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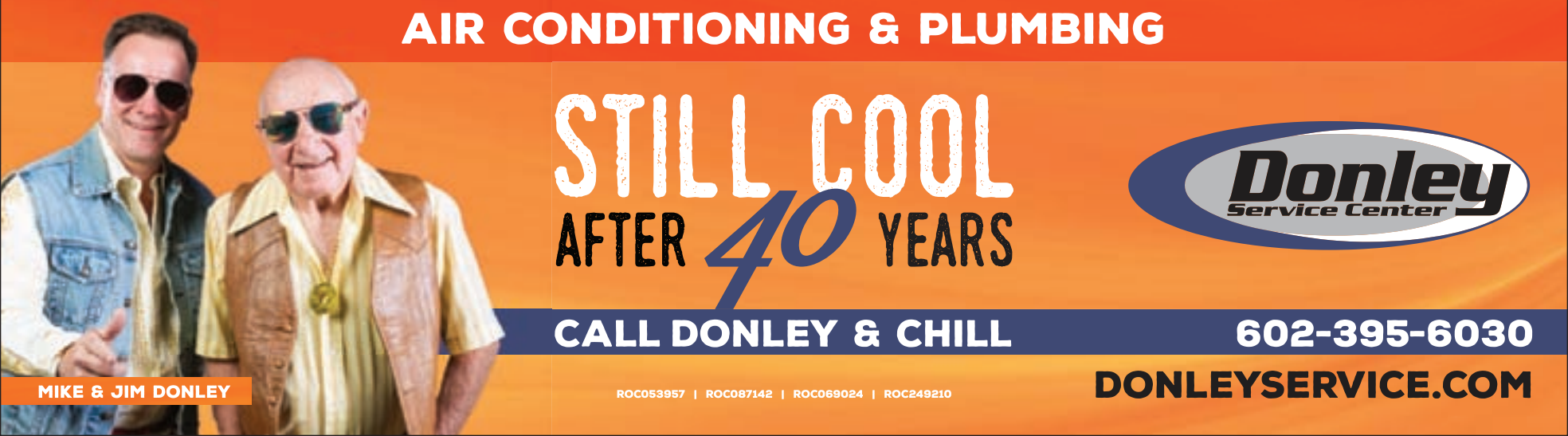
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Mermaid sighting in Coronado! Thanks to the Cadwell family.







Farewell — but not goodbye

EDITOR'S NOTES

By Amanda Goossen

When I was a little girl, I had an affinity for the song *When You Wish Upon a Star*. Something about it seemed so hopeful. If you are a regular reader of this column, you know by now that my emotions lean toward the sentimental. This little memory proves that I've been this way since the beginning.



Growing up, I had a snow globe that played the tune. Quite often I would wind the knob on the bottom of the globe and something about that sweet melody told me to go after what I wanted. It reminded me that I could accomplish whatever inspired my soul.

Becoming the managing editor of *Arcadia News* three years ago was my dream job. When I was 16 years old I wrote a "Things to do before I die" list on a scrap of paper and folded it into my wallet. To me, the three most important things on that list were: falling in love forever, becoming a mom, and publishing an article in a newspaper or magazine.

Well, my friends, dreams really do come true. And then some.

As you may know, I have the handsome husband, two bundles of joy and in the last five years I've published over 300 articles for this award-winning newspaper. In 2014 I was named a Rising Star in journalism by the Association of Free Community Papers and in 2015 I helped *Arcadia News* win two national awards in General Excellence. I've helped over 15 writers and budding journalists learn the craft, just as my mentors once did for me. And I have loved every minute of this beautiful ride.

But when dreams are satisfied, when they really truly come true…I'm a firm believer that we must build new dreams. We must continue to grow.

It is with a heavy heart that I tell you, the kind and loyal readers of this paper that I love, that this month marks my last as the managing editor of *Arcadia News*.

It wasn't an easy decision. But the one I know is right.

This isn't a goodbye. I will still contribute articles. But I will no longer be at the helm of this beloved community newspaper. It is someone else's turn to pour their heart into the paper you love to read.

I thank you, our readers, for supporting not only this paper, but also me! Over the years I've received handwritten notes, emails of encouragement, even a beautiful bouquet of flowers when I wrote about the passing of my grandmother. You have been my cheerleaders, my story pitch team and most importantly, my friends.

These past three years have been the greatest time of my life.

I will see you in the neighborhood! Thank you for reading *Arcadia News*.





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2016 HOPI SCHOOL DISTRICT SALES RESULTS
(1/1/2016-7/31/2016)

Active Homes -	171 homes
Homes Sold -	162 homes
Average Sale Price -	$1,242,000
Average Sold $ Per SF -	$332
Average Days On Market -	134 days

There is currently 7 months of home inventory. (based on 2015 sales results)
2016 home sales have decreased 4% this year. (based on 2015 sales results)
Home prices have increased 20% this year. (based on 2015 sales results)
$ Per Square Foot prices have increased 10% this year. (based on 2015 sales results)
Homes are taking 19% more time to sell this year. (based on 2015 sales results)

2015 HOPI SCHOOL DISTRICT SALES RESULTS

Active Homes -	144 homes
Homes Sold -	291 homes
Average Sale Price -	$990,000
Average Sold $ Per SF -	$300
Average Days On Market -	108 days

2014 HOPI SCHOOL DISTRICT YEAR END SALES RESULTS

Homes Sold -	225 Homes
Average Sale Price -	$1,006,381
Average Sold $ Per SF -	$286
Average Days On Market -	119 Days

2016 TAVAN SCHOOL DISTRICT SALES RESULTS
(1/1/2016-7/31/2016)

Active Homes -	89 Homes
Homes Sold -	131 Homes
Average Sale Price -	$493,000
Average Sold $ Per SF -	$233
Average Days On Market -	82 days

There is currently 5 months of home inventory. (based on 2015 sales results)
2016 home sales have decreased 5% this year. (based on 2015 sales results)
Home prices have increased 3% this year. (based on 2015 sales results)
$ Per Square Foot prices have increased 3% this year. (based on 2015 sales results)
Homes are taking 24% less time to sell this year. (based on 2015 sales results)

2015 TAVAN SCHOOL DISTRICT SALES RESULTS

Active Homes -	66 Homes
Homes Sold -	216 Homes
Average Sale Price -	$477,000
Average Sold $ Per SF -	$225
Average Days On Market -	108 days

2014 TAVAN SCHOOL DISTRICT YEAR END SALES RESULTS

Homes Sold -	199 Homes
Average Sale Price -	$451,117
Average Sold $ Per SF -	$208
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Are e-cigarettes 'healthier' than traditional cigarettes?

HEALTHY TIDBITS

By Jeannine Hinds

The FDA recently announced that it would regulate all tobacco products, including electronic or e-cigarettes.

E-cigarettes are battery-operated devices that resemble traditional cigarettes. But instead of burning tobacco, they contain cartridges filled with nicotine and other harmful substances. When lit, the liquid chemicals in the cartridge turn into a steam or vapor inhaled by the smoker. The concentrations of chemicals, including nicotine, vary based on the manufacturer.

Despite being marketed as a "healthier" alternative to traditional cigarettes, e-cigarettes are still a relatively new product, and data about their health effects continue to be under review.

Although the use of regular cigarettes among youth has seen a significant decline, e-cigarettes and the use of other tobacco products continue to climb.

Here are five hidden dangers of e-cigarettes:

- E-cigarettes are electronic delivery systems that contain nicotine. Nicotine is an addictive stimulant that causes heart, liver and lung disease as well as many types of cancer.
- E-cigarettes that claim not to contain nicotine have other dangerous and toxic chemicals like formaldehyde and propylene glycol. They're harmful to those who are vaping and to victims of secondhand vaping.
- With e-cigarettes, more and more young people and previous nonsmokers are exposed to chemicals causing harm and disease in e-cigarettes.
- Liquid nicotine is extremely toxic. As little as half a teaspoon can be fatal if ingested by an average-sized toddler.
- E-cigarettes exchange one addiction for another.

Talk to your primary care physician to find out more about smoking cessation programs in your neighborhood. If you stop smoking, you greatly reduce your risk for disease and early death. Although the health benefits are greater if you stop earlier in life, there are benefits to quitting at any age.

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Sending change one box at a time

By Kelly Potts



In 2013, Arcadia resident Laura Kiel was living in Chicago, climbing the corporate ladder and making the best of her day-to-day tasks. She wasn't unhappy, but she wasn't entirely satisfied. When she was suddenly presented with a major career change, which would move her to the west coast, Kiel decided the move could be beneficial to her overall life.

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With such a big move, Kiel looked for positive reinforcements anywhere she could find them, through books, blogs and daily reminders, to keep her inspired and motivated within the adjustments of her life.

"Change is hard. Change is scary, so I surrounded myself with positive affirmation signs and books. I really needed something to remind myself that I *can* do this, as well as remind myself that anything I put my mind to can be done," said Kiel. "Once I had this positive outlook down, I knew this was something I had to share."

That's when the idea of The Change Dispensary came into play. After surrounding herself with positive mantras and thoughts, Kiel wanted to share what she discovered with the world: Simple positive thoughts can alter anyone's perspective.

The Change Dispensary blog started as a destination for daily inspiration and positive perspective. "We strive to be the source of optimism, encouraging joyful change and demonstrating examples of dreams realized." And, as Kiel simply states it "we deliver gifts that inspire the soul."

Kiel's daily posts included affirmations like the ones that got her through tough changes in her life. Blog topics include being brave enough to fail, the art of choosing happiness and more.

After the success of the blogs, Kiel was moved to do more.

Kiel has always been obsessed with giving gifts, and enjoys carefully selecting something that makes the receiver feel special. The desire to create unique gifts that make customers feel special was the inspiration for The Change Dispensary's "Piggy Boxes."

The gift boxes are "Piggy Boxes" because pigs are a known symbol of abundance, prosperity, luck and overall good fortune, all characteristics that Kiel hopes her gifts will promote.

These boxes are filled with positive gifts designed to help anyone get through the best of days or the worst of days.

"We have boxes that can be customized for break ups, engagements, new jobs, tough times, birthdays…really anything! The boxes are there to remind the receiver that happiness is out there. You give us a little bit of information about the person receiving the gift, and the [occasion or reason], and we go to work creating a one-of-a-kind gift for her," said Kiel.

In addition to creating boxes for others, customers can also pick out books and gifts to customize their own box. The piggy boxes range from $49-$99, depending on the size of the box. The boxes are comprised of positive affirmation books, advice notebooks, power thought cards and bags, and more.

"My biggest dream for this company is to inspire others to chase their dreams," said Kiel. "People have to help each other, that's where the good in the world comes from."

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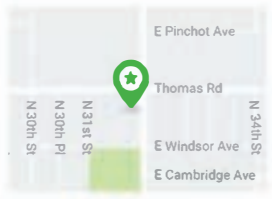
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Pros and cons of holding rental properties through LLC

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By Jon Hasebe

In recent years, real estate investors prefer to hold title to their rental properties in limited liability companies to other types of corporate entity. Limited liability companies provide a number of benefits to real estate investors, including, limitation of personal liability, pass-through taxation, and ease of use. Nevertheless, property owners who want to utilize the limited liability company to hold title to their rental properties should be aware that there are drawbacks with this approach.



One of the biggest advantages in using a limited liability company to hold title to property is, unsurprisingly, limiting the liability of the members of the LLC. Provided that members adhere to the formalities set forth by the state of Arizona, they are not personally liable to the debts of the LLC. In other words, when a property owner holds title individually to a property, they put their personal assets at risk in the event a claim is made in connection with the property. If a tenant tripped and fell on a wobbly step, the tenant could make a claim against the property owner personally, which may result in the property owner's assets being placed at risk. If the property was instead owned by an LLC, the personal assets of the members of the LLC would be insulated by the LLC and the tenant could only make a claim against the assets owned by the LLC.

Another benefit of using a limited liability company to hold rental properties is the avoidance of double taxation. Unlike a traditional c-corporation, an LLC is classified as a "disregarded entity" for tax purposes. In other words, if a rental property is owned by a single-member LLC, any income or capital gains generated by that LLC that are distributed to the member would be treated the same as if the member held title to the property individually. In contrast, if a c-corporation were to hold title to a rental property, any income or capital gains would be taxed at the corporate level and any dividends to the shareholders would also be taxed, hence the dreaded "double taxation." In the event that an LLC that holds title to a rental property has multiple members, the IRS will treat that LLC similar to a partnership. Profits and losses are passed through to each of its members who will then be responsible for reporting their share of the profits and losses on their respective individual income tax returns.

Another major advantage of using an LLC to hold rental property is the ease of use. Arizona provides more flexibility to limited liability companies in how they are set up and may operate. Unlike the strict formalities set forth in the statutes for corporations, the duties, powers, rights, and conduct of the affairs of an LLC and its members may be adopted in an operating agreement. The operating agreement is essentially a contract among the company and its members and allows the company and its members flexibility in regards to how it addresses issues such as transferability of shares, distribution of profits, voting rights, and management of the company.

Despite the advantages associated with holding rental properties through a limited liability company, there may be several drawbacks, which might prevent landlords from holding their properties in LLCs. First, is cost. Organizing an LLC and keeping it in good standing can be costly. While boilerplate operating agreements can be found online, this one-size-fits-all approach may cause more problems then it solves, especially when dealing with multiple members.

A second drawback is permissibility. If the property has been financed, whether or not the property can be transferred to an LLC will almost always be up to the lender. If the lender consents to the transfer, the property owner should be prepared to sign a personal guaranty, which will keep them on the hook for any obligations arising under the loan.

Another drawback is the requirement of disciplined management. As mentioned above, *provided that members adhere to the formalities set forth by the state of Arizona*, they are not personally liable to the debts of the LLC. Members of the LLC have to be careful not to commingle the assets of the LLC with their personal assets.

The LLC should apply for its own employer identification number and bank accounts and the members should make sure to keep records of any actions taken by the LLC. Failing to keep distance between the actions of a company and the actions of its members could open the members up to a veil piercing action that would allow them to be personally sued in addition to the company, which would defeat one of the main advantages of holding the property in an LLC.

— Jon Hasebe is a transactional lawyer at Gallagher & Kennedy. For more information about Mr. Hasebe, visit genet.com.





Repairing your home after an insurance claim? Request references from your contractor.

Property repair: Choose your contractor carefully

By Michelle Donati-Grayman

When a disaster damages your home, getting it repaired is a top priority.

As tempting as a quick fix might be, the first thing you should do is contact your insurance company to report the loss, according to Brad Oltmans, vice president of insurance for AAA Arizona.

Insurance experts also recommend preventing further loss to your property to the extent possible. However, they caution against throwing away damaged property until your insurance company advises you it is all right to do so.

"Take pictures documenting damages and keep copies of your insurance documents and a record of communication with your insurance company, including names of the people you speak with, dates, times and important information," Oltmans said.

Above all, choose your contractor carefully. Property repair fraud usually involves unethical or incompetent building contractors. Make sure the contractor is licensed, and ask to see the contractor's license along with other identification.

"If someone claims to be representing a contractor, but cannot show you a contractor's license or home improvement salesperson registration card, call the contractor and find out if the person is authorized to act on their behalf," Oltmans said.

Consider it a red flag if your contractor:

- Does not have a local office or local telephone number
- Is not willing to provide references
- Uses a hotel or restaurant as their contact location
- Handles all business in person, avoiding the use of mail
- Wants a full cash payment up front
- Does not have adequate equipment to perform the job
- Approaches you at a loss site without being solicited
- Gives an estimate that is overly vague or general
- Does not have a contractor's license bond
- Is unwilling to provide a certificate of insurance from their general liability or workers' compensation insurance carrier
- Gives you a bid far below the bids you received from other contractors.

The most common fraud that takes place after a disaster generally involves price gouging, incompetent work, use of poor-quality materials, unauthorized property removal and fraudulent charitable solicitations. Because property loss from a disaster can be so traumatic, victims of disaster can become easy targets for fraud. If you suspect fraudulent activity, contact the Arizona Registrar of Contractors, the governing body for Arizona contractors.

Before you hire a contractor

- Review the contractor's license record.
- Make certain the contractor's license class allows for the work listed in the contract.
- Request a list of references and check them.
- Verify the person you are negotiating your project with is an authorized representative of the licensed contractor by calling the contractor's number listed on the Registrar of Contractors license record.
- Ask for written estimates from at least three contractors.
- Make sure a detailed list or description of the project – including the price, the responsibility to obtain building permits, and any other relevant terms – is spelled out in the estimate.

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Welcome back! I hope that you all enjoyed your summer travels and are ready to get back into the groove in the 'hood. I spent the majority of my summer here working diligently on something incredible for you all that I will be unveiling in the coming months. While my summer was work filled, my wife and I did get an amazing trip to Kauai in at the end of May. We had a great time touring the Na Pali Coast and exploring different beaches around the Poipu area. We only had one minor snafu when my wife was caught in a rip current on her paddleboard and flipped...slightly breaking her nose and having to be rescued by a local. Aside from Ashley's clash with the ocean, the Mai Tais were strong and the weather was great. I would highly recommend the "Garden Island" and Captain Andy's raft tour if you get a chance to make it there.

This month, I wanted to talk about one of the most common questions that I get asked by luxury sellers during a listing appointment... "How do you target international buyers?" The thought of "international buyers" has to be one of the biggest misconceptions by sellers. The Arcadia and Biltmore neighborhoods along with Phoenix in general is a hyper-local marketplace. While we did have Canadian buyers a few years back, the Canadian dollar is now worth just .77 to every 1 US Dollar. That means that a Canadian buyer would pay a 20%+ premium to buy a home in today's market...pretty silly right.

This is not New York or Los Angeles where foreigners are parking their money. There isn't a guy in Hong Kong sitting in his office right now looking at homes in Arcadia or the Biltmore...trust me. If someone is selling you on the fact that their company is "international" then you are off to the wrong start. You need to be thinking of how you can target your neighbors and agents in the local marketplace. If you want to get outside of the box, target the residents of North Scottsdale. North Scottsdale is trying to get back to central Phoenix in a big way...they are a good mark moving forward.

If buyers are relocating from other states, they are using the usual suspects...Zillow, Trulia, or MLS. To gain the most traction with these out-of-staters, make sure that your listing presents well in an online format with professional photos and a virtual tour.

I look forward to seeing everyone around the neighborhood. As always, feel free to call or send me a text for immediate assistance at 602-561-0445. A big happy birthday to my son, Cash, who is celebrating his 2nd birthday this month.

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

Moonlight Madness 5K

8 p.m. at Road Runner Sports Complex, 43 S. McClintock Drive, Tempe. Is running a 5K during the day not your favorite thing? Try something different and check out the Moonlight Madness 5K. In support of Team Red, White and Blue, a Veteran Support Organization, this race starts at 8 p.m. and follows a path around Tempe Town Lake. Runners will receive a glow-in-the-dark finisher's medal, race bib and wristband. There will also be a raffle at the end of the race. Registration is $22. For more information, call 602-722-6503 or visit active.com.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

Phoenix Cooks

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Westin Kierland, 6902 E. Greenway Parkway, Scottsdale. Calling all foodies! The 12th annual Phoenix Cooks extravaganza features over 50 of the Valley's local chefs and restaurants for your tasting pleasure. Guests will be able to sample bites from each booth, as well as drink from more than 30 wine, beer and mixology tents. There will also be cooking classes and live demonstrations. Proceeds from this event will go to Banner Children's Hospital. Tickets range from $60 to $90. For more information, call the Westin at 480-624-1000 or visit phoenixcooks.com.



Moonlight Madness 5K



Phoenix Cooks



Furry Friends Fine Arts Festival

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

Training Camp for New Dads

6:30-9:30 p.m. at the Scottsdale Shea Medical Center, 9003 E. Shea Blvd., Scottsdale. The title says it all. The Training Camp for New Dads is designed to explore important information for becoming a father, from the beginning of pregnancy all the way until your baby is born! Topics range from emotions, to support, to breastfeeding, and more. Registration and attendance is $35. For more information, call 623-580-5800 or visit honorhealth.com.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

Annual Senior Safety Fair

9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Devonshire Senior Center, 2802 E. Devonshire Ave., Phoenix. The annual Senior Safety Fair will highlight personal well-being and physical safety for older adults in their homes and neighborhoods. Phoenix police and fire departments, human services, neighborhood services, public works, and parks and recreation join forces to provide meaningful presentations and resources at the event. Special features offered at no charge will include on-site document shredding, digital fingerprinting and ID kits, and unwanted prescription medication drop-off. Door prizes and refreshments will be provided for attendees. For more information, please call 602-256-3132.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

Junk in the Trunk Vintage Market

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at WestWorld, 16601 N. Pima Road, Scottsdale. Do you love shopping? Do you love vintage? Then the Junk in the Trunk Market is the event for you. Over 170 artists and vendors from Arizona to California will convene at WestWorld for guests to peruse. All things vintage and handmade; as well as live entertainment, music and food. Tickets are $8 at the gate for general admission. For more information, call 480-312-6815 or visit junkinthetrunkvintagemarket.com.

Furry Friends Fine Arts Festival

8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Shemer Art Center, 5005 E. Camelback Road, Phoenix. An art festival for the entire family, pets included! Shemer Art Center will showcase all things animal with paintings, drawings, photography, ceramics, metal, furniture and even clothing. There will also be vendors and the Arizona Humane Society on site. Bring your pets and enjoy a day of furry and fuzzy – in art form, that is. Admission is $5 per person, or $10 for the family. For more information, call 602-262-4727 or visit shemerartcenter.org.



WHAT'S HAPPENING, *ARCADIA?*


Rockin' Taco Street Festival


Brazilian Day Festival


Fourth Annual Run Fore Cancer

Rockin' Taco Street Festival

12-9 p.m. at the Dr. A.J. Chandler Park, 3 S. Arizona Ave., Chandler. The fifth Annual Rockin' Taco Street Fest is back. Attendees will enjoy live music, Lucha Libre, a Chihuahua race, kids zone, dancing, margaritas, beer and of course, *tacos*. Vendors from over a dozen Valley restaurants will offer their best tacos, washed down with cerveza (and soda and water for those under 21). Tickets are $8 presale and $10 at the door. For more information, call 602-276-2499 or visit rockintacoaz.com.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Brazilian Day Festival

2-10 p.m. at the Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts, 7380 E. Second St., Scottsdale. It's time to celebrate Brazil's Independence Day with the Brazilian Day Festival. Join Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts for a day of Brazilian culture, food, drinks and fun. There will be live music, dancing and a kids zone, as well as interactive workshops and shopping. Tickets are $15. For more information, call 480-499-8587 or visit braziliandayarizona.com.

Fourth Annual Run Fore Cancer

7:30 a.m. at the Scottsdale Silverado Golf Course, 7605 E. Indian Bend Road, Scottsdale. This tribute run is held in memory of Kathy Maxwell, who lost her battle to sarcoma in 2012 and the race has since raised over $140K. There are two options: a 5K on the front nine of the golf course, and an 8.2K on the full course. Proceeds from this race go towards St. Joseph's and Barrow Medical Institute. Registration is $40-$45. Participants will receive a T-shirt and finishing medal. For more information, call 480-778-0100 or visit startlineracing.com.

Fiesta Peoria

2-10 p.m. at the Peoria Sports Complex, 16101 N. 83rd Ave., Peoria. September is the month to celebrate the rich culture of Mexico and Latin America, and Fiesta Peoria plans on doing just that. There will be arts and crafts, vendors, food and drinks, and a kids zone featuring a rock climbing wall and water zone. Tickets range from $5-$10, and kids 12 and under are free. For more information, visit fiestapeoria.com.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

Breakfast at Tiffany's

11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at The Camby, 2401 E. Camelback Road, Phoenix. Ladies and gents, it's time again for Scottsdale Culinary Festival's annual Wine Country Brunch. This year's theme takes us back in time when Sunday best was the only way to dress. Guests will enjoy a champagne brunch, mimosa bar, themed activities, a silent auction, art demos and live acoustic music. Tickets are $75 for single admission and all net proceeds will benefit the Scottsdale League for the Arts. For more information, call 480-945-7193 or visit scottsdalefest.org.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

Movie Night at the Henry

7 p.m. at The Henry, 4455 E. Camelback Road, Phoenix. Take a stroll back in time with The Henry's Classic Movies and Cocktails series! Guests are invited to bring their own blanket, sit back, relax and watch *Dead Reckoning* while enjoying a signature cocktail. There will also be a group cocktail demo, light snacks and a gift for each guest to take home. Tickets are $45 per person. For more information, call 602-429-8020 or visit thehenryrestaurant.com.

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Colleen's Dream Foundation to host Cocktails and Couture gala

By Mallory Gleich

Back for its third year, the Cocktails and Couture gala is shaping up to be the best one yet.

Inspired by the Colleen's Dream Foundation, Cocktails and Couture is a night filled with fashion, fun and bringing awareness to ovarian cancer.

Colleen Drury passed away in February 2013 from ovarian cancer. Her daughter, Nicole, and Nicole's husband started Colleen's Dream with Colleen to raise awareness for the disease. Since Colleen passed, Nicole and her sister have continued Colleen's Dream.

September is ovarian cancer awareness month, so it is only fitting that Cocktails and Couture be held then. The gala is set for September 24.

"This event has kind of a unique feel, because it's one part house party, one part club/lounge, one part food and cocktails, and then we have the couture and fashion part," said Nicole.

The owners of Arizona Cocktail Week and the cocktail catering company, Rattle and Rum, will cater the event with help from some of the Valley's leading bartenders.

Carly Gilleland, who produces videos and photos for all of Colleen's Dream events and who also grew up with the family, says that each event is well thought out and different from the last.





Colleen (right) inspired her daughter Nicole (left) and her sister to create the Colleen's Dream Foundation.

"They do such a great job educating and spreading awareness of ovarian cancer and provide a platform of support for those who are affected. And they are so *fun*," said Carly.

Carly remembers parties that Colleen would host when she was in high school.

"Colleen would host these incredible parties at her house – live band, lots of people, food, drinks, dancing. Colleen certainly lives on through the events that the foundation organizes," she said.

Along with a night of signature food and drinks, there will also be a fashion show.

The foundation has a partnership with Saks Fifth Avenue, who will provide gift bags for the event, as well as Ford models showcasing the latest fashions for men and women. Robert Black's vintage collection of *Mad Men* fashion will also be on display.

"We never knew about ovarian cancer, and so along with the fun and fashion, to focus on the signs and symptoms of the disease is really, really important," said Nicole.

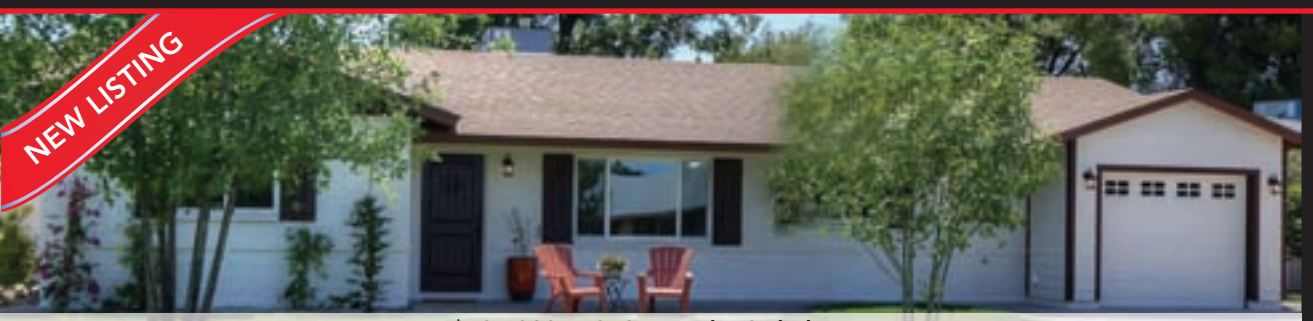
The event will be held on September 24 and is for those 21 and older. Tickets are $150. The event will be held at a home nestled into the north side of Mummy Mountain in Paradise Valley.

For more information, please visit colleensdream.org.





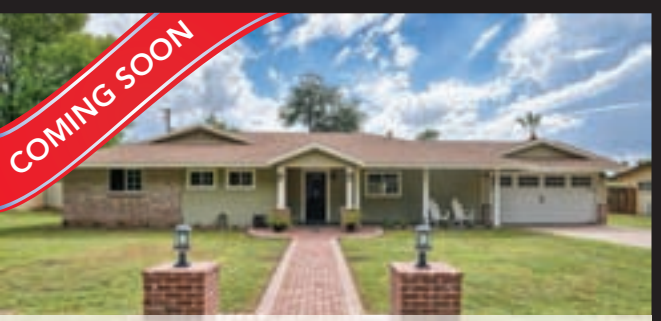
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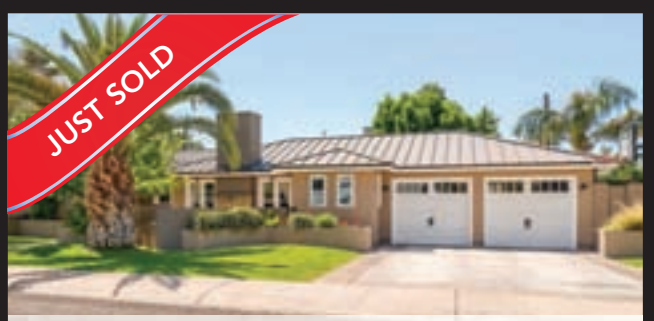
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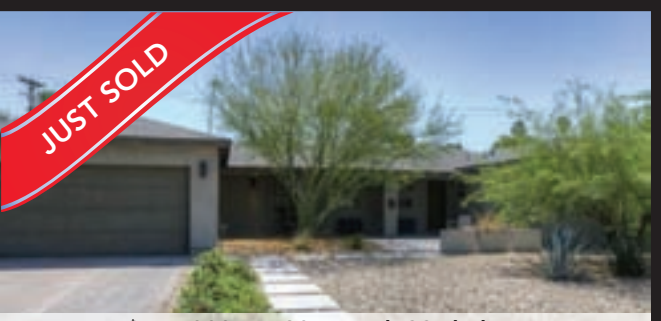
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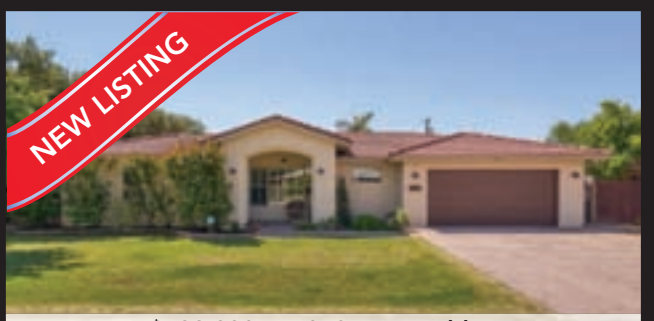
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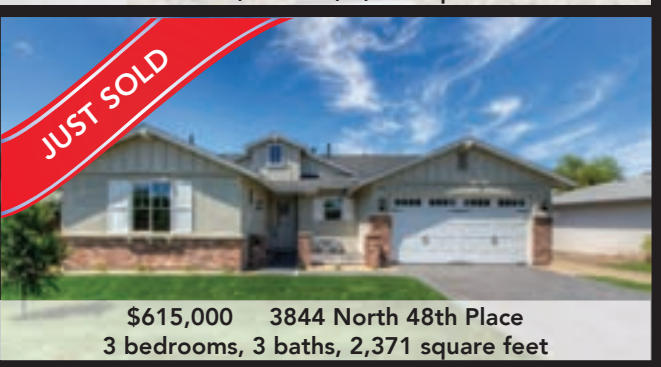
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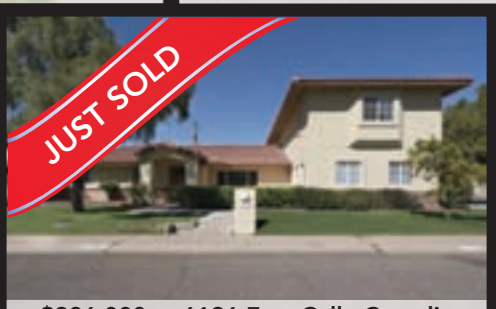
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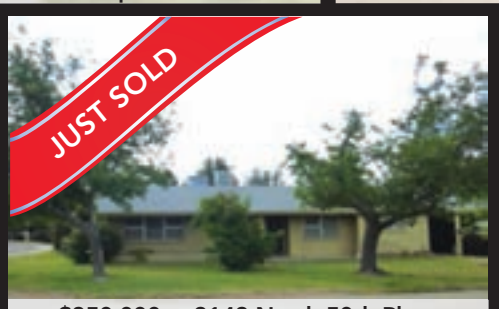
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5 bedrooms, 4 baths, 3,746 square feet



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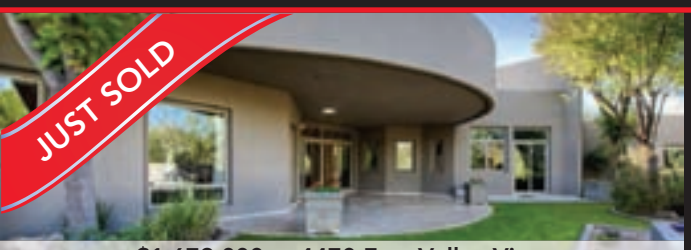
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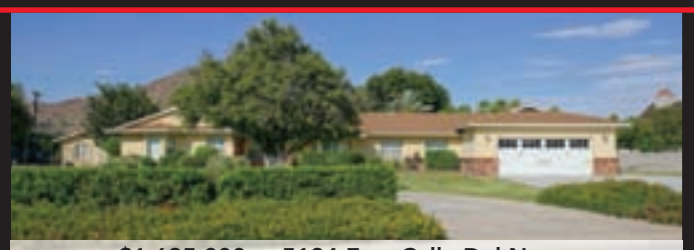


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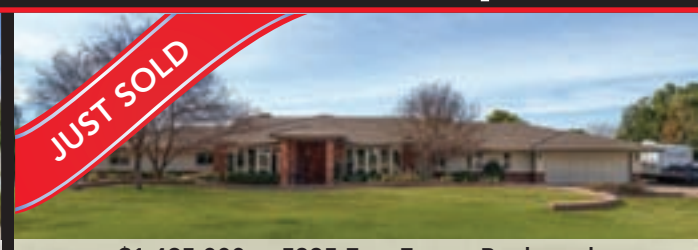
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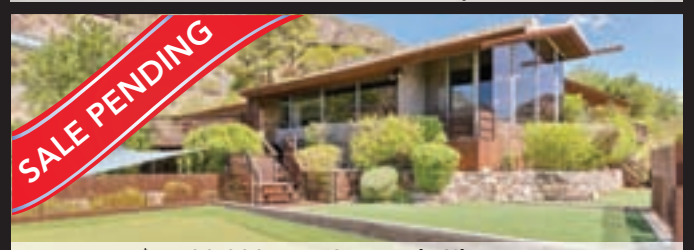
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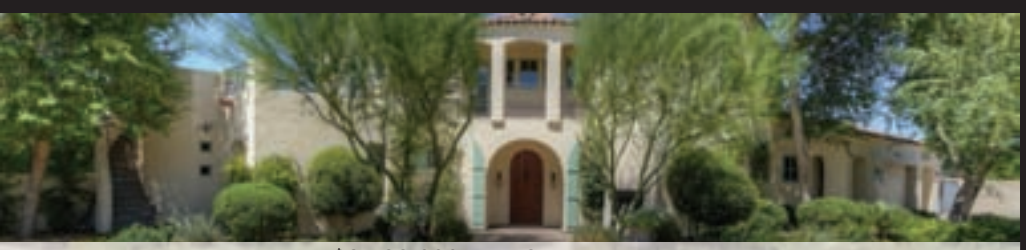
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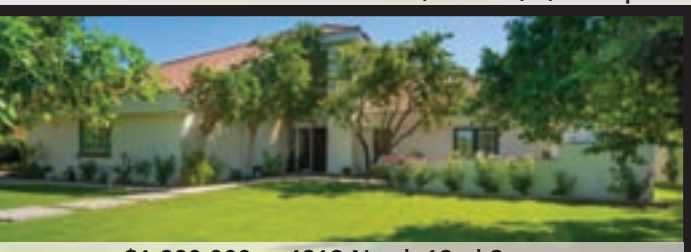
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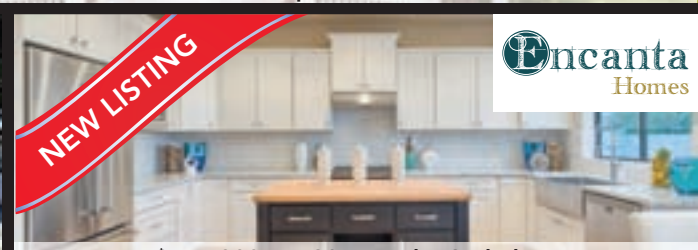
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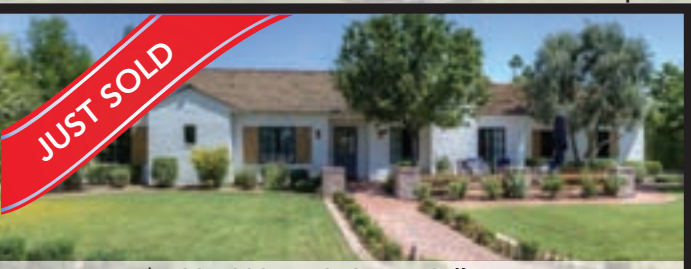
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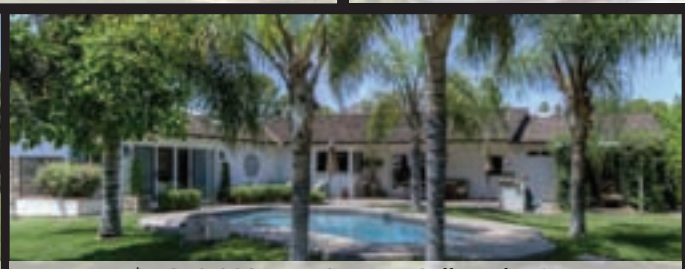
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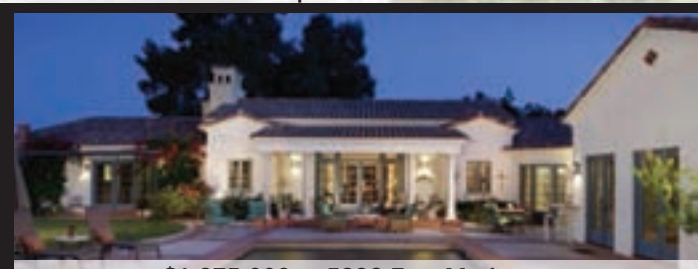
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$1,975,000 5932 East Mariposa
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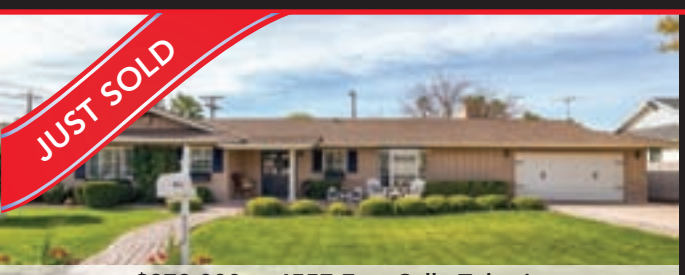
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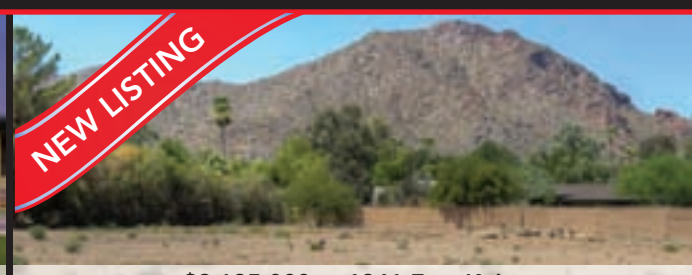
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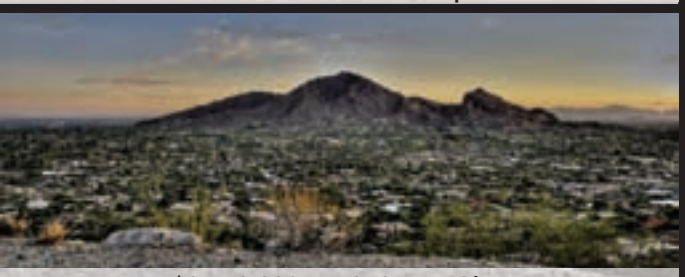
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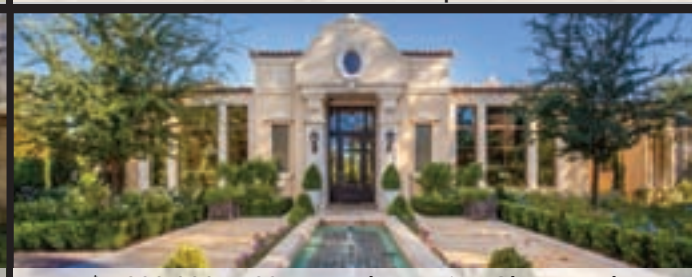
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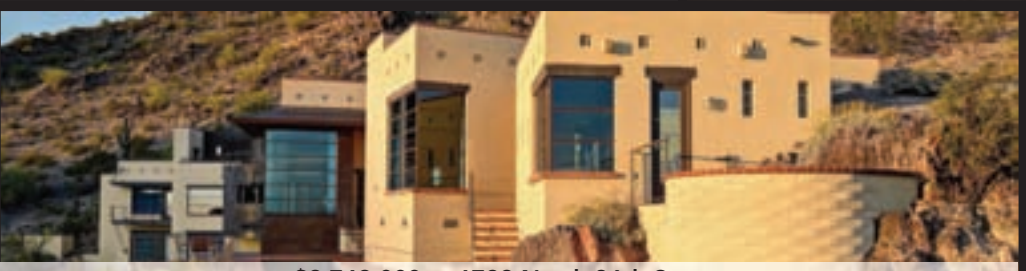
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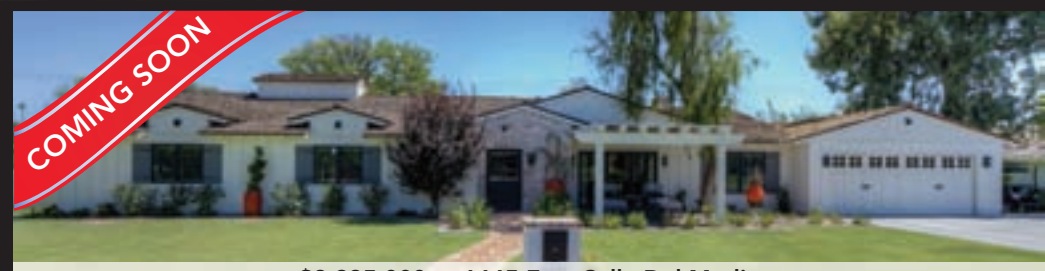
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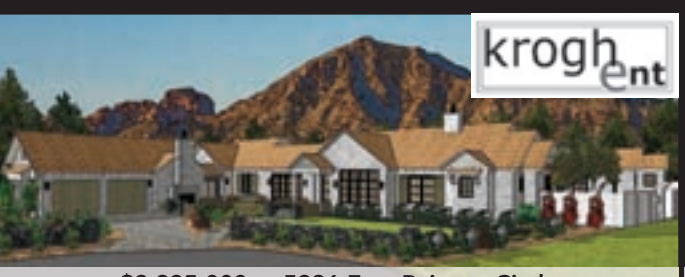
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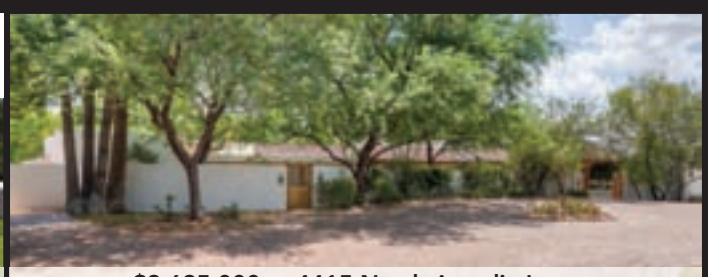
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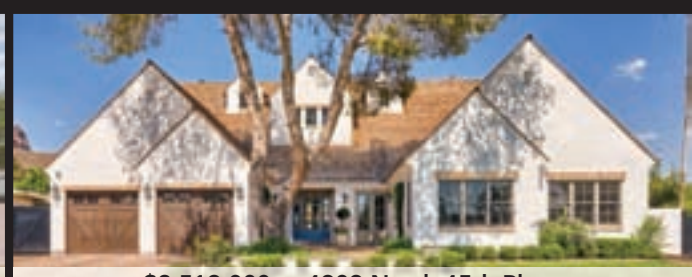
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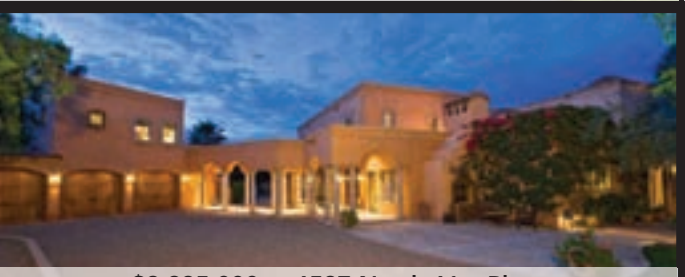
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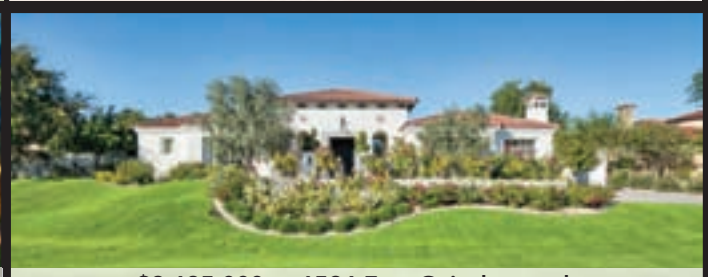
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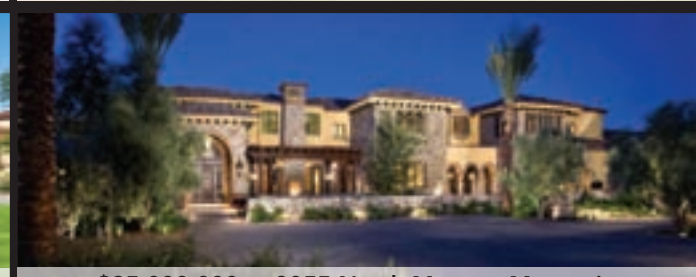
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6 bedrooms, 9 baths, 8,592 square feet



$2,695,000 6524 East Gainsborough
5 bedrooms, 6 baths, 6,000 square feet



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The latest construction and development updates

By Nick Smith

You may have noticed an abnormal amount of construction over the last few months at intersections in the Arcadia area. This community has become one of the most sought after places to live in the Valley and dozens of retailers and property owners are eager to become part of the neighborhood attractions.

"Arcadia has nice parks, it's right near Camelback Mountain," said Phoenix Planning and Development Director Alan Stephenson. "There's natural desert open space. There are lots of great amenities throughout. It's not too far from downtown Phoenix, Scottsdale and Tempe but also far enough to be its own space."

The success and growth of the neighborhood bring with them change. But Stephenson notes that this change is probably for the best.

"There are always going to be people adverse to change," said Stephenson. "But for the most part, we live in a world where investment in a community is a good thing. New amenities in the area will help with the overall quality of life. It's better to be a city where people want to invest than a place where no one wants to."

1 44TH STREET AND INDIAN SCHOOL ROAD

Brice Samuel doesn't beat around the bush when asked about the strengths of the property on the southwest corner of Indian School and 44th Street.

"Location, location, location," said the vice president of Samuel & Company, Inc. "It's one of the best intersections in the Arcadia area. Seventy thousand vehicles a day go through that intersection."

Samuel & Company has owned the property since 1976, which was most recently an apartment complex. Now the location will be transformed into a multi-tenant retail facility that will be known as the Arcadia Gateway Shopping Center.

"The apartment complex had honestly gone beyond its useful life," said Samuel. "So we had to decide what we wanted to do next with the location. Did we want to put in new apartments or have a fresh start?"

Among the options considered were renovated apartments, office buildings and a mix of apartments and retail. In the end, Samuel & Company decided to go with a purely retail property, citing return on the cost of construction and the booming nearby businesses as some deciding factors.



A rendering of the proposal for 40th and Indian School, which was a mortuary and will soon be a multi-use space.

The Arcadia Gateway Shopping Center will have over 30,000 square feet of retail and restaurant space and many tenants have already signed a lease. The location will feature a host of well-known names including Smashburger, Zoë's Kitchen, Sports Clips, European Wax Center and Elements Massage, among others.

"There's just a lot to love about the spot," said Samuel. "The neighborhood around it is great, it's right down the street from Arcadia High School. It's not right off a freeway, but it's also not far from the 51 or the 202, so you can get to it from other parts of town."

One of the most anticipated tenants scheduled to occupy a spot at Arcadia Gateway doesn't even have a name yet. Fox Restaurant Concepts, whose array of popular Phoenix area restaurants include Culinary Dropout, True Food and Flower Child, will open their newest creation on the east side of the shopping center.

The Fox eatery won't be open until early 2017 but many of its fellow tenants won't wait that long. According to Samuel, the first round of retail openings will be in September, with several stores opening their doors to Arcadia customers by the middle of the month.

2 40TH STREET AND CAMELBACK ROAD

Many of the new tenants coming to the Arcadia area will be part of retail centers, where they will share space with a large variety of other stores and restaurants. A benefit of this setup is foot traffic, customers shopping at one store who venture into another because of its close proximity.

Other shops take a different approach. This is the case with Gadzooks, a make-it-yourself enchilada and soup restaurant opening near the corner of 40th and Camelback. Their first location was a stand-alone at 7th Street and Osborn, and owner Aaron Pool has no desire to change things up.

"We want to be by ourselves," said Pool, who opened the first Gadzooks in 2013. "The goal is for Gadzooks to be a destination and not to need another tenant to drive traffic. It's a much more costly endeavor but we believe we will be rewarded over time for taking the risk."

When it came to choosing a location for the second Gadzooks, Pool wanted a place that was close enough to the original restaurant to be identifiable as a brand but far enough away to be on its own. He also looked for an area with nearby neighborhoods and families.

"We're close enough to downtown Phoenix where a lot of our customers are professionals," said Pool. "Sixty percent of our traffic is the lunch time crowd, who then commute back to where they live. But what we noticed was that on weekends we would get those same professionals bringing their kids back to Gadzooks. If there was a closer location to families, our night time traffic would boost quite dramatically."

The 40th and Camelback location drew Pool's eye for a number of reasons. Right off the bat, he saw one clear similarity between that spot and his original location at 7th and Osborn. Just as that location feeds drivers to the downtown area, the 40th and Camelback location sits directly between the Scottsdale Fashion Square shops and the Biltmore Fashion Park.

"We looked at traffic count when we opened the original location," said Pool. "So nothing had happened on that corner yet, but it was still a main artery of downtown Phoenix. Even if people didn't want to know you, they had to know you because they're going to pass by your sign everyday. With the Arcadia place, it's a similar situation."

One unique feature of the new Gadzooks location will be the canal running alongside it. One of the few places with a canal behind it is O.S.H.O. at 49th and Indian School, which is known for joggers and dog walkers stopping buy for a quick beer. Pool envisions a similar type of atmosphere at the 40th and Camelback Gadzooks.

"With the canal, you get joggers, bike riders, people out for a walk," said Pool. "It becomes an easily accessible destination for families not only by car but also by foot."

Fortieth Street has developed a reputation for unique stand-alone restaurants in the Arcadia neighborhood. Gadzooks will join a lineup that includes Chelsea's Kitchen, Ingo's, La Grande Orange and Sam Fox's North Italia. What many would view as an intimidating row of competitors, Pool views as an advantage, noting that the goal is for Gadzooks to become a main player in the Arcadia food scene.

The new location will be near the southeast corner of the intersection and at 2,100 square feet will be larger than the first location. The opening date is expected to be in late 2016 or early 2017.

3 32ND STREET AND INDIAN SCHOOL ROAD

There's no question that the downtown area of Phoenix has gone through a kind of renaissance in the last several years, and the ripple effects can be felt all the way to the western neighborhoods of Arcadia.

"The Arcadia area has gone through a kind of resurgence," said Linda Whitlow, director of marketing and public relations for De Rito Partners. "It's close to downtown, you've got young families relocating. It's been great for

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the neighborhood."

"I think there's been development in a lot of areas that are close to downtown," said Alan Stephenson. "More than ever, these communities are becoming desirable places to live."

One of the primary shopping spaces in the west Arcadia area was the retail center located on the southwest corner of 32nd and Indian School. This location housed a Food City, Ace Hardware, O-Reilly Automotive and was, according to Whitlow, in dire need of a fresh start.

"It just needed to be completely redone," said Whitlow. "The whole property needed renovations from top to bottom."

Half of the shopping center was empty by the time De Rito Partners stepped in to buy the center in 2014. The property will be called Arcadia Fiesta and the center is being remodeled with new storefronts and a refurbished parking lot. A couple of original tenants – including O-Reilly Automotive and Ace Hardware – will stay on, but will update their exteriors. New additions will include Ross, Anytime Fitness, Fantastic Sam's and Salon Boutique. Tuesday Morning is already open in the center, having moved from its old location at 36th and Indian School.

"There's going to be a number of new restaurants as well," said Whitlow. "There will be a Dutch Brothers, a Popeyes and a McDonalds."

New tenants is only a part of the project because the goal is to give a complete overhaul to a property that could become one of the shining retail jewels in the area.

"It's going to be a complete renovation," said Whitlow. "All new facade, all new landscaping, new presentation to the street, new palm trees. It's very exciting and will greatly upgrade the neighborhood."

4 40TH STREET AND INDIAN SCHOOL ROAD

Jason Eisenberg was born and raised in Arcadia and knows the area well. The vice president of acquisition development for Eisenberg Company always wanted to do a redevelopment in his home town and was on the lookout for a property that fit the bill.

"I'd always wanted to find a large enough parcel in Arcadia to play around in and do a cool redevelopment," said Eisenberg. "The 40th and Indian School location had everything you look for. Good incomes in the neighborhoods, excellent traffic and a walkability factor."

So how did Eisenberg get hold of his dream property?

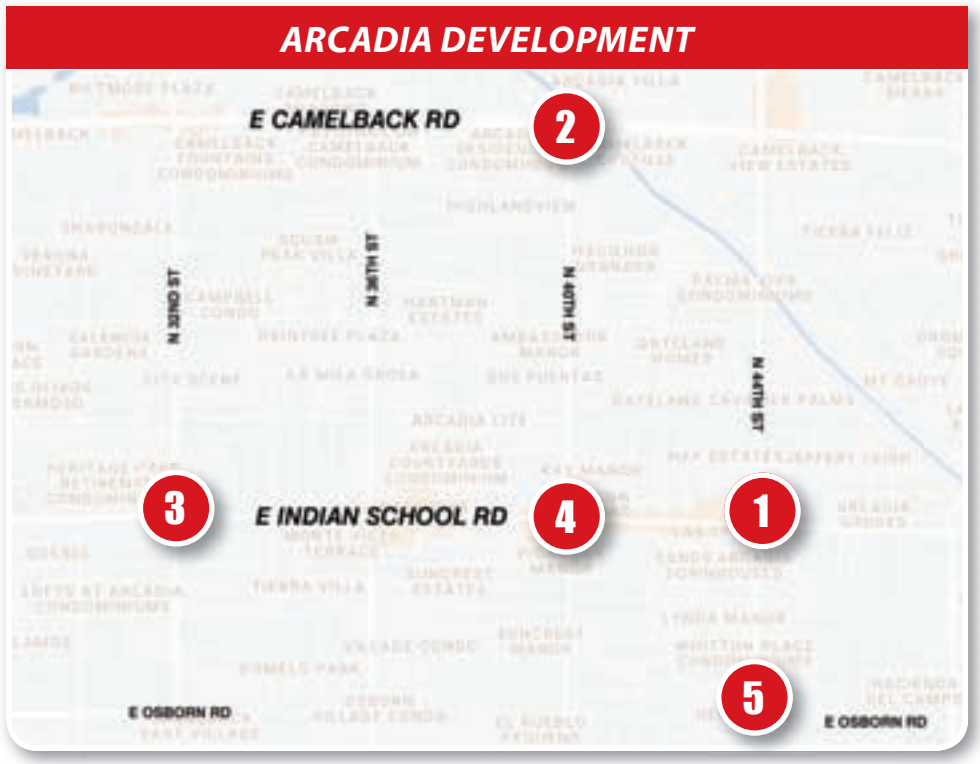
"I basically called the guy who owns it every month for three years," he laughed.

The property was previously the site of a funeral home and Eisenberg Company decided against adaptive reuse of the building, choosing instead to build from the ground up. What will appear is a high-end retail center that includes several restaurants, all of which as Eisenberg notes are first to market.

One tenant will be the California based Eureka!, which specializes in gourmet burgers and includes a craft bar. Nearby will be Tacos Tequila Whiskey, serving modern Mexican street food and whose first location was in Denver, Colorado. Also included at the property will be Even Stevens sandwich shop from Salt Lake City, whose sandwiches come with a cause.

"For every sandwich sold, they donate a sandwich to a local nonprofit," said Eisenberg. "It's a really cool concept."

Other non-foodie tenants will occupy space as well, including a yoga studio. Construction began in August and the schedule will move fast toward making Eisenberg's dream a reality. The space will reportedly be 100 percent occupied on opening day, which should be sometime in February or March of 2017.



5 44TH STREET AND OSBORN ROAD

Not every new addition to the Arcadia area is being built for entertainment purposes. Residents near 44th and Osborn will have a new neighborhood medical facility, built by HonorHealth.

"We were looking for properties so that we [could] create an extensive ambulatory center," said HonorHeath Senior Vice President Nathan Anspach. "We're in the process of opening two ambulatory centers like this and six to eight primary offices a year."

Anspach says major ambulatory centers like this one usually have 10 to 15 primary care physicians, physical therapists and subspecialists. He also notes that they will have immediate care and it could be a big benefit for local patients.

"It's great for patients because when they go to urgent care, the copay can be $100 to $200," said Anspach. "The copay is much lower for immediate care at one of our ambulatory centers, sometimes $20 to $25."

The 27,000-square-foot location previously housed a bank, along with two other buildings, which were a variety of different offices. The bank building was already empty and HonorHealth chose to start completely over on the building. The two office spots will become part of the ambulatory center, as will the underground parking already built. Anspach believes the site should be near completion in December.

HonorHealth isn't new to the Arcadia community, with physician practices already established at 24th and Indian School. The success of locations like that one made the choice to continue serving the neighborhood an easy one.

"The centers in Arcadia have been extremely successful," said Anspach. "We feel very fortunate we've gotten to have a presence in the community and that everything has worked so well. We're really excited to continue it with the new location."

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City of Scottsdale employees ride the RAGBRAI

By Mallory Gleich





Traditions during the Iowa bike race include dipping the bicycle tire into the Mississippi River at the end of the race.

It all started with a challenge.

The year was 1973. Two employees of the *Des Moines Register*, an Iowa community newspaper, discussed an idea. John Karras suggested that Don Kaul, both of them avid bicyclists, take a ride across Iowa and write about his experiences. Don, who lived in Washington D.C. at the time, said that he would do it, but only if John went with him. Challenge accepted.

The men then decided to invite a few friends along by posting the idea in the paper. Readers were given a map and told the destinations, and the "Great Six-Day Bicycle Ride" was put into motion.

In the first year around 114 people made the entire ride across Iowa. The number grew larger in the following years.

In 1975, around 2,400 riders made it the entire way. The founders decided it should be a tradition that each rider dips his or her wheel in the Missouri River to begin the ride, and in the Mississippi River to signal that they made it the entire way. Because of the growth of the ride, the name was changed to "The Register's Annual Great Bicycle Ride Across Iowa," or RAGBRAI.

RAGBRAI continued to grow in popularity. In 1982, RAGBRAI's 10th year, riders went 523 miles across Iowa, which was the longest distance up to that point.

Every year the route varied, and every year more people joined in the ride, with hundreds and even thousands of people joining in celebrations within the course. This year boasted five new people to the RAGBRAI tradition: five of the City of Scottsdale's employees.

In recent years, the RAGBRAI council had devised a plan…if you wanted to ride, you had to apply for a spot. And that's just what John Kelley, Greg Davies, Pete Peralta, Andrew Dorame and Jack Miller did.

The ride started on July 24 and ended seven days later. The City of Scottsdale Five returned to Arizona on August 3.

"It was overwhelming. Such a huge event. It was unknown to us how it was going to unfold," said Greg Davies, a senior transportation planner.

The team was given a series of maps to show where to go and where they would stay each night. This year, the ride was 420 miles long. On average, riders traveled about 50 miles a day.

John Kelley, also a senior transportation planner, said that the hardest part was riding 50 miles a day without having a break in between days.

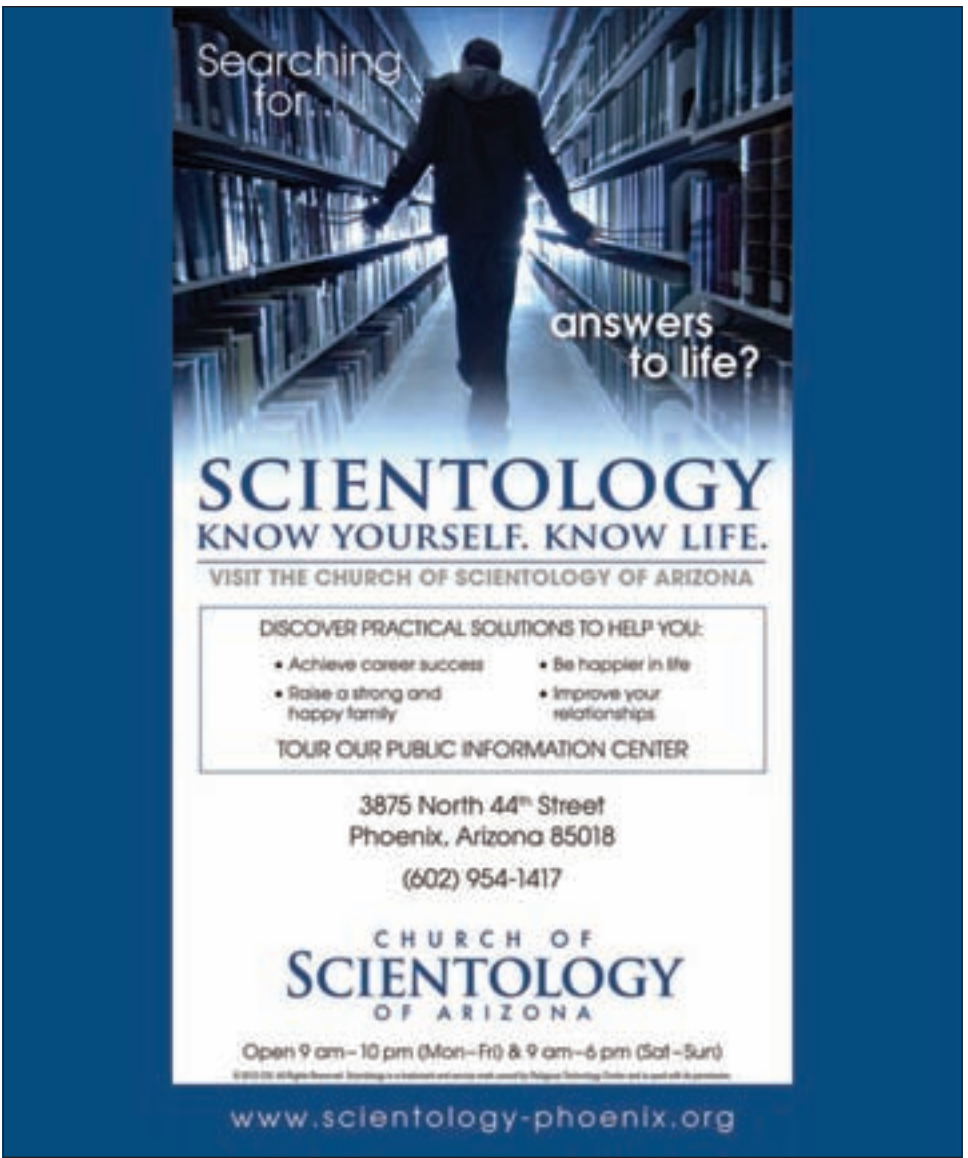
"There are so many hills in Iowa…and they're steep," said John.

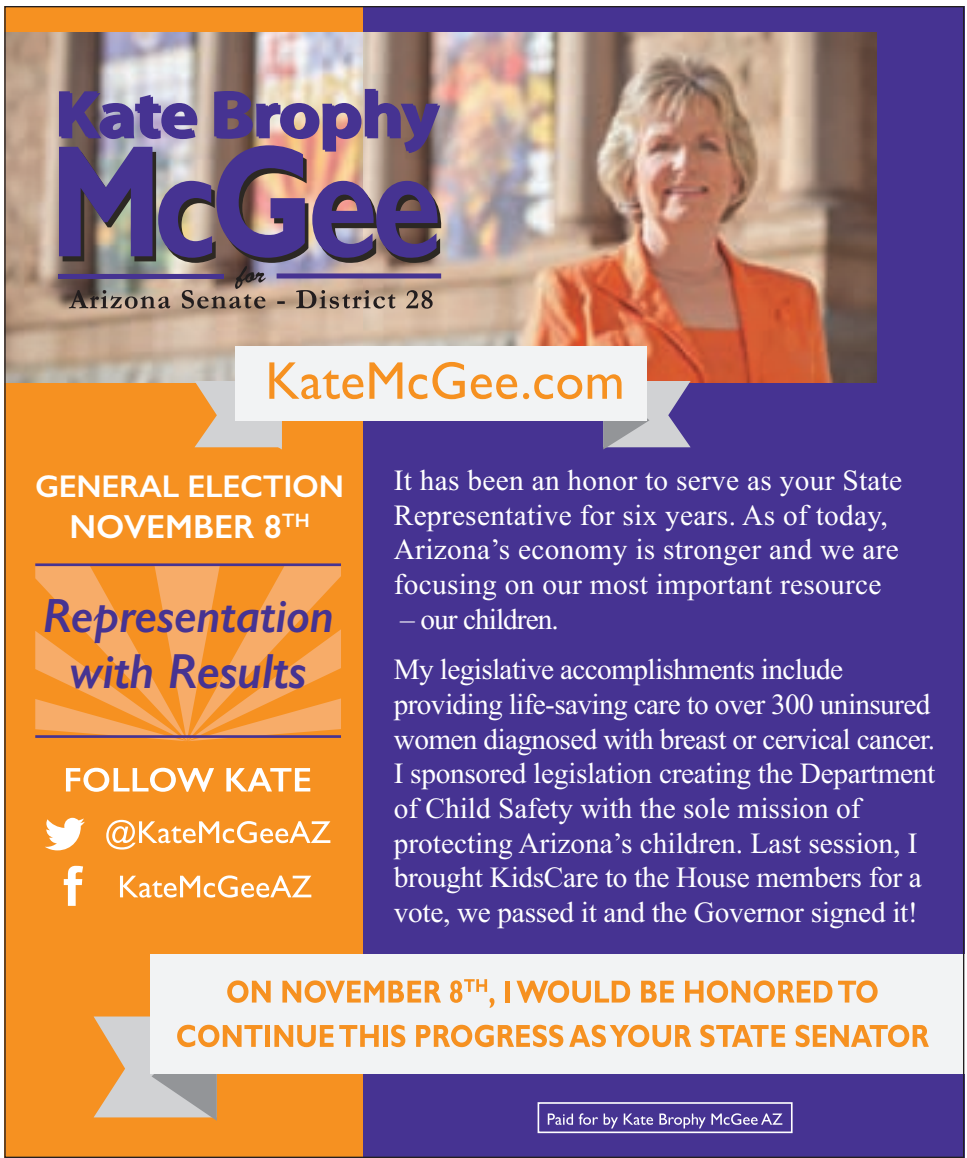
At the end of the ride, as the members of The City of Scottsdale dipped their front wheels into the water of the Mississippi River, feelings were pretty much the same all around:

"I was ecstatic. Such a sense of accomplishment," said John.

"When you dip your tire in the water, your first thought is, 'Yes, we made it'," said Greg.

So, will the City of Scottsdale Five make another appearance at RAGBRAI? We'll have to wait until next year to see!





Librarian turned children's book author wins with *Up, Up, Up*

By Amanda Goossen

In May 2015, Phoenix resident Phoebe Fox decided to leave her job as librarian at Christ Church School and focus on her lifelong passion, creating children's books.

"For over 15 years I had kept files of ideas for children's books," said Fox. "It was finally time to take action."

With the help of Southwest Human Development, Arizona's largest nonprofit dedicated to early childhood development, Phoebe turned her dream into a reality.

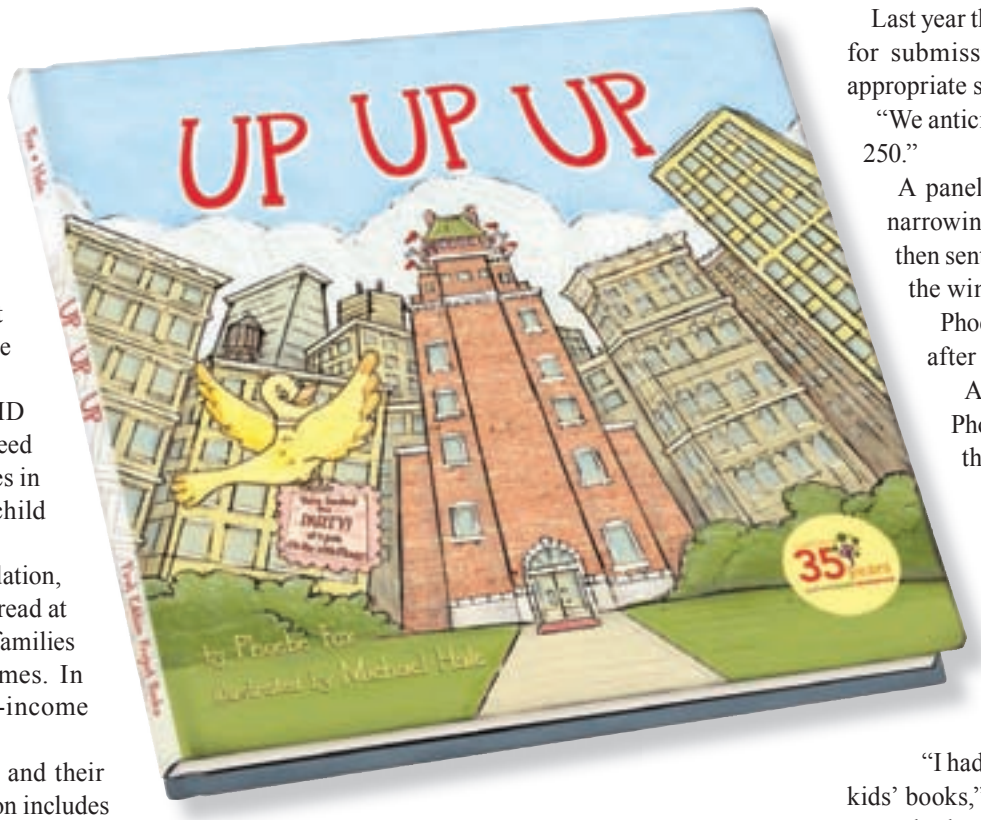
According to their mission statement, SWHD strengthens the foundation Arizona's children need for a great start in life. SWHD provides services in the areas of education, child development, child welfare and early literacy.

According to the Children's Literacy Foundation, 68 percent of America's fourth-graders do not read at a proficient level and 61 percent of low-income families have no age-appropriate books in their homes. In addition, for every 300 children in low-income neighborhoods there is only one book.

Statistics like these are what drive SWHD and their programs. The nonprofit's early literacy division includes Reach Out and Read as well as Raising a Reader, two programs which promote early reading and book donations.

Through Reach Out and Read alone, SWHD distributes nearly 90,000 new, age-appropriate books to low-income children annually.

This large number of book donations, however, must come from somewhere. And last year, through repeated discussions, this Arizona nonprofit debated the best way to ensure their inventory of good quality books remained high.



The final conclusion was to create a "Buy a Book, Give a Book" program, with SWHD publishing a book from an aspiring author. For every book purchased on their website or in Changing Hands Bookstores, the nonprofit would give a book to a child in need.

"We came to the conclusion that publishing our own book had great benefits," said Jake Adams, chief development officer of SWHD.

Last year through the First Edition Project, SWHD called for submissions. They sought an author and an age-appropriate story for children 0-3.

"We anticipated 100 entries," said Adams. "We had over 250."

A panel of literacy experts judged the submissions, narrowing the group from over 200 to 10. Those 10 were then sent to a panel of six reading specialists who chose the winner.

Phoebe Fox, entered her book *Up, Up, Up* in August after a friend brought the contest to her attention.

A month later, while driving her children to the Phoenix Wildlife World Zoo, Fox received the call that her manuscript had won.

"I was so happy," said Fox. "It was such a feeling of validation for going after my passion."

After being named the winner, *Up, Up, Up* was then sent to editors, illustrators and designers.

Local illustrator and graphic designer Michael Hale got the call to begin sketches and was thrilled at the chance.

"I had just decided to dedicate my time to illustrating kids' books," said Hale. "The timing was perfect."

For both Fox and Hale, the SWHD First Edition Project was a catalyst toward a dream come true.

For the kids who hold *Up, Up, Up* in their hands, this book has the potential to change their lives and inspire a future love of reading.

To find out more about First Edition Project or how to buy *Up, Up, Up*, visit firsteditionproject.com. For every copy of *Up, Up, Up* purchased, SWHD will donate a copy to a child in need.



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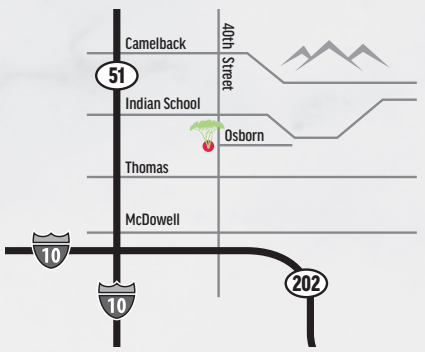
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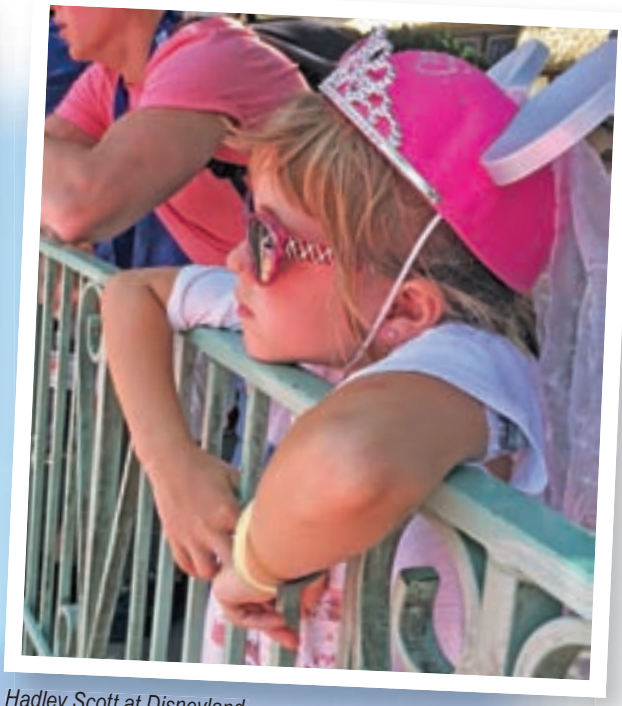
Arcadia Girl Scout troop during their Surf Camp trip this summer to Eli Howard Surf School in Encinitas, CA.



Kelly family at the City Museum in St. Louis.



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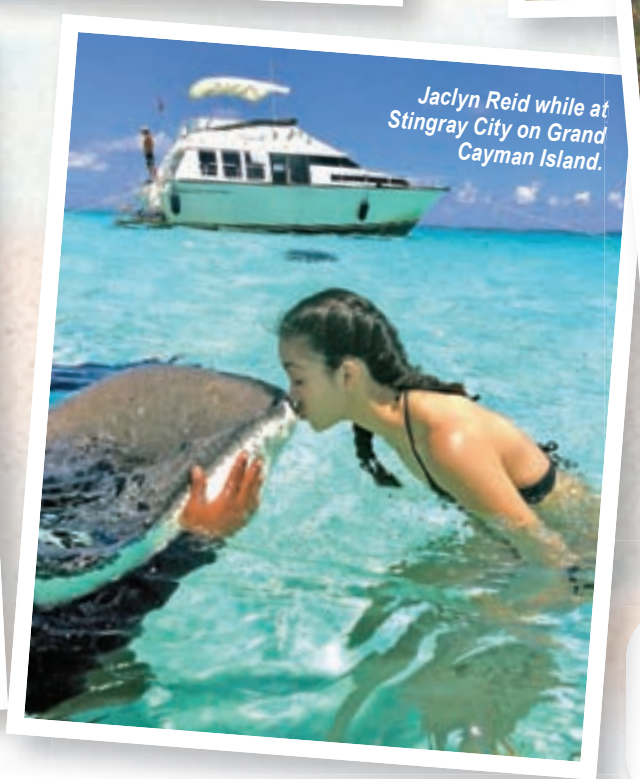
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Arcadia woman completes a 10-year, 50-state journey

By Ian Kraft

Since she was a young girl living in Arcadia, Janey Ledyard wished to travel the globe and experience cultures other than her own. Now, she has the opportunity to share her love with her husband, Steve, and two sons, Scott and Tommy.

"I have always had a passion for adventure," Ledyard said. "I moved to Arcadia when I was 12 years old and every summer my mom used to pack us up and drive to new places.

"My job on these trips was to be the map navigator. I loved reading the maps, and since there was no Google Maps at this time, it was really important," Ledyard said. "It was from these trips that I found my love for travel."

Roughly 10 years ago, Ledyard set a goal that she would travel to the remainder of the 50 states she had not already visited, and in doing so, hopefully inspire her children to set a similar goal.

"I lost a dear friend of mine about 10 years ago and it really inspired me to take full advantage of the life I have," Ledyard said. "So, I decided I wanted to travel to each state and take my sons to all 50 states before their 18th birthdays."

In June, Ledyard, a former third-grade teacher at Cochise Elementary School in Scottsdale, took her family on an Alaskan cruise that featured a stop at the Hubbard Glacier, completing her quest to reach all 50 states.

On achieving the milestone, Ledyard said, "Everything that I experienced made me appreciate how cool this journey has been. Everyone was so excited for me when we got there, and although I was excited, I think my family was more excited for me than I was for myself.

"I set this goal so long ago that when I finally concluded it, I was more in shock than anything else," Ledyard said.

Ledyard confided that what she found most fascinating about her travels was how kind people are in every state. "Everywhere I have been, I met someone who was willing to take time and talk to us; there are truly good-hearted people everywhere."

Scott Ledyard, 15, and current AHS Titan, said he is thankful for the opportunities he has had to travel with his mother. "Alaska, for example, was awesome. The food was great, the fishing was great and it is really beautiful there."

Scott said he wants to travel to the Pacific Northwest next, saying Oregon and Washington will be his 45th and 46th states respectively.

"Honestly, the fun lies in the decision making for the next trip," said Ledyard. "As much as the family time away from home is great, sitting together, as a family, and deciding where to go next is always a fun time."








BY JOANIE SIMON

Husband and wife team bring new flavors to Biltmore

WINK 24

Biltmore Fashion Park
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By Kelly Potts

Wink 24, a new restaurant at Biltmore Fashion Park, serves wood-fired pizzas and paninis, fresh salads, and charcuterie, all within a chic and colorful new space.

Wink 24 was founded by husband and wife team Ruggero and Fernanda Borletti. The menu draws inspiration from Fernanda's Mexican roots and Ruggero's native Italy.

"Including our culture into our cuisine was important for us to have incorporated in the restaurant," said Fernanda. "We wanted something that represented us, and the foods we love, and that bring us together as a family."

Fernanda's love of cooking and past experience working as a server when she was a young adult led to her longing for a restaurant to call her own. One day, it was as if the stars aligned and she found the space she had always dreamed of.

"We were walking the Biltmore and I found this little space, and it was perfect. So, I talked to my husband and we decided that this was the perfect time," said Fernanda.

The interior of Wink 24 has just as much character as the owners; the space is brightly designed with splashes of intense green, orange and magenta.

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"A wink is an experience shared between people – a secret message, much like a drink or a meal – but it transcends relationships, age and more. Our menu is simple, relatable and meant to be shared – much like a simple wink," she said. "It's the reason we all get together: a good meal with good people and good intentions."

The menu focuses on local ingredients, with breads being made in the kitchen every day. With dishes like handcrafted pizzas, crostinis and exceptional salads, there is something for everyone on this menu.

"How do we open an Italian-inspired restaurant without pizza?" Fernanda said. "The pizza oven was already in place when we took the space over, so that helped us reel in our menu a bit. Pizza is a big focus, but we are proud of everything we have created in this space."

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By Riley Kissee

Chestnut Fine Food and Provisions has been a popular breakfast destination in Phoenix for several years. However, in the last few months, Chestnut has decided to shake things up a bit.

After the doors close at 3 p.m. on Thursdays, the night begins for the establishment, but under a different moniker: Water Chestnut. The evening concept is in a partnership with Chef Jared Lupin, formerly of Umami in Tempe. The Pan-Asian style menu has a selection of small plates and inspired cocktails, but the showstopper is the ramen.

"When Umami closed in December, I reached out to the previous owner to see if we could do some sort of collaboration," said Kirsten Steele, co-owner of Water Chestnut. "Unfortunately the timing wasn't exactly right, but we reconnected about three months ago and finalized a menu for what we think is a witty and fun take on Chestnut: Water Chestnut."

The ramen begins with a selection of broth, either vegan shio, garlic pork miso or pork shoyu. This is followed by a choice of noodle: house ramen, rice noodle or buckwheat soba. Next guests can pick their protein, which includes barbecue pork, roast duck, chicken katsu, Chinese pork sausage or tofu. And to finish the bowl, there's an assortment of traditional toppings such as a soft egg, seaweed, naruto, as well as sweet corn, garlic spinach and more.

The small plates are enjoyable, such as savory bao steamed buns filled with a choice of roast duck or short rib, flash fried beef potstickers or spicy pickled cucumber.

And if you save room for dessert, you'll be glad you did with options such as mango sticky rice, matcha green tea ice cream or a house-made Popsicle.

What's more, Water Chestnut is a fine place to sip on a craft cocktail. The Asian-inspired cocktails include the "Tiger Mom," made with Tito's vodka, mango, vanilla syrup, rice milk, coconut cream and ice, or "A Doctor, a Lawyer, or an Engineer" made with gin, elderflower liqueur, ginger, cucumber and basil.



The nighttime menu also changes to feature different drinks like the Tiger Mom Cocktail.

"Water Chestnut brings something very different to the corner, with a fun Asian-focused menu to twist things up a bit," said Steele. "We are very excited as the season changes and it cools off to see our guests enjoying warm, filling bowls of ramen on the patio."

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Sugahbeat rocks on with revolving charity mission

By Kelly Potts

Mark and Katherine Reckling have been around the Valley music scene for over 20 years and recently turned their music into a philanthropic venture.

Their band, Sugahbeat, plays reggae and samba music and is based out of Arcadia. Formerly known as Azz Izz Band, they've played around the Valley for the last few years.

"We took a break from the band when we started having kids," said Mark. "It was just too hard to travel and perform with kids!"

The Recklings met when they became bandmates, and the connection became instant during their performances and songwriting sessions. Mark, the steel drummer, and Katherine, the band's lead singer, are also owners of Reckling Properties based in Arcadia, where Mark is the designated broker and Katherine is a real estate agent.

Sugahbeat recently released music, for a good cause. The first professionally produced music video for *I Finally Feel It* celebrates various local businesses, and 20 percent of the song's proceeds are donated to the Arizona Humane Society.

"This is something we have been passionate about for a while now," said Katherine. "Giving back to the community is at the heart of who we are, so why not use the song as a way to continue that?"



Sugahbeat performs throughout the Valley, raising money while also entertaining fans.

"Our dream would be to release each new song benefiting a different local charity," said Mark. "The community has been great to us, so it's important to support those who have been there for us and who supported us."

Sugahbeat is performing all across the Valley – as the weather permits – debuting the first of many upcoming song releases.

"We are trying to make the world a better place, three minutes at a time," said Mark. "If our music can bring joy to others, and raise money for a great cause, that's all the satisfaction we need."

To download *I Finally Feel It* or to see upcoming info, visit sugahbeat.com.





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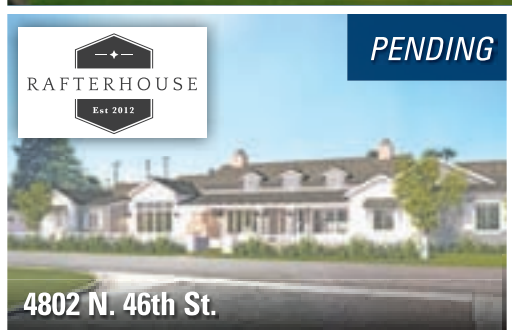
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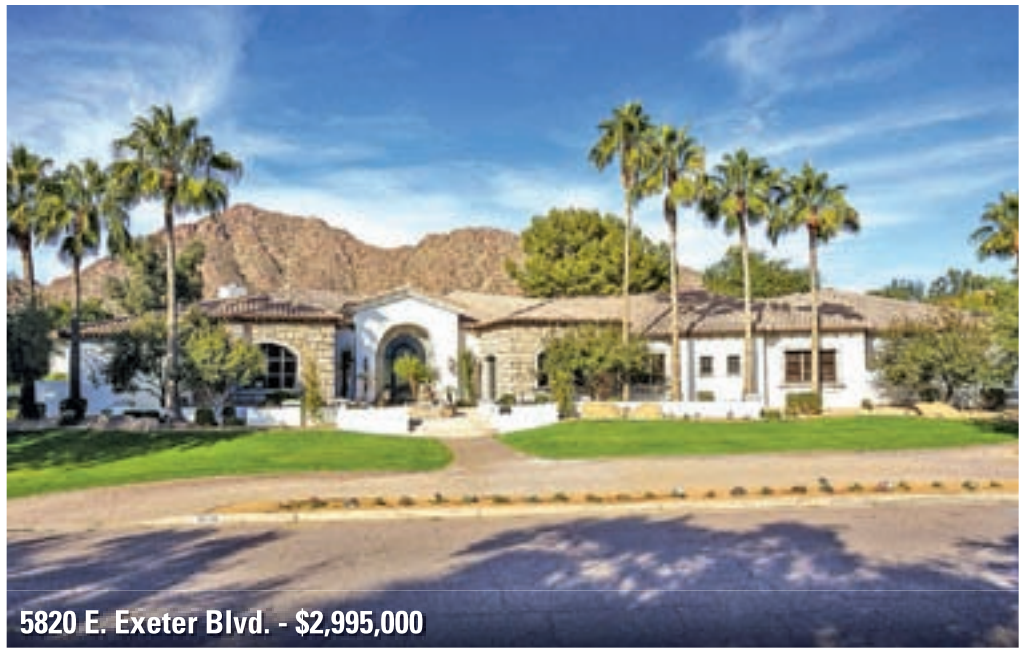


















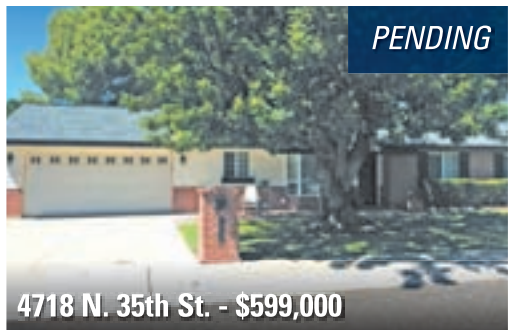
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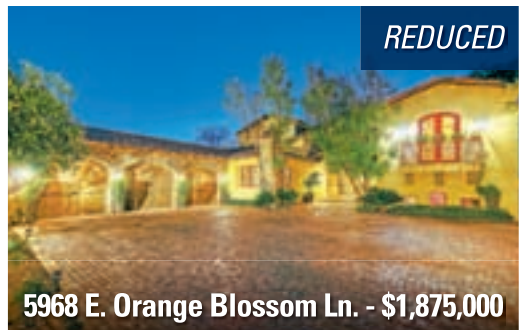
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Debut novel entertains readers with history and suspense

By Amanda Goossen

Go back in time to the mid-1950s, to the most glamorous floor of the famous New York Barbizon Hotel for Women.

In Fiona Davis' debut novel, *The Dollhouse*, readers are transported in time, traveling back and forth between the modern day tenants of the historic Barbizon condo building and the glitz and glamour that came before them. When current resident Rose Lewin begins to learn about the past of Darby McLaughlin, one of the old Barbizon girls who still lives in a rent controlled apartment inside the building, her determination to hear the stories of the past lead her down a path of mystery, deceit and shocking truths. Filled with abundant history, yet told with fictional characters and plot, *The Dollhouse* is a rich and thrilling read.

The *Arcadia News* Book Club will meet on September 22 at 6:30 p.m. at the Saguaro Library to discuss *The Dollhouse*. Our evening will also include a Skype discussion with Fiona Davis. To attend, please RSVP to amanda@arcadianews.com.

Arcadia News recently had a chance to ask Davis a few questions about her novel as well as her writing and the publication process.

AN: *The Dollhouse* tells the story of two women, decades apart. What type of research did you do to ensure accuracy for both lifestyles and generations?

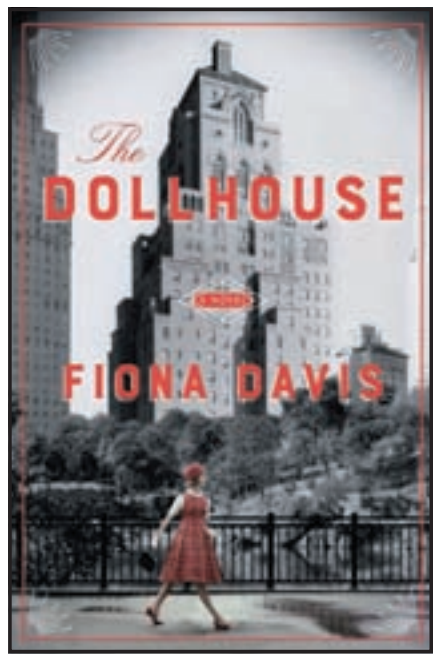
BOOK OF THE MONTH

The Dollhouse

BY FIONA DAVIS

Saguaro Library
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FD: For the 1950s section, I went straight to the *TimesMachine* online, which offers digital versions of *The New York Times* all the way back to 1851, to get a sense of what life was like. Even though the post-World War II economy was booming, there was a sense of danger and dread, as issues like the rising heroin epidemic, McCarthyism and the atom bomb loomed large. I also checked out back issues of women's magazines like *Mademoiselle* and *Ladies Home Journal*, not only for the gorgeous fashion spreads but also for the content of the articles, which offered mixed messages regarding career and marriage.

In addition to interviewing women who lived at the Barbizon in the '50s and '60s, I took a 12-hour course in bebop jazz, which was a blast, and read everything I could about the Katharine Gibbs Secretarial School, and, of course, the Barbizon Hotel for Women. For the modern period it was much easier. (Thank goodness!) I toured the Barbizon condo and revisited the real locations mentioned in the book, like Dizzy's Club Coca Cola, in order to ground them in a solid reality.

AN: Did you always know you wanted to write a novel?

FD: I've been working as a journalist for the past 15 years, but the idea of writing a novel seemed crazy. The two forms are so different. But once I had the idea of the structure of the book – writing about two timelines in the same setting – I figured I'd give it a shot, and soon became obsessed about how to weave the two stories together while keeping a sense of tension and mystery throughout. The complexity of the plot took my mind off the fact that I was indeed writing a work of historical fiction, and the more I dove into the characters of Darby and Rose, the less I second-guessed myself.

I gave myself a word count each day, knowing that it was only the first draft and I could go back and edit it. I think being in the habit of meeting deadlines as a journalist helped me get to the finish. It was just what I did every day for work, but in a different form.

AN: At what point in your story development did you know you wanted to include items from your personal narrative, including a move to New York City and onto the Broadway stage?

FD: Early on, I knew I wanted to have a character who was new to the Big Apple so I could describe the city through her eyes. I remember so vividly my first time here, being overwhelmed and worried, and then the moment when I finally realized I was home, which is something every newcomer goes through.

And while I really enjoyed my time working as an actress, there's always this moment of terror backstage right before you make your entrance where you think, "There's no way I'm going out there," but then you do. I wanted to try to describe that, and figured making the character least likely to do so would add to the tension. So I made Darby go onstage and sing. Cruel, I know!

AN: Do you have a favorite character in *The Dollhouse*? Who and why?

FD: Great question. I do have a soft spot in my heart for Darby. The minute I saw the umbrella dress in a women's magazine from 1951 I knew I had to have her wear it, and wear it with pride, and that became the key to her character. She is forced to grow and change and I love how quirky she is. But I also love the two "sages" in the book – Stella in the 2016 timeline, who tells it like it is, and Miranda, Griff's daughter, who understands the dynamics of the adults around her better than they do.

AN: What was the most surprising part of becoming a published author?

FD: How welcoming the community of writers is, no question. Over the past couple of years, I've established friendships with authors who have been at this for a long time and been struck by how supportive and helpful they've been to a newbie. Whether it's comparing social media strategies, reading early drafts or trouble-shooting plot points, they understand what you're going through. Writing a book is such a solitary endeavor, and sometimes you need to step away from the laptop, get a glass of wine with a friend and have a laugh.



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Texas Rangers draft AHS Star

By Nick Smith



In early June, Sam Huff faced a difficult decision. The former Arcadia High School catcher had an offer to play this baseball season for Grand Canyon University, where he felt a strong connection to the program and coaches. However, all of his life he's wanted to be a professional baseball player and the major league draft was right around the corner.

"It's definitely a difficult decision," Huff told *Arcadia News* in April. "A lot of it will depend on the round I get drafted in. But it's a hard decision for sure."

On June 8, Huff wasn't sure where he was going. He had good communication with the Texas Rangers in the past, but also thought the Seattle Mariners might be interested. Then his phone rang.

"I answered and was asked if I was ready to join the Texas Rangers," said Huff. "My heart stopped and I couldn't stop smiling. I'd been waiting my whole life for this chance."

Huff was drafted in the seventh round, selected by the Rangers as the 219th overall pick. He was the first Arizona high school player taken in this year's draft.

"My goal was to get drafted in the first 10 rounds," said Huff. "And that ended up happening. I talked with my family about the choice and I decided to go with the Rangers. It was a tough decision but I was ready to get started in rookie ball."

Huff is now in Surprise, Arizona, working on his catching with coaches. He says he's eating healthy and getting better at his game every day but admits it's a transition being away from friends and family.

"I miss my family but it's actually been nice to meet new people," said Huff. "I'm with a lot of guys who speak a different language, guys from the Dominican Republic. But it's been great to get to know them because we're bonded by our love for baseball. They're chasing their dreams just like me."

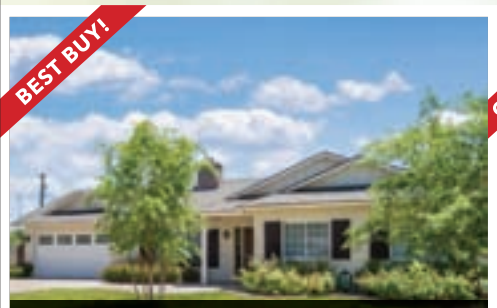
Huff will continue working on his catching skills until the fall. Then he'll wait for spring training.

"They're taking it slow with me and easing me in," said Huff. "They want me to keep being a catcher, which is what I want too. I'm just excited to be one step closer to the big leagues."

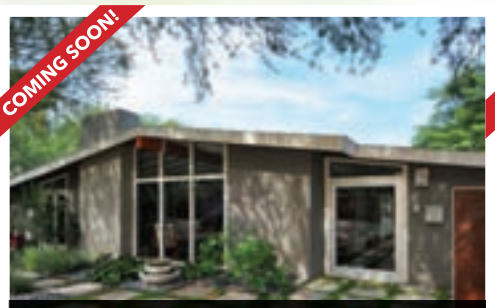

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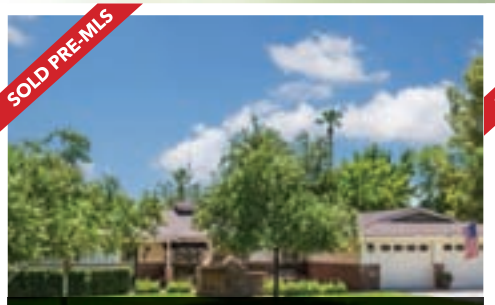
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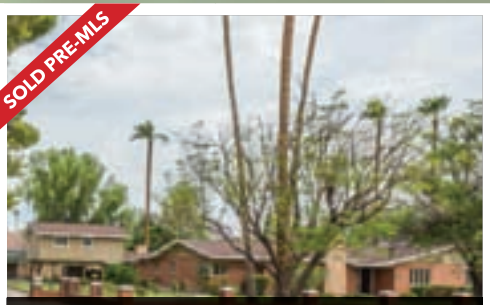
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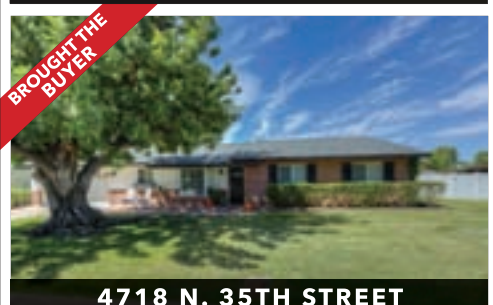
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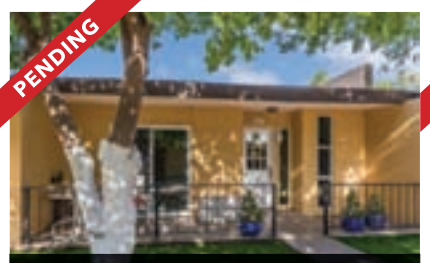


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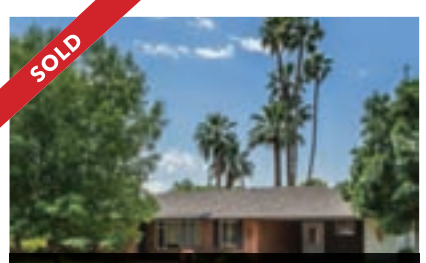




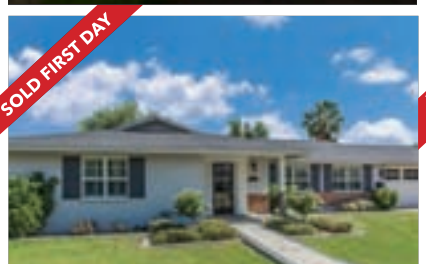
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Local artist joins Shemer

By Mallory Gleich

Even as a small child, Sandra Luehrsen knew she wanted to become an artist. She would spend hours a day making mobiles to put in the front window of her home in Blue Island, a suburb of Chicago. Her passion for art grew stronger when a neighbor showed Sandra pictures of her drawings.

"She was 4 years older than me. My goal was to draw better than her. So, I worked hard and loved every minute of it," Luehrsen said.

And her hard work paid off. Sandra is now part of the Advisory Council at the Shemer Art Center, and has received many awards, shows her works at the Center, and also has her own art business.

Luehrsen graduated from Northern Illinois University and decided to move to Arizona for graduate school in 1976. Her brother traveled with her.

"My brother and I drove my $750 rusted out Datsun station wagon packed with all of my worldly possessions. We overheated somewhere south of Flagstaff but got here nonetheless," Luehrsen said.

During her time at NIU, Luehrsen signed up for a ceramics class, thinking it to be clay sculpture. She was confused when she walked in seeing pink pots and wheels used for creating ceramic pots.

"I realized I had signed up for the wrong class, but the drop lines were long and the professor was cute and nice, so I stayed," she said.



Artist and sculptor Sandra Luehrsen.



Once she had moved to Arizona, Luehrsen started graduate school at Arizona State University. She then earned her master's degree in art and ceramics.

Her most current works of art are inspired by life or life forms. When Luehrsen moved to Arizona, she found that the beauty of the flora and fauna of the desert overtook her. For the past few years, she has created sculptures called *Trees of Life*.

"*Trees of Life* have been made by many cultures throughout the ages. They symbolize birth, growth and regeneration. To me, they are spiritual," Sandra said.

Luehrsen's sculptures include plant forms, but also go a step further to include stars, plants and geometric forms. Sandra says that from start to finish, a large sculpture can take up to 20 hours to make.

She says that her inspiration comes from sketching ideas while looking at visual things, such as books, journals, or, on a bigger scale, the world.

"The process is enjoyable, but it is work. I love pulling the completely finished sculpture out of the kiln," Luehrsen said.

In 1998, Luehrsen left her job to start her own art business. She sent in one of her clay pieces to the Shemer Art Center and won the first place award for it. Soon after, she sold the art piece, which encouraged her to continue with her business.

The next year, she participated in Sunday at Shemer and sold one of her pieces. She has also held workshops at the center, which gives her an opportunity to teach her craft to others.

Recently, Luehrsen was added to the Shemer Artists Advisory Council. Comprised of around 10 professional artists, the group meets monthly to advise on exhibits, fairs, teaching opportunities and other events. The goal is to spread the word about artistic prospects.

"The Shemer gives local artists many opportunities to show their work and more. Not all of the local venues focus on local artists so it's nice to have one that's reputable to rely on," Luehrsen said.

Luehrsen has come a long way in her artistic abilities. From making holiday mobiles to hang in the windows of her home, to creating *Trees of Life*, she says that art consumes a lot of her time.

"But I do it happily."



National Grandparents Day — connecting generations

By Jean Hodgson

When we identify September holidays, we probably think of Labor Day, but the first Sunday following Labor Day is National Grandparents Day.

We have a persistent woman named Marian McQuade to thank for this addition to our autumn calendar, this year falling on September 11. She began her campaign to set aside a special day to recognize grandparents in 1970, but it wasn't until 1978 that the United States Congress passed legislation making this holiday official. President Jimmy Carter signed the proclamation.

According to grandparents-day.com, September was chosen for the holiday, to signify the "autumn years" of life. It has a threefold purpose: to honor grandparents; to give grandparents an opportunity to show love for their children's children; and to help children become aware of the strength, information and guidance older people can offer.

In keeping with this third purpose, children from two families ranging in age from 5 to 16 were asked what they have learned from their grandparents. The first four siblings not only have local grandparents as part of their lives, but their great-grandmother lives here as well. Emmalyn, age 14, said, "I enjoy talking with my grandparents about my faith, about books I'm reading and about school. They are really great listeners. We always look forward to times when we can either stay at their house or they come to spend time with us."



Arcadia resident Christa Pauly and her grandchildren.

Her younger sister Addison, age 12, shared, "My grandma and grandpa helped me when I was really sad about my friend moving. They had me over for a sleepover, talked with me about when they were my age, took me shopping for books and watched movies with me. They helped me through a really sad time."

Ten-year-old Caleb's response was, "My grandpa is really good at sketching and drawing and grandma does fun arts and crafts projects with us. They like to hear me play the piano." Ian, age 5, added, "I play games with them sometimes. Grandma and grandpa let me have sugar. And I love them."

Another family with three boys agreed that they have had a variety of travel experiences at a young age thanks to sharing that interest with their grandparents. They also said they know "Oma" loves them because of the great food she cooks for them. Nikolas, age 7, added that all his grandparents "taught me about God."

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Grandparents who model a positive attitude about everyday things and look for the good side are important, according to 12-year-old Lukas. He said his grandfather had a stroke, but he tries to stay active and "he keeps doing what he can." He added that he likes it how welcoming his grandparents are when he comes into their home to visit.

Jakob, age 16, specifically remembers his grandfather who passed away three years ago as "a man of actions, not words." He said, "Opa taught us about relationships by the way he treated Oma and others. He would stop the car to give something to a homeless person, and one of his major activities was prison ministry. I would also describe him as a persistent problem solver, and I remember him encouraging me to be open to trying new things."

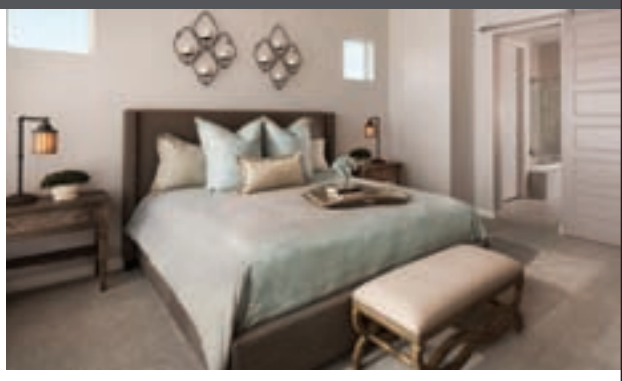
These children all confirmed the purpose of National Grandparents Day. The focus is not on material aspects of the relationships between generations, but on the heritage of love and respect.

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Recycled crayons brighten childrens hospital

By Michelle Donati-Grayman





In 2011, Bryan Ware and his family went to dinner to celebrate his 40th birthday. As they were seated, his two young children received crayons to help pass the time and keep them occupied while waiting for their food.

Like most families, the Wares had experienced this routine many times before, but something was different for Ware at this meal.

"What happens to these crayons after we leave if we don't take them," Ware asked their server.

The server explained that slightly used and even untouched crayons had to be thrown away.

Ware, who has a background in manufacturing and supply chain and a passion for art, took the crayons from the restaurant home that night, determined to find a way to recycle the waxy supplies

Being that his mother was a teacher and his wife is a teacher, his initial intentions were to recycle the crayons by giving them to art programs in schools. But when politics prevented him from pursuing this path, he shared the idea with a friend, who is a child life specialist at a large pediatric hospital

He decided children's hospitals were a perfect fit for the recycled crayons, as their art programs are used to alleviate anxiety, provide psychological support, and offer outlets for self-expression.

Ware established The Crayon Initiative, a 501(c)(3), in 2014, the same year he created a prototype of the molds that remanufactures unwanted crayons.

Since then, he has connected with the Children's Hospital Association, which represents more than 200 children's hospitals across the country. Today, The Crayon Initiative is in 35 hospitals in 12 states, including Phoenix Children's Hospital and Cardon Children's Medical Center in Mesa.

To collect crayons, Ware works with organizations, such as AAA, for corporate collection and recycling events. He also created collection boxes to house in schools and restaurants.

"At first we would send boxes to servers who were searching for ways to recycle crayons online," Ware said. "Now we have the corporate guys – Landry's Restaurants, Darden Restaurants, Brinker International, IHOP – wanting to do it nationally."

In addition to collection efforts, the nonprofit also accepts cash donations to help fund crayon manufacturing, collection drives, future grants for art programs, and to cover shipping costs.

In two years, The Crayon Initiative has collected more than 40,000 pounds of unwanted crayons and has donated more than 15,000 packs of crayons to children's hospitals.

"I still have the crayons on my desk from that dinner," Ware said. "My goal is to be making millions of packs of crayons on an annual basis.

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Tavan math teachers expand their knowledge at special event

By Rachael Bouley

Teachers and educators from across the state came together for the Arizona K12 Center's Summer Math Institute at the Westward Look Resort in Tucson, including two administrators and 18 teachers from Tavan Elementary School.

The three-day conference gave the teachers and staff the special opportunity to learn from experts in their field, develop new skills and explore improved instructional methods.

Teachers spent the three days collaborating with their team members to develop strategies to improve students' understanding of the main concepts of mathematics and prepare for the upcoming school year.

Teachers and math coaches from kindergarten through fifth grade joined Tavan Principal Margaret Serna and Vice Principal Julie Ballard.

Shelly Rose, a fifth-grade teacher at Tavan, said it was a great opportunity to learn from other professionals and prepare for a bright future with their students.

"Because many of us were there with our teams, we were able to collaborate with each other to make sure we are ready and trained to use the newest strategies to help our students be the best they can be!"

The Arizona K12 Center organizes a variety of conferences and events like this one to support teachers throughout the state in continuous learning and improving their teaching methods.



Math teachers at Tavan Elementary School traveled to Tucson for a training session to strengthen their skills.

The Summer Math Institute featured presentations by experienced professionals from around the country. Tavan teachers and other participants were guided in developing units, lessons, activities and assessments for their math classes. On the final day, teachers used the concepts they learned from the conference to develop action plans that they can implement in their classrooms.

During the conference, teachers across all grade levels compiled common math vocabulary and designed curriculum that will improve critical thinking skills and comprehension for students. This is especially beneficial because the AZ Merit Assessment requires students to analyze and provide evidence through their math applications in their responses, and teachers are learning better methods of teaching students how to do so.

The event gave Tavan teachers the chance to spend time together in pursuit of their common goal: achieving even greater student success.

"Teachers were busy participating in meaningful conversation that increased their knowledge of teaching math and also provided them the opportunity to share their experience and successes with their colleagues," said Principal Serna. "Teachers are the best teachers of teachers."

It was helpful for teachers to be taught by people with the same passion for learning and education.

"I am a firm believer that teachers should be lifelong learners," said fourth-grade teacher Sindy Salgado. "I can serve as an example for my students that you never stop learning."

Tavan teachers and staff look forward to implementing their new plans and strategies in the upcoming school year. The Summer Math Institute garnered excitement and enthusiasm for the future.

"The K12 Center truly knows how to treat teachers. In a society where teachers are sometimes underappreciated, they treated us like celebrities," said Sindy. The collaborations that occurred amongst my fellow colleagues and teachers from around the Valley were priceless."

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Brophy looks to assist students of all backgrounds

By Nick Smith

Johan Santiesteban still remembers the first time he heard about Brophy College Preparatory. One of the school's teachers visited Santiesteban's junior high school and told the kids about the benefits the school had to offer.

"The school seemed perfect," said Santiesteban. "I learned more about it, the programs they had, heard about the teachers. So I said, 'Maybe I'll apply.'"

But Santiesteban ran into a problem that can be a common one among students applying to Brophy: the expensive cost of tuition. The annual tuition for 2016-2017 at Brophy is $14,650.

"My dad said it was too expensive," said Santiesteban. "He asked me why I was even trying, he couldn't afford to pay for this."

Today, Santiesteban is thriving as a junior at Brophy and his story is not unique. His classmate, junior Taif Abdulazeez, also thought he had no chance of being able to attend the school.

"I asked a teacher about the price for Brophy and I knew I wasn't going there," said Abdulazeez. "My parents want me to succeed but [the tuition is] just too much."

Both Abdulazeez and Santiesteban were able to attend Brophy with the assistance of financial aid programs set up to help students who want to attend the private school. With the high cost of tuition, there is a common misconception that Brophy is a school populated with students who all have the means to pay for it. This isn't the case and the school has worked for years to offer financial aid to students who need it.

"Our mission is to find young men who have the capacity to make an impact on the world," said Bob Ryan, principal at Brophy. "That is the litmus test for us. A family's background or ability to pay shouldn't impact their ability to come to the school."

A huge asset to students who have wanted to attend schools outside their family's price range has been the Brophy Community Foundation. The independent nonprofit school tuition organization was incorporated in 1998 and began by helping students attend two schools. Today, they offer financial aid for students attending 30 different schools statewide.

"We wanted to find kids whose families needed the educational boost," said Genny Matteucci, executive director of the Brophy Community Foundation. "We saw an opportunity to provide financial aid based solely on financial needs, so that students and their families would have an option to consider private education."

"Availability is all based on verified financial need," said Dawn Kennedy, director of corporate tax credits for the Brophy Community Foundation. "Parents have to apply and submit W-2 [forms] and income tax returns. We make sure that the folks who need the money the most get it."

Brophy Community Foundation allows for both individual and corporate donations and financial aid, and is recognized as Arizona's top rated school tuition organization. The average family income for a family of four who received financial assistance from the foundation in 2015-2016 was less than $39,000, with the majority of the recipients being minorities. Although legislatively allowed to take 10 percent for operating costs, the foundation averages around 5 percent, with the idea that the extra money goes to more kids. The donations are not allowed to be designated to a particular donor but are solely based on financial need.

One of the biggest factors that contributed to the amount of money given to the Brophy Community Foundation is the private school tuition tax credit. This allows dollar-for-dollar tax credits against state income tax obligations

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(Left to right) Bob Ryan, Casey Beazley, Johan Santiesteban, Daniel Chavez, Taif Abdulazeez, Arnoldo Inda, Josh Benjamin, Johan Cano, Kendra Krause, Dawn Kennedy.

for donations. Basically, it means giving to the Brophy Community Foundation doesn't cost donors anything, since they would otherwise be using that money to pay the state as individual income tax.

"There's been an individual tax credit since 1999," said Kennedy. "A corporate tax credit was added in 2006. This has helped give us the ability to solicit funds and help more and more kids."

Brophy College Prep is one of the schools that students can attend with money from the Brophy Community Foundation. The financial aid at the high school is applied for and handed out only after acceptance.

With the help of the Brophy Community Foundation and other types of financial aid, Brophy College Prep has helped many students fulfill their dreams of attending a private high school. Josh Benjamin, a 2016 graduate, is one of those students.

"My parents found out about Brophy when I was in seventh grade and wanted to send me to a school with a good track record of getting kids there," said Benjamin. "So I went to All Saints' Episcopal Day School, which is one of the schools the Brophy Community Foundation supports. Going there helped me to have a smooth transition into Brophy in ninth grade."

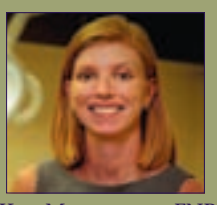
This fall, Benjamin will attend Harvard, after also being accepted to Yale, Columbia and MIT. He was the first African-American valedictorian in Brophy's school history.

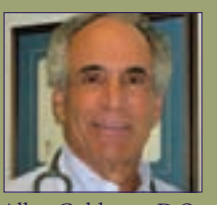
"We want to make Brophy a place for a wide variety of young men who have the capacity and interest for making an impact on the world to be able to come and be formed in how to do that," said Principal Ryan. "Over the years, we've tried in a variety of ways to try and meet that pledge."

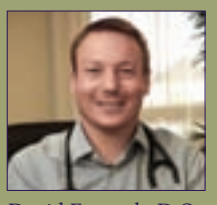
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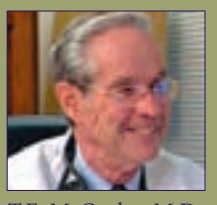
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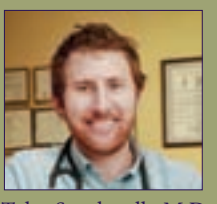

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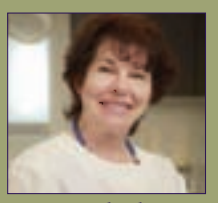

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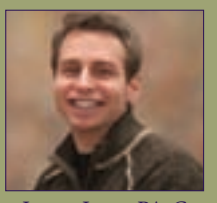

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Renovations provide imaginative learning space

By Katie Mayer

You can always find smiles and friendly faces around the St. Thomas the Apostle Roman Catholic School campus, but now there are even more of them.

On August 9, the 63-year-old school opened its newly renovated preschool and kindergarten, which offers a program for 3-year-olds, expanded pre-K classes and a redesigned outdoor play space focused on nature and imagination.

The new "school within a school" not only expands campus offerings, but also provides a developmentally appropriate space for 3- and 4-year-olds, said Bri Cooney, St. Thomas parent, as well as development director of project art and design for the school. The preschool will have its own space as well as traditions, and its students will graduate to the larger campus for elementary school.

"Our youngest students have different needs and experience the world at a different scale, so this is creating an experience for the whole family where they can come together in community and fellowship," Cooney said.

This year, St. Thomas the Apostle began a capital campaign to raise money for a new school building, cafeteria and media center. Phase 1 of the campaign raised funds to renovate existing buildings to create a new preschool.

"Community is at the heart of St. Thomas and we recognize that preschool is a special time for parents and children," said Principal Mary Coffman, "so we wanted to create a school and resources specifically for this age group."

As part of the additions to the St. Thomas family, experienced preschool administrator and teacher Annemarie Mansour joined the staff as preschool director. Mansour's children have attended St. Thomas the Apostle since her family moved here and she calls it a "welcoming and embracing community."

Mansour said she is a strong believer in play-based preschool and teaching to the developmental level of a child. She has structured the curriculum around this philosophy.

For parents like Cooney, who have children of multiple ages in school, the new 3-year-old program will now allow her to have all of her kids on the same campus.

"It's great to be able to offer this to the community and the St. Thomas family," she said. "It's just going to make our campus even better."

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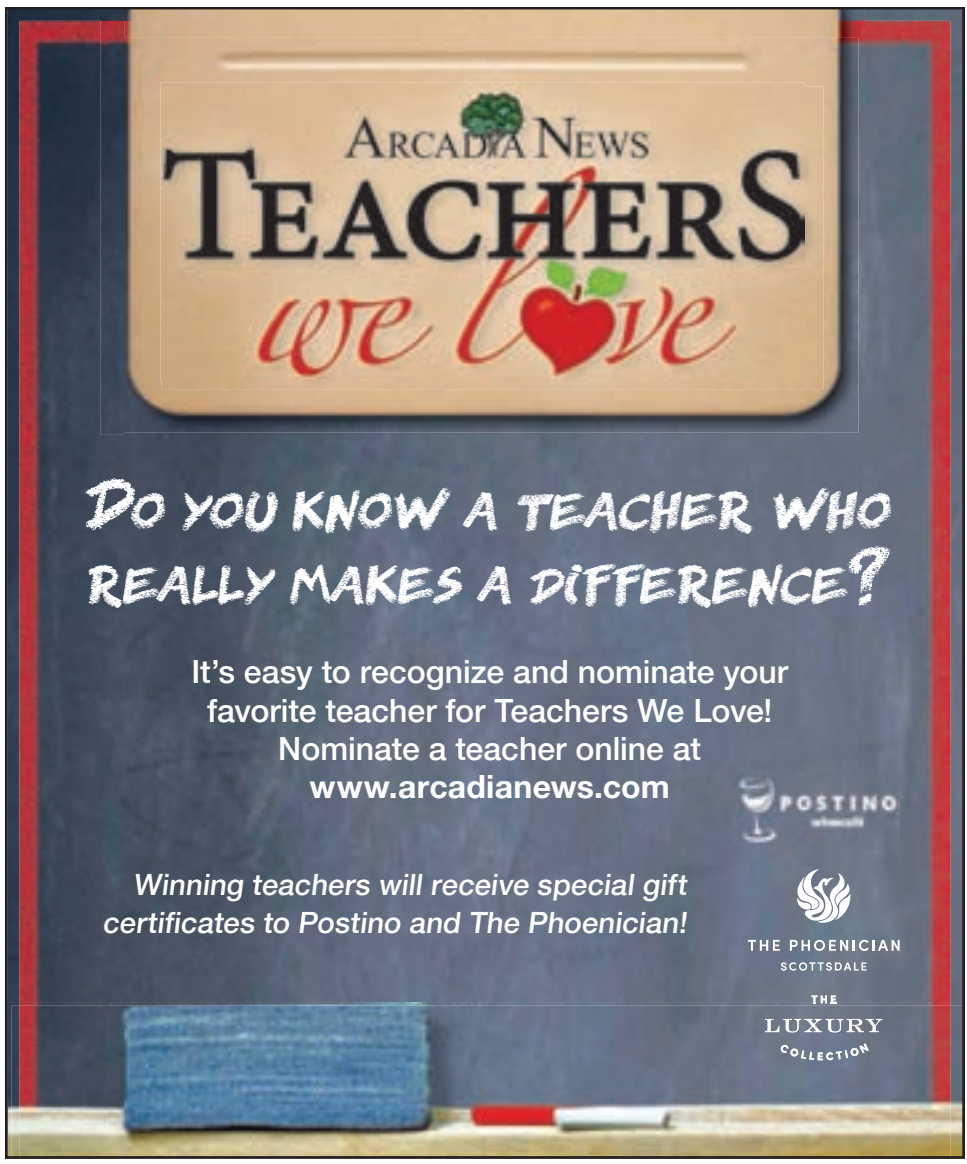
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Academic standouts win Mr. and Ms. Olympian awards

By Ian Kraft

In May, Nina Vuletic and Graham Byron arrived at the annual honors ceremony at Arcadia High School having concluded their senior year earlier that month. Neither student knew they were about to receive Arcadia High School's most prestigious award.

The Mr. and Ms. Olympian awards are given to the male and female student who made contributions to the AHS community with their selflessness and leadership.

"When you arrive at the ceremony, you grab a program and find your seat. So, that is what I did," said Byron, the winner of the Mr. Olympian award. "I flipped through [the program] and didn't see my name anywhere until I finally got to the last page, and there I was…Mr. Olympian."

Byron said he was completely surprised to see his name there, but was even more excited to see his good friend Nina's name next to his. "She's great. Super intelligent. I was so happy she won Ms. Olympian."

Vuletic, however, did not take one of the programs at the door as she was more focused on finding her seat. "Actually, I had no idea I had won until Graham came up to show me. I was in disbelief. It was a huge surprise and I was at a loss for words," said Vuletic.

Both Vuletic and Byron exemplified what AHS strives for in terms of academic success, as they posted 4.1 and 4.5 weighted GPAs respectively, but Principal Nathan Slater said it was more than their intelligence that made them valuable members of the Arcadia community.

"Graham and Nina are two of the most amazing individuals that I have ever had an opportunity to work with in my 22 years at the high school," Slater said.

"Both are exceptional students but even better people. Their actions always spoke louder than their words and when something positive was happening on campus, Nina and/or Graham were close by. It was an honor to get to know them and I know that I am a better person because of my interactions with each of them," said Slater.

Conversely, both Vuletic and Byron cited Slater as one of their biggest influences throughout their high school careers.

Byron called Slater, "someone I truly admire and look up to," while Vuletic said he was "super helpful all the time and was always supportive of what I wanted to do both on and off campus."

With all of their academic success, both Vuletic and Byron were offered scholarships to multiple colleges across the country. Vuletic decided to study mechanical engineering at Biola University in La Mirada, California, while Byron chose the University of Puget Sound in Tacoma, Washington. Byron is undecided with his major, but said he is interested in business management as well as engineering.



Nina Vuletic and Graham Byron.

"Winning Ms. Olympian meant everything to me," Vuletic said. "I am excited to go to California and represent Arcadia the best I can."

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2016-17 High School Football Preview

By Nick Smith

ARCADIA TITANS

Five years ago, Lenny Abt was the offensive coordinator at Arcadia High School, preparing for the upcoming 2012 football season. Then, as the team headed to Payson for preseason camp, word came that head coach Jim Ellison was stepping down. Abt planned to take his spot and make adjustments on the fly.

It was a long road, but the Arcadia Titans improved their record in all four seasons with Abt at the helm, culminating in a return to the playoffs in 2015, with an 8-3 record.

Abt shared that it's not only the team's record that's changed. "Really, the whole mentality has changed," he said. "Kids are pushing each other now. Wins and losses are nice of course, but it's the culture we've tried to change that is the most important."

As successful as last season was, a what-if factor hangs over the season. Junior running back Ryan Alexandre exploded out of the gate last season, rushing for 201 yards and three touchdowns in an opening win over Bradshaw Mountain. Alexandre quickly became the team's offensive bell cow, rushing for over 100 yards in four of the first six games of the season. But six games is where his season ended, as he was leveled with a broken foot.

Seniors Keon Okyere and Jaylen Isreal stepped up in Alexandre's absence, each rushing for over 400 yards last season. But it's easy to wonder just how far the Titans would have gone if they were not missing their star running back.

"It hurt us to lose him last year," said Abt. "It'll obviously be good to have him back."

A rare aspect of last season was the youth of the starting quarterback. Abt decided to give the keys to the offense to sophomore Luke Ashworth and the gamble paid off in a trip to the playoffs.

"He stepped up and took command," said Abt. "There was some growing pains last year but we expected that. He was our guy and we were confident when we handed him the ball."

Starting a player that young at quarterback means the position is basically set for the next two seasons, giving Abt one less thing to do on his checklist.

"In years past, it's usually been a senior quarterback," said Abt. "Obviously, having a field general who is aware of our systems is a positive. He works hard and grows from his mistakes."

If the Titans-topping-previous-seasons'-successes pattern continues, expect the Titans to make a deep playoff run. Abt and his staff are knee-deep in the day-to-day managing of the program but aren't above taking a step back and reflecting on how far they've come.

"I think we're on the verge of doing big things," said Abt. "We're at a point now where the seniors have spent all four years in the system. I've loved watching these kids grow as young men. Now I look at the incoming freshmen and I know that these seniors were just like them. Someday those freshmen will be the face of the program."

2016 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

All games @ 7pm except Aug. 11 @ 6pm

AUGUST 11 @ Apache Junction (SCRIMMAGE)
AUGUST 19 HOME vs. Williams Field
AUGUST 26 HOME vs. Verrado
SEPTEMBER 2 @ Liberty
SEPTEMBER 9 @ Sunnyslope
SEPTEMBER 16 HOME vs. Raymond S. Kellis
SEPTEMBER 23 @ Apollo
SEPTEMBER 30 HOME vs. Paradise Valley
OCTOBER 7 @ North Canyon
OCTOBER 21 HOME vs. Notre Dame Prep
OCTOBER 28 @ Chaparral

Players to Watch:

1. Luke Ashworth, Junior, QB:

Ashworth won the starting quarterback job last year as a sophomore. His 2015 season totals include throwing for 1241 yards and 13 touchdowns. His standout game was a 41-35 week three win against Marana, where he totaled 309 yards passing to go with five touchdown passes.

2. Ryan Alexandre, Senior, RB:

A running back with rushing and pass-catching ability, Alexandre started hot in 2015 before going down with a broken foot in the sixth game of the year. Despite an abbreviated season, Alexandre still managed to rack up 694 yards rushing with another 160 yards receiving and 10 total touchdowns.

3. Nick Sandler, Senior, DB

The senior cornerback excelled as both an individual and team defender in 2015, totaling 24 solo tackles and 19 assisted.

BROPHY BRONCOS

Screenwriters would reject the 2015 Brophy Broncos football season as too unbelievable. In the last nine games, only once was the score more than seven points apart. Six of the games were won by four points or less and three went into overtime, including a double overtime playoff thriller against Pinnacle. Even Hollywood would find that kind of drama improbable.

"It was pretty rare," said Scooter Molander, head coach for Brophy. "In my 11 years as head coach, I believe we've had two overtime games. So to have three in one year was quite rare. But I think it helped us down the stretch."

Brophy is known as a program that reloads instead of rebuilds and this fall will be no different. Gone is starting quarterback Cade Knox, now taking snaps for Harvard. The team will also be without last year's star running back Ryan Velez, who headed to West Point after a season that included 2289 all purpose yards and 23 touchdowns. The Broncos fell in the second round of last year's playoffs and have to figure out how to replace the loss of offensive firepower if they want to improve.

"Brophy has been a great program for a long time, since before I was here," said Molander. "There's a long-standing tradition of success and the kids know that. But they also know they have to earn it. It always boils down to the details."

One advantage for the team is the return of two of the biggest offensive weapons from 2015. Wide receiver Noah Pittenger was second to Velez in all-purpose yards and could be even better during his senior season. All-state tight end Matt Kempton is coming back as well and he's looking to improve on his standout junior year.

"We've got a lot of new guys this year," said Kempton. "But I think everyone is already getting comfortable filling into our roles. You can see how hard we're competing on both sides of the ball."

The defensive front had some losses too, including standout linebacker Dante Diaz-Infante, who recorded 115 total tackles last fall. But standout linebacker Rex Tessler will return and is joined by fellow linebacker Max Fees, lineman George Rivera, and defensive back Noah Williams.

"We'd like to do better on third and fourth down, defensively," said Molander. "We also want to improve our special teams and make sure we take care of the football. We'll make sure our kids are prepared. At the end of the day, there's only one satisfied team, and that's the one that wins it all."

Quarterback Battle:

One position Molander hasn't locked down is the most important one. Last year's starting quarterback, Cade Knox, has graduated and left no clear heir apparent behind. So Molander has opened up the competition and two standouts have risen to the top: Caleb Moore and Matthew Ryan.

It's a fine line to walk, rooting for your teammate to improve for the good of the team, while also trying to take the job he wants. But the seniors believe they have struck a balance.

"Obviously you want to be the guy out there leading the team," said the 6-foot-1-inch, 175-pound Moore. "But the competition is going to get you better no matter what. We're competing against each other, but we can still be friends."

"I think it's a great opportunity," said Ryan. "I love to compete. It's one of the things I think I do best."



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Both Moore and Ryan are confident in their skills and abilities. Moore believes he excels in the mental side of the game, noting that he has improved his knowledge in reads and pre-snap.

"I'm very accurate with the ball as well," said Moore. "No matter what anyone says, I can make any throw I need to on the field."

Ryan believes his work in the offseason has helped him in the competition.

"I'm confident in my ability to throw the ball," said Ryan, who stands at 6 feet and weighs in at 185. "My running ability is a skill as well. And my mental side of the game has gotten a lot better. I've worked hard to improve that."

It will be a close call on the final decision for who will lead the Broncos this fall but Coach Molander doesn't seem worried.

"We'll be fine with whoever wins the job," said Molander. "Both of them have worked really hard in July and either one will be ready to lead the offense."

Players to Watch:

1. Matthew Kempton, Senior, TE:

The 6-foot-4-inch, 200-pound Kempton was an all-state standout at the tight end position in 2015. He was one of the team's most dynamic receivers, with 405 receiving yards and four touchdowns. Two of those touchdowns came in the Bronco's 38-35 loss to Hamilton.

2. Noah Pittenger, Senior, WR:

Few Brophy offensive weapons had the firepower of Pittenger in 2015. The star wide receiver finished the year with 1232 all-purpose yards and nine total touchdowns. He was a standout for special teams as well, totaling 400 return yards. Over a quarter of those came in the Desert Ridge game, when Pittenger totaled 101 returning yards and a touchdown.

3. George Rivera, Senior, NG, DT:

Rivera anchors the front line for the Broncos defense. At 262 pounds, Rivera is a fearsome two-gap player who averaged 3.5 tackles per game as a junior in 2015.

4. Rex Tessler, Senior, LB:

Tessler was unquestionably one of the best defensive players on the team in 2015. He recorded the second most individual and total tackles on the team and looks to fill the leadership role vacated by graduating senior Dante Diaz-Infante.

VERITAS FALCONS

At first glance, the results of the Veritas Falcons' 2015 football season look like a mistake. As if someone took down the scores wrong. The team did not win a single game and only came within 28 points of their opponent a single time. Their biggest loss was by 68 points. They lost their last five games by a combined score of 281 to 6.

But none of this is a mistake. It's the actual road that Veritas players had to fight though last fall.

"It was pretty tough," said Sebastian Bautista, a junior linebacker and captain for Veritas. "It was hard to take those losses, week after week."

Jim Ellison knew he was heading into a renovation job when he took Veritas head coaching position before the 2015 season. And this wasn't the first time he'd been in such a situation, having helped turn programs around as offensive coordinator at Chaparral and then Pinnacle.

"When I came in under Ron Estabrook in 1995, Chaparral had also just had an 0-10 season," said Ellison. "Then after the success there, I went with Dana Zupke to Pinnacle to help turn that around. So I've seen this happen before."

But Ellison, who was formerly the head coach at Arcadia High School, admits that the Veritas job might be his toughest challenge yet. The Veritas team he took over in 2015 was as bare bones as it could be.

"We only had three seniors and two of those had never played high school football," said Ellison. "Offensively, we started eight players who had never played in high school before and had nine who hadn't played before on defense."

Then there was the bear of a schedule that fate handed the Falcons. Of their 10 opponents, seven made it to the playoffs. Four of those teams made it to the final eight, with two making it all the way to the final four. Three opponents had such high enrollments that they were placed in a higher division for this coming season. And most teams had upperclassmen on the field, something Veritas lacked.

"We didn't have very many upperclassmen," said Ellison. "So we decided to go with the youth and start getting these younger guys ready to play. So these younger guys were playing teams full of seniors. It made it tough at times."

On top of it all, players had to adjust to a new coaching staff.

"We've got great coaches, but they were still a new staff to us," said Bautista. "It's always going to be tough to transition to a new system and coaches, even though it's a great one."

As the losses piled up, Ellison worried about the effect that the blowout losses were beginning to have on the program.

"There were times when you'd get concerned," reflected Ellison. "We'd come off a loss and I'd think, 'Oh my gosh, we're going to lose these kids and their parents.' But then on Monday, I'd pull into the parking lot and see our guys, waiting to get started on practice. These are some high character guys to continue to stick it out."

One testament to the determination of the Veritas players is that, despite never winning a game last season, every nongraduating player from 2015 has returned to play this fall. Despite the tough results, the team's hope for the future remains undimmed.

"All year we were looking forward to the future," said Bautista. "We knew we were a young unit and that we were going to have to go through some hard times. It's like, we were excited for every game last year but we were even more excited for [this] year."

The Falcons seem to have some good reasons for being positive about the upcoming year. One detriment to the team last season was the lack of a summer weight lifting program. Ellison hoped to change this and the team received a $30,000 grant to build a new weight room for all sports. This year's football squad has been lifting since November and the results are already beginning to show.

"Last season when we were hitting, it was easy for me," noted Bautista, one of the few who had played football before last season. "But now at practice, I'm getting hit and I know it. I can feel the difference."

Ellison believes the team has other advantages as well, including a more favorable schedule, players having a year of real high school football under their belt, and better knowledge of the offensive and defensive schemes. But he says the biggest goal for this season is to change the expectations for Veritas football.

"We don't have a culture of winning yet," said Ellison. "It's not there yet and that's what's going to be built this year."

It doesn't happen right away but Ellison has seen the change firsthand. He remembers walking into the locker room after a defeat in his early years as the Chaparral offensive coordinator and noticing his players sobbing in front of their lockers. Some would've seen the moment as a low point. Ellison knew differently.

"That was when I knew something was changing," Ellison remembered. "When I first came in, they expected to lose and were ambivalent about it. But now they were crying. The results started to mean something to the kids."

The culture of winning may not be quite where Ellison wants it to be, but as his team captain shows, it's a far cry from where it was at the beginning of last year.

"This year, we feel like one unit," said Bautista. "We're ready to start winning games and getting to the playoffs. The one thing we've talked about over and over is holding ourselves to a higher standard and becoming better than anything we thought we could be in the past. We're excited to see what happens."

Players to Watch:

1. Sebastian Bautista, Junior, FB, LB:

One of the unquestionable leaders for the Falcons, Bautista is an important player on both sides of the ball. He was voted captain unanimously by his teammates as a sophomore last season. Ellison noted that this was the first time he had a player so young voted a unanimous team captain.

2. Aneurin Minson, Senior, QB:

Last year was Minson's first year of playing quarterback in high school, let alone his first year under the new offensive system. Although he struggled at times, coaches say Minson has put in a huge amount of work in the offseason, including a strong performance in a summer passing league. Look for him to take a big step forward this fall.

3. Nick Ackerley, Senior, LT:

Ackerley is the driving force for the Veritas offensive line. He spent last season at center but will move to left tackle this year, where he will become Minson's number one protector.

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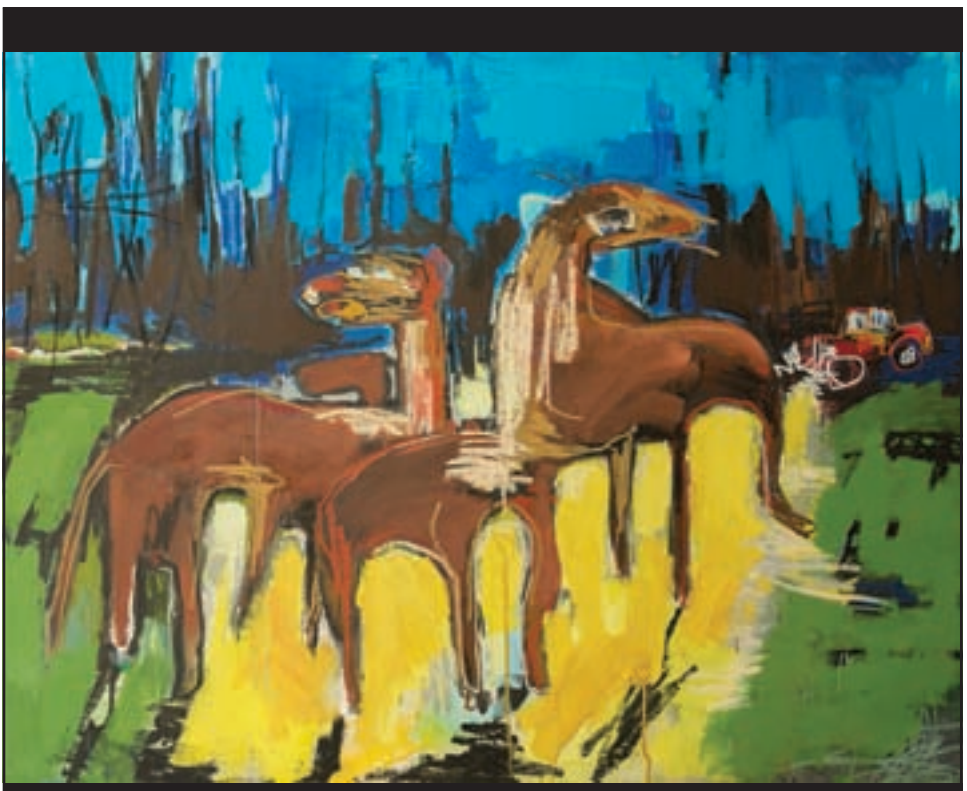
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Arcadia teens take third place in volleyball tournament

By Ian Kraft

In July, the Arizona Storm 12U volleyball team took third place in the USA Volleyball Girls' Junior National Championships, held in Indianapolis, Indiana from June 24 through July 3. In their field, they played teams from the entire United States as well as Puerto Rico.

Three of the players on the Arizona Storm team are from Arcadia. Lauren Sullivan and McKenna Douglas attend St. Theresa Catholic School, and Annabel Wentworth goes to St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic School. Even though all live within 15 minutes of one another, volleyball is what finally brought them together.

"It was really funny to see how quickly Lauren, McKenna and I went from sort-of enemies to the best of friends," exclaimed Wentworth. "I loved having them on my team, and it is going to be weird to face them in the upcoming season."

Wentworth, 12, says she plans on attending Sunnyslope High School in Phoenix when she graduates from St. Thomas, but she will never forget the time she had in Indianapolis.

"Playing teams from all over the country was amazing, but realizing that our team really is among the best of the best is the most memorable thing about the Indy experience," said Wentworth.



Girls from multiple Arcadia schools helped make up the volleyball team, which took third in a national tournament.

Both Wentworth and Douglas said they were thrilled to have received the bronze medal, but are eager for next summer so they can go for gold once more.

"It is amazing to be known as the third-best team in the country, but we want to be number one. I know we all really want to earn that gold medal next year," said Douglas.

To which Wentworth added, "Gold is always the goal. I think we need to work hard and just grow a few inches and we can do it."

The third piece of the Arcadian triumvirate, Sullivan, said she is eager to get back to the court so she can train for next summer's games.

"I have a lot of pride when it comes to how we did in Indianapolis, but I know we all want to win so badly and prove ourselves as the best. We all know we have what it takes, and next year? We'll be ready," Sullivan insisted.

After this experience, the girls all agree that through volleyball, their friendships will never fade completely.

"Volleyball is a great way to meet new girls," Sullivan said. "We spent a lot of time together this summer and became really good friends."

Wentworth, who was sidelined with an ankle injury throughout the tournament, said she loved having two friends from the same neighborhood because they were all in it together and both Sullivan and Douglas were extremely supportive of her, even when she was unable to help her team on the court.

Douglas added, "I was very close to all of my teammates, and so were [Wentworth and Sullivan], but we all share a bond and I am glad we are friends."

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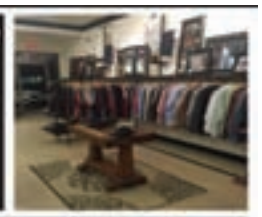
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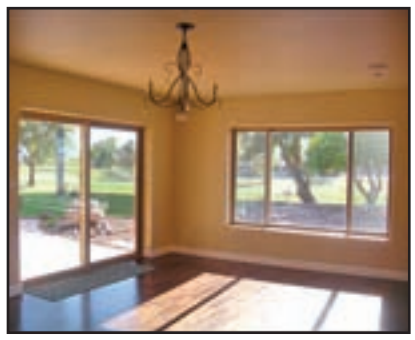
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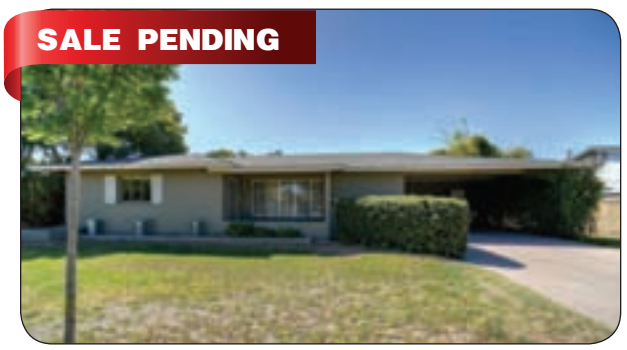
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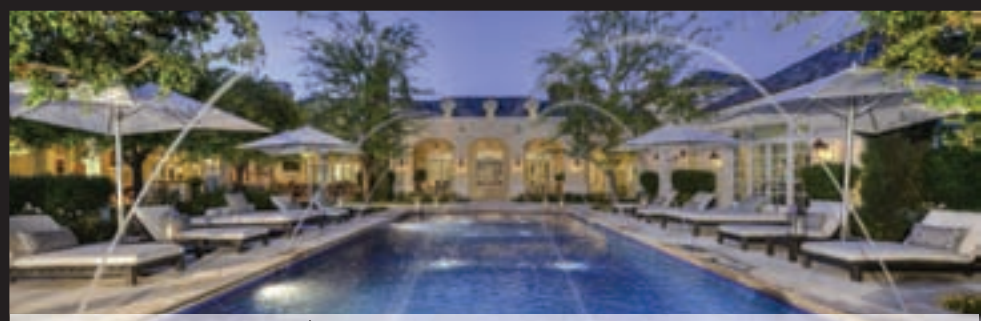
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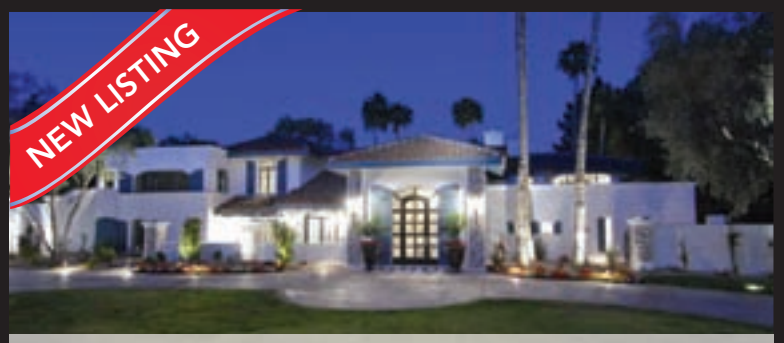
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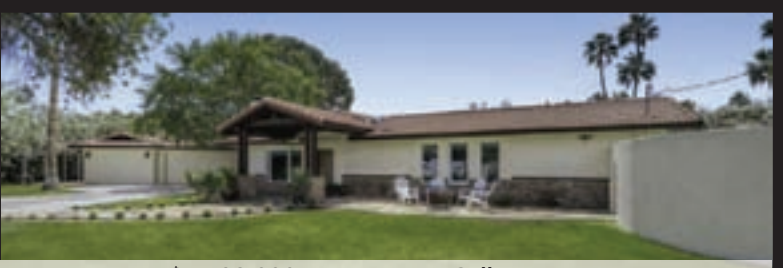


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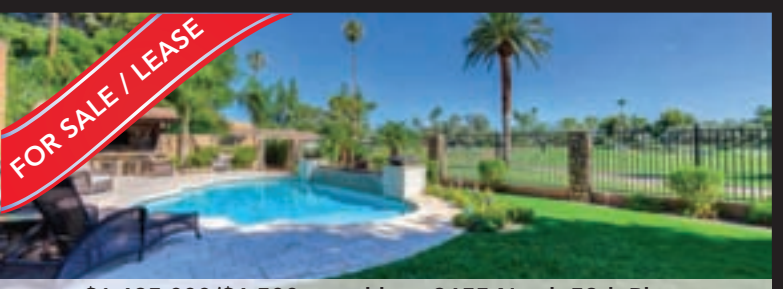


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