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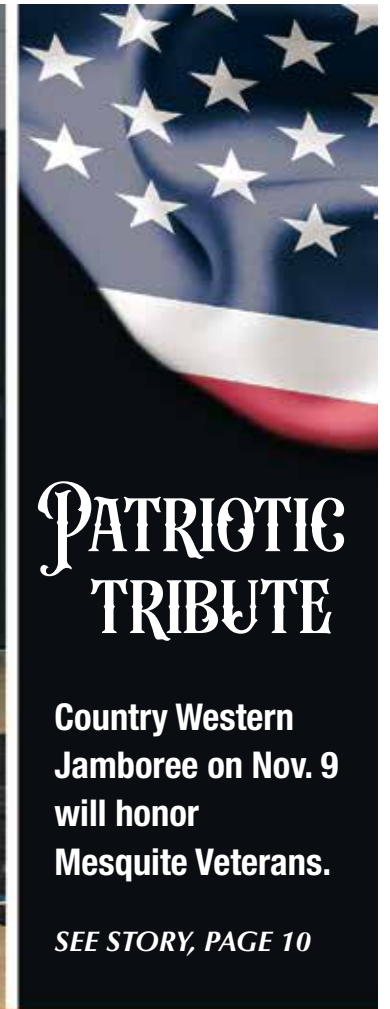
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NEWS AND NOTES

BARON PICKED AS MPD SOAR AWARD WINNER

Officer Erick Baron is this year's Southern Nevada SOAR award recipient for the Mesquite Police Department.

Baron has worked for the Mesquite Police Department for more than five years, and he also has several years of experience with another agency. During much of his time with MPD, he has served as Officer in Charge and utilized his leadership skills on several major incidents.

In one incident last year, a fellow officer was exposed to fentanyl during an arrest. He recognized the officer needed assistance and immediately requested paramedics respond.

Baron then directed other officers on scene to locate and administer Narcan to the injured officer while he helped him lay down on the ground and removed his gear. Bar-

on controlled the scene calmly and communicated with dispatch and other officers to ensure the officer got the medical attention he needed as fast as possible. Without Officer Baron's quick actions and decisive leadership, the exposed Officer could have had serious life threatening concerns.

CASABLANCA RESORT TO HOST HALLOWEEN BASH

The CasaBlanca Resort has scheduled an adults-only Halloween Bash on Oct. 26 in the CasaBlanca Showroom beginning at 8 p.m.

The free event is open to anyone 21 years and older. There will be a costume contest and will feature the '80s band Ghostbusters.

Also in October, the high-energy cover band The Party will perform on Oct. 18. The Party performs hits from the 70s, 80s, 90s and current songs.

The concert is free and open to those 21 years and older.

LIBRARY EVENT WILL BRING COMMUNITY TOGETHER

The Mesquite Library has scheduled its second Glitter & Gold resource fair, a vibrant community gathering that celebrates learning, fun and connection.

The event is scheduled Oct. 12 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the library, 160 W. First North St.

The event will include a pop-up book sale and community partners will sponsor resources to help with your daily life.

There will also be free food and drinks (while supplies last), face painting, balloon art, live music, scavenger hunt and carnival games.

All ages are welcome. There will also be a canned food drive (nonperishable food items) to be donated to the Mesquite Salvation Army.

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FROM THE MAYOR

Sustained business success requires a lot of planning

By Al Litman

Last month I wrote about some reasons small businesses fail. I'll continue this month, and if there is space, talk a little about some businesses you never thought would fail, but did.



Poor debt management is a frequent reason for a business failure. There's more to small business financing than just start-up capital and cash flow.

You need to stay on top of any debt and ensure that your credit remains strong.

It's not uncommon for new entrepreneurs to assume some debt as a new business. You might have taken a start-up loan, and that can become problematic if you are not making enough profit to consistently make your payments.

This can be even more of an issue if you used a hard money lender with high interest rates and a short pay back period.

There are some small businesses that depend on one or a few customers. There is never a guarantee that they will be able to sustain your company.

Once you found a great customer, analyze how you won that customer, and see how you can apply those strategies to finding new customers.

Most small businesses, have low profits in their first few years, but at a point profits can be so low you just can't survive. If you are facing inadequate profit, you need to look at ways of cutting costs, and you can also examine your pricing strategies.

If you start by pricing too low, and you are selling a large volume of

what ever, but still not making the profit you desire, your prices may be priced too low.

You may need to test the waters by raising prices and see how customers respond. Competition is another issue. I hear a lot about this in Mesquite when I'm told we have too many of a certain business.

Before even starting a business where you know there will be considerable competition, conduct a market analysis and see how their prices compare to yours and what they offer.

Once you have a thorough understanding of your competitors, you can devise strategies to set your business apart from the competition.

This can include everything from offering competitive prices to providing a high-quality product or service.

Consumers can be very hard to please especially when there is a lack of market demand. This can come about quickly. Even the best businesses can fail if there is no demand for their product.

Market demand also fluctuates, so what's in demand today can change by tomorrow. You see this, especially in, the retail clothing business and related businesses that deal directly with the consumer.

Depending on the type of business, it's very important to keep track of market trends and be willing and able to change direction quickly.

Market demand is not easy to predict especially in the retail world. I can speak about this with personal experience, as my family was in the retail shoe business, with styles changing nearly every season. You didn't want to be holding last seasons inventory!

The last item I'll mention today

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The Mesquite Police Department has been hosting the Trunk or Treat for 18 years. This year's event is Oct. 31 at the CasaBlanca parking lot.

Mesquite PD preparing for annual Trunk or Treat event

By Breven Honda

Halloween is a time to dress in your favorite costume and enjoy receiving candy.

On Oct. 31, the Mesquite Police Department is hosting the 18th annual Trunk or Treat event.

This year's theme is Haunted Forest and there will be many events for children to enjoy this upcoming holiday.

The event takes place from 6 to 8 p.m. inside the CasaBlanca Resort parking garage.

It is an opportunity to ensure that everyone can enjoy Halloween, while staying safe.

The Mesquite Police Department is also allowing local businesses and residents to participate in this year's Trunk or Treat event.

There is no entry fee to participate. However, those businesses

need to hand out nearly 4,000 pieces of candy to those in attendance. If businesses do advertise, the Mesquite Police Department asks for it to be family-friendly and does not stop the flow of traffic.

If locals have not submitted their company to participate, they can email Lieutenant Chris Rowley at crowley@mesquitenv.gov or by phone at (702) 346-5262 ext. 6120. The deadline to submit your participation for Lt. Rowley is Oct. 18.

If residents want to volunteer their time, they can donate candy that will be passed out at the police department trunks.

For those that would like to drop their candy donation, they can deliver it to the Mesquite Department headquarters at 695 Mayan Circle between 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on weekdays.

Mayor

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sounds like a good problem, unexpected growth. It usually means you are becoming successful, but it can pose risks if you expand too fast without a clear plan.

I have seen this happen over and over. This is where you need to re-

visit your business plan and make sure that growth does not lead to not being able to deliver what you originally set out to do. Next month I'll look at more reasons a business can fail and some ways to prevent that failure.

Al Litman is mayor of the city of Mesquite.



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Carts line up to take golfers to their hole for a shotgun start during the "Healthcare Invitational Golf Tournament" on Sept. 12 at The Palms. (Submitted photo)

Charity golf tourney a success

First thing in the morning on Sept. 12, local golfers invaded The Palms Golf Course.

Retirement Healthcare Advisors got together with Select Health Care, Intermountain Health and local sponsors from Kokopelli Landscaping, Virgin Valley Dental, Precision Eye Care and Back 9 Golf to reserve the entire course.

Together they made arrangement for 140 local golfers to enter "The Healthcare Invitational Golf Tournament." Each hole a had foursome starting from one of the 18 holes.

Once the teams were scattered across the course, there was a "shotgun" start. At the "turn," there was a huge burger lunch hot and waiting. A donation to the Mesquite Salvation Army was the entry fee and raffles or "Mulligans" were offered to support the Mesquite Cristian Academy.

The weather was the coolest day since summer started, the course was in great shape, and the competition was fierce, and we all had a ball.

Our local Mesquite golfer raised nearly \$300 for local charities. Three teams tied for low score and the team that performed the best on the course's most difficult hole were the final winners.

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The “Country Western Jamboree” will take place Nov. 9 at the Virgin River Casino event tent. (Submitted photo)

Veteran’s Party will have country/western flair

By Breven Honda

The Fifth Annual Mesquite Veterans Party is right around the corner. On Nov. 9, the Virgin Valley Daughters of the American Revolution chapter, along with the Mesquite Poker Boys, is hosting the event with the theme, “A Country Western Jamboree.”

Ruth Dickie, who is part to the DAR Virgin Valley Chapter and on the Veterans Party Committee, said “They love it. Mesa Valley veterans, I don’t know about anybody else. I know the veterans involved down there love it, and they’re excited about it, of course. It’s one more venue that gets these veterans from Mesa Valley Estates out and honored. We’re honoring them by doing this and they think it’s wonderful.”

The site for this year’s celebration will take place at the Virgin River Casino Event Tent, which was generously donated by Mesquite Gaming.

“This new location allows us to

offer the great food and beverages provided by Mesquite Gaming in a spacious and comfortable setting,” said Cindy Conti, who is also on the party planning committee. “We are grateful to Mesquite Gaming for offering us this space for the event.”

This comes after the previous veteran parties have taken place at the Mesquite Recreation Center.

One of the improvements from last year’s party to this year’s will be the activity for the veterans and their families in attendance.

“Last year was really our first year doing it as a big event like this,” Dickie said. “I think they’re going to have more fun this year with some line dancing and western music because last year we spent a lot of time on the program and not so much time on the fun. And this year, I think it’s going to be, it’s a little bit more fun for everybody.”

As a result, it is a prime opportunity to wear your cowboy boots and be ready to stomp your feet to some

favorite country songs played by two popular bands, Rolling Joe & the Tumbleweeds and Dealt A Straight. Dance performances will be given by the Recreation Center Life Long Dancers under the direction of Line Dance Instructor Susie Fehseke and Clogging Instructor Pam Sadler.

The Veterans Party will open with a patriotic tribute to our local veterans with Mayor Al Litman as the Master of Ceremonies. Virgin Valley elementary school student Alana Davis will sing the National Anthem as the Virgin Valley Honor Guard will present the colors. In addition, musicians from the Dry Heat Jazz Band will play a patriotic medley.

This event, which will take place from 2 to 5 p.m., pays tribute to our local veterans on the Saturday before Veterans Day with the goal of raising \$20,000 for the Mesquite Veterans Center.

Planning for this event began in March and monthly meetings have

been held to prepare for the party

Conti said the entire committee have stepped up to ensure this is a successful party next month.

“It’s been going great. It’s a lot of work, but we have a great team of people from the city,” Conti said. “We have the mayor and his wife, Phyllis. We have representatives from the Mesquite Poker Boys on the committee. We have representatives from the Showgirls on the committee, plus the DAR, several members are on the committee and as well as the leadership of the Veterans Center. So, the committee has the right people to do the conversations and come up with the best solutions.

“They’ve been very steadfast, monthly meetings at the Mesquite Veterans Center.”

The Mesquite Showgirls will also assist with a silent auction, and a raffle that includes prizes from Mesquite, St. George and Las Vegas area

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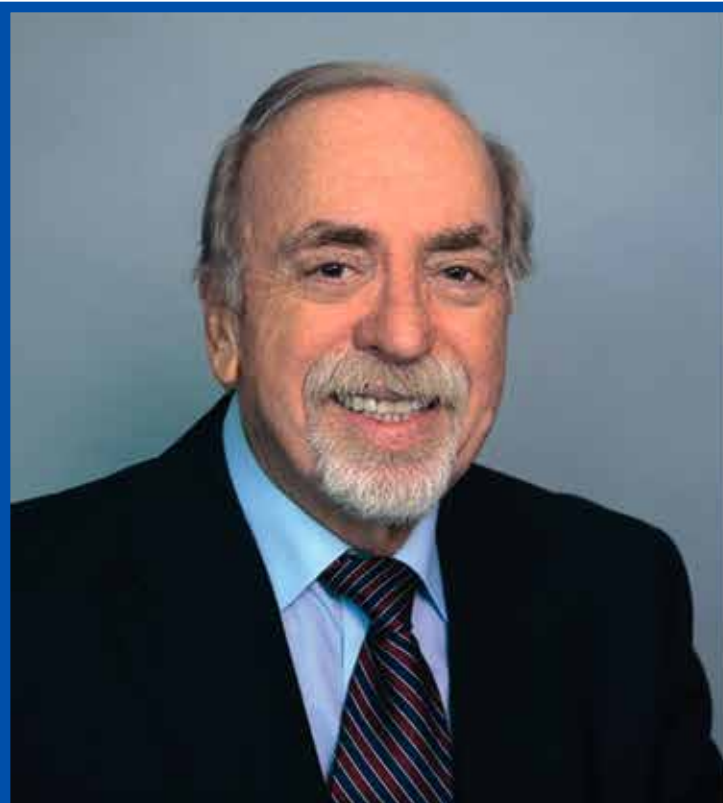
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Let the fall season of Mesquite Senior Games begin!

By Breven Honda

October marks the beginning of the Mesquite Senior Games fall schedule.

It begins on the first day of the month with the two-day bocce event.

Mesquite Senior Games President Sandy Tudor said she and the board of directors cannot wait to kick off the fall season with a full bocce event.

"We're looking forward to it," Tudor said. "We always like to get the fall season going. So even though it's an abbreviated season, there's still a lot of work to do with it."

Bocce is one of five scheduled events on the fall schedule with four coming this month. After the bocce event, men's softball takes center stage before pickleball and golf and the end of the month.

The holiday bowling event will take place in December.

There is still time to participate



and sign up for some of the events. As of Sept. 23, there are 25 golfers getting set to compete in the two-person scramble at Coyote Willows. There are 81 pickleball players and room for more participants for both events.

The fall schedule is also a perfect time for new board members to get acclimated with the planning of a season, especially ahead of a full spring slate that usually begins in March.

Tudor said this is the right oppor-

tunity with a smaller slate compared to eight consecutive weeks of action for Dodie Melendez and Linda Vandervolgen, who both joined the Mesquite Senior Games Board of Directors in July.

"It's been perfect because they understand what goes into making these events happen," Tudor said. "Dodie specifically is a bowler, and she runs bowling tournaments at Virgin River. So, she's well aware of what goes into making these events happen. Linda's been a volunteer with us for at least three years. She's always been one of the ones that was a volunteer at the events, so she's pretty familiar with what goes into it as well."

For those that have been on the board of directors, months have gone by and hours of preparation to ensure a successful event.

However, there is a process to plan

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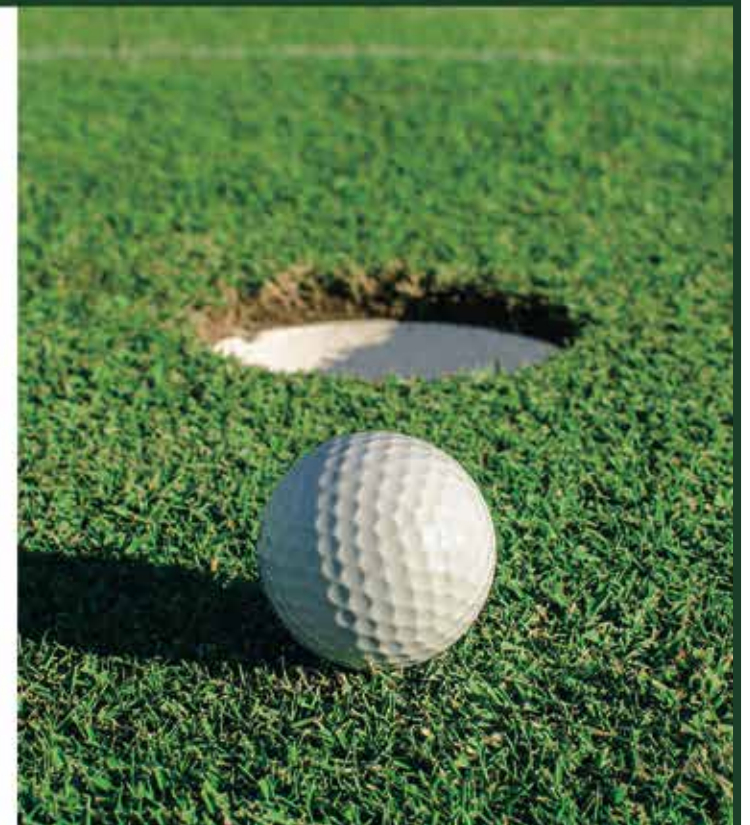
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REMEMBERING 9/11



The City of Mesquite held its annual 9/11 memorial service on Sept. 11. This ceremony took place in front of City Hall. The city would like to thank all those who are participating in this event to honor the victims and heroes of this tragic day. *(City of Mesquite photos)*

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Mesquite Police Department Officer Del Schlosser, center, was picked for the department's "Best of the Badge" for August. (Mesquite Police Department photo)

Schlosser picked 'Best of the Badge'

Congratulations to Mesquite Police Department Officer Del Schlosser for being awarded Best of the Badge for August.

Schlosser is always busy as MPD's policy and training coordinator, Joining Forces coordinator and NI-BRS liaison, just to name a few. On top of all that, he's recently been extra busy implementing several new projects to help keep officers safe and fight crime more efficiently:

- He spearheaded a new LPR program to help recover stolen vehicles,

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City to host Community Thanksgiving Lunch

Thanksgiving is a time for people to gather in unity, count blessings, and express gratitude for health and family. In this spirit, the City of Mesquite extends an invitation to all the residents of Mesquite, Bunkerville and the surrounding areas to come share a complimentary Thanksgiving meal on Wednesday, Nov. 27 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. To-go meals available from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. (limit of 6 per person.)

Hosted by the Mesquite Senior

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every event. But there is also a time to enjoy the planning of each event.

“The work is all up until the games start and then it’s when we have our fun,” Tudor said. “We sit down as a board at the beginning of the year and go through what events we’re going to have. Because they’re the same event, we pretty much have it on autopilot as far as what we have to do. We have what we call an event book that basically gives everything we need to do, the things we have to remember.”

As time has passed and multiple events of a single sport has occurred, there have been many things that the Mesquite Senior Games has needed to correct.

Tudor said having the event books are vital, especially to ensure that every task is fulfilled to prepare for an event.

“I think it was cornhole the first year. We went to storage, and we picked up all of the TV trays we use those that are scoring stands between each of the lanes and chairs and everything,” Tudor said. “Nobody thought about we have to flip a coin to see who starts and we didn’t have coins with us. So that’s the thing that’s on the director’s checklist now that’s in the event book to make sure we take coins and the other stuff.”

“Sometimes it’s the little things that get overlooked. So, these event books have really helped to get that going.”

As the Mesquite Senior Games fall season arrives, Tudor, the Board of Directors and the volunteers cannot wait to put on a successful season.

“We’re very excited. I mean this is our mission statement. This is what we do. We keep or try to help keep the local citizens happy and healthy,” Tudor said.

Jamboree

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businesses. This year’s collection of prizes exceeds anything offered in the past from dinner at Katherine’s to a skydive package from Skydive Mesquite.

There is something for everyone, so don’t forget to bring your wallet.

Platinum Sponsors for this year’s event include Legacy Construction & Development and Crown Cork & Seal.

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“We are very fortunate to have many generous organizations in Mesquite that are eager to support the Veterans Center,” Conti said. “This support is crucial for the Veterans Center to continue their operation.”

Since 2009, the Veterans Center has been an important resource for area veterans seeking support for military benefits and counseling services. Conceived by, established

by and staffed by veteran volunteers it continues to stand strong because of donations from Mesquite businesses, local organizations and individuals living in the area.

“The importance of the Veterans Center cannot be overstated,” Conti said. “It assists our local veterans to receive the benefits they’ve earned and deserve.”

The Mesquite Veterans Center serves as the parent organization and central location for the Vietnam Veterans Chapter 993, the VFW Post 7583, the American Legion Post 24, and the Virgin Valley Honor Guard. The center is a safe place for veterans to gather, network and spend time with other veterans.

Tickets are \$25 per person and can be purchased at the Mesquite Fine Arts Center or online at virginvalleydar.org. Conti said there is a chance that the event might be sold out, so get your tickets early and join the DAR for an afternoon of patriotism and country western music.



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Medicare Annual Enrollment Period Kicks Off Soon: Key Dates and Changes

By Andrew Bird

As the Medicare Annual Enrollment Period (AEP) approaches, now is the time for Medicare beneficiaries to review and update their health coverage plans. AEP begins on Oct. 15 and runs until Dec. 7, providing a critical window for making important changes to Medicare coverage for the upcoming year.



During AEP, beneficiaries can make a variety of adjustments to their current Medicare plans. This includes switching from Original Medicare to a Medicare Advantage plan, or vice versa, and changing from one Medicare Advantage plan to another.

Additionally, participants can enroll in, switch, or drop a Medicare Part D (prescription drug) plan. These decisions are effective for the following year, starting January 1st, 2025.

A crucial part of AEP is reviewing whether your current plan still meets your healthcare needs, especially considering changes to coverage, networks, and costs.

It's also important to verify

whether your preferred doctors and medications will still be covered under your plan for the new year.

Many beneficiaries overlook these changes, leading to surprise expenses or coverage issues later on.

For those who miss the AEP deadline, there are limited options available. The Medicare Advantage Open Enrollment Period, which runs from Jan. 1 to March 31, allows individuals to make one switch to another Medicare Advantage plan or revert to Original Medicare.

With the Medicare AEP just around the corner, it's essential to prepare early. Work with an insurance professional to explore your options and ensure your plan will continue to meet your healthcare needs in the coming year.

Andrew Bird is an owner and agent of Financial Concepts Retirement Planning in Mesquite who specializes in Medicare and Insurance services. Andrew Bird can be reached at 702-346-7025 or by email at info@fcrpin-surance.com

We do not offer every plan available in your area. Please contact Medicare.gov, 1-800-MEDICARE, or your local State Health Insurance Program (SHIP) to get information on all of your options.

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nesses, individuals and community groups. If you are interested in volunteering time during the day of the meal, please contact Krissy Thornton at 702-346-5290 ext. 4102 or via email at kthornton@mesquitenv.gov for available times. Volunteer time slots are in one-hour blocks.

Monetary contributions in any amount would be greatly appreciat-

ed too. For more information about this event or interested in donating, please contact Griselda Belalcazar, Senior Services Supervisor, at 346-5290 ext. 4006 or via email at gbelalcazar@mesquitenv.gov.

For more information about the City of Mesquite, find us on Facebook or Twitter at GoMesquiteNV or visit City Hall at 10 E. Mesquite Blvd. City Hall is open Monday through Friday.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

To have your event listed in this calendar, please e-mail mesquitemonthly@gmail.com or call 775-316-2335.

WEEKLY EVENTS

MONDAYS

Ages 0-5 Storytime: 10 a.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. N. St. A wide variety of books, songs and participatory activities will be shared for young children and their parents. Music will be a strong component. 702-346-5224.

Coloring for Adults: 1-2 p.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. N. St. Join for a relaxing session of coloring intricate and meditative designs of various artists. 702-346-5224.

Tyler's Drawing and Creativity Class: 2-4 p.m. Mesquite Fine Arts Gallery classroom, 15 W. Mesquite Blvd. \$10. Every Tuesday, bring your creative side and join Tyler Roylance and friends for a good drawing experience. No need to sign up, just show up. Call 702-346-1338.

American Sign Language: 4:30-5:30 p.m., Mesquite Library Learning Center, 160 W. 1st. N. St. 702-346-5224.

Homework Help Available: 3-5 p.m. Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. N. St. 702-346-5224.

TUESDAYS

Ages 0-3 Toddler Storytime: 10-10:30 a.m. Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. N. St. Babies and toddlers enjoy songs, nursery rhymes, stories and fingerplays with their favorite adult. This program introduces kids and parents to language-enrichment activities and emerging literacy skills. 702-346-5224.

Homework Help Available: 3-5 p.m. Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. N. St. 702-346-5224.

WEDNESDAYS

Watercolor Intermediate: 9 - 11:30 a.m., Mesquite Fine Arts Gallery classroom, 15 W. Mesquite Blvd. Char Lange watercolor class, limited to 20 participants. Cost is \$10 per classroom, pay at the class. Call 702-346-1338.

Ages 3-5 Preschool Storytime: 10-10:30 a.m. Includes stories, songs and more to build literacy skills and help children develop a love for books. Activities also include Kindergarten Readiness skills such as cutting, tracing, and doing worksheets. 702-346-5224.

Watercolor Beginners: 1-3 p.m., Mesquite Fine Arts Gallery classroom, 15 W. Mesquite Blvd. Char Lange watercolor class, limited to 20 participants. Cost is \$10 per classroom, pay at the class. Call 702-346-1338.

Kids' Artsy Craft Club: 4:30 p.m., A new art technique is taught every week, Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. N. St., 702-346-5224.

Homework Help Available: 3-5 p.m. Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. N. St. 702-346-5224.

Mesquite Rotary: 5:30 p.m. Meets every Wednesday at the Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. N. St. For more information, call 725-253-0288 or email Ro-

taryClubofMesquiteNV@gmail.com

THURSDAYS

Al-Anon Family Group: 10:30 a.m., 150 Yucca St., Suite 35A. Al-Anon Family Group is back with weekly meetings.

Toastmasters: noon - 1 p.m., First Baptist Church, 830 E. Hafen Lane. Toastmasters meet each Thursday at noon. Contact Mike Young at mkyoung@ix.netcom.com for details.

Coloring for Adults: 2:30-3:30 p.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. N. St. Join for a relaxing session of coloring intricate and meditative designs of various artists. 702-346-5224.

Teen Crafternoon: 3 - 5 p.m. Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N St. Teen programs operate under the principles of HOMAGO: Hanging Out, Messing Around, Geeking Out.

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The unfailing promises of God

By Christopher Wall

Nothing in this world is quite as sweet and precious as the promises of God to His people. They are the sustaining hope of all believers amid the darkest times of life. When it seems that all hope is gone, and when the next day feels not worth fighting for, there are always those sweet promises to cling to. But what exactly are those promises?



There are many, but allow me to share five that I believe will be helpful to anyone feeling tired, alone, or discouraged.

Promise of Eternal Life- God promises eternal life to all who believe in Jesus Christ. This is the ultimate hope of the Christian faith.

- John 3:16: "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish, but have eternal life."

Promise of Forgiveness of Sins- Through faith in Jesus Christ, believers are promised complete forgiveness of sins, restoring their relationship with God.

- Ephesians 1:7: "In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our transgressions, according to the riches of His grace."

Promise of Peace- God promises inner peace to believers, even in the midst of trials, as they trust in Him.

- John 14:27: "Peace I leave with you;

My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful."

Promise of Provision- God promises to meet His people's needs as they seek His kingdom first.

- Matthew 6:33: "But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you."

Promise of His Presence- God promises He will never leave nor forsake His people, providing them with strength and courage.

- Isaiah 41:10: "Do not fear, for I am with you; Do not anxiously look about you, for I am your God. I will make you mighty, surely I will help you, surely I will uphold you with My righteous right hand."

There are no sweeter truths than these! These are the promises that all Christians can hold to.

I would be remiss if I did not highlight a specific word in that last sentence: Christian. These promises are not true for everyone without consideration of their relationship with God. God gives these promises to those who are right with Him, having placed their faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

These promises mean nothing apart from Christ. More than anything else, you need the salvation that is offered only through faith in Jesus Christ. Trust in Him today, and hold to the greatest promise of all: eternity with Him!

Chris Wall is the Pastor of Mesquite Baptist Church (750 W. Pioneer Blvd., Mesquite, NV, 89027)—Additional resources can be found at "mesquitebaptistchurchnv.com" and on YouTube and Instagram at "mesquitebaptistchurchnv"



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Refers to spaces and learning activities that allow for flexible, hands-on experimentation, collaboration and tinkering in areas of professional interest. All supplies provided. 702-346-5224.

STEAM Activities for Kids: 4-5 p.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N. St. Participate each week in fun, hands-on Science, Technology, Engineering, Art or Math activity. 702-346-5224

Homework Help Available: 3-5 p.m. Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N. St. 702-346-5224.

FRIDAYS

Family Storytime: 10 a.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N. St. A wide variety of books, songs and participatory activities will be shared for young children and their parents. 702-346-5224.

Bereavement Group: 3:30-4:30 p.m. Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st St. This is a group headed by Mesa View/Virgin Valley Hospice. 702-346-5224.

Library Closed Nov. 25 for Nevada Day.

SUNDAYS

Al-Anon Family Group: 3 p.m., Mesquite Veterinary Clinic, 371 Riverside Drive, Suite A. Al-Anon Family Group is back with weekly meetings.

THURSDAY, OCT. 3

DIY Craft: 10:15-11:15 a.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st St. A different craft each month. Sign up required. 702-346-5224

FRIDAY, OCT. 4

Cricut Designer Group: 10:30 a.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st St. Leaning Resource Center. Come out and create some crafts with cricut. 702-346-5224.

Palette & Pour Party, A House Haunting: 5-7:30 p.m., Mesquite Fine Arts Gallery classroom, 15 W. Mesquite Blvd. \$35. Registration required. Call Dottie M. Golden at 831-246-0226 or email dottiegolden112@gmail.com

SATURDAY, OCT. 5

Eureka Pumpkin Painting: 10 a.m. - noon, Eureka Casino, 275 Mesa Blvd. Town Square. Come join the fun of painting your own Halloween pumpkin, includes snakes, paints, brushes and pumpkin. Limited seating. \$35 tickets.

Healthy Reading Book Club: 11 a.m. - noon, Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N. St. Pick up this month's selection from the customer service desk and read it prior to the meeting. Then join in the discussion. Call 702-346-5224.

Fall Barbecue: 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., Mesquite Veterans Center, 840 E. Hafen Lane. This barbecue will support local veteran families in need. Food Bank and the Wounded Warriors Project. Gift basket raffles and silent auction.

Movie Matinee: 1 p.m. Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N St. Featured movie is "Hard Miles." Call 702-346-5224.

SUNDAY, OCT. 6

Movie Matinee: 1 p.m. Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N St. Featured mov-

ie is "Hard Miles." Call 702-346-5224.

Live Concert: 3 p.m. Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N St. Come out and listen to Irish Ensemble and Jumping Fleas. Call 702-346-5224.

MONDAY, OCT. 7

Junk Journal Club: 10:30-11:30 a.m. Mesquite Library Learning Center, 160 W. 1st N St. Learn about junk journaling and trade supplies and techniques. Call 702-346-5224.

American Sign Language: 4:30-5:30 p.m., Mesquite Library Learning Center, 160 W. 1st N St. . Call 702-346-5224.

TUESDAY, OCT. 8

City Council meeting: 5 p.m., City Hall, 10 E. Mesquite Blvd. Regular meetings of the Mesquite City Council.

Bauman Wealth Advisors Grand Opening: 2 - 4 p.m., 1085 W. Pioneer Blvd., Suite 170. Refreshments will be served.

Mesquite Fine Arts Photographic Society Meeting: 5:30-7:30 p.m., STEAM Center, 312 W. Mesquite Blvd., Suite 116. Speaker is award-winning photographer Shirley Smith to discuss iPhone photography. Call 702-346-1338.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 9

Chamber Luncheon: 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., CasaBlanca Resort. Featured speaker is Nikkie Nguyen, government affairs manager, western region, U.S. Chamber of Commerce. Members \$30, non-members \$40. Call 702-

346-2902.

Writer's Group: 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st St. Learning Center Building. Come and discuss your craft with other local writers. Info: 702-346-5224.

Book Bingo: 1:30-3:30 p.m. Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N. St. Play bingo, win books! Info: 702-346-5224.

Republican Women's Club (for men & women): Doors open at 5 p.m., Meeting 5:30-7 p.m., Mesquite Veteran's Center, 840 Hafen Lane, Meetings the second Wednesday of each month. For information: call 530-966-5363, email hrbsue@yahoo.com.

THURSDAY, OCT. 10

Mystery Book Club: 11 a.m. -noon, Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N. St. Pick up this month's selection from the customer service desk and read it prior to the meeting. Then join in the discussion. Call 702-346-5224.

Paint Your Pride: 3-5 p.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N. St. Offering a place for creativity, socialization, gaming, crafting, and lounging for grades 6-12. Info: 702-346-5224.

FRIDAY, OCT. 11

Cornhole Tournament: 8 a.m., Mesquite Lutheran Church, 450 Turtleback Road. Limited to first 20 teams.. Entry fee \$20 per team. Come join the fun. Questions, email Steve Raddatz at georad57@gmail.com.

Red Cross Blood Drive: noon - 5

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p.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. St. Schedule at www.redcrossblood.org or call 800-733-2767.

Fused Glass Drop In: 1-4 p.m., Mesquite Fine Arts Gallery classroom, 15 W. Mesquite Blvd. Registration is not required. Call Pam Jacobson, 303-910-4542 or email pam.jacobson74@gmail.com.

Palette & Pour Party, Bewitching Kitten: 5-7:30 p.m., Mesquite Fine Arts Gallery classroom, 15 W. Mesquite Blvd. \$35. Registration required. Call Dottie Golden at 831-246-0226 or email dottiegolden112@gmail.com

SATURDAY, OCT. 12

Monster Mash 5k and Fun Run: 9 a.m., Mesquite Recreation Center, 100 W. Old Mill Road. Cost is \$30 for 5k and \$20 for 1-mile fun run. Check in at 8 a.m., run starts at 9 a.m. Starts and finishes at the Rec Center. Register online at mesquitenv.activityreg.com or in person at the Rec Center.

Get Smart with Art: 10 a.m. - noon. Mesquite Fine Arts Gallery classroom, 15 W. Mesquite Blvd. A free class for ages 8-14. Explore differ-

ent elements of art, mediums, applications and techniques. Call Wendy Douglas at 435-230-4748 or email redsaldtough@yahoo.com

Bingo Bash: 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., Elks Lodge, 545 Riverside Drive. Fifth annual Bingo Bash is a fundraiser benefiting the Mesquite Showgirls. \$20 per ticket. To reserve a table, email TheMesquitenNVShowgirls@gmail.com or call 801-699-9947 or 702-420-4494.

Glitter & Gold Resource Fair: 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st St. A community event celebrating learning, fun and connections. Free food and drink, face painting, balloon art and live music.

SUNDAY, OCT. 13

Movie Matinee: 1 p.m. Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N St. Featured movie is the original "Beetlejuice." Call 702-346-5224.

Live Concert: 3 p.m. Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N St. Come out and listen to Bronze Dabney. Call 702-346-5224.

MONDAY, OCT. 14

Virgin Valley Amateur Radio Club: 6 p.m. Fire Station No. 3. The club meets on the second Monday

of each month. For more information, please go to our website at: www.vvarc.net

TUESDAY, OCT. 15

City Technical Review meeting: 2:30 p.m., City Hall, 10 E. Mesquite Blvd. Regular meetings of the Mesquite City Council.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 16

Southern Nevada Restoration Team Forum: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., Mesquite City Hall, 10 E. Mesquite Blvd. For more information, contact JJ Smith at Jpsmith@blm.gov or call 702-515-5070.

Adult 3D Pen Coloring: 3 - 4:30 p.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. N. St. Learning Center Building. Come learn about 3D pen coloring. Info: 702-346-5224.

THURSDAY, OCT. 17

Job Fair: 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st. N. St. Sponsored by Employ NV. Info: 702-346-5224.

Blood Drive: 2-6 p.m., Mesquite Recreation Center, 100 W. Old Mill Road. Schedule at www.donors.vitalant.org with code 89027. Call 877-256-4825.

A Witches Gathering: 4 p.m.,

Mesquite Fine Arts Gallery, 15 W. Mesquite Blvd. Awards reception for 'Beneath the Surface' exhibit. Food and fun for all, cake walk. Free and open to the public.

FRIDAY, OCT. 18

Desert Doodles Drop-In Group: 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Mesquite Fine Arts Gallery classroom, 15 W. Mesquite Blvd. Bring out your inner weirdness with this free group (limited to 15 participants). Call or email Joyce Redweik at 951-805-3759 or joyceredweik@gmail.com.

Palette & Pour Party, Broom Hilda: 5-7:30 p.m., Mesquite Fine Arts Gallery classroom, 15 W. Mesquite Blvd. \$35. Registration required. Call Dottie M. Golden at 831-246-0226 or email dottiegolden112@gmail.com

Eureka Paint & Sip Night: 5 p.m., Eureka Ballroom, 275 Mesa Blvd. Includes complimentary wine, paints, brushes and canvas. Limited seating. \$35 tickets. Must be 21 or older.

SATURDAY, OCT. 19

Virgin River Cleanup: 8 a.m., Hafen Lane Park, 450 W. Hafen Lane. Volunteers will start at Hafen

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Family Craft: 11 a.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N St. Join for an artful craft or project that incorporates dexterity, imagination and fun. Call 702-346-5224.

Virgin Valley History: 11 a.m. - noon., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N St. In partnership with the Virgin Valley Heritage Museum, explore different historical aspects of the local area. 702-346-5224.

Movie Matinee: 1 p.m. Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N St. Featured movie is "Thelma." Call 702-346-5224.

Cricut Craft Club: 3-4:30 p.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st St. Leaning Resource Center. Come out and create some crafts with cricut. 702-346-5224.

SUNDAY, OCT. 20

Movie Matinee: 1 p.m. Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N St. Featured movie is "Thelma." Call 702-346-5224.

Live Concert: 3 p.m. Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N St. Come out and listen to Wheezing Geezers. Call 702-346-5224.

MONDAY, OCT. 21

Virgin Valley Artists Association General Meeting: 11 a.m. - noon, Mesquite Fine Arts Gallery, 15 W. Mesquite Blvd.

Travel Workshop: 3-4:30 p.m., Mesquite Library Learning Center, 160 W. 1st N St. Come get some information about setting up travel. Call 702-346-5224.

TUESDAY, OCT. 22

City Council meeting: 5 p.m., City Hall, 10 E. Mesquite Blvd. Regular meetings of the Mesquite City Council.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 23

Hope Starts Here: 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., CasaBlanca Resort, 950 W. Mesquite Blvd. Fund-raiser luncheon ben-

efitting Mesquite SafeNest Shelter. Tickets are \$40 and lunch is included. Call the Mesquite Chamber of Commerce at 702-346-2902.

THURSDAY, OCT. 24

DIY Craft: 10:15-11:15 a.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st St. A different craft each month. Sign up required. 702-346-5224

Molina Medicare: 1-2 p.m., Mesquite Library Learning Center, 160 W. 1st St. Find the best plan for you and discover extra benefits and savings 702-346-5224

Shreek-Reeka Trick-or-Treat Spooktacular: 6-9 p.m., Eureka Casino Resort, 275 Mesa Blvd. Haunted Houses, Trick-or-Treat stations, carnival games. Kids of all ages welcome. Free community event.

FRIDAY, OCT. 25

Library closed: for Nevada Day.

Trunk or Treat and Car Show: 5-7 p.m., Western Tri State Equipment, 4370 E Farm Road, Littlefield Arizona. Free event, bring your kids for the trunk or treat and enjoy some chili dogs. Email jocelyn@wtsequipment.com to participate.

Palette & Pour Party, Feast for Crows: 5-7:30 p.m., Mesquite Fine Arts Gallery classroom, 15 W. Mesquite Blvd. \$35. Registration required. Call Dottie M. Golden at 831-246-0226 or email dottiegolden112@gmail.com

SATURDAY, OCT. 26

Show N' Shine OHV Show: 11 a.m. - 5 p.m., Mesquite Recreation Center West Field, 100 W. Old Mill Road. Come out and see some great all terrain vehicles on display. Sponsored by Kokopelli ATV Club and Mesquite Athletics & Leisure Services.

Writer's Group: 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st St. Learning Center Building. Come and discuss your craft with other local writers. Info: 702-346-5224.

Children's Movie: 3 p.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N. St. Come out for a movie geared toward children ages 0-17 and their caregivers. Call 702-346-5224.

SUNDAY, OCT. 27

Show N' Shine OHV Show: 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., Mesquite Recreation Center West Field, 100 W. Old Mill Road. Come out and see some great all terrain vehicles on display. Sponsored by Kokopelli ATV Club and Mesquite Athletics & Leisure Services.

Turkey Fused Glass Bobble-head Workshop: 1-4 p.m., Mesquite Fine Arts Gallery classroom, 15 W. Mesquite Blvd. Includes instruction, kiln usage, all materials and equipment. \$50 cash or Venmo, pay at the door.

Sensory Sensitive Children's Movie: 1 p.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N. St. Come out for a movie geared toward children ages 0-17 and their caregivers. Call 702-346-5224.

Live Concert: 3 p.m. Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N St. Come out and listen to Grant Gunn & Who Knows Who. Call 702-346-5224.

MONDAY, OCT. 28

Book Bingo: 2:30-3:30 p.m. Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N. St. Play bingo, win books! Info: 702-346-5224.

TUESDAY, OCT. 29

Book Swap Club: 1-2:30 p.m. Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N. St. Info: 702-346-5224.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 30

Combined Toddler/Preschool Halloween Storytime: 10 a.m. Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N. St. Children can come in costume and enjoy a special story time and play fun carnival games. Call 702-346-5224.

International Cinema (Film Discussion Group): 2-3 p.m. Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N. St. Join to discuss (in English) a different film each month. Pick up a copy of the month's selection at the Customer Service Desk. Call 702-346-5224.

THURSDAY, OCT. 31

Trunk or Treat: 6 p.m., CasaBlanca Resort Parking Garage, 850 W. Mesquite Blvd. Join the Mesquite Police Department in the Haunted

Forest. Prizes for best trunks. Contact Lt. Rowley for more information at CRowley@mesquitenv.gov

SATURDAY, NOV. 2

Healthy Reading Book Club: 11 a.m. - noon, Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N. St. Pick up this month's selection from the customer service desk and read it prior to the meeting. Then join in the discussion. Call 702-346-5224.

Movie Matinee: 1 p.m. Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N St. Featured movie is TBD. Call 702-346-5224.

SUNDAY, NOV. 3

Movie Matinee: 1 p.m. Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N St. Featured movie is TBD. Call 702-346-5224.

MONDAY, NOV. 4

Blood Drive: 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N St. Schedule at www.donors.vitalant.org with code 89027. Call 702-346-5224.

Junk Journal Club: 10:30-11:30 a.m. Mesquite Library Learning Center, 160 W. 1st N St. Learn about junk journaling and trade supplies and techniques. Call 702-346-5224.

TUESDAY, NOV. 5

Mesquite Book Club: 10-11 a.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st N. St. Pick up this month's selection from the customer service desk and read it prior to the meeting. Then join in the discussion. Call 702-346-5224.

Brown Bag Cultural Series: noon - 1 p.m., Mesquite Fine Arts Center, 15 W. Mesquite Blvd. Program TBA. Free to the public.

City Technical Review meeting: 2:30 p.m., City Hall, 10 E. Mesquite Blvd. Regular meetings of the Mesquite City Council.

Arts Council Meeting: 5:30 - 6:30 p.m., Mesquite Arts Council Office, 150 N. Yucca St., Room 23. Monthly meeting of the Mesquite Arts Council. The public is welcome. 702-346-2787.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 6

Red Cross Blood Drive: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Mesquite Library, 160 W. 1st St. Schedule at www.redcrossblood.org or call 800-733-2767.

PUZZLES

THEME: NBA

ACROSS

- 1. Port city in Japan
- 6. *Team ride
- 9. Nordic native
- 13. Equipped with feathers
- 14. Cigarette deposit
- 15. *Arena, e.g.
- 16. Not odds
- 17. Hawaiian welcome wreath
- 18. Bone hollows
- 19. *NBA headquarters location
- 21. *Bill ____ NBA Finals Most Valuable Player award
- 23. "Roses ____ red..."
- 24. *NBA centers typically have long ones
- 25. Tarzan the ____ Man
- 28. Cry like a baby
- 30. 3.26 light-years
- 35. "Off The Wall" shoe
- 37. Living quarters
- 39. Shop ____ slogan
- 40. "I'm ____ you!"
- 41. Got some shuteye
- 43. Comme ci, comme Áa
- 44. Brandish
- 46. Ski hill ride
- 47. Contractor's work order
- 48. *Basketball blocking move
- 50. Swedish shag rugs
- 52. Member of a "benevolent and protective order"
- 53. Kind of cola
- 55. Thrice-repeated dance step
- 57. *Power ____ position
- 61. *NBA team with most championships
- 65. Deprive of armor
- 66. Genetic acronym
- 68. Plural of ostium
- 69. Junk yard stuff
- 70. Geisha's sash
- 71. *Nickname for 61 Across
- 72. Ooze
- 73. *NBA Sixth ____ of the Year Award
- 74. Type of leaf cabbage, pl.

- 6. Refuse to comply
- 7. Wear and tear
- 8. Bake an egg
- 9. Sunglasses "glass"
- 10. Cassino chip
- 11. Not knit
- 12. Church sound
- 15. Lord's subordinate
- 20. Good ____, book lovers' app
- 22. Strike caller
- 24. High school math class
- 25. Declares to be true
- 26. Sweat-inducing attack
- 27. Come in!
- 29. *The Stilt's first name
- 31. David Schwimmer on "Friends"
- 32. Breadth
- 33. Art support
- 34. *Shot ____, NBA countdown ver

DOWN

- 1. Bun baker
- 2. "____ me a seat"
- 3. From square one
- 4. Tanzania's northern neighbor
- 5. Not absorb, nor repel

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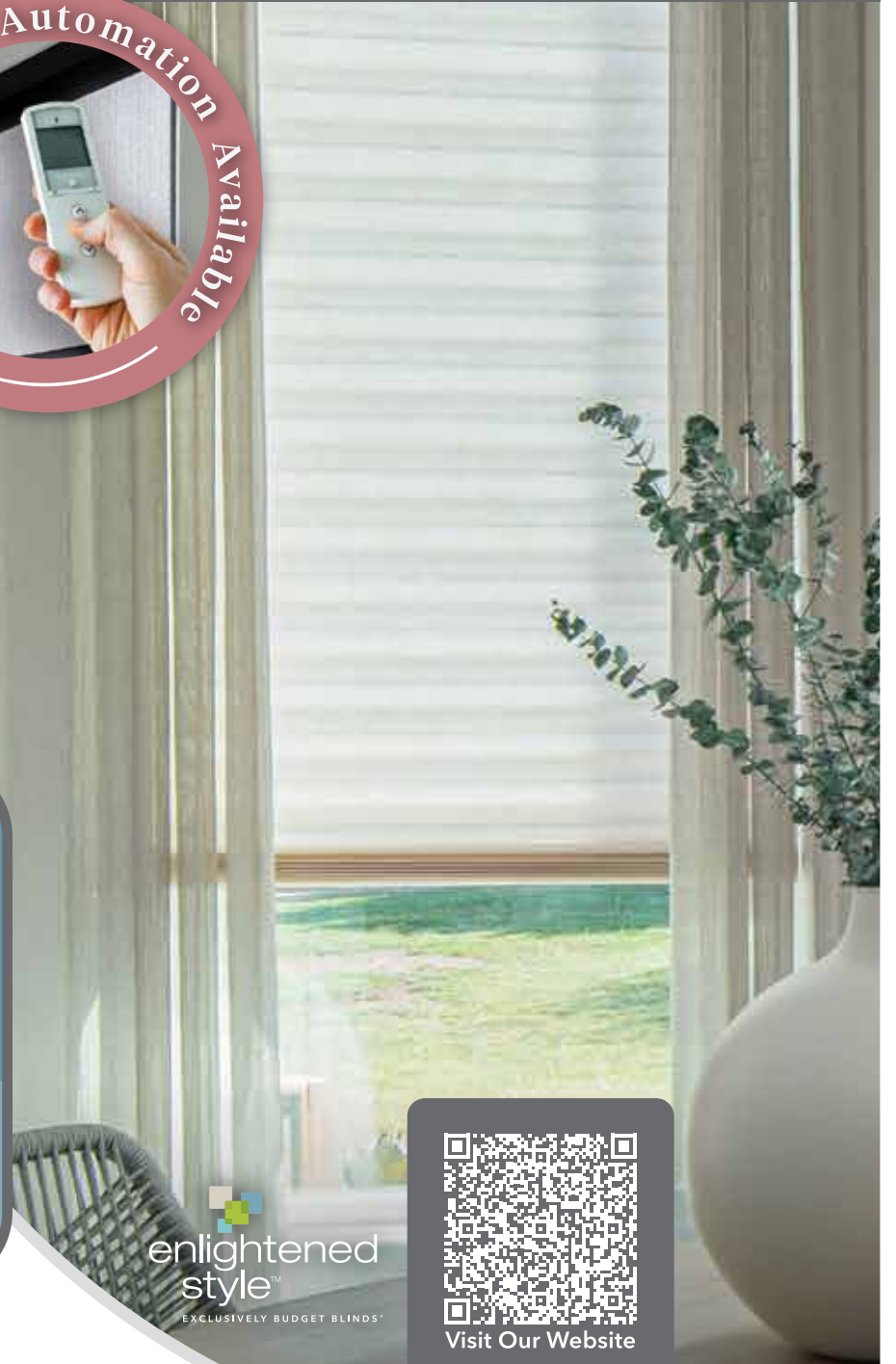


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