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The Phoenix Zoo Endangered Species Carousel is designed to make young children aware of animal species that are in danger of extinction.

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EDITOR'S NOTE

April is an outdoor month for our area. It's the time of the year where we all begin to feel the mortality of the season, when we realize that there's only a finite amount of time before the heat arrives. In this issue of the *Arcadia News*, we're taking a look at one of the best local destinations for outdoor activity: Papago Park!

What is unique about Papago (page 32) is how many different activities there are to take part in when you spend a day in the park. There's an archery range, a disk golf course, and a fishing lagoon. Nearby are Phoenix favorites like the Phoenix Zoo and the Desert Botanical Garden. And of course, there's Hole-in-the-Rock, one of the most famous hikes in the area.

One of the most well-known events in the neighborhood is taking place this month. Team Taylor has been raising money for SIDS research for the past six years with their annual Arcadia Fun Run 5K (page 22) and this year's race is looking to have its biggest turnout yet. Runners will hit the course at 8 a.m. on April 22nd, with an afterparty to be held at O.H.S.O.

Also featured in our April edition is the Wrigley Mansion (page 38). Most residents recognize the unique looking house that sits high on a hill in Phoenix, but few know the interesting reason it was built, and why it is still around today. It is also the 60th anniversary of Arcadia High School (page 29), and we're taking a look back at some of the best moments that have taken place at 47th St. and Indian School.

And speaking of Arcadia High School, they've got themselves a new football coach. Read all about Coach Taylor's plans for rebuilding the Titans program (page 52).

As always, I encourage you to reach out to me with any story ideas, suggestions or feedback. Many of our best neighborhood stories are made possible by loyal readers who contact us. We hope you enjoy this April 2018 edition – and thank you for reading the *Arcadia News*!

— Nick Smith
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Katha Merucci teaches fourth grade at St. Thomas Catholic School.

THIS MONTH'S WINNER: Katha Merucci – St. Thomas
NOMINATED BY: Lilly Tigie

Tell us about your background and why you decided to be a teacher.

I'm a native of Scottsdale. I went to Northern Arizona University and took a class on teaching. I just found that it was something I was good at.

When I was a kid, I didn't even like school. It was hard for me and looking back I wonder if I may have had a learning disability. I was just never really good at it. But as a result of not liking school and not being able to learn things quickly, I had to come up with tricks. And I think that ties into the way I teach.

Talk about your teaching style.

The way I teach is untraditional in a way. I'll use singing, dancing, rhymes, all kinds of methods. But I always felt like I needed to teach that way. I wanted to use the creativity that had helped me, to teach lessons to my kids. It's a strategy, if you make learning fun, kids will love learning!

What is it about 4th graders that you love?

I had always wanted to teach fourth graders. They're still so little, that's important to remember. They are just eight and nine years old in the fourth grade, but they're also getting to a place where they're old enough to do anything. I could spend a class teaching them how to write a paragraph, but I could also have them write a five-paragraph essay too. They're at a point where they're still children who love their teacher, but they're also starting to work on things that older kids do!

How do you try and make subjects come alive for the students?

I'm the mom who takes my two children places and always makes them take pictures. So, I'll use those pictures in the



classroom. If we go to Flagstaff, here's a picture of us at Mount Humphreys. Or here we are at the courthouse in Prescott. It shows them that these are real places.

One thing I also do is try to bring guest speakers in any time I can. We had a couple gentlemen from the military last year who visited during a lesson on the flag and they taught the kids how to fold it properly. Sandy Brondello, the coach of the Phoenix Mercury, came in and brought the Olympic medals with her to show the kids! Sarah Smith, who works for the President, came by. She plans trips for the President by organizing everything weeks in advance, and she talked to the kids about what it was like to fly on Air Force One.

When these people come in and speak, I always tell the kids to remember that Ms. Smith or Ms. Brondello were in the fourth grade once too. I have the speakers talk about what being in the fourth grade was like for them. It's a great way to show the students that they have a pretty cool future ahead of them. I tell my kids, dream big, it can happen!

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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(1/01/2018-2/28/2018)

Active Homes - 202 homes
Homes Sold - 33 homes
Average Sale Price - \$1,118,000
Average Sold \$ Per SF - \$346
Average Days On Market - 137 days

There is currently 9 months of home inventory. (based on 2017 sales results)
2018 home sales have decreased 22% this year. (based on 2017 sales results)
2018 home prices have decreased 2%. (based on 2017 sales results)
2018 \$ Per Square Foot prices have increased 1%. (based on 2017 sales results)
2018 homes are taking 15% more time to sell. (based on 2017 sales results)

2017 HOPI SCHOOL DISTRICT SALES RESULTS

Homes Sold - 276 homes
Average Sale Price - \$1,140,000
Average Sold \$ Per SF - \$332
Average Days On Market - 116 days

2016 HOPI SCHOOL DISTRICT YEAR END SALES RESULTS

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

2018 TAVAN SCHOOL DISTRICT SALES RESULTS

(1/01/2018-2/28/2018)

Active Homes - 79 Homes
Homes Sold - 33 Homes
Average Sale Price - \$635,000
Average Sold \$ Per SF - \$268
Average Days On Market - 78 days

There is currently 4 months of home inventory. (based on 2017 sales results)
2018 home sales have decreased 15% this year. (based on 2017 sales results)
2018 home prices have increased 4%. (based on 2017 sales results)
2018 \$ Per Square Foot prices have increased 4%. (based on 2017 sales results)
2018 Homes are taking 0% more time to sell. (based on 2017 sales results)

2017 TAVAN SCHOOL DISTRICT SALES RESULTS

Homes Sold - 241 Homes
Average Sale Price - \$612,000
Average Sold \$ Per SF - \$257
Average Days On Market - 78 days

2016 TAVAN SCHOOL DISTRICT YEAR END SALES RESULTS

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The wonderful world of lemons

By Sara Lemons Vaules

As Lemons is my given last name, this fruit that can do so many wonderful things is near and dear to my heart. As most of us know, its zesty flavor can be amazing in cooking, I thought we could focus on what it can do as a cleaner and deodorizer for your home.

Lemons are a useful, economical addition to any home and readily available in Arcadia!

Instead of a history of our topic, here is an overview of several varieties of lemons.

- The Bonnie Brae is oblong, smooth, thin-skinned and seedless, mostly grown in San Diego.

- The Eureka grows year-round and is the common supermarket lemon, also known as Four Seasons because of its ability to produce fruit and flowers together throughout the year.

- The Sorrento or Femminello St. Teresa is native to Italy and is traditionally used in making Limoncello.

- The Meyer is a cross between a lemon and possibly an orange or mandarin and is thin-skinned and slightly less acidic than Eureka lemons.

- Lastly, the Ponderosa is more cold-sensitive than true lemons and is likely a citron-lemon hybrid.

For cleaning and deodorizing with lemons, the possibilities are endless! Here are some favorites for you to try:

- Cleaning shower doors – Working through hard water deposits is easy with lemon juice. Simply cut a lemon in half and rub it over your glass shower doors to remove buildup, or add the juice to a sponge and scrub the tough spots. Adding a touch of Borax can help with really stubborn stains. Rinse with warm water and your doors will shine and smell great.



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- Clean copper, brass and aluminum – Cut a lemon in half and sprinkle the sliced side with a generous amount of sea salt. This can be used as a scouring pad to shine up copper, brass and aluminum surfaces.

- As a bleach – By adding a cup of lemon juice to your laundry, you can replace chlorine bleach. It does a wonderful job of whitening and leaves a refreshing, lemony scent on your clothing.

- Clean your microwave – Cleaning your microwave with lemons will make that yucky chore so much easier.

Squeeze some lemon juice into water, drop the rinds in and microwave. The boiling liquid will condense on the sides, loosening gunk and dissolving food splatters. All you need to do after that is use a towel to wipe everything clean!

- Deodorizing – There are several easy ways to deodorize with lemons:

- Soak a sponge in lemon juice and place it inside the fridge to absorb odors.

- Place one cup of juice in the bottom of an empty dishwasher and run the rinse cycle.

- Toss a few lemon rinds in your garbage disposal and grind while running hot water and it will deodorize and add a great smell.

- To freshen the air, simply place two lemons cut in half in a bowl (cut side up) and place it in any problem areas.

— 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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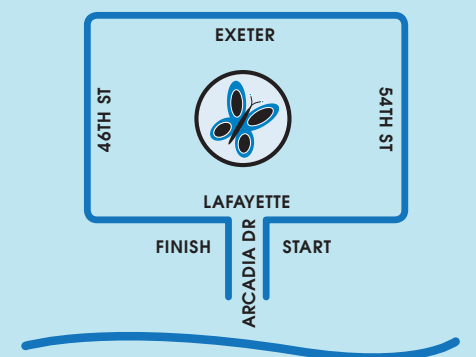
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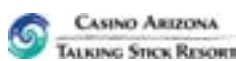
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2018 continues to be another barn burner for the Phoenix market as inventory valleywide is critically low. There are only 17,394 homes currently for sale on the MLS. For perspective, there were approximately 48,000 homes for sale at the peak of the market in 2006-2007. Yes, that was 48,000 homes! Today's market isn't acting irrational, it is just a factor of supply/demand and ultra low interest rates. While interest rates will continue to rise, we may be short of supply for sometime as most homeowners have "strong" hands. By strong hands I mean that current homeowners are probably not willing to sell unless there is some compelling outside motivation to sell such as a job transfer or need for more space. It is hard for homeowners in today's market to give up their lower price basis and then be able to find something comparable to what they have now on the back end if they did sell.

While Arcadia Proper isn't following the low inventory trend, buyers are definitely having to fight for the limited new construction inventory in the neighborhood. A lot of new builds are being pre-sold before they even hit the market, while the "tweener" homes continue to be slow sellers. It is no secret that buyers want new and they are willing to pay for it.

In Arcadia Lite and Biltmore, low inventory and a renaissance of the area seems to be driving prices much higher. There are only 25 homes for sale in Arcadia Lite at the moment and none of those 25 are under \$500,000. New developments are taking shape and younger buyers gravitating to the area are having trouble breaking into the market at these elevated prices. Regardless of the general market, Arcadia Lite will continue to push prices for years to come in my opinion.

As always, I'm here to provide value. If you have any questions or would like guidance in the market please do not hesitate to call or text me at 602-561-0445. Our doors are also open 7 days a week just north of LGO on 40th Street.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING, ARCADIA?

FRIDAY 4/6

Fore Paws Golf Tournament

6:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. at the Camelback Golf Club, 7847 N. Mockingbird Lane, Scottsdale. The Advantage Mortgage Group is proud to sponsor the 2018 Fore Paws Golf Tournament. A shotgun signal will start off the event; groups will play 18 holes to benefit Gabriel's Angels, a program that uses pet therapy for at-risk kids. Enjoy a day of golf with four legged friends. Registration is \$250 per person. For more: gabrielsangels.org.

SATURDAY 4/7

Kid Fest

10 a.m. – 1 p.m. at Friendship Park, 12325 W. McDowell Road, Avondale. Today is dedicated to the kids. The Kid Fest will focus on early education, nutrition, water safety and child development and well-being. There will be presentations, story times, face painting, live entertainment and kids even have the chance to meet some of their favorite animated characters. This event is free. For more: avondalekidfest.com.



Fore Paws Golf Tournament at the Camelback Golf Club in Scottsdale.

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3 – 7 p.m. at Salt River Fields, 7555 N. Pima Road, Scottsdale. Wine lovers, get ready for a special day! The AZ Wine Festival at Salt River Fields will feature over 50 wineries from around the world with over 100 different wines to taste. There will also be gourmet food trucks and live musical entertainment. Enjoy the weather and a glass of vino! Tickets are \$55 for general admission. For more: uncorkedwinefestivals.com.

SAT. 4/7 – SUN. 4/8

Orchid Fest

9 a.m. – 4 p.m., 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. at Berridge Nursery, 4647 E. Camelback Road, Phoenix. If orchids are your favorite flower, this is an event you won't want to miss! Berridge Nursery's Orchid Fest will be chock full of displays, workshops on growing and culture topics, a plant sale and raffle, and a vote for best in show. Learn

something new among the beauty of the Orchid. This event is free. For more: dvos-az.com.

FRI. 4/13 – SUN. 4/15

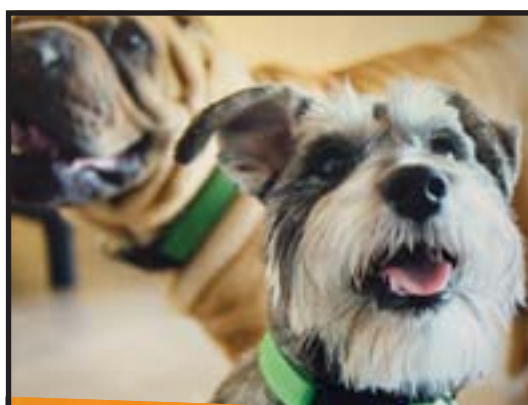
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SATURDAY 4/14

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Sandcastles on 7th

9 a.m. – 4 p.m. at the Children's Museum of Phoenix, 215 N. 7th St., Phoenix. We're bringing the beach to 7th Street! The Children's Museum presents Sandcastles on 7th, a day of sand and beach activities for everyone. There will be a sandcastle building competition with the guys from "Sand Masters" on the Travel Channel, but you can vote for your favorite while enjoying live music,



Sandcastles on 7th at the Children's Museum of Phoenix.

entertainment and snacks! Tickets are \$12. For more: childrensmuseumofphoenix.org.

SAT. 4/14 – SUN. 4/15

Scottsdale Culinary Festival

Noon – 9 p.m., Noon-6 p.m. at the Scottsdale Civic Center, 3939 N. Drinkwater Blvd., Scottsdale. It's the Culinary Festival – need we say more? This weekend guests will experience more than 40 local restaurants' best creations, listen to 20 different live bands, watch cooking challenges and demos, play in the family zone and sip

on delicious cocktails. Tickets are \$15 for general admission with VIP packages available. For more: scottsdalefest.org.

My Nana's Best Tasting Salsa Challenge

10 a.m. – 6 p.m. and 4 p.m. at Sloan Park, 2330 W. Rio Salado Pkwy., Mesa. It's time to get your salsa on! The Best Tasting Salsa Challenge is two days full of all things salsa. Local chefs will feature their best salsas, and you get to taste more than 100 samples, then vote for your favorite. There will also be live music and a margarita and beer garden. Tickets are \$15. For more: salsachallenge.com.

WEDNESDAY 4/18

Marketing and Social Media Workshop

6 – 7:30 p.m. at the Phoenix Public Library's Juniper Branch, 1825 W. Union Hills Dr., Phoenix. The Phoenix Public Library's many locations are now offering entrepreneur and small business owner workshops around the Valley! This month is "Optimizing Your Marketing Emails," where you can learn to manage client/customer emails and increase your visibility in today's marketplace. This workshop is free. For more: phoenixpubliclibrary.org.

FRIDAY 4/20

Spring Dance Fest

7:30 p.m. at the Paul V. Galvin Playhouse, 51 E. Tenth St., Tempe. Come out and support the dance program at ASU with the Spring Dance Fest. This program will showcase not only the student choreographers, but also pieces from faculty, visiting artists as well as alumni. Dance the night away with ASU's Spring Dance Fest. Tickets are \$16. For more: asuevent.asu.edu.



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SATURDAY 4/21

Southwest Cajun Fest

Noon – 9 p.m. at Dr. AJ Chandler Park, 125 E. Commonwealth Ave., Chandler. Sponsored by Abita Brewing Company, the Southwest Cajun Fest is back again! Get ready for an afternoon of New Orleans culture with regional food dishes such as crawfish and jambalaya, eating competitions, brass ensembles, live music, a kids zone and more. Tickets are \$15 for general admission. For more: southwestcajunfest.com.

Dark Sky Festival

3 – 10 p.m. at the Fountain Hills Community Center, 13001 N. La Montana Dr., Fountain Hills. Celebrating



Southwest Cajun Fest at Dr. AJ Chandler Park in Chandler.

the new designation of the Fountain Hills Community Center, there will be various keynote speakers discussing Earth and the night sky. There will also be a mobile planetarium, art contests, animal display and a star party so you can see sun spots and star formations. This event is free. For more: fhdarksky.com

Earth Day and Arbor Day Celebration

9 a.m. – Noon at the Environmental Education Center at Veterans Oasis Park, 4050 E. Chandler Heights Road, Chandler. Celebrate this great planet that we call home! The Environmental Education Center will hold presentations on how to live

an eco-friendlier lifestyle, as well as hosting hands-on activities, live animal presentations, vendors and exhibits. This event is free. For more: chandleraz.gov.

Phoenix Writer's Club

Noon – 2 p.m. at Bluewater Grill, 1720 E. Camelback Road, Phoenix. Come out and enjoy lunch and a guest speaker with the Phoenix Writer's Club! This month's speaker is Susan Pohlman, who will be speaking about her experiences as a freelance writer and retreat leader based out of Phoenix. She has also published a book and six short films. Lunch is included with the presentation. Tickets are \$25. For more: phoenixwritersclub.com.

SAT. 4/21 – SUN. 4/22

Arab-American Festival

4 – 9 p.m. at Steele Indian School Park, 300 E. Indian School Road, Phoenix. The Arab American Festival will feature multiple international singers, dancers, musicians and performers from the Arab nation, plus folklore shows, belly dancing, an authentic food court, kids zone and vendor village. Tickets are \$5. For more: arabamericanfestival.org.



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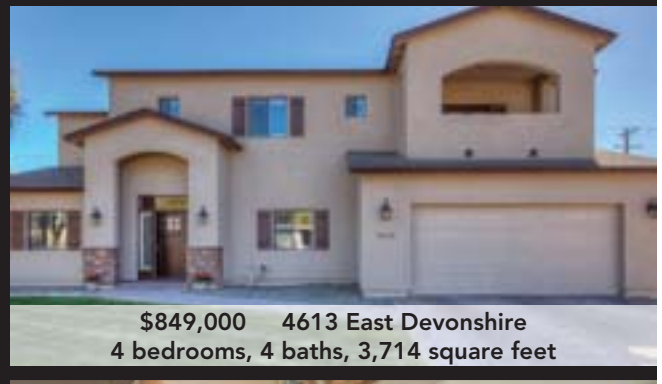
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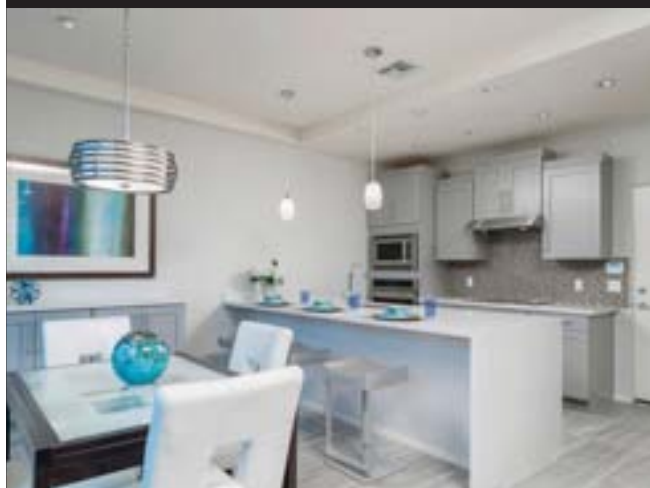
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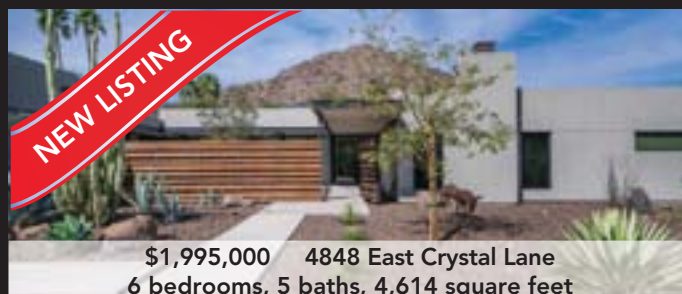
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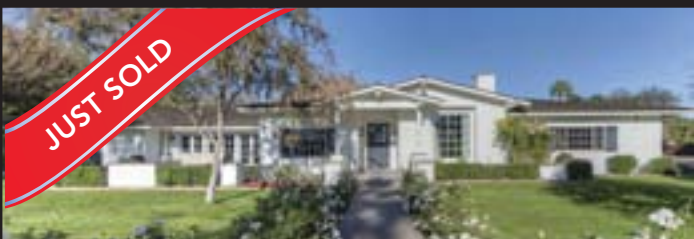
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WHAT'S HAPPENING, ARCADIA?

SUNDAY 4/22

Arcadia Family Fun Run

8 a.m. starting at 48th St. and Canal. The 6th annual Team Taylor Arcadia Fun Run is here! Starting near O.H.S.O., participants will run or walk through the Arcadia neighborhood in remembrance of Taylor Paige Cosmas and other children who lost their lives to Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS). Team Taylor raised \$142,000 last year, and this year's goal is \$160,000 with 1,200 participants to benefit SIDS research, education and prevention. Registration is \$35 and this event is for all ages. For more: teamtayloraz.com.



6th Annual Team Taylor Arcadia Fun Run in Arcadia.

SATURDAY 4/28

JDRF Rock and Run

6 p.m. at Sloan Park, 2330 W. Rio Salado Pkwy., Mesa. Get those running shoes on and prepare to rock out! The JDRF is a 5/10K run to raise funds and awareness for Type 1 Diabetes. Participants will also be able to attend a post run party with food, drinks, and live music. Registration is \$35 for the 5K and \$45 for the 10K. For more: jdrf.org.

Ameri-Can Beer Festival

3 – 7 p.m. at the Margaret T. Hance Park, 67 W. Culver St., Phoenix. It's the 8th annual American Canned Craft Beer Festival, celebrating all things craft beer. There will be more than 250 canned craft brews from around the country to sample, plus a beer science garden, live music, food trucks and games. Tickets are \$35. For more: cannedcraftbeerfest.com.

The Original Taste

7 p.m. at the Scottsdale Waterfront, 7135 E. Camelback Road, Scottsdale. Enjoy an evening of fun and food at the Original Taste event. This event was started in 1975 and continues to grow in popularity. Guests are invited to sample bites and beverages served from restaurants around the Valley. Proceeds from this event go toward the Executive Council Charities such as PCH and the Boys

and Girls Club. General admission is \$75 with VIP packages available. For more: ec70phx.com.

SUNDAY 4/29

Junk in the Trunk Vintage Market

9 a.m. – 4 p.m. at WestWorld, 16601 N. Pima Road, Scottsdale. If you're searching for the perfect vintage item, this is the place to find it! The Junk in the Trunk Vintage Market has all of your vintage needs, from clothing to furniture, knick-knacks and everything in between. Also happening on Saturday, you can enjoy a drink and a bite to eat while shopping until you drop! General admission tickets are \$8. For more: junkinthetrunkvintagemarket.com.

Dia Del Nino

9 a.m. – 4 p.m. at the Phoenix Zoo, 455 N. Galvin Pkwy., Phoenix. Phoenix Zoo presents Dia Del Nino, a day of fun for everyone! Guests will celebrate Latin culture with live music, Folklorico dancers, Lucha Libre wrestling, piñatas, mariachi, face painting and crafts. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$15 for kids. For more: phoenixzoo.org.

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SUNDAY 4/1

Easter Celebration

9 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the Avalon Gardens, 2074 Pendleton Dr., Tumacacori. It might be a bit of a drive, but it will be worth it for this day of fun! Avalon Gardens will celebrate Easter with Easter games, hayrides, pony rides, face painting, live music, dancing, food, and of course an Easter egg hunt! Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for kids. Lunch is extra. For more: avalongardens.org.

SATURDAY 4/7

Blessing of the Vineyards Festival

10 a.m. – 4 p.m. at the Sonoita Vineyards, 290 Elgin-Canelo Road, Elgin. It's the 40th annual Blessing of the Sonoita Vineyards! Guests will enjoy wine tastings, a souvenir giveaway, wine and food pairings, and factory and vineyard tours and also receive a souvenir wine glass. Tickets are \$25. For more: sonoitavineyards.com.

Texas Canyon Trail Run

7:30 a.m. at the Amerind Museum, 2100 N. Amerind Road, Dragoon. The Amerind Museum presents the Texas Canyon Trail Run, an experience that will take runners through the Texas



Easter Celebration at the Avalon Gardens in Tumacacori.

Canyon, which is not normally open to the public. There is a 5K and a 10K and allows participants free admission to the museum after the race. Registration is \$30- \$40. For more: amerind.org.

SAT. 4/14 – SUN. 4/15

Family Campout

Times vary, at Fool Hollow State Park, 1500

Fools Hollow Road, Show Low. Take a break from the city and head to Show Low for a weekend family campout! This program aims to provide camping techniques and necessities for the whole family, such as cooking outside, hiking, archery, fishing, astronomy and more. Attendance is \$90 for a family of four. For more: azstateparks.com.

SATURDAY 4/14

Lanterns at the Lake

4 – 9:30 p.m. at Pleasant Harbor, 8708 W. Harbor Blvd., Peoria. Light up the night sky at Lake Pleasant! There will be live music, food trucks, vendors and kids activities. Then, when the sky goes dark, thousands of illuminated lanterns will fill the night sky. Tickets are \$25. For more: pleasantharbor.com.

SUNDAY 4/15

Taste of Chocolate

2 – 4 p.m. at the Doubletree Reid Park, 445 S. Alvernon Way, Tucson. Chocolate lovers far and wide, head to Tucson for Rincon Rotary's 10th Annual Taste of Chocolate! Local chefs will be on site sharing their delicious treats to sample and vote for your favorite. There will also be a raffle as well as beer and wine tastings. Proceeds will benefit local teachers through the Rotary Local. Tickets are \$15. For more: tucsontasteofchocolate.org.

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FRI. 4/20 – SUN. 4/22

Home and Garden Expo

Times Vary, at the Mohave County Fairgrounds, 2600 Fairgrounds Blvd., Kingman. Looking for new ideas to spruce up your home and garden? Look no further than the Home and Garden Expo in Kingman! You'll find landscaping and gardening ideas, plus experts showcasing their talents in every department. Plus, there will be a carnival and games for the kids, food and a vendor market. For more: mcfairgrounds.org.



Kaleidoscope of Color at Mortimer Nursery in Prescott.

SATURDAY 4/21

March for Mental Health

7 a.m. at the Rothery Education Center, 3555 E. Fry Blvd., Sierra Vista. The March for Mental Health is a 5K dedicated to raising support and awareness for mental health, supported by the National Alliance on Mental Illness Southeastern Arizona. After the march there will be food and live entertainment. There is no cost to participate. For more: marchformentalhealth.org.

Old Town Arts Festival

11 a.m. – 6 p.m. East of Main St. in Old

Town Cottonwood. Take a drive and head to Cottonwood for a good, old fashioned Arts Festival. Attendees can browse through fine art from Arizona artists, listen to live entertainment, participate in wine tastings, and watch farm to table demos hosted by Muse Bistro. For more: oldtownartsfest.com.

SAT. 4/21 – SUN. 4/22

Chili Cook Off and Salsa Challenge

11 a.m. – 5 p.m. at the Kief-Joshua Vineyards, 370 Elgin Road, Elgin. Two foods come together for a weekend of delicious fun! Kief-Joshua Vineyards will host the Chili and Salsa Challenge, where cooks from the Southwest

compete to see who's best! Guests will also be able to taste local wine from four vineyards in the area. Tickets are \$10 and \$15 for wine tasting. For more: kj-vineyards.com.

SATURDAY 4/28

Kaleidoscope of Color

10 a.m. – 3 p.m. at Mortimer Nursery, 3166 Willow Creek Road, Prescott. The Prescott Area Iris Society presents Kaleidoscope of Color, a day dedicated to Iris! Attendees will see an abundance of the flower in every color and pattern! You can vote for your favorite, plus listen and learn about planting and care for plants and pick up a few to take home. This event is free. For more: prescottirissociety.org.

West Fest and Ranch Rodeo

Times vary, at the Quail Drive Sports Park, 801 N. Quail Dr., Willcox. Saddle up for a day full of cowboys and cattle! The West Fest showcases cowboys competing in real life ranch work, such as sorting cattle, branding, wild cow milking and bronco riding. There will also be food and entertainment. Tickets are \$5. For more: cattlecapitol.com.



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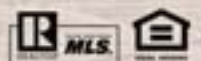
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Millennials embrace family travel more than other Gens

By Michelle Donati-Grayman

An estimated 88 million Americans plan to take family vacations this year, and millennials are embracing these getaways more than any other generation.

Just like generations before them, millennials see a family vacation as one of the best ways to create memories and reconnect with loved ones. According to research from AAA Travel, 44 percent of millennials are planning a family getaway this year, compared with 39 percent of Generation Xers and 32 percent of Baby Boomers.

Hot family travel trends this year also include trips abroad – planned by 35 percent of families planning to travel, with the most popular destinations based on travel bookings including Cancun, Mexico; Punta Cana, Dominican Republic; and Montego Bay, Jamaica. For families staying stateside, nearly two-thirds of those planning vacations will travel by car despite the highest gas prices seen since 2014.

Additional AAA family travel highlights for 2018:

• **Families are taking more trips per year.** One in four (27 percent) traveling families is planning to take three or more family vacations over the next year, 12 percent more than in 2016.

• **Family travelers are looking for new experiences.** Three-quarters (73 percent) of families who are planning a vacation this year want to go somewhere they have not previously visited.

• **Families are seeking R&R.** Families are choosing destinations with attractions such as beaches and mountains (61 percent), opportunities for sightseeing (59 percent) and relaxation (56 percent).

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To help families even further, AAA's inspectors have identified some of their favorite family-friendly hotels for 2018. To learn more and begin planning a trip, visit aaa.com/traveltips.



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SOLD! Estate sales v. auctions

By Tom Helms and Jeff Pearson

Everyone at one time or another will be faced with having to sell an estate, and it is the astute person in charge who makes the decision that everyone must live with for the rest of their lives.

Dilemmas and questions are often overwhelming and making the right choice on what to do with your family's personal property can become a CSI investigation.

Many factors must be considered: the time of year (Arizona heat vs. the snowbirds during the winter season), quality, condition, location (some communities don't allow estate sales or on-site auctions), type of items to be sold, expectations, family situations and concerns.

Most important is what do you have in the estate? A third party with no underlying desire or connections such as an appraiser, should be hired to help direct decisions regarding what's being sold and what direction to take.

Most people tend to rely on the estate sale as the only road to take when selling the property. In some cases, it might be the best path. However, there are several concerns that should be addressed. Reputation and referrals need to be thoroughly checked. Contract restrictions and fine print need to be carefully read and understood, as some contracts can leave the owner almost defenseless.

Avoid signing if you are not allowed to be on the premises during the sale, and most important is that you have a clear understanding about the responsibilities regarding theft and liability issues, fees and commissions. It is utmost crucial to know and have the proof to realize that the estate sale company is a business and must have its own insurance. You MUST ask for a copy. If something happens and the business has no insurance, it can become a nasty situation for you.

ASK THE APPRAISERS

Additionally, watch for these major red flags when selecting an estate sale company.

The perfect estate sale specialist DOES NOT:

- Own a shop
- Deal antiques
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- Appraise the estate and then act as the seller's agent

These major conflicts of interest indicate the company is not representing the estate at "arms-length," as it should if it is reputable. Run from such companies and situations.

The other method of selling is one of the oldest methods used: the auction.

At times, an auction alone and/or a combination might be the best method. Upper-end property tends to do better when it is open to a number of people who may want to own it. Competition is created when the bidders set the price and not the estate sale specialist and the lucky buyer who is the first through the door gets first dibs of the "trophy." A transparent auction exposes the property to a larger audience.

Selecting an auction house requires the same diligence as selecting an estate sale company. Do the research and learn who you are dealing with! Should selected properties be sent to a national auction, local auction, or an on-site auction venue? Just as there are questionable estate sale specialists, likewise, there are questionable auction houses. Again, a knowledgeable, experienced appraiser can help you navigate the maze.

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Sixth annual Arcadia Fun Run kicks off April 22

By Kelly Potts

If you live in the Arcadia neighborhood, you've probably already heard of Team Taylor.

Taylor Paige Cosmas passed away in April of 2010 of SIDS (Sudden Infant Death Syndrome) at five months old. Most parents can hardly imagine how anyone could resume their life after such a tragedy.

But Mark and Katie Cosmas were determined to honor their daughter by creating a way to raise money for SIDS research. Team Taylor began in 2011, as the largest running team at ASU's Pat's Run with more than 170 members outfitted in the light blue Team Taylor shirts. \$4,000 was raised, which seemed like a lot at the time. But it was only the beginning.

The following year, the team raised \$25,000. In 2013, Mark, Katie, and their friends and family put together the Arcadia Family Fun Run. Six years later, the event has become a place where families from all over the Valley who have been affected by SIDS can remember and honor their babies.

"We're so proud of how the event has grown and really organically taken on a life of its own," said Mark. "We've got so many great friends, committee members and board members who help us spread the word."

This year's Team Taylor - Arcadia Family Fun Run 5k takes place through the Arcadia



Since its inception in 2011, Team Taylor has raised nearly \$600,000 for SIDS research.

neighborhood on April 22, during the peak of the spring season. The event will take place from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. and will begin at 48th St. and the Canal. After the race, runners can head to O.H.S.O. where the afterparty will be held.

"We've brewed a Team Taylor beer at O.H.S.O.," said Mark. "It will be tapped the day of the event! Also we will have

vendors from our store iRun, with shoes that people can try on."

The goal for Team Taylor in 2018 is to have 1,200 participants in this year's Fun Run and raise \$160,000 for SIDS Research Education and Prevention. Each Arcadia Family Fun Run 5k event raises money for leading SIDS researcher Dr. Hannah Kinney of Boston Children's Hospital and

safe sleep education programs.

"I have people tell me all the time how this is their favorite event of the year," said Mark. "People even come home early from spring break for it. It's just been amazing to see how the community has grabbed onto this."

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Why do video game movies have trouble booting up?

By Eric Luse



If comic book superheroes can reign supreme at the box office, why can't video game heroes? Some of the greatest characters in pop culture have had their reputations tarnished by bad movie adaptations. One of the most infamous was in transferring Super Mario to the big screen in 1993.

Most of the time these video game movies under-perform in the United States and end up doing well in other countries. Why don't American audiences accept video game movies or why are video game movies so terrible?

There's a fundamental three act structure that American movies adhere to, which includes the Setup, Confrontation and Resolution. But the idea that this same structure of storytelling can be applied to any medium isn't necessarily true. What works narratively for a book may be outright boring in a film. Stephen King is a brilliant writer, but filmmakers have a hard time adapting the majority of his work to the three-act structure of film. Video games suffer a similar fate.

In speaking with avid gamers, they had specific ideas on the disconnect between source material and adaptation.

"Most games don't have enough story. They give you just enough that it gives you a reason to go along on the adventure," said Mateo Hobbs, video game fan and up and coming filmmaker. "When you strip away the experiential part, it leaves the audience unfulfilled. Like going to buffet and watching the characters eat rather than getting to eat yourself."

With movies, it's still a story you are being told as oppose to a game, which is a story you live through. Movies like *Wreck-It-Ralph*, *Scott Pilgrim* and *Ready Player One* utilize video game details with characters gaining extra lives and "Level-Ups" but are not adapted from any one game. 2013's *Gravity* and 2015's *Hardcore Henry* try to place you in the shoes of the

REEL TALK

main characters, the latter being completely POV. They still miss a key element that separates film and video games: choice.

"What keeps you intrigued about a video game is being able to play it and control the outcome, and the storyline of the video game depends on you," said gamer Tim Lamanna. "As a result, you feel you're part of the story."

Jurassic Park still ends the same way every time you watch it. If you fall asleep during a Marvel movie, they still win the day...we assume. Video games place importance on the audience. The game is counting on you to finish and win. Some gamers accept the story structure barrier and wish filmmakers would be brave enough to stand proudly by the games they adapt.

"The *Warcraft* movie worked because they did not shy away from the source material, they owned it" declared computer engineer and gamer, Matt Mulvaney.

It seems possible to have filmmakers embrace video game movies the same way they have embraced the whimsical and sometimes silly world of Marvel comics. Even if this were the case, there's still a fundamental difference in story language that will get lost in translation when adapting video games into motion pictures.

The science fiction world of the bestselling book and now film, *Ready Player One*, imagines a world where video games and movies collide into an immersive adventure. It may not be too far off to imagine VR headset technology becoming the bridge between video games and movies.

— Eric Luse 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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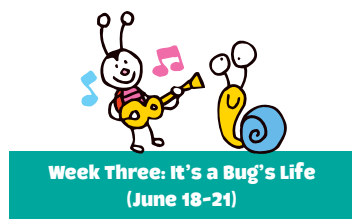
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Daring to take a leap out of your comfort zone

By Robin Sewell

Everyone has their list of daring things they'd love to do that are perhaps just a little too intimidating, a little scary or just out of reach. Maybe it's running the New York Marathon or hiking to the top of the highest mountain in Africa. Or maybe it's skydiving.

It was the first season of Arizona Highways Television and I wanted to dazzle our viewers with an extraordinary adventure. So I asked a friend of mine who knows no fear to let us film him and his best friend skydiving out of a hot air balloon. It was a cold morning in Eloy, Arizona, as we prepared to film this spectacular feat. Suddenly, we were told it's a no-go because there is just too much wind and they couldn't send up the balloon. So, I ad-libbed!

"Look, we are here at Skydive Arizona, the largest drop zone in the world," I said. "Let's just do a regular skydiving story." My director of photography looked at me and said, "Are you going to do it?"

I quickly shook my head. With a look of disgust on his face, he turned around and in his heavy German accent said, "Then we have no story!"

I don't know if I was intimidated, or just determined to at least pretend I was fearless, but I looked him in the eye and said, "Okay, I'll do it."



The next thing I knew, I was stepping into a flight suit while watching a video of all these people doing acrobatics in the air and giving the thumbs up sign as they glided to the ground. Next, my tandem instructor gave me pointers on what to do and not to do. Last but not least, I had to sign a waiver saying I wouldn't hold the company liable for any misfortune that should occur. That's certainly a sure-fire way to make any "wanna-be" warrior feel secure.

At that point, I should have ripped off the suit and made a mad dash for the car, but

instead, I was smiling and extremely calm. See truth be told, I had a secret that I wasn't telling anyone until we were 13,000 feet in the air. Only I knew that this was all a big charade and I was just pretending to go along with all of these shenanigans. Bottom line, I was never planning to jump!

As we began our ascent, my photographer was sitting across from me with his lens pointed directly at me looking for any hint of emotion. I remained stoic, going over in my head what I was going to say into the camera as I revealed that I had decided not

to jump. All of a sudden the doors flung open and my friends who were going to jump out of the balloon looked into the camera yelling, "this is Arizona Highways" as they leaped out of the plane. Before I could take a breath let alone utter a word, I was crouched at the edge of the plane. My instructor grabbed my chin pointed it to the camera and said, "smile, you're on candid camera," and I was out the door.

My heart was pounding out of my chest and I honestly thought I was having a heart attack. My instructor assured me I was hyperventilating and told me to take a deep breath. Seriously, doesn't he understand that this was not the way the story was supposed to happen!

When he finally pulled the rip cord, everything went suddenly still and it was so quiet that it was if there was no sound. We slowly drifted to the ground and instead of all the videos I watched of people with big smiles giving the thumbs up, I collapsed in a fetal position onto the grass sobbing like a baby. I don't know if I was happy to be alive or happy I overcame my fears. But regardless, I realized that sometimes we just need a little push to force us out of our comfort zone, or in my case, jumping out of a perfectly good airplane.

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



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Five destinations for a neighborhood picnic

By Elaina Verhoff

Orange blossoms! Bike rides! Glorious weather! Picnics! Forgive all the exclamation points, but it's easy to get a little giddy when spring has sprung. This brief window of 80-degree weather is like having the heavens open up and embrace us in a big Arizona-style hug. What better time to pack up the basket and enjoy a picnic? Here are a few of our favorite spots around town to dine al fresco.

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Let the kids work off their energy on the

playground or the bike and scooter paths of Arcadia Park, located at 56th Street and Indian School. Then convene at a picnic table, bench, or blanket on the hill for a bite to eat. Pack your own or grab some sandwiches from the nearby 56th Street Deli. Zoyo, Smoothie King, and Starbucks are all walking distance if you want to stroll over for something sweet to finish off your meal.

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A neighborhood favorite of the little tykes, Kachina Park, located at Campbell and 42nd Street, has plenty of room to fly a kite, play frisbee, or monkey around on the play equipment. Pack a picnic or grab takeout from nearby LGO or Ingo's and enjoy some fun in the sun. Kachina Park has plenty of picnic tables and shaded areas, but plan ahead, because this park has no bathrooms.

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Arcadia High School celebrates 60 years

By Mallory Gleich

Many schools have claims to fame, but not everyone can brag about having Steven Spielberg and Lynda Carter as former students. Arcadia High School is celebrating its 60th anniversary, and those six decades have provided a host of memorable kids, teachers and moments.

The school was opened in 1958 and housed around 40 teachers and 750 students. The central point of the school was a circular structure in the courtyard called Mount Olympus, which rose to the second story of the school and still stands today. The original campus was designed by Ron Henscheid of Taliesin West and was thought to be “futuristic and unique.”

In 2005, the school was approved for a massive rebuild, with construction starting almost immediately. The campus remained open during the construction, which was completed in 2008.

Mount Olympus is the only structure remaining from the original construction, which was initially used as a library and is now the location for teacher meeting rooms. Some say Mount Olympus was the inspiration for the spaceship in Spielberg’s “Close Encounters of the Third Kind.”

In 1982, there was major backlash in Scottsdale Unified School District because of the rumored closing of Scottsdale High School. After the opening of Coronado High, it was decided that either Scottsdale High or Arcadia High needed to close. In the end, the prevailing vote was for Arcadia to remain open, so Scottsdale High closed in May of 1983.

Today, Arcadia High School welcomes 1,750 students and 83 teachers.

“Arcadia is a very diverse school, and we embrace and celebrate our diversity. Our



Arcadia High School has its share of famous alumni, including Steven Spielberg and Lynda Carter.



Student Advisory Board puts a great deal of effort each year into planning activities that promote a positive and accepting school culture.” said Arcadia High math teacher Jen Dukelow. “The community feel here is very unique for a high school.”

Arcadia has twice won the Anti-Defamation League’s “No Place for Hate Award.” The school also won the Skills USA Graphic Design Contest and since 2010, has put on the Arcadia Film Festival featuring student-created films.

“The best part is, without a doubt, the community-feel of the school,” said librarian

Shawn Huffman. “This comes from the teachers, students and amazing community support that we receive as faculty at Arcadia. It truly is a wonderful place.”

The school also earned international attention during its more recent history for two “promposals” from students to a famous actress and a famous singer.

Jacob Staudenmaier sang his YouTube promposal to actress Emma Stone, based on her movie “La La Land.” Matt Peterson, who met Miley Cyrus in 2009, asked her to be his prom date.

Unfortunately, neither of the girls could

make it to prom, but Matt and Jacob’s videos reached fame on networks like CNN and E! News.

Arcadia boasts 18 sports programs and 50-60 clubs, some of which have earned awards of their own, including state championships.

“I love Arcadia because there is so much to do,” said senior Matt Schlenker. “I’m involved on the varsity swim team and as a student ambassador.”

“It’s great that there is so much to get involved in on our campus,” said sophomore Grace Schlenker, who also swims on the varsity swim team.

Some of the school’s longest serving teachers include Diana Cure from Advertising Art (who started in 1990), Dave Peterson in English (since 1995) and Dena Tufarelli in English Immersion Studies (since 1997).

Teachers who have been at one school for this long have seen numerous students achieve incredible accomplishments. They’ve also seen some of the most memorable pranks in school history.

Perhaps the most infamous was the time students hoisted a live cow onto the roof of the old library. There was also a VW Bug pushed onto the ramp of the old library as well.

“One time, the students placed a ‘borrowed’ Bob’s Big Boy statue on the roof of the old library. Unfortunately, Big Boy did not make it back down to ground in one piece, but his legend lives on,” Peterson said.

“I think Arcadia is special for so many reasons, but the tight-knit community-feel here is what truly sets it apart. Arcadia feels like my home, and the people here are like my family.” Dukelow said. “I cannot imagine going anywhere else for work each day.”

How ‘Two Pups’ saves countless animals

By Laura Cafiso

In this day and age, medical bills for our pets can sometimes exceed even our own. Lifelong Arcadia resident Nancy Silver, who co-owns The Paper Place in Old Town Scottsdale, witnessed that firsthand while her dogs were getting treated at the vet.

“I’d see people walk in with their sick dogs, and the veterinarians would just list everything that they’re going to do to your dog before they even touch them,” Silver said. “Then these poor people had to turn around and take their sick dog home.”

For many, the costs to treat their animals are beyond what they can afford.

Treating common ailments such as cruciate joint ailments in dogs can cost around \$3,480, while owners faced with a furry friend that swallowed something it wasn’t supposed to can expect to spend an average of \$1,755, according to Petplan, a provider of veterinary health insurance

In December 2016, Silver decided to step up and do something about this stark reality. She created Two Pups Wellness Fund (TPWF) to help local animals who need life-saving medical care, as a tribute to her beloved dogs, Mr. P and Miss Lacie, who were part of her family for more than 10 years.

“We ended up going to the Arizona Community



Mr. P and Miss Lacie were the inspiration for Two Pups Wellness Fund, which assists people with paying for expensive veterinarian bills.

Foundation...they hold the 501c3,” Silver said.

Founded in 1977, The Arizona Community Foundation’s mission is to lead, serve and collaborate, to mobilize enduring philanthropy for a better Arizona. The organization manages many local component funds and acts as the liaison between the Fund and recipients of donations.

The Fund’s managing committee aka “The Pack” is all in the family: Nancy Silver is “The Pups Mom.” Her sister Betsy, who co-owns The Paper Place with Nancy, is “The Guard Dog” and her brother and sister-in-law, Sara and Bob Silver, are “The Breeders.” The “Head of the Pack” or

Executive Director, is Bip Haley.

Two Pups has helped treat 140 pets since its inception, along with 125 pets and 101 strays that it helped saved from being put down. Most recently, they stepped in to help Maricopa County Animal Care and Control.

“I got a call on a Friday night at 9:30 p.m. telling me that the Eastside Shelter had a couple of dogs with “strep zoo” and it can run rampant,” Nancy said, remembering shelter director Mary Martin’s emotional plea in January 2018.

Streptococcus zooepidemicus or “strep zoo,” is a severe upper respiratory infection, that can be fatal if left untreated

The Maricopa County Board of Supervisors officially accepted a \$25,000 donation from TPWF to cover the cost of antibiotics to treat an outbreak of a potentially fatal transmittable disease at MCAC’s East Shelter.

“There were 330 dogs and one cat,” Nancy said.

“We only lost four,” Betsy added, considering the shelter could have lost 10 percent of the animals if they had not been treated.

When asked what she’s most proud of, Nancy says, “We save a dog a day.”

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PAPAGO PARK

A Phoenix Point of Pride

By Mallory Gleich

Nestled between Phoenix and Tempe is one of Arizona's most well-known destinations, a 1,200-acre spot of land known as Papago Park.

The official Phoenix Point of Pride's many features were formed in the prehistoric ages and have eroded over time into some of the most majestic mountains in the area. From 1914 to 1930, the park was known as the Papago Saguaro National Monument and was under federal jurisdiction. During that time, the park encompassed more than 2,000 acres until the city of Tempe took over the park.

Between 1933 and 1935, Papago Park was transformed when two fish hatcheries, ramadas, an amphitheater, barbecues, park

trails and paved roads were all added to the area, built by the Civilian Conservation Corps.

In 1938, the State Land Department granted the Arizona Cactus and Native Flora Society a permit for 308 acres, what has grown into the Desert Botanical Garden.

In 1942, a Prisoner of War camp was built for WWII and was also used as a veteran's hospital until 1953. By the 1960s most of the camp was torn down and now, only pieces of the guard towers remain. In the early 50s, many areas of the park were closed to the public due to people throwing trash into the fish hatcheries.

Then, in 1953, the city of Tempe sold 22 acres to Salt River Project Agricultural Improvement and in 1959, the city of

Phoenix bought 1,176 acres from the state, reopening the park in 1960.

Galvin Parkway, where the park is situated, opened in 1962. A golf course was added, as well as a softball and sports complex in 1975.

Arguably one of the most interesting points at Papago Park is the Hole in the Rock. This is a natural geological formation that opens up to a massive cave-like area where people can look out over the cities of Phoenix and Tempe. The park also has a television claim to fame as it was the finish line in the fourth season of "The Amazing Race." There are 10 different trails located at

Papago, ranging from easy to difficult. Maps provided at the start of the park explain the difficulty and which trail to follow.

"Papago Park is all-around awesome. There are a bunch of trails that can be easy to climb and you can take a seat in one of the caves. My favorite memory as a kid is driving by the Red Mountain and taking in all of the desert smells," said Tessa Ardestany, who has lived in Phoenix since the 1980s.

Along with the trails, Papago Park offers a multitude of different activities for people to enjoy. There are two fishing ponds filled to the brim with Rainbow



"My favorite memory as a kid is driving by the Red Mountain and taking in all of the desert smells."



Easter sunrise services used to be held in Papago Park. The well-known event, like this one from April 1934, would bring hundreds together to celebrate.

trout, Largemouth bass, Catfish, Tilapia and Carp. Patrons might also catch a glimpse of the Woodhouse Toad, Mexican Bat or turtles.

Papago also boasts an archery range, a public golf course, as well as baseball and softball complexes. The Phoenix Zoo, Desert Botanical Garden and Hall of Flame Museum also call this park home.

Located on one of the many hilltops is a small white pyramid encased by a fence. This landmark is known as Hunt's Tomb.

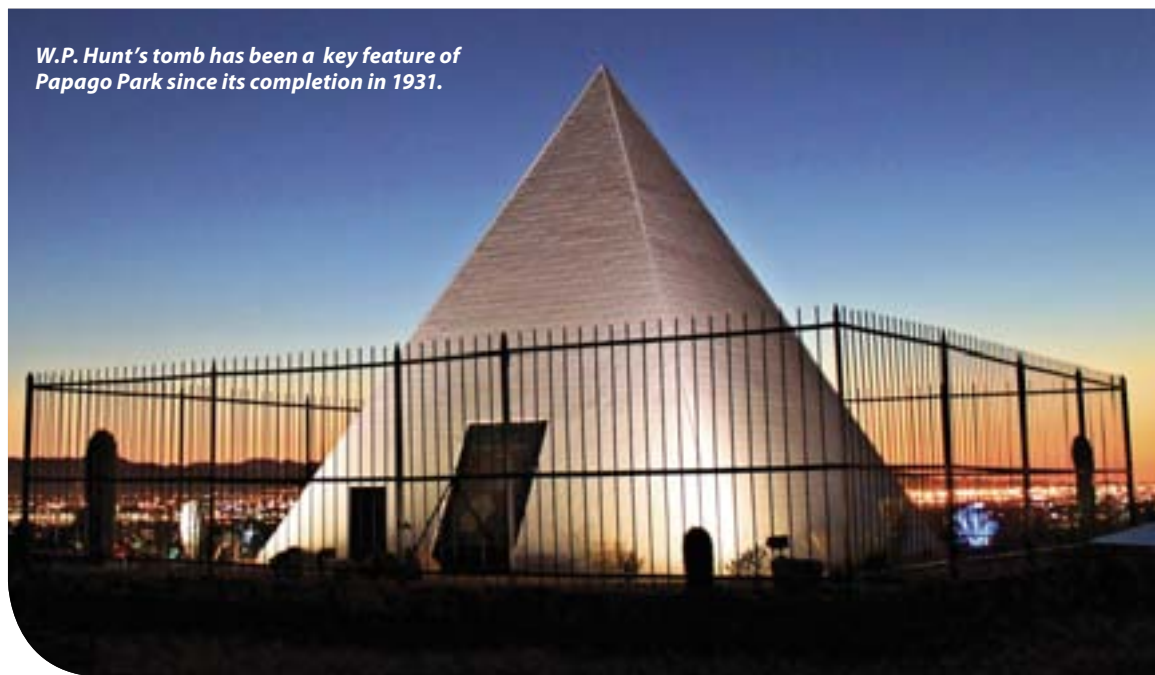
Designed by Thomas Maddock, the Secretary of the Colorado River Commission for Arizona, the tomb was built for the first, and only 7-time governor of Arizona, Geo. W.P. Hunt. Del Webb built the pyramid as a resting place for Hunt and his family. It was finished in 1931 and cost \$1,700.

As of right now, there are no future plans for changes to Papago Park. It will continue to be managed and maintained as it is, although there were public workshops in 2009-2010 to get the public's opinion about the park.

"Papago Park offers a variety of amenities and provides something for many different interests. The park provides residents and visitors a fun place to get outside, be active and stay fit, and helps improve quality of life," said Gregg Bach, who works for City of Phoenix Parks and Recreation.

From the multiple trails, to the red-rock buttes, from the fishing to the gorgeous views of the city, it's easy to see why Papago Park is one of the treasures and Points of Pride in the Valley of the Sun.

W.P. Hunt's tomb has been a key feature of Papago Park since its completion in 1931.



HOLE IN THE ROCK

Peering through history

By Elaina Verhoff

If you head to Papago Park on any fine spring day, you're sure to see a crowd at Hole in the Rock, a popular destination for tourists and locals alike.

The perfect spot for a quick hike and a beautiful view, Hole in the Rock is a sandstone rock formation that got its hollowed-out shape from natural erosion. And long before it was a backdrop for selfies and Instagram posts, this window on the world played a special role in the lives of the prehistoric Sonoran Desert dwellers called the Hohokam.

The Hohokam, known for their role in developing a network of irrigation canals, were farmers in the Salt River Valley and used the canals to water their crops. They were also astrologists, marking the movements of the heavenly bodies. By charting the sun's rays through a small hole in the ceiling, they created a calendar on the floor of the rock shelter that told them the year's solstices and equinoxes, and when to plant crops and mark traditional ceremonies. According to the sign at the trailhead, nearby boulders also played a role in marking these important events.

This historically significant spot was preserved as a designated archeological site, in part thanks to old postcards.

In 1913, Arizona's first congressman, Carl Hayden, had been getting nothing but rejection letters from the federal government in his quest to designate Papago as a national monument. Then he broke through by attaching five dime-store postcards to his correspondence with the land commissioner.

"It is believed that under the National Monument Act, the extraordinary forms of cacti shown in the postcards enclosed with your letter are of sufficient scientific interest to warrant their segregation and protection by the Government," the commissioner responded.

Over the years, many of the Hohokam petroglyphs were painted over with graffiti. In his history of Hole in the Rock, author Jason Gart shares the National Park Service's concerns about the desecration of the monument: Hand-painted on the monument by a host of local business firms, the writing disfigured the monument with endorsements of Goldberg's Men's Furnishers, Go to Hartwells for Photos, and White and Wesley Reliable Jewelers.

The next time you take out-of-town guests or a picnic lunch up to Hole in the Rock, take a moment to remember the special role this sandstone rock formation played in the lives of the Hohokam civilization. And if you've never been, go check it out. The smooth path around the back makes it an easy trip up to this unique geological formation.

DESERT BOTANICAL GARDEN — witness the beauty of spring

By Jennifer Marshall

Spring has sprung. Plants are flowering and birds are singing. And there's no better place to take it all in than at Desert Botanical Garden, which is about to celebrate its 80th birthday.

"This is the perfect time of year to come. March and April are our peak months," says Executive Director Ken Schutz.

You could say the old adage "necessity is the mother of invention" applies aptly to the Garden's establishment in 1939, as it was founded as a solution to a problem. The problem was the concern that the ever-expanding population of Phoenix, then at 50,000 people, was going to kill off all the plants native to the Sonoran Desert.

"Our founder, Gertrude Divine Webster, was worried that with that rapid growth, desert plants were being pulled out in order to put in plants from the Midwest and the East," Schutz said.

Desert Botanical Garden began with the simple, single-minded focus of conserving the local flora. The beginnings were humble, with just a dirt road leading to the facilities. While Phoenix is now one of the fastest growing cities in America, their same simple mission of saving plants lives on and thrives in Papago Park.

Today, boasting more than 70,000 plants, the Garden has surely grown in size, but staff members remain true to their original mission. Research, conservation, education and exhibition are what they're all about – that's their mission for today and tomorrow.

"We have the world's best collection of cactus and agave," Schutz said, "and a very good collection of Sonoran Desert plants and over 1,000 saguaros."

Desert Botanical Garden comprises five distinct, themed,



Desert Botanical Garden is home to more than 70,000 plants.

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looped trails. Desert Discovery is the flagship trail containing some of the Garden's best plants. Plants & People of the Sonoran Desert showcases Native settlers and how they were able to build successful civilizations by working, respecting and living amid the desert. Sonoran Desert Nature highlights the natural relationship and balance between plant life and animal life. Center for Desert Living focuses on gardening at home as well as conserving energy and water. And the Harriet K. Maxwell Desert Wildflower is a beautifully crafted display of wildflowers, which the

Garden carefully seeds and waters itself.

However, if you can't make it out during spring, the next best time to visit is in the fall from October up to early January. Desert Botanical Garden is open 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. every day. Schutz recommends allowing 90 minutes to two hours to see everything. And if all that walking makes you hungry, there are two restaurants on site.

Protecting flora is the greatest gift Desert Botanical Garden gives to its community, the residents of Phoenix and the state of Arizona.



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PHOENIX ZOO — *The past and future of an Arizona staple*

By Megan Forrester

Everyone in the area is familiar with the Phoenix Zoo, but many might not know its quirky beginnings and how it has created lots of memories for many generations.

The idea of opening a zoo in Phoenix began in 1962 with Robert Maytag, grandson of the founder of the Maytag appliance company, and his friends, who called themselves “a dedicated bunch of amateurs.”

“They got together and decided that Phoenix was becoming a world-class city and they needed an attraction that would go well with the city,” says Linda Hardwick, director of communications for the Phoenix Zoo.

Not only were Maytag and his friends determined to get the zoo up and running, but the community helped spread the news, as well and lended a hand any way they could.

“Build the zoo in ‘62!” was sprawled across everything from shopping carts to vacant buildings, and many people even let animals such as zebras and orangutans stay in their homes until their enclosures at the zoo were ready.

“What I love about the zoo is that there are a lot of people who were here on opening day and now they are bringing their grandchildren here to the zoo,” Hardwick said. “I think it is definitely an institution that has stood the test of time.”

In conjunction with its well-known holiday light



show, “Zoolights,” the zoo offers a plethora of other activities so every family can find the perfect exhibit. “Winter in July,” is one of the zoo’s most well-attended events, which lets people escape the heat during the summer and play in snow alongside animals eating ice treats, as well as “Prowl & Play,” which encourages people to come and explore the zoo at night.

The main demographic is families, but the zoo has tried to

widen its variety of exhibits to appeal to all audiences, such as “Roars & Pours,” which allows people 21 and over to cruise around the zoo after hours while sampling beer and wine.

“Definitely the largest audience is the young families, but we do try to have activities and things geared towards all ages so we can get our educational message out to everybody,” Hardwick said.

As for the future, the zoo recently launched The Pride Campaign, which plans to secure \$12.1 million in philanthropic support to fund major capital projects in distinct areas of the zoo. Specifically, the aim is to expand the elephant and lion habitat, creating an amphitheater for trained animal shows, as well a nocturnal house.

Although there have been many exhibits added over the years and even more planned for the near future, the goal for the zoo has remained the same ever since the ribbon-cutting on November 21, 1962: to inspire and motivate people to care about the natural world.

“The reason to have animals here is to get people excited about nature and endangered species and try to get people to realize what they can do to save these endangered species so they will be around for our grandchildren as well,” Hardwick said.



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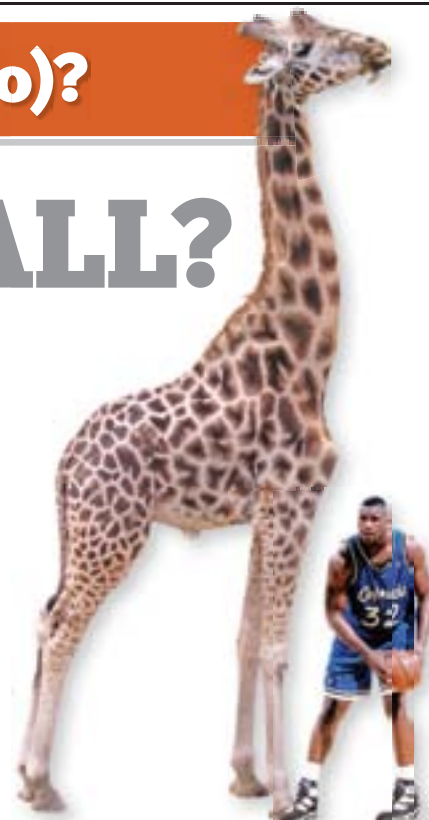
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FUN FACTS: PHOENIX ZOO

- 42,902 guests enjoyed the zoo's up-close Giraffe Encounter in 2017 (where you can feed the giraffe).
- There are more than 3,000 animals at the zoo.
- Opened in 1962, it is the largest privately owned, non-profit zoo in the United States.
- 40 couples were married at the zoo in 2017.
- Contains 2.5 miles of walking trails.
- Has four major themed areas, or "trails": the Arizona Trail, the Africa Trail, the Tropics Trail, and the Discovery/Children's Trail.



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The Wrigley Mansion was constructed between 1929 and 1932, as a gift from William Wrigley to his beloved wife, Ada.

The Wrigley Mansion: A testament of love to withstand time

By Nick Smith

What is the most extravagant anniversary gift you've ever bought for your significant other? Most would point to one of the usual suspects; jewelry, a beautiful outfit, a car, or a 17,000 square foot mansion on top of a hill.

Wait a minute? What was that last one?

This is how much William Wrigley loved his wife Ada. For their 50th wedding anniversary, he decided to spoil her by buying a massive "winter cottage" with a 360-degree view of the entire Phoenix area, putting all other husbands to shame. Of course, it's a little easier to do that when you're as wealthy as Wrigley was. In fact, the one-time owner of the Chicago Cubs owned four other homes in addition to the mansion in Arizona.

Today, the house that sits on a hill near 24th Street and Lincoln is known as Wrigley Mansion, and has been a decades-long source of curiosity and wonder from those in the Phoenix area. Why did someone build this home? Who owns it? And what is it like on the inside?

Fortunately, the mansion provides tours for the public, where guests can go room to room while learning about every aspect of the historical landmark. When visiting the home, there are moments where one can feel as if they have slipped back in time, as if you are now just another guest being entertained by the Wrigleys in the 1930s.

William Wrigley was born in 1861 and was an entrepreneur from an early age. At the age of 10, he ran away from his home in Philadelphia to New York City for a few weeks, not because he was mad at his parents, but because he wanted to sell newspapers.

Wrigley moved to Chicago in the 1890s, starting a company that sold soap. He would include baking powder as an incentive to try to get customers to buy his soap, and quickly discovered that the powder was more popular than his actual product. He switched to selling baking soda, offering chewing gum as a bonus for each can purchased. History repeated itself, as the demand for the gum became greater than that of the baking powder. The third time was the charm, as Wrigley found the product that would make him a fortune.



The Wrigley Mansion is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Construction on what is now the Wrigley Mansion began in 1929. The home was a present to Wrigley's wife Ada, and odes to her can be seen throughout the home. The hand-painted ceilings in a room for entertaining guests showcase four large stars, to represent William, Ada, and their two children. There is also a rose, which was Ada's favorite flower, etched above the limestone doors at the inside of the front entrance. There is a single petal on the rose that, of course, will never fall, representing William's love for her that would never die.

The Wrigleys loved to invite friends over to enjoy the mansion, with William once saying that he wanted guests to see something new every time they came over. The luxurious nature of the home is stunning, with private bathrooms in each bedroom, walls in one room covered with aluminum foil gum wrappers, and a view of the surrounding areas that is still unmatched.

Perhaps the most unforgettable aspect of the inside of the home is the magic piano the Wrigleys had specially built. William loved entertaining his guests, but wanted to find a way to do it without having to get up. The result was a piano



that essentially played itself. Constructed by Steinway & Sons after Wrigley allegedly sent them a blank check, the piano was controlled by a large remote, with which Wrigley could pick the song he wanted to play. As modern-day guests crowd around in amazement to watch what seems to be a ghost playing *Rhapsody in Blue*, one can only imagine the shock that would've been on the faces of those watching 80 years ago.

William died in 1932, and the home remained in the family for decades after. It was sold to multiple owners before it faced the wrecker's ball in 1992. Thankfully, the home was saved by Geordie Hormel, a musician whose grandfather had founded Hormel Foods. Along with his wife Jamie, Geordie restored the property and spent years interacting with visitors to their home. Geordie passed away in 2006, but Jamie still owns the iconic home today. The modern-day Wrigley Mansion is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Part of the reason for building this home was William and Ada's desire to entertain guests. Little did they know that they'd be doing this into the 21st century.

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By Nick Smith

Touring the Wrigley Mansion can be an overwhelming experience. While taking the tour with a friend, I absorbed a wealth of interesting artifacts and historical nuggets, a kind of welcome overload of fascinating information on the iconic Phoenix home. By the end, we needed a moment to decompress and talk about all we had just seen. Thankfully, there was a place to do that right in the home, at Geordie's Restaurant.

The main dining room at Geordie's was once the site of parties hosted by William and Ada Wrigley, where guests ate their food at a massive wooden table, that has since been somehow squeezed out the doors and up the stairs to a different spot in the home. If guests are just looking for a conversation over drinks, Jamie's Wine Bar is to the left, with windows that offer a view down the mountain.

But with a day of beautiful weather, the decision for where my friend and I would sit wasn't a difficult one. We

wanted to sit on the narrow outdoor patio, where we could enjoy the cool spring day and take in the sights. And frankly, even an average meal would be worth it for this view. The open-air terrace has a completely unobstructed vantage to the southwest, with an elevated view of the entire city, including downtown Phoenix in the distance.

One very enjoyable aspect of sitting outdoors at Geordie's isn't really obvious unless you pause to think about it. Halfway through the meal, I realized how absolutely quiet and peaceful the ambience was. There is a road that runs below the mansion, but it isn't a main road, which meant a welcome absence of constantly running cars that can often accompany patio seating. The bustling city can be enjoyed with serenity from above.

Starters at Geordie's include a variety of salads, including a Beet & Red Oak Salad, which my friend decided to go with. I went a different direction, opting for a Roasted Red Pepper Soup. The flavor of this is almost like a spicy tomato soup, with a thick and creamy texture.

There are several enticing entrees, from chicken pesto pasta, to quinoa bowls and hamburgers.



Geordie's Spam Cubano

But there was one particular item that was just too unique to ignore. Geordie's is named after Geordie Hormel, who along with his wife Jamie, bought the Wrigley Mansion in 1992 and saved it from demolition. Geordie was the grandson of George A. Hormel, who was the founder of Hormel Foods Corporation, which sold a variety of foods under many brands. One of the most famous was Spam.

That's right. Would you be able to run your eyes past **HORMEL Spam Cubano** on a menu without going back to look twice? My friend and I had to

try this entrée, knowing that it was either going to be delicious or really bad. There just doesn't seem to be an in between with Spam.

Fortunately, this sandwich was delicious. First of all, the presentation is fantastic, with the side of chips stacked in an actual Spam can. The Spam is topped with pulled pork, smoked gouda, pickles and chipotle mayo, blending smoky and sweet into each bite. Although the view from the Wrigley patio would make an average meal a worthwhile experience, Geordie's does one better and lets you enjoy the food as well.

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What's in a name? A history of the word Arcadia

By Anthony Wallace

In the first years of the 20th century, enterprising farmers came to the happy realization that citrus trees grow remarkably well at the foot of Camelback Mountain. Orchards quickly sprang up throughout the area and Arcadia became the scenic and prosperous community that it is to this day.

It is no surprise then, considering the natural beauty and abundance of the land that “Arcadia” became its name.

Almost everyone is familiar with the word “Arcadia” but few can define it. There is a town or city called Arcadia in 26 states.

In 1882, when astronomers got their first detailed look at a particular region of Mars with grand, fresh lava flows, they named it Arcadia. Arcadia is a “tranquil plane of existence” to Dungeons and Dragons players; and to Duran Duran fans it’s the name of the band’s mid-80s, short-lived side project. “Arcadia” is the name of a best-selling romantic poem from the Italian Renaissance and it was the name given to modern day Virginia by the 16th century Italian explorer Giovanni da Verrazzano.

“Arcadia” may refer to the mountainous, green, coastal region of Southern Greece that you can visit today. Although this land is beautiful, it lives in the shadow of the ancient mythical land for which it was named. According to Hesiod, the author of Greek mythology, Arcadia was inhabited by a thriving population during the Golden Age,



Thomas Cole “Dream of Arcadia” painting, 1838.

the first and most pure of his five mythological ages. In contrast with the purity of the populous, the gods were misbehaving.

“Arcadia” is named for the Greek god Arcas, the illegitimate child of Zeus (happily and famously married to Hera) and Callisto. In an effort to keep the affair on the down-low, their child was hidden away in the rural mountainous region that now bears its name. As the goddess of marriage and the wife of Zeus, Hera was predictably enraged by the whole thing. To appease her, Callisto was transformed into a bear as punishment for her misdoings. Arcas grew up in his rustic, natural wonderland and eventually became the

greatest hunter in Greece.

The story culminates with a fateful day of hunting when Arcas encounters a great bear – which just so happens to be his mother. Callisto, in bear form, ran to embrace her son and Arcas, as any reasonable person would do with a bear charging at them, prepared to kill her. Fortunately, Daddy Zeus was watching from above and intervened before this act of unintentional parenticide could take place. He turned Arcas into a bear and hurled him and his mother into space, where they remain to this day as the famous constellations Ursa Minor and Ursa Major.

Despite this ancient scandalous drama, to

the ancient Greeks, the Golden Age and Arcadia were characterized by an innocence and pastoral serenity that is reminiscent of The Garden of Eden. Arcadia was the home of Pan, the god of nature and fertility who played the “pan” flute and is the namesake of Peter Pan. Pan was the original dirty hippie. He is a creature of the land, he has the legs of a goat, and is considered the god of “rustic music.” Pan and the Arcadians were unspoiled by the complications of modern society, they lived in simple, ignorant, rustic bliss.

Arcadia has stuck in the minds of humans since Hesiod. One of the many artists who has used Arcadia as a muse is Thomas Cole. Cole was born in the grey metal dreariness that was the height of the Industrial Revolution in England. In 1818, when Thomas was 17, his family moved to America, where his father started his own wallpaper factory. Young Thomas was inspired by the green and expansive wilderness of 19th century New England. He soon began to dread an anticipated swallowing up of this beauty by the industrial machine that had already engulfed his homeland. His concern for the loss of unspoiled natural beauty fueled much of his career as an artist and his most famous work is a glorious landscape on display at the Denver Art Museum called “Dream of Arcadia.”

As so many have done before and after him, Cole uses Arcadia as a symbol to remind us of the natural bliss that we leave behind with technological advancement. In fact, this particular painting reportedly provided the creators of “Star Wars” with inspiration for the planet of Naboo, an idyllic and pastoral land yet unspoiled by the industrialization of the Trade Federation.

Modern phenomena like the “paleo-diet” have their roots in this fundamental idea that the progressions of society have had mostly ill-effects on humans, a sentiment that reaches as far back as we can trace ideas.

The wide popularity of the concept of Arcadia is evidence of the wide popularity of nostalgia and discontentment with the present.

“Arcadia” is the other side where the grass is greener; it’s an idealized version of the past that can never be retained, but nonetheless lives on in our collective imagination. The Greeks accepted the Golden Age pastoral bliss of the ancient Arcadians to be a thing of the past, it was not seen so much as a goal to be attained but rather a reminder of our roots.

In this sense, the works of Thomas Cole and others inspired by Arcadia are invitations to meditate on our Earthly nature, to be engulfed with a sense of the primordial. It is an important theme that has stubbornly persisted through at least two and half millennia of art and culture.

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Bernina Connection offers more than sewing supplies

By Laura Stoddard

In a world of so many stores that seem so similar, it can feel refreshing when you discover a unique business in your own neighborhood. Bernina Connection is such a place. In addition to selling and repairing Bernina sewing machines, the store also serves as a community center of sorts for people interested in all things sewing-related.

Owners Diane Ebner and Val Sparks offer an abundance of sewing, quilting and embroidery supplies; personalized help and expertise; many hands-on classes and opportunities to join them in doing charity work. The owners also spearhead the effort to create an atmosphere of support, trust, and friendship at Bernina Connection. They realize that buying a sewing machine is a large purchase, and want customers to feel confident in their machine, and in knowing they have place to go for help and inspiration.

"In helping people choose fabrics and supplies, we really get to know our customers and who they are," Sparks says. "We have clubs that meet every month and do a certain type of sewing, and those people become



Community is a big part of the Bernina Connection, with classes offered nearly every day.

friends, and now we know them very well."

Walking into Bernina Connection feels like being embraced by a rainbow. It is a vibrant kaleidoscope of color, with high, bright ceilings, and sewing supplies of every kind, be it fabric, thread, needles, books,

patterns or finished examples of things that can be created. Along with the large, main sales floor and repair shop is a substantial classroom where much of the magic happens.

"We're a huge education center," Ebner says. "We have classes almost every day. A lot of our classes are mastery on using the sewing machines. We do sewing and quilting fundamentals classes, we have 'Kids Create' once a month, we do a kids camp in the summer, and since we sell embroidery machines, we have a lot of embroidery classes."

They put out a quarterly newsletter featuring a schedule of the dozens of classes,

as well as a listing of upcoming events, like visits from national sewing experts and humanitarian projects.

"We do a lot of charity work," Sparks says. "We do breast cancer hearts, shorts for boys in Africa, dog beds for different shelters, and we're a registered store for Quilts of Valor."

The Quilts of Valor program provides homemade quilts to veterans. This year's project date is Saturday, April 7 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. and everyone is welcome. Sewing machines and supplies will be provided, and participants are welcome to bring their own supplies as well. Visit berninaconnection.com to RSVP.

"It's a good way to support them and thank them," Ebner says, "because there's just not enough done for our Vets."

The store has even been voted "District Dealer of the Year" by Bernina University twice, earning Ebner and Sparks the amazing opportunity to tour Bernina's factories in Thailand and Switzerland.

Something the owners are particularly excited about is the store's recent expansion.

In November of 2017 they acquired a vacated store adjacent to their property and were able to expand their footprint, providing more room for supplies, machines, and imagining.

"Even before we expanded," Ebner says,

"People would walk in and go, 'I had no idea [the store] was that big', and now we're huge. That little bit of space has taken our store to another level."

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Navigating the new social media landscape

By Angela Copeland



Social media used to be so fun. We could all stay connected with friends and family, for long periods of time and around the world. It felt like social media was expanding our friend circles. For example, I have reconnected with friends that date back to kindergarten. Before the internet, this would have been much more difficult.

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Fast forward to today. If you're like me, you may feel at a bit of a loss about the purpose of social media anymore.

Sharing a photo of the wonderful food you ate last night feels insignificant. We've also learned that posting beautiful family photos or vacation pictures may come across as bragging. Many folks feel negative after seeing their friends doing so well – even if their online personas are a bit of a show.

If what we were posting is so insignificant, perhaps we should be posting about something important? There's so much to pick from in today's news. Is that what we should be posting about? Should we use our online voices to be heard on increasingly weighty topics?

I'm honestly not sure. If you're like me, you can probably see the argument for both sides. On one hand, it's important to speak up for what's right. It's important to share your views and try to make a difference. On the other, I wonder how much social media is helping our cause, and how much it's alienating us from others.

Someone recently said to me, "Wow, I had no idea how many of my friends I don't like. When they start posting their political views on Facebook and I don't agree with



them, I know we can no longer be friends."

In a certain regard, this is sad. The more we divide ourselves by our beliefs, the less we are willing to talk through important ideas together. As children, we made friends based on who share the same hobbies, not who voted for the same person.

This recent string of bad news has left many people struggling to define the role of social media. When social media first started, it was a relatively positive experience filled with cats and babies and vacation photos. Now, it's all a bit different.

At the end of the day, we each have to decide how we want to use our social media. Whether it's sharing family photos or discussing politics, the decision about

what to share is a personal choice.

With that said, one thing is for sure. If you're looking for a new job, your future boss is likely to look at your social media.

We may assume they are just looking at our resume, but it is rarely the case. They will Google your name and will go straight for your social media profiles.

Managers are people too. They have unfair biases that come into play. When you decide

what to share and how to use your voice, just remember – the world is watching.

— Angela Copeland, a career coach and founder of Copeland Coaching, can be reached at copelandcoaching.com.

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Phoenician putting final touches on three-year remodel

By Rachael Bouley

One of the Valley's most popular and prestigious resorts has a whole new look.

Locals and visitors alike can look forward to a more contemporary and relaxed, yet still luxurious, vibe at The Phoenician. For nearly 30 years, the AAA Five Diamond resort has hosted some of the most extravagant celebrations and elite guests. At the same time, it has been a hotspot for staycations where family and friends can get a break from normal life and spend some quality time at a nearby getaway.

Now, three years of renovations are nearly complete and a long list of upgrades aims to make guests feel even more at home.

The project was the largest in the resort's history. Denise Seomin, director of public relations and marketing communications for The Phoenician, describes it as a true transformation with a variety of enhanced and new offerings. The redesign has touched everything from guest rooms to restaurants and even the golf course, all as part of a massive move toward a more inviting, comfortable luxury.

"It's still five diamond luxury, but it's done in a way that's much more contemporary to meet the needs of today's traveler," Seomin said.

Starting back in 2016, all of the accommodations were updated, along with suites and pool cabanas. The next year, crews focused their attention on public areas, including the main lobby and retail shops, as well as the Afternoon Tea Room and Thirsty Camel Lounge.

Guests can now take advantage of expanded pool deck space, with special sections for families, adults and reservations only. The Phoenician added to the existing splash pad with a new children's water slide and treehouse, and welcomed a new poolside restaurant



The Phoenician's remodel has taken nearly three years to complete and is intended to offer a more contemporary and relaxed, yet still luxurious vibe, at the Five Diamond resort.



called Kalio Kabobery. This casual, outdoor eatery serves Mediterranean-inspired cuisine and refreshing drinks. Other new dining options include Mowry and Cotton, a laid-back eatery with flame-cured cuisine, and The Marketplace, a Euro-style cafe for quick grab-and-go breakfast and lunch items along with signature pastries.

Another recent addition is the new Phoenician Spa, a three-story facility with a rooftop pool, aromatherapy bar, dry bar for blowouts and a couple's suite. This month, the two-story athletic club will open, boasting seven tennis courts, two pickleball courts and a basketball court on the lower level. Families can make memories in the activity center, equipped with a mini theater, arcade area, TV gaming zone and board games. Guests can stay healthy and keep up with their exercise goals at the 4,600-square-foot fitness center, featuring Matrix

workout equipment and stunning floor-to-ceiling views of Camelback Mountain.

The final piece of the massive project is set to debut in November. The redesigned Phoenician Golf Course will complete the resort and offer gorgeous views of the Valley below and the shades of the Sonoran Desert that inspired the new theme. Although the work has taken time, The Phoenician team is proud of how smooth the process has been and how it was able to remain open throughout the duration of the project. The staff took steps to make up for any slight inconveniences while maintaining their tradition of superb service.

With summer fast approaching, The Phoenician has organized several deals for staycations and visits to the spa and restaurants. The starting rate for rooms from May 29 through August 31 is \$169 per night. Visit thephoenician.com for more details.

Eat, drink and "Meet at Mowry": a new social dining concept

By Michelle Donati-Grayman

When it opened late last year, The Phoenician's Mowry & Cotton, a laid-back restaurant tucked inside the AAA Five Diamond resort, quickly became a local draw.

The establishment's name is a tribute to George E. Mowry and James M. Cotton, Arizona businessmen who built a high-end establishment in downtown Phoenix in the late 19th century. The building was avant-garde for its time, with glass doors and windows that captured the area's natural light, and a colorful sidewalk that was created by sinking empty beer bottles upside-down into the dirt.

Mowry & Cotton serves in that same spirit. It has an atmosphere that's approachable and fun, with floor-to-ceiling windows, walls of growlers and an inviting porch that also makes the most of the area's natural light.

"The restaurant is a key component of the resort's overall transformation, which has incorporated nearly every area of our property, from accommodations and dining to pools, spa and golf," said Denise Seomin, director of public relations and marketing communications for The Phoenician. "The end result is a new style of luxury that is more contemporary and relaxed."

Dinner at the restaurant debuted in October 2017 and its weekend brunch, which features



The Phoenician's newest restaurant, Mowry & Cotton, launched a monthly social dining series earlier this year.

fro-mosas and Mowry Monkey Bread, opened to fanfare a month later.

"Mowry & Cotton has been very well received by the community," Seomin said. "Guests enjoy and appreciate the straightforward, flame-cured Modern American dishes created by Chef Tandy Peterson, which have a story of their own."

In February, the restaurant launched a

social dining experience called "Meet at Mowry." Its premiere event, a wine and dinner feast featuring Gary Farrell Vineyards and Winery, sold out.

"Meet at Mowry offers an engaging and diverse lineup of monthly events, providing local residents with the opportunity to mix, mingle and discover," Seomin said.

Monthly experiences range from communal

wine parties to large, seasonal events, including a BBQ, Bourbon & Beer Feast in April and a Kentucky Derby Party in May. A portion of the proceeds from the Kentucky Derby Party will benefit After the Homestretch-Arizona, a nonprofit that finds forever homes for retired race horses.

All events share a community emphasis, giving guests the chance to eat and drink their way through the experience alongside others.

Seats for the Saturday, April 21 BBQ, Bourbon & Beer Feast are available for \$70 per person (plus tax and gratuity). The event will take place from 3:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. on the restaurant's porch, which features an extensive misting system. The menu includes a variety of all-you-can-eat BBQ food stations and six samplings from distilleries such as Buffalo Trace, Woodford Reserve and Basil Hayden, as well as local breweries Four Peaks, Huss and Phoenix Ale Brewery – all included in the ticket price. Lawn games and raffle prizes will also be part of the festivities. The dress code is casual, and valet parking is complimentary.

"With a social, communal focus at the core of its experience, Mowry & Cotton is uniquely designed to host such a series – from both its sense of place and its simple but bold cuisine," Seomin said. For more information, visit MowryandCotton.com.



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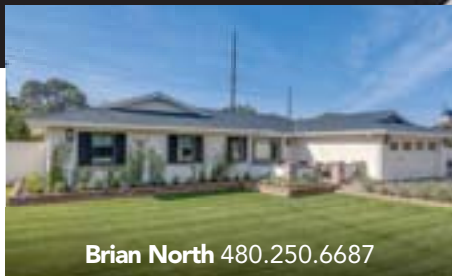
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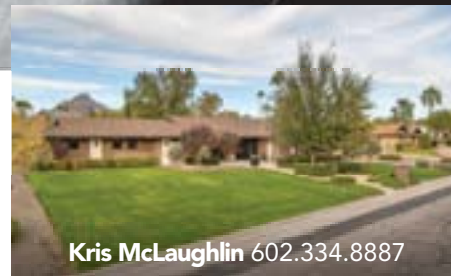
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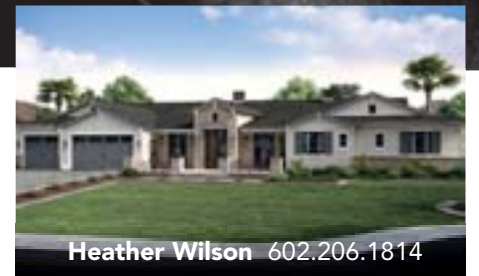
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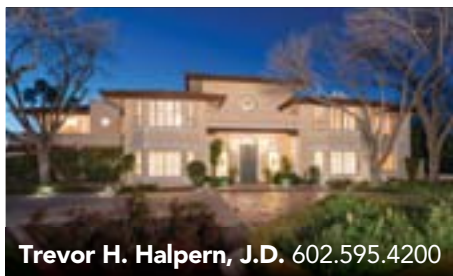
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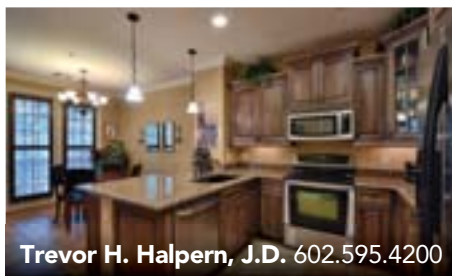
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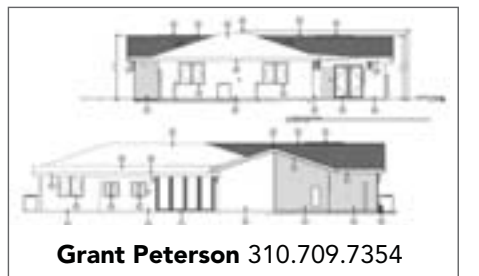
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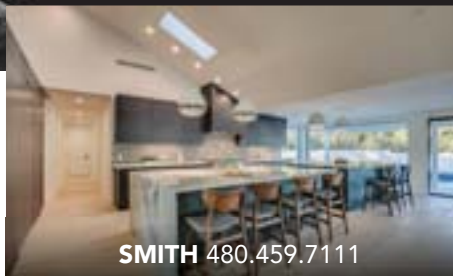
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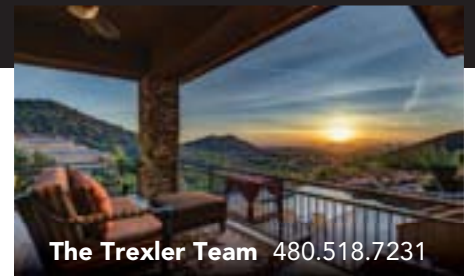
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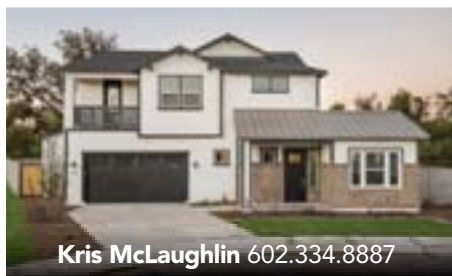
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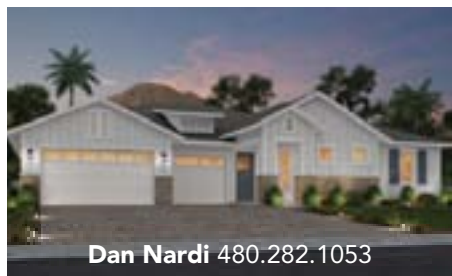
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St. Theresa ends remarkable basketball season with state title

By Kaylee Sumpter

The 2017-2018 basketball season was one of the most successful seasons that St. Theresa Catholic School has ever seen, with the eighth grade boys team taking home the Arizona State Middle School Championship.

Jeff Huber, St. Theresa's athletic director, began the season with one major goal – to win the Catholic Youth Athletic Association (CYAA) title which eluded the squad previously.

"Last year, we finished third in the CYAA tournament," said Huber. "We felt we had underperformed, and this year we wanted to focus on winning the CYAA tournament. And it spun into us winning state."

As a new addition to St. Theresa's team this season, head coach Dante Medder had a big impact on the team's success.

"Coach Medder was a critical part in the team's improvement this season," said Huber. "He was a club coach who was new to the school and was definitely a major key in getting the team to improve."

During the season, the team also won three other tournaments, before winning the CYAA and making it into the state



(left to right, front): Cameron Kaye, Jack Speakerman, Tucker Wilburn, Holden Huber, Luke Dorris.
(left to right, back): Kyle Andrews, Michael Kuhl, Max Ware, Brandon Austin, Cooper Jackson, Cole Churosh.

playoffs. The Broncos played the Mohave Patriots, Ingleside Trojans, and the Dietz Dragons.

The Ingleside game in particular was a memorable one. The schools are less than a mile apart and many of the St. Theresa

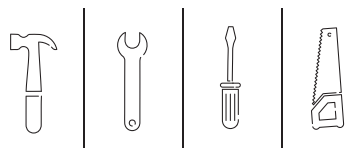
kids knew their opponents well, having played with them on club teams in various sports. Many of the players will be teammates in the future at Arcadia High School. The game was close, but St. Theresa ended up pulling off the 42-34 win.

In the championship game, the boys played the Benson Bobcats and dominated with a 20-point win, with a score off 55-35. Brandon Austin was the high scorer with 18 points, including five 3-pointers.

"Besides winning, I am proud of the team's ability to overcome ourselves," said Huber. "In the beginning of the season, there were some issues where the boys were self-destructing, and the team was able to overcome that at the most adverse times. When they needed to come together they were able to do it."

The Broncos' hard work paid off this season, and the coaches and parents hope that all the effort put into this season will be a motivator for the boys in future sports.

"Basically, our approach was to give them every opportunity to play at the next level," said Huber. "We wanted to give them the skills to play when they get to high school."



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(left to right, front): Nick Gentner, Jack Igo, Dutch Van Es, Dillon Achen; (middle): Xander Koehler, Braylen Rooney, Jamison Fox, Johnny McDade; (back): coaches Robert Koehler and Jimmy Fox.

Arcadia Fire are state champs

By Mallory Gleich

A group of young basketball players from the Arcadia neighborhood have much to celebrate after winning the state championship in March.

The Arcadia Fire Basketball team is a group of 5th grade boys, a majority of which attend Hopi Elementary School. On March 4, they headed to Tucson to compete against teams from all over the state, including Phoenix, Yuma and Tucson.

The basketball team was created a year ago by friends Jimmy Fox, Robert Koehler and Chris White. Since all of their sons enjoyed playing basketball, the dads decided to start a team for their boys and their friends.

“Robert and I love basketball and love coaching our sons and their friends. It’s an awesome group of kids that get along and play so well with one another,” Jimmy said.

Jimmy grew up in the Arcadia area and attended Hopi, Ingleside and Arcadia. His father, former NBA player Jim Fox Sr., might have had a little something to do with his love for the game.

“I grew up playing hoops and still absolutely love it! I played at Arcadia High and in college,” Jimmy said.

The Arcadia Fire complete roster contains nine boys, including Jamison Fox, Xander Koehler, Braylen Rooney, Johnny McDade, Jack Igo, Dillon Achen, Nick Gentner, Dutch Van Es and Rocco Mortensen.

The boys started practicing for the

tournament back in August. They played the fall season with the Boys and Girls Club and a greater Phoenix league in the winter. In all, the boys played 25 games leading up to the state tournament.

The team qualified for the state tournament by being runners up in the Boys and Girls club league. They played the state tournament at the school division level and won all five games they played, the last one in overtime.

Jimmy’s advice for kids who want to start playing basketball is simple: put down the video games and head outside.

“Robert and I love watching the kids have fun and continue to improve their game just by playing,” Jimmy said.

Johnjay Van Es, whose son Dutch plays on the team, said the boys received their jerseys the night before the state championship, and the new look took them to the next level and made the game even more exciting.

“A successful team is a group of many hands and one mind, or in this case two minds,” Johnjay said of the coaches. “Coaches Jimmy and Robert know that it’s not about winning, it’s how you play the game. Did the kids have fun and did they leave their hearts and souls on the court?”

So how did the team celebrate its win?

“We did nothing. The boys were so exhausted we just drove back to Phoenix!” Jimmy said.

Titans' senior outfielder takes leadership into 2018

By Max Bechtoldt

Arcadia baseball coach Troy Gerlach describes senior Clay Wasson as quiet, laid back, funny and sarcastic. Although the senior outfielder’s game isn’t all about laughs. In the same breath, his coach also describes him as a leader both on and off the field.

Wasson, a four-year varsity outfielder for the Arcadia Titans baseball team, first found his love of baseball from his father.

“My dad has been my teacher since I was a kid,” Wasson said. “He loved it as a kid, so I decided that I wanted to play it too.”

Wasson has started games on varsity from the beginning of high school, proving himself as a strong fielder with a powerful arm. But throughout his first two seasons he struggled mightily at the plate, posting sub-.200 batting averages both seasons. During that time, he also played basketball, appearing on the Titans varsity squad as a sophomore, before deciding to focus on baseball.

Gerlach says Wasson’s mental strength and work ethic has helped him to develop into one of the strongest bats in the Titans’ lineup.

“He’s so tough mentally that he was able to overcome his struggles offensively. You would never know when he stepped up if he was hitting .100 or .300,” Gerlach said. “And he’s always been strong defensively and that has continued.”

The hard work paid off for Wasson in his



Clay Wasson

junior year, as he improved to hitting .389, good enough to be second best on the team that season and to be the top returning player in that category. He was also selected to the second team all-city in

2017. But for him it isn’t just about on-the-field production, it’s about being a role model for the younger guys.

“I’ve grown a lot, freshman and sophomore year were about learning from the older kids, and now I’m one of the older ones so I get to be that guy for the younger kids,” Wasson said. “These guys are going to be studs.”

Going into his senior season, Wasson carries a quiet confidence about himself. But Gerlach knows that when it’s time to step up and be the leader, Wasson is always up for the job.

“The other day our outfield coach was late getting here and Wasson took the outfielders and was putting them through drills,” Gerlach said. “Just being able to take guys to the side and talk to them about certain situations is really important because he’s been there – he’s struggled too.”

Wasson has received multiple offers to play baseball in college but has not committed to any schools yet. He is hoping a strong senior season will open up more opportunities to continue his baseball career.

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Titans aim for football turnaround with experienced coach

By Nick Smith

To say last year was tough for the Arcadia High School football team would be a drastic understatement. A season that had started with the promise of a new era quickly turned into a worst-case scenario for the Titans, who lost all ten games they played in 2017.

Now the school is hitting the restart button again. Tony Stillings, the first-year coach whose highly anticipated spread offense had replaced longtime coach Lenny Abt's run-heavy game plan, is gone after just one season.

In his place is the definition of a splashy hire, with the new coach bringing youth, experience, and name recognition to the neighborhood.

Arcadia's third head coach in as many seasons will be 29-year-old Kerry Taylor, and that name should ring some bells if you're a local football fan. Taylor is a hometown star, who was a standout wide receiver at Hamilton High School in the mid-2000s, during the height of its run as the state's dominant high school power. He went on to play for ASU, and bounced around the NFL for a while, even playing with the Cardinals for a time.

"The first thing I did when I saw the job was open was research the school," Taylor said. "I learned as much about the area as I could. The interviews went really smoothly, the plan I envisioned for the program matched up with what the administrators wanted. It seemed like a perfect fit from the start."



New Arcadia High football coach Kerry Taylor brings a player's perspective to the Titans. Taylor played receiver for Hamilton High School, ASU and the Arizona Cardinals (#18 above).



Kerry Taylor

Taylor might seem young for a head coach, but he's not new to the profession. He was an offensive coordinator for a Chandler High team that broke several offensive school records in 2015. He spent time as the head coach

at Salt River High School and as a receivers coach at Phoenix College. Both

programs had struggled mightily in previous seasons, but saw turnarounds during Taylor's time with the schools.

"Because of those experiences, I'm not scared to go into a situation that hasn't been the best and help turn it around," Taylor said. "I've seen it done before. It starts with culture, my very first message to the guys was that this is a new day. I don't care what happened last year. This is a new start."

The new coach has hit the ground fast, establishing a staff of young, former players to help turn the Titans around. Former University of Oregon Ducks star Javes Lewis will be the defensive coordinator, while Taylor's younger brother Kendyl, who played at the University of Washington and Northern Arizona, will run the offense. Other new coaches include former ASU stars Ryan McFoy and Trent Marsh.

"Being a younger coach, I kind of understand what it's like to be where my players are," Taylor noted. "Coming from the player side of things and having my background gives me instant credibility with them. I'm not telling them about some place I've never been, I've actually been where they want to go. I want to help them accomplish their goals."

Fans around the neighborhood have been hoping for a day when Titans football might become a contending team year in and year out. It might not be an overnight fix under Coach Taylor, but he isn't interested in putting limits on his new squad.

"I mean, I'd say the goal is to get into the playoffs this year," Taylor said. "I'd be disappointed if we didn't. We've got a new coach, new assistants, a new culture. I have confidence in these guys and it's about instilling it in the players. Every team is going to follow the personality of its head coach. If I believe they're a good team, the players will start to believe it too."



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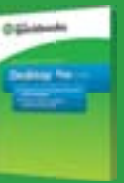
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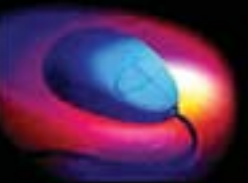


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