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Arcadia resident Katie Zeman harvests honey with a distinct neighborhood flavor.
PHOTO BY GABE TURNER



ARCADIA NEWS TEACHERS we love

THIS MONTH'S WINNER: June Kraynik, Villa Montessori
NOMINATED BY: Patty Mathes


June Kraynik teaches first through third grade at Villa Montessori.

Tell us a little bit about your background.

I'm a military brat. I was born in Anaheim and have lived everywhere else. West Coast, East Coast, Midwest. I lived in German for four and a half years. I eventually ended up at UCLA and got my undergraduate degree in Geography. I just loved it, I felt like it covered every subject I was interested in.

I worked in the corporate world for ten years before going to ASU to get my Master's in Elementary Education. My son had just been born and I wanted to be able to have a schedule where I could spend time with him. It turns out that I had a gift for teaching that I had never realized. I can't tell a joke to save my life, but I can tell stories to kids!

There are some unique aspects about teaching at Villa Montessori. What about that do you enjoy?

Well the classrooms are multi-aged, which means that each student gets the same teacher for three years. That really gives you the opportunity to develop a relationship with the student, their parents and family. You get to know the child, their style. Some kids are allergic to Mondays, so I won't push them till Tuesdays. You get to know the kids over the course of time.

I think there's a lot of advantages to the multi-aged classroom. The older kids learn how to step in and be leaders with the younger ones. It also gives you a lot of flexibility in helping kids learn. If you have a child who is just brilliant and needs to be pushed, you can run them with the older kids. If there's an older student who is still working on a certain subject, you can give them lessons on their level with the younger kids and it doesn't stand out. There isn't a stigma.

It must be difficult to watch your third graders go after having them for so long.

When we do the graduation ceremonies, I tell the kids that I'm going to be doing it really fast so I don't cry. One great thing though is that the older student classrooms are just across the field next to my classroom, so the kids will come back and visit. Especially when the year starts, the 4th graders will come back a lot and tell me how much they miss me. But then they get used to it!

What is your favorite part of your job?

I love that every day is a brand-new day. The kids are going 50 directions at once, and staying on top of them can be a challenge. But I tell parents, I come to school to play all day. I really do work, but it feels like playing all day. I remember working in the corporate world, staring at the clock and saying, how can it only be 10:30? Here I'll look at the clock and I can't believe it is already three in the afternoon. The day just flies instead of dragging. I've found my calling in this and just love it.

Winning teachers receive Arcadia News gift items, a gift certificate for Elements Massage-Phoenix Arcadia and a gift certificate to Postino. All winners are invited to an end of school year celebratory luncheon. ***Nominate a teacher you love at arcadianews.com.***



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The focus for Elements Massage is all in the name. They exclusively focus on massage and what that offers the body.

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Elements offers a wide variety of massage, from relaxation, to therapeutic and prenatal. They are open until 9 p.m. every day except Sunday, with the later times available for people who can't make it during work hours.

"My husband and I had always wanted to focus on something we feel good about, something with meaning," said Cleveland. "Elements really resonated with us and we haven't had a regret since."

POSTINO

Since opening in 2001, Postino has been a well-known part of the Arcadia neighborhood. Founders Craig and Kris DeMarco have been involved in numerous local activites, with an importance always placed on the community around them.

What started as a refurbished old post office building has grown to include three different Postino locations located across the Valley.

Postino's varied menu offers something for everyone, from an extensive wine list, to their famous bruschetta and appetizers. Soups, salads and paninis are also available, with brunch every weekend from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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2017 HOPI SCHOOL DISTRICT SALES RESULTS

(1/01/2017-9/30/2017)

Active Homes -	161 homes
Homes Sold -	209 homes
Average Sale Price -	$1,141,000
Average Sold $ Per SF -	$329
Average Days On Market -	110 days

There is currently 7 months of home inventory. (based on 2016 sales results)
2017 home sales have increased 0% this year. (based on 2016 sales results)
2017 home prices have decreased 6%. (based on 2016 sales results)
2017 $ Per Square Foot prices have increased 0%. (based on 2016 sales results)
2017 homes are taking 14% less time to sell. (based on 2016 sales results)

2016 HOPI SCHOOL DISTRICT SALES RESULTS

Homes Sold -	278 homes
Average Sale Price -	$1,210,000
Average Sold $ Per SF -	$328
Average Days On Market -	128 days

2015 HOPI SCHOOL DISTRICT YEAR END SALES RESULTS

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

2017 TAVAN SCHOOL DISTRICT SALES RESULTS

(1/01/2017-9/30/2017)

Active Homes -	69 Homes
Homes Sold -	181 Homes
Average Sale Price -	$606,000
Average Sold $ Per SF -	$254
Average Days On Market -	79 days

There is currently 4 months of home inventory. (based on 2016 sales results)
2017 home sales have increased 10% this year. (based on 2016 sales results)
2017 home prices have increased 13%. (based on 2016 sales results)
2017 $ Per Square Foot prices have increased 7%. (based on 2016 sales results)
2017 Homes are taking 15% less time to sell. (based on 2016 sales results)

2016 TAVAN SCHOOL DISTRICT SALES RESULTS

Homes Sold -	219 Homes
Average Sale Price -	$527,000
Average Sold $ Per SF -	$235
Average Days On Market -	93 days

2015 TAVAN SCHOOL DISTRICT YEAR END SALES RESULTS

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

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- *4804 East Earll Drive*
- *7585 East Sweetwater Avenue*
- *27745 North 110th Place*

PENDING SALES:
- *4540 North 44th Street #13*
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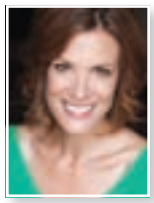


Health benefits of sea salt

CHEM-FREE *LIFE*

By Sara Lemons Vaules

Salt. What does that word conjure up for you? Potato chips? Popcorn? In the salty vs sweet debate, I am a lover of all things sweet, and dark chocolate is a daily treat for me.



But years ago when I started to really learn about the health benefits of salt, in particular organic sea salt, I started to salt my food for an entirely new reason. Yes, a good sea salt will pull out the flavors in your food and give it a richness unlike processed table salt. But it also provides you with naturally occurring minerals that are amazing for your body.

So, while most of us were raised on the salt with the cute little girl with the yellow umbrella on it, those tend to be processed to remove trace minerals and include additives. If you decide to move towards organic sea salts, there is one in particular that deserves attention and that is the pink crystals of Himalayan sea salt.

These beautiful pink salt crystals are mined from the great Salt Range of the Himalayas, an area that geologists estimate could be 800 million years old. The Khewra Salt Mine in Pakistan is the world's oldest salt mine (and still the second largest) and attracts 250,000 tourists a year who come to see the unearthing of huge bricks of the unique pink salt. So the rich minerals have essentially been undisturbed for millions of years!

The cost of Himalayan sea salt is more than table salt, but the benefits are so wide-ranged from taste to health that it may be worth your consideration. You can find Himalayan sea salt at all-natural grocery stores and there are usually several to select from in different price ranges. If you decide that you will be switching, Sprouts carries it in bulk and can be a cost-effective way to go.

One easy tip for getting more into your diet is to add a 1/4 tea spoon of Himalayan sea salt to your first glass of water in the morning, and a then a pinch to your water throughout the day. A simple way to help your adrenals. In trying it with the kids, they were not too thrilled with the "salt water", but I still sneak a small pinch into the water bottles.

As always, please advise your doctor if you are on a certain sodium restricted diet before adding it to your diet.

Happy Salting!

— Sara Lemons Vaules is the founder of Lemon and Light, which offers consulting, products and strategies for moving with ease into an organic, chemical-free lifestyle.

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Mouth Cancer Action Month
November 2017
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Dr. John Harman

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Early detection of oral cancer is crucial and can prevent tragic circumstances like disfigurement and even death. While lifestyle choices are linked to most diagnoses, mouth cancer and HPV can affect anyone.

Join us at our office in Arcadia in the Safeway Center at 48th Street and Indian School. Bring the whole family!

If you are unable to make the event, I encourage you to "Be Mouthaware" and look out for the signs and symptoms of mouth cancer. Learn more at mouthcancer.org, or contact our office at 602-840-5300.

Sincerely, Dr. John Harman

Dr. John Harman graduated President of his class at Marquette University in 2004. He opened his Arcadia practice in 2006. The Doctor and his staff are dedicated to providing a relaxed, no-pressure atmosphere, with the best pain-free dental treatment possible.



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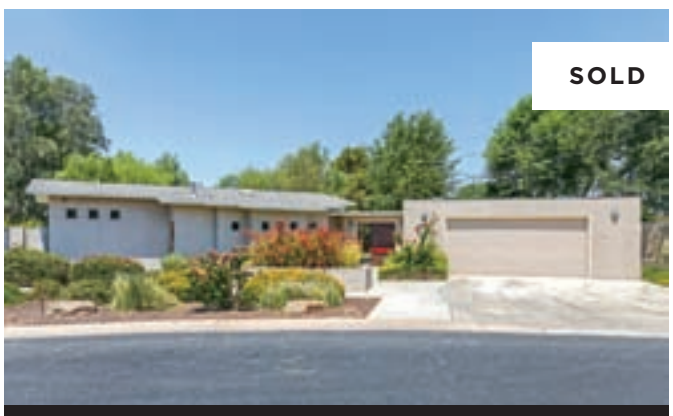
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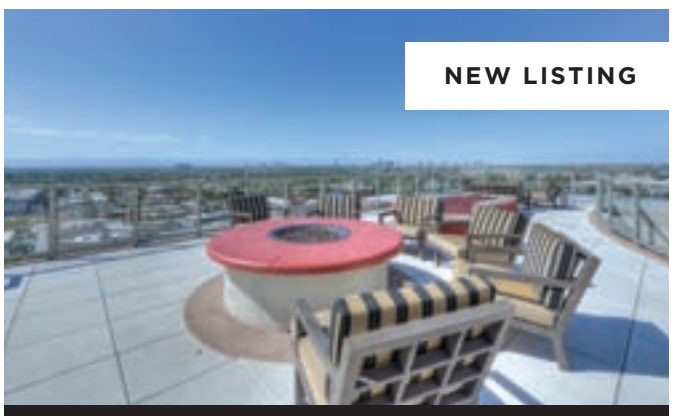
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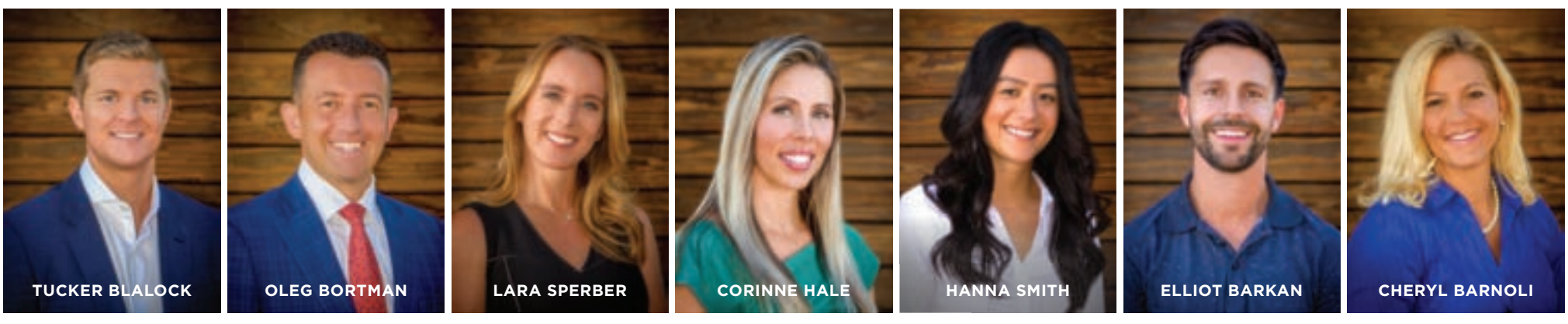
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Arcadia & Biltmore - 3rd Quarter Review

Hey, Friends! I have a ton of information for you this month so I'm going to skip the cliche weather and end of the year talk. We are in a crazy market right now and I want to make sure that you are ahead of the game! As you read in my "Supply and Demand" article a few months back, the Phoenix metro area is experiencing a strong seller's market. There are currently around 18,000 homes for sale and each month approximately 8,000 of those homes are being sold. This means that there is a total of only 2.25 months of supply available before we are out of homes to sell.

While those statistics aren't exactly true throughout Arcadia and Biltmore, there are parts of the neighborhood that are getting a big boost from the current market conditions. In particular, Arcadia Lite is exploding! I define the Arcadia Lite area as 32nd Street - 44th Street, Camelback to Indian School. Home prices in Arcadia Lite are up 20% year-over-year in Quarter 3 to an average of $675,911 and there are only 3 months of supply currently available.

While Arcadia Proper residents are used to the ever present construction zones on their streets, Arcadia Lite is just getting used to it. As older homes are taken down for new construction, I would urge all residents in the area to keep an open mind and embrace the change. While you may not be fond of some of the developers, the market is increasing rapidly and driving your home values much higher...20% higher just in the last year!

The Camelback Corridor as a whole is doing well as more buyers find value returning to a central location with convenience and entertainment as the driving forces. Below you will see how Arcadia Proper and Biltmore are continuing to thrive as well.

ARCADIA PROPER

Q3 2016				Q3 2017			
NO. OF SALES:	AVG. SALES PRICE	AVG. PRICE / SQ FT	AVG. DAYS ON MKT	NO. OF SALES:	AVG. SALES PRICE	AVG. PRICE / SQ FT	AVG. DAYS ON MKT
30	$1,407,815	$353/SQ FT	119	29	$1,486,040	$376/SQ FT	147

Arcadia Proper turned in a slow, but steady 3rd Quarter. The market is saturated with 69 active listings which is 7 months of inventory. While Arcadia Proper isn't following the trend of low inventory, the market continues to become more expensive because of newer construction. There have recently been new home sales as high as $557/sq.ft..

BILTMORE PROPER

Q3 2016				Q3 2017			
NO. OF SALES:	AVG. SALES PRICE	AVG. PRICE / SQ FT	AVG. DAYS ON MKT	NO. OF SALES:	AVG. SALES PRICE	AVG. PRICE / SQ FT	AVG. DAYS ON MKT
19	$666,338	$268/SQ FT	131	23	$811,792	$276/SQ FT	178

The Biltmore market statistics are deceiving as the days on market are skewed by a few big home sales that took over 500 days. Without those few sales, the days on market were in line with last year at 131 days. This market is also experiencing tight inventory with only 34 homes currently on the market. Prices have also increased 18% year-over-year due to new construction sales at 2 Biltmore Estates and low inventory.

In closing, if you are thinking about selling your home in Arcadia Lite or Biltmore, now may be the perfect time as your competition will be very limited. My team and I are uniquely positioned to sell both areas as we have an office in the lobby of the Arizona Biltmore Hotel and another just north of La Grande Orange. As the #1 team in the Camelback Corridor/Biltmore area for 4 years in a row, nobody spends more time and money marketing your area than we do. Call or text me anytime at 602-561-0445 for any questions you may have. I would love the opportunity to earn your business and help you beat the market.

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5:30 – 8:30 p.m. at the Phoenix Zoo, 455 N. Galvin Pkwy., Phoenix. Time for a different kind of happy hour! Grab your work buddies and head to Phoenix Zoo, where Huss Brewing will have your drinks ready. Guests can stroll through zoo exhibits, play yard games, listen to live music and entertainment, grab a bite to eat, and have an all-around good time. This event is for 21 and up. Tickets are $10. For more: phoenixzoo.org.

THURSDAY 11/2 - SUNDAY 11/5

Arizona Wild West Days

Times and locations vary, in Cave Creek. Get ready to celebrate the wild, wild west at Cave Creek's Arizona Wild West Days! There will be something for everyone to enjoy, including events like mutton busting, period costume contests, a bathtub race, parade, rodeo, kids zone, food and western entertainment. Grab your cowboy boots and get ready for a howlin' good time. For more: wildwestdayscavecreek.com.

FRIDAY 11/3

Lasers and Liquor

6 p.m. at the Arizona Science Center, 600 E. Washington St., Phoenix. It's time to rock and roll at the Arizona Science Center! This month, Lasers and Liquor presents the music of Pink Floyd. Start off with some trivia and karaoke, then grab a drink and get ready to listen to some of your favorite classics while watching a laser light show. Get ready go to the Dark Side of the Moon! Tickets are $9. For more: azscience.org.



Arizona Fall Festival *at Margaret T. Hance Park in Phoenix.*

SATURDAY 11/4 - SUNDAY 11/5

Shemer Arizona Arts Festival

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Shemer Art Center, 5005 E. Camelback Road, Phoenix. Make plans to attend one of Arizona's premiere arts festivals at the Shemer Art Center. This two day event will feature 40 artists from all across Arizona, and guests will be able to watch demonstrations of interactive glass blowing, blacksmithing, pottery wheel-throwing and rakuing. The event will feature a kids zone with interactive arts activities, along with sculpture garden tours, live music and a silent auction. For more: shemerartcenter.org.

Mad for the Music

6 – 10 p.m. at the Camby Hotel, 2401 E. Camelback Road, Phoenix. Audrey's Angels is a nonprofit music enrichment program that provides interactive entertainment to seniors who are living in adult care homes and day centers. Mad for the Music is an annual gala benefitting this program. Performing this evening will be renowned artist Randall Hedden. There will also be live and silent auctions. Tickets are $175 per person. For more: audreysangels.org.

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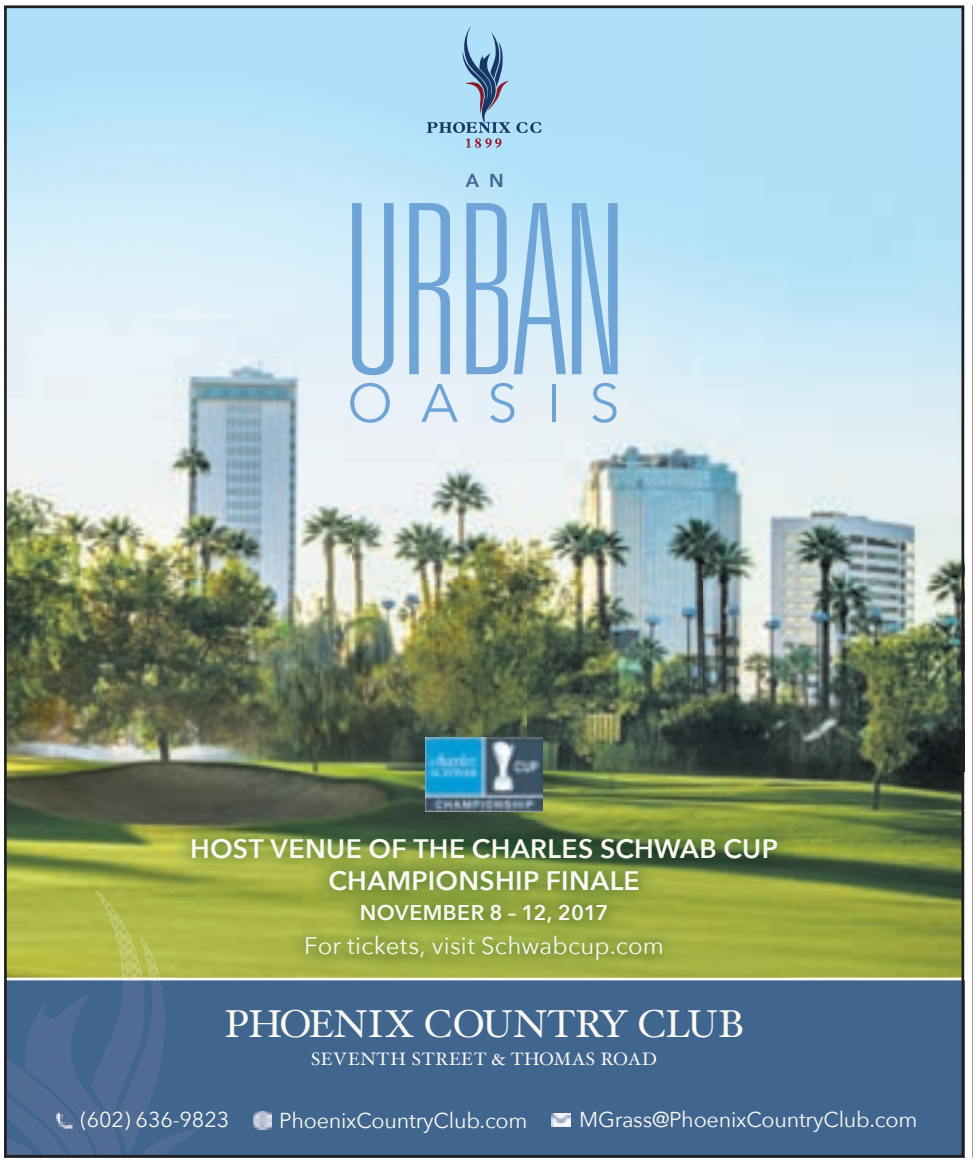
10 a.m. – 4 p.m. at Margaret T. Hance Park, 67 W. Culver St., Phoenix. Celebrate Arizona's favorite season with a festival dedicated to the locals! There will be more than 100 vendors on site, with live music, food samples, a beverage garden, raffle and a kids zone. Get a jump start on your holiday shopping at the Arizona Fall Festival. This event is free. For more: localfirstaz.com.

TUESDAY 11/7

Fall into Fitness

6 – 7 p.m. at Margaret T. Hance Park, 67 W. Culver St., Phoenix. Get ready to get fit! This program has been going on since October 3 and is part of the FitPHX Initiative led by Mayor Stanton. Every Tuesday, people young and old are invited to an hour of fitness led by professional instructors. Each week is a different workout such as P90X, Zumba and more. This event is free for all ages! For more, visit the Fall Into Fitness Facebook page. goo.gl/rXv8yo.





WHAT'S HAPPENING, *ARCADIA?*

THURSDAY 11/9

Veteran's Day Ceremony

11 a.m. at the Gilbert Civic Center, 90 E. Civic Center Drv., Gilbert. Let your patriotic side show at the Veteran's Day Ceremony! Celebrating all veterans, there will be a presentation of the colors, special guest speakers, live music from local schools, as well as food and refreshments. Celebrate the vets of our country at the Vet's Day Ceremony! For more: gilbertaz.gov.

FRIDAY 11/10

Wreaths for Life

5 – 8 p.m. at the Shops on Camelback, 835 E. Camelback Road, Phoenix. From November 1 to November 10, the Shops on Camelback will be displaying custom wreaths made by Arizona interior designers, artists and florists. These wreaths are made to benefit the Ronald McDonald House, and the 10th is the final day of bidding. There will be a wine and dessert bar, hors d'oeuvres, and a silent auction. Tickets are $25. For more: theshopsoncamelback.com.

FRIDAY 11/10 - SATURDAY 11/11

Chuck Wagon Cook Off

9 a.m. to 8 p.m. / 2 p.m. at Tumbleweed Ranch, 2250 S. McQueen Road, Chandler. Head back to the old days for a good old-fashioned cook-off! On Friday, there will be a veteran's tribute, junior



Chuck Wagon Cook Off *at Tumbleweed Ranch in Chandler.*

cook off, cooking demos and a campfire with s'mores. Saturday, teams will prepare meals straight from their chuck wagons and compete to be the best. There will also be vendors, music and historic home tours. Tickets are $15-20. For more: chandleraz.gov.

FRIDAY 11/10 - SUNDAY 11/12

Chiles and Chocolate Festival

10 a.m. – 5 p.m. at Desert Botanical Garden, 1201 N. Galvin Pkwy., Phoenix. It's a sweet and spicy way to spend your weekend at the Chiles and Chocolate Festival. Attendees will be able to sample chiles and chocolates from some of Arizona's top vendors, such as gourmet treats, sauces, fire-roasted delights and more. There will also be live music and performances of Latin, Brazilian and Spanish dances. Tickets are $25. For more: dbg.org.

SATURDAY 11/11

Arizona Children's Business Fair

10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Arcadia Neighborhood Park, 3402 N. 56th St., Phoenix. Kindergarteners to 8th graders will be setting up booths in the park and launching their startups for shoppers and a panel of local community and business leader judges. The young entrepreneurs are students from Arcadia area schools, including Acton Academy Phoenix, charter Archway Veritas, Veritas Prep Academy and Hopi Elementary, all of which are sponsors. The annual event is free and open to the public! For more: azchildrensbusinessfair.com

SUNDAY 11/12

STCS Fall Festival

Noon – 5:00 p.m. at St. Theresa Catholic School, 5001 E. Thomas Road. The whole community is invited to St. Theresa's Fall Festival, where guests can look forward to slides, carnival rides, rock walls, photo booths and games. There will be live music and food as well. For more: stcsfallfestival.eventbrite.com.

TUESDAY 11/14

Civil War Round Table Talks

6:40 p.m. - 8:45 p.m. at the Scottsdale Civic Center, 3839 N. Drinkwater Blvd., Scottsdale. If you're a history buff, you won't want to miss this discussion! Andrew Masich, an Emmy award-winning adjunct professor of history at Carnegie Mellon, will be on-site discussing Civil War in the southwest borderlands. Before the discussion, join the round table for some friendly debate. This event is free. For more: scottsdalecwrt.org.

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THURSDAY 11/16

Masters of Scotch Tasting Series

6:30 p.m. at the Westin Kierland, 6902 E. Greenway Pkwy., Phoenix. If you fancy yourself a whisky person, this is the event for you! The Scotch Library at the Westin Kierland presents Masters of Scotch, an informative evening of whisky education and tasting. This month features Ardbeg Whisky, with Clarke Boyer and James Chau providing samples of Ardbeg, which has been made on the isle of Islay for more than 200 years. Tickets are $65. For more: kierlandresort.com.

FRIDAY 11/17 - SUNDAY 11/19

Arizona Night Market

Times vary, at the Peoria Sports Complex, 16101 N. 83rd Ave, Peoria. Always wanted to travel the world, but don't have the time or money? No worries, the Arizona Night Market has you covered. Attendees can experience different cultures through food, drinks, merchandise, music and more. It's a cultural education right in your own backyard! Tickets are $5. For more: aznightmarket.com.

FRIDAY 11/17

Phoenix Pizza Festival

11 a.m. – 5 p.m. at Margaret T. Hance Park, 67 W. Culver St., Phoenix. Get ready to celebrate one of the world's favorite foods: pizza!



Phoenix Pizza Festival *at Margaret T. Hance Park in Phoenix.*

The 3rd annual Phoenix Pizza Festival is here boasting 15 pizza vendors, dessert trucks and other food vendors, beer stations, as well as lawn games, live music and a kids zone. Tickets are $10 with slices from $2-$4. For more: www.phoenix.pizza.

SATURDAY 11/18

Free Mouth Cancer Screenings

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at Dr. John Harman Dental Care, 4730 E. Indian School Rd #210, located in the Safeway Center. November is Mouth Cancer Action Month and you can get a free oral screening at this event. Although mouth cancer can affect anyone, nearly 91% of diagnoses are linked to lifestyle. Tobacco, alcohol, diet, HPV and even the environment put you at risk. Early detection can save your life and your mouth! For more: 602-840-5300.

Arts, Crafts and Small Business Affair

9 a.m. – 4 p.m. at Memorial Presbyterian Church, 4141 E. Thomas Road, Phoenix. Support your local businesses and get your shopping down at the 2nd annual Arts, Crafts, Small Business and Foodie Affair! Local businesses will be on site selling holiday décor, handmade arts and crafts, clothing, jewelry, cooking products and more. There will also be food trucks and a kids area, as well as a raffle benefiting local mission/outreach programs. For more: goo.gl/bd3naD.

Dogs' Day in the Garden

8 a.m. – 2 p.m. at Desert Botanical Garden, 1201 N. Galvin Pkwy., Phoenix. This day is for the dogs! Desert Botanical Garden welcomes families and their four-legged friends for walks on the garden trails, family photos, education about local doggie nonprofits, shopping and samples for you and your pup. Make sure your dog is up to date on vaccinations. Tickets are $22 for humans and $4 for dogs. For more: dbg.org.

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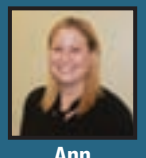
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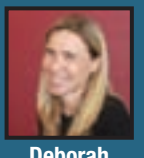
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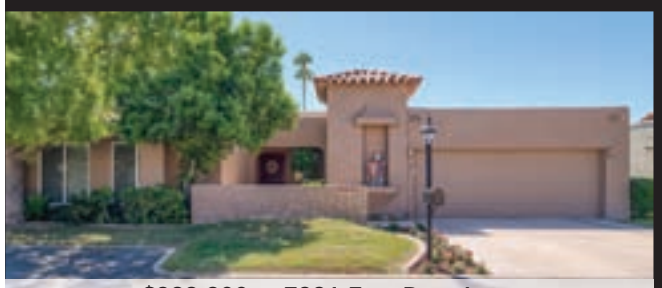

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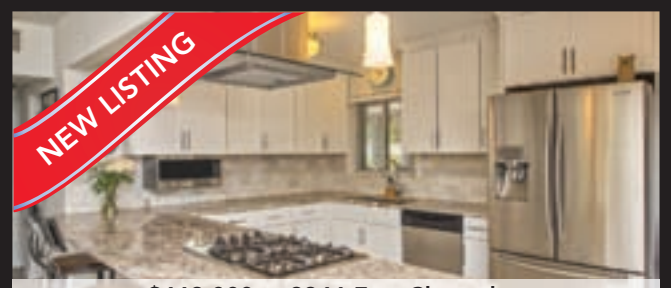
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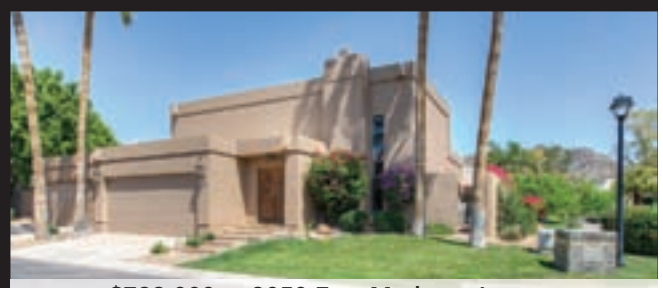
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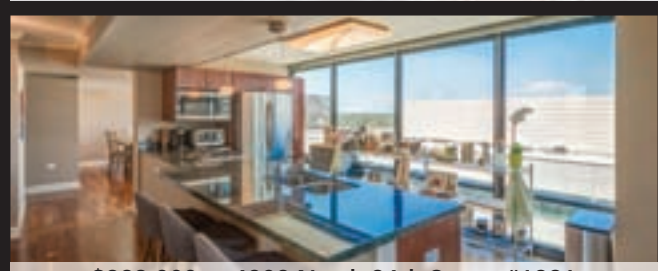
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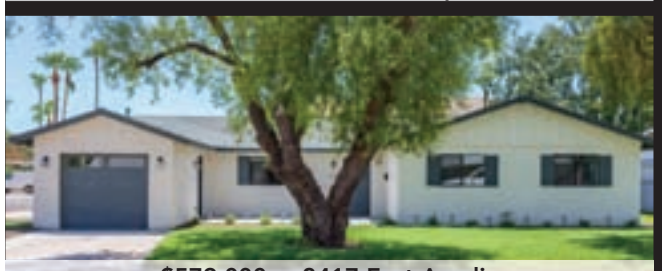
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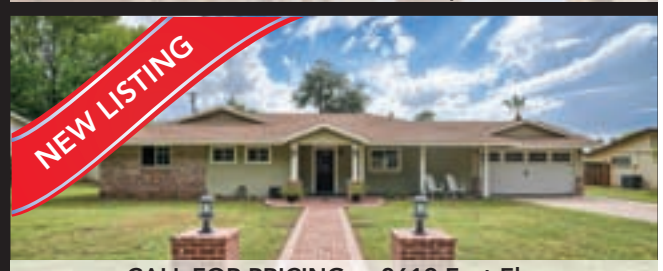
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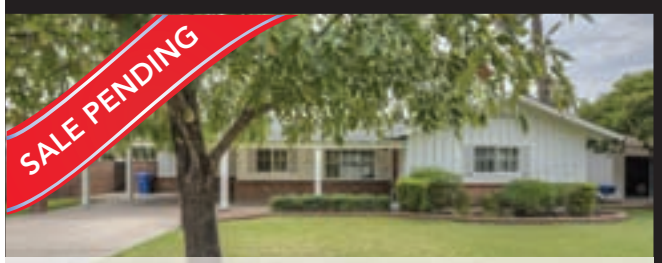
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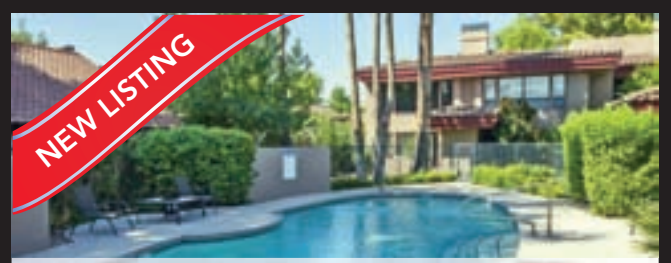
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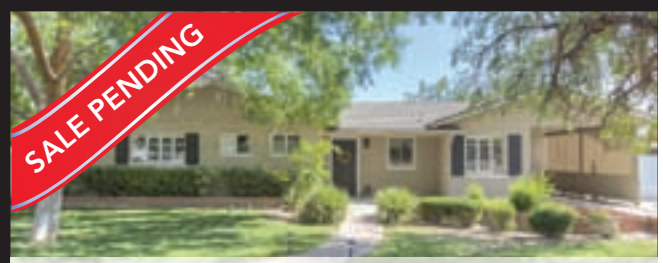
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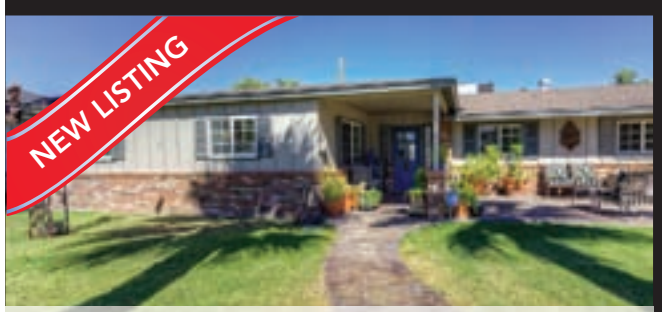
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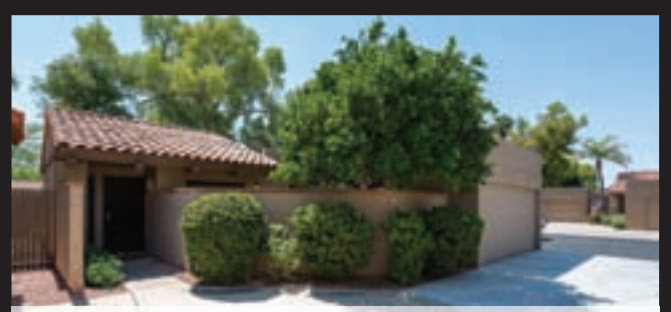
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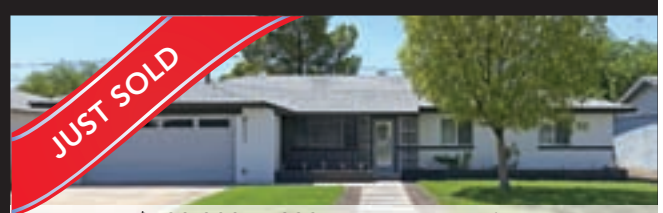
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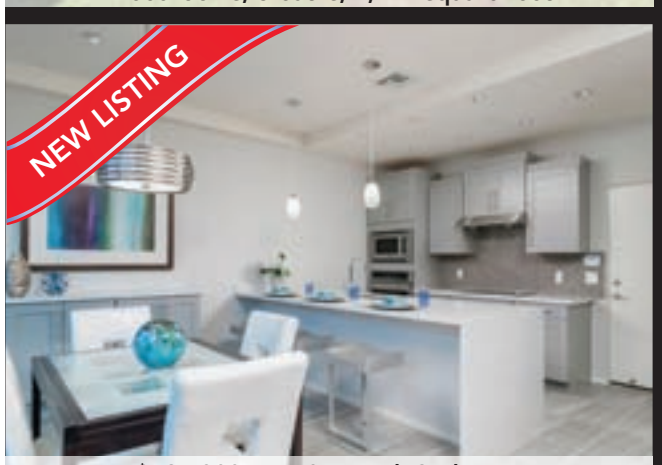
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4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 2,111 square feet



$315,000 6417 North 77th Way
3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1,263 square feet



$430,000 8337 East Monte Vista
3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1,687 square feet



$525,000 4404 North 27th Way
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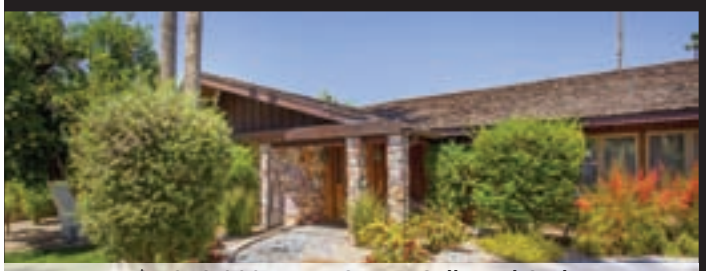


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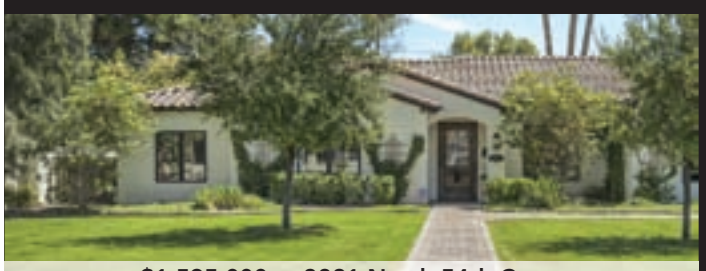
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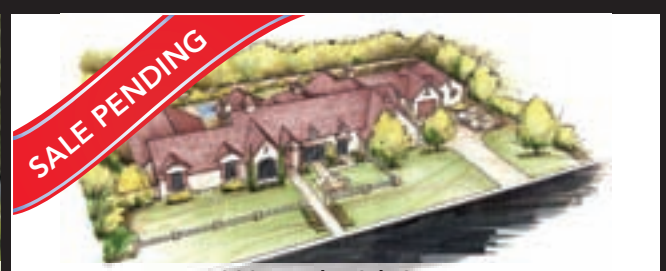
3836 North 60th Place
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3 bedrooms, 5 baths, 4,000 square feet



$1,595,000 3821 North 54th Court
5 bedrooms, 5 baths, 4,766 square feet



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$1,899,000 6064 East Jenan Drive
5 bedrooms, 6 baths, 6,008 square feet



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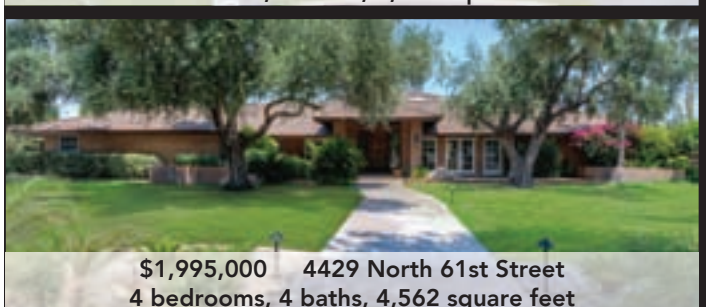
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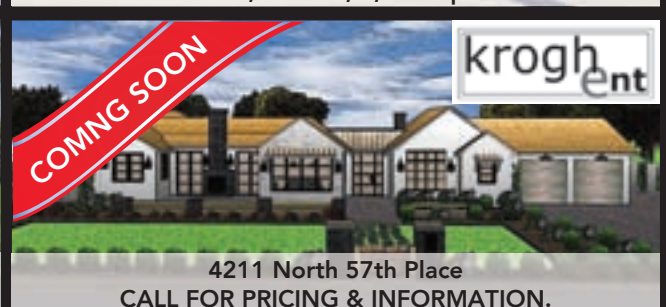
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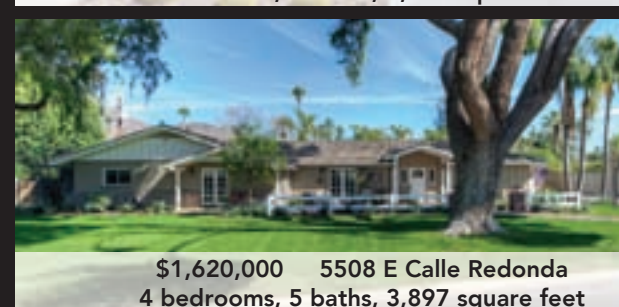
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4 bedrooms, 4 baths, 3,600 square feet



$1,995,000 4429 North 61st Street
4 bedrooms, 4 baths, 4,562 square feet



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4 bedrooms, 5 baths, 3,897 square feet



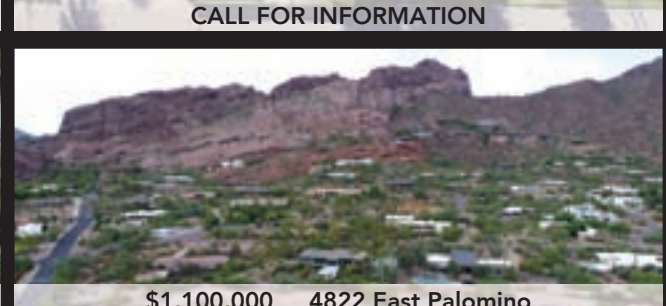
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4 bedrooms, 5 baths, 5,686 square feet



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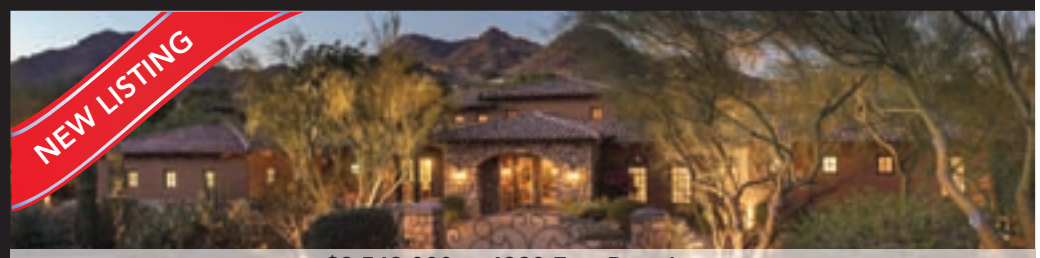
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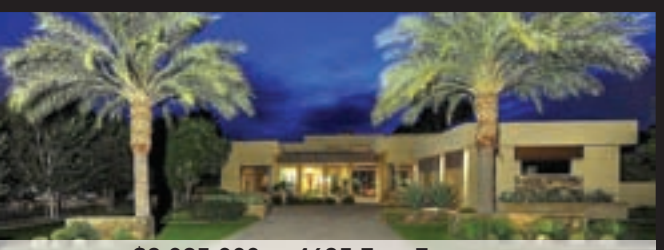
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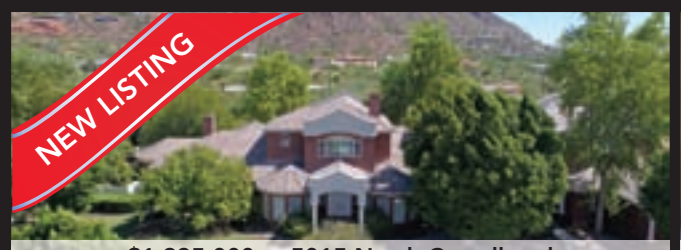
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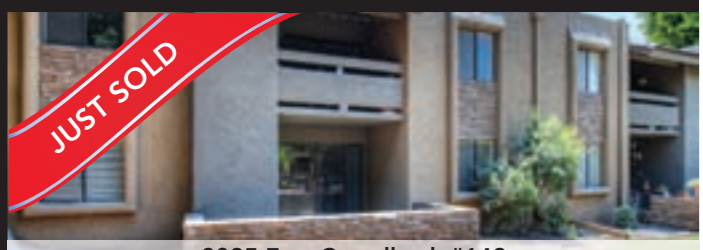
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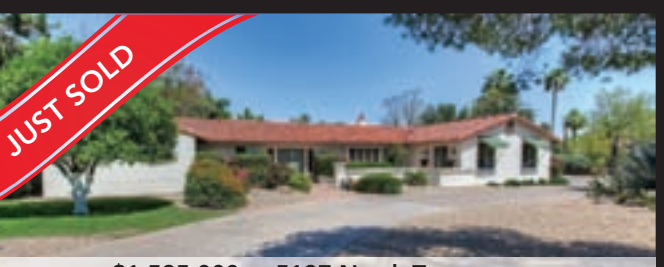
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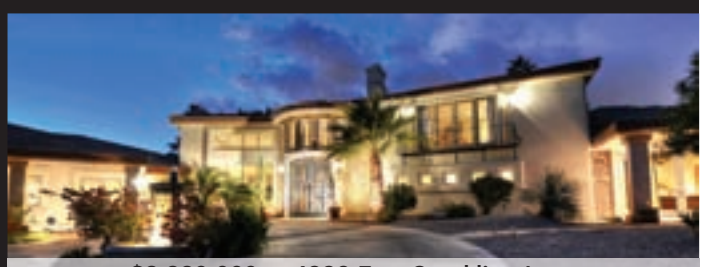
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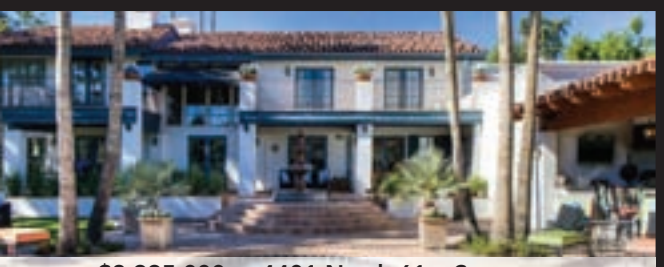
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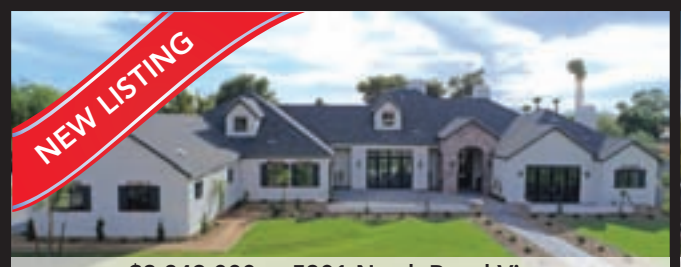
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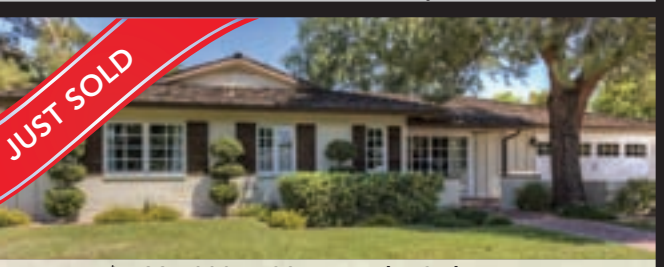
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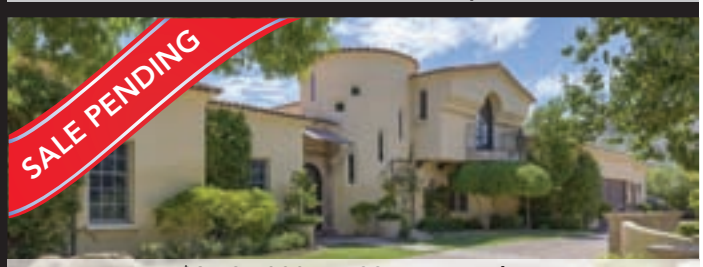
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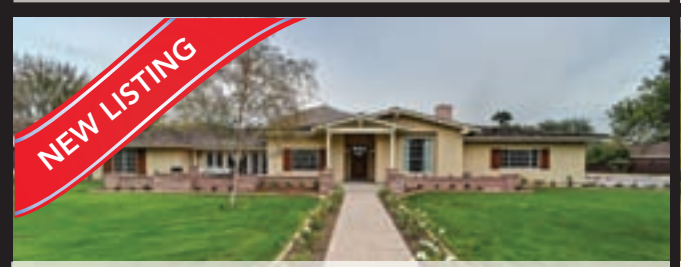
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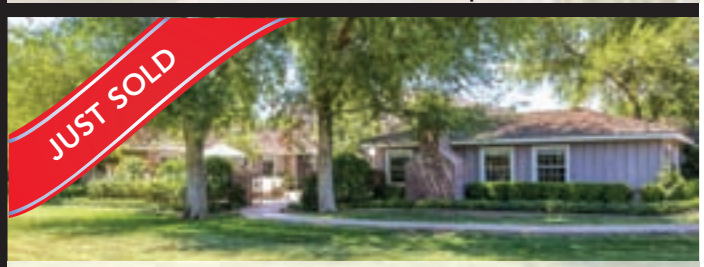
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4 bedrooms, 6 baths, 6,424 square feet



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6 bedrooms, 9 baths, 8,592 square feet



$2,250,000 5144 East Calle del Norte
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$1,795,000 6326 East Lafayette
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WHAT'S HAPPENING, *ARCADIA?*

SATURDAY 11/18

Redneck Run

7:30 – 10:30 a.m. at the Rio Salado Habitat Area, 641 W. Lower Buckeye Road, Phoenix. It's time to let your inner redneck run free! Dress in your overalls and camo and head to the Rio Salado Habitat for a 5k or 10k run/walk or plunger relay. There will also be a plunger decorating contest and medals for finishers, as well as a commemorative t-shirt. Registration is $25-$35. For more: redneckrunaz.com.

THURSDAY 11/23

Thanksgiving Day Classic

6:30 a.m. at the Peoria Sports Complex, 16101 N. 83rd Avenue, Peoria. Burn off those calories BEFORE you stuff your face with turkey! The Thanksgiving Day Classic has three races: a 5K, 10K or 1-mile fun run that start and end at the Peoria Sports Complex. Winners will receive a medal for each age group. Registration is $25-$50. For more: arizonaroadracers.com.

FRIDAY 11/24 - SATURDAY 11/25

Las Noches de las Luminarias

5:30 – 9:30 p.m. at Desert Botanical Garden, 1201 N. Galvin Pkwy., Phoenix. The 39th annual Las Noches tradition is back again at DBG. Walk along the garden lit up by more than 8,000 hand-lit luminaria bags and thousands of twinkle lights – the moon won't be the only thing lighting up this beautiful night! As you walk along the trails, you will be serenaded by nine entertainment ensembles. Grab a cup of cocoa or cider and enjoy the beautiful weather and trails at Desert Botanical Garden. Tickets are $25. For more: dbg.org.



Redneck Run *at the Rio Salado Habitat Area in Phoenix.*



Las Noches de las Luminarias *at Desert Botanical Garden in Phoenix.*

Glendale Glitters

5 – 10 p.m. at Murphy Park, 7010 N. 58th Ave, Glendale. Murphy Park will be aglow with up to 1.6 million colored and white twinkle lights and holiday displays. There will also be holiday entertainment, food, vendors and gifts, a winter wonderland, and a special appearance by everyone's favorite man in the red suit! For more: glendaleaz.com.

TUESDAY 11/28

Talk Cinema

7 p.m. at the Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts, 7380 E. 2nd St., Scottsdale. Feel like you are a part of Hollywood's "It" crowd at the Talk Cinema event. This event offers sneak previews of new independent and foreign films, but the surprise is that you won't know beforehand what you're about to see! After the movie(s), there will be a discussion led by film scholars and special guests. Be the first to see a new movie before it even hits previews! Tickets are $14. For more: scottsdaleperformingarts.org.

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OUT OF THE AREA, *BUT WORTH THE DRIVE*



Bacon, Blues and Brews *at Founder's Park in Queen Creek.*



Walkin' on Main *in historic old town Cottonwood.*

SATURDAY 11/4

Chillin' and Swillin' Beer Festival

2 – 6 p.m. at Rotary Community Park, 1400 S. Smoketree Ave., Lake Havasu City. Cold weather and even colder beers await at the Chillin' and Swillin' Beer Festival. More than 40 handcrafted and premium brews will be ready for tasting, plus live music, food and even a beer brewing contest. This festival is for ages 21 and up. For more: golakehavasu.com.

Bacon, Blues and Brews

12 – 9 p.m. at Founder's Park, 22407 S. Ellsworth Road, Queen Creek. Two of the best words that start with the letter B: bacon and beer. Add a little blues music, and you've got a great day ahead of you! This festival boasts beers from local breweries and bacon dishes such as bacon lobster tots, bacon churros, and bacon kettle corn. Plus, live music and a kids zone. Make sure you bring your appetite! Tickets are $12 at the door with VIP packages available. For more: baconbluesandbrewsaz.com.

Pumpkin Smash

11 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Las Milpitas de Cottonwood Farm, 2405 S. Cottonwood, Tucson. Not sure what to do with your pumpkin from Halloween? How about launching it across a field? The 2nd Annual Pumpkin Smash focuses on sustainable gardening practices and how they benefit the community. There will be pumpkin smashing, pumpkin treats, music, kids activities, and you'll be able to learn about gardening and the science of composting. This event is free. For more: communityfoodbank.org/pumpkinsmash.

FRIDAY 11/10 - SUNDAY 11/12

Bluegrass Festival

9 a.m. – 5 p.m. at Everett Bowman Rodeo Grounds, 935 Constellation Road, Wickenburg. Get ready for a weekend of toe tappin' and bluegrass dancing. On Saturday the day will begin with a pancake breakfast. There are three featured bluegrass bands playing as well as a fiddle championship with 12 different categories. Additionally, there will be food and drinks, arts and crafts and a kids zone. Tickets are $18 for one-day passes and $45 for 3-day passes. For more: outwickenburgway.com.

SATURDAY 11/11

Walkin' on Main

11 a.m. – 5 p.m. in historic old town Cottonwood. Come to Cottonwood and help celebrate historic highway 89A. There will be a classic car showcase lining the streets of old town Cottonwood. There will also be a wine tasting presented by Verde Valley Winemakers, a live art showcase and live musical entertainment. Proceeds from the event will go towards programs for area youth. For more: azwom.com.

Pecan Festival

9 a.m. – 5 p.m. at the Green Valley Pecan Company, 1625 E. Sahuarita Road, Sahuarita. If you've ever been asked what your favorite nut is, and you've answered pecan, this is your kind of festival! There will be a Family Nut Run/Walk, a pecan pie contest and nut cracking competition, harvest demonstrations, food court, shopping vendors, and a kids zone. Revel in the glory of all that is pecan! This event is free. For more: sahuaritapecanfestival.com.



OUT OF THE AREA, *BUT WORTH THE DRIVE*

St. Martin's New Release Festival

10 a.m. – 5 p.m. at the Sonoita Vineyards, 290 Elgin-Canelo Road, Elgin. Vino lovers unite! Sonoita Vineyards presents the St. Martin's New Release Festival, a day of wine tasting and fun. There will be seven wineries on site sampling wines, plus lunch specials, vendor shopping, and tours of the vineyard. Attendees will get 12 wine tasting tickets and a souvenir wine glass. Tickets are $40. For more: sonoitavineyards.com.

FRIDAY 11/17

Annual Holiday Boutique

10 a.m. – 4 p.m. at Stepping Stones, 6719 E. 2nd St., Prescott Valley. The Lonesome Valley Quilt Guild is holding its annual holiday boutique! Start (or finish) your holiday shopping with some unique and hand-crafted gifts from Prescott Valley residents. There will also be refreshments available. Get your family and friends homemade gifts this year and support the local community. This event is free. For more: visit the Lonesome Valley Quilt Guild's Facebook page.

SATURDAY 11/18

American Heritage Festival

10 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. at Schnepf Farms, 24810 E. Rittenhouse Road, Queen Creek. Go all the way back in time to the Colonial era and celebrate America's history up to the American Revolution. There will be mountain men and pioneers telling stories about the Civil War, Westward Expansion, craftsmen, music, actors, battle reenactments, history demonstrations, food, shopping and much more. Celebrate American history at the Heritage festival! Tickets are $15. For more: americanheritagefestival.com.



Turkey Trot Fun Run *at Posse Grounds Park in Sedona.*



North Pole Experience *at Little America in Flagstaff.*

THURSDAY 11/23

Turkey Trot Fun Run

9 a.m. at Posse Grounds Park, 525 Posse Ground Road, Sedona. If you're worried about gaining too much at Thanksgiving dinner, run first – then you won't feel guilty about stuffing your face! Sedona Running Company presents the Turkey Trot, a 5k fun run/walk that loops on Soldier Pass Road. Medals will be given to all finishers, and there will be pumpkin pie after the race. Yes, pumpkin pie. Registration is $30-$40. For more: sedonarunning.com.

FRIDAY 11/24

North Pole Experience

Times vary, at Little America, 2515 E. Butler Ave., Flagstaff. Go behind the scenes of Santa's workshop and help the elves build toys for Christmas, take a tour of the workshop, read stories with Mrs. Claus, and build arts and crafts. Take a peek into the lives of St. Nick and his elves at Santa's workshop. Tickets are around $40 per person. For more: northpoleexperience.com.

SATURDAY 11/25

Ice Skating

3 – 11 p.m. at the London Bridge Resort, 1477 Queens Bay, Lake Havasu City. Living down here in the Valley, we don't get to experience wintery things like snow and ice, but have no fear, because the London Bridge Resort can provide us with one of those things! Pack up the family and head to Lake Havasu for a day of ice skating at the London Bridge amidst twinkle lights and pine trees. Admission is $8 for kids and $10 for adults. For more: iceskatehavasu.com.

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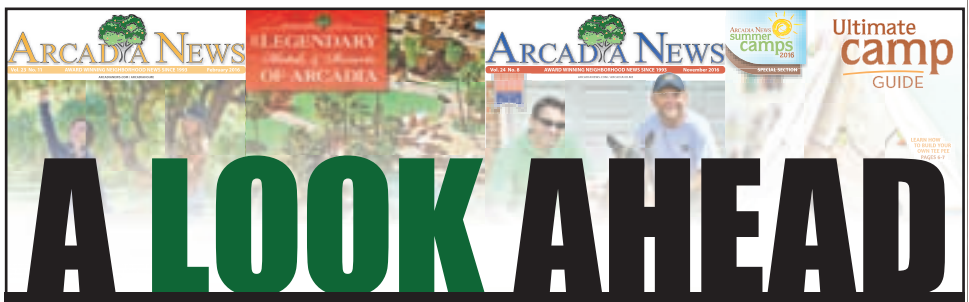
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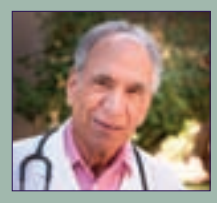
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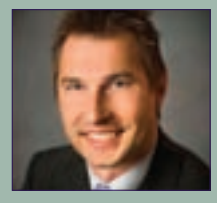

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Driven to distraction

By Michelle Donati-Grayman

New vehicle "infotainment" systems offer an array of high-tech features, but motorists should exercise caution when using them.

Many of these systems take drivers' eyes and attention off the road and hands off the wheel for potentially dangerous periods of time, according to a new study from the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety.

The study evaluated 30 2017 vehicles, during which drivers used voice command, touch screens and other interactive technologies to make a call, send a text message, tune the radio or program navigation, all while driving. The study examined not only visual (eyes-off-road), cognitive (mental) demand, but also measured how long it took drivers to complete tasks using vehicle technology.

Researchers developed an advanced rating scale to measure the various demands experienced by drivers using each vehicle's infotainment system. A low demand level equates to listening to the radio or an audiobook, while very high demand is equivalent to trying to balance a checkbook while driving.

Drivers using voice-based and touch screen technology experienced very high levels of visual and mental demands for more than 40 seconds when completing tasks like programming navigation or sending a text message. Just two seconds of not watching the road doubles the risk for a crash, according to previous research.

None of the 30 vehicle infotainment systems produced low demand and many of them offered features unrelated to the core task of driving. AAA believes a safe in-vehicle technology system should not exceed a low level of demand.

Programming navigation was the most distracting task, taking an average of 40 seconds for drivers to complete. That's the same amount of time it would take to travel the length of four football fields while driving at 25 mph, which is too much time and distance traveled without proper focus on the road.

Researchers found most infotainment systems tested could easily be made safer by simply following clearly stated federal recommendations such as locking out text messaging, social media and programming navigation while the car is in motion.

With one in three U.S. adults using infotainment systems while driving, AAA cautions drivers that using these technologies while behind the wheel can have dangerous consequences.

AAA conducted this new research to help automakers and system designers improve the functionality of new infotainment systems and their demand on drivers. AAA is providing brief individual reports for each vehicle evaluated. Consumers can use the reports to learn more about the system found in their current vehicle and/or to inform their next vehicle purchase.

For more info: aaa.com/distraction.



$27K to $500: The wildly varying value of personal property

ASK THE *APPRAISERS*

By Jonell Sloekers

Most people have a general idea about the worth of their house or real estate; however, few know the value of the personal property inside the home. Everything from Grandma's Bristol vase to dad's four-poster bed that he had shipped from his parents' home in Michigan has a value. These values should be known in case a crisis occurs and/or an estate needs to be equitably distributed to family members.



There are several ways to value an item, and each will yield a different result. For example, let's say the grandfather clock (tall case clock) that has been proudly standing in the corner of the grand entry of a family's estate for several generations needs to be assessed. The cherry case was made in 1809 in Pennsylvania and its works are from London. The clock is in excellent condition and is in working order. Though the emotional value to the family is priceless, there are actual values that could be assigned to the clock.

First, lets say the family wants to insure the clock. For this we would have to estimate the retail replacement cost. It would be extremely difficult to replace, and it would take a great deal of time, energy and resources to find a similar clock. Since there is a known history of ownership and the original bill of sale is still attached to the clock, this heirloom has provenance value as well as intrinsic value. Estimated replacement cost would be around $27,500. The insurance company will likely require an appraisal before insuring the clock.

One family member believes the clock should be sold, and the money from its sale divided among the heirs. Since the clock would most likely be sold locally, a local retail **market value** must be established. How much money has been recently (last two years) exchanged for similar clocks right here in Phoenix? The family could net about $7,000 locally if it sold the clock outright.

Another family member suggested they instead donate the clock to a charity that will use it and not sell it, and use the value to offset the estate. We now need to look at the clock at fair market value: how much money would likely change hands between a willing and informed buyer and seller, under no compulsion to buy or sell? In this case, a certified appraisal report is required by the IRS in order to establish and validate the fair market value. Fair market value is often higher than market value, because one is not limited to a particular geographic area and there is no compulsion to buy or sell. For this clock it may be around $25,000.

A third member of the family wants to have a quick liquidation of the entire estate including the clock. It all needs to be gone, so she can get back to Ohio! In an *orderly liquidation*, such as in an advertised auction, the clock would most likely fetch around $2,000. In *forced liquidation*, such as an "Everything Must Go" sale, or sale of the estate to a liquidator, it will likely bring even less, in the $500 to $700 range.

So, when we are asked to ascertain the value of an item, items or even an entire estate, our first questions are always "What is the purpose of the appraisal?" and "What do you intend to do with the item?" The value determined depends squarely upon the clients answers to those questions.

The tall case clock is ticking… Please send your appraisal questions to the editor now!

Do you have an appraisal question? Send it to editor@arcadianews.com. We look forward to hearing from you.

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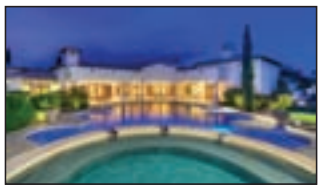
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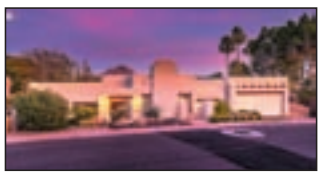
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THE DISPUTED

Historic eucalyptus trees subject of critical issue in Arcadia

Publisher's note: *They are 27 red river gum eucalyptus trees. They are the unmistakable gateway to Arcadia. At 935-feet long, they are the largest stand of eucalyptus in the City of Phoenix. Planted around 1940, they are integral to Arcadia's history, and are included in the Burgess Lateral Historic District, which is on the National Register of Historic Places.*

And right now, 16 of them are a mess, and a danger to people who walk, drive and ride their bikes past them. Hopefully this issue can be resolved before something tragic happens. Find out how you can help at the end of Nick's story.

— Greg Bruns, Publisher

By Nick Smith

So, what exactly is the deal with those trees?

They are familiar to everyone in the area, a natural landmark that serves as a kind of gateway into the Arcadia neighborhood. Take 48th Street north across Indian School Road and follow the curve, over the canal, past the shopping center on the left side. They line the right side of Arcadia Drive, 27 red river gum eucalyptus trees, over 75 years old, each nearly a hundred feet tall each, sitting on a dirt path, looking over a small ditch that runs just under them.

Despite being an iconic piece of the Arcadia neighborhood, 16 of the trees have become noticeably unkempt. Massive limbs have broken off, being held above the ground by still intact branches, while piles of debris and leaves cover the ground underneath. Palm branches fill the ditch below, revealing that people are dumping their own yard waste in the area. The question comes to mind for anyone who walks past: shouldn't someone be taking care of these trees?



Once focused on bringing a bridge to Arcadia, Dan Colton now has his sights on the neighborhood's iconic eucalyptus trees.

What very few people seem to know is that these 16 trees are at the center of a complex dispute over who exactly is responsible for their wellbeing. The issue is multi-layered, involving several different entities, bureaucratic red tape, historical land, and may not even have a solution.

"This is truly one of the strangest cases you'll ever hear of," said Sam Stone, Chief of Staff for Phoenix City Councilman Sal DiCiccio.

The trees sit on historically designated land, with eleven of the trees being maintained by the homeowner's association of Arcadia Estates (AEHOA), the subdivision of houses that sit just over the fence to the east of the trees. Those trees are part of the Arcadia Estates property. The other 16 trees are not, and they're the ones that are at the center of the controversy.

What the designation inadvertently did was place these 16 disputed trees in a kind of no man's land, with multiple entities responsible for different sections of the area and no one claiming responsibility for the maintenance of the trees. At different times, suggestions for who should be responsible have been aimed at SRP (Salt River Project), Maricopa County Flood District, the City of Phoenix, the AEHOA and even the United States government, since the land is a federal historic designation.

> ***"Until there's a catastrophic event, the city isn't going to say anything. But once that happens, you can't bring that life back."***

The unwritten rule of upkeep is enough to make one's head spin. If a limb from one of the trees and lands to the west of the ditch on Arcadia Drive, the City of Phoenix is supposed to clean it up. If it falls directly into the ditch, it becomes SRP's job. If the limb bounces to the east of the ditch on the sidewalk, the AEHOA has been cleaning up. Unless of course, the limbs fall over the fences themselves on the east side, whereby it becomes the problem of the owner of the resident of the yard the branch fell into.

If there's anyone who can understand the persistence it takes to find a solution for an issue like this, it's Dan Colton. When he became the president of the AEHOA in 1998, he became determined to construct a pedestrian bridge that would go across the canal on Arcadia Drive, after he saw a family with young children nearly hit by a car as they crossed the paved bridge into Arcadia. It took 13 long years of stopping and starting before the project was completed. Now, he's set his sights on trying to find a solution to the disputed trees.

For Colton, finding an answer to this conundrum isn't just something to pass the time. He views it as a public safety issue, and dreads the moment when one of the large, unkept limbs breaks off and falls down on a passing car or pedestrian. It almost happened in August, when a massive branch crashed a large medal fence that surrounds Arcadia Estates park area. The branch stayed on top of the fence for weeks.

"I left it out there. I'm trying to make a point here," said Colton. "Until there's a catastrophic event, the City isn't going to say anything. But once that happens, you can't bring that life back."

In Colton's mind, the primary responsibility for the standoff lies with the City of Phoenix. By designating the area as historical, he claims that the City has limited who can take part in helping with the trees. SRP has told Colton that they aren't allowed to touch the trees because of the historic designation. Colton also believes the City has unfairly placed the burden of responsibility for upkeep of the trees on the AEHOA. The disputed trees are not on property owned by Arcadia Estates, and therefore, the residents don't feel like it is fair for their HOA to have to maintain them. Colton estimates that it costs $45,000 to trim the trees, meaning each Arcadia Estates homeowner would be paying around $100 extra a month, in perpetuity, for maintaining trees that aren't on their property.

The City is aware of the issue with the trees, but believe that they are under no obligation to take care of them. For the City, it comes down to how close the trees sit to the area that AEHOA is responsible for.

"Phoenix City Code Section 31-10 states that 'property owners are responsible for maintenance within 25 feet of the abutting property line,'" said Stone. "Based on this, City of Phoenix professional staff have been adamant that all of the trees are the responsibility of the HOA."

This argument is a source of frustration to Colton. He claims that the City never informed AEHOA that they were going to be held responsible for the trees and that they have overstepped their boundaries.

"We have no problem maintaining the ones that are on our property," said Colton. "But to ask us to maintain something that isn't our real estate is injustice. They did this without our participation and it could happen to anyone."

Even trying to find a temporary solution seems to be bogged down. The AEHOA reluctantly went to try and pull a permit to trim the trees recently, they were told that a signature was needed from the property owner before that would happen. The problem with that, of course, was AEHOA are not listed as the property owners.

"That instance isn't something I was aware of," said Stone. "This is a situation where we would love to see everyone come together with a solution. The city is adamant that it isn't their responsibility, but as far as having trouble getting a permit, that needs to be explored and help to be taken care of as quickly as possible, if they're having issues."

How a solution is brought about from this isn't clear. Some hope for an intergovernmental agreement, like the one that eventually brought Colton's bridge to the canal. For his part, Colton believes there's an answer out there and is determined to keep working until he finds a permanent solution

"(Former Phoenix City Councilman) Greg Stanton stood in my backyard almost 20 years ago, looking up at these trees," said Colton. "I remember him telling me, 'we've got to take care of these trees, they're too important not to.'"

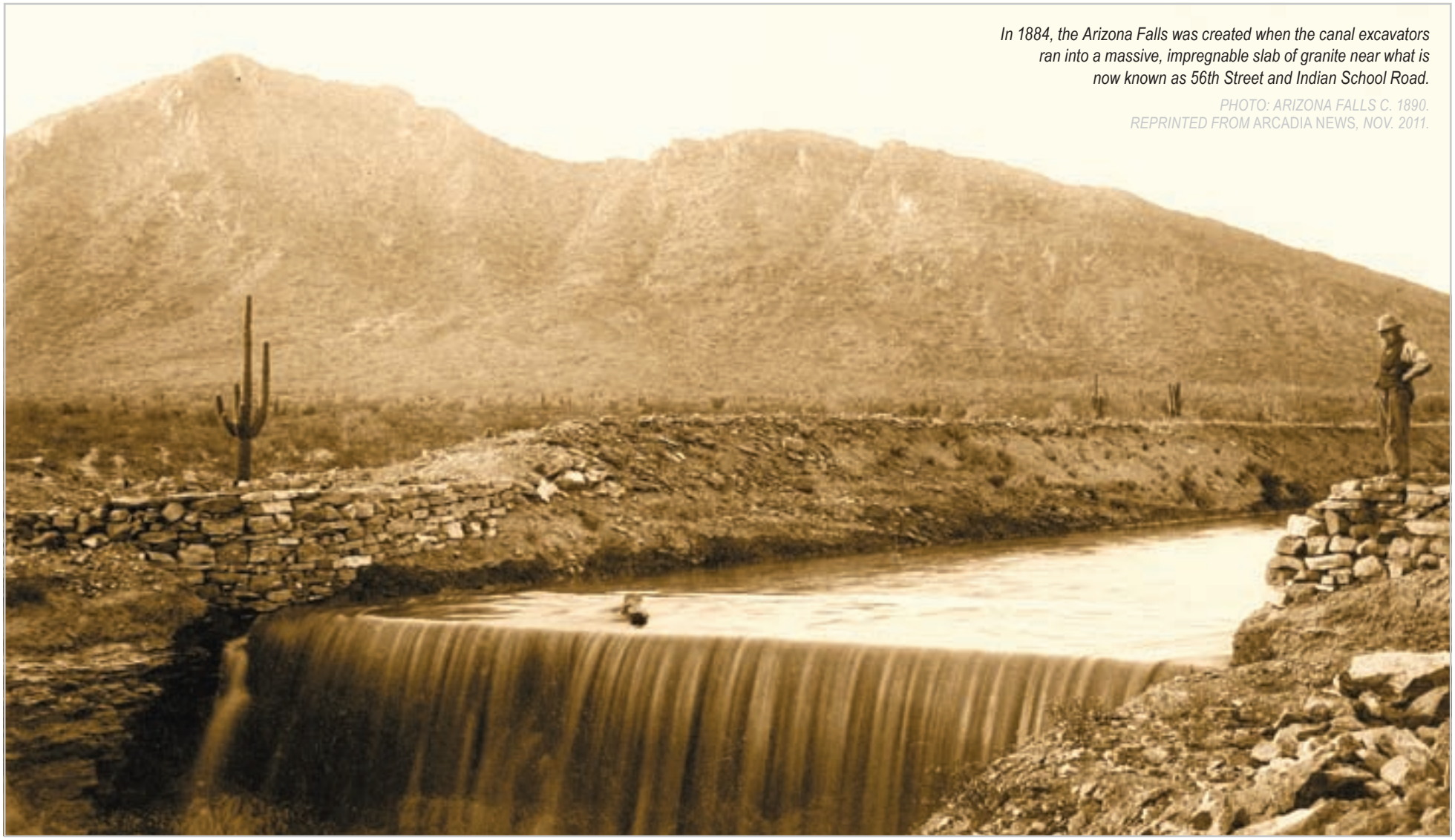
Colton, the Arcadia neighborhood and the trees are all still waiting.

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Some have speculated they were planted to create a natural windbreak for the citrus groves. It has also been suggested the eucalyptus were chosen because of their unique smell, to ward off mosquitoes. In a 2014 interview, the man who planted them, Dr. Herbert (Tim) Louis, said he put in the trees in the 40s simply "because my mother told me to." Unfortunately, a bit of Arcadia's history was lost when Dr. Louis passed away in 2016.



In 1884, the Arizona Falls was created when the canal excavators ran into a massive, impregnable slab of granite near what is now known as 56th Street and Indian School Road.

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The lateral ditch that started the irrigation in Arcadia

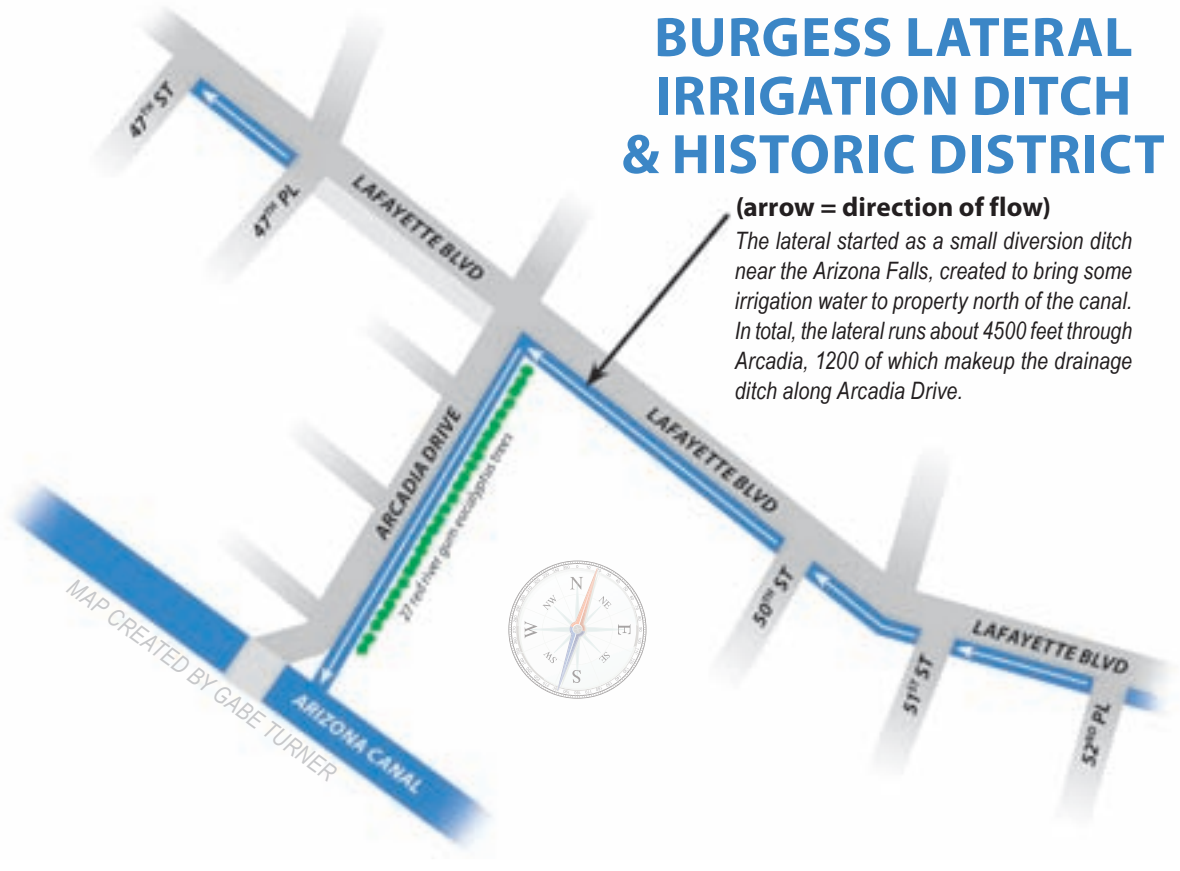
By Greg A. Bruns

When the Arizona Canal was completed in 1885, the land north of it in this area was literally left high and dry. A young land speculator and developer named Josiah Harbert arrived in 1897 to exercise some of the land patents his family had acquired years before. After the Desert Land Act in 1877, anyone could purchase 640-acre parcels from the government for $1.25 an acre, providing they could reclaim, irrigate and ready the land for cultivation within three years. At roughly 1500 acres, most of Arcadia could have been acquired for less than two thousand bucks.

To irrigate this open land north of the canal, a lateral ditch was created, diverting some water from the Arizona Falls area at 56th Street and Indian School. The lateral first appeared on documentation in 1897 as "Lateral 4½" in the first subdivision in the Arcadia area, known as the Orange and Lemon Grove Tract. The first time the ditch is labeled the Burgess Lateral is on a Bureau of Reclamation Survey Map from 1903.

The historic significance of this ditch is directly related to the agrarian nature of speculative land development at the base of Camelback Mountain. The ditch and the eucalyptus trees that were planted along it, are the one geographic icon in our community that points directly to our agricultural roots. The ditch is also reportedly the only lateral that runs north along the 131-mile irrigation canal. The eucalyptus trees on Arcadia Drive, between Lafayette and the Arizona Canal, are just as much a part of the history of the lateral as they are the development of the area. They are integral to citrus farming, having been planted as a windbreak for the citrus acreage to the east.

The Burgess Lateral Historic District as we know it today, runs west along Lafayette Boulevard from roughly 52nd Place to 47th Street (see map), and the drainage portion runs south along Arcadia Drive from Lafayette to the canal. Some of the lateral along Lafayette was piped and buried by developers or residents, before the historic designation was assigned in 2009. An agreement between the US Bureau of Reclamation, the Salt River Project and the Arizona State Historic Preservation Office dictate there will be no changes to the lateral or the drainage ditch going forward. This has created some issues with taking care of the 16 disputed trees.



If you would like to learn more about the Burgess Lateral Historic District you can read the Historic Register application here: https://goo.gl/PU1WXQ. Or contact me and I will send it to you: greg@arcadianews.com.

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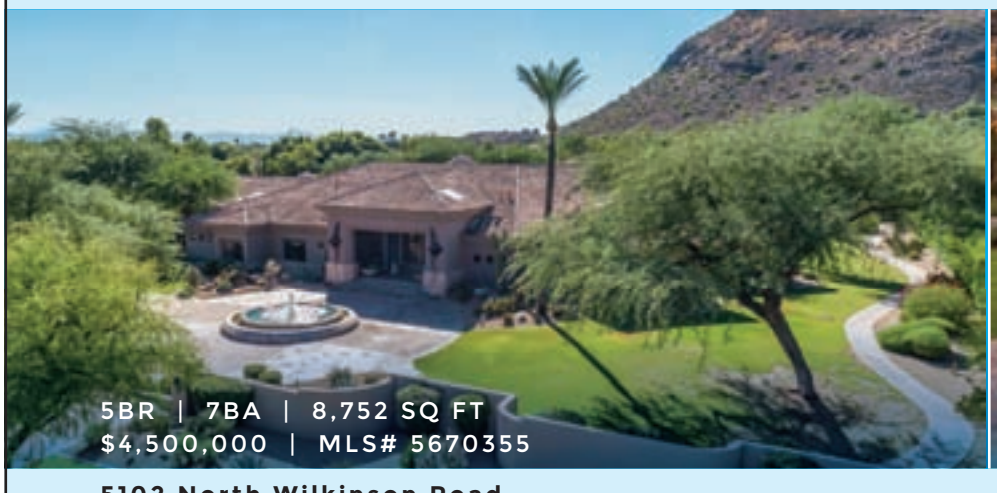
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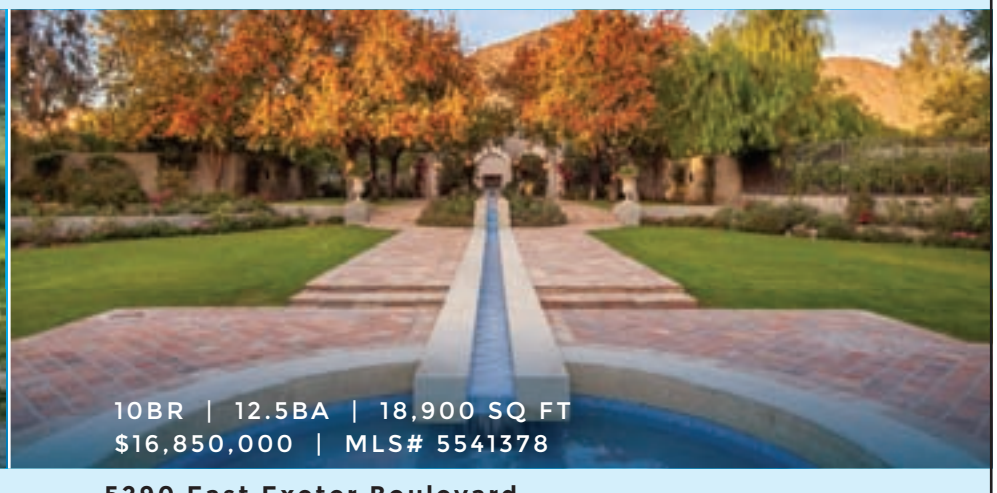
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Veterans Day Breakfast continues at Christ Lutheran

By Rachael Bouley

Students at Christ Lutheran School are shining a light on the incredible sacrifices of our veterans.

Through hard work and community outreach, they've established a beloved annual Veterans Day Breakfast, a tradition that brings students and service members together.

Months of planning go into the special event, with middle schoolers busy making decorations, sending invitations and organizing their roles for the day of the event. Nearly 65 students combine efforts to greet veterans at the door, provide a warm welcome and serve a delicious breakfast.

Students and staff aim to create a safe environment where veterans can share their experiences and feel appreciated.

"One of the most memorable parts is when we pass the mic around the room and all the veterans share their name, when and where they served, and a memory or two," said Megan Ehlers, who works as the school's service learning coordinator and oversees planning of the Veterans Day celebration. "Some bring memorabilia from their service and having them open up and share about their time is really impactful for students."

What began as a very small gathering has grown every year, with nearly 60 veterans expected to attend this November.

It will be an early rise-and-shine for the students, who plan to arrive ahead of time

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Raeli Morrison with her mom, U.S. Marine Cherie Morrison.



Greer McClune with his Grandpa, Veteran Dave Warnecke.

to prepare for their guests. "The kids are really energetic, running all over the place, helping adult leaders and getting things ready," Ehlers said. "We really concentrate on the front entrance, so when veterans get here there's a warm welcome."

When they arrive, guests will be treated to bagels and cream cheese, quiche, fruit yogurt, donuts and muffins. Students get to bond with veterans over breakfast and learn more about their heroic acts of patriotism. For many, it's a very emotional and healing morning.

"One of the Vietnam vets started crying after the breakfast, and he said it was the first time anyone had ever thanked him for his service," Ehlers said. "When they got back, it was something to hide and be ashamed of, so that was really cool to hear."

Many of the veterans praise the students for their hard work and dedication to honoring military members. It's a clear case of mutual admiration, as the students cherish the opportunity to talk to veterans and hear their stories.

"It was so awesome to hear their own personal aspects of being a veteran and I've learned a lot. I found out that some people missed birthdays and Christmas, and a few said they joined the military in honor of family members," said student Gracie Phelps. "I think veterans are so inspiring because of what they've done- they sacrificed their lives for me and my family and every single American. I respect that."

The eye-opening experience leaves students with a better understanding of their country and the heroes who defend it.

"I learned that some veterans didn't ever get acknowledgment after their service, which is why it's so important to celebrate Veterans Day with them," said student Christian Smith. "They inspire me to work hard in everything I do because they had to work hard."

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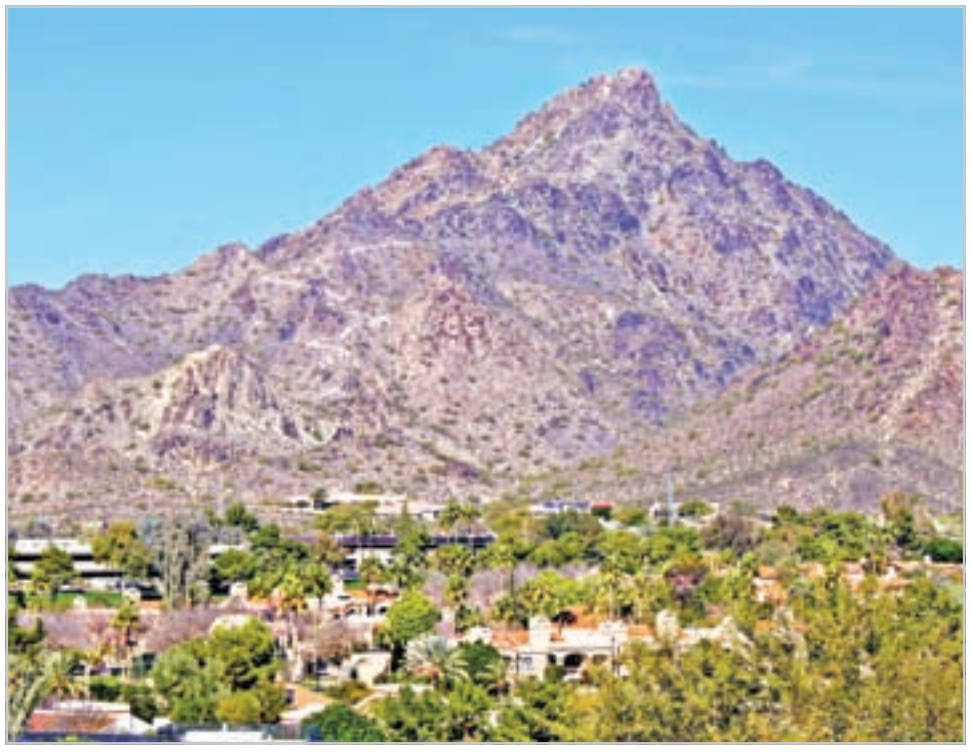
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Tackle these Phoenix trails this month

By Laura Cafiso

Some folks think being a "hiker" means owning lots of specialized gear, knowing orienteering, and possessing the endurance of an Olympic athlete. But anyone can be a full-fledged hiker here in the Valley of the Sun. Phoenix and the surrounding areas feature mountains everywhere you look, just waiting to be scaled. Here are a few of the popular hikes.



PIESTEWA PEAK/ SUMMIT TRAIL #302:

Welcome to one of the most popular trail in town! The Summit Trail begins with an immediate uphill climb and provides a tough work out. It's characterized by man-made steps that make it easy to follow, making it accessible to lots of climbers and impossible to get lost. Busiest times are early morning, before work and after 5 p.m. Lunch time/mid-day is guaranteed to have less traffic.

5994 E. Squaw Peak Dr.
(just off Lincoln Drive), 85016
Experience Level: *Moderate to difficult*
Dogs: *No*
Length: *2.4 miles up and down*

PIESTEWA PEAK/FREEDOM (OR CIRCUMFERENCE) TRAIL #302:

This loop trail begins where the park dead ends and skirts Piestewa Peak. While it is longer, it starts out fairly level and then alternates between hiking uphill and downhill, creating a good athletic conditioning workout. At all junctions, take a left, as there are options to deviate to trails #304 & #1. The Freedom Trail ultimately intersects with the Summit Trail and at that junction, take a right to go down and get to the parking lot.

Experience Level: *Difficult*
Dogs: *No*
Length: *3.7 miles*

40TH STREET TRAILHEAD/ TWO-BIT HIKE ALSO KNOWN AS DIXIE PEAK TRAIL:

Pull into the parking lot off of Shea and 40th Street. The "Two-Bit Hike" is not illustrated on the glass-enclosed map. Never fear, it is the unmarked, (no metal post or signage) but obvious, path you immediately see leading up the mountain. This trail is an easy walk in, followed by a slow ascent. Once you reach the "Two-Bit" marker, you'll encounter the challenge of loose rocks and a steep climb. But the payoff at the top is a fabulous view of Camelback Mountain.

9200 N. 40th St. Phoenix, 85028
Experience Level: *Difficult*
Dogs: *allowed on leash*
Length: *2.75 miles*

PINNACLE PEAK HIKE:

Welcome to Scottsdale's most popular hike! While this "out and back" hike is "out of town," it presents another busy trail, perfect for trekking solo or with a friend. Spoiler alert: you don't actually hike to the peak, but rather up and around it.

26802 N. 102nd Way, Scottsdale, 85262
Experience Level: *Moderate*
Dogs: *No*
Length: *3.5 miles*

If heading out to more secluded trails or even trails that are well-known but intersect with multiple other trails (thus confusing!), find a group to go with who knows the ropes.

SHAW BUTTE HIKE/TRAIL #306:

Night hikes on Shaw Butte offer spectacular views of city lights but it's best to go with a group familiar with the trails. Meetup group Hiking Hikers Hiking or 3H, plans a weekly Thursday night hike and in October, it fell on the night of the Harvest Moon. Head lamps and flashlights lit the way. This hike kicks butt as it has multiple steep climbs. The 3H group starts this trail on a non-traditional path. When not hiking with such an experienced group, hit the North Mountain Visitor Center for trail maps and knowledgeable park rangers.

North Mountain Visitor Center,
12950 N. 7th St., Phoenix 85022
Experience Level: *Difficult*
Dogs: *allowed on leash*
Length: *4 miles*

Usually the measure of a "successful" hike is trekking the entire trail or climbing to the top of a mountain. However, if you're a beginner or don't have time to hike the entire mountain, another strategy is to hike for 20 minutes and then turn around and hike out. That's a solid 40-minute cardio workout. Practice good hiking etiquette by always hiking on the right side. Stay on marked trails. Bring plenty of water and wear sturdy shoes.

Now that we're past another blinding hot summer, get back into your hiking groove or start hiking as a new outdoor fitness alternative. Hiking alone is an ideal time to reflect and think up creative solutions or ideas. Hiking with others is an amazing opportunity to meet new people, socialize and not get lost!

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Local honey harnesses the flavors of Arcadia

By Laura Stoddard

Did you know that the neighborhood of Arcadia has a flavor? According to local beekeeper, Katie Zeman, it tastes like citrus, pomegranates and figs. The trees and flowers in your own yard may contribute to those delicious flavors. If you've noticed bees zipping around your place, gathering nectar, they may well have been on their way to one of Zeman's three hives, nestled in the backyard of her parents' Arcadia home.

Beekeeping has generally been passed down through the generations of Zeman's family. She learned about the craft from her father, who learned about it from his uncle, a monk who was as devoted to the care and cultivation of bees as he was to his faith. Beekeeping was more of a hobby than a job for her father, and as the years went by and he got busier, it fell by the wayside. Then about three years ago he decided he wanted to take it up again.

"I was super interested," Zeman said. "I'd always loved hearing about it, but he'd never involved us as children, so I told him I'd do it with him!"

As things have evolved, it has now mostly become Zeman's project, and she couldn't be happier about that. Also excited about it are Zeman's friends and family, who are the lucky recipients of the liquid gold she harvests.

"Besides giving honey away, I'll take the wax and make different salves and different healing things, or lip balm," said Zeman.



Local beekeeper Katie Zeman learned about the craft from her father. PHOTO BY GABE TURNER

"Whenever my kids are sick or have a sore throat I give them honey."

Zeman says when she first got into beekeeping she didn't know many other beekeepers or how to connect with them, but was fortunate to discover an online group called Arizona Backyard Beekeepers. Suddenly she had dozens of people who could teach her the finer points of beekeeping and with whom she could collaborate.

"Our honey is amazing because it's really just the flavor of this neighborhood," said Zeman. "There are all these citrus trees, and peaches, and pomegranates and figs. Bees will travel up to three miles to collect nectar and honey, but we have a lot of trees on our property, so they probably don't go far. So really, our honey is just a mixture of the flavors and aromas of the trees and flowers in this neighborhood."

The creator of the Arizona Backyard Beekeepers group came up with the idea to organize a festival dedicated to bees and beekeeping. Zeman eagerly jumped at the chance to volunteer her time to the project.

The first annual Arizona Honeybee Festival, to be held on November 18, will be a fun, informative introduction to the world of bees. On the sprawling grounds of Agave Farms, guests can expect music, food, tastings, chef demonstrations (all honey-related, of course), speakers, a great kids zone, and various other Arizona vendors, offering things like candles, soaps, honey kombucha tea and honey mead. The talks will cover topics such as pest management, beekeeping basics, the history of beekeeping down through the ages (given by Zeman), and even the medicinal properties of bee venom.

"Bees have changed my life," said Zeman. "They're fascinating creatures. We have bees, but they're friendly, and they're pollinating your trees and flowers and gardens. You understand nature so much more when you understand the workings of bees."

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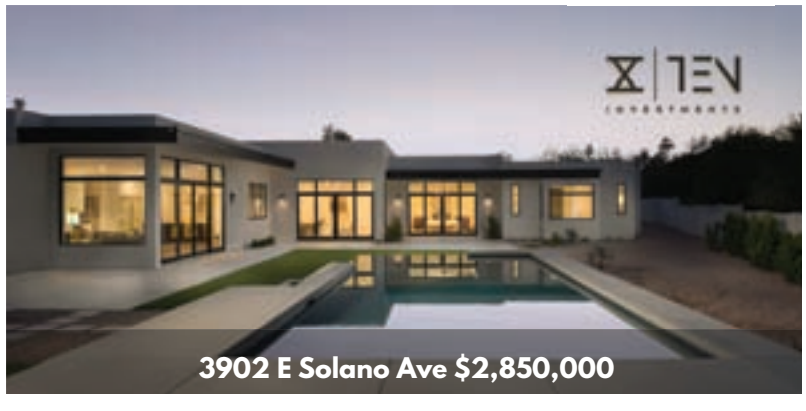
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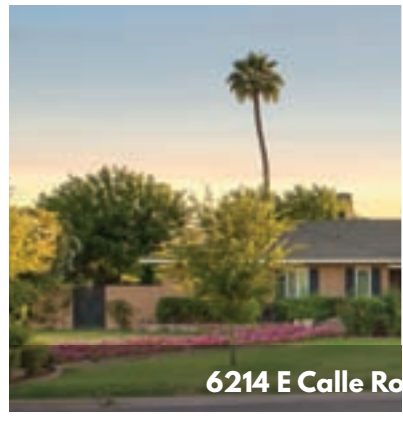
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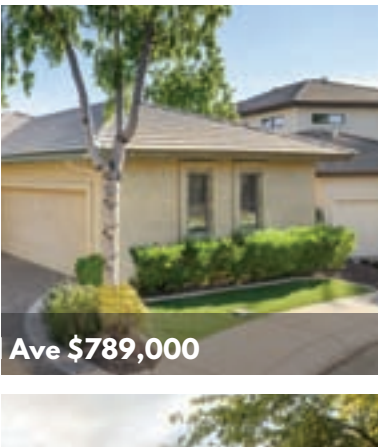


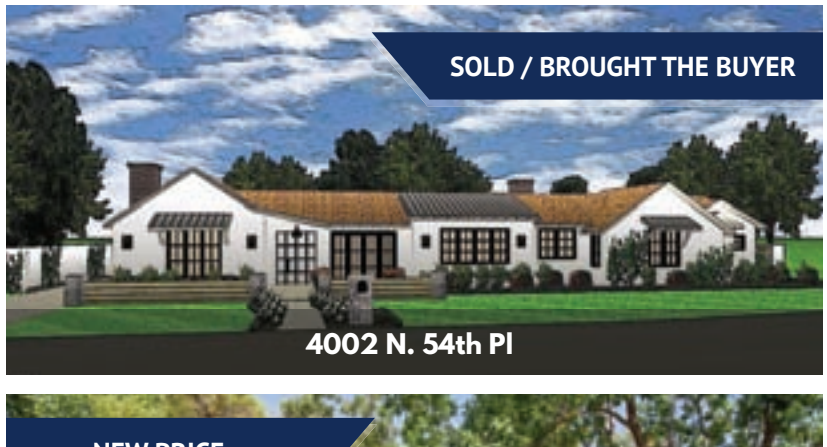


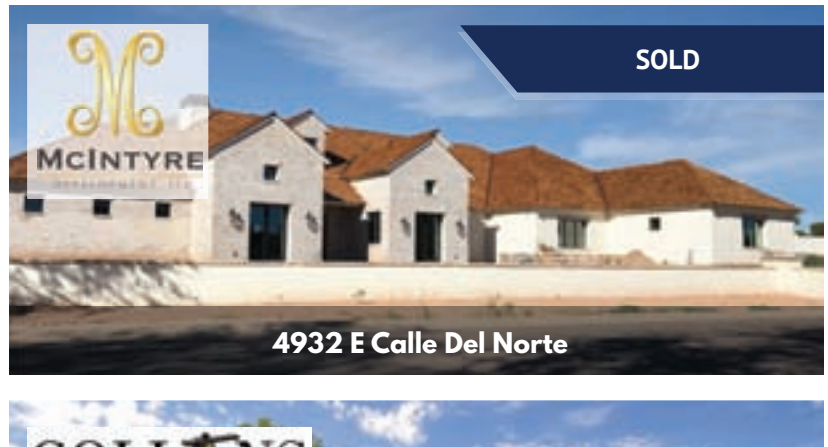
























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Marking Arizona's natural wonder off the bucket list

By Robin Sewell



I realize there are exceptions to every rule. However, most of you reading this know that it's our out of town relatives and friends who force us to be tourists in our own state. C'mon, how many New Yorkers have been to the Statue of Liberty? How many San Franciscans have taken the ferry to Alcatraz? How many Angelinos have pretended to put their hands in concrete at Grauman's Chinese Theatre on Hollywood Boulevard?

On that note, how many Arizonans have peered over the rim of the Grand Canyon? My first visit to one of the most remarkable natural wonders of the world was in September 1996. I had just moved to Arizona to become the main anchor at ABC 15. Only days after arriving before I even went on the air, my news director informed me that my first assignment was to cover President Clinton's visit to the Grand Canyon. My head was spinning, my stomach in knots and I could barely contain both my excitement and my nerves.

I was going to interview a President, or let me rephrase that squeeze through a crowd of other journalists, attempt to stick my mic out and yell a question he most likely would not answer. Turns out, as I stood on the edge of this magnificent and



humbling National park, I was able to shout a question to the President asking him to describe the Grand Canyon. He answered in one word, "indescribable."

Eight years later, during my first season of Arizona Highways Television, I returned to the place that President Clinton struggled to find the words to describe. On this trip, I wasn't worried about Secret Service or where I would strategically stand to get that elusive sound bite. Instead, I had plenty of time to quietly marvel at nature's creation and in that solitude, I understood why mere words don't do it justice. It is truly an emotional, powerful and thought-provoking experience. Since then, I have been fortunate to go back many times to do features for Arizona Highways. I've biked the rim, rode the mules, done features on El Tovar, the famous hotel overlooking the south rim, the Hopi House designed by famed architect Mary Coulter and a story on the Kolb brothers who built a studio in 1904 hanging over the canyon. Each visit has been different and I've enjoyed them all but it wasn't until last week that I actually made a trip to the Grand Canyon as a tourist rather than being on assignment.

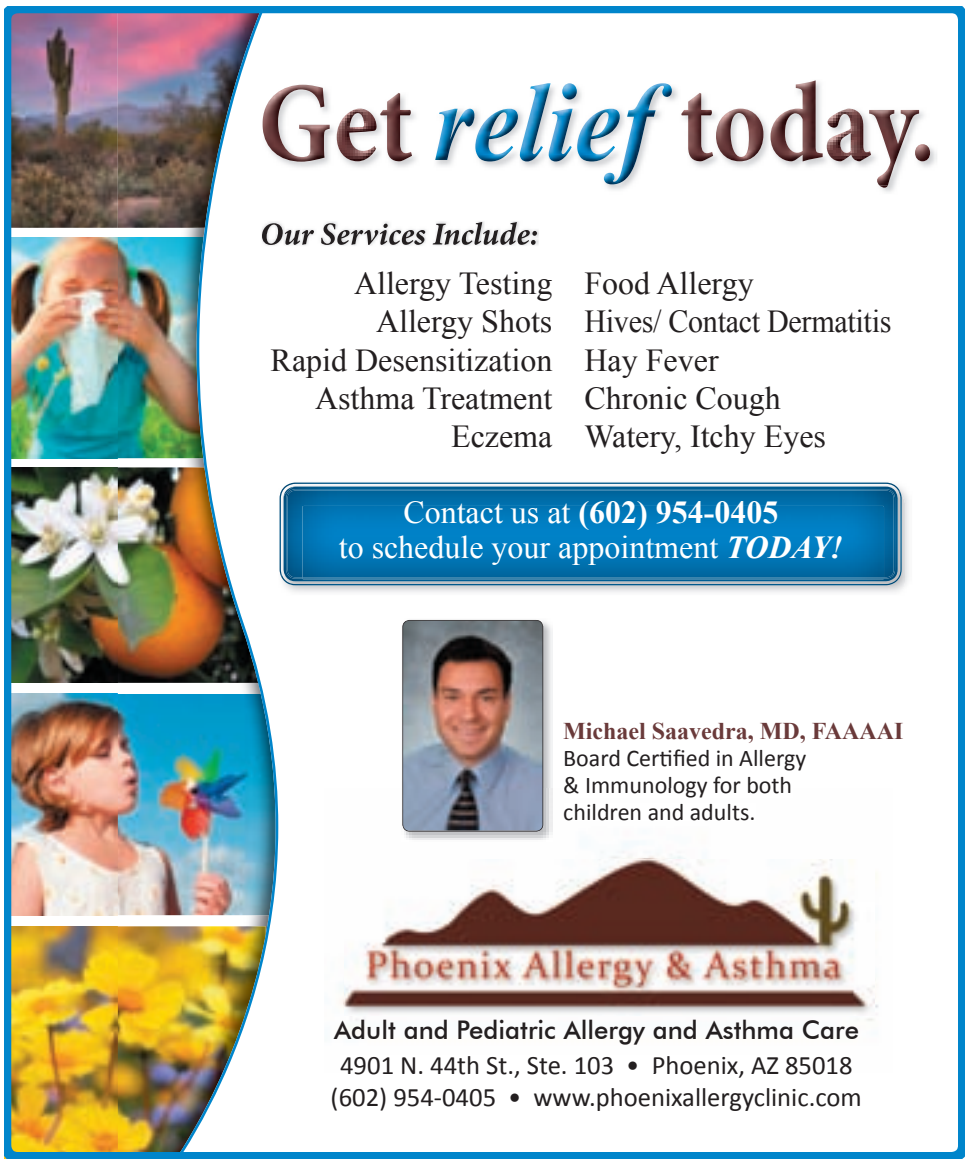
My family was visiting from the East Coast and on their bucket list, of course, was to see this natural wonder. I was actually thrilled to be a tour guide, especially given this would be my daughter's first trip to the Grand Canyon. We decided to begin our journey in Williams, aboard the Grand Canyon Railway, an adventure in itself. After two and a half hours of laughter and musical entertainment, we arrived at our destination. Now, I'm a full believer in the saying that it's the journey, not the destination. But in this case, the journey was fun and fantastic but the destination wins the top prize.

For a moment, I felt perhaps like a movie director who has an emotional connection to a script or a film and wonders how their audience will react when sitting in the theatre. Maybe someone else might think, what's the big deal, it's just a big hole in the ground. Needless to say, there were few words and even some tears and I realized that regardless of age or where you come from, there is an emotional connection we all share when we witness something so extraordinary.

As Teddy Roosevelt declared in 1908 when he exercised the right to make more than 800,000 acres of the Grand Canyon into a national monument, "You cannot improve on it. But what you can do is keep it for your children, your children's children and all who come after you, as the one great site every American should see."

Mr. President, I think we all agree.

— Robin Sewell is the host and executive producer of the Emmy Award winning Arizona Highways Television.





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Kenny McGeorge brings joy to Safeway community

By Mallory Gleich

If you've shopped at the Safeway grocery store on 48th Street and Indian School, chances are you've run into Kenny McGeorge.

Kenny is one of several people with disabilities who works in the Safeway community and has become a bright spot during people's shopping trips.

Kenny attended Coronado High School, which has a life skills program suitable for people with autism. After graduation, Kenny attended classes at Southwest Autism Research and Resource Center (SARRC), which helped him obtain his job at Safeway.

Kenny and his family, with the help of SARRC, approached Safeway and asked if Kenny could have a job. That was two years ago, and they've never been happier.

"Kenny loves working for Safeway. He loves when his friends and family visit and he loves being able to have something to do," said Barb McGeorge, Kenny's mom.

Since he started at Safeway, Barb has seen Kenny grow in many ways. His overall communication skills have improved and he's more conversational.

Cindy Decker is the manager who hired Kenny more than two years ago. She says when he first started, it was tough to get him to talk, but that is no longer the case.

"Kenny may be limited in his speech, but he speaks volumes with his persona and his happy, loving smile," Decker said.



Kenny McGeorge, who has autism, has worked at the Safeway on 48th Street and Indian School for two years and has become a part of the Safeway family.

Kenny's responsibilities at Safeway include bagging groceries and moving bags of ice to containers.

"Moving the ice is one of his favorite things to do. We say 'Kenny, time to get the ice' and he just knows that it's his job and he's ready to do it," Decker said.

Safeway has employed people with disabilities for more than 20 years, and in 2007 was recognized by the Council of State Administrators of Vocational Rehabilitation for its record of employing people with disabilities. Decker says Safeway supports different organizations and hires on different levels depending on the disability.

Kenny was hired with the help of a life coach and over the years has become part of Safeway's family. There are even customers that go out of their way to specifically come to Kenny's store.

"I have a store that is closer to my house, but I'd rather go and see Kenny when I go shopping," says Sally Fleming, who has lived in the Arcadia area her entire life.

Fleming says she makes sure to shop on the days that Kenny works, and he always greets her with a smile and a big hug.

"He's always just fun to see. He works hard and he's always happy," Fleming said.

McGeorge family friend Jan Sica also goes to the Arcadia Safeway just to see Kenny.

"Kenny is a bright spot in the community. He always gives off good vibes, and his line is always the longest. He always greets me with a big hug and you can tell that he loves his job," Sica said.

Decker, Kenny's manager, says he makes people feel good about themselves when they come to see him at work.

"It's so great that he's overcome his disability to be in society. He makes a difference in people's lives," Decker said.

When Kenny isn't working hard, his favorite things to do are visit with family and friends and play games on his computer and his phone. He also loves to grocery shop.

"He's become a loving part of our community. He's just 'our Kenny,'" Decker said.



Local schools continue to help with hurricane relief

By Kaylee Sumpter

Hurricane Harvey brought pain and disaster to those in Houston. Returning residents now face the seemingly insurmountable task of rebuilding their homes and lives. Fortunately, when disasters strike, people across the country come together to help. Members of the Hopi Elementary Sunbeam Team decided they wanted to do what they can to help the victims as they begin their recovery.

On October 21, the Sunbeam Team helped put on a car wash to raise money to send directly to affected Houston families. Over $2500 were raised from car washes, bake sales and drink stations at the event, with students from multiple local schools participating. The event gave 100 percent of its proceeds to seven families affected by Hurricane Harvey.

Hopi's Sunbeam Team comprises a group of teachers who volunteer uncredited time to keep the school's morale high and positive. Hopi Elementary teachers Livia Rice, Whitney Keeler, Justin Blacksher, Laura Mitchell, Meghan Pugh, Laura Yarkowski, Amy Parker, and Molly Point-Brown make up the team.

"After Houston was hit, very quickly we started realizing that our staff has many personal friends there and we decided we had to help. We felt we could do so much good giving directly to these families, many of whom are teachers," said Keeler, who teaches third grade at Hopi. "So much of a teacher's classroom is built with their own money, and we understand that."





(Left) The Key Club at Arcadia High School helped raise over $900 for hurricane relief. (Right) The Hopi Elemetary Sunbeam Team raised over $2,500 for hurricane relief.

Keeler, who teaches third grade, has spent hours promoting the car wash that will give 100 percent of its proceeds to seven families affected by Hurricane Harvey.

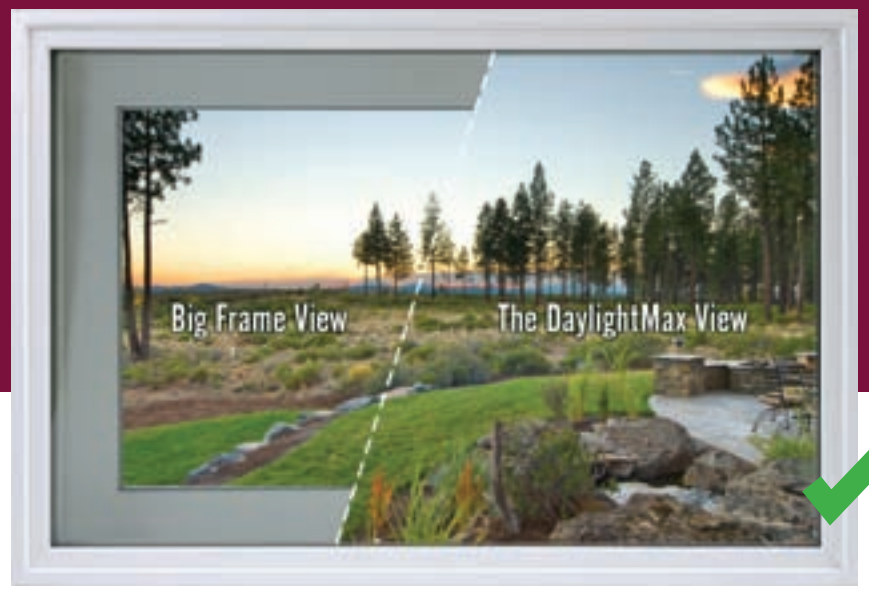
At Arcadia High School, the Key Club recently completed a school-wide coin drive to support victims of the Hurricane. Entitled "Help for Harvey" the two-week drive helped raise over $900 for the Kiwanis Texas Children's Fund for Hurricane Relief.

The Key Club of Arcadia was recently reactivated at Arcadia this year, led by President Kyle Spier. The club's mission is service oriented within the school, local community and beyond.

"This campaign really shows that the students of Arcadia care about other communities and want to help in any way possible," said Co-Vice President Abe Speck, who chaired the Help for Harvey drive. "We asked them to dig deep in their pickets, backpacks, purses, and they did. We all came together to help."

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Thanksgiving feasts for free

By Laura Stoddard

The holidays are a wonderful and exciting time of year, but can also prove trying for many. Sometimes you just need a warm heart and helping hand to make it through. Fortunately, many places in Phoenix strive to provide endless services and opportunities for the less fortunate. Many missions, volunteer groups, and foodbanks really amp things up around the holidays. So this Thanksgiving, if you find yourself a little down on your luck, or know of someone who is, let these wonderful organizations take care of you.



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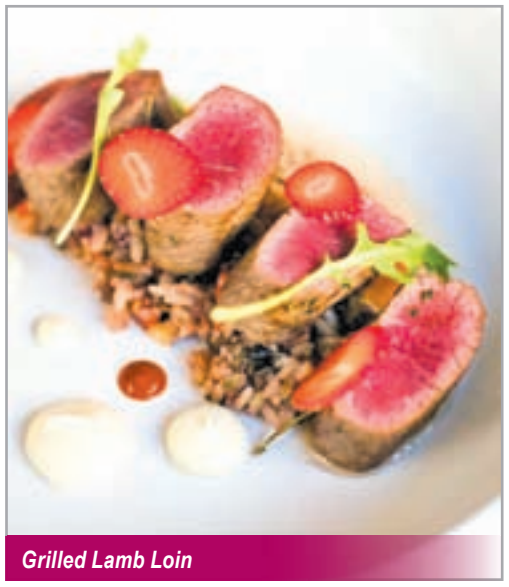
By Nick Smith

So many times when going out to eat, we have to pick and choose. Most restaurants offer a wide variety of selections in four different categories: drinks, appetizers, entrees and desserts. Hitting all four isn't always doable, whether that's because we don't want to break the bank, or because the eatery you're visiting doesn't excel in one of those categories. So, we spend the early minutes of the meal making decisions. Drink or no drink? Appetizer or dessert?

Citizen Public House, from former Cowboy Ciao master chef Bernie Kantak, eliminates that decision-making process by excelling at all four categories, meaning guests really have no choice but to go all-in!

The cocktail list is extensive and varied, and they're unique enough to take a shot, even if fancy drinks aren't usually your thing. The drink list stands out with six barrel-aged cocktails. On the lighter side is the Rose Garland, bourbon with Sangue Morlacco liqueur, sweetened with Solerno blood orange and coffee-caramel bitters. If you'd like a drink that you need to sip sitting down, the Instant Gratification is what you're looking for. It's a lineup of heavy hitters, including Hennessy VS Cognac, Glenfiddich 12-year Scotch, Grand Marnier with Montenegro Amaro and bitters.


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Probably the most well-known item from the starter section is the Original Chopped Salad. It will be brought out by a server and the presentation is an eye-catcher, with each row of colorful ingredients lined up next to each other in the bowl. The server will then mix the salad in front of you, throwing together the smoked salmon, arugula, asiago cheese, corn, tomatoes and black currants into what ends up being a sweet tasting dish. Couscous is the ingredient that brings it all together, adding a chewy softness to the crunchy salad.

Another go-to appetizer is the Pork Belly Pastrami, which you'll have to eat with a fork instead of your hands. The pastrami is laid over rye spaetzle, a soft egg noodle and shares the spotlight with brussels sprout sauerkraut and mustard jus.

The main courses can change with the season, but there are the mainstays that regulars will recognize. The Filet Mignon Asada Tacos are a mix of casual and fancy, with the Oaxacan chile salsa delivering real spice to go with the very tender meat. Ask any fan of Citizen Public House for their favorite dish and the answers are likely to be varied, with the Amaro Meatloaf, Filet Mignon, Pork Shank and Scallops all having their supporters.

Perhaps the most unique dish is the Fair Trade Short Ribs. Rubbed in local coffee and served with a parsnip puree, the boneless ribs don't require any kind of knife, as the touch of a fork will have them falling apart. Feel free to lather the ribs in the dried cherry bbq sauce for a combination of sweet and tartness all at once.

Although there are multiple tasty desserts, the absolute standout is the Bag 'O Bacon Brittle, from dessert chef Tracy Dempsey. You have to really bite to get the pieces to break, but once you do it's a melding of caramel and bacon that will have you ordering a bag to-go.





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Arcadia News 25th Anniversary Feature

Cooking the Thanksgiving beast

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STRAIGHT UP with a TWIST

By Greg A. Bruns

I cooked my first Thanksgiving turkey last year. The missus and I usually host this classic American holiday, so I was excited to be responsible for something of this caliber. I typically get out of the Thursday affair with a dent in the wine collection and a few hours of cleaning. Occasionally, I'll make a fancy dish like chestnut stuffing, but I have learned that the host can usually delegate every single element of the holiday, leaving more time to watch football.

My brother, who usually takes on the turkey, is on to my strategy, and has elected to punt this turkey task on. From the market to the table, I can tell you exactly why this is.

One week before: (*at the market - on cell phone with wife*) "...lots of people buying birds in here. What is it, ten pounds of turkey per person? How much do the guts and everything weigh? (*tilting phone away from mouth, asking lady nearby setting up samples of spiced cider*) "They *clean* these things, right? I mean, the guts aren't *in here* are they?" (*back into the phone*) "Giblets?" (*now to wife* and *cider lady*) "Are there giblet-free turkeys?"

I would have perished as a pioneer. Dysentery would have led to simple starvation, I'm certain.

24 hours before cooking time is to begin: I've decided to try a new method I just read about. We're not going to brine this bird – *everyone* brines their turkey; I want to do something different. I'm going to coat the whole thing in a spectacular sea salt, black pepper and fresh herb medley I am creating. This is a little risky, taking on a completely untested method in the preparation of the biggest meal of the year for 25 people, and it adds two new side dishes to the menu: anxiety and stress.

> ***"Pulling that fat bird out of the shrink-wrap plastic that contains it, I am instantly struck with the reality of what I'm doing here. This is a rather barbaric, grotesque moment and dude, this is hardcore."***

Pulling that fat bird out of the shrink-wrap plastic that contains it, I am instantly struck with the reality of what I'm doing here. This is a rather barbaric, grotesque moment and dude, this is hardcore. I look out our kitchen window and try to do a little focus/refresh for the brain, closing my eyes while taking a couple deep breaths.

In the process of rinsing off the bird, I discover the bones and joints all work remarkably well. With the right amount of bailing wire, this turkey is a perfect puppet. Inside the turkey's dark and bony cavity, I pull out the giblet packet and set it aside as instructed. Then I extract the turkey neck – which any male will attest, feels curiously familiar. My fingers find the severed stump that the neck connects to up in the cavity and I feel a sense of pity for this bird. I envision an industrial band saw whirring away in a turkey factory, with a guy standing hip-deep in gobbler heads, his headphones blasting "Let the Bodies Hit the Floor" by Drowning Pool.

Night before cooking: I can't sleep. I'm unable to shake the image of my whole family contracting food poisoning. It has been said that you will never know more about something until that something threatens your existence. I start my research discovering *Meleagris gallopavo* (turkey) originating in North America, and as we get closer to sunrise, I find that I have actually befuddled myself about this whole process. I've got so many recipes and tips swimming around in my head, I have effectively pressurized and scrambled everything and am now more likely than ever to screw this entire day up. Remove the wishbone before cooking, get your stock started right now and make sure you put your mixture into separate containers - also you need to start injecting at 30 minutes, but do not baste until 1 hour, and whatever you do, don't forget to... what? Don't forget to *what*?

10:00 a.m.: I think this is the right time to start the oven. I've carefully calculated the cooking time, subtracting the appropriate minutes for convection roasting, along with the dark roasting pan I've so foolishly selected instead of a light one (this seriously makes a difference? C'mon). I put in the roasting thermometer that connects our oven to the bird, and set the alarm to go off once the internal temp reaches 150°, which will tell me I'm close. This should take about six hours.

11:15 a.m.: 75 minutes later, the temperature alarm goes off, which causes me to officially freak out. The bird is now cooked about five hours ahead of schedule. The aforementioned side dishes (anxiety and stress) are boiling over.

I call my brother, to see what kind of turkey advice he can dish out.

"Bird's ready," I tell him, "so everyone needs to come over *right now* and chow down."

He laughs, and does a decent job of talking me down. In the end, part of that turkey did indeed cook in 75 minutes. I was fairly certain some unlucky soul was going to be gnawing on turkey jerky for Thanksgiving, but that special rub I coated the bird with really worked. The rub (courtesy of Alton Brown, if memory serves correct) was essentially a magic potion; there is no other explanation.

Still I think, if people had to go through even a sliver of this process every time they wanted a turkey sammie, we'd all be doomed.

— Happy Thanksgiving to you and yours, dear reader. You can always reach me via e-mail: greg@arcadianews.com.

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- Honeybees are responsible for pollinating approx 80% of all fruit, vegetable and seed crops in the U.S.
- Honeybees never sleep!
- Honey is the ONLY food that includes all the substances necessary to sustain life, including water.
- A typical beehive can make up to 400 pounds of honey per year.
- Honey never spoils.
- It would take about 1 ounce of honey to fuel a honeybee's flight around the world.
- Out of 20,000 species of bees, only 4 make honey.
- When aging bees do jobs usually reserved for younger members, their brain stops aging.

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Unique movie watching locations across the Valley

By Kaylee Sumpter

Going to the movies is always something to look forward to. But with the weather turning beautiful, not everyone wants to be cooped up inside on cool fall evenings. Here are some places in the Valley offering outdoor or unique movie viewing experiences!

THE BILTMORE FASHION PARK

You can enjoy a movie outside at The Biltmore Fashion Park. Located at 2502 East Camelback Road, this movie event is close to the Arcadia community. This November, you can enjoy a wide variety of family-friendly movies on Friday nights at 7:00 pm. On November 3rd, you can see *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles* and on November 10th, you can enjoy *Ghostbusters*.



The Biltmore Fashion Park.

CITY LIGHTS

City Lights is also hosting a movie in the park event at Patriot's Park in CityScape Phoenix. On December 8th, from 6:00-9:30pm, you and your family can get into the holiday spirit with a classic Christmas movie double feature. Bring your blankets and chairs for a night of free fun watching *Home Alone* and *Elf*.

WEST GLENDALE 9 DRIVE-IN

Another great place to enjoy movies outside the theater is the drive-in theater. West Wind Glendale 9 Drive-In is Arizona's only drive-in. It's located at 5650 North 55th Avenue in Glendale, and it plays double features 365 nights a year. The prices are great, and West Wind has 9 different screens. This means that the drive-in can show up to 18 different movies in a given night. Hours differ based on the day, but you can visit their Facebook page, West Wind Drive-In and Public Market, for more information.

PHOENIX ART MUSEUM

If you're looking for movies a little less mainstream, and still indoors, the Phoenix Art Museum hosts independent films and documentaries relating to art throughout the year. On November 5th, they are presenting *The Tibetan Book of the Dead* Movies are free for members and are included in general admission. On November 11th and 12th, you can catch *Waste Land* which focuses on a group of catadores (garbage pickers) outside of Rio de Janeiro.

SCOTTSDALE INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

Finally, if one movie isn't enough for you, November brings the Scottsdale International Film Festival to the Valley. Located at the Harkins Shea 14 Theater on 7354 E. Shea Blvd., Scottsdale, the annual five-day destination event begins on November 2nd. During its 16-year history, the Festival has showcased over 500 films, from indie gems to award-winning classics. Single tickets are available at the Harkins Shea 14 Theater box office.



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Using social media in your job search

By Angela Copeland

Social media isn't part of a job search. To find a job, you only need a resume, business cards, and a nice suit. Right? This was true – if you were looking for a job in 2001.

In today's wired world, there are so many more options available to you. Why not try them? After all, submitting your resume blindly just isn't working. If you want to try something new, social media is a great place to start.



Hands down, the best social media site for the job seeker is LinkedIn. It's an extension of your resume and a rolodex of your contacts all rolled into one. I often hear the question, "Do I really need a LinkedIn page?" The short answer is yes. LinkedIn is free and it allows you to decide how much you share and with whom you want to connect. In fact, there are estimated to be half a billion users on LinkedIn from more than 200 countries.

Use LinkedIn to expand on your resume, connect to old colleagues, and grow your network. The LinkedIn search tool is a great way to find (and to connect with) your future boss. It can also be a great way to learn who else works at your target company.

But, don't stop there. I have been impressed at the number of business executives who use Twitter. It's not uncommon to tweet to someone in the C-suite, and to actually receive a real response. It can be an unexpected way to grow a new relationship.

Another site you may want to consider if you're in a creative field is YouTube. An advertising agency CEO once shared with me that some of her most impressive applicants submitted a short video about themselves via YouTube. It helped them to get the agency's attention in a sea of other applications.

The one social media I would think twice about using is Facebook. Facebook has long been considered a private space to connect with friends and family. In fact, if you send a stranger a direct message, Facebook will typically filter it out of their inbox by default. That means that the person may never see your message. So, before using Facebook, try other social media sites.

Using social media in your job search can give you a leg up on your competition. It can also help you to shape your online presence. After all, when a company searches for your name on Google, your social media pages are certain to be the first thing that pops up. Think of Google search results like the new cover letter. Your social media pages tell a personal narrative about you and your beliefs.

Don't worry too much about bothering the person you're contacting via LinkedIn or Twitter. Social media is just another form of communication, similar to email or phone. Be professional and polite and you'll find an entirely new way to grow your network. It's far more effective than blindly submitting an application on a website.

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Arcadia High film teacher picks Pixar's top 10 movies

By Eric Luce

Coco, the newest film from Pixar, will be released later this month. The beloved animation studio has been behind some of the biggest hits of the last 20 years. Eric Luce, Arcadia High School's Film and TV Program director, gives us his pick of Pixar's top ten.

10. A Bug's Life (1998) – Pixar's second film proves it can find humor in any tucked-away world. It has a lot in common with the 1986 comedy Three Amigos, but it's some of Pixar's best world-building as we dive into this imperialistic society of insects.

9. WALL-E (2008) - The environmental and health message are laid on pretty thick, but WALL-E still remains an impactful experience. It's a love story told between two minimalistic talkers, making the first hour akin to a Charlie Chaplin romance that displays Pixar's prowess as a visual storyteller.

8. Toy Story 3 (2010) - The gang of toys face potential permanent retirement and while the humor is there, this threequel tugs at all the heartstrings of those 1995 kids who grew up with the original. This sometimes shamefully goofy sequel has an effect not likely to be duplicated anytime soon.

7. Toy Story 2 (2000) - Pixar finds brave new territory in the world of secretly social toys. Facing antique collectors, garage sale anxiety and abandonment fears, the cast of colorful characters flourish in the new avenues created by this sequel as it melds mildly adult themes with child-friendly pacing.


Ratatouille, Pixar 2007

6. The Incredibles (2004) - The movie has a lot of fun displaying family dysfunctionality with a superhero twist. The action can hold its weight against even the gaudiest of live action superhero blockbusters.

5. Ratatouille (2007) - It may be a plot too cutesy for some, but Pixar proves to find clever and surprisingly poignant layers; including a pitch perfect commentary on artistic criticism. The animation is picturesque and the script is full of some of Pixar's best pairing of wit and heart.

4. Monster's Inc. (2001) - Bringing its brand of humor to the world of blue collar work, Pixar strikes gold with this exceedingly clever concept of monsters scaring kids as a 9-to-5 job. The chemistry between John Goodman's Sully and Billy Crystal's Mike elevates this to new levels for Pixar.

3. UP (2009) - Pixar's signature brand of humor is found sprinkled throughout, but Up remains a movie for adults taking their kids to a movie, not the other way around. Up is a bold and noble endeavor that acts as the crossover from Pixar making great movies for kids to making important films for all audiences.

2. Finding Nemo (2003) - Sure the characters are fish, but the struggles of Nemo and his overprotective father, Marlin, are as real as can be. Nemo escalates Pixar another notch in creating intimate and enjoyable characters amidst a wonderland of CG visuals. Over the years it's become the gold standard for animated films.

1. Inside Out (2015) - It carries some of the most transcendent and mature messages delivered in the guise of an animated adventure. Other animation companies can try their hands at movies with furry creatures and superheroes, but Inside Out forges a path other animation studios simply don't have the storytelling capacity to follow.

— Eric Luce was born in Boston and raised in Arizona. He has worked as a screenwriter, casting director, producer and actor in the independent film industry. He is the proud instructor of the Arcadia High School Film and TV program.



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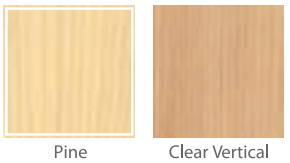


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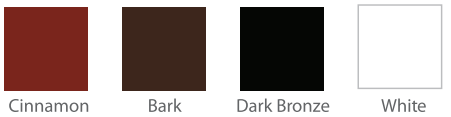
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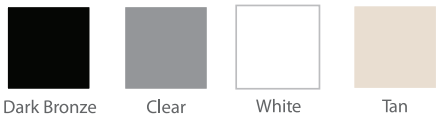
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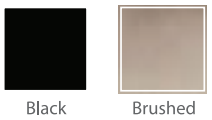
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Dad co-founds Tay-Sachs foundation to honor daughter

By Elaina Verhoff

When Krystie Karl-Steiger was born in January 2006, she was a happy, healthy baby girl. It wasn't until she was 5 or 6 months old that her parents Rick Karl and Bruce Steiger suspected that her development might be delayed. A trip to a Gymboree class with Krystie confirmed their fears.

"The instructor came over and said something was wrong," Karl said. "She told us we needed to see a doctor."

Karl and Steiger took Krystie to her pediatrician who assured them not to worry about her delayed development. But the two could see that things continued to get worse.

"We noticed weird things," Karl said. "She had a startle reaction to loud noises. We weren't quite sure she was focusing very well. So, we took her to the best of the best in California – UCLA and USC. A couple places and a whole bunch of medical tests later, we got the wrong diagnosis."

It wasn't until Krystie's parents took her to the eye doctor that they found out her true diagnosis. Krystie had Tay-Sachs disease, a hereditary disease caused by a gene mutation. The ophthalmologist spotted an eye abnormality called a cherry-red spot, an indicator of Tay-Sachs.

"He looked at us and said 'I'm so very sorry,'" Karl said.

Karl and Steiger had used an egg donor and surrogate, and later found out that the egg donor was a Tay-Sachs carrier, as was Karl, Krystie's biological father.

> *"She was a smiley, happy little girl who traveled around the country with us."*

The new dads were told that their daughter would probably live to age three.

"Being the fighters we are, we said that is crazy," Karl said. "There has to be more out there. We went to the head of neurology at USC who said 'this is not about your daughter any more. Make her comfortable. It is certain she will die. This is now about you.'"

Karl and Steiger, not content to watch their daughter die without doing everything possible to help her, went to a conference on Tay-Sachs and made the decision to put Krystie through a cord blood cell transplant, knowing that it would be an extremely difficult and risky procedure, but wanting to give her every chance at a longer, fuller life. Karl said they didn't know how tough it would be



Krystie Karl-Steiger

because words simply don't describe these things, but ultimately her quality of life was enhanced.

"She was a smiley, happy little girl who traveled around the country with us," Karl said.

And it was through her expressions that Krystie was able to communicate during her time on earth, before she passed away in 2015 at age nine.

"Krystie never said a word in her life," Karl said. "She could make sounds and you had to know how to read her eyes. She would tell you what she needed and what she was thinking, but only through her expressions."

In 2007, when Krystie was one year old, Karl became one of the founding members of the Cure Tay-Sachs Foundation. In January 2017, he took it over and left his corporate IT position to become executive director of the foundation, which he runs from his home in the Biltmore, near 24th and Camelback. His goal is to raise awareness of Tay-Sachs disease and to provide funding into research to find a cure for the disease.

"Awareness is incredibly important," Karl said. "I want people in high risk groups to get tested. Jewish, Cajun Americans, Irish Americans, Eastern Europeans, German Americans. They are by far the biggest groups now. I was recently told by a rabbi that Millennials think they are immune, but they need to get tested."

Since the foundation was established, the group, mainly funded by families of individuals with Tay-Sachs, have made eight grants totaling $2.7 million, much of that focused on gene therapy.

"We expect that there will be clinical trials on humans in Canada next year, and maybe late in the year in the U.S. with some of the things we've funded," Karl said.

These treatments are extremely expensive, says Karl, costing in the neighborhood of $1.6 million for medicine for three children.

Karl says social media has played a key role in raising awareness and funds for Tay-Sachs disease. He encourages people to visit the foundation website at http://www.curetay-sachs.org. The foundation address is 2409 E. Luke, Phoenix, 85016.

The dedicated father, who once blamed himself for his daughter's disease, says he has come to the realization now that there is nothing he would have done differently.

"We made Krystie's life as good as it can be," Karl said. "I don't blame myself any more. I run this charity now and that is my way of paying tribute to her. I hope she is proud of us."

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By Rachael Bouley

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Dubbed "America's most attended polo event," the polo party shines a light on the growing sport while supporting local causes. Every November, thousands flock to WestWorld of Scottsdale to enjoy the array of activities, including sporting showdowns, a Barrett Jackson car display and private VIP tents with the best of the best in Arizona shopping and dining.

For the first time, the event has expanded to two days, November 11 and 12. Founder and '88 Arcadia High School graduate Jason Rose says being able to create an event like this and watch it grow is really special. What began as a small, grant-supported effort to promote the sport has blossomed into an event much like the Phoenix Open, but for polo rather than golf.

"In 2011, we set out and put up some tents and DJs, not knowing quite what to expect, and 2,300 people showed up on that beautiful day," Rose said. "Seven years later, we have more than 10,000 people attending...it's been quite the evolution."

The event has also been lucky to host some of the most decorated polo players in the world and get household names like reigning Daytona 500 Champ Kurt Busch and Arizona Cardinals running back David Johnson to deliver the first ball drops, much like a first pitch in baseball. Teams travel from global destinations such as Monte Carlo and



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Switzerland to compete in front of thousands of guests.

"We have dog fashion shows, day clubs, DJs and dancing alongside the field... that doesn't exist anywhere in the world of polo," Rose said. "People tell their friends about it, and many have heard about it now because the experience is unlike any other- it's a combination of a spring training game, the Phoenix Open and Cirque du Soleil."

Bringing the polo party to life every year requires hard work, dedication and supportive sponsors like Wells Fargo, Barrett Jackson and Neiman Marcus.

"It's a year-long endeavor," Rose said. "But as I say to many people, there's worse things in the world than working on a polo party in Scottsdale, Arizona."

The event benefits several non-profit polo clubs in the area, helping them to continue playing the sport they love. The polo party also raises money for several organizations such as Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation for Childhood Cancer and the Mission 31 Foundation, started by the Cardinals' Johnson. Supporting these causes is easy when there's so much to see and do. While organizers originally faced concerns over the lack of familiarity with polo, the variety of activities and entertainment proved to be the recipe for success.





The Bentley Scottsdale Polo Championships started off as a relatively small event, but now in its seventh year, has grown to offer something for everyone and expects to host more than 10,000 people at WestWorld of Scottsdale this year.

"We're a balancing act, providing great polo, great fashion, beautiful cars to look at, and adding new things to intrigue people," Rose said. "You certainly don't have to be a fan of polo to enjoy an extraordinary day of fun and partying."

Some of this year's additions include performances by the Southwest Shakespeare Company and the Phoenix Opera, as well as Fried & Fizzy, a pop-up restaurant specializing in fried chicken and champagne by acclaimed Chef Michael DeMaria. For more information, check out thepoloparty.com.

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Arcadia 3-year starting QB hopes to build foundation for future

By Nick Smith

When Luke Ashworth went out for football during his freshman year at Arcadia High School, he wasn't trying to set records or become a star. He was just trying to make the team.

"Honestly my favorite sport coming into that year was basketball," said Ashworth. "That was where my focus was. I didn't know how much I was going to love football."

Four years later, Ashworth is winding down his senior season as the Titans starting quarterback, a role he has held since the beginning of his sophomore season. For fans who have followed Arcadia for the past three seasons, the very idea of someone other than Ashworth under center is a foreign one.

Ashworth had played tackle football when he was younger on a team called the Arcadia Storm, but began to commit himself to the game fully during his freshman year.

"I loved the feeling of accomplishment after making a completion, or scoring a touchdown," said Ashworth. "I also really enjoyed helping other people and trying to be a leader on the field. I feel like that fits my personality."

During the summer between his freshman and sophomore years, Ashworth decided to go all out for the varsity team. He got a quarterback coach to help him with his on-field decision making and footwork, and gained 20 pounds by lifting weights. His hard work would eventually pay off, as he won the job as the Titans starting quarterback.



Arcadia High School quarterback Luke Ashworth. PHOTO BY RICHARDSON PHOTOGRAPHY

"I remember being pretty nervous before that first game," said Ashworth. "The coaches called a quarterback sneak for the first play and I got cracked pretty hard. I remember thinking, 'oh that's not so bad' and then I settled down."

During his sophomore and junior years, Ashworth played under former head coach Lenny Abt, whom he called a friend as well as a coach. The team won eight games in 2015, making the playoffs, before falling to two wins in 2016. Abt was replaced as the Arcadia head coach by Tony Stillings after that season.

Coach Stillings brought in an entirely new offense for the 2017 season, calling for more wide receivers and more passing plays. Ashworth suddenly found himself playing a completely different style of quarterback.

"I was never really a running quarterback during my sophomore and junior years," said Ashworth. "I would sit in the pocket, make my read and that was that. The new offense calls for me to be more of a dual threat guy, who can pull reads and run when I need to."

The stats back this up, as Luke has more rushing attempts in just seven games than he did in the previous two seasons combined. The growing pains for the new offense have been tough though, as the Titans were still looking for their first win at the end of October.

Ashworth knows that the team he will leave behind at the end of this season is struggling. He has seen great success and hard times during his three-year tenure as the leader of the Titans. As he plays his final games in an Arcadia uniform, he hopes that the community is able to look at the long view of what is happening with the program.

"I know Arcadia football doesn't look good right now," said Ashworth. "But I think what we are putting in place right now is going to help turn the program around in a few years. I hope that is how I'm remembered, as a player who helped leave a foundation that made the Arcadia football program become better."



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Coronado basketball star tries out for Team USA

By Rachael Bouley

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The talented point and shooting guard earned an exclusive honor earlier this year when she was invited to try out for USA Basketball's 16U Girls team. Some of the top coaches in the country took notice of her potential and flew her to Colorado Springs for the tryouts – a huge deal for a young athlete who has been dedicated to the sport since sixth grade.

"I felt honored and it boosted my confidence to know they wanted to have me there, and I learned how the best coaches in the country train," Delaney said. "We did drills and scrimmages, but we also had time off the court where we got to do leadership games and get to know each other."

It was a valuable lesson in hard work, something that she can apply easily to her budding basketball career. She's fully embraced life as a basketballer since she first started playing at the local YMCA, where her dad, Darrell Howard, helped put together a team.

"I had a coworker whose daughter plays basketball, so she planted the seed in me that Delaney would be a good basketball player," Darrell said. "She is athletic and smart, and when I posed the idea to her, she was up for anything and everything, so we just started from there and she was really good."


Delaney Howard

It wasn't long before she moved on to play at a club level, eventually leaving Arizona School for the Arts to pursue playing on a high school team. After time at Central High and Arcadia High School, she's found a fit at Coronado High School. While she had to sit out her sophomore season as a transfer, she's looking forward to upcoming tryouts, with her eye on two goals for the season.

"One is to be a team captain and the other is to have my points per game average in the upper double digits," she said. "For the future, I'm trying to get a basketball scholarship."

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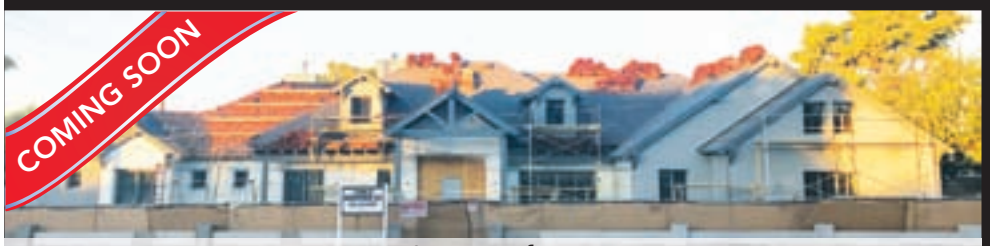
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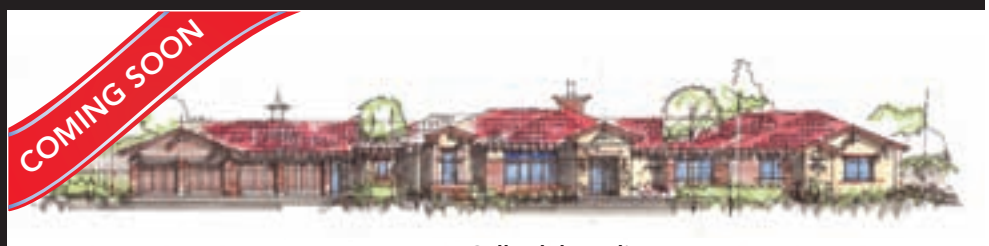
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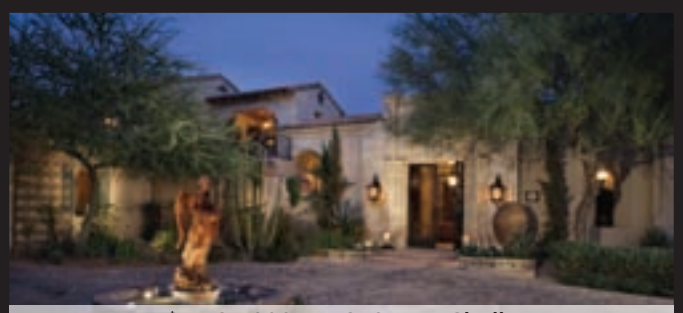
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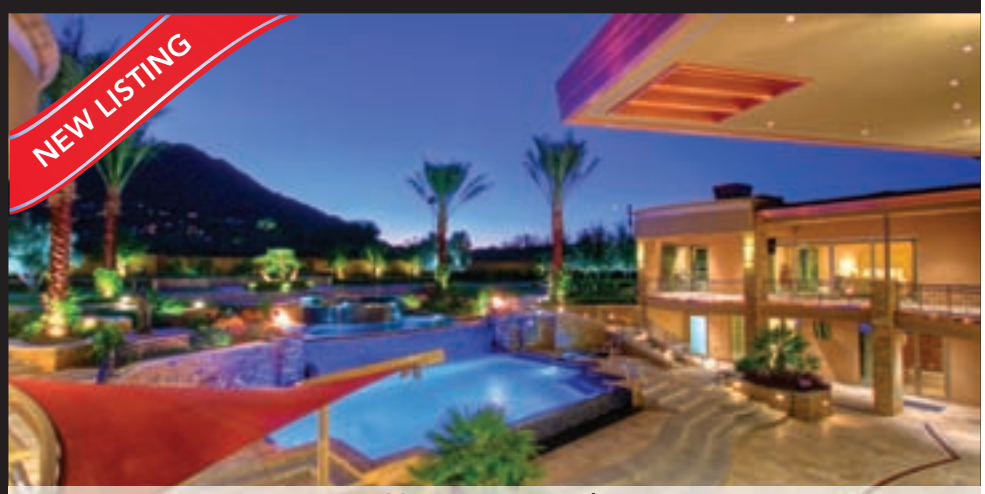
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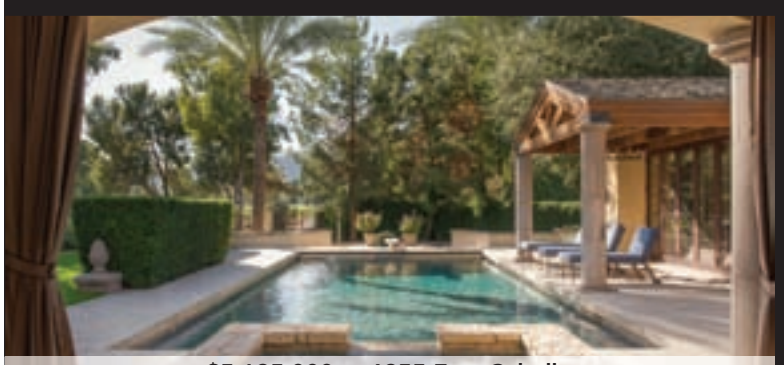
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