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## ng Efforts

leely when she reached the  
e line. After she roused him  
ft the bus, she said, he walked  
y bus shelter and sat on the  
When she returned to the site  
rs later, Douglas was still there,  
sive.  
ordance with T procedures,  
tacted dispatch, and dispatcher  
ason contacted McDonald and  
to the scene. McDonald called  
egan cardiopulmonary resusciti-  
ore an ambulance arrived.

## Valley Metro Opens 'Rain Shelter' in Mesa, AZ

**THANKS TO THE EFFORTS** of  
artist Laurie Lundquist, passengers  
awaiting Valley Metro bus service at the  
southeastern corner of Main and Center  
streets in Mesa, AZ, near the Mesa Arts  
Center, can experience their trip from a  
new perspective. They stand underneath  
a canopy of shiny chrome raindrops  
hanging from the ceiling of the station  
stop, a dynamic feature that responds to

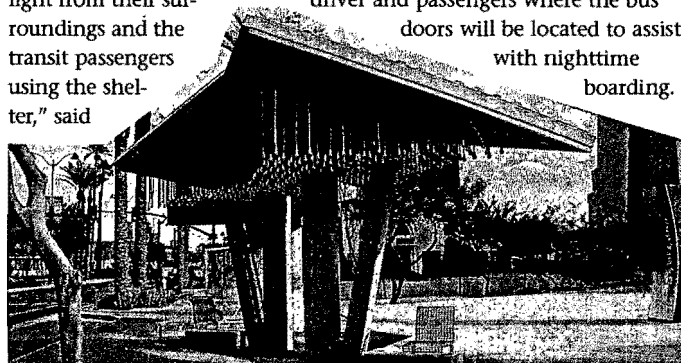
the wind with move-  
ment and sound.

"The 'Rain Shelter'  
idea emerged as a play-  
ful way to relate to  
the desert and engage  
the imagination. The  
'raindrops' themselves  
can sway in the breeze  
and reflect colors and  
light from their sur-  
roundings and the  
transit passengers  
using the shel-  
ter," said

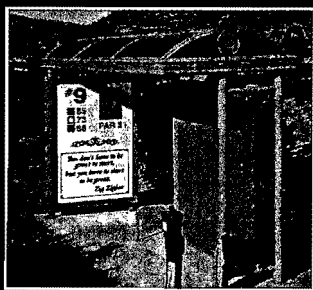
Lundquist, who designed the shelter as  
well as the hanging installation.

Lundquist's aim was to make the  
shelter fit within the context of the arts  
center without copying it. The twisted  
frames of the roof reflect the center's  
twisted canopies. The supports that hold  
up the canopy are abstract tree forms to  
signify that a tree is one of the Earth's  
most natural bus stops.

Also, Valley Metro introduced a special  
design for another 25 new bus stops,  
located at least every mile along both  
sides of Main Street and Power Road.  
These structures incorporate fiberglass  
louvers that allow access to the breezes  
in the summer and provide warmth from  
the winter sun. A band of light at the top  
of the station helps identify the shelter at  
night, and lights in the sidewalk show the  
driver and passengers where the bus  
doors will be located to assist  
with nighttime  
boarding.



The "Rain Shelter" bus stop in Mesa, AZ, features a canopy of freely moving chrome raindrops suspended from the ceiling.



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