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Moses (right), Elias (cover) and Silas (page 22) Grayman keeping cool at one of the Valley's local splash pads.
PHOTO BY GABE TURNER





EDITOR'S *NOTE*

Summer has officially arrived and school is out! This means the main focus of parent and child alike over the next few months will be trying to find a way to deal with the heat.

One of the most popular options is taking advantage of all the world-class resorts that sit in our own backyard, and we've compiled a list of kid-friendly activities that are taking place at some of these local hideouts over the next few months (page 28). If you just need to fill a couple hours instead of a whole weekend, a local splash pad might do the trick (page 22). As the Grayman brothers showed our photographer (cover, page 3, page 22), few things are as much fun as jumping through fountains at full speed!

Harkins Theatres is bringing back their Summer Movie Fun program (page 36), where ten weeks of kid-friendly movies are offered for just $7. If relaxing with a book is how you'd rather spend your day, a local librarian has selected summer reading options for both parents and kids (page 44).

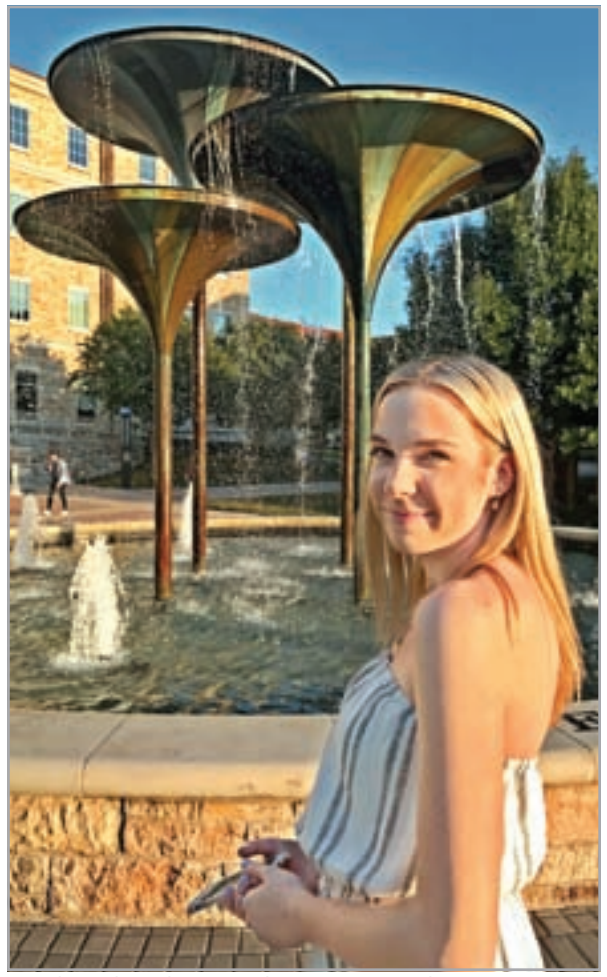
One of my favorite stories from this issue is our piece on local chefs who have taken their culinary skills into the *Chopped* kitchen (page 26). Five contestants, who each made their name at some of the most well-known restaurants in our area, gave us a behind-the-scenes tour on what it was like to avoid the chopping block on America's favorite cooking show.

We're also starting a new series for the summer entitled "Postcards from the Past." Our Publisher will be unveiling his collection of historic postcards over the next few months, giving us an in-depth look at what life was like at some of Phoenix's most recognizable locations.

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 June 2018 edition – and thank you for reading the *Arcadia News*!

— Nick Smith

Arcadia News scholarship winner 2018



Arcadia High graduate Gretchen Rea at Texas Christian University's famous Frog Fountain.

Gretchen Rea didn't hesitate when asked what she enjoyed most about growing up in Arcadia.

"I always loved the tight-knit aspect to the neighborhood," said Rea. "I grew up a block from Hopi, and people were always out exercising, walking their dogs, or just hanging out in yards. It made it easy to get to know people."

Rea, who just graduated from Arcadia High School last month, has spent her years in the neighborhood involved in a wide variety of activities. She has held nearly every executive position in the local chapter of the National Charity League, a local non-profit organization that fosters mother-daughter relationships through philanthropic endeavors. She has volunteered her time at the Shemer Art Center and has spent time mentoring young students at Echo Canyon School.

This devotion to helping others was a big part of why Rea was selected as the *Arcadia News* Scholarship winner for 2018. The scholarship has been awarded to a graduating student from Arcadia High School in each of the past 13 years.

"I love seeing the reactions of people when they are helped," said Rea. "Any volunteering I've done has been an eye-opening experience for me, I feel like it has taught me to appreciate things in my own life."

Another activity Rea has been involved in is graphic design. She was awarded "Most Impressive First Year Portfolio" in her advertising design class as a sophomore, and was elected President of the Skills USA Advertising Art and Design Club.

"I joined graphic design during my sophomore year, and I really didn't know much about it," said Rea. "I think I assumed it would just be a lot of computer work, but I didn't realize what a big art aspect there was to it. Now I can't get enough of it."

This fall, Rea will be heading to Texas Christian University in Fort Worth to study graphic design. Her dad attended the school, so she was familiar with the college. But it was a trip to visit the TCU graphic design program that helped her truly decide what her next chapter in life would be.

"What really sold me was visiting the classroom," said Rea. "I sat in with the senior class and the students were really helpful to each other, and I felt really welcomed there. I guess that tight-knit community thing is just what I really fall for."

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Active Homes -	209 homes
Homes Sold -	95 homes
Average Sale Price -	$1,238,000
Average Sold $ Per SF -	$344
Average Days On Market -	144 days

There is currently 9 months of home inventory. (based on 2017 sales results)
2018 home sales have increased 4% this year. (based on 2017 sales results)
2018 home prices have increased 8%. (based on 2017 sales results)
2018 $ Per Square Foot prices have increased 3%. (based on 2017 sales results)
2018 homes are taking 19% 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

(1/01/2018-4/30/2018)

Active Homes -	79 Homes
Homes Sold -	75 Homes
Average Sale Price -	$659,000
Average Sold $ Per SF -	$273
Average Days On Market -	86 days

There is currently 4 months of home inventory. (based on 2017 sales results)
2018 home sales have decreased 5% this year. (based on 2017 sales results)
2018 home prices have increased 7%. (based on 2017 sales results)
2018 $ Per Square Foot prices have increased 6%. (based on 2017 sales results)
2018 Homes are taking 9% 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

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

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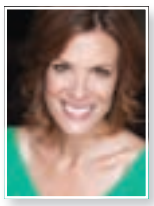
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Controlling cockroaches



CHEM-FREE *LIFE*

By Sara Lemons Vaules



Cockroach. What does the word conjure up for you? It wasn't something I thought much about until I moved to Arizona and encountered a few roaches the size of small pets!

One evening a few days ago, the kids found a creepy crawler in the kitchen, and one would have thought E.T. was in our home by their frightened glances. They proceeded to name themselves the "cockroach crew" and armed with pillows, large sticks, specific treats and a huge plastic bowl, the games began.

Two hours and a few screams later (along with a few hysterical moments), they finally trapped the small beast and it is currently still awaiting its fate. Thus, I decided this month to share with you natural, chemical-free ways to trap roaches in your home.

As evidenced by fossilized remains from the Paleozoic Carboniferous period, cockroaches predate humans by more then 300 million years! There are thousands of cockroach species that exist, but only 30 are associated with human habitats and 10 are truly considered pests.

Although there are many pest control companies that are reputable and several now that are certified "green" (using less toxic products), caution still needs to be taken. Pesticide chemicals are serious and especially so if you are pregnant or have children in the home, as certain ingredients have been known to cause cancer, birth defects, reproductive health issues and neurological problems.

Fortunately, there are chemical-free alternatives to try before you decide to hire outside help.

THE CHEM-FREE COCKROACH REMOVAL PLAN!

1) Clean! Cockroaches feed off grease and even the smallest of crumbs, so make sure you keep your kitchen really clean. Wipe down counters nightly, clean your stovetop, and be sure to not leave dirty dishes in the sink.

2) Seal all cracks and holes. That includes inside your pantry, between the countertop and wall, and in the baseboards. It's a small do-it-yourself project with some caulk and a caulking gun that is well worth it in the end.

3) Fix any water leaks. Roaches can survive for months without food, but just days without water. Repair even the tiniest of leaks and try not to leave standing water in the sink or overwater plants.

4) Natural cockroach bait. Mix three parts boric acid with one part powdered sugar. The sugar will lure the roaches, while the boric acid kills them. The boric acid isn't toxic to people or pets, but can be irritating, so don't use on counters or places where little fingers can reach. Sprinkle under and behind refrigerator, stove and dishwasher, under the sink and cracks along the edges of cabinets and pantries.

— 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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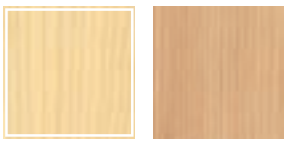


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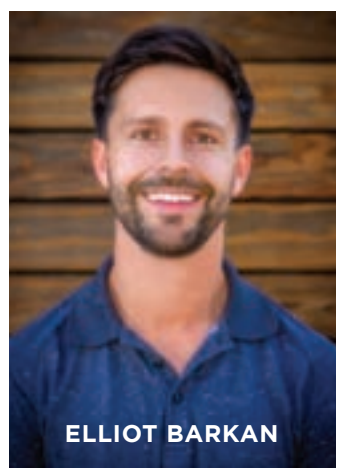
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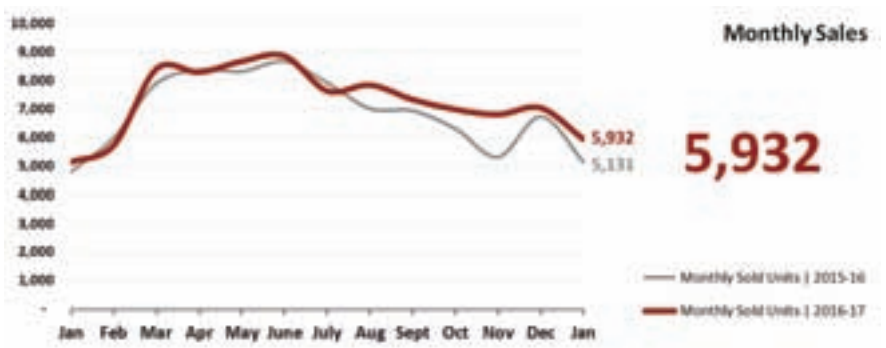
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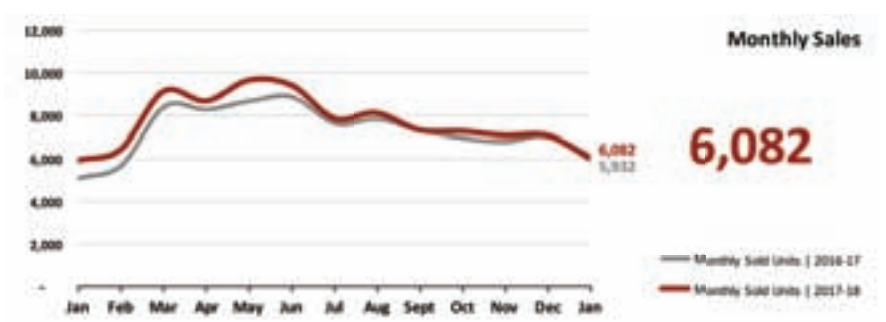
If you are like most people you have probably been told that nobody buys homes in the summer here in Arizona. It's too hot, everyone leaves, nobody goes outside, etc etc. Here comes a shocker! More homes are sold in the summer than any other time of the year! In 2016 and 2017, summer sales volume in Arizona was approximately 50% higher than in the winter months. So for all of you that think you have to wait until summer is over to sell your home...don't believe the hype.

To the right you will see charts from the past two years pulled directly from the MLS statistics website that show the number of closings each month. Both charts show a definite trend that includes low sales volume heading into the winter holidays and a ramp up into the summer months.

MONTHLY SALES FOR 2016 – 2017



MONTHLY SALES FOR 2017 – 2018



In 2016, January only saw 5,131 homes close whereas June through August averaged 8,111 homes per month. In 2017, we saw much of the same as January closed 5,932 homes and June through August averaged 8,452. It's also interesting to note that days on market decrease during the summer.

I believe the summer months are busiest for a couple of reasons. First, there is some carryover from the spring selling season that pushes closings into the summer. Second, a lot of local families move during the summer so that it doesn't interfere with the school year. You also have to remember that just because it is hot doesn't mean that companies aren't relocating their workers here or that people stop looking for shelter. Maricopa County continues to lead the nation in population growth so don't think that a little hot weather will slow the rush.

We love summer buyers. If they are out looking at homes in 120 degree heat then they are serious. If you are thinking about selling this summer, we aren't afraid to put in some sweat for you. Call us today at 602-888-6375.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING, *ARCADIA?*

FRIDAY 6/1

Music in the Garden

6:30 – 9:30 p.m. at Desert Botanical Garden, 1201 N. Galvin Pkwy., Phoenix. Enjoy a Friday evening in the beauty of the gardens with the One World, Many Voices Program presented by Canyon Records Artists. Featuring Kenneth Shirley, Aaron White and Jonah Littlesunday, this Native American Dance and Flute music will have you swaying along with the breezes of DBG. There will be a meet and greet after the show as well as food and drink options available. Tickets are $30. For more: dbg.org.

SATURDAY 6/2

World Atlatl Day Competition

9 a.m. – 12 p.m. at the Pueblo Grande Museum, 4619 E. Washington St., Phoenix. Come out and test your prehistoric hunting skills at the Pueblo Grande Museum. The Study of Ancient Lifeways and Technology group will be hosting an atlatl competition in honor of World Atlatl Day. There will be a demonstration and then a distance and accuracy contest. Test your skills with this old school tool! This is a free event. For more: pueblogrande.com.



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MONDAY 6/4

Experience Scuba Diving

5:30 p.m. at the Scuba Professionals of Arizona, 9299 W. Olive Ave., Peoria. Arizona is a little far from the ocean, but that doesn't mean you can't learn how to scuba like the pros! These classes will teach you all the ins and outs of scuba and even let you try it out in the saltwater pool. Prices vary per group. For more: scubaprofaz.com.

MONDAY 6/4 –FRIDAY 6/8

Summer Camp: Culinary Kids

9 a.m. – 4 p.m. at the Children's Museum, 215 N. 7th St., Phoenix. Looking for something for the kids to do this summer? Head over to the Children's Museum for a week of culinary fun! Kids will play and learn in the museum, plus the museum garden and KIDchen where they will explore how food goes from the garden to the table. Aftercare options are available. Registration is $280 per camper. For more: childrensmuseumofphoenix.org.

THURSDAY 6/7

Mindfulness Session

12 p.m. at the Phoenix Art Museum, 1625 N. Central Ave., Phoenix. It's getting hotter in the Valley and stress can creep around any corner! Have no fear, the Mindfulness sessions are here. These classes will teach you how to relieve anxiety, depression, pain, and stress and think with a clear mind. The sessions are free and open to the public. For more: phxart.com.

SATURDAY 6/9

Rosé Festival

11 a.m. – 10 p.m. at the Clayton House, 3719 N. 75th St., Scottsdale. If Rosé is your drink of choice, you won't want to miss this event. Blush International presents the first annual Rosé Festival, where guests can sample over 75 different varieties as well as food pairings and browse through Rosé themed treats and merchandise while enjoying live music. Tickets are $60-$125. For more: blushinternationalrosefestival.com.





WHAT'S HAPPENING, *ARCADIA?*

Mighty Mud Mania

7 a.m. – 12 p.m. at Chaparral Park, 5401 N. Hayden Road, Scottsdale. The weather is getting hot, so why not cool off in the mud? The 43rd annual Mud Mania obstacle course is back for some muddy fun! Mud pits, rope swings, slides, tube dives—there are courses for everyone, plus activities for those who want to stay clean! Live music, food trucks and water slides add to the fun. This event is free for 17 and below, and $10 for 18 and older. For more: scottsdaleaz.gov/mighty-mud-mania.

Pineapple Triangle

10 a.m. – 4 p.m. at DeSoto Central Market, 915 N. Central Ave., Phoenix. Don't let the name fool you! Pineapple Triangle is a vendor market for the artisans and the community—everyone and everything is Arizona based. Come browse handmade treasures, food trucks and listen to live music with contributing to a cause: 20% of all purchases go to St. Vincent de Paul. Come out and support your community. Admission is $10. For more: pineappletriangle.com.



JACOB SPINNEY PHOTOGRAPHY

South Central Swing Night *at the Duce in Phoenix.*

Prowl and Play

5:30 – 8:30 p.m. at the Phoenix Zoo, 455 N. Galvin Pkwy., Phoenix. It's time to get your Superhero on! The Phoenix Zoo presents Prowl and Play Superhero Day. There will be music, games, water slides, a lava escape pit, spidey jump wall, hulk smash, craft station, superhero tattoos, and more! Grab your cape and your superhero costume and head to the Zoo. Tickets are $10. For more: phoenixzoo.org.

SUNDAY 6/10

Brunchlesque

12:00 at Pub Rock Live, 8005 E. Roosevelt St., Scottsdale. Celebrate Sunday Funday with something a little different. The students of VaVaVoom dance studio are putting on a brunch time burlesque show at Pub Rock Live. Gaze upon the lavish costumes and enjoy breakfast and a show. Mimosas and Bloody Marys will be plenty, as well as food from Morning Kick Food Truck. Tickets are $22. For more: vavavoomburlesque.com.

Arizona Bridal Show

9 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the Phoenix Convention Center, 33 S. 3rd St., Phoenix. Ladies and Gents, get ready to find all your wedding needs in one place. Over 400 vendors will be on site, showcasing the food, the cakes, the music, the tuxes, and yes, the dresses! Take care of all your wedding to-dos in one place. Tickets are $12 or $25 for the VIP Package. For more: arizonabridalshow.com.

TUESDAY 6/12

South Central Swing Night

7 – 11 p.m. at the Duce, 525 S. Central Ave., Phoenix. Been a long week and it's only Tuesday? Get out of the moody blues and head to The Duce for a night of dancing—swing dancing to be exact. Don't know how? No worries, there's a lesson before the music starts playing. Admission is $8 and there are drink specials all night. For more: theducephx.com.

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FRIDAY 6/15

Intro to Laser Cutting

5 p.m. at the Arizona Science Center, 600 E. Washington St., Phoenix. Learn something new this summer with the AZ Science Center. In the Laser Cutting class, guests will learn how laser cutting works and will also be able to personalize their own design while watching the laser cut at the touch of a button. Ages 13-17 with a guardian or 18 and over for this class. Registration is $50. For more: azscience.org.

SATURDAY 6/16

Fahrenheit Festival

10 a.m. – 9 p.m. at Westworld, 16601 N. Pima Road, Scottsdale. It's hot outside, but that won't stop us from having a good time. The Fahrenheit Festival boasts three events: a fast pitch competition, arm wrestling competition, and the Beat the Heat 10K. Plus, craft beers and cocktails from local breweries. Tickets are $5-$16 (race registration separate). For more: scottsdalefahrenheitfestival.com.



School of Rock *at ASU Gammage in Tempe.*

Kids Zone Event: Father's Day

11 a.m. – 12 p.m. at Paradise Valley Mall, 4568 E. Cactus Road, Phoenix. Head over to the JCPenney's at PV Mall for craft time this Saturday. In honor of Father's Day, the store will be crafting and customizing Father's Day ties—the perfect gift for dad! Kids will also receive a collectible pin and parents will receive coupons for the store. Something for everyone! For more: theparadisevalleymall.com.

SUNDAY 6/17

Cooking it up with Dad

1 – 3 p.m. at Sur la Table, Kierland Commons, 7122 E. Greenway Pkwy., Scottsdale. Try something different for Father's Day—you can both do the cooking! Learn how to marinate and roast a flank steak with herb potatoes, plus a molten brownie for dessert. Cook your steak and eat it too! Registration is $75 per person. For more: surlatable.com.

Trivia Night

6 p.m. at Crescent Ballroom, 308 N. 2nd Ave., Phoenix. Once you're done celebrating all things "dad," top it off with a night of free trivia at the Crescent Ballroom. Not only will a DJ be busting out good tunes in between questions, but you can also win prizes like food, tickets and gift cards. Plus, drink and food specials all night. For more: crescentphx.com.

THURSDAY 6/21

School of Rock

7:30 p.m. at ASU Gammage, 1200 S. Forest Ave., Tempe. If you're a Jack Black fan, you probably remember his film School of Rock. Now is your chance to see it in real life! Join Dewey Finn as he transforms a group of straight-A students into rock stars! Featuring all the original songs from the movie plus a live all-kids rock band. Tickets are $50-$200. For more: asugammage.com.

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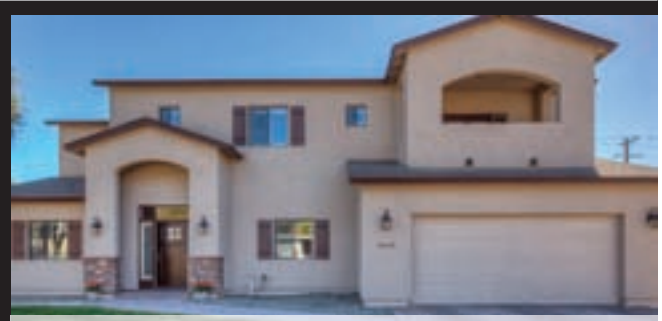
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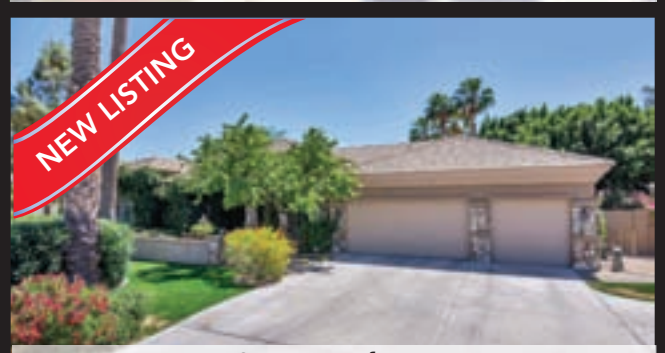
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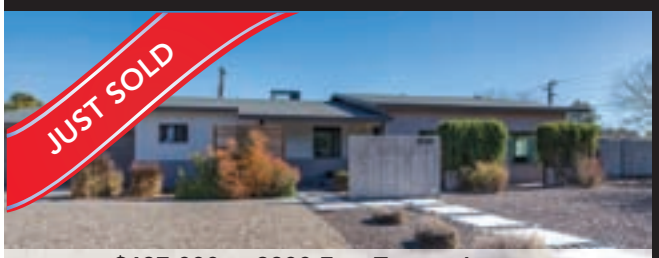
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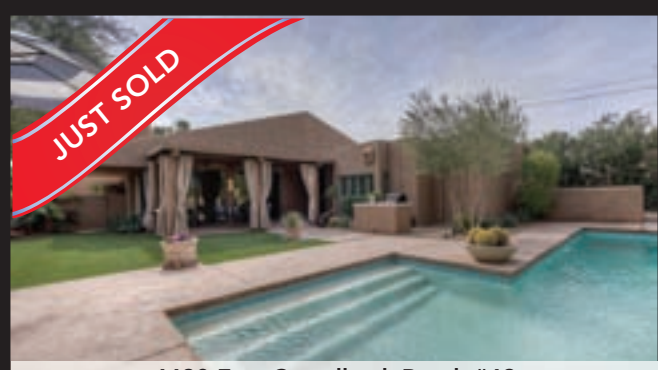
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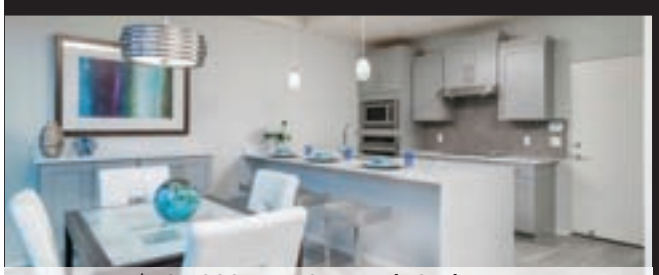
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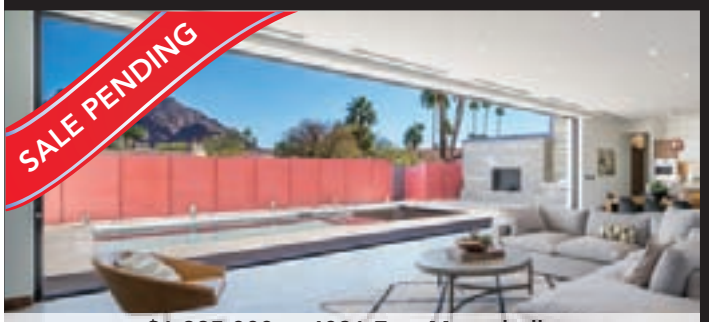
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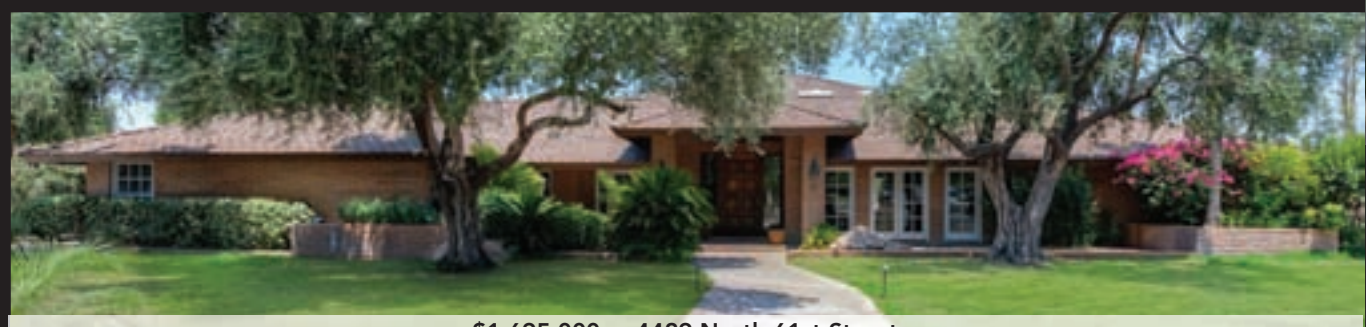
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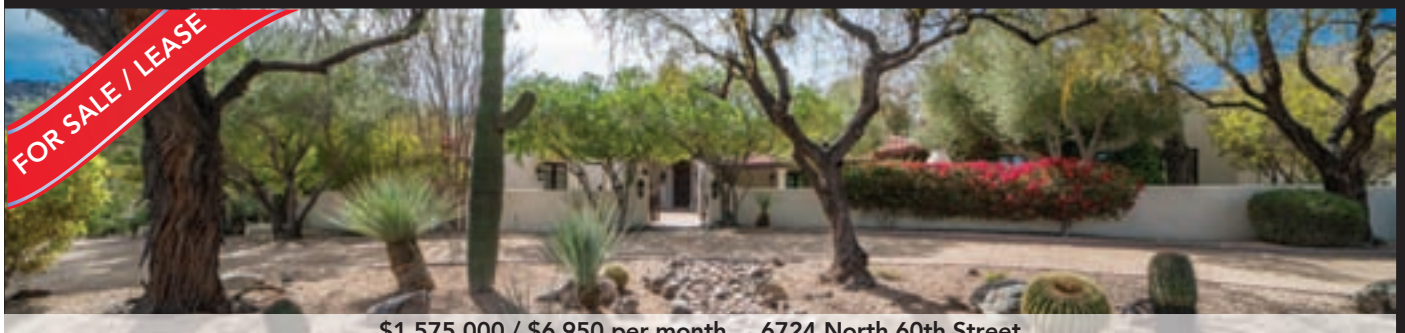
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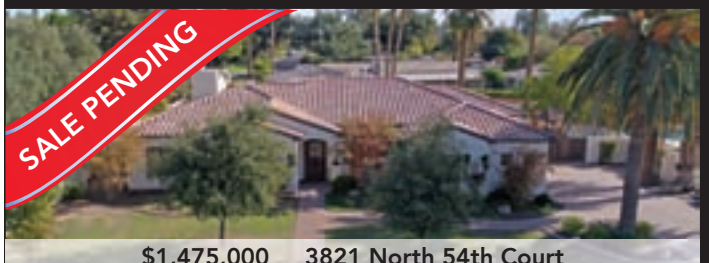
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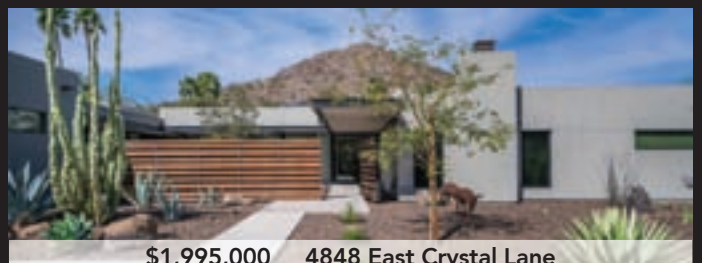
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4 bedrooms, 4 baths, 4,562 square feet



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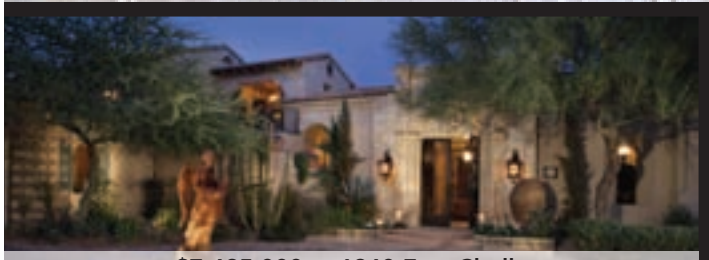
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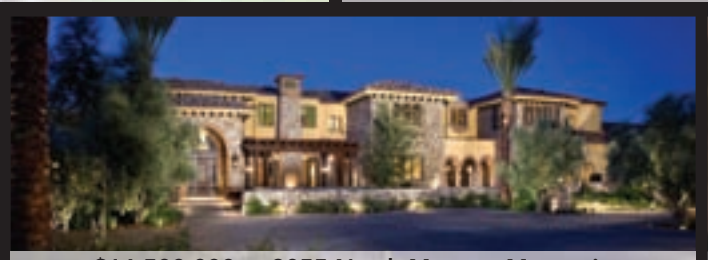
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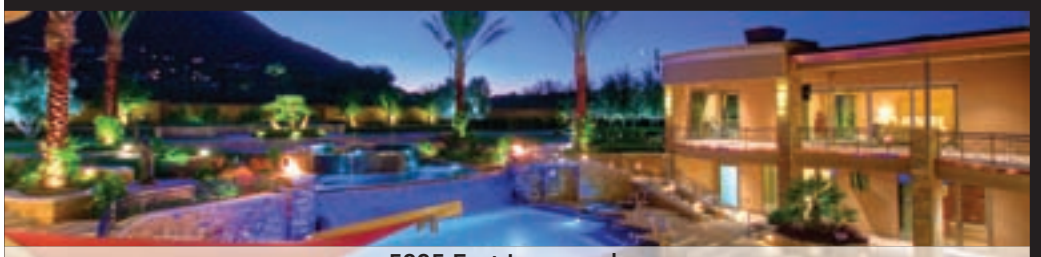
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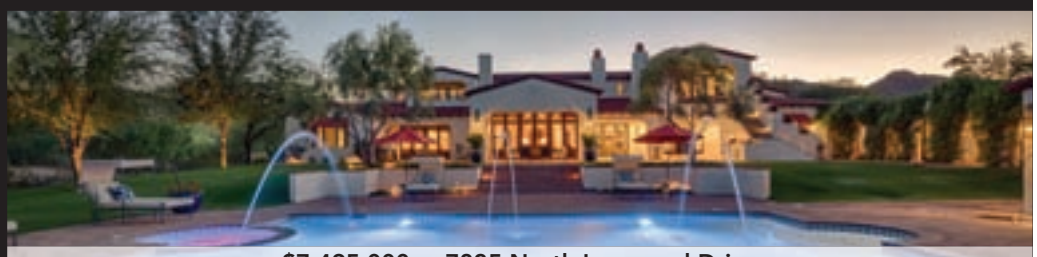
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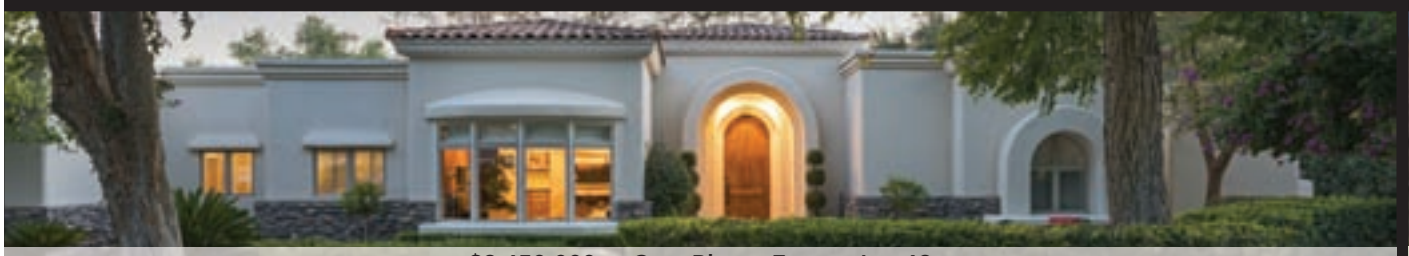
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5 bedrooms, 6 baths, 9,106 square feet



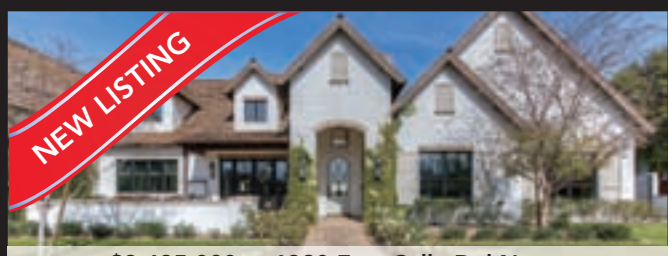
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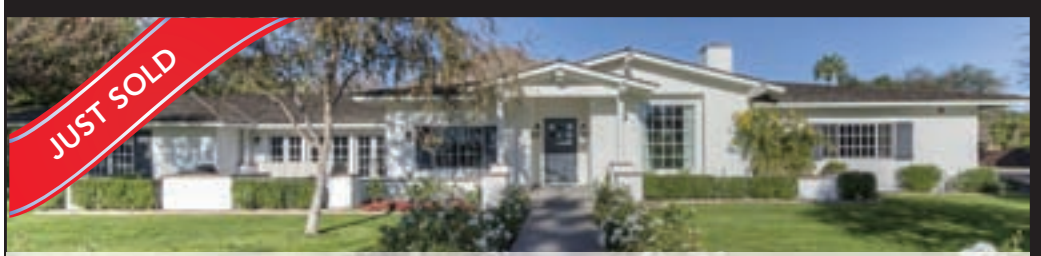
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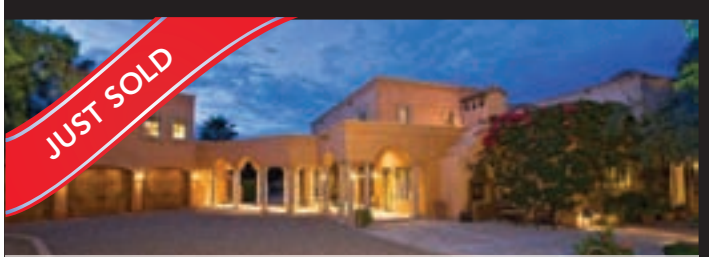
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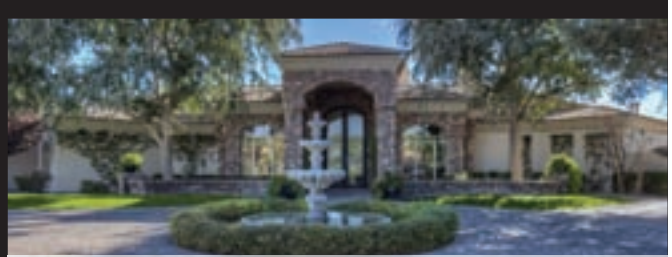
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4 bedrooms, 7 baths, 6,593 square feet



$2,295,000 4527 North 61st Place
6 bedrooms, 9 baths, 8,592 square feet



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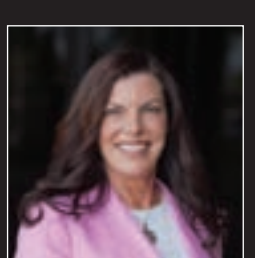
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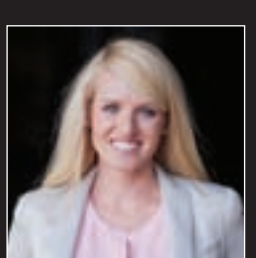
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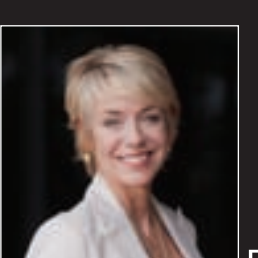
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WHAT'S HAPPENING, *ARCADIA?*

FRIDAY 6/22

Lasers and Liquor

6 – 10 p.m. at the Arizona Science Center, 600 E. Washington St., Phoenix. Metallica fans get ready for a night of rock and light. The AZ Science Center will be jamming out to all of Metallica's greatest tunes while putting on a laser show that'll blow your mind! Grab a beer or cocktail and settle in for some of the classics. They will also be playing music from Alice Cooper, Black Sabbath and Garbage. It's time to rock! Tickets are: $10. For more: azscience.org.

As You Wish Painting Class

6:30 – 8 p.m. at As You Wish Pottery, Desert Ridge, 21001 N. Tatum Blvd., Phoenix. Bring the kids out for a different fun Friday night event. As You Wish Pottery is holding a canvas painting class where kids can learn and paint an "Incredible" self-portrait in honor of The Incredibles 2 Movie. Registration is $20. This class is for ages 5 and up. For more: asyouwishpottery.com.

SATURDAY 6/23

Ken Koshio Taiko Extravaganza

7 – 9 p.m. at the Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts, 7380 E. 2nd St., Scottsdale. Ken Koshio's passion for Japanese Taiko (traditional percussion) is evident in this year's Taiko Extravaganza, "The Tree of Life." Watch as Koshio combines music, dance and expression to create "life beats" and connect the audience to the past and the future. Tickets are $30-$50. For more: kenkoshio.com.



Cars and Coffee *at Gateway Classic Cars in Phoenix.*

SATURDAY 6/30

Cars and Coffee

9 a.m. – 12 p.m. Gateway Classic Cars, 22275 N. 23rd Ave., Phoenix. Start your weekend off with a cup of coffee and a classic car show! Grundy Insurance presents Cars and Coffee, where car enthusiasts can show off their cars and check out other rides on the inside. There will be doughnuts and coffee, a DJ as well as vendors. This event is free. For more: gatewayclassiccars.com.

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OUT OF THE AREA, *BUT WORTH THE DRIVE*

SATURDAY 6/2

Memorial Fun Run

6 a.m. at the Yarnell Assembly of God, 17125 W. Fountain Hill Lane, Yarnell. Head to Yarnell to commemorate and celebrate the Granite Mountain Hotshots. This is the 5th annual Memorial Run for the 19 men who lost their lives in the Yarnell Fire. There are 19K, 10K and 5K races to choose from, and each runner will receive a t-shirt and a finisher's medal, plus a pre- and post-race brunch. Registration is $30-$75. For more: startlineracing.com.

SAT. 6/2 – SUN. 6/3

Show Low Days

Times vary, at the Show Low City Park, 1100 W. Deuce of Clubs, Show Low. It's that time again to celebrate the city of Show Low! The 15th annual Show Low Days boasts a variety of activities, from a soap box derby, car show, wiener dog races, itty bitty Olympics, crafts, games, a beer garden; there's a little something for everyone. This event is free for all ages. For more: showlowdays.com.



Flagstaff Hullabaloo *at Wheeler Park.*

SUNDAY 6/3

Flagstaff Hullabaloo

11 a.m. – 6 p.m. at Wheeler Park, 211 W. Aspen Ave., Flagstaff. It'll be a hullabaloo of a good time! Raising money for local nonprofits, the Flagstaff Hullabaloo will have live music from local artists, a food court, kids games and activities, a costume contest, puppets, clowns and beer. Tickets are $8 for general admission. For more: flaghulla.com.

SATURDAY 6/9

Greer Days

10 a.m. – 5 p.m. along Main St., Greer. It might be a small town, but Greer knows how to have fun. Greer Days will kick off with an old-fashioned parade, Native American dancers, floats and antique cars. There will also be a vendor village where you can shop 'til you drop, games and activities for the kids, a Lucky Duck race, and a silent auction. For more: greeraz.com.

Blues and Brews Festival

11 a.m. – 9 p.m. at the Continental Driving Range, 5000 Old Walnut Canyon, Flagstaff. This event boasts seven bands, including Grammy and Blues Award winning bands. In addition to great tunes, there will be eight microbreweries, six wineries, food vendors and a kids zone. Tickets are $35 for general admission. For more: flagstaffblues.com.

SUNDAY 6/10

Arizona State Championship Chili Cook-Off

10 a.m. – 3 p.m. at Thorpe Park, 245 N. Thorpe Road, Flagstaff. It's hot in the Valley, and Flagstaff is following suit at the Chili Cook-Off! Chili makers from all around the southwest will head north to showcase their chili. Sample any and all, plus enjoy live music and craft booths. Chili sample tickets are $5. For more: flagstaff365.com.

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SATURDAY 6/16

Hot Air Balloon Festival

2 – 9 p.m. Mountain Meadow Recreation Complex, 1101 N. Woodland Road, Pinetop-Lakeside. Join the Pinetop community for its very first Hot Air Balloon Festival! There will be balloon rides, a balloon glow, live entertainment, laser light shows, and food and retail vendors. Come for the fun and stay for the balloons rising in the night sky. Admission is $5. For more: azeventsgroup.com.

Dash for Dad 5K

5:30 a.m. at the Brandi Fenton Memorial Park, 3482 E. River Road, Tucson. The Dash for Dad 5K is ready to celebrate all the greatest dads out there! There will be award categories and a free participation t-shirt. Proceeds will go to Giffords: Courage to Fight Gun Violence and the Friends of Saguaro National Park. Registration is $10-$25. For more: taggrun.com.

Tucson 23: Mexican Food Festival

6 p.m. at the JW Marriott Starr Pass Resort & Spa, 3800 W. Starr Pass Blvd., Tucson. After running the 5K, continue the Dad Day Celebration with a Mexican food smorgasbord. Tickets include samples from Tucson's wineries, breweries and local Mexican restaurants. There will also be food demos, live music and entertainment. Tickets are $60. For more: saaca.org.

MONDAY 6/18

Chicks with Sticks Golf Tournament

7 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Pine Canyon Golf Club, 1201 E. John Wesley Powell Blvd., Flagstaff. This tournament is for the girls! The 9th annual Chicks with Sticks Golf Tournament is back again supporting education and early detection of breast cancer. This year's theme is "glamping." Get your costumes and get ready for a day of golf and fun. Registration is $175. For more: nahealthfoundation.org.

THURSDAY 6/21

Lavender Festival

9 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the Red Rock Ranch & Farms LLC, in the White Mountains, CR 5309, Concho. Having issues growing your lavender? Want to learn more about gardening? Head to the White Mountains for the Lavender Festival! There will be classes and discussions, live music, cooking with lavender, demos and tastings. Make sure to take some fresh cuts home with you. Tickets are $5. For more: redrockfarms.com.



Tucson 23: Mexican Food Festival *at the JW Marriott Starr Pass Resort & Spa.*

FRI. 6/22 – SAT. 6/23

Tilted Earth Wine and Musical Festival

6 p.m. at the Page Springs Cellars, 1500 N. Page Springs Road, Cornville. Head to Page Springs Cellars for a festival of wine and music! There will be live music, gourmet food, wine tastings (and a commemorative glass!), massages, games, and a silent auction. Escape the craziness of the city and relax at the Cellars! Tickets are $55-$75. For more: tiltedearthfestival.com.

One out of Five Patients with Parkinson's are Diagnosed Incorrectly.

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Dr. Ryan Walsh, the MD/PhD who is leading Barrow's efforts, theorizes that combining three types of MRIs will open the secrets of the disease.

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Electric vehicles continue to spark consumer interest

By Michelle Donati-Grayman

Looking to make the switch from a gasoline-powered car to an electric vehicle? You are not alone. A recent AAA survey found that interest in electric vehicles is growing, with 20 percent of Americans saying they are likely to choose an electric-powered car as their next purchase, up from 15 percent in 2017.

The survey also found consumers highly value fuel economy (or range) and reliability over other considerations such as style, color, design and vehicle brand. Although anxiety over driving range has traditionally been a big concern with electric vehicles, AAA found that sentiment may be waning. Common reasons why respondents said they were unsure or unwilling to consider an electric vehicle as their next car included not enough places to charge (63 percent) and running out of charge while driving (58 percent). Both responses are down to 9 percent and 15 percent respectively from 2017.

The widespread adoption of electric vehicles will be largely tied to infrastructure.

16,000+

The number of charging stations nationwide.

The number of charging stations in the United States has grown to more than 16,000 from this time last year. Consumer expectations on charging times will also play a role. The survey found 68 percent of Americans feel that while out driving, a charging time of no more than 30 minutes is reasonable.

AAA's Mobile app and TripTik Planner are great resources for drivers looking to find the nearest charging stations. To learn more about the green vehicle industry, including detailed vehicle reviews and analysis, visit AAA.com/greencar.

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FOLLOW ME ON:

Use the force... of reasonable collecting

By Jeff Pearson



ASK THE APPRAISERS

I collect the weird and wacky. I also love collecting pieces affiliated with or used in a movie. Movie memorabilia! To some, that gun used by Han Solo was just a plastic toy. To me, it's collectible!

My favorite contemporary movies like *Star Wars*, *Transformers* and Universal Studios monster movies such as *Dracula*, *Frankenstein* and *Wolfman* offer action figures and other novelty items available in retail outlets for less ambitious collectors, including children. However, there's a little extra boost that comes with searching for a few vintage items featuring your favorite stars and movies of the glorious past at garage sales and flea markets.

As a kid, my *Star Wars* collection was huge! I remember finding my favorite action figure and recreating—usually in the bathtub or in my mom's garden after a fresh Minnesota rainfall—some of the most intense theatrical experiences that I had seen on the screen. The movie theater was a place I could escape to and forget all the trials of youth, even if for only a couple of hours. Now, children seek out all the collectibles associated with their favorite movies just like children did 50 years ago. The force is strong with my world of movie collectibles, and it may be just as strong with you as well.

Some movies pique such an interest that entire collections are built around them. The films have hordes of fans eagerly seeking something new and exciting to add to a collection which includes vintage and more modern finds. *The Wizard of Oz*, Marvel Comics superheroes, and *Star Wars* are wonderful examples of franchises with an overabundance of memorabilia available on the auction block, retail shops and internet markets today. Asking prices can range from minimal to outrageous.

Any items featuring movie stars can garner attention from enthusiastic collectors as well. Take a pop culture icon like Elvis, for example. Most anything vintage that bears his likeness will bring in a few extra bucks for the seller, especially original items from the 1950s and early 1960s. Everything from a movie magazine featuring a favorite star to a single hair from his or her head can hold significant value. And these items don't necessarily have to feature big-name stars either. As a fan of Boris Karloff, I would relish finding an old movie still of *Frankenstein* just as much as the Elvis collector would enjoy finding one of *Blue Hawaii*. Actually, Elvis may be cheaper because of the overflow of items on the market.

My advice to movie memorabilia collectors is to be selective when looking for items to add to a collection, because collecting can get expensive. Focus on pieces you really enjoy. Buy items you'll enjoy owning and displaying in your home, because the most important role in movie memorabilia collecting is to always go for quality rather than quantity. Look for items in pristine condition, since they'll hold their value.

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Beat the heat at these five refreshing splash pads

By Elaina Verhoff

When heat strikes, it may be tempting to crank up the air conditioning, hibernate inside and pound watermelon popsicles. But if you have kids, they're going to want to get out and burn off some energy! Splash pads and spray pads are a great alternative to going for a swim. These zero-depth water play areas are scattered around town, often free and are a delightful way to let the kids frolic in the cool water while you and your friends catch up, spray yourselves with mister bottles, and fantasize about the freezer section at Costco. Here are a few of our favorite splash pads around town.



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Silas and Elias Grayman.

PHOENIX ZOO LEAPIN' LAGOON AND YAKULLA CAVERNS

455 N. Galvin Pkwy., Phoenix
phoenixzoo.org

Leapin' Lagoon is the perfect spot for little ones to enjoy the water while you enjoy the shaded benches and a snow cone. There's also a changing area for added convenience. Bigger kids will have a blast exploring the cool Yakulla Caverns. Free with zoo membership.

DESERT RIDGE MARKETPLACE

21001 N. Tatum Blvd., Phoenix
shopdesertridge.com

Palm trees, shaded seating, and a nearby Paradise Bakery (mac and cheese!) are just a few reasons to love the splash pad at The District at Desert Ridge Marketplace. Slip-free turf, Starbucks, Smashburger and Rubio's are a few more. Bring a change of clothes and make a day of it, catching a movie at AMC Theatres. Open from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily.

LUCI'S AT THE ORCHARD

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Is there any better combo than ice cream and water play? Nestled in a former citrus orchard, Luci's at the Orchard is home to a small splash pad located next to Splurge, located inside Luci's at the Orchard. If you time it right, you can hit the daily two-for-one ice cream special from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

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Make it a shopping, splashing, and lunch day with a quick trip up to Scottsdale Quarter's splash pad. Located in the middle of the shopping center on The Quad, the splash pad is the perfect stop before or after lunching at nearby True Food or Zinburger. The splash pad is open Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Sunday, 12 p.m. to 6 p.m.

TEMPE MARKETPLACE

2000 E. Rio Salado Pkwy., Tempe
tempemarketplace.com

The Tempe Marketplace Splash Pad is located near Barnes & Noble in The District and has been ranked one of the Valley's best splash pads. With tons of nearby shops and restaurants, there's a little something for everyone. The splash pad is open from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily.

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Seven movies to help you forget how hot it is!

By Eric Luse



One of the first things I slip into conversation when I meet someone who has just moved to Phoenix is "I apologize in advance for the summer heat." We Arizonans wear our ability to withstand hot weather like a badge of honor, and most of the time reserve the right to roll our eyes at any one that quips "But it's a dry heat!" Summers tend to feel like Arizona was left in the oven, and the universe walked out of the kitchen until September.

Here are some movies to hopefully trick your brain into thinking it's colder than it actually is. Grab a tall glass of ice water and find these gems on your home-streaming services.



7. Frozen (2013)

Wait, WAIT! Don't stop reading now. Admit it, even if it means hearing "Let it Go" over and over, there's few places better to escape the heat than in the magical kingdom of Arendelle. It's so cold in that movie that Olaf the talking snowman sings an entire song about wishing it was summer.

6. The Day After Tomorrow (2004)

This global disaster film is goofy, melodramatic, and all sorts of popcorn fun. It also features New York City getting frozen over by a freak blizzard. This occurs after the tsunami, of course. A young Jake Gyllenhaal and Emmy Rossum star.

5. Cool Runnings (1993)

The late John Candy recruits a team of Jamaican athletes to form a bobsled team for the 1988 Winter Olympics in Calgary. It's basic heartwarming Disney stuff which might be perfect for a summer afternoon. This is essential 90s kid viewing.

REEL *TALK*

4. The Revenant (2015)

Leonardo DiCaprio finally won his Oscar for the lead role in this film. Set in the North American frontier of 1823, a fur trapper must survive a revenge-fueled journey across the frozen landscape. It's grisly (no pun intended) and fraught with tension, but could also help you forget that you could fry an egg on the pavement outside your Arizona home.

3. The Thing (1982)

An arctic wasteland where a group of men scramble to figure out which one of them is actually an alien shapeshifter. The Thing is solid B-Movie style horror with gross-out practical effects and razor-sharp tension. The tone and mood alone will give you a chill, even if the icy landscape doesn't.

2. Fargo (1996)

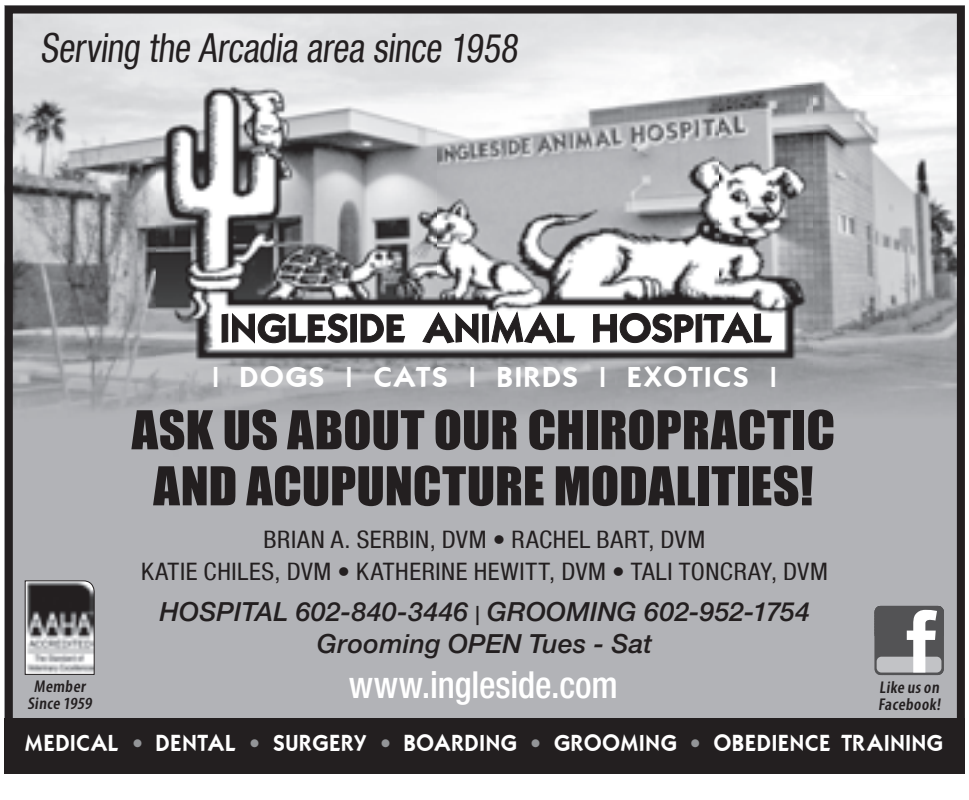
Scraping ice off windshields and driving through iced roadways are definitely not the problems of a Phoenix summer, but consider the Coen Brothers 1995 noir black comedy for a taste of Minnesota / North Dakota life. You betcha!

1. March of the Penguins (2005)

This Academy Award winning documentary is enveloping and charming, as it chronicles the birth and life cycle of emperor penguins in Antarctica. Let Morgan Freeman's narration transport you to the tundra of the Antarctic and allow you to forget how hot the car is each time you get in it.

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"Once it starts, it doesn't stop until the countdown hits zero."



Tandy Peterson works on her entree in the Chopped kitchen.

LOCAL CHEFS FACE THE 'CHOPPING' BLOCK

By Mallory Gleich

If you're at all familiar with the Food Network, chances are you've heard of the competitive cooking show *Chopped*. The show pits four chefs against each other. Each one has to create an appetizer, entrée and dessert within a time limit.

The twist is the contestants don't know which ingredients they will be using until they begin. Each dish is sampled by a panel of guest judges and contestants are eliminated or "chopped" after each round.

The chefs are chosen from all around the country, so it is no surprise that a neighborhood as food-centric as Arcadia has had some competitors on the show. We talked with some familiar names about what it was like to put their creative culinary skills to the test.

The contestants were chosen and flown to New York City for filming. Once at the studio, the day began with interviews, photos and b-roll shots.

"We had to walk down the hall probably 25 times. It was hard not to laugh on camera," said Ashley Goddard, chef at Wrigley Mansion.

There are a lot of rules for the show and the crew is very serious about not having any communication devices while the contestants are on set.

"There were a lot of people around making sure we never looked at the mystery ingredients," Goddard said.

In all, the show was filmed in about 14 hours. The contestants were given a tour of the set and the pantry area, then got their uniforms and their tools ready before heading to the main event.

Once the contestants are introduced to the judges, they get settled in front of their cooking stations, where their baskets of ingredients await.

Then, the craziness begins!

"You do not get to look into the baskets until they film you doing so, which is right before the clock starts. Once it starts, it doesn't stop until the countdown hits zero," said Hinojosa. "I have a pretty good mental clock, but time in the chopped kitchen goes fast! Twenty minutes for an appetizer feels like 15 minutes."

The pressure is on, and each contestant has only a moment to view their secret ingredients and decide what to prepare.

"I was really nervous so I felt like I was shaking like a leaf," said Daniel. "It was so intense with the amount of people they have on set and telling you what to do on top of having no idea what's going on because they keep you hidden so you don't see a judge or ingredients."

Once the dishes are finished, a panel of judges tries each one and delivers their professional opinions.



CHOPPED CONTESTANT CHEFS



Rochelle Daniel

Fat Ox Restaurant

Judges: *Scott Conant, Tiffani Faison, Marc Murphy*

Basket Ingredients:

Appetizer: stuffed trotters, fennel, smoked water, razor clams

Entrée: rabbit saddle, celery snowflake leaves, purple artichokes, pork belly

Dessert: Bush's Honey Chipotle Grillin' Beans, red velvet whoopie pies, cape gooseberries, pig's ear pastries

Daniel was born and raised in Phoenix. She's been cooking professionally for 18 years.

For her episode, which was a special outdoors Grill Masters edition of *Chopped*, Daniel started things off with razor clams in a white wine broth with fennel and trotter for her appetizer. Pork belly stuffed rabbit with artichoke was her main course, and dessert was berry cobbler with red velvet whoopie pie, mascarpone and maple bean white chocolate.

"Our episode was filmed outside and it was freezing all day. If I could change one thing, it would be to wear warmer clothes so that I could concentrate more," Daniel said.

Daniel lost in the last round to California chef Joseph Johnson but said she would go on *Chopped* again.



Justin Beckett

Beckett's Table and Southern Rail

Judges: *Jeff Mauro, Alex Guarnaschelli, Geoffrey Zakarian*

Basket Ingredients:

Appetizer: roast beef sandwich, rainbow fingerling potatoes, fresh wasabi, chile con queso

Entrée: turducken, broccoli rabe, pickleback shots, deep-fried mayo

Dessert: ham and cheese lunch kit, soursop, salt and vinegar potato chips, ice cream sandwich cake

Beckett was born in San Francisco, and attended California Culinary Academy in San Francisco.

For his episode, Beckett prepared dishes such as a roast beef and tomato sandwich, with smashed and fried fingerling potatoes, and peanut butter mousse and fry bread sandwich with chocolate covered salt and vinegar chips.

"I felt pressure to do well on the show and represent Arizona and our restaurants well. I knew that if I focused and cooked well I would be fine," Beckett said.

Beckett made it to the last round but was *Chopped* and finished second.

"My friends and family felt that I was robbed and that I should have won," said Beckett with a smile. "Everyone felt that I did well and did a great job representing the restaurants and culinary scene in Arizona. I would love to work with the Food Network again, though."



Rich Hinojosa

CRUjiente Tacos

Judges: *Scott Conant, Alex Guarnaschelli, Marcus Samuelsson*

Basket Ingredients:

Appetizer: chicken parmesan, kale salad, brown avocado, leftover lo mein

Entrée: leftover steak, veggie platter, flat cola, half of a bánh mì

Dessert: leftover ice cream, concord grapes, cold coffee, lemon chess pie

Hinojosa grew up in San Antonio and has been a chef for over 20 years.

For his episode, Hinojosa prepared lo mein noodles with a gochujang-dashi broth, poached chicken and shaved vegetables to start. For his entrée, he went with a grilled Ribeye with Ranchero sauce, spiced polenta and escabeche, before finishing the dessert round with coffee ice cream with tempura concord grapes, a guajillo-lemon custard, cayenne dusted pistachios and a cherry cream-coffee-madeira anglaise.

"I was excited and anxious to start cooking. It's a very surreal feeling to have watched the competition on TV, then be standing in that kitchen listing to Ted Allen say 'chefs, please open your baskets'." Hinojosa said. "There is a lot of pressure, I am highly competitive, I want to win everything all the time, so I put a lot of pressure on myself to win."

Hinojosa lost in the last round to New Hampshire Chef Evan Hennessey.

"The life of a chef is a tough one, but is it extremely rewarding and has been wonderful for me," Hinojosa said.



Ashley Goddard

Wrigley Mansion

Judges: *Scott Conant, Alex Guarnaschelli, Marcus Samuelsson*

Basket Ingredients:

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Goddard grew up in Battle Creek, Michigan.

For her episode, Goddard started with a warm noodle salad with fried leftover lo mein, with sweet chili chicken parmesan on top with sesame oil brown avocado and shaved Brussel sprouts. She later fixed steak and potatoes with a cola sauce, cauliflower red potato mash and sautéed fresh arugula.

"It was a surreal experience to say the least. Seeing my face on TV and knowing all those other people out there watching too; some that know you and a lot more that have no clue who you are," Goddard said.

She shared a stage with Hinojosa, who was on the same episode. Goddard was eliminated after the entrée round.

"Being a chef is really a labor of love and dedication, and this was a huge moment for me," Goddard said.



Tandy Peterson

Mowry & Cotton

Judges: *Angie Mar, Marc Murphy, Marcus Samuelsson*

Basket Ingredients:

Appetizer: rack of wild boar, alligator jerky, burgundy truffle, bison grass vodka

Entrée: antelope strip loin, elk heart, bear claws, dandelion greens

Dessert: venison sausage, moose milk cocktail, honeycomb, black forest cake

Tandy grew up in a small town of about 2,000 people called Pinedale, Wyoming and has been cooking since she was little. She started her professional career around 2010 and even held a position at Spain's Asador Etxebarri, one of the top 10 restaurants in the world.

Tandy's dishes included a marinated Boar Chop with mole and alligator jerky with an apple salad, a bear claw dessert-turned crouton, and a whole-roasted antelope sirloin.

"There is a certain amount of pressure in cooking on such a tight timeline. As chefs, we're trained to 'roll with the punches' and make changes on the fly when necessary, but on *Chopped*, there's no time to change up your game plan. Once you devise a plan, you have to stick to it, period," Tandy said.

Tandy advanced to the second round but was eventually Chopped and Noam Blitzer took home the prize.

"I met some incredibly talented people throughout the process, many of whom I'm sure I'll see again; I would definitely consider a return to the show," Tandy said.



Summer activities for kids at Valley resorts

By Megan Forrester

Surfing in Arizona may sound strange to some people, but that is one example of the unique activities offered at six local resorts to help kids have the ultimate staycation this summer!

These resorts—The Phoenician, The Fairmont Scottsdale Princess, The Arizona Biltmore, The Pointe Hilton at Squaw Peak, The Westin Kierland and The Four Seasons Resort Scottsdale at Troon North—all accommodate your child's dream activities.



The Westin Kierland Surf Camp.

UNDER THE SEA

Do you sometimes wonder if your child is part fish? If the answer is yes, then there are many activities at Valley resorts that gear towards chlorine-lovers, such as Dive-In Movies, which are held regularly at The Phoenician, The Fairmont Scottsdale Princess, as well as The Arizona Biltmore. The events allow kids to float, alongside colorful noodles, while watching aquatic films such as *Finding Nemo* and *The SpongeBob SquarePants Movie*. Also, pack your conch shell and join The Fairmont Scottsdale Princess for its Mermaid University, where kids ages two through 12 can become certified mermaids and take home their very own Monofin Mermaid Tail.

HEADING TO CAMP

School may be out, but it's always a good time for your kids to meet some new people. Five of the resorts provide full and half-day camp sessions that include activities such as pottery painting, teepee building and outdoor bowling. This summer, your child could become a part of The Phoenician's Funicians, The Fairmont Scottsdale Princess' Poolside Funergy Team, The Pointe Hilton's Coyote Camp, The Westin Kierland's Camp Kierland, or The Four Seasons Scottsdale's Kids for All Seasons Camp and make memories with new buddies.

DAREDEVILS

If thrill-seeking is the motto for your kids, they will feel right at home at some of the resorts. Whether it's The Arizona Biltmore's 92-foot-long waterslide or The Westin Kierland's Surf Camp—which utilizes a FlowRider wave simulator—any adrenaline junkie will have a blast. On the opposite end of the spectrum, if your child wants to decompress after a stressful year of school, they can find relaxation at The Fairmont Scottsdale Princess' plethora of pools (six in total), drifting along the 900-foot-long lazy river at The Westin Kierland, or even playing a few rounds of mini golf at The Pointe Hilton at Squaw Peak's 18-hole course.

DELICIOUS DESSERT

Lastly, what would any summer be without the sweet treats? Your kids can enjoy anything from Cactus Kid Snow Cones at The Arizona Biltmore to popsicles at The Fairmont Scottsdale Princess.

Also, if you want to capture the perfect snapshot of the youngsters indulging in their confections, consult the Instagram Concierge at The Fairmont Scottsdale Princess, who will show you the most photogenic spots on the property as well as handpicked photography app recommendations in order to take home the best souvenir of all—photos documenting all the great memories your kids made this summer.





Finding adventure for Father's Day

By Elaina Verhoff

Father's Day is Sunday, June 17! Make this Father's Day special by planning a shared experience for dad and the kids. Here are a few fun ways to make memories on dad's big day.

ENJOY A STAYCATION

Take advantage of one of the many deals offered by local resorts this time of year and enjoy a family staycation. Indulge in poolside smoothies, order room service, crank up the A/C and watch a movie, and enjoy having someone wait on you and clean up your messes (yes, moms, we're talking to you too!) Tip: The piña coladas, lazy river and dive-in movies at the JW Marriott Desert Ridge are hard to beat.

VOLUNTEER

Go for a "helper's high" by pitching in and volunteering at one of the many amazing nonprofits doing great things around the Valley. St. Mary's Food Bank, St. Vincent de Paul, Feed My Starving Children and Welcome to America Project all welcome adult and child volunteers for various projects. Contact organizations directly to find out their schedules and volunteer needs.

DINE WITH THE ANIMALS

Treat dad to a hearty mouthwatering breakfast buffet inside the Phoenix Zoo's beautiful Stonehouse Pavilion. This special



Flashlight Tour at Desert Botanical Garden in Phoenix.

Father's Day Breakfast (only available to members) will include exclusive meet and greets with some of the Zoo's animal ambassadors and a cider toast to dad. Breakfast times are from 9 to 10 a.m. or 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Tickets are $18 for adults, $14 for children ages 3 to 13 and free for ages 2 and younger. Tickets available at phoenixzoo.org.

HAVE A MUSICAL LUNCH AT ORGAN STOP PIZZA

If the last time you went to Organ Stop Pizza was your sixth-grade field trip, it's time to introduce the kids to a Valley classic. This year's Father's Day Musical Lunch at Organ Stop Pizza will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and will include an all-you-can-eat pizza buffet and salad plus unlimited soft drinks. And presumably, plenty of organ music. It's well worth the drive to 1149 E. Southern Ave. in Mesa. Tickets available online (advance purchase required) at organstoppizza.com. $12 for adults and $10 for kids ages 3 to 9.

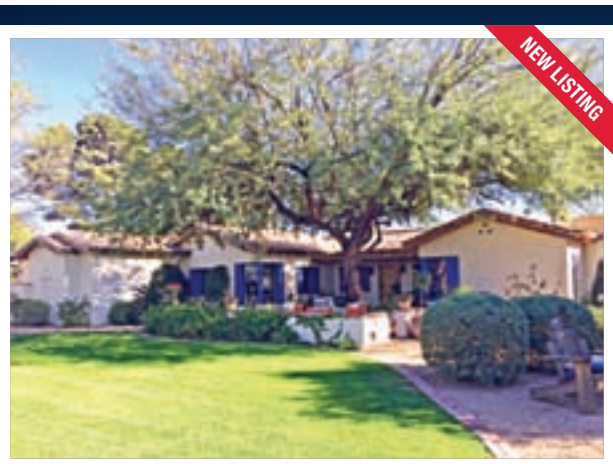
MAKE ART

When was the last time dad strapped on an apron and got messy with the kids? Make a reservation for pottery painting at As You Wish, or try Pinspiration's crafty Father's Day cookie workshop with Layla Bean Cakery.

This themed cookie-making experience includes a pizza pie of cookies, and all of the instruction to decorate, to take home and share with friends or family. Not only will you enjoy the experience, but you'll walk away with a memento of the day's activity. For more: pinspiration.com/classes.

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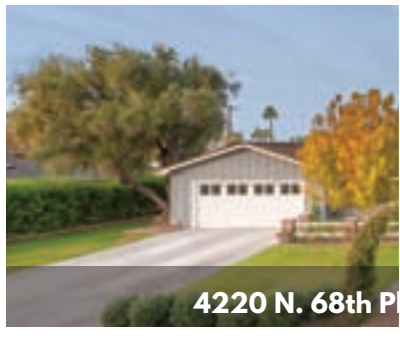
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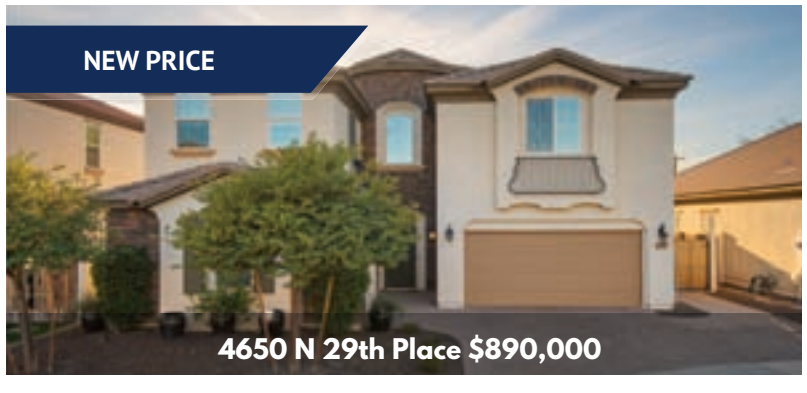




















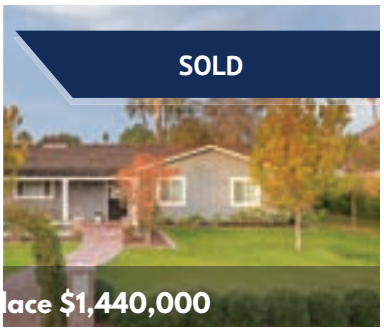






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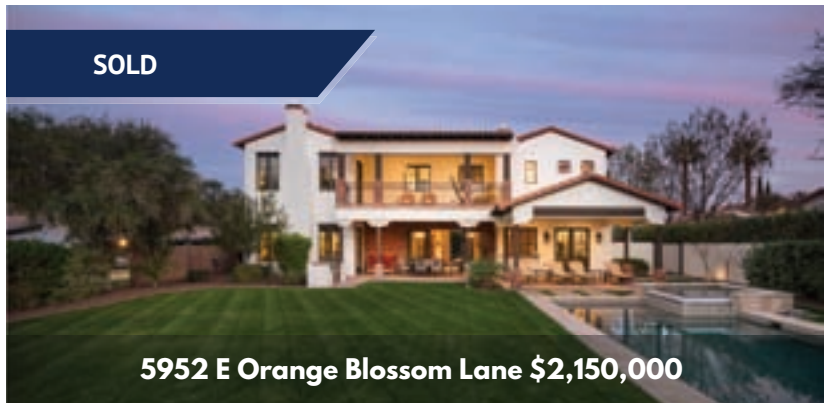




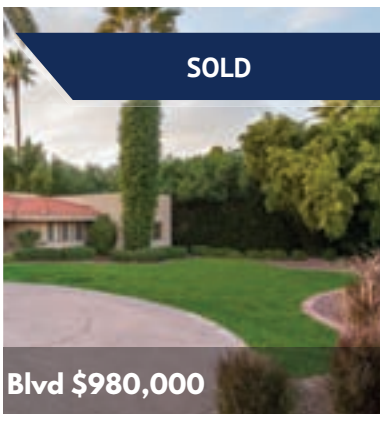
















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LARA BECCA SHAWNA

POSTCARDS from the PAST

Publisher's Note: *While they have lost their edge due to the simplicity of text messages with an attached photo, I would argue postcards are more powerful than ever. As a reader, you know the sender took extra time out of their trip to think of you. It takes less than five minutes to jot down some thoughts on a postcard, but then it seems to take forever to find the right stamp and a mailbox. How quickly the reader can be whisked away to the farthest corners of the earth, traveling vicariously through a simple piece of cardstock. I have a collection of historic postcards that I started 15 years ago, when I was researching the long-gone resorts around the Arcadia area. "Postcards from the Past" is a summer series of those special places.*

— Greg A. Bruns



SAFARI HOTEL

Built in 1956 for $375,000, the 6-acre Safari Hotel was the first resort of its kind in the rural area northeast of Scottsdale and Camelback Roads. Designed by the famous Valley architect Al Beadle, the Safari's jungle motif was an eclectic diversion from the standard western-themed resorts of the day.

For over 40 years the swanky Safari Hotel was the premier hang-out for locals and visitors alike. Performers like Bing Crosby and Rosemary Clooney were regulars at the resort nightclub called the French Quarter, which boasted cabaret entertainment, floor shows and dancing nightly. Fine dining was offered by noted Valley restaurateur Paul Shank, whose delights were available at the 24-hour coffee shop, which was the first of its kind in this part of the Valley.

The Safari took advantage of the recent availability of air-conditioning, which gave them a year-round competitive edge. Most Valley resorts at the time were seasonal and it would be awhile before they would catch up. Just three years after opening, the Safari underwent a massive expansion, nearly doubling in size and acreage.

By 1998, the Safari Hotel had all but died, and gave way to potential expansion. A $200 million Marriott hotel and conference center was going to take its place, as part of the Scottsdale Riverwalk Project, which never came to fruition. Most of the acreage has been vacant since, but some multi-family housing has sprouted up.



MAYTAG ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS

In 1961, Robert Maytag of the Maytag (appliance) family, formed the Arizona Zoological Society, which was the driving force behind opening the first zoo in the city. Unexpectedly, the 38-year-old Maytag passed away before its opening in November 1962, and the zoo was renamed to the Phoenix Zoo the next year, to encourage community involvement. The Children's Zoo covered eight acres, and offered a special birthday party area, working farm, chicken hatchery, baby animal nursery and a hands-on petting zoo.

Today the Phoenix Zoo is the largest privately-funded, non-profit zoo in the country, housing over 3000 animals and 400 species. The zoo accommodates over 1.3 million visitors per year. *[A feature story about the Phoenix Zoo is in the April 2018 edition of Arcadia News.]*

CASA BLANCA INN

Architect Robert "Bob" Evans left his mark on resort and residential properties throughout Phoenix, but his early work is noted around the foothills of Camelback Mountain. In 1924, Evans was hired to build a desert retreat for industrialist Donald Kellogg. The 8,000 square-foot adobe brick hacienda was built on what we know today as the northeast corner of Casa Blanca Drive (66th Street) and Chaparral Road.

In 1944, Kellogg sold the home to George Borg of Borg-Warner, who used it for corporate retreats. Borg transformed the home into the Casa Blanca Inn, which could handle 80 guests. The 20-acre seasonal resort had lush gardens, riding stables, a swimming pool, shuffleboard, tennis courts and a putting green. An airfield was built to accommodate the private planes of the affluent visitors, with the distinctive "onion dome" minaret in place as a landmark for the landing strip.

Borg hired innkeeper Royal Treadway to run the hotel in 1953 and would later sell it to him. Treadway and two other investors expanded the resort to a guest capacity of 130, adding luxurious guest suites and a large dining room. In its heyday, the Casa Blanca brought out celebrities such as Charlie Chaplin, Mamie Eisenhower, Clark Gable and Betty Grable.

The Casa Blanca Inn was acquired by Ramada Inns in 1971, who added honeymoon suites and the famous "Le Jardin" restaurant. In 1979 the Casa Blanca Inn was sold and eventually subdivided into condominiums. The original onion dome building remains, a reminder to its roots as one of the Valley's unique resort hotels.





THOMAS MALL

The 55-acre Thomas Mall was opened in 1963, one of the early, fully-enclosed shopping malls that offered air-conditioned respite and dozens of shopping opportunities. On the southeast corner of 44th Street and Thomas Road, it housed over 630,000 square-feet of single-level retail and anchor stores like Diamond's (later Dillard's) and Montgomery Ward. Those who have been around Phoenix awhile might remember stores like Goodman's Drug, Recordland, Piccadilly Cafeteria, J.G. McCrory 5 & 10 and the Lucky Supermarket. The mall also had spectacles like aquariums and a large bird cage.

Thomas Mall fell victim to competition in the 1980s. It sat nearly vacant for years, and was bulldozed in 1994, with only the Montgomery Ward's Auto Center left behind. The 625,000 square-foot Arcadia Crossing was opened in its place in 1995, with a 118,000 square-foot Target, Smith's Food & Drug (later Fry's), Price Club (later Costco) and Sears Outlet, to name a few.

DID YOU KNOW (Father's Day)?

WHO INVENTED?

Sonora Smart Dodd



In 1910, the daughter of an American Civil War veteran, led the efforts for fathers to be recognized with their own national day after hearing a Mother's Day sermon at her church.

HOW MUCH?

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The average amount spent at retailers for Father's Day.



HOW MANY?

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HOW MANY?

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Father's Day is the busiest day of the year for collect phone calls.

Neckties are the most popular gift for Father's Day.

It is estimated that the term "dad" began around the late 15th century.

SAY WHAT?

The First Father's Day card

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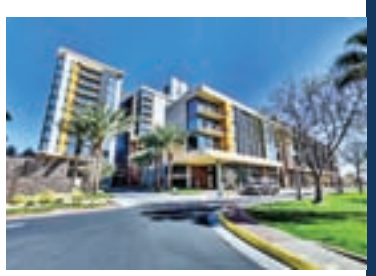


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Big screen deal for Summer

By Megan Forrester



Entertaining your kids during the never-ending heat this summer just became so much easier!

For more than 43 years, a majority of Harkins Theatres have participated in a Summer Movie Fun program, which allows kids of any age to see family-friendly movies once a week for 10 weeks at the price of only $7.

During the school year, gathering the family to catch a movie can be a quite a challenge. But now that it's summer, this program allows children to see films that they may not have gotten the chance to see earlier in the year, or watch one of their old favorites.

After purchasing the Summer Movie Fun pass at the box office and selecting a day to see the weekly movies, kids accompanied with a parent will have access to the theater at 9 a.m., which gives an ample amount of time to peruse the concession stand and find your seats before the movie starts at 9:45 a.m. All snacks will be at available and kids have the option to order the Harkins Kids' Combo for $5.50, which includes a small popcorn, fruit snack and a small drink all placed in a carrying tray.

Sit back and utilize Arizona's most prized possession during the summer, air conditioning—while not having to worry about the constant reapplication of sunscreen in the blazing heat.

Here are the Harkins Theatres that are participating in the Summer Movie Fun program in the Metro Phoenix area this year: Arizona Mills, Arrowhead Fountains, Chandler Crossroads, Chandler Fashion, Christown, Estrella Falls, Gateway Pavilions, Metrocenter, Norterra, North Valley, Park West, Queen Creek, SanTan Village, Scottsdale 101, Shea, Superstition Springs and Tempe Marketplace.

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A regular at the Arcadia Fourth of July Parade, long-time Arcadia resident Kevin Riley is on the move.

Local man's 'March to 60' making a difference

By Rachael Bouley

A long-time Arcadia resident is taking steps to improve not only his own health, but also the well-being of others.

Kevin Riley has lived in Arcadia for more than 48 years. Whether he's participating in the annual Fourth of July Parade, or helping with his class reunions, his goal is to pay it forward and be active in his community.

Now, as he approaches his 60th birthday next March, he has his sights set on another mission: to lower his cholesterol level while raising money for a local non-profit. Riley is pounding the pavement, walking for miles every day as part of his fundraiser dubbed "March to 60."

What started as a plan to improve his physical fitness and health has blossomed into a full-on community campaign, benefitting Tremble Clefs, a musical therapy choir for those affected by Parkinson's disease. The non-profit, which started in 1994, was a big part of life for Riley's parents, who began attending the program in 2001 and kept going until his father's death in November 2008.

"I needed a way to lower my cholesterol and get in better shape, and the Tremble Clefs needed to raise funds," Riley said. "I took control of my own destiny. I came up with a plan that would help both myself and the group."

He began by walking five or six miles a day, and it wasn't long before he realized the potential for securing donation pledges. In March of this year, he warmed up by logging 162.82 miles, and by the end of April, he had raised an impressive $1,113 by putting in 203 more miles. He hopes to build on that fundraising success in the coming months. Supporters can make a flat donation or pledge a certain amount for every mile he walks for a specified length of time.

"The more donations I get, the more I'm motivated to walk," he said.

After his father's passing, Riley wanted to keep his mother involved in the group, so he tagged along for moral support. It wasn't long before he was persuaded to perform a song in front of the eager listeners, despite his fears.

"I was scared stiff, legs shaking and everything," he said. "I decided to sing 'Danny Boy', which was my dad's favorite song."

Fast forward ten years, and Riley is much more confident and comfortable with his musical abilities, especially in front of an audience. That's what he loves about Tremble Clefs — the combination of vocal and physical exercise with the chance to learn and grow in a shared, supportive social setting. No singing experience is necessary, and participation is open to Parkinson's patients, their families and caregivers.

"My fears gradually disappeared. For the patients, it's voice therapy; for me it's a confidence builder," Riley said. "I've also seen how music therapy can strengthen and improve a patient's voice. One of our members stutters, but when he sings, you can understand him perfectly. It's given him confidence to interact socially."

"Since we are a full non-profit organization, there is always a need for funds," said Tremble Clefs member Robert Faulkner. "Kevin is a great friend and I respect and appreciate all that he does."

At the end of the day, Riley and his supporters are helping to brighten the lives of those in need of a little more sunshine.

"When you walk into Tremble Clefs, you feel instantly welcomed by everyone," Faulkner added.

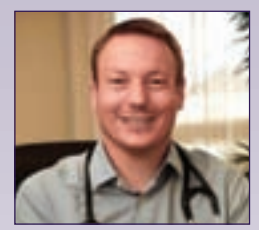
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Sport Court of Arizona built 25 courts during its first year in business. Today, the company does about 100 projects per year.

Sport Court of Arizona celebrates 40 years



(left to right) Jimmy, Jim and Mike Fox.

By Mallory Gleich

In the past, if you were looking for Jim Fox or his sons, chances are you would find them on the basketball court. These days, sons Mike and Jimmy aren't so much playing on the court; instead, they are *building* courts as the owners of Sport Court of Arizona.

For die-hard local basketball fans, the name Jim Fox might sound familiar. Jim played 12 years as a center in the NBA from the mid-1960s through the late 1970s. His career featured stints with seven teams including the Seattle Supersonics, Chicago Bulls, Detroit Pistons and the Phoenix Suns.

Jim started playing basketball his senior year of high school in Sandy Springs, Georgia. From then, he played in junior college, Europe and was eventually drafted into the NBA. After retiring, his first plan of action was to open a sporting goods store.

"I didn't know anything about owning a store and didn't care for the idea of being behind a desk or a cash register," Jim said. Soon after, a friend suggested Jim open his own branch of Sport Court, which builds multipurpose courts for residents and businesses around the Valley.

Jim's sons, Mike and Jimmy, grew up in Arcadia and attended Hopi, Ingleside and Arcadia High School. They were both involved in sports growing up.

Jimmy played basketball at college in Kentucky and also overseas in Switzerland. The boys acquired Sport Court after Jim retired in 2012.

"At the time when the business started, it was kind of a wide-open field. There were some tennis court builders, but that was about it," Jim said.

In its first year, the company built 25 courts. Now, the business has around 100 projects yearly, including the 29 tennis courts at The Village.

The courts are made from a concrete bases covered by interlocking tiles. Customers can personalize their courts with their favorite colors, designs or sports teams' logos. The courts serve up to 18 purposes, from pickle ball to shuffleboard to basketball and volleyball.

Jimmy and Mike expanded the business to include artificial turf, putting greens and in-ground trampolines.

These days, if you're looking for Jim Fox, you can find him painting watercolor in his home studio and spending time with the family. When Jimmy isn't working, he's coaching his kids' basketball team, the Arcadia Fire.

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By Nick Smith

Here's a small look behind the scenes at the making of the *Arcadia News*.

There's a date each month that is circled on the calendar, a date when the work stops and the tinkering ceases. Print day. When print day arrives, what we have is what we have, and nothing else can be added. This means that the rest of the month is all geared toward having everything we need for the issue by that day.

The first week and a half of the month is easy going. Reporters work on their stories, the advertising and editorial departments prepare what they can, all in a relaxed atmosphere. By the end of the second and third week, the stories are turned in and the production process starts to ramp up. The final week can be an overwhelming blur, with long hours of scrambling for last minute information and fact checking every sentence of the paper.

That final week can be exhausting for all of us in the office. With an overload of work and time running out, we can get cranky around here without some good food to look forward to. Thankfully, Rosati's Pizza has stepped up to solve that problem during many production weeks at the *Arcadia News*.

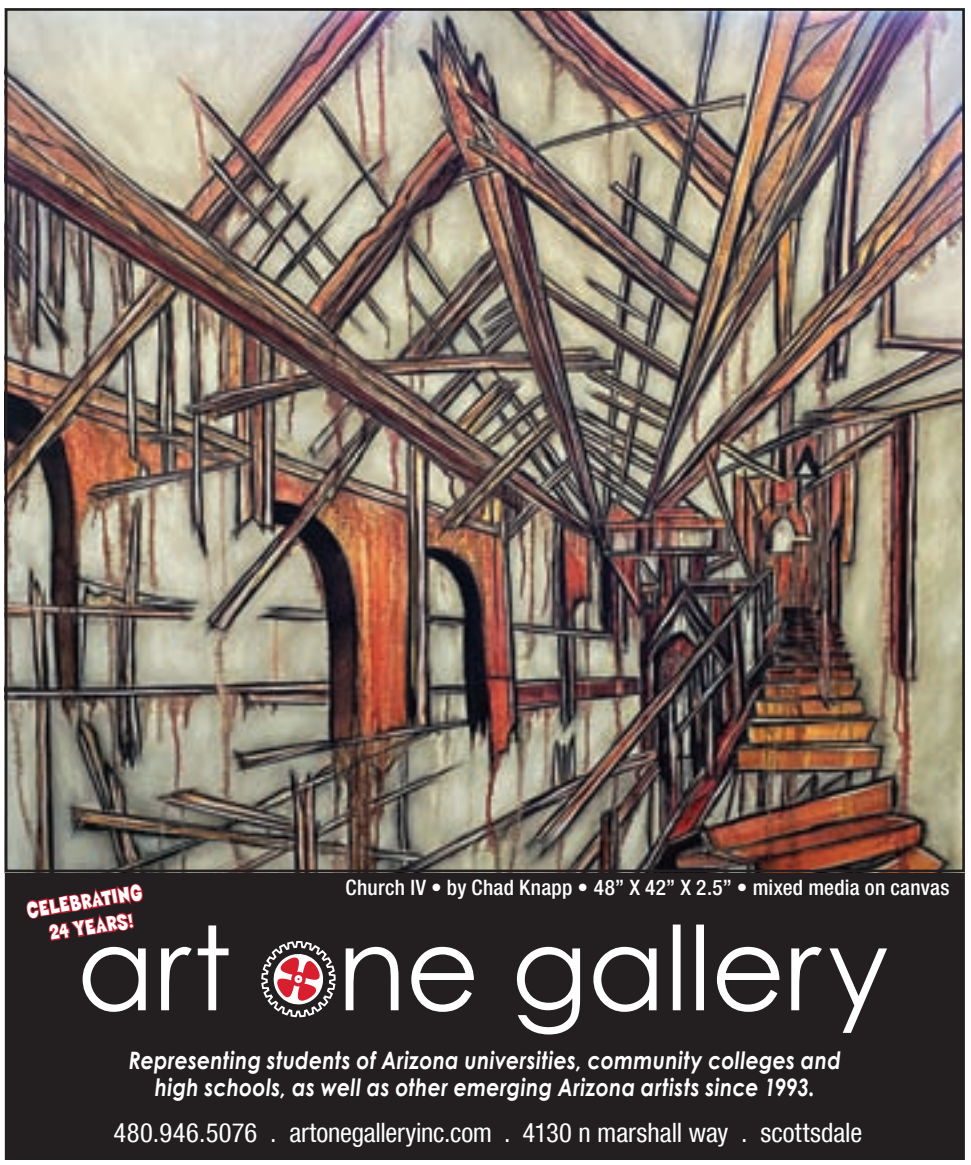
Rosati's was founded in Chicago during the 1960s, and eventually became the second largest local chain of restaurants in the city. Our local location sits at the corner of 40th St. and Thomas Road, and features a collection of Italian offerings that includes pasta, sandwiches and salads.

But when we decide Rosati's, we just go straight for the pizza. Our go-to order is the Double Dough, a hand-rolled crust that is twice as thick as normal. The dough is made fresh each day and baked on a traditional rotating pizza deck oven, which turns the crust into a mix of crunch and chewy. A signature trait of Rosati's is the square slices on the circular pizza, allowing you to choose a cheesy center piece or crunchy crust.

The pizza you're mostly likely to see at our office is the Rosati's Monster, which is loaded with sausage, pepperoni, mushroom, olives and onions. The tangy and sweet tomato sauce is a particular favorite of the staff. The delivery option is a huge help too, as it gives us more time to fact-check the more complicated stories for the seventh time.

There are many great pizza options in our neighborhood, and we're thankful for Rosati's for getting us through many a production week, which makes the printing of the *Arcadia News* possible!





Helping food banks one donation at a time

By Laura Cafiso

While most of us are planning our summer getaway or packing the kids off for camp, other Phoenicians are figuring out how they and their families will have enough to eat over the long, hot summer.

Every year on the second Sunday in May, the National Association of Letter Carriers holds its "Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive." The timing is important, with food banks, pantries and shelters running low on donations from the winter holidays, and with summer looming, when most school meal programs are suspended

So along with setting up lemonade stands, watching summer movie blockbusters and hosting pool parties, add helping out our food banks to your summer activity list.

Phoenix is home to the world's first food bank alliance, St. Mary's Food Bank. Founded in 1967 by John van Hengel, the bank just celebrated its 50th anniversary. It supplies food to over 400 nonprofit agencies in Arizona, said Jerry Brown, St. Mary's Food Bank director of public relations.

Donating food is what most of us think of as the best way to help local food banks increase their inventory. But donating money makes more of an impact.

"If you go to the grocery store and you purchase a jar of peanut butter for us for $2.50, that will feed one family," Brown said. "We can buy that peanut butter in much larger quantities and get the price of that peanut butter down to 80 to 90 cents, which means we can feed two and a half families, with the same amount of money."



In Arizona, one in seven people struggles with hunger. One in four children suffers from food insecurity or lack of consistent access to adequate and nutritional food.

If you choose to donate nonperishable food items, donate items such as peanut butter; canned fruits, vegetables, tuna and chicken; and canned protein meals like Chef Boyardee. The best liquid donations are electrolyte replacement drinks, like Gatorade and of course, water, because of our extreme high temperatures. And take note: St. Mary's Food boxes are conveniently located inside Goodwill stores throughout the Valley, so you can drop off donations there.

Here's another way to help out. When hosting that birthday pool party, make it a donation party. Ask guests to bring their favorite pasta and can of sauce or favorite peanut butter and crackers. Then take a field trip to St. Mary's or another local food bank to donate.

Volunteering at St. Mary's counts as another avenue for helping out. From families to companies, all kinds of groups come to help pack food boxes at the bank's 31st Avenue and Thomas Road location. Bringing canned goods to your volunteer opportunity doubles your good will as you add to the supply.

"We'll have the Fan Club from Metallica in here packing food. Next week we're doing a cow-milking contest with the Arizona Diamondbacks," Brown said. "We have Eagle Scouts that are doing water drives right now for us."

There's truly no end to how you can help those most in need. This summer, make sure to have fun and offer a helping hand.

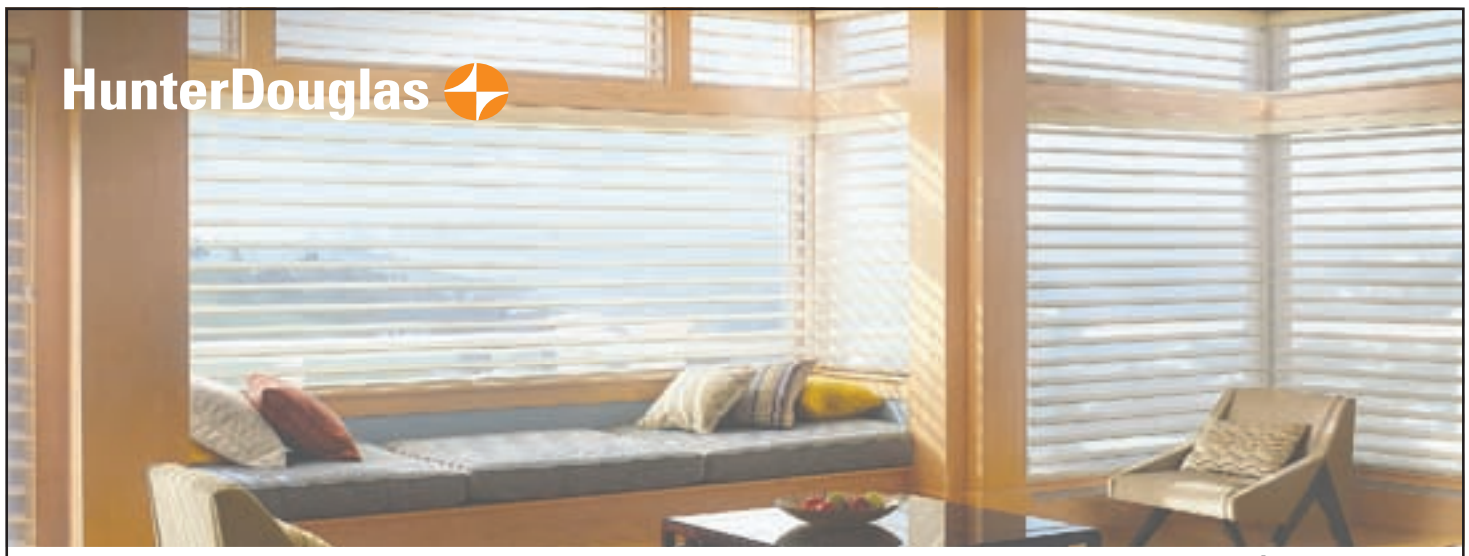
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Sometimes it's beneficial to talk to strangers

By Angela Copeland

CAREER *ADVICE*



If you're like me, the adults in your life taught you early on, "Don't talk to strangers." You may have even heard the phrase, "stranger danger." The idea is that strangers can harm you in some way. Staying away from strangers kept you safe from kidnapping or something else bad.

I whole heartedly agree with this idea for children. As a child, avoiding strangers helped me to keep myself safe in a number of potentially dangerous situations. Frankly, I still sometimes avoid strangers in public places for fear that "something" might go wrong. It's like a residual reaction left over from childhood.

In reality, as a professional, strangers are the very people you want to talk to. I don't mean the random people you pass in the street. I'm talking about the person you're sitting next to at a professional conference. Or, perhaps there's a new employee in another department you haven't met. It could even be the person sitting next to you at a coffee shop.

I like to think of networking as making new friends. And, new friends are all around you. William Butler Yeats once said, "There are no strangers here; only friends you haven't yet met."

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The same applies for LinkedIn. I'm often asked by job seekers whether or not to accept connection requests from strangers on LinkedIn. Most people prefer to only connect to others they have worked with before. But, if you're in the business of looking for a job, connections are everything. Expanding your network means there will be a greater chance that you'll know someone at the next job you apply for.

In fact, LinkedIn prioritizes candidates who have connections at companies where they apply for jobs. When you apply to a job on LinkedIn, LinkedIn sends your information (along with every other applicant) to the recruiter or hiring manager. LinkedIn has to decide who to rank first, and having connections with the company is one of the factors they consider.

On top of that, LinkedIn will let you contact strangers, if they are second and third degree connections. This means that you may be able to reach out to a hiring manager you don't know—if you have enough first degree connections.

In real life, you may wonder what this looks like, especially if you don't typically work to build your new connections. Take the time to introduce yourself to new people at events and parties. Ask the other person about themselves. Listen carefully. Afterward, follow up with the person on LinkedIn and set a time to connect again in person.

With enough practice, these sorts of interactions will become a bit more natural and less forced. And, with enough follow up, the strangers you meet won't be strangers anymore. They'll be business contacts. They'll be friends. They'll be people who you can turn to when you are looking for a new job at a new company.

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

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Open up a book to discover great adventures inside

By Jennifer Marshall

This summer, you and your family could climb a mountain in an exotic land, explore an ancient, haunted castle or discover endangered wildlife in Africa, all without going to Sky Harbor and boarding a plane.

How? Open a book and get swept away on new, grand adventures.

Each year, we hear educational experts tout the importance of reading for kids. Why is it so important?

The simple answer is it keeps children's minds sharp during the summer months. It helps them develop their vocabulary, opening them up to discover the world around them. Children who read books on a regular basis become faster readers, which will help them when it comes to taking timed tests like the SAT.

Reading is great for adults too! It can actually act as a stress reliever, and for older adults, some studies have shown that mental activities like reading help keep the brain sharp.

We reached out to Ms. Kristl Chavez who is a Librarian and Web Content expert with the Phoenix Public Library. In the past, she's also headed up summer reading programs at Saguaro Library. We asked her to select five adult books and five childrens books that would be perfect reads for summer.

FOR ADULTS

A House of My Own: Stories from My Life
by Sandra Cisneros



Fans and new readers of Cisneros alike will enjoy this collection of stories and poems that follows the author/poet around the world and from step to step through her journey as a writer. Sensuous in language and imagery, this book is especially recommended for readers who suffer from sweet, sweet wanderlust.

A Man Called Ove
by Fredrik Bachman



Ahh… who doesn't love a super surly curmudgeon? Ove just wants to be left alone once and for all, but the universe has other plans. With a cast of characters that is as animated as it is endearing, this book will make you feel all the feelings.

Rules of Civility
by Amor Towles



It's New Year's Eve 1937 in Greenwich Village. Katey Kontent's destiny is set in motion with a chance meeting. There's New York high society, there's jazz, there's surrender. Towles' rendering of this time in America is sparkling and deeply felt. A must for historical fiction lovers.

The Crossroads of Should and Must: Find and Follow Your Passion
by Elle Luna



Half visual masterpiece, half self-help book, Luna takes her readers on a trip to heightened self-discovery where identifying and learning to follow one's passion is the end game. Get ready to begin to let go of all that you were told that you "should" do and embrace your "musts."

Priestdaddy
by Patricia Lockwood



The freshest, most hilarious memoir I have read in a while. Lockwood describes coming of age in a house with a Catholic priest father (yes, it's a thing… sometimes). Come for the plot, stay for Lockwood's clever, descriptions of the everyday and the human condition.

FOR CHILDREN

Strictly No Elephants
by Lisa Mantchev



This picture book's message of love and tolerance is disguised in a sweet, friendly story about a boy who, when faced with adversity, opens up his world and the world of his community.

Day of the Dinosaurs
by Stephen Brusatte



Kids of all ages can immerse themselves into a jewel-colored dinosaur wonderland with this dynamic, fact-filled book that is perfect for sharing.

El Deafo
by Cece Bell



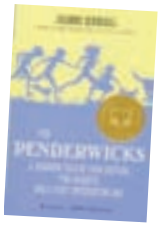
In this graphic novel, Bell tackles the serious subject of growing up with hearing loss with charm and tenderness. A favorite among early readers, this book is witty and funny and includes Bell's bold illustrations.

Grand Canyon
by Jason Chin



With breathtaking visuals and an informative narrative, this book will inspire families to take the drive up to our state's very own natural wonder.

The Penderwicks: A Summer Tale of Four Sisters, Two Rabbits and a Very Interesting Boy
by Jeanne Birdsall



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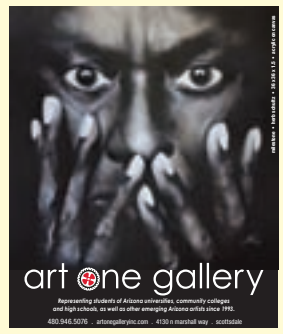
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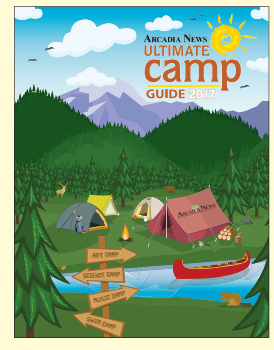


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AHS teacher and student team up for design award

By Jennifer Marshall



Dianna Cure



Keegan Twyerould

Keegan Twyerould, a student at Arcadia High School, finished the school year with quite an accomplishment. The junior recently won a gold medal for his pin design at the SkillsUSA Arizona State Championships.

The SkillsUSA Championships are a prestigious series of competitive events which showcase the best career and technical education students in the nation. One of the competitions is the State Pin and State T-Shirt designs. Arcadia High School's Graphic Design classes threw their hats in the ring, using the skills they've learned at school.

Twyerould's was picked as one of the top five out of peer review rankings. His design was then entered into the state championships where he was chosen as the Arizona champion. When asked about the win, Twyerould singled out one person in particular.

"Ms. Cure makes it all happen," said Twyerould. "Her influence and 30 years of teaching is making successful careers possible."

Ms. Dianna Cure is the Advertising Art and Graphic Design teacher at Arcadia High School. Her career in education started at Scottsdale High where she taught Advertising Art. And for the last 26 years, she's been a faculty member at Arcadia High School.

While the Advertising Art/Graphic Design program is open to freshman, the three levels are usually taken during the sophomore, junior and senior years. The program is rigorous, but also aims to be creative and rewarding.

"The program is designed to provide students with a solid foundation in design," said Cure. "It also strives to instill less tangible but equally vital career skills: ethics, collaboration, responsibility, leadership and communication."

While the classes in the Advertising Art/Graphic Design program are considered elective courses and fall under the CTE (Career and Technical Education) category, they're also dual enrollment, meaning students who participate in the program can earn both high school and college credit.

Cure has had past students graduate from graphic design programs at top-tier colleges and universities.

Twyerould is just the latest student of Cure's to participate at the SkillsUSA Competition. Under her tutelage, Scottsdale High School won a Silver Medal in Advertising Design. And in her 26 years of teaching at Arcadia, she has had students win gold, silver, and bronze medals at the State and National SkillsUSA Competitions.

"Ms. Cure is the most amazing person," said senior Gretchen Rae, who will be studying graphic design at Texas Christian University this fall. "She's been a real mentor to me, she was really one of the biggest reasons why I started to believe I could do this for a career."

"I want to work really hard for my students and want them to do well," said Cure. "I have great kids."



Twyerould won gold at the SkillsUSA Arizona Championships for his winning pin design (left).





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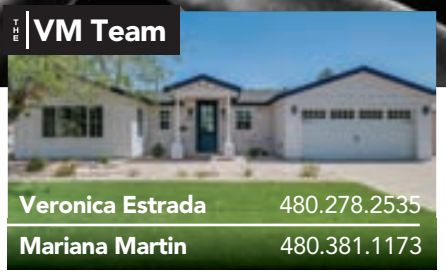


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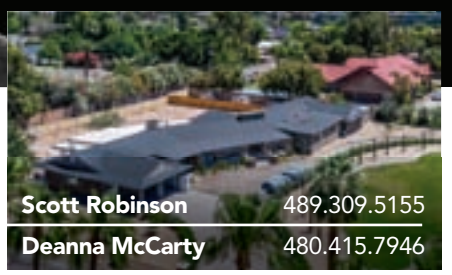


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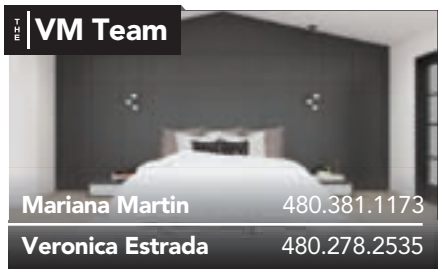


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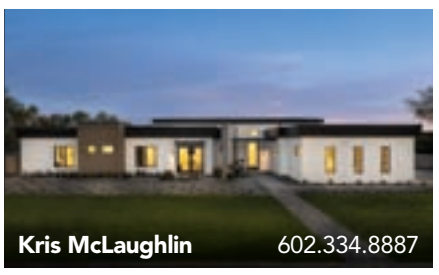


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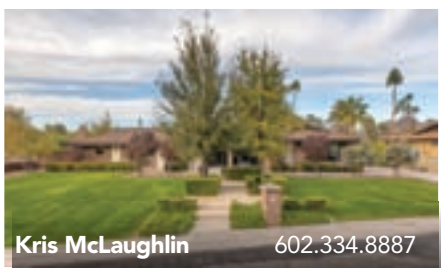


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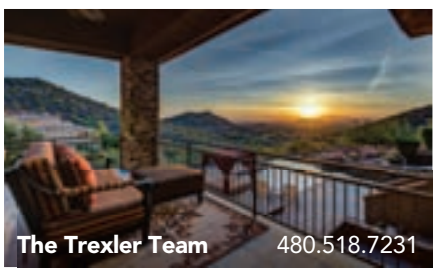


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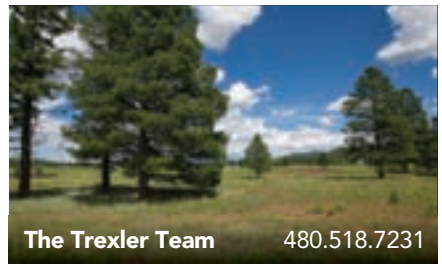


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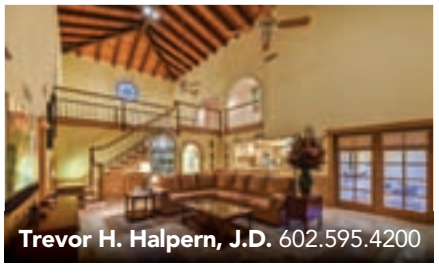


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AHS Robotics team uses 3D printing to win regional award

By Rachael Bouley

A group of local creative thinkers and hardworking problem solvers recently won an award at a regional robotics competition.

Strong spirit and out-of-the-box solutions fueled the Arcadia Titans FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition in Science and Technology) Robotics Team when they took home top honors at the Arizona North Regional competition in March. The Titans won the Imagery Award, which celebrates attractive engineering and outstanding visual integration, from the machine to the team appearance.

"We train Arcadia High School robotics students to run the 3D printers to develop the next generation of designers that understand additive manufacturing," said team president Austin Suder. "We started using 3D printed parts on our robots in 2014, and the quantity of parts printed has increased every year."

"Our robot design pushes the boundaries of innovation by using materials not expected—like 3D printed parts," added team programmer Lance Davis.

Although the team is confident in its robots, it is always looking for ways to improve, and regional competitions give the squad the perfect chance to do so. The Titans were not only happy with their performance at Arizona North, but they were also encouraged by the results of the enhancements they made to make their robots stronger for the next competition.



The Arcadia Titans FIRST team celebrates during the Arizona North Regional Robotics competition.

The Titans' teamwork and collaborative spirit has them on the road to success. While they have adult advisors and coaches, at the end of the day it's the students who make the big decisions. Team members brainstorm ideas, discuss potential challenges and ultimately vote on the final design of the robot before building commences.

Assistant coach Dianna Davis says FIRST aims to inspire students in the areas of science and technology.

"FIRST participation is proven to encourage students to pursue education and careers in STEM-related fields (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics), inspire them to become leaders and innovators, and enhance their 21st century work-life skills," Davis said.

The team hopes to soon start a new club at Ingleside Middle School, and the students already mentor Tavan Elementary School's FIRST Lego League team.

"We want to share our passion and excitement for STEM and inspire younger students to get involved and explore this amazing program," Davis added.

Mentor Nicole Avila has spent six years helping the students achieve their goals and develop new skills. Many of the mentors are alumni of the program, giving current students an unique perspective on what it takes to turn a high school hobby into a thriving career.

"Watching our students find their passion through robotics has been fulfilling," Avila said. "Some students pursue STEM careers and others have pursued a career in education. As a mentor, my goal is not focused on helping them build a robot. My goal is to help them become strong future leaders."

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Titans softball team posts dominant season

By Max Bechtoldt

The Arcadia Titans softball team's historic season came to an end on May 10, against Ironwood Ridge, but this season can't be called anything other than a success.

"I couldn't be prouder of these girls this season," said head coach Jason Foster. "To finish the season ranked number one was a tremendous accomplishment."

The team accomplished its three main goals it set for itself going into the season. They won the Apollo Tournament, won the region, and made it to the elite eight. The team also finished the season with a staggering 30 – 5 record.

The main keys to the success of the team were the combined efforts of the fantastic defense the Titans displayed, and their incredible hitting. Senior Haley Denning led the way hitting .591 and scoring 71 runs on the season. Senior catcher Mae Forshey and senior Regan Kerr captured the top two spots in the league for RBIs with 63 and 57 respectively. Other huge contributors at the plate were senior Kelly Flynn and Jordyn Pender who each averaged better than one RBI per game.

Junior pitcher Ellie Richardson led the Titans with 16 wins. Senior Abby Holloran pitched 55 innings across seven games, resulting in 25 strikeouts and only 12 batters walked.

Foster credits the pitching with helping to keep the team grounded, despite having a huge target on their backs for most of the season.

The Titans consistently destroyed teams in their path, at one point putting together a five-game stretch where they beat opponents by a combined score of 89 – 5. Of the 30 wins, 14 were by double digits and the team eclipsed 20 runs four times.

When the Titans were finally stopped by Ironwood Ridge, it was the first game all season that they had failed to score a run. The Nighthawks were propelled by freshman Emma Almodoba, who went 4-4 from the plate, driving in three runs, and junior Frankie Lucio on the mound, who pitched seven innings and only allowed three hits.

The Titans will have to find a way to replace eight seniors, but Foster is confident the team can reload for next season.



The 2018 Titans squad won 14 of their 30 wins by double digits.



Junior pitcher Ellie Richardson.

"I feel pretty good about the future. Junior pitchers Ellie Richardson and Jade Ng both return next year as well as junior Jordyn Pender and sophomore Keeley Yeager who were a huge part of our success" Foster said.

Yaeger and Pender appeared in a combined 69 games and both found success at the plate. Yaeger hit .415 and Pender hit .500.

The Titans have a lot to replace, but the experience of being on the number one team in the state should be very valuable for the returners.

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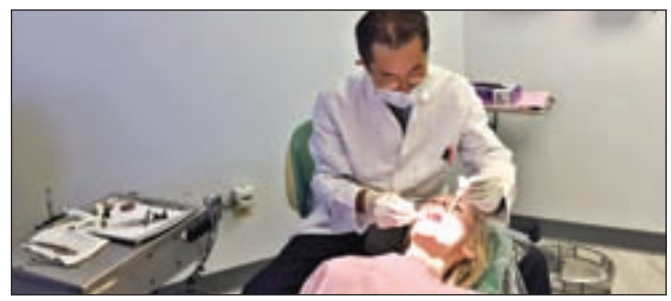
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Arcadia High's discus throwers Makiya Moore and Jorden Okyere stand with their coaches at the State Championships.

AHS track & field posts successful season

By Rachael Bouley

Arcadia High School's Track & Field team wrapped up its strong season by sending 11 athletes to the State Championships.

The girls team, led by juniors and seniors, built on an impressive season start with the encouragement of Coach Sam Fox. The squad secured a fourth place finish in the First Annual Arizona Relays, as well as fifth place at the Buckeye Lions Invitational and seventh at the Husky Invitational at Horizon High School.

The boys team, with more freshmen and sophomores, got out to a solid start at the AZ Relays at Coronado High School on Feb. 24, taking seventh place out of 19 teams. The boys captured 16th place finishes at both Buckeye and Husky before securing ninth place at the Valley Classic and third at the Scottsdale District meet in April.

Fox, along with boys head coach Carl Tichenor, recognized the potential in their up-and-coming athletes who improved as the season progressed. Although some of the runners missed the first few meets because of winter sports obligations, the teams grew increasingly competitive as they moved through the season and it showed in the standings.

The Arcadia coaching staff, including Fox, Tichenor, Sarah Boustila and throwing coach Jan Ware, pushed their athletes to succeed on and off the track.

"These boys and girls are pretty impressive and easy to coach, with good attitudes," said Fox.

The season shaped up to be a healthy competition between Arcadia, Chaparral and Saguaro high schools. The Titans had several "blue chippers" who placed in the top three in most events. They included Dominique Ballard, who went to state in the 100m sprint after breaking a 20-year school record earlier in the season. Long jumper Bryce Nixon also went to state, along with runners Nichole Kaiser, Bella DeFalco, Haley Denning, Brooke Bream, Rachel Noble and Jasmine Alyasiri.

Jorden Okyere and Makiya Moore were two of the biggest success stories from Arcadia's season. Both ranked in the top 10 in the state for discus. Their stellar performances led to automatic qualifications for state and an invitation to the prestigious Arcadia Invitational in California on April 7. There, they joined 7,500 of the top athletes from around the country.

But even in that large crowd, the two Titans stood out. Okyere ended up with his personal record and a gold medal in his division with a discus throw of 171 feet, 4 inches. He went on to become district champion in shot put, discus and javelin. He ended his senior year on a high note, placing fourth in the state in discus. He will continue his throwing career at Grand Canyon University.

Now in her tenth season coaching the throwing events at Arcadia, Jan Ware has maintained her ultimate goal of having an athlete break her school records, set 32 years ago. Her dream was realized when Moore threw the discus 130 feet, 2 inches at the district meet.

"It was a huge highlight and accomplishment," Ware said. "I was so excited that I was the coach to do that. There was a lot of crying and screaming in excitement."

Moore also won the state championship in discus, and she and Okyere received the most outstanding female and male awards at the school sports banquet.

"Every time they do something so good, I can't sleep at night. I am just so excited, and I can't believe how well they've done," Ware said. "They are just amazing kids, so dedicated and hardworking."



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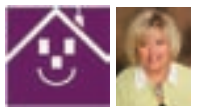
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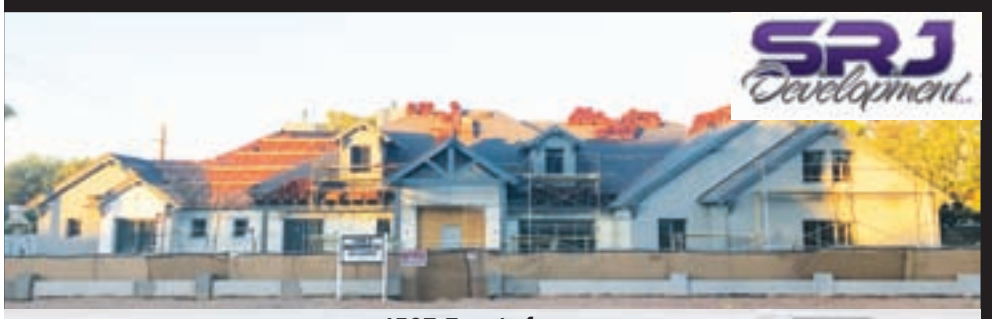
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