 million — about \$8 million of that will come from a Growing Smarter State Trust Land Acquisition Grant approved by the Arizona State Parks Board in September. The remainder of the purchase price will come from money generated by two dedicated sales taxes approved by Scottsdale voters in 1995 and 2004.

With the acquisition, Scottsdale's McDowell Sonoran Preserve encompasses roughly 30,200 contiguous acres — more than 47 square miles. That is about 89 percent of the long-range goal to preserve about 34,000 acres. The preserve land acquired today includes the majority of ridgeline in the southern McDowell Mountains. It's an area that features steep slopes, exposed bedrock, boulder outcrops and lush upper Sonoran Desert vegetation. The upper watersheds of Lost Dog, Quartz and Taliesin washes run through the land. —*Mike Phillips*

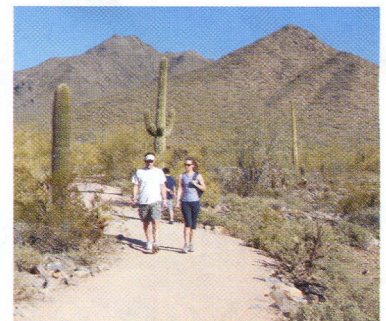


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New Mirror Maze Unveiled

Latest attraction at Odysea in the Desert opens.

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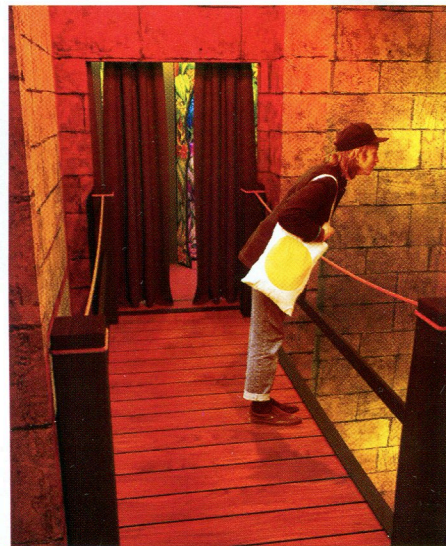
Scottsdale is now home to the new Odysea Mirror Maze, a new attraction that is the next phase of the unfolding Odysea in the Desert entertainment complex.

Designed by leading maze creator Adrian Fischer, the Mirror Maze will continue the theme of Odysea's Butterfly Wonderland, which opened to rave reviews last spring. Hallways lined with an abundance of mirrors will create infinite reflections as visitors navigate twisting corners, dummy loops and dead ends on their quest. Dramatic LED lighting and digital sound effects

will evoke the atmosphere of a Central American tropical rainforest, complete with screeching howler monkeys, hissing anacondas, tropical storms and more. Along the way, visitors will encounter a rickety bridge over an infinity chasm, a jungle clearing, and the ruins of a Mayan temple. The cost of a one-day pass for the Mirror Maze is \$9.95 per person.

Guests can continue the adventure in the new Laser Maze located in the same facility. The cost for the Laser Maze adventure is \$3.95 per person (for one walkthrough), \$5 for two and \$10 for five. It is located at the northeast corner of Loop 101 and Via de Ventura.

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The Odysea Mirror Maze in Scottsdale is made up of twists and turns, dead ends and a rickety bridge that spans an infinity chasm.

Photo courtesy of Lindsey Gubler

Fashion Gala at Biltmore to Benefit Fresh Start



A scene from the kickoff party last fall to preview the Feb. 22 Fresh Start Fashion Gala. Photo courtesy of Darrylee Cohen/Haute Photography

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The Fresh Start Women's Foundation's much-anticipated 2014 Fresh Start Fashion Gala will take place on Saturday, Feb. 22, at the Arizona Biltmore.

This year's event co-chairs, sisters and businesswomen Ann Siner and Tess Loo of Paradise Valley, have promised the best gala ever with some changes for the annual event that benefits Fresh Start.

"I am ecstatic to be serving as gala co-chair with my sister for the 2014 event," said Siner. "Fresh Start is an incredible organization that is a critical resource for the women of our community. We have some exciting changes in store for this year's event, and I am certain it will be a tremendous success."

"Fresh Start is about connecting women and changing lives, and they do just that every day at the Jewell McFarland Lewis Women's Resource Center," added Loo.

As their largest fundraiser of the year, the Fresh Start Gala will feature a cocktail reception, delicious gourmet dinner, Founder's Award Presentation and a fashion show, followed by entertainment and dancing. Some of the enhancements include a new fashion event, featuring an international designer, hosted

by Saks with both male and female models. Every detail will be coordinated with the theme using a modern, clean unexpected flair and twist. There also will be an uninterrupted dinner among a forest of 5,000 Fresh Start faces aglow in the dining room. Sponsorships and table sales are currently available. Call Amanda Schmidt at 602-261-7140 or email aschmidt@fswf.org for more information. The Arizona Biltmore is located at 2400 E. Missouri Ave. in Phoenix.

Siner is the founder and CEO of My Sister's Closet while Loo is the chief fashion stylist for the company, which has 14 stores in two states with sales topping \$23 million. —*Katie Stringham does marketing for Fresh Start.*