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Hot Picks: Oct. 14-20

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Thursday, October 14

Insert Animal Pun Here For anyone who has ever tried in vain to teach their dog to sit or teach their cat to do anything, prepare to be truly amazed by the **Popovich Comedy Pet Theater**. Master juggler, comedian and circus performer Gregory Popovich, who has been featured on “The Tonight Show” and “Letterman” among others, is bringing his Vegas act to Flagstaff. His cast of 10 dogs and 15 cats were all rescued from shelters and now perform astounding acts of daring and mental prowess. Catch the performance at the Orpheum Theater, 15 W. Aspen, at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$18–23 or \$12 for kids. To know more, call 556-1580 or see www.comedypet.com.

He’s Kind of a Big Deal At age 5, **Collie Buddz** relocated to his mother’s home of Bermuda and was heavily influenced by the local music. In 2007, when the reggae artist released his debut album it soared to the tops of charts across the globe. Combining influences from hip-hop to Southern California rock with his reggae roots, Buddz has since collaborated with artists like Busta Rhymes, Cypress Hill, Shaggy, Beyonce and Lil Wayne. See Collie Buddz in Flag at the Green Room, 15 N. Agassiz, at 9 p.m. Tickets are \$18. To know more, call 226-8669 or see www.colliebuddz.com.

Friday, October 15

Before there was ‘Glee’ Kicking off their fall season, the **NAU Department of Theatre** will present the Tony-award-winning musical comedy “**The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee.**” Spotighting a quirky cast of outsiders and misfits, the play also pulls members from the audience up on stage to participate in the spelling bee. The play will run Oct. 15 and 16 as well as the 20th–24th.

Evening performances are at 8 p.m.

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16 and 23. For tickets or more info, call 523-5661.



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Have you Hugged Your River Runner Today? If you've lived in Flagstaff for any substantial amount of time, then you probably are, know, or love a Grand Canyon river guide. The Whale Foundation is a local non-profit organization that provides access to healthcare, scholarships and a network of support for our river guide community. So stop by their fundraiser, "River Run-Out," at the Green Room, 15 N. Agassiz, and join in a community jam session from 6–9 p.m. followed by live music from local Americana rockers **Dave McGraw and Crow Wing**. The suggested donation is \$5 at the door. To find out more, call 226-8669 or visit www.whalefoundation.org.

Watch out for Furballs Local performance troupe **Human Nature Dance Theatre** has been creating intriguing contemporary dance performances for more than a decade. With their new show, "**Animal Etiquette**," the group will present both new pieces and favorites from the past 16 years to explore the contrasts and connections between human and animal, wild and domestic, masculine and feminine. Catch the performance at the Coconino Center for the Arts, 2300 N. Ft. Valley Road, before they take the show up to Portland in November. Showtime is 7:30 p.m. and tickets are \$15 or \$10 for students. For more info, call 779-2300 or see www.animaletiquette.org.



Photo courtesy of Human Nature

Dance Theatre

Saturday, October 16

They Even Play with Oven Mitts On With heavy emphasis on a fiery brass section, Bellingham, Wash., quartet **Yogoman Burning Band** aims to get audiences up and moving, and with their solid ska/soul beats and positive message, it shouldn't be a problem. After sharing stages with artists like RJD2, Iron and Wine and Dengue Fever, Yogoman is back on tour to promote their third album *Beam Me Up!* Catch the foursome back in Flag at the Monte V, 100 N. San Francisco, at 9 p.m. To find out more, call 774-2403 or check out www.yogomanburnin_gband.com.



Photo courtesy of Yogoman Burning

Band

Careful Where you Shake that Meat Combining sultry blues with upbeat danceable grooves, Phoenix- based five-piece the **Sugar Thieves** have dubbed themselves Arizona's "meat shakin' blues band." Catch them here in town at Flag Brew, 16 E. Rte. 66, and see why they've won a whole slew of awards. Showtime is 10 p.m. For more info, call 773-1442 or check out www.sugarthieves.com.

Sunday, October 17

Workin' Man Perhaps best known as the lead vocalist for the '80s Australian pop-rock group Men at Work, Scottish-Australian musician **Colin Hay** has made his home in the U.S. for the last 20 years cultivating a successful solo career. In addition to releasing several albums and establishing his own record label, his music has been included on movie soundtracks like "Garden State" and Hay has also made appearances in movies and on TV shows, including multiple cameos on "Scrubs." His newest album, *American Sunshine*, examines the American dream with a combination of wonder and cynicism, all the while showcasing Hay's bittersweet voice and lyrical songwriting. Catch Hay in Flagstaff at the Orpheum Theater, 15 W. Aspen, at 8 p.m. Local **Dave Logan** will open the show. Tickets are \$22 in advance and \$25 day off. For more, call 556-1580 or see www.colinhay.com.



Photo courtesy of Colin Hay

Tuesday, October 19

Not Your Typical Lawn Care Professionals Although their instruments may look traditional—from guitar, banjo and mandolin to the Dobro and upright bass—the music that Michigan-based quintet **Greensky Bluegrass** creates is anything but standard. Greensky has been honing their genre-bending bluegrass jam over years of performing at festivals and venues across the country and collaborating with musicians like Sam Bush, Railroad Earth and Mickey Hart of the Grateful Dead. Promoting their new live double CD, *All Access, Vol. One*, the boys of Greensky are back on the road and will return to Flag with a show at the Orpheum Theater, 15 W. Aspen, at 8 p.m. The show is all-ages and tickets are \$12. To get more info, call 556-1580 or check out www.greenskybluegrass.com.



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