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Emerging from 18 months of quarantine and consumer abstinence, we didn't know where to stop - so we didn't. Find 511 of the Valley's most laudable people, places and things, from AZ merch to hazy IPAs to the best Mexican food from every part of Mexico. The sheer volume of awesomeness is unprecedented. **BONUS:** Dramatically expanded readers' picks!

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BEST OVERDUE REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT
Paradise Valley Mall

We Americans certainly have nostalgia for the indoor mall of yesteryear (Michael Galinsky's photography book *Malls Across America* sells for nearly \$1,000 on eBay), but in truth, they don't serve much purpose today. That's why it's exciting to hear of plans to transform the 1978-built, 92-acre Paradise Valley Mall into a live-work-play center à la Scottsdale Quarter. Expect high-rise condos, restaurants, shops and office space. 4568 E. Cactus Rd., Phoenix, paradisievalleymall-zoning.com

BEST CONTROL TOWER
Terminal 1, Sky Harbor International Airport

Terminal 2 shut its gates for good, and 3 and 4 change all the time. But one building stands as a beacon for the whole city – the 1952 control tower, still in operation. In a city with a constantly changing skyline, it's nice to have a familiar façade welcome us home.

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BEST BIG IDEA
Epicenter at Agritopia

Idea machine Joe Johnston and his son William are overseeing this ambitious project, which combines home, work, play and sustenance in close proximity. At the Gilbert compound, 320 apartment homes will exist beside commercial space, including a Matt's Big Breakfast and Peixoto Coffee. There will be food delivery lockers, a co-working space and a greenhouse-inspired conference room. The project goes live this fall. agritopia.com/#epicenter

BEST SOCIALLY DISTANCED OUTDOOR THEATER EXPERIENCE
The Phoenix Theatre Company

In November 2020, The Phoenix Theatre Company began outdoor programming on a custom-built stage in an adjacent church parking lot, giving theater-goers their first live performing arts experiences in several months. Safety protocols like distanced chairs, sanitizer stations and mask requirements made it a comfortable experience. Shows are back inside for the 2021 summer season. 1825 N. Central Ave., Phoenix, 602-254-2151, phoenixtheatre.com

Hotel Valley Ho, opposite; Epicenter rendering, above, Terminal 1 control tower, this photo

