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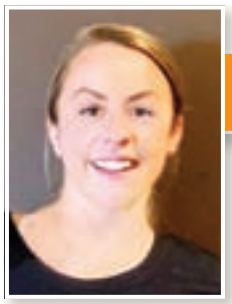
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COVER IMAGE:
Rock legend Alice Cooper promoting his 18th annual holiday fundraiser to benefit the Solid Rock Teen Center.
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EDITOR'S NOTE

Okay, Arcadia. Time to put down the shopping lists, cookie sheets and twinkle lights. The December issue of *Arcadia News* is in your hands! Take a moment to relax and catch up on what's going on in the neighborhood.

Last month, I had the pleasure of attending my first G.A.I.N. Picnic. My cheeks hurt from all the smiling I did that day. Laughter, good music and great food are three things that help make a get together successful and there was plenty of each to go around.

Along with various others, Helping Hands Arizona is hosting its annual holiday toy drive until December 10 this year. Started over 20 years ago, this organization has provided millions of foster children with essentials and gifts for the season. Arcadia's own UPS driver, Jeremy Giles, enlisted the help of more than 20 Arcadia businesses to donate for the toy drive. Check out the story on page 22.

The Shemer Art Center is celebrating a few anniversaries this year. It's been 100 years since the first home was built in Arcadia – what we now know as the art center. It's also the anniversary of what would be Martha Shemer's 100th birthday, and the 35th anniversary of Shemer's opening. To commemorate these anniversaries, the building now boasts new signage.

Check out our story on the history of the Shemer on page 10 and be sure to catch our follow up story in January which will discuss the birth of Arcadia and the Arcadia Water Company.

2019 is coming to an end. A new year is ahead and a new decade as well. We are excited to welcome in the new year with our wonderful neighbors, and as always, thank you for reading *Arcadia News*.

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Jennifer Dukelow, math teacher at Arcadia High School
Nominated by Linda Schlenker



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How long have you been teaching at Arcadia High?

This is my 15th year teaching here. I graduated from Arcadia High School and it is my home. I hope to spend my entire career here.

Which classes do you teach?

I teach trigonometry/ precalculus honors, AP calculus BC and college and career enhancement. In the past, I have also taught calculus 3/differential equations honors, algebra basics, geometry basics, geometry, geometry/trigonometry honors, AIMS math, and geometry support. I taught primarily geometry for 12 years.

Did you always know you wanted to teach?

I knew I wanted to be a teacher from the time I was around five years old, but I always wanted to teach whatever grade I was currently in as a student. I used to give my little brother math tests when he was around three years old. It was meant to be!

Once I got to Arcadia, two absolutely incredible math teachers, Barb Thomas and Elaine Stone, made me fall in love with math and realize that being a high school math teacher was my true calling in life.

What is your favorite part about being a teacher?

It is definitely the students. I am so lucky that I get to spend every day with such amazing kids, form such great relationships with them, and be a part of their lives. It is what makes me excited to come to work every single day, and I stay in contact with many of my former students.

What is your favorite part of the Arcadia area?

I grew up in Phoenix about a half a mile from Arcadia and my favorite part of the area is Arcadia itself. Even though the school has been completely rebuilt since I was a student there, it will always feel like home when I walk on campus.

What is the best part about teaching high school?

Working with teenagers. They are so great. They are passionate, funny, caring and talented. I get to watch them become who they will be as adults, and I know my students are going to change the world.

What are some unique teaching techniques you use?

I like to incorporate food when possible...I teach an entire unit in BC Calculus that we call "Cakeulus." Someday, I will retire and open a bakery named that and all the baked goods will have math on them.

I also think that forming strong relationships with students is one of my strengths as a teacher. Students will do so much more for you when they know you truly care about them. I also use humor a lot.

How does it feel to be nominated as a Teacher We Love?

It is incredible! I love my students so much, and it means so much to me to be nominated. The best part of my job is getting to form relationships with such amazing young men and women.

At the presentation, I only saw the four administrators and wasn't sure what was going on, although they were all smiling. Then I saw the Schlenkers and I figured something was afoot. Something good is always about to happen when Linda and Grace are around.

What is your favorite inspirational quote?

"The only person you need to compare yourself to is the person you were yesterday."

I think we can all take something from that, but especially young people as they see others posting on social media and feel pressure to succeed and be the best. They are all amazing, and it only matters that they are happy with who they are as a person and the choices they make.

Winning teachers receive Arcadia News *gift items, gift certificates for the Phoenician Spa and Postino Winecafé.*

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Average Sale Price -	$1,351,000
Average Sold $ Per SF -	$367
Average Days On Market -	119 days

There is currently 6 months of home inventory. (based on 2018 sales results)

2019 home sales have increased 0% this year. (based on 2018 sales results)

2019 home prices have increased 6%. (based on 2018 sales results)

2019 $ Per Square Foot prices have increased 4%. (based on 2018 sales results)

2019 homes are taking 13% less time to sell. (based on 2018 sales results)

2018 HOPI SCHOOL DISTRICT SALES RESULTS

Homes Sold -	310 homes
Average Sale Price -	$1,275,000
Average Sold $ Per SF -	$352
Average Days On Market -	136 days

2019 TAVAN SCHOOL DISTRICT SALES RESULTS

(1/01/2019-10/31/2019)

Active Homes -	60 Homes
Homes Sold -	192 Homes
Average Sale Price -	$634,000
Average Sold $ Per SF -	$276
Average Days On Market -	88 days

There is currently 3 months of home inventory. (based on 2018 sales results)

2019 home sales have increased 5% this year. (based on 2018 sales results)

2019 home prices have increased 1%. (based on 2018 sales results)

2019 $ Per Square Foot prices have increased 2%. (based on 2018 sales results)

2019 Homes are taking 1% more time to sell. (based on 2018 sales results)

2018 TAVAN SCHOOL DISTRICT SALES RESULTS

Homes Sold -	215 Homes
Average Sale Price -	$632,000
Average Sold $ Per SF -	$270
Average Days On Market -	87 days

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2,000 teddy bears to take over Phoenix Christian School

By Amanda Savage

Teddy bear collector Chuck Warner describes his first teddy bear the way another Generation X-er might retell the story of their first concert.

"There's a teddy bear called Teddy Ruxpin, which had a cassette tape. You would plug in the cassette tape, and it came with a story book – it had about 20 different books – and the bear read the story," Warner recalled.

Although Warner was born and raised in Arizona, he spent 25 years in Dallas, where in the mid-80s, he cultivated what would be a lifelong attachment to the plush animal.

Warner joined a non-profit called Bear Patrol, where his arctophile (a person who collects or is very fond of teddy bears) habits came into full force. The organization's slogan was "share the magic of the teddy bear."

"They raised funds to buy bears from different teddy bear companies and would give them to children's hospitals, shelters for kids and their mothers; that's what really got me started," Warner said.

Several teddy bear artists, who gifted Warner their creations, staffed Bear Patrol over the years. When the organization ended, it left Warner with a growing collection of stuffed animals and no one to share them with.

After the non-profit, Warner's attachment was stronger than ever. He stayed in Dallas for five more years collecting bears and working on displays until he moved back to Phoenix 18 years ago.

Warner eventually had to add storage units to his backyard to hold all the teddy bears he had collected.

In 2001, Warner and his wife started setting up holiday displays at churches around Phoenix. When the last church he displayed at sold in 2012, his bear collection went back into hiding.

Then, a former church patron, who was also the principal at Phoenix Christian, reached out to Warner with an invitation that would give his passion a new home.

Warner has been decorating the gymnasium at the Phoenix Christian School every holiday season since 2014.

Warner's collection has since upgraded to five storage units in his backyard to hold the entire 2,000 bear stock he uses for the display. This is in addition to the 100 plus handmade bears in his personal collection that he keeps at home.

"If you like teddy bears, you'll totally be taken aback by this display," Warner said.

The official name of Warner's holiday exhibit is *A Magical Teddy Bear Christmas Display.*

"We decorate four Christmas trees that have over 1,000 ornaments, the whole thing, it's all teddy bears," Warner said.

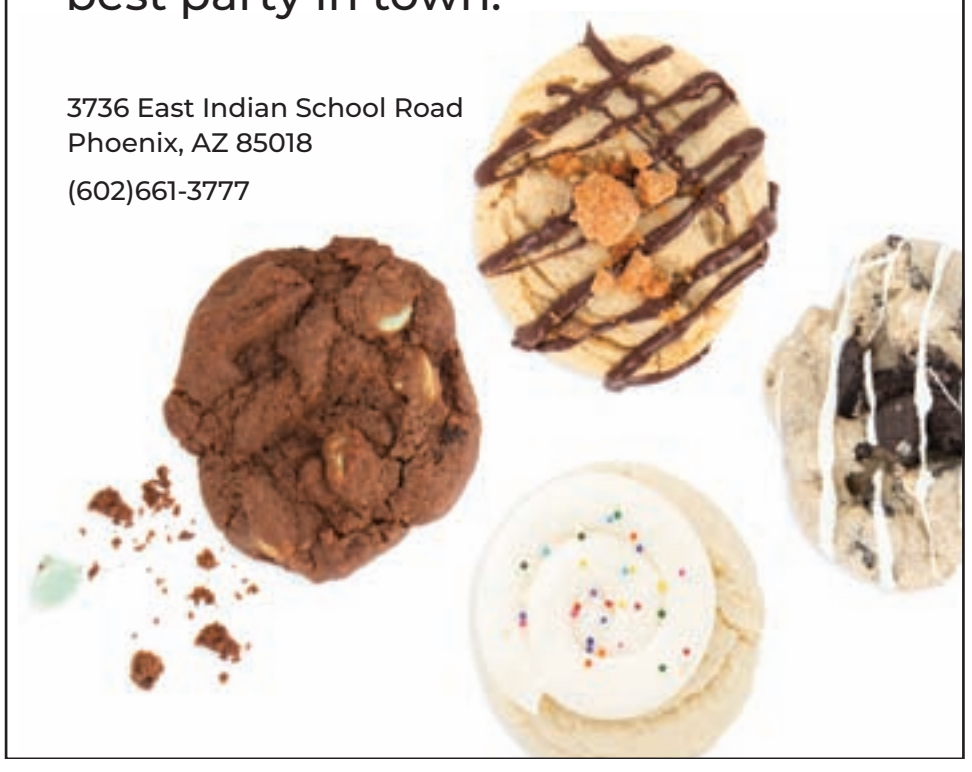
The display includes a 50-count teddy bear choir, 30 teddy bear nutcrackers, over 250 teddy bear stockings and holders and "100 small and large animated teddy bears with most of them playing Christmas music."

"There's just something magical about teddy bears," Warner said. He still has one of the first Teddy Ruxpins he ever got.

A Magical Teddy Bear Christmas Display is a free event, but donations are accepted.

The display will be open from December 20 until January 2. Hours and days vary; located at Phoenix Christian K-8, 2425 N. 26th St. For more: phoenixchristianschool.org.

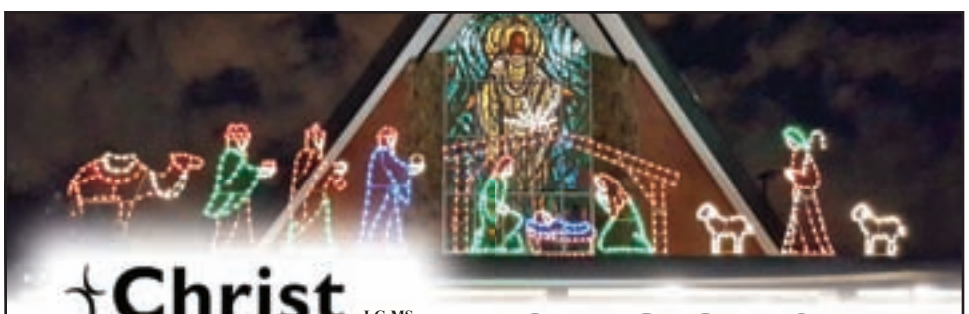
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Rediscovering Christmas spirit

By Sam Lowe



All of my early Christmas celebrations were spent on the frigid plains of North Dakota, where the festivities commonly involved long underwear, stocking caps with ear flaps, woolen shirts, the scent of freshly cut pine trees, the fragrance of warm apple cider, school kids with squeaky voices singing carols, fields covered with snow and a chill that nipped my nose.

I'm a senior now, admittedly jaded by the passage of time and wearied by the commercialism that has become an ever-increasing companion to Christmas. Those early reflections are only memories now, replaced by a merchandising fever that begins before Halloween: plastic fir trees, monotonous piped-in music and, since I live in Phoenix, temperatures in the 70s and 80s, hardly compatible with frosty mornings and the glistening whiteness of fresh snow from my younger years.

In an effort to recapture some of that long-ago spirit, my wife Lyn and I decided to embark on a tour of European Christmas markets. She's a native Pennsylvanian, also accustomed to Yule logs, hot toddies and fur-lined boots. We selected a tour that included stops at markets in Vienna, Salzburg and Innsbruck in Austria; Munich and Oberammergau in Germany and Zurich and Lucerne in Switzerland, with side trips to the castle at Neuschwanstein and the principality of Liechtenstein.

And it was, in a word, wonderful. In a few other words: it was magnificent, soul-restoring and filled with joy.

We started in Vienna and the city welcomed us like family. Every street was festooned in brilliance. Huge orbs of sparkling red lights and giant chandeliers of dazzling white lights dangled over us as we sauntered along traffic-free streets. Carolers raised their voices above the murmuring crowds, and cathedrals opened their doors, inviting passersby inside to view their ornate interiors.

Almost on cue, a light snow fell and we became immersed in this magical time.

The markets consisted of small booths lined up in neat rows and filled with vendors and their Christmas goodies. Cookies. Pies. Nutcrackers. Candles. Ornaments. Toys. Bratwursts. Hot spiced wine. Jewelry. Rocking horses. Pretzels. Each display inviting. Each merchant smiling. Each prospective buyer determined to find the perfect gift, or simply to share the joy.

We allowed ourselves to become absorbed and partook in mighty fashion – bratwurst in one hand, mulled wine or hot spiked cocoa in the other, camera always at the ready. We looked at everything and bought a few things. We smiled and laughed and conversed with total strangers and wished them sincere greetings of the season.

Short bus rides then took us to Salzburg and Munich, where the scene repeated itself only with slight differences. Father Christmas, a European version of Santa, showed up in



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Markets in Vienna.

THE LOWE ROAD

Munich to stroll through the gatherings and wish everyone good tidings. Old-fashioned sleighs commanded by costumed drivers and pulled by bell-adorned horses paraded through the streets of Salzburg.

A giant Christmas tree composed of thousands of glass crystals was set up in the Zurich train station; an oompah band huffed and puffed its way through familiar carols at a hotel in Innsbruck. Fabric angels pointed the way to a small marketplace offering homemade wares on the main street in Oberammergau.

Later, the bus chugged us across white flatlands between snow-capped mountains en route to Neuschwanstein. The storybook castle, located on a mountainside, was built by the Bavarian emperor Ludwig II, also known as Mad Ludwig. Although not embellished with as many decorations as those in the cities, it was a perfect Christmas setting – snow, towering mountains, a castle, hot chocolate and horse-drawn carriages taking bundled visitors up and back.

We spent the last two days in Lucerne, where Christmas lights draped across an ancient covered bridge illuminated the way to the crowded markets. Next to the booths, a huge Christmas tree kept silent, colorful watch over a hand-crafted Nativity scene.

Our trip came to an end way too soon, and we headed back home. Not much had changed during our absence. The signs and commercials still screamed "Buy! Buy! Buy!" The malls were still blaring rock 'n' roll renditions of *Silent Night.* The cacti were still adorned with Santa hats, plastic ornaments and red and green lights. But we were refreshed. For a short time, we had rediscovered our Christmas spirit.



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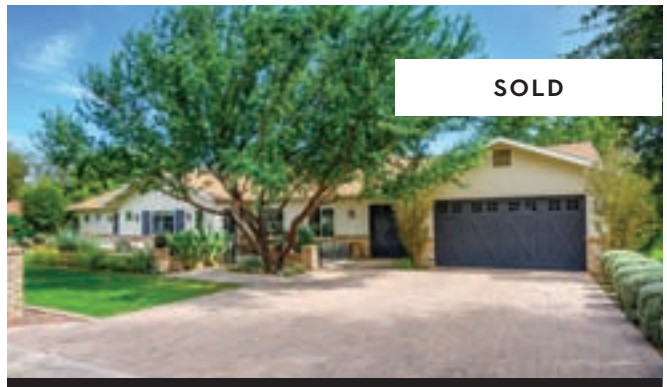
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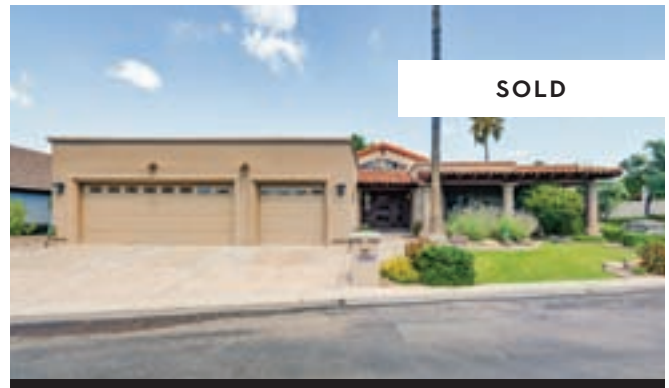
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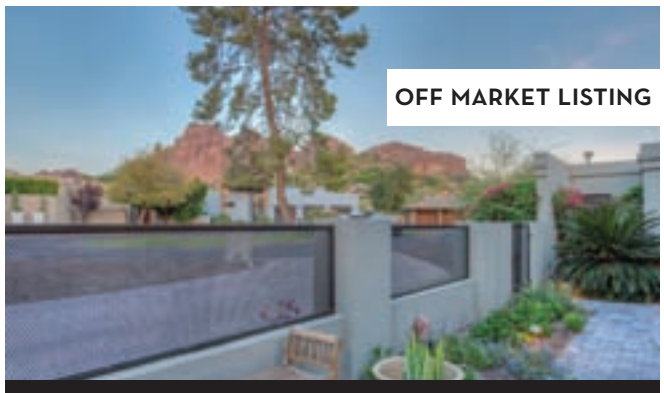
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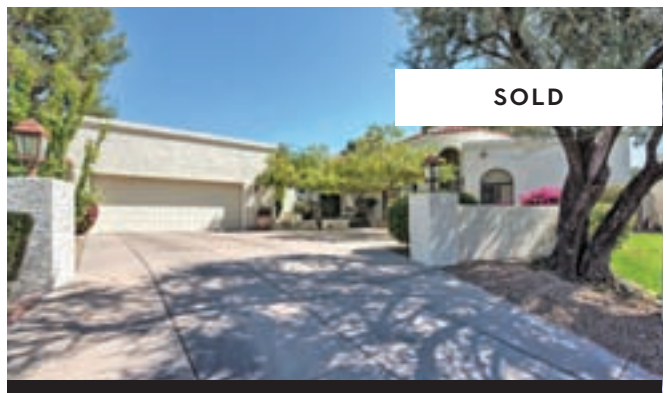
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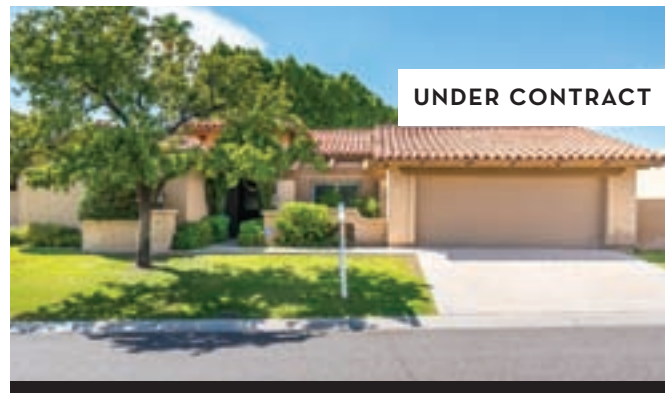
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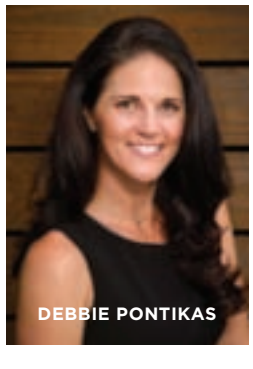
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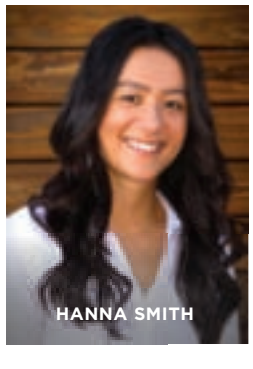
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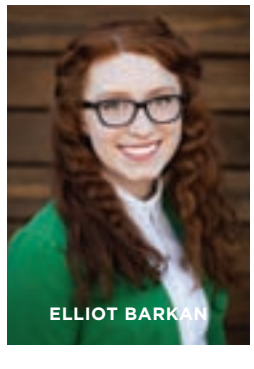

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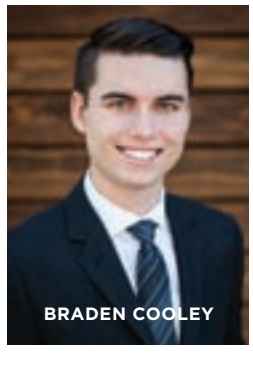

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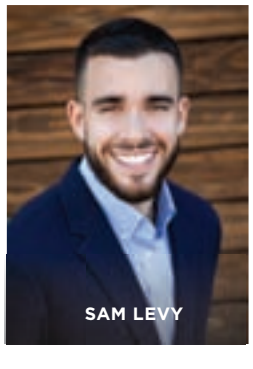

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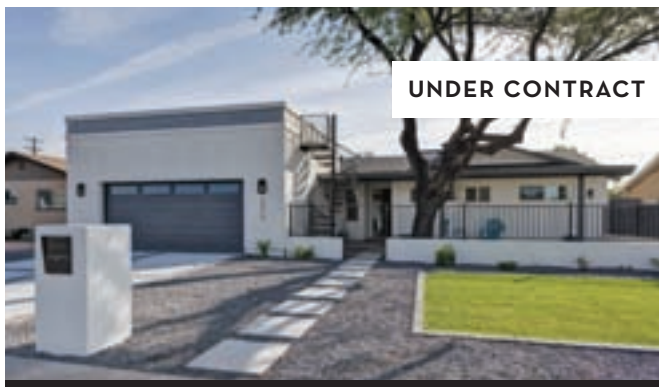
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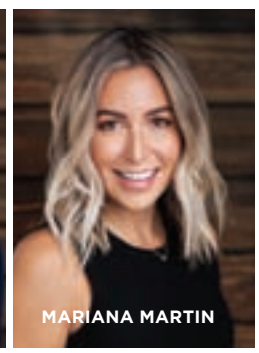
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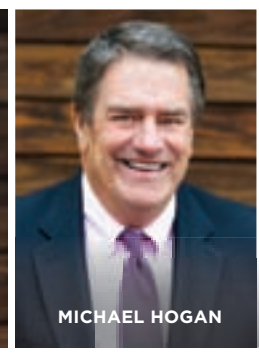
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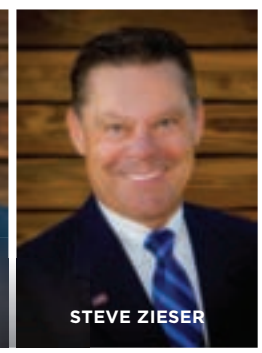

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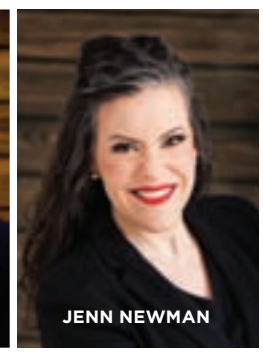

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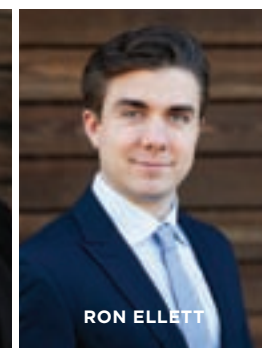

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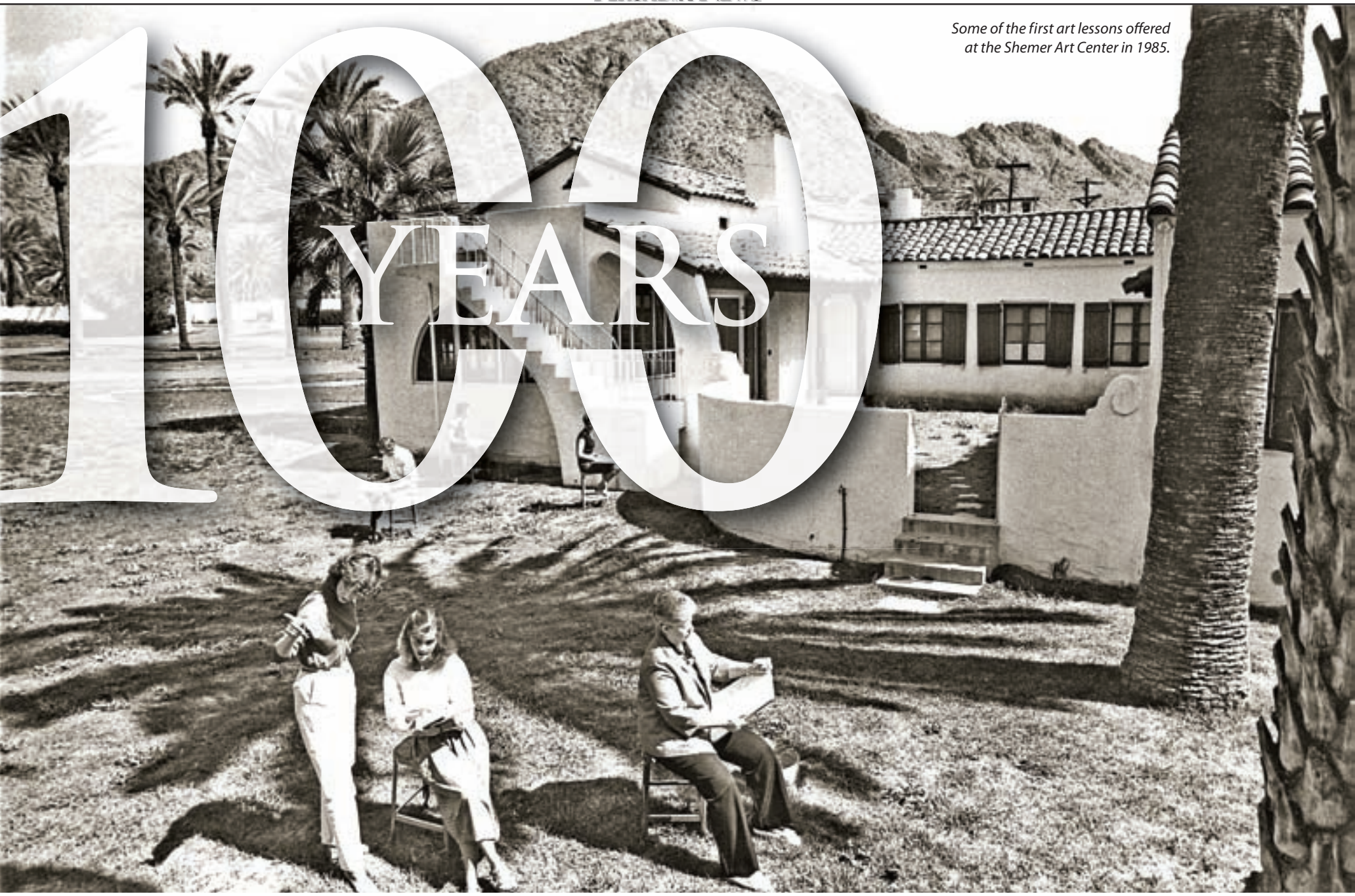

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Some of the first art lessons offered at the Shemer Art Center in 1985.

Shemer Art Center celebrates a year of anniversaries



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Martha Shemer keeps a watchful eye over her art center in one of the main rooms.

PART ONE OF A TWO-PART SERIES

By Max Bechtoldt

It is a year of celebrations for the Shemer Art Center. Starting with the 100th anniversary of the creation of the building, it is also the 35th year since the opening of the art center and an anniversary of what would have been the 100th birthday of its namesake, Martha Shemer.

In 1919 this was the first home built in Arcadia. Its occupant was the foreman of the Arcadia Water Company, who was stationed there as the new community infrastructure of pipes and wells was being built. The original portion of the building that the foreman lived in is used as one of the art studios where classes are held.

In 1925, the house was purchased by a new investor in Arcadia named Henry Coerver, who added on a new bedroom, bathroom and kitchen. He nicknamed it "Casa de Wanda" in honor of his wife. This addition is now used as the painting center.

In 1928, Charles Suhr – then president of Pennzoil Company – bought the home for his family and doubled the size of the house, building rooms that now feature the galleries and offices.

In 1984, the home was purchased by Martha Shemer, a successful real estate investor who was looking to buy a building near a recognizable landmark. The location of this property was perfect, sitting almost directly at the base of Camelback Mountain. Shemer donated the building to the City of Phoenix with the stipulation that it be used for the city's up-and-coming arts and culture programs. The city fulfilled her request and named it after Martha.

"She was at a point when she did this, that all she wanted to do was give back," said Shonna James, president and executive director of the Shemer Art Center. "Since its inception, the Shemer Art Center has provided a place where people can learn about the visual arts through classes, exhibitions and events," James said.

The center holds up to seven classes per day for adults, workshops on the weekends and two art lectures per month. There are summer art camps for children and a year-round afterschool art club.

"Unfortunately, with school budget cuts, art classes are often the first to be drastically cut or eliminated," James said. "A quality arts education is still critical for learning skills like creativity, innovation, and the ability to notice details that are not apparent at first glance," James said.

The center has a small gift shop that features pieces created exclusively by Arizona artists. It also holds showcases in its gallery rooms, filled with local sculptures and paintings. Outdoor events are held every spring and fall and the Shemer's newest event – Food Truck Nights – will start back up in March after a winter break.



> *"Since its inception, the Shemer Art Center has provided a place where people can learn about the visual arts through classes, exhibitions and events."*

More than 300 dedicated volunteers contribute more than 1,700 hours annually to service the Shemer Art Center. James cites this as one of the reasons for the success of the summer camps and daily programs.

To mark the year of anniversaries, the Shemer Art Center created new signage that James hopes is more visible and makes the center more noticeable to people passing by.

In the future, the folks at Shemer hope to purchase the house that is next to the art center, which is currently for sale. James' vision is that this will create more space for classes and gallery centers.

For more: shemerartcenter.org.

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In March of 1928, Henry Coerver sold his home to the president of Pennzoil, Charles Suhr. The news of the sale made the front page of the The Arizona Republican. The sale price of the home was $50,000. Photo: Arizona Republican, March 28, 1928.

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Real Estate & Business ANNUAL INDUSTRY AWARDS

Arcadia resident Bob Silver to receive the Irv Shuman Award

By Jennifer Marshall

The Valley of the Sun Jewish Community Center (JCC) will honor Arcadian Bob Silver with the Irv Shuman Award this month. Silver is recognized for his dedication to *tzedakah* (charity/the giving of charity).

Silver was born and raised in Arcadia. College carried him to the East Coast, followed by a stint in Chicago before returning to the Valley in 1990.

"Like a salmon returning to spawn, I returned home," Silver said. "My parents have always been very involved with the Jewish community, and when I came back, they encouraged me to do the same."

After settling back in Arizona for a couple of years, opportunity struck when a friend asked him to help out with the JCC. The timing was perfect as the organization was going through a period of decline since the Jewish population had moved away from the JCC's part of Phoenix, and membership had fallen.

"When I got involved," Silver said, "we were running our preschool at a local synagogue and summer camps out of rented space. We needed to regroup, and we needed a new home."

Through what Silver calls "a series of fortunate events and a lot of great leadership in the community," they were able to build a new place, located at The Ina Levine Jewish Community Campus on Scottsdale Road north of Cactus.

"When we opened in 2002," Silver said, "I was very involved as first board chair. I was also part of the volunteer team hiring new staff, developing the initial programs and, in general, relaunching the new JCC."

Silver's volunteerism with the organization also led to his involvement with the Jewish Federation of Greater Phoenix, where he also served as board chair. The Jewish Federation



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Bob Silver was instrumental in the rebuilding of the JCC.

is essentially the equivalent of the United Way as it supports local Jewish organizations and does fundraising.

Around four years ago, the center created the Irv Shuman Award to honor people who have contributed to the organization and the community in general. While the award is not bestowed every year, its criteria is always exemplary leadership and community involvement.

"When I was coming up through the ranks," Silver said, "Irv was one of the guys I looked up to. He was so selfless, and everything he did was always about the organization, the community and the people – it was never about him."

Silver was able to meet and befriend Irv Shuman before his passing in 2008.

"I'm honored to be the recipient of the Irv Shuman Award," Silver said. "For me, it's even more special given I had the pleasure of knowing Irv and seeing his work in the community."

Today, Silver is board chair at the Opportunity Tree, which provides services to youth and adults with intellectual and physical disabilities.

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Ingleside's Ambassadors meet Senator Jon Kyl

By Rachael Bouley

It was a big moment last month for a group of student leaders at Ingleside Middle School who got to meet with former U.S. Senator from Arizona, Jon Kyl.

As part of their school's Ambassador Program, 24 seventh- and eighth-grade students who make up the Ingleside Ambassadors had the opportunity to learn more about how Kyl applied his leadership skills to his career in the Senate.

Kyl answered questions from the students about the challenges he overcame, leaders he met and his thoughts on today's political landscape.

Seventh-grader Katie Musselmann said she learned a lot and was impressed with what Kyl had to say.

"It was such an amazing opportunity to meet a United States Senator. He was so friendly and humble," Katie said. "One thing that stands out is how he told us to not judge people by their appearances, instead we should take the time to get to know them. I was also really excited I got my picture with him."

Kyl had plenty of valuable advice to share with the students, having served Arizona in the U.S. House of Representatives from 1987-1994 before transitioning to the U.S. Senate from 1995-2013 and again in 2018.

As a longtime Arcadia resident with two adult children who attended Ingleside, Kyl was pleased to meet with this group of Ambassadors who are learning how to be leaders and make a difference in their community.

Kyl's stories about his time in the Senate inspired the Ingleside Ambassadors to keep working toward their leadership goals and aim high.

The Ambassador Program was started by Arcadia resident and former Ingleside parent Sue Tessmer, who wanted to get students involved in school tours for prospective families. In addition to leading tours, Ambassadors assist at local elementary school events and act as representatives of Ingleside in the community.



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Senator Kyl provided the student ambassadors at Ingleside Middle School with invaluable advice and stories when he visited in November.

Ambassadors go through an application and interview process to be selected for the program, and from there they receive leadership development training that they can apply to their education and extracurricular activities.

Lori Logan, co-chair of the Ambassador Program, said the event with Kyl was one of many ways the program has had a positive impact on students over the past few years.

"Not only did he share his experiences and interactions serving at one of the top levels of government in the United States, but he also focused on giving students practical advice and things they can do to be successful in their own right," Logan said. "He gave them advice on not being on social media too much and really cultivating personal face-to-face relationships, which will be very helpful for them in the future."

The Ambassadors will keep in mind what they learned from Kyl as they prepare to host fifth-graders from Hopi and Tavan Elementary Schools in December. Ambassadors will also lead parent night tours, giving them experience in public speaking and communication.

"Our goal is for them to develop leadership skills," Logan said. "During training we really focus on basic things like handshakes, eye contact and being a good listener. Those types of things will obviously help them down the road whether it's in high school or in their careers."



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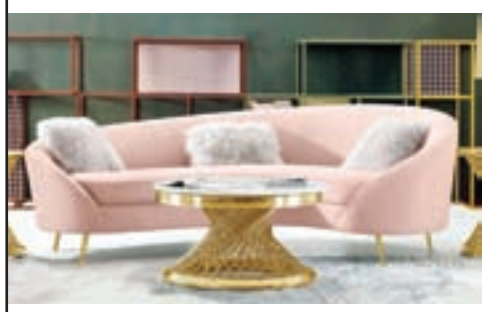
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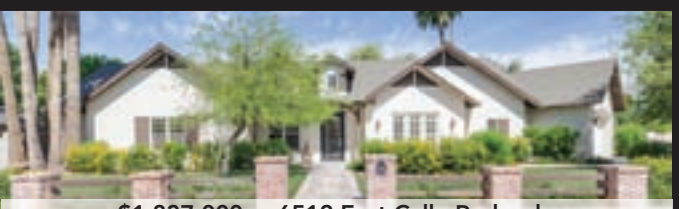
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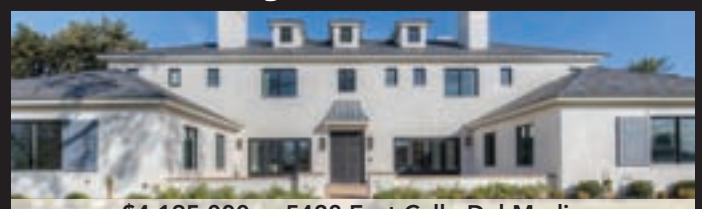
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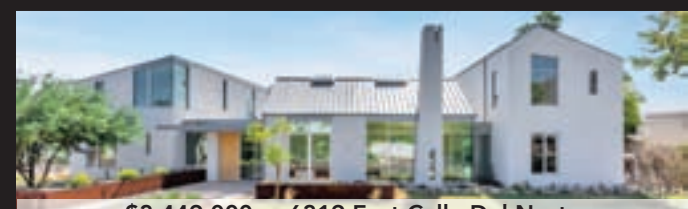
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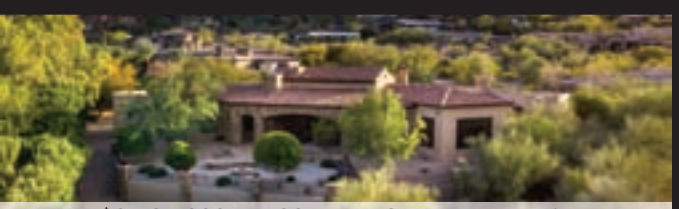
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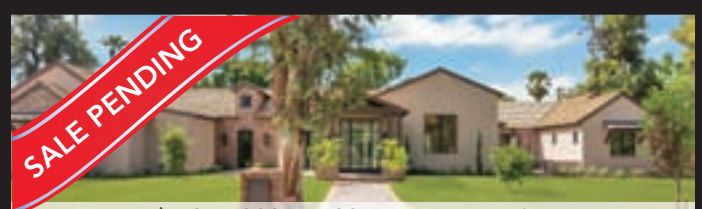
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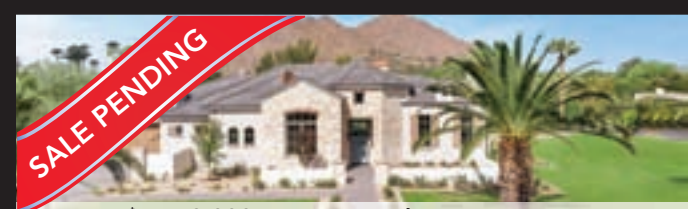
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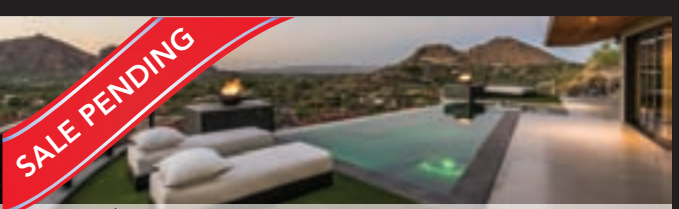
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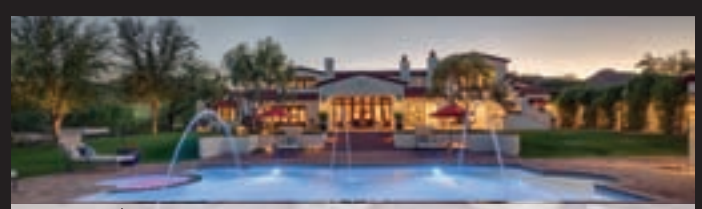
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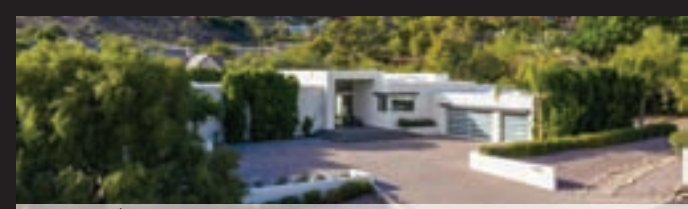
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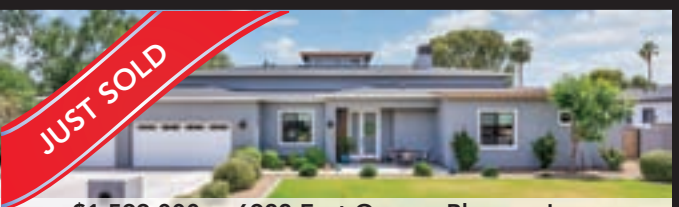
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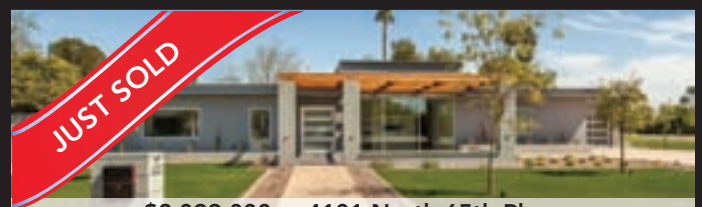
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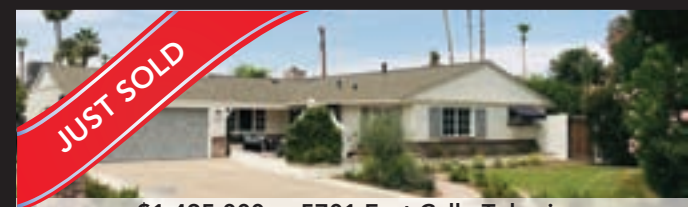
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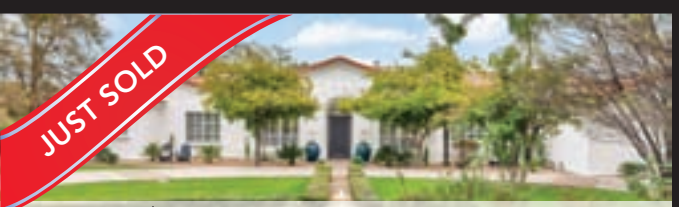
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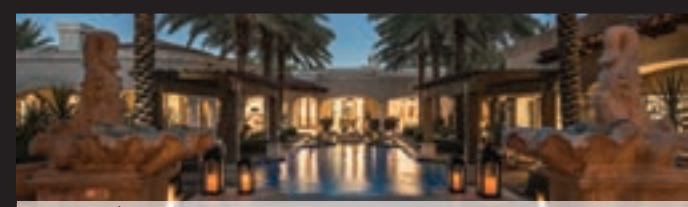
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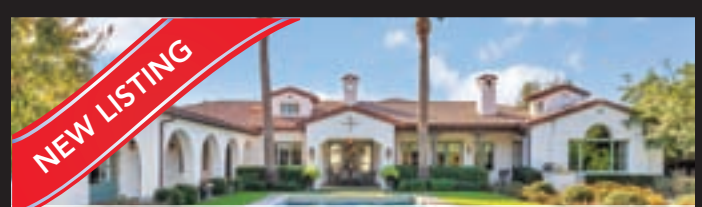
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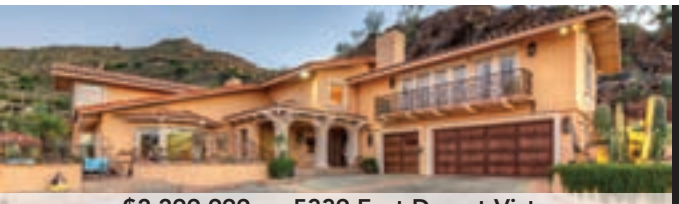
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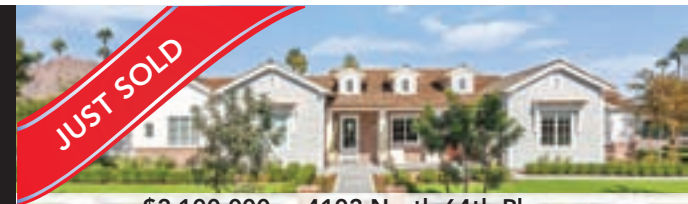
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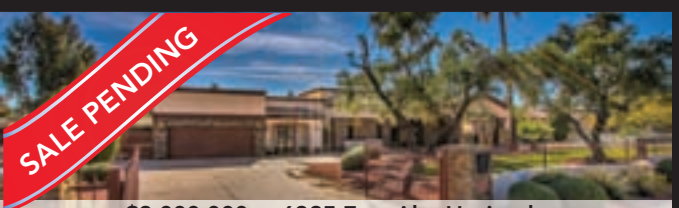
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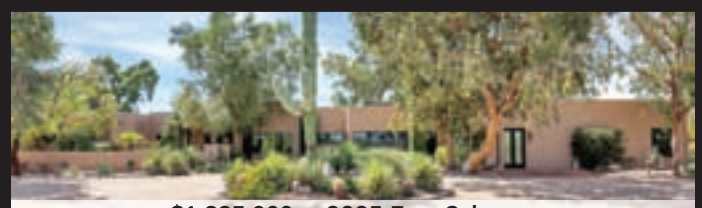
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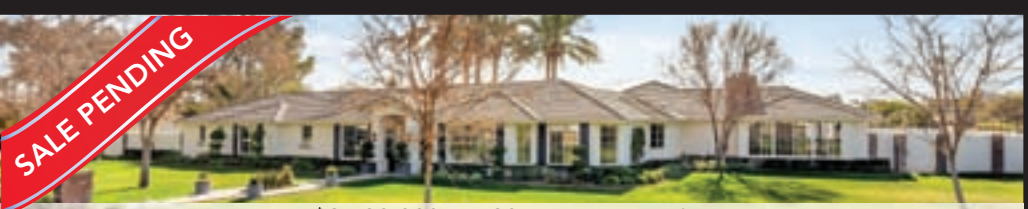
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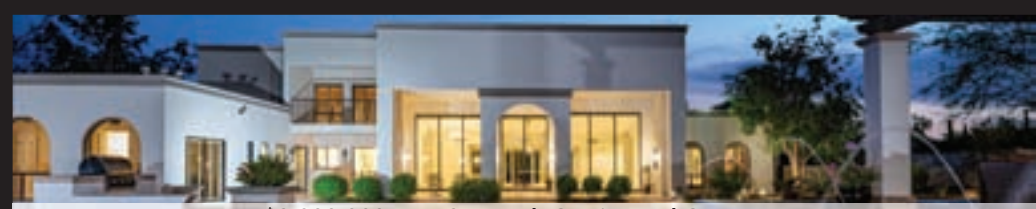
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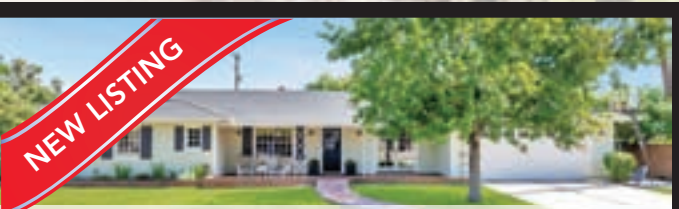
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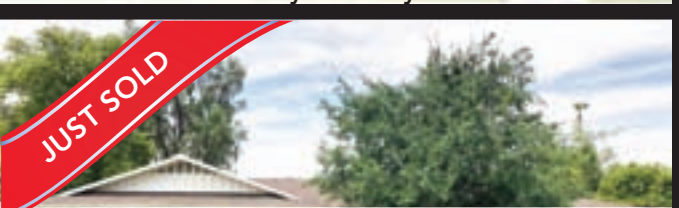
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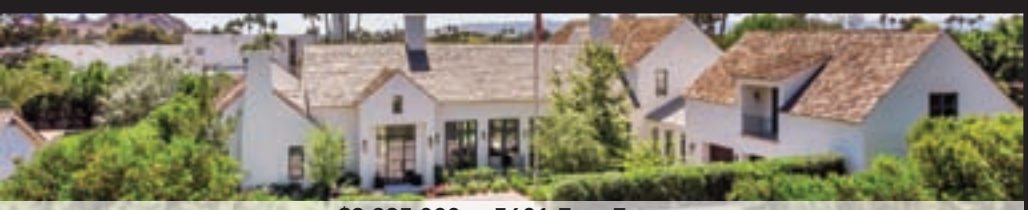
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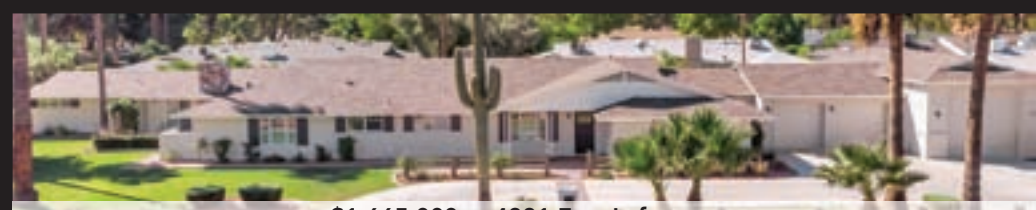
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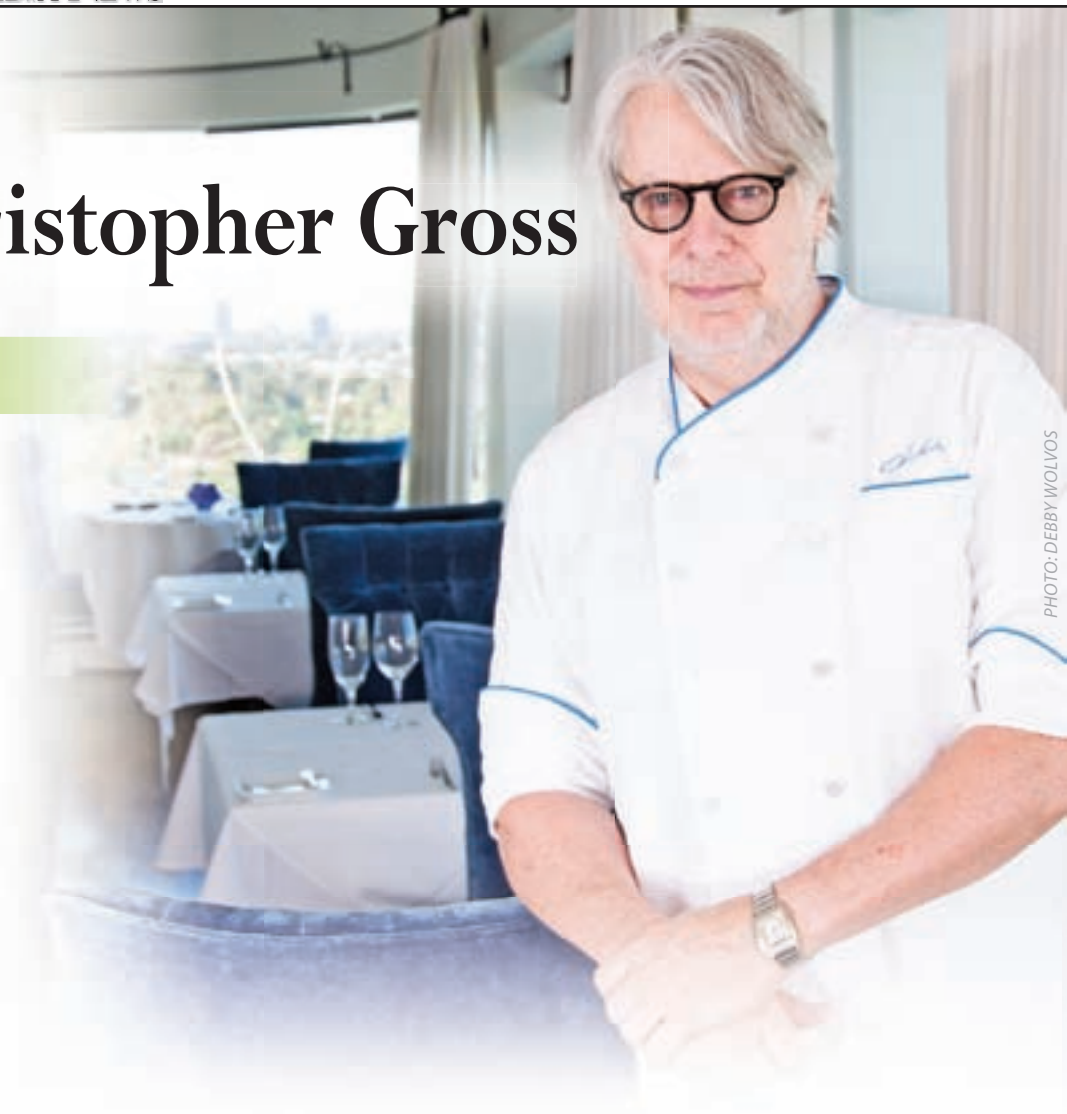
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Q&A with Chef Christopher Gross


PHOTO: DEBBY WOLVOS

By Rachael Bouley

Renowned Valley Chef Christopher Gross has a 30-year history of award-winning restaurants in the Arcadia area. His personal commendations and awards started early in his career in 1989, after he made *Food & Wine* magazine's list of America's 10 Best New Chefs. He was one of the early recipients of the James Beard Award in 1995 and in 2016 he earned the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Scottsdale Culinary Hall of Fame.

After wrapping up Christopher's and Crush Lounge in the Biltmore, Gross is now ensconced at the Wrigley Mansion. Over the last several years he and owner Jamie Hormel have worked to enhance the food, wine and dining at the Phoenix Point of Pride.

IN THE KITCHEN

Where did you learn to cook?

Everywhere! I started in Phoenix when I was 17 and then moved to Los Angeles to further my career. I then worked in London, Paris, Normandy and back to California. I returned to Phoenix in 1982.

What is your all-time favorite dish to make?

So many things… from something simple like a roasted chicken to anything Foie Gras.

After so many years in the business, what would you say is your favorite thing about being a chef?

I love to meet new people and travel. I have been lucky to have been flown all over the world to cook.

Describe the signature cooking style you're recognized for.

French-inspired using a lot of local farm products.

What celebrity would you like to cook for?

I am lucky to have cooked for a lot of celebrities but there is nothing more satisfying and fun than to cook for friends in the business.

What is the biggest challenge you've encountered in the kitchen recently?

Good cooks are getting harder and harder to find.

You won the prestigious James Beard Award in 1995. How does it feel to be a winner?

I'm very honored, of course. The awards were started in 1990, so it was a surprise for me to have won so early on, especially with all that was going on with chefs in America.

Over the last several years, you've helped overhaul the kitchen and the food and wine offerings at the Wrigley Mansion. What can people now expect from dining at the Wrigley Mansion?

People can expect a wonderful experience because we have many different venues to choose from. We have a wine bar, a recently renovated cocktail lounge and a dining room with spectacular views. We have a nice diverse menu with locally-sourced and sustainable ingredients. We probably have the most unique chef's table in Arizona.

What have been some other highlights of your career as a chef?

Cooking with Julia Child and working with her on one of her PBS series.

What's the best piece of cooking advice you've ever received?

Told to me by Pastry Chef MOF Paul Koeberle in Lyon, France: work hard, arrive early, listen and learn from every place you work. And when you feel it's time for your first position, take the best of what you have learned from everywhere and then use that to create.

You've worked with a lot of talented chefs, but if you had to choose who would be your hero in the kitchen?

French Chef Michel Richard, who unfortunately passed away in 2016.

What is your favorite comfort food?

Just about anything from Los dos Molinos.

What is your go-to recipe and your "quick bite" meal?

Roast chicken is my go-to and my favorite quick meal is anything I can have heavily buttered, like toasted bread.

What are you passionate about outside of the kitchen?

My girlfriend, eating, drinking, traveling and motorcycles.

What advice do you have for people who want to become a chef?

It's not a part time job; you better love the good with the bad.

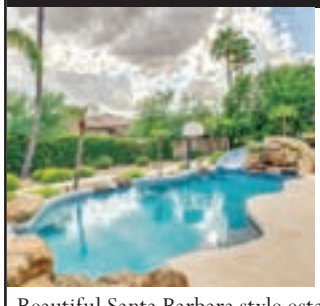
There's a lot of kitchen shows and reality cooking competitions out there. Do you have a favorite one?

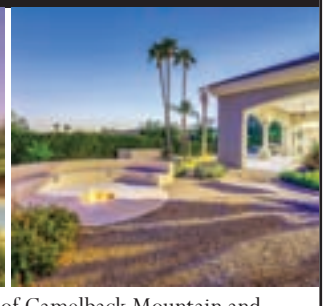
Taco Chronicles on Netflix. It always makes me hungry.

What is a dish you haven't mastered yet that you're still working on?

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'Festivus' and other unique holiday events

By Amanda Savage

Arcadians don't have to travel far to experience most of the premiere holiday events this December. Markets, festive walking wine tours, puppy kissing booths and tree lighting ceremonies are just some of the happenings within a 10-minute drive.

SCOTTSDAZZLE

Old Town Scottsdale's holiday event series starts in November and kicks into high gear in December. From a free weekly holiday-themed Canal Concert Series, to the Gold Palette Artwalk, to the Santa Wine Around self-guided wine tasting tour and the Sweet Treat Trail dessert tasting experience, there's something for everyone.

Events will take place through December 21. Prices, dates, times and locations vary. For more: scottsdazzle.com.

TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY AT OMNI SCOTTSDALE RESORT & SPA

Bring family members young and old out for a night at the Omni Montelucia's annual ceremony celebrating the lighting of its 20-foot Christmas tree. The event will have hot cider, holiday foods, complimentary photos with Santa, live music and fire pits.

Omni will donate some vendor sales from this event to the Arizona Animal Welfare League. A specialty pet shopping boutique, a puppy kissing booth and adoptable pets will also be available. This event takes place Tuesday, December 3 from 5-8 p.m. For more: omnihotels.com.

PHOESTIVUS AT THE PHOENIX PUBLIC MARKET

Phoestivus is Phoenix's version of a holiday market. The creators imagined it from Germany's famous Christmas markets and Festivus from the TV show *Seinfeld*. Over 200 local purveyors, artisans and craftsmen will showcase their goods during this two-day event.



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***Tree Lighting Ceremony** at OMNI Scottsdale Resort & Spa.*

There will also be Festivus traditions, such as the Airing of Grievances, Festivus Pole and Feats of Strength.

This free market will take place from 5-10 p.m. on Thursday, December 12 and 19 at the Phoenix Public Market. For more: phoestivus.com.

LAS NOCHES DE LAS LUMINARIAS

8,000 luminaria bags will light the trails at the Desert Botanical Garden, offering a new way to enjoy the desert scenery and the current exhibit, Wild Rising.

Las Noches de las Luminarias is $12.95-$34.95 for general admission, and $10.95-$29.95 for members. The event will take place from 5:30-9:30 p.m. on December 6-8, 13-15, 17-23 and 26-31. For more: dbg.org.

35TH ANNUAL FQ STORY HISTORIC HOME TOUR & STREET FAIR

Get a glimpse inside the historic homes of Central Phoenix at this two-day home tour event. Holiday lights will be on display as carolers sing and nine Phoenix homes open their doors to the public. Local vendors will sell goods and food trucks will provide treats, coffee and hot chocolate.

This event will take place on Saturday, December 7 from 6-9 p.m., and Sunday, December 8 from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Presale tickets are $15 and $20 at the door. Folks can get $1 off their tickets by bringing a non-perishable food item.

The homes on tour are located from 7th to 15th Ave. on Roosevelt and Portland Streets and from 11th to 15th Ave. on Latham Street. For more: fqstoryhometour.org.

THE POLAR EXPRESS

On select dates during the holiday season, the Grand Canyon Railway brings the classic children's book by Chris Van Allsburg to life. The train makes a night trip through the Kaibab National Forest from Williams to the "North Pole" with a visit from Santa Claus and his reindeer. The kids can wear pajamas and "hot-hot-hot" chocolate will be served.

The Polar Express experience is available through January 4, 2020. Trains depart Williams Depot at 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. On select dates, a matinee departure at 3:30 p.m. is available. Event prices range from $33-$82 per person. For more: thetrain.com.

Ideas for spreading love and compassion this season

By Miriam Cruson

While most of us will be waking up Christmas Day ready to open presents and eat lots of food, many people around the Valley will be waking up searching for their next meal or a warm spot to lay their heads.

This year, folks can volunteer their time, money and help to give back to those in need so that everyone can have a fulfilling holiday season. Here are some ways people can help:

THE WANDERING TORTOISE

The local taproom, named after those hard-shelled reptiles, is filled with a bunch of softies. Once inside, it is hard to miss the huge burlap bag sitting on the floor. Stop by and drop off any clean, used or new clothing and/or non-perishable food. The donations will be brought to a Phoenix homeless shelter on December 7 to be passed out to those in need. For more: visit the Wandering Tortoise Facebook page.

BOYS HOPE - GIRLS HOPE (BHGH)

These "scholars" come from homes at or below the poverty line. Currently, BHGH has the capacity to house 16 children. It is holding a holiday hygiene drive to help keep the home in supply of basic needs, such as deodorant and toilet paper. There are also opportunities for families to come and cook a meal for the residents. For more: bhghaz.org.



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St. Vincent de Paul offers an Adopt-A-Family event throughout the holiday season.

SCOTTSDALE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Benefitting the Paiute Neighborhood Center's Toy Program and other approved agencies, Scottsdale Fire is holding its annual toy drive. People can drop off new, unwrapped toys to any Scottsdale fire station or headquarters. This drive began in November and will be open until Christmas Eve. For more: scottsdaleaz.gov/fire.

OPERATION SANTA CLAUS

This year, ABC15 and Sanderson Ford will collect food, toys, clothes and monetary donations for St. Mary's Food Bank, Special Olympics Arizona, Southwest Autism Research and Resource Center (SARRC), Military Assistance Mission (MAM) and Chicanos Por La Causa (CPLC). Donations will be accepted until December 18. Donation drop-off locations include ABC15 Studios in Phoenix and UPS Store locations across the Valley, plus Operation Santa Claus events. For more: givetotheclaus.com.

ADOPT-A-FAMILY/ ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Adopt-A-Family supports up to 500 families or individuals who need a little extra love this time of year. This program provides assistance during the Thanksgiving and holiday season. St. Vincent will visit the family beforehand to create a profile of the names, ages and needs of each member. Sponsors provide the fixings for Christmas dinner and a gift for the family. Deadline to become a sponsor is Dec. 11. For more: stvincentdepaul.net.

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"Holidays are always a challenging time to build a blood supply. Over the holiday, donations plummet by 25 percent," said Sue Thew of Vitalant.

Vitalant is the sole blood provider for Maricopa County, which includes 62 hospitals. They have teamed up with Streets of New York and the Arizona Coyotes so that every donor will be thanked with a free medium pizza and a free ticket to a Coyotes game in the month of December. For more: bloodhero.com.

PHOENIX RESCUE MISSION

On Saturday, December 14, Phoenix Rescue Mission (PRM) will be holding its Christmas Winter Wonderland event. PRM will be providing over 4,000 Christmas toys for children. Parents will have the opportunity to pick out brand-new, unwrapped toys for their children and children will be able to pick out a household item as a gift for their parents. In addition, PRM needs volunteers to fill 1,000 boxes with food and gifts for families at this event. For more: phoenixrescuemission.org.



VECINA

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By Cody Kennedy

With spectacular views of Camelback Mountain, the proprietors of the new restaurant on 56th Street and Indian School have inherited a great location. Arcadia has been hungry for the right restaurant to take command of this space for a while.

The menu at Vecina is seasonal and focuses on Latin-inspired ingredients. With only 18 items, each dish has a flavor that stands on its own, as evidenced with the presentation.

"The goal of Vecina is to bring a chef-driven concept to Arcadia. We want to stand out and be something different from the chain restaurants," Chef Eric Stone said. "While being different than the Arcadia norm, we want to create a faster-paced, independent restaurant which focuses on amazing food that utilizes flavors and spices from around the globe."

From the server's recommendation, I started with the Shrimp Aguachile and the Elote (a Mexican corn dish). The shrimp was served with tomatillo, cucumber and crispy plantains; the color and flavors are both bright.



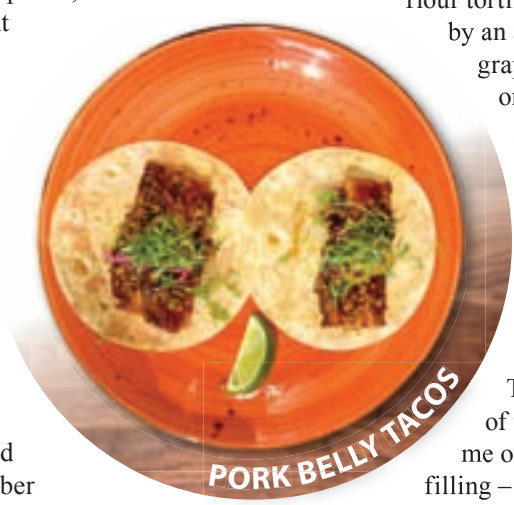
The Elote, with chorizo butter, lime créme fraiche and toasted chiles, was the perfect combination of sweet and salty, with neither flavor overpowering the other. Although the portion looked small, it was filling.

Following was the pork belly tacos; one of the most popular items. This entrée is served two to a plate. The pork was tender and dressed in a sweet and smoky tomato jam, with lime-flavored peanuts giving the soft tacos a slight crunch. "Sweet" and "savory" are two words that pop into mind when describing this dish.



As the People's Choice winner of at a recent Taco Festival, I had to try the Faroe Island Salmon Tacos. This dish is served on flour tortillas and accompanied by an amarillo aioli, grapefruit and mandarin oranges and pink peppercorn.

Each bite of the generous portion of salmon had a burst of flavor, whether tart from the citrus or creamy and sweet from the aioli. The unique flavor of the aioli reminded me of a deviled-egg type filling – combined with the salmon and citrus, I was blown-away by this dish.



"Both Chef James and I put so much thought and experimentation into the usage of flavors and spices. Each dish is balanced with acidity, spices, and fresh herbs to create a composed dish that becomes complete by incorporating each component of the dish in every bite," Chef Stone said.

The evening was topped off with a serving of Camote, a sweet-potato dessert.

Two halves of a sweet-potato generously drizzled in a sugary glaze and topped with a goat cheese crème fraiche mousse and corn nuts; this dish sounds like something that would be served during Thanksgiving. Each bite of the fluffy potato and airy mousse was a delight that completed dinner flawlessly.



Vecina is also looking to provide a unique libation experience.

"Our cocktail menu is to reflect the vibe of the food, modern American plus Latin inspired. Most of our spirits come from Latin America and are incorporated into our cocktails," Bar Manager Miguel Mora said. "While we have familiar brands behind the bar, we like to promote smaller 'boutique' brands as well as spirits from those countries."

Most of the drink ingredients are made in-house, with no pre-made drink mixes. Prices range from $12 to $18. Vecina features smoked cocktails, bartender calls and seasonal specials.

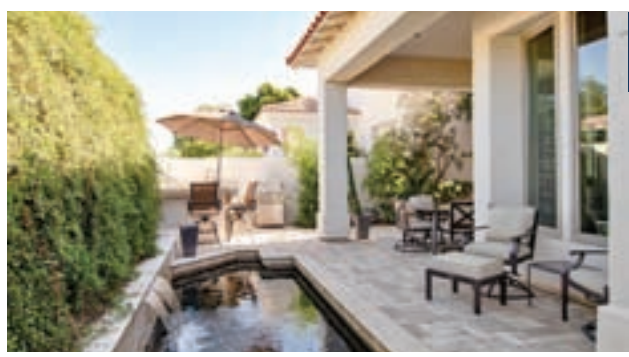
"The idea of our cocktail menu is to bring guests out of Arcadia and into a small getaway for the time they are with us. Our ingredients are fresh, made daily and curated with care," Chef Stone said.

According to Mora, the most popular cocktail is the El Santo, which is an island-inspired tiki drink made with pure cane rum from Michoacan, Mexico.

"I feel that when you visit Vecina, we take you away to your own personal getaway," Mora said. "Our cocktails reflect the vibrancy of the food, our flavors match the complexity of the plates, and when you combine all of that, you're taken to your own personal paradise."

Add to that the warm ambience, music that makes you want to dance and the tantalizing dishes, and Arcadia has found Latin America right in its backyard.

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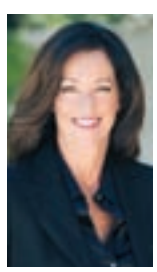
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SOLID ROCK

How rock music and art is improving the lives of Phoenix teens

By Rhys Lee

Valley resident and legendary rock n' roll hall-of-famer Alice Cooper has owned the stage for nearly 50 years. Cooper's music, theatrics and special effects came together to create a persona that will go down in history as "The Father of Shock Rock." One part of Cooper's life story will include his dedication to helping teens by creating a special place just for them.

Founded in 1995, Alice Cooper's Solid Rock was started to raise money to build a place that would offer a safe environment for kids. Through a combination of free classes in art, music, dance, photography and audio/video production, the center serves as "a local sanctuary to support an exciting and creative journey for teens."

Cooper started the center because he believes many teens don't realize the music, dance or artistic talent that lies within them, according to Jane Gordon, an associate with the center. Cooper also believes that teens stand a better chance in those tumultuous years if they can find a creative outlet.

Because of the popularity of his music among teens, Cooper and his wife Sheryl, along with best friend Chuck Savale, opened Alice Cooper's Solid Rock Teen Center in 2012, as a way to give back.

Located at 32nd St. and Thunderbird Road in Phoenix, The Rock offers a wide range of activities for ages 12 to 20. A computer lab is available for teens to do homework. The supervised center also has a room with games, a stage for open mic nights, rehearsal rooms for bands and private lessons, in addition to the many hands-on classes offered around a variety of subjects.

> *"Solid Rock is a local sanctuary to support an exciting and creative journey for teens."*



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Solid Rock Teen Center classroom.

Gordon says the center's ongoing and future goals include inspiring teens and helping them discover their talent while building self-esteem, self-confidence and helping to make a difference in their lives.

To ensure these goals, the center puts on multiple events, including the upcoming holiday fundraiser, Christmas Pudding. This event is noted for its caliber of talent, often headlined by legendary rock stars including KORN, Slash, Rob Zombie and KISS.

This year's concert will bring together original Alice Cooper band members Michael Bruce, Neal Smith and Dennis Dunaway. Judas Priest's front man, Rob Halford, and legendary guitarist, Joe Bonamassa, will also perform with the Alice Cooper band. Johnny Depp of the Hollywood Vampires has also been added to the lineup.

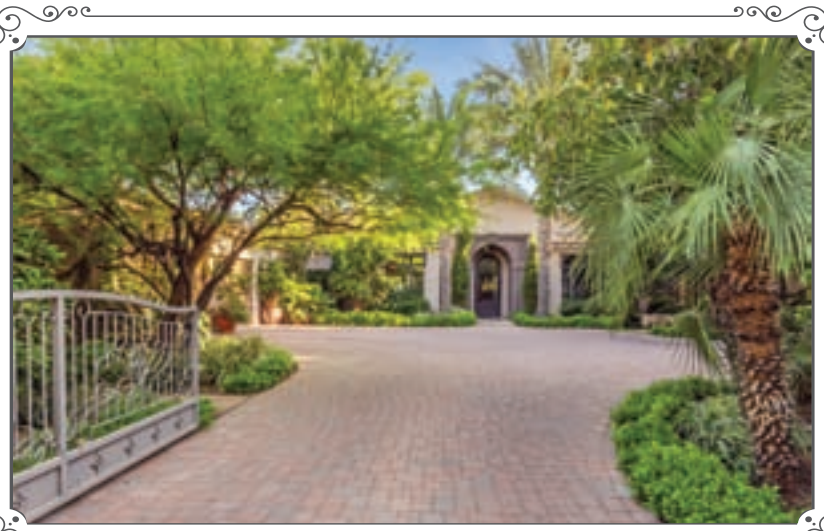
Guests will also see performances from the teens of The Rock. This year will feature acts from the Solid Rock Dancers, The Bucket Brigade, and the winners of this year's Proof is in the Pudding musical talent search, Cooper's own version of *American Idol*.

The fundraiser will include a live auction, which will have custom paintings of Alice Cooper, autographed guitars from the performers and backstage experiences.



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Arizona Helping Hands holds toy drive for foster kids

By Mallory Gleich

Last month, more than 100 businesses gathered in the warehouse of Arizona Helping Hands (AHH) to learn about making a contribution to the organization's annual toy drive. In its first year, AHH was able to provide 500 kids with toys and books for the holiday season. This year, the goal is 30,000 gifts. And thanks to the local community, it's not far out of reach.

The organization was founded in 1998 by Kathy and Paul Donaldson, who wanted to honor Kathy's late sister's wish of "one good deed being done every day." The mission of AHH is "to provide essential needs for children in foster care through our programs promoting safety, permanency and health."

"One of her first initiatives happened around the holiday season. Kathy's goal was that every child had a toy to open during the holidays," said CEO Dan Shufelt. "The birth of this program started with taking boxes to friends, family and local businesses to donate."

The initiative has grown exponentially over the years to include nationwide organizations such as Southwest Airlines, GoDaddy and UPS.

"There are small, medium and big businesses that have seen the importance of the work that we do and want to support it," Shufelt said.

UPS driver Jeremy Giles has been a part of AHH's toy drive for the past three years.



Board members of Arizona Helping Hands have a goal this season to donate 30,000 gifts to Arizona children. The toy drive continues the mission of founder Kathy Donaldson to ensure every child has a present to open on Christmas.

"One of the account reps was approached by Helping Hands and I wanted to do my part to help," Giles said.

Giles decided to get the community involved by creating a raffle for those who donate a toy or two to the drive.

"Jeremy has been really innovative with the things that he's done," Shufelt said.

"I started in October this year, reaching out to businesses to see if they wanted to donate gift cards for the raffle," Giles said. "So far, we've reached 20 businesses."

At the end of the toy drive, each gift card will be raffled off – someone will even win Arizona Cardinals or Coyotes tickets.

"To me, this is all about the community," Giles said. "It's not about me, it's bigger – our community coming together to donate to this cause."

Other businesses have started contests to get people to donate. A couple of local Culver's restaurants are holding a contest to see which one can generate the most toys.

Sherie Siegel started working for AHH four years ago. She wanted to continue her work in nonprofit organizations and she had heard about the nonprofit from a former board member. Siegel became the first full-time hire shortly after that.

"It's incredible to see how this organization has truly grown," Siegel said. "It's so great to see how many businesses have chosen to support us year after year and creating meaningful experiences with them."

Folks are able to donate brand-new toys and books to the holiday toy drive up until December 10; there is also an Amazon wish list available on the website.

There are two opportunities for people to volunteer their time, as well. The first is an adults-only "Fill Santa's Sleigh" event happening on December 4 for those who want to donate and help fill toy bags for kids. The second event on December 8 is kid-friendly, with toy donations, snacks and crafts for little ones. For more: azhelpinghands.org.

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SUNDAY 12/1

Lights of the World

5:30-10 p.m. at the Arizona State Fairgrounds, 1826 W. McDowell Road, Phoenix. Now in its third year, the Lights of the World lantern display is back with exhibits reaching from 18 to 60 feet and 10 million colorful lights showcasing cultures and civilizations from around the world. Guests can stroll through over 65 light displays and check out the dinosaur exhibit, carnival rides and acrobatics show. There will also be food available for purchase. Tickets are $18 for adults, $14 for kids. For more: phoenix.lightsoftheworldus.com.



***Lights of the World** at the Arizona State Fairgrounds in Phoenix.*

Sugarplum Fairy and Royal Queen Tea Party

1-3 p.m. at the Arizona Grand Resort & Spa, 8000 S. Arizona Grand Pkwy., Phoenix. Spend an afternoon with the dance crew from the Ahwatukee Foothills Nutcracker Ballet at the Royal Queen Tea Party. Guests will be treated to a meet and greet with the Sugarplum Fairy and the Royal Queen, a special performance of the Nutcracker Ballet, plus afternoon tea and snacks. Tickets are $100 for adults and $70 for kids. For more: arizonagrandresort.com.

FRIDAY 12/6

Holiday Tea and Tour

1:30-3:30 p.m. at The Bungalow at Heritage Square, 602 E. Adams St., Phoenix. Guests will be transported back in time with this Tea and Tour event in Heritage Square. Start the day with a visit to the Rosson House, an 1895 high-style Victorian home that will be decked out for the holidays. Afterward, head to The Bungalow for afternoon tea, including sandwiches, scones and clotted cream served in vintage china. Tickets are $40 per person. For more: heritagesquarephx.org.

Crafeteria

6-10 p.m. at Frances Boutique, 10 W. Camelback Road, Phoenix. Head to downtown Phoenix and check out the "best indie craft fair" in the Valley. Over 30 local artisans will be on-site showcasing and selling their products, from jewelry, toys, knitwear, beauty products, snacks and holiday décor. There will also be food trucks and live entertainment. This event is free. For more: shopfrancesboutique.com.

SATURDAY 12/7

Home Alone in Concert

7:30 p.m. at the Phoenix Symphony Hall, 75 N. 2nd St., Phoenix. Relive this classic holiday film while hearing its music straight from the symphony. Guest conductor Stuart Chafetz will lead the orchestra while *Home Alone* plays on a projector above the musicians. Fans will remember how Kevin McCallister had to protect his home from two unruly conmen – who have no idea who they're dealing with. Tickets are $30-$98. For more: phoenixsymphony.org.

World Bazaar PHX

10 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Camelback Park and Ride area, 1813 W. Camelback Road, Phoenix. Hosted by Local First AZ, the World Bazaar Phoenix is back again for another event filled with culture, cuisine and community. There will be over 60 vendors selling food, art, and homemade goods from around the world, plus dance performances from Africa, Asia and Latin America. This is a free event. For more: visit the World Bazaar PHX Facebook page.

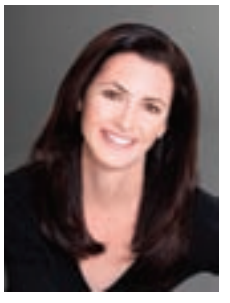




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PJ's in the Park

5:30 p.m. in downtown Phoenix, 1 E. Washington St. Gather the family, put on those Christmas-themed jammies you've been saving all year and head out for a holiday movie night. *Polar Express* and *Elf* will be showing on the big screen and folks can enjoy a cup of cocoa or cider and a snack before the big surprise of the evening – Santa will be joining in on the fun. This event is free. For more: visit the PJs in the Park Facebook page.

SAT. 12/7 – SUN. 12/8

F.Q. Story Historic Home Tour and Street Fair

11 a.m.-4 p.m. at 11th Ave. and Portland and 1345 W. Willetta, Phoenix. Join the neighborhood in celebrating the 35th annual F.Q. Story Historic Home Tour. Guests are welcome to tour homes in the area during the day, but at night, there will be luminaria-lit sidewalks and decorated homes, plus a food truck and fire pits. On the 8th, after the home tour, there will be a street fair with 60+ vendors. Tickets are $15-$20. For more: fqstory.org.



***Phoestivus** at Phoenix Public Market.*

MONDAY 12/9

Chef's Table Dinner Series

6:30 p.m. at Hotel Valley Ho, 6850 E. Main St., Scottsdale. Join Executive Chef Russell LaCasce as he prepares a special four-course menu created just for this evening. Guests will learn the ins-and-outs of the chef and kitchen life while enjoying dinner and drink pairings. The theme for this month's dinner is "champagne." Registration is $109. For more: hotelvalleyho.com.

TUESDAY 12/10

Cocktails Under the Cosmos

6:30-8:30 p.m. at Mountain Shadows, 5445 E. Lincoln Dr., Paradise Valley. This astrology-themed, adults-only cocktail party will be held on the Camelback Overlook rooftop deck. December is all about Sagittarius, with horoscope-themed cocktails, small bites and a view of Paradise Valley. There will also be an expert astrologer on hand with a telescope so you can explore further into the night sky. Tickets are $45. For more: mountainshadows.com.

Parenting in the Digital Age

8 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Children's Museum of Phoenix, 215 N. 7th St. Common Sense Media will be in Phoenix this month for an event focused on solving the latest parenting dilemmas and how to raise healthy, happy kids (8+ years old) in the digital age. Guests will hear from experts in the field to learn tips and resources for handling "digital fiascos" and connect with other parents. This event is free. For more: commonsensemedia.org.

THURSDAY 12/12

Phoestivus

5-10 p.m. at Phoenix Public Market, 14 E. Pierce St. This annual market was inspired by both famed German Christmas markets and *Seinfeld's* Festivus, a holiday popularized by the television show. This market will showcase locally-grown goods from 150+ vendors, as well as handcrafted gift items, jewelry and holiday decorations. There will also be Festivus traditions, such as the Airing of Grievances. Food and drinks will be available. This event is free. For more: phoestivus.com.



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FRIDAY 12/13

Wandering Tortoise Anniversary

10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Wandering Tortoise, 2417 E. Indian School Road, Phoenix. Join Wandering Tortoise Beer Shop & Tap Room and its employees for a three-year anniversary bash. There will be collaborations with Arizona Wilderness, Wren House and other breweries, plus drink specials and a chance to win a $1,000 gift card to the Tortoise. For more: visit The Wandering Tortoise Facebook page.

FRI. 12/13 – SUN. 12/15

Phoenix Festival of the Arts

12-5 p.m., 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, at Margaret T. Hance Park, 1202 N. 3rd St., Phoenix. The Phoenix Festival of the Arts is back for its eighth year with over 170 art and food vendors. There will also be live entertainment, interactive art exhibits, comedy shows, a family fun zone, circus performances, food and drinks. This event is free. For more: phoenixfestivalofthearts.org.



Fantasy of Lights Boat Parade *at Tempe Beach Park.*

SATURDAY 12/14

Tavan Twinkles

5-8 p.m. at Tavan Elementary School, 4610 E. Osborn Road, Phoenix. Celebrate the holiday season with Tavan at their annual craft fair event. Guests can enjoy twinkle light displays, shopping, food trucks, carnival and train rides, raffles and prizes. Kids and parents also have the chance to get their photo taken with Santa. Admission is free. For more: tavanpto.com.

Downtown Phoenix Record Show

10 a.m. at the Crescent Ballroom, 308 N. 2nd Ave., Phoenix. Crescent Ballroom presents the Record Show, where vendors, private dealers, record stores and record labels will be on-site selling 12s, LPs, 45s, tapes, storage cases, t-shirts and collectables. There will also be a DJ and a sponsored raffle, plus food and drinks available for purchase. This event is all ages. Admission is $3 per person. For more: crescentphx.com.

Snow Much Fun Day

9 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Children's Museum of Phoenix, 215 N. 7th St. The museum is bringing snow to Phoenix this December. There will be 40 tons to kick-off snow-themed activities, sledding and visits with Santa. Afterwards, guests can head inside to warm up with three floors of playtime and exhibits. Tickets are $15 per person. For more: childrensmuseumofphoenix.org.

Merriment in Melrose

4-8 p.m. on 7th Ave. from Heatherbrae to Glenrosa. The 5th annual Merriment in Melrose festival is back with more fun, food and shopping. Guests can enjoy live music and entertainment on two stages, food trucks, luminarias, and a vendor village with over 50 local artisans showcasing their products. Last year, Santa made a surprise visit; he might be back again this time around. This event is free for all ages. For more: merrimentinmelrose.com.

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TWENTY-YEAR CELEBRATION

The Marshall Gallery, located on Main St. in Old Town Scottsdale, is celebrating its 20th anniversary this year. Founded in 1999 by attorney DeeAn Gillespie, the Marshall Gallery is well-known for its leading contemporary oil painters and sculptors. In 2009, the gallery merged with the LeKAE Gallery on Main to bring the fine art of one together with the crafts of the other. For more: themarshallgallery.com.

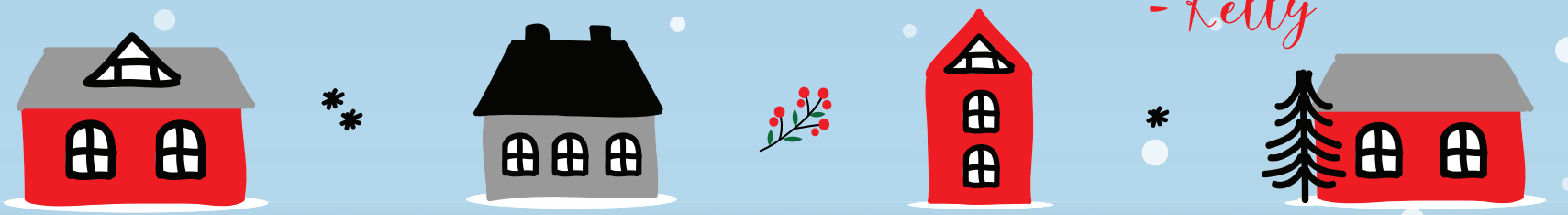
CONSTELLATION COMMUNITIES

A new condominium complex opened in early November called Constellation Communities. Located at 38th St. near Thomas Road, this community features two neighborhoods, called Lyra and Ara (after two popular constellations). Highlights include two- and three-bedroom smart homes/condominiums, two-car garages and pet-friendly backyards. For more: rentarcadia.com.

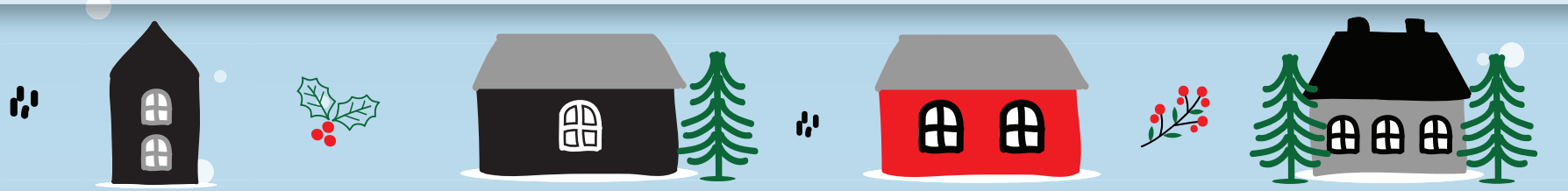
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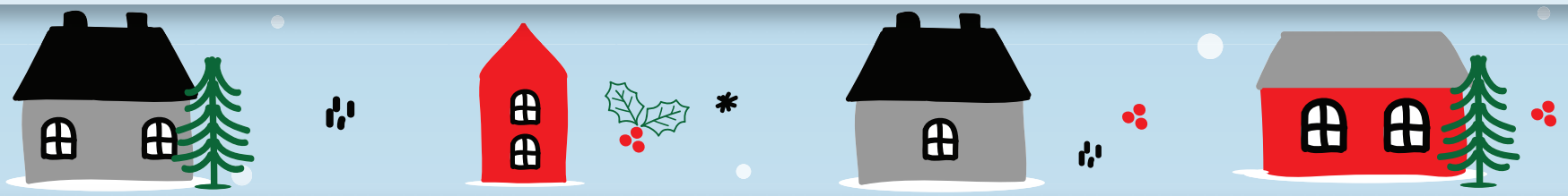
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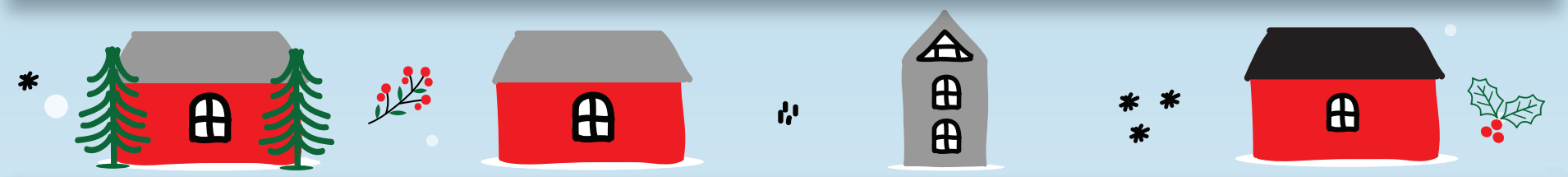
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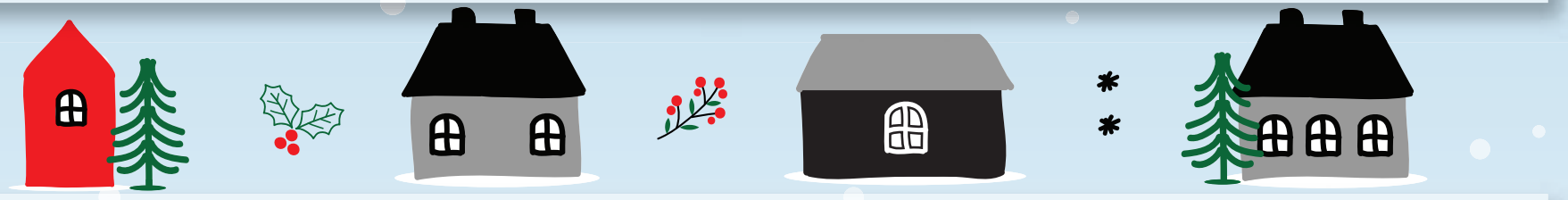
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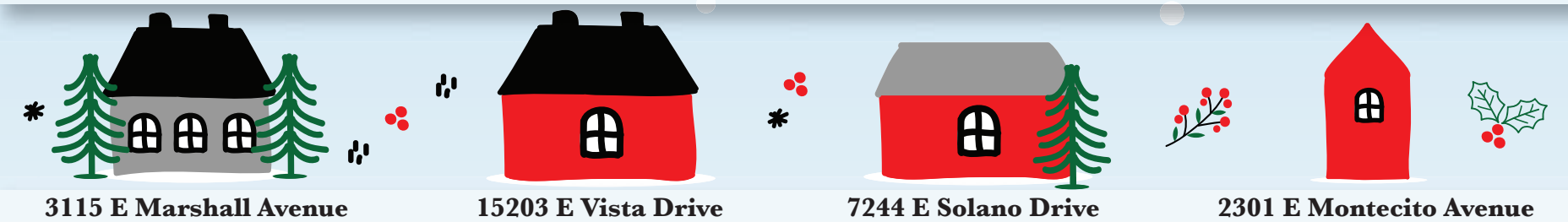
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Fantasy of Lights Boat Parade
4-9 p.m. at Tempe Beach Park, 80 W. Rio Salado Pkwy. Tempe will be glowing from the water this year with the return of the Fantasy of Lights Boat Parade. There will be over 50 fully decked-out boats showing off their holiday spirit for attendees, plus a holiday marketplace, food trucks, beer and wine garden and live entertainment. The festival will end with a fireworks display. Admission is free. For more: downtowntempe.com.

SUNDAY 12/15

Chimac Festival
12-4 p.m. at The Pressroom, 441 W. Madison St., Phoenix. "Chimac" is the Korean word for a chicken and beer pairing, which is what this festival is all about. This inaugural event will have a dozen local businesses showcasing their best Asian-inspired fried chicken dishes, from Korean fried to Nashville hot. There will also be games, activities and a vendor marketplace. Admission is $8 per person. For more: visit the Fried Chicken and Beer - Chimac Festival Facebook page.

Festival of Lights Celebration
2-4 p.m. at the Cutler-Plotkin Jewish Heritage Center, 122 E. Culver St., Phoenix. Come on out for a "celebration of Maccabean bravery and courage" with treats like sufganiyot (deep-fried jelly donuts) and grape juice. Guests are encouraged to bring a menorah and candles to commemorate the holiday. There will also be singing, dreidel games and Hanukkah gelt. This event is free for all ages. For more: oradam.com.

TUESDAY 12/17

Las Noches de las Luminarias
5:30-9:30 p.m. at Desert Botanical Garden, 1201 N. Galvin Pkwy., Phoenix. The gardens will be lit up by over 8,000 hand-lit luminaria bags and thousands of twinkle lights this year at DBG. Walk along the trails and be serenaded by live musical entertainment. Grab a cup of cocoa or cider and enjoy the beautiful weather and trails at Desert Botanical Garden. Tickets are $25. For more: dbg.org.

SATURDAY 12/21

Snow Ball Family Festival
11 a.m.-4 p.m. at Odysea, 9500 E. Vía de Ventura, Scottsdale. Have a snowball fight in the desert at this family-fun event. Guests can meet Santa, Mrs. Claus, Buddy the Elf, the Snow Queen and the Ice Princess, play in real snow, enjoy face painting, arts and crafts, a photobooth, a book creation station, raffle prizes, giveaways and a vendor village. This event is free. For more: odyseainthedesert.com.



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

MONDAY 12/23

Menorah Lighting and Hanukkah Celebration
5:30 p.m. at Crescent Ballroom, 308 N. 2nd Ave., Phoenix. Join Crescent Ballroom in celebrating Hanukkah with food, drinks, dancing and fun. There will be latke specials, homemade jelly donuts and certified kosher Brooklyn Beer on tap, plus a special Hanukkah playlist. Get ready to light the menorah and dance the night away. This event is free for all ages. For more: crescentphx.com.

SATURDAY 12/28

Spirited Sipping Seminar
3 p.m. at Mountain Shadows Resort, 5445 E. Lincoln Dr., Scottsdale. Hosted by Hearth '61, these classes are designed to teach attendees all about the history of wine and spirits. This class is called "Celebrating Madame Clicquot." Students will learn the history of the businesswoman behind Veuve Clicquot champagne. Admission is $30 per person. For more: mountainshadows.com.

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Dr. Sophon Heng D.D.S. caters to those people who don't have dental insurance. Dr. Heng provides comprehensive dental care exclusively to uninsured adults in a modern, yet modest office in Phoenix. Dr. Heng grew up in Seattle and graduated in 2001 from the University of the Pacific School of Dentistry in San Francisco, and he relocated to Phoenix after graduation.

"After watching the dental profession change," said Dr. Heng, "I felt it had to be done a different way: 'A Non-insured Way.' We use the latest technology and treatment, yet we keep our facility modest and control our business overhead, which allows us to offer lower fees to serve the people in the community."

For example, Dr Heng's office charges $599 for a lifelike crown made with latest materials and technology. His crowns are guaranteed for life against breakage or defects. There is never a charge for a so-called crown build up. Other dental offices could customarily run from $800 to $1200 or more for a similar crown in this area. Also, other general procedures in Dr. Heng's office run 30-60% less than those typically charged. For example, $599 for a root canal, $499 for immediate denture (each), cleaning starts at $30.

Patients often remark they find Dr. Heng's office a breath of fresh air in an age where profit and greed driven corporations and "banksters" are invading every aspect of our lives, including our health care. "We have had a great response from all of our patients and we have met so many wonderful and appreciative people." said office manager Channa. "We treat all of our patients like we would our own family."



"We explain to our patients that we don't cut corners on care, treatment or materials," said Karen, dental assistant. "We pride ourselves in treating people not just their teeth. We love dentistry and feel great about providing excellent care. We are driven by our desire to help others."

Many of Dr. Heng's patients are young adults and seniors who have no dental insurance or have only a limited policy that gives them a few benefits and then charges more for their other needs. There is never a charge for an exam and x-ray, consultation and second opinions. Dr Heng offers no gimmicks, just modern quality dentistry at an affordable cost.



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FLINT BY BALTAIRE

Camelback Corridor welcomed another restaurant in October: FLINT by Baltaire. The eatery features "Contemporary American fare accented with coastal Mediterranean and bold Middle Eastern flavors." Executive Chef Chris Mayo, formerly of J&G Steakhouse and Lon's at the Hermosa Inn, uses a wood-burning oven and a Santa Maria-style grill to create dishes like fennel-crusted pork chops and wood-grilled lamb chops. For more: flintbybaltaire.com.



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Joe Pizzimenti

By Ray Artigue

The youngest of seven kids in a blue-collar family, Joe Pizzimenti learned early that hard work was the formula for success. Growing up in an Italian borough of Detroit, he and his siblings witnessed just how hard their parents worked and they simply followed their example.

"When I graduated from high school, my dad shook my hand and said 'You start work tomorrow'," Joe remembers.

The reality was that he would leave his family – and the bitter winters – and head to Tempe to attend Arizona State University. "How could I go wrong," he recalls, "as ASU had a good business school, pretty girls and the sun was always shining."

> "I like to think outside of the pond."

After graduating in 1986 with a degree in marketing, Joe returned to the Motor City and started selling radio commercials. Thereafter, he found his way to New York City and continued to sell radio before returning to the Valley in 1992 to do the very same thing for KTAR radio.

"As a youngster I was always interested in radio and TV commercials and would actually study them to better understand why they did or didn't work," he said.

That interest, coupled with his degree in marketing, would eventually lead Pizzimenti into a career in advertising. His first agency was an instant success and was acquired by a subsidiary of Microsoft. His next venture was a digital agency born out of the dot-com boom and though successful, he sold it to his partner in order to strike out on his own.

The year was 2006, and with a name as bold as its owner, Joe started his third agency, Bigfish Creative Group. Thirteen years later it has grown into a leading marketing firm serving industry-leading companies across multiple industries. Oregano's Pizza Bistro, Arizona Federal Credit Union, Cisco and Valleywise Health are just a few of the clients that Bigfish handles.

The quirky name originated from an art sculpture of a sword fish that Joe owned and today still hangs in his office.

"I guess you can say that my staff and I like to think outside of the pond," he says. "I just love the culture of an agency as it has always energized me. We are constantly challenged to solve problems or realize opportunities for our clients and we do that through integrated marketing campaigns."

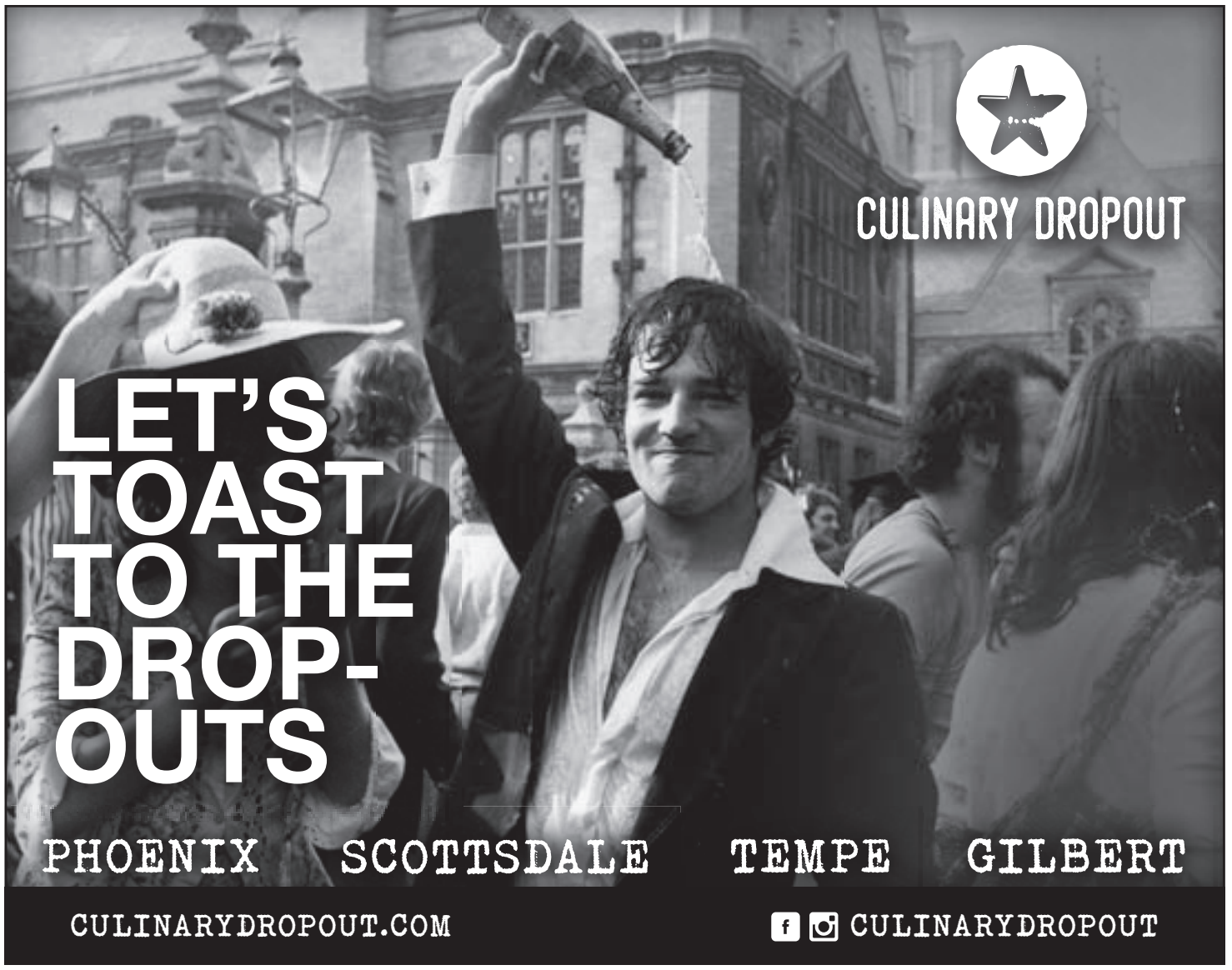
One of their latest campaigns wasn't for a client at all, rather an altruistic effort to promote the Valley and state, called AZ5Cs. The storytelling project is meant to represent all the good things that are occurring in the areas of culture, connectivity, commerce, charity and community.

"Arcadia is a perfect example of how people come together in a sense of community. It has such a warm, neighborly feel, where people can know and trust one another," said Pizzimenti.

When Joe isn't working, he enjoys golf, books and movies and of late, overseas travel. "I just returned from Italy and in my head, I'm already planning a return. Let's just say I had a connection with my motherland so who knows, maybe I'll open a satellite office in Rome?"

Whether that wishful notion ever becomes a reality, it's not difficult to imagine that Joe will always be a "big fish" swimming in an even bigger pond.





NEWS BRIEFS



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A second Los Sombreros Mexican Restaurant has opened in Uptown Phoenix at 322 E. Camelback Road. Los Sombreros has been in the Valley since 1994, with its first location in south Scottsdale. Los Sombreros offers authentic central-Mexican cuisine, as well as specialty cocktails, craft brews and a Happy Hour during the week. For more: lossombreros.com.

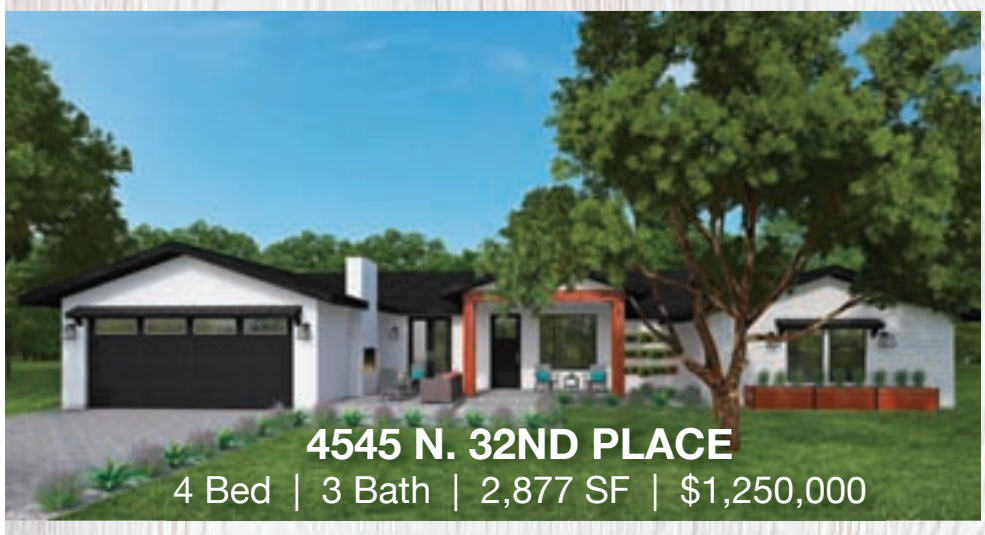


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A clothing and interior design studio opened in October at 44th St. and Indian School next to Pete's Fish & Chips. The Lifestyled Co. is the second shop for Designer Kristen Forgione, whose style is categorized as Organic Desert Living, a minimal and modern interior design aesthetic. The shop also sells kitchenware and conversation pieces. For more: thelifestyledcoshop.com.

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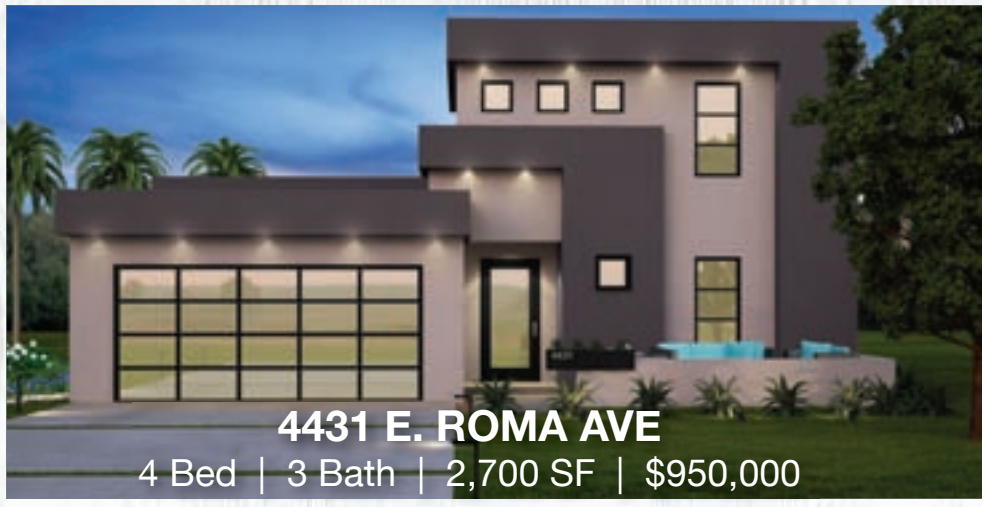


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Three Scouts honored with Eagle distinction

By Kaylee McClaine

St. Theresa's Boy Scout Troop 147 recently recognized three of its members as Eagle Scouts, the highest rank attainable in the Boy Scouts program. The designation, which only 4 percent of Scouts ever achieve, requires years of hard work and dedication.

Scouts Aidan Hinz, Dan Schueler and Patrick Cheke were awarded during a ceremony in November to acknowledge their completion of the Eagle requirements, which include earning 21 merit badges, living by the Scout Oath and Scout Law, and completing a community service project.

Aidan, 15, started as a Cub Scout in first grade.

The 30 merit badges he's earned in his career as a Scout exceeds the 21 required. His associated community service project involved restoring the North Mountain preserve by cleaning out invasive species such as thistle and sumac trees. In the future, Aidan plans on going to college and studying aerospace engineering.

"I'm excited to be an Eagle Scout. It's a privilege, and you learn so many skills and good things to use in your life," Aidan said. "Personally, the rank is important, because it is respected a lot. It may sound vague, but it helps you in your career and life."

Dan, 18, became a Scout at age nine. He has 45 badges so far – even repeating a few of those he truly enjoyed and teaching them at the Lake Pleasant Scout Aquatic Camp. In addition to becoming an Eagle Scout, Dan will also earn four "Eagle Palms," which recognize every five merit badges earned beyond the required 21.



PHOTO COURTESY OF KEITH SCHUELER

(from left) Dan Schueler, Patrick Cheke and Aidan Hinz.

Dan's service project involved repairing the soil erosion in the parking area of Spur Cross Ranch in Cave Creek. He performed maintenance and built multiple foot bridges on the trails. Dan chose this project to improve the environment and help people who use the trails on a daily basis. In the future, Dan would like to be an entrepreneur in business and statistics.

"Becoming an Eagle Scout was a tremendous accomplishment for me because it took me a lot longer than most. I was honestly enjoying my time, and it's crazy how the experiences, from aquatics to home skills, teach you so much," Dan said. "Scouts showed me skills of leadership and interdependence among my team and troop."

Patrick, 15, joined Scouts in the first grade. He has earned 37 badges thus far. For his community service project, Patrick repaired and revamped the Gift of Mary Homeless Shelter on 17th Ave. The project involved working on toilets, painting walls, building industrial-style clothing lines and replacing ceiling tiles.

Patrick plans on continuing on with the Boy Scouts after earning Eagle.

"As long as my two brothers are still in Scouts, I plan on staying. I can hopefully offer a good example for younger aspiring Scouts," Patrick said.

He plans on studying engineering in college or possibility joining a military academy.

"I know that people are going to be looking up to me from now on, and in college and future work it will pay off," Patrick said. "My dad has told me that hiring an Eagle Scout is a good thing, plus I got to go through the ceremony with two of my friends."

Surrounded by their friends and family, the boys enjoyed food, stories of their experiences, and congratulations from their Scout leaders.

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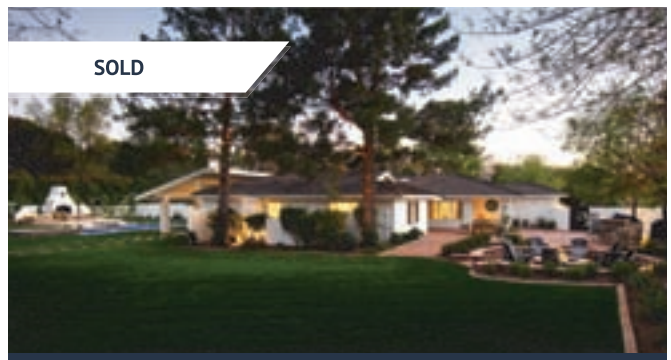
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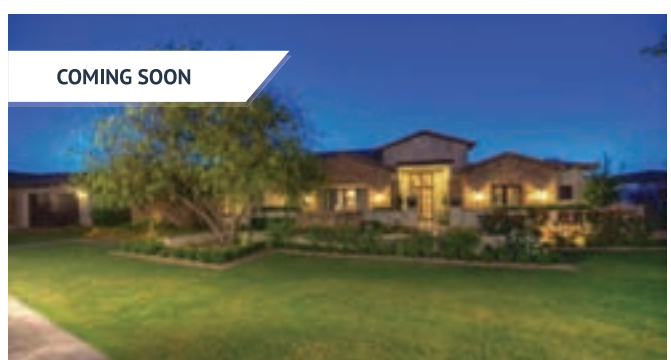
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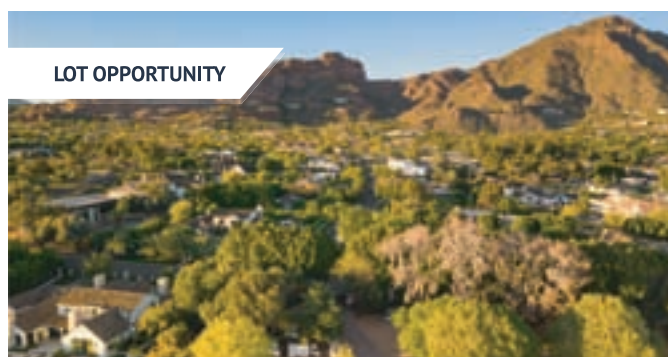
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Sustainability: Water and why it matters

By Colin Tetreault

Arcadia, we're back with another monthly discussion on the many points that constitute "sustainability." Last month, we unpacked that sustainability is – at its core – "Balancing our environmental, social and economic realms to create opportunity, beauty and prosperity."

This month, we're focusing on a quick history of water in our region, its importance, and what we can collectively do to protect its quality and preserve its availability for all.

We all know that we should drink 8-10 glasses of water a day, but have you ever stopped to really think and appreciate where that H20 comes from?

Let's take a trip back to the early days. Our Native American ancestors – primarily the Hohokam in this region – laid the groundwork for what would become the backbone of a 21st century economy and society.

Using stone-based tools and grit, the Hohokam hand-dug through the caliche earth an incredible system of diversion canals and laterals that form much of the existing delivery infrastructure we use today.

Then came our growing agricultural and community settlements at the turn of the 20th century. In order to support this growing economic staple, regional farmers and landowners formed the foundations of what is now SRP. At the same time, the City of Phoenix incorporated its water operations and built its first – 30-mile-long – redwood pipeline channeling water from the Verde River.

Over the years, the city infrastructure has grown to support 1.7 million people with over 7,000 miles of water lines and 5,000 miles of sewer lines. Along the way we also built some local favorites like the Arizona Falls, which served as the region's first hydroelectric power station and favorite swimming spot.

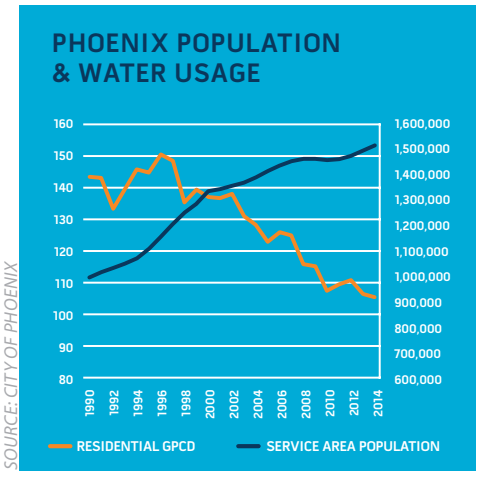
Move forward to the present day: our water system is the liquid backbone of prosperity and opportunity for the Valley. We have built a safe, reliable and equitable system that delivers millions of gallons to our homes and businesses every day.

Without access to clean and protected water and the infrastructure to treat it, our Valley's future would be in jeopardy: economic attraction and industry would grind to a halt; our ability to fundamentally prosper and enjoy a robust quality of life would be endangered; our surrounding ecosystems would be irrevocably damaged.



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Arizona Falls served as Phoenix's first hydroelectric power station and a popular swimming spot.



SOURCE: CITY OF PHOENIX

Thus, it is mandatory for us to understand this thing that helps us to make our coffee at home and create semiconductors at work. Water doesn't just deserve our attention; it deserves our respect and advocacy.

While it is true that the city has seen a drop of nearly 30 percent of water use per household, we can't stop there.

We need to not only be water smart, but proactive when it comes to our H20. I encourage you to read up and act on some of the things you can do to support water use, quality and availability. If you want to learn about ways in which you can make an impact at home:

• Head over to phoenix.gov/water services for tips and resources on how to be water smart.

• Consider plumbing your new or remodeled house and yard for "greywater" capture and use. Think of this as "showers to flowers."

• Think about incorporating water smart plantings in your landscape plans and check to see you are watering at the right times to reduce evaporation.

• Participate in watershed clean ups and donate to local causes that protect our water upstream.

• Support healthy forest management initiatives that protect from catastrophic wildfire (which jeopardizes water quality).

The next time you lift a glass, flush the toilet, jump in the pool, or water your garden, remember the importance of water. Give thanks for the folks who made it possible over the years and join the good work in ensuring we can enjoy it for our community and industry for hundreds more years to come.

— Colin Tetreault is a Senior Sustainability and Global Sports Scholar at the ASU School of Sustainability and Principal of S2 Consulting.

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Sweet dream comes true for Candytopia creator

By Mallory Gleich

As a child, artist Jackie Sorkin had a small obsession with *Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory*. Not necessarily Wonka himself, but with the plot of the film: a person who doesn't come from a lot can still find him or herself with a golden ticket. And Jackie's golden ticket, it turns out, is candy.

Sorkin was born in Hollywood and grew up in Orange County, California. She also spent time living in Long Beach and Compton, which is where she says she found her "hustle."

"I didn't come from the silver spoon life. As cliché as it is, I always tell people to dream big. That's what I did and I love that message," Sorkin said.

She always found herself decorating and creating during her free time. It wasn't until she realized that she could use candy as a medium that her work as an artist took form.

"Candy was a thing that I always loved. There are endless opportunities, colors, shapes, textures and flavors. I started off creating candy trees, candy portraits, candy pictures. I loved it so much as I child I realized, oh my God, I could create amazing stuff out of this," Sorkin said.

Sorkin is also the founder and creator of Hollywood Candy Girls, an event catering company. She's also starred in her own television show on TLC called *Candy Queen* – a nickname that fits her well.

"They gave me my own show about my crazy life and my love of candy," Sorkin said.

When *Candy Queen* aired on TV, it was discovered that Asian audiences loved the show so much that they asked Sorkin to go to Taiwan and create a whole new concept – a larger-than-life candy world.

"I come from a place where it's 'no fear, no opportunity too big' and I went for it," Sorkin said.

The first "candy-art" installation, Hollywood Candy Queen Kingdom, was an exhibit that visitors could walk through where every piece and every sculpture was crafted from sugary goodness. It was only supposed to run for a year, but it became so popular that the kingdom was open for four years all around Southeast Asia. After that, Sorkin created another "world" in China that was bigger and better – and she decided it was time to bring her craft to the U.S.

"People called me crazy my whole life. They were like 'What is this chick doing with all this candy?' They thought it was nonsense. And I kept saying, 'No, this is amazing.' I truly believe and love what I'm doing so I learned to tune them out," Sorkin said.

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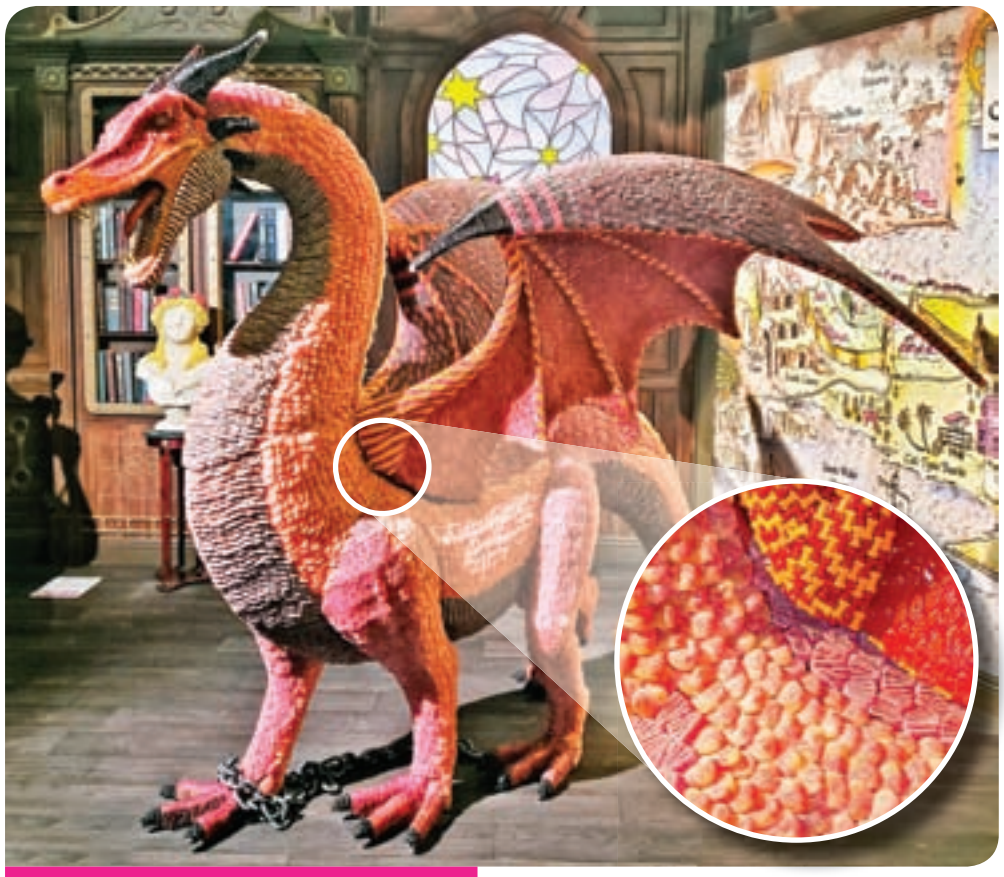




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CANDY DRAGON FACTS

Weight: *250 lbs (wings are 75 lbs each)*
Candy count: *125,000 pieces*
Construction time: *542 hours*
Amount of sugar: *50,000 grams*

Construction materials:
Wings: *Bonz, reg cherry cola bottles, black vines, Swedish fish.* **Body:** *Pink grapefruit gummy, peachie hearts, JB cinnamon, berry sour jacks, JB licorice; white, orange and cherry rock candy.*
Head: *Red licorice strings, happy cola bottle, watermelon sour belts, sour power tropical bits, pink lemonade sour belts, black vines.*

Artist Jackie Sorkin (top right) uses an assortment of candy to build her creations. The fox (left) is made out of 13,000 pieces of candy.

Once Sorkin decides what kind of sculpture to create, a team of engineers creates a CAD and 3D design of the project. After the foundation of the sculpture is built, Sorkin goes through the "candyfication" process, where she will decide what kind of candy best represents the subject. When that's done, the team uses a few other materials to treat and preserve the piece.

"We have to decide 'How are we going to make this piece come to life?' and then we just play to create the color schemes – we play, we fight, we eat a lot of candy," Sorkin said.

Gummy bears are her favorite medium, but jelly beans, sour gummies, sour belts, rock candy and more make the piece come to life.

Depending on the size of the sculpture, it can take from five to 45 days to complete. At the Scottsdale location, there is a shark made with 20,000 pieces that took 137 hours to create.

Inside Candytopia, guests will find an Under the Sea room, Jungle room, Mirror room and a nod to Arizona with western-themed sculptures like a jelly-bean cowboy and a Grand Canyon portrait.

There are also flying unicorn pigs, a confetti room (be careful – the pigs shoot confetti out of their behinds), and at the conclusion of the tour, a massive "marshmallow" pit that guests can swim around in, complete with 250,000 foam pieces shaped to look like the campfire treat.

Sorkin says the pop culture aspect is one of her favorite parts and loves to see people interact with them.

"There is a time for seriousness, but it's not at Candytopia. This is a time for fun. This is a place where people can come escape, be weird, eat candy and have a great time," Sorkin said. "We try to avoid calling ourselves a pop-up. We call ourselves a mini theme park because it's so interactive and fun."

Candytopia will be open at Scottsdale Quarter until December 29. For more: candytopia.com.

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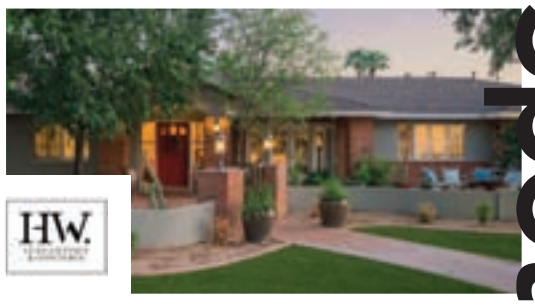


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Bring the whole family along this New Year's Eve

By Madison Van Nortwick

Kids and families won't be left out of 2019's New Year's Eve merriment. There are a variety of places, from the Phoenix Zoo to the skating rink, that will be hosting family-friendly New Year's Eve parties.

Grab a glass of cider and let the confetti fly – it's time to say hello to 2020:

PAPAGO PARK

Ring in 2020 the active way with a hike around Papago Park. Head up the west side on the 2.3-mile Double Butte Loop trail that features one small and one big butte. Or take it easy on the east side and visit the iconic Hole-in-the-Rock. Come between sunrise and sunset and end 2019 with some nature and fresh air. For more: phoenix.gov/parks/trails/locations/Papago-park.

SKATELAND FAMILY PARTY

On December 31, Skateland Mesa will be hosting its 5th annual Family New Year's Eve Skate Party from 4-7 p.m. Kids and adults can enjoy a discounted skate rental, pizza, drinks, party favors and a balloon drop to celebrate the new year – even though it's not midnight, it still counts! Admission is $9 per person or $30 for a family four-pack of tickets. For more: unitedskates.com.

WORLD OF ILLUMINATION

Keep it simple yet stunning this year with a tour through the World of Illumination, the world's largest drive-through holiday light display. This exhibit features more than two-million LED lights animated and synchronized to holiday classics. This display is located at Tempe Diablo Stadium, 2200 W. Alameda. Tickets cost $33 per vehicle and snacks and drinks are also available for purchase at the beginning of the show.



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Happy Noon Year Celebration *at the Children's Museum of Phoenix.*

PHOENIX ZOO

Experience the fun of a New Year's Eve midnight countdown – at noon – at the Phoenix Zoo's Noon Year's Eve party. There will be a ball drop with a cider or juice toast and kids and adults can play in the snow, participate in snowball target games, a bounce house, DJ dance party and also spend time with the animals.

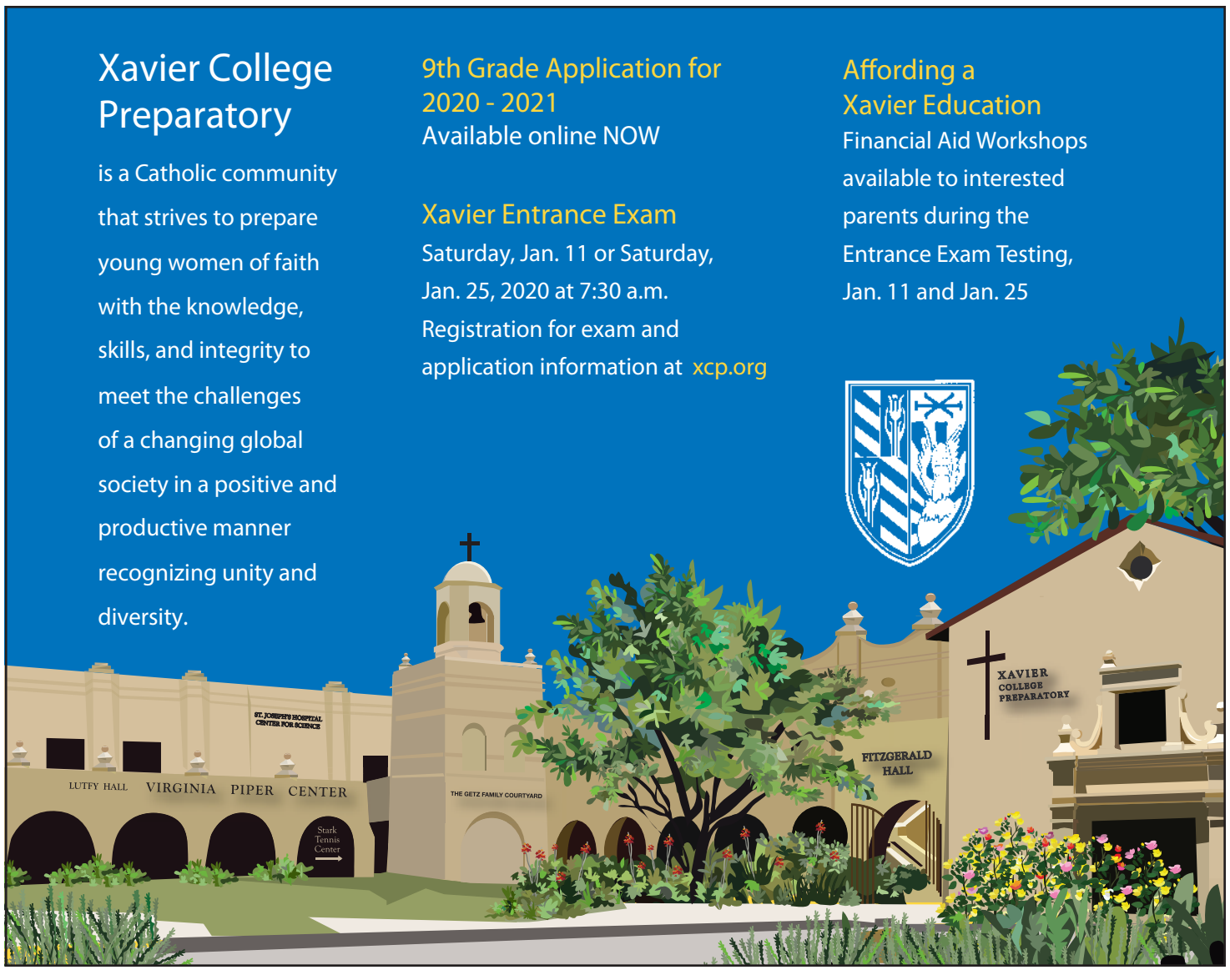
This event is held on December 31 from 9 a.m. to noon. Folks are also invited to the Glow Wild event featuring a wild light lantern safari from 5:30-10:30 p.m. Tickets are $24.95 for adults ages 14 and up and $16.95 for children ages 3 to 13. For more: phoenixzoo.org.

HAPPY NOON YEAR CELEBRATION

Bring the whole family to this "noon year" celebration at the Children's Museum of Phoenix, 215 N. 7th St., starting at 9 a.m. Kids can enjoy the museum, play games and activities and when the clock strikes noon, there will be a toast and a balloon drop in the atrium to ring in the New Year. Admission is $15 per person. For more: childrensmuseumofphoenix.org.

DAVE AND BUSTERS NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

Dave and Busters will be hosting New Year's Eve festivities with games, food and drinks. Guests can enjoy an appetizer buffet, dessert, a $25 Power Card for unlimited video game play, plus a video ball drop to ring in the New Year. Dave and Busters will also offer a countdown earlier in the night to ensure family members of all ages can enjoy the fun. For more: daveandbusters.com.



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FRASHER'S REOPENING

Almost five years after closing the Scottsdale and Oak location, George Frasher has found a new home for his second St. Louis-style steakhouse. The new spot is in the former Ben and Jack's on the northwest corner of Drinkwater and Indian School Road. Frasher is planning a grand opening party for the new location on New Year's Eve. For more: frasherssmokehouse.com.

ARCADIA BEAUTY BAR

Local resident Sherrill DuBois recently opened Arcadia Beauty Bar. She runs the shop with Brenna Benson of Bronzeology tanning. Services include skincare, teeth whitening, hair salon, lash extensions and medical aesthetics. The business is located under Attic Alehouse, next to Sacks Sandwiches on Indian School Road. For more: arcadia-beautybar.com.

ARCADIA DONATION DRIVE

Arcadia High School has teamed up with Goodwill to raise money for the school while donating gently-used items to the organization. On Saturday, December 14, bring your stuff to AHS from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. The school will receive money for each pound of donated items. Household items such as dishes, picture frames, mattresses, clothing, sheets and toys are examples of what will be accepted. For more: arcadiapto.org.

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Like people, companies must also drop off 'emotional baggage'

By Angela Copeland



CAREER ADVICE

Have you ever had a date with someone who had recently been through a bad breakup? There's a good chance they were nervous to go through the same thing again. You can practically see the fear in their eyes. In relationships, we call this sort of thing emotional baggage. And it can be tough to overcome. Companies can have emotional baggage too and it starts in the form of a bad hire. It's a bad hire that happened long before they met you. It's like an ex-spouse. It's someone who is long gone, but whose emotional damage still remains. The company hasn't forgotten them, years later.

You may wonder what exactly I'm talking about. Here's an example: an interviewer may say to a job seeker, "We hired an entrepreneur once before. That person was really controlling. He was hard to work with. Ever since, I really don't like hiring anyone who has ever been self-employed." (Disclosure: This really happened.)

For a job seeker who's currently self-employed, for example, this statement is a hard one to overcome. How can you combat worries about problems caused by an employee that no longer works at the company?

In this example, it might be best to be friendly and understanding and try to reassure the interviewer. Show them you can get along well with others. Quiet their fears.

In reality though, it's possible that old employee wasn't difficult because they had been self-employed at some point. Perhaps they were difficult because they are just a difficult person. Wouldn't that make a little more sense?

These types of generalizations are biases, plain and simple. It's like assuming that because you dated a chemist once who was very rigid, all chemists are rigid people. That's not true. Each person has their own unique personality.

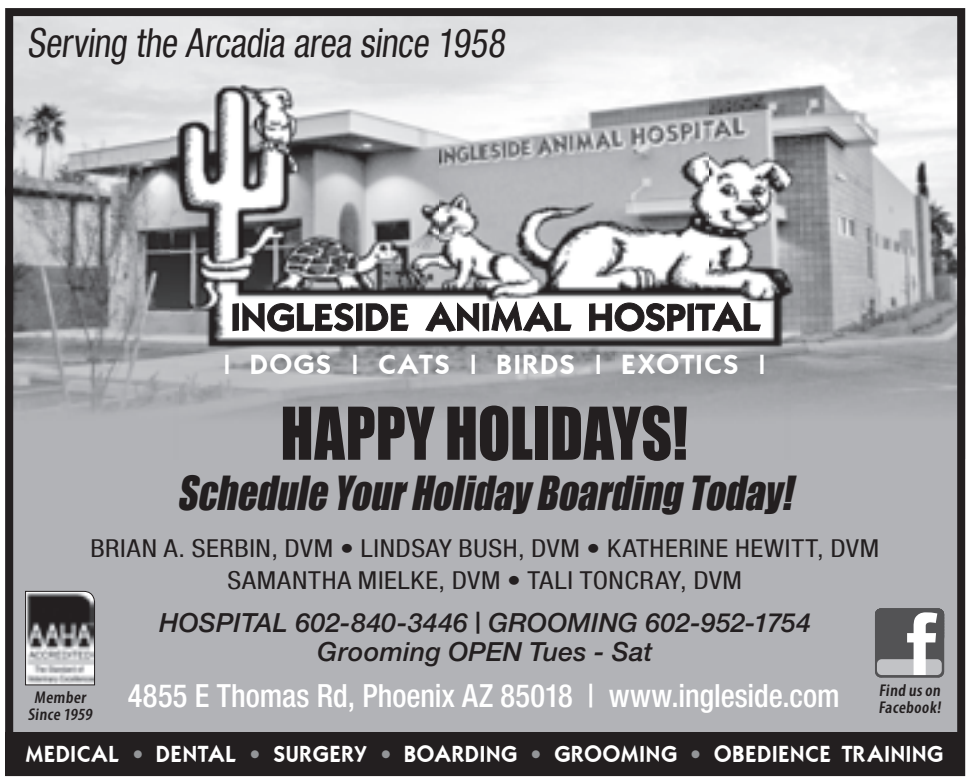
Just like in the world of dating, if you want to find your perfect match, you've got to stop looking at things through an old lens. You can't assume every relationship won't work out. Otherwise, you'll never get anywhere. Similarly, you've got to judge each job seeker on their character and their individual experience. Don't hold them up to a standard set by someone else.

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Ask the job seeker about their skills and their past jobs. Ask them why they're interested in the role. Learn about them. Find out if they will get along with your team. Evaluate them based on what's important today – not something that happened before. Try your best to look at them as a unique person.

If you can drop the emotional baggage, you might find that you pick up a great new hire. The more that biases drive the decision-making process, the less you're evaluating the current candidate. You're allowing the old employee who isn't even there anymore to continue to run the show.

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







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(from left) Pueblo Elementary 3rd grader, Zaiba; Cocopah Middle Schooler, Jenna; Desert Mountain sophomore, Yeju; Cherokee Elementary 1st grader, Janessa; Hopi Elementary student, Shea.

Students shine in Scottsdale on Stage talent show

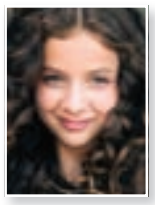
By Pam R. Selthun

A few years ago, a small focus group within the Scottsdale Unified School District Foundation (SUSDF), had a brainstorming session to discover a new way to showcase talented students in the district and raise funds for scholarships.

"We really wanted to maximize our attendance and the amounts that we were able to give back to the kids," said Anne Kaufman, a 2019 event co-chair.

Scottsdale on Stage, a performance event that showcases the singing and acting talents of Scottsdale students, was born from that brainstorming session. It helped reduce the cost of staging the fundraising galas of the past, while increasing community participation.

"The galas were wonderful events in amazing venues, but this fall event seems to be a hit with some of our business partners too. We tried to mimic *America's Got Talent* with 'celebrity' judges and a people's choice award," Kaufman said. "It's a great way for the community to see the amazing talent within the district."



2019 Scottsdale on Stage winner
Shea Levine

More than 40 students auditioned this year. A $1,500 scholarship is awarded to the "People's Choice," which is the performer who receives the most audience votes during the event.

"Last year, we had singers, dancers, musicians, song writers, a magician, an actor monologue and a comedian. All of the acts were literally amazing. Just when you thought you knew who the winner would be another awesome performer would be next," Kaufman said.

This year, Scottsdale on Stage was emceed by CBS 5's Kim Quintero in October at Harley Davidson of Scottsdale.

The winner of this year's show was Shea Levine, a Hopi Elementary student whose contortionist act wowed the judges and crowd alike. There were two students who tied for second place. This years acts included singing, dancing, cheering and drum solos.

ABOUT SUSDF

Through fundraisers like Scottsdale on Stage and the annual golf tournament held in the spring, the foundation has helped raise funds for programs and unique student-and teacher-driven initiatives that align with the mission, vision and goals of the school district.

Since 2006, the foundation has funded many SUSD programs and grants, such as the Quest for Excellence Mini-Grants, National Board Certification for Teachers, All-City Athletic Awards Banquets, Collective Capacity, Camp Invention, Common Core Standards Training and others, totaling more than $800,000 to date.

SUSDF raises funds year after year in support of educational opportunities that would otherwise go unfunded.

The foundation's mission is to help students achieve educational excellence by supporting programs that enhance the learning experience and by bringing community awareness to the significant financial challenges within public schools.

For more: susdfoundation.org.



NEWS BRIEFS



CRUMBL COOKIES

Crumbl Cookies will be opening its newest location in Arizona this month at 38th St. and Indian School. The first shop opened in 2017 in Logan, Utah. There are now 31 cookie spots in six states. Crumbl offers a variety of cookie flavors, with six options on rotation every week. On December 6, folks are invited to come out to the new location for Free Cookie Day. For more: crumblcookies.com.

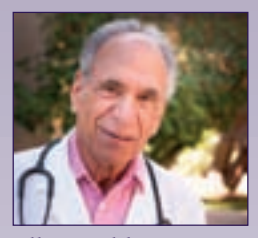
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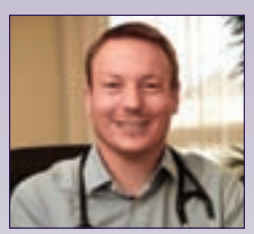
Registration is now open for the 17th annual Rock 'n' Roll Arizona Marathon, half-marathon and the Kids Rock race. Starting at the Arizona Center on Van Buren and 2nd St. in downtown Phoenix, the full marathon will wind its way through the Arcadia neighborhood before concluding in Tempe on Saturday, January 18 and Sunday, January 19. Registration is $20-$120. For more: runrocknroll.com.

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It may look like a Remington, but it probably isn't

By Tom Helms


The Bronco Buster

ASK THE APPRAISERS

American painter, illustrator and sculptor Frederic Remington is perhaps best known as one of the most gifted interpreters of the American West. His early work appeared as illustrations in popular journals, but as he matured, he turned his focus to painting and sculpture. In fact, his work in bronze became so renown that it has inspired many reproductions of dubious origins.

To understand a Remington bronze reproduction, it is necessary to know the history. As a sculptor, Remington (1861-1909) cast 22 subjects. The first foundry he worked with was the Henry-Bonnard Bronze Company in New York. Four of his sculptures were cast in bronze there.

In 1900, Remington began working exclusively with Roman Bronze Works in New York, which produced his bronzes until his death in 1909. Remington's widow, Eva, authorized the foundry to continue casting her late husband's bronzes until her death in 1918. By direction of Eva's will, the factory destroyed the original molds shortly after her death. Consequently, the original and authentic bronzes were produced only from 1895 to 1918. Anything produced after this time frame is not original nor authentic.

In 1923, the Remington Museum opened, holding Eva's collection of Frederic's art and archives. The institution maintained the copyrights on his bronzes until they expired in the 1960s. Illegal forgeries were made starting soon after Eva's death. Since the copyrights expired, there have been replicas made in just about all shapes, sizes and colors. Some places are even making bronzes that Remington "might have made if he had lived longer." There is no law governing the manufacture of these copies even though many of them clearly say "Copyright by Frederic Remington" on them.

The words "authentic" and "original" do not apply to Remington reproductions. Most copies bear no indication of where they were cast. Authentic sculptures are made with the foundry's name clearly shown on the bronze base. Authentic casts are rarely mounted on a marble base; however, duplicates are.

Original bronzes are numbered sequentially in the order they were made, i.e. 1, 2, 3, etc. Given that they were also produced to meet demand, they are not numbered as sets or limited runs, such as 1/100 or 19/50. Many copies are misleadingly numbered in this "3/100" fashion.

The most common sculpture reproduction method is for a sculptor to recreate the piece from wax and clay after studying photos of the original. A mold is then made from that model to cast copies in bronze.

Another popular method is making recasts, or "surmoulages," which are bronzes made from another bronze, not from the artist's master mold or model. They lack the quality and detail of the original work. The value is minimal.

There are literally thousands of copies of each of the 22 Remington bronzes flooding the world market; consequently, the values are marginal due to the quality of the bronze. Lack of well-defined detail, such as the shape and definition of hands, clothes and other distinguishing characteristics of an original are ways to identify a modern reproduction.


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This year, spend the holidays in true Arizona fashion

By Robin Sewell

ROBIN'S ADVENTURES



It can be tough getting into the holiday spirit when there's no chestnuts roasting on an open fire, Jack Frost nipping at your nose and no folks here in the Valley dressed up like Eskimos. Then again, as much as I love traditions, why not celebrate the holidays in a uniquely Arizona way?

For those of you who can't imagine Christmas without a Douglas fir or a Scotch pine, how about switching it up with a tree that pays homage to our Wild West heritage – and what could be more western than tumbleweeds? Every cowboy movie ever made always has the iconic shot of the saloon with the tumbleweed eerily blowing down the middle of the road.

Back in October, city park staff in Chandler started collecting nicely-rounded tumbleweeds from vacant lots around the city. They accumulated enough to build their very own 25-feet tall tumbleweed Christmas tree that will be decorated with a thousand lights and a star. Everyone is welcome to attend the "tree" lighting on December 7 in downtown Chandler.

You'll find yet another Southwestern twist if you head up north to the Verde Valley town of Clarkdale. This is home to the Verde Canyon Railway where you can experience the town's version of the Polar Express train ride, except this one is called the Magical Christmas Journey to the North Pole. In true Arizona style, luminarias light up the entrance and giant ornaments adorn the outdoor pergolas. Instead of Santa's magic bell, you'll hear the story of Princess Noel and Flurry the Christmas bald eagle.

While you're up north, pay a visit to Prescott, Arizona's Christmas City. In addition to parades, tree lightings and a mile-long drive through light show in Prescott Valley, you can enjoy the world's largest Gingerbread Village. Tucked inside the Prescott Resort and Conference Center is a whimsical village where icing and candy reign supreme. More than 1,000 gingerbread structures, all handcrafted and decorated, will put folks in a festive mood and get them ready for the holiday season. Prescott also remains true to its western heritage on New Year's Eve, when the town does its version of New York's Times Square ball drop, with a cowboy boot instead.

While you may not find Prancer, Dancer or Rudolph, you will definitely see some one-of-a-kind entertainment at Bearizona's Wild Wonderland. In Williams, folks can watch the jaguars, otters, badgers and foxes open their presents. Yes, even the animals are trying to stay off the naughty list this time of year! There's also a synchronized light show of 400,000 lights happening after-hours Friday-Sunday in December.

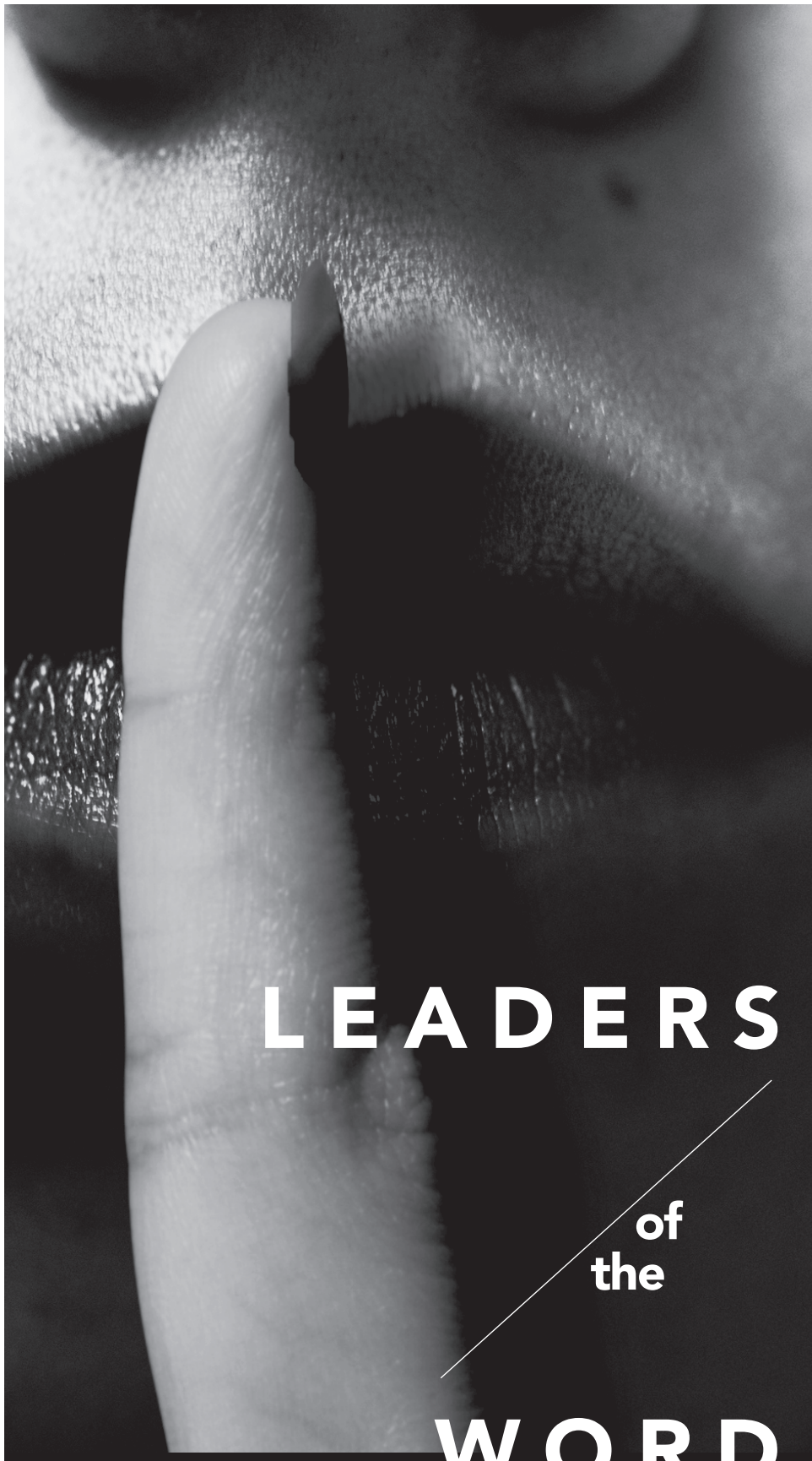
Southern Arizona knows how to put a unique spin on the holidays. The Tucson Botanical Gardens hosts luminaria nights, with more than 3,500 luminarias lighting the path and illuminating the night sky. They've transformed the desert landscape into a winter wonderland garden where guests might even catch a snowflake or two.

Also in the Tucson area is the 70th annual Winterhaven Festival of Lights. It was started in 1949 and is now one of the longest-running festivals of its kind in the country. Hundreds of thousands of lights transform this Tucson neighborhood and guests can experience it on foot, a hayride wagon, a bus trolley or even a 15-person pedal-powered group bike, while listening to the sounds of the season.

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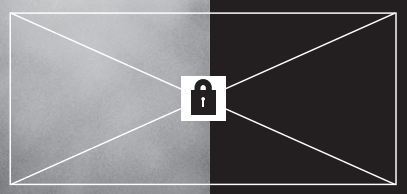
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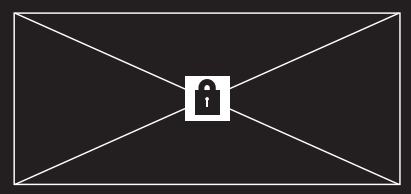
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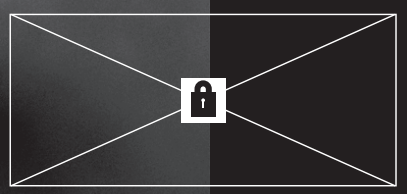
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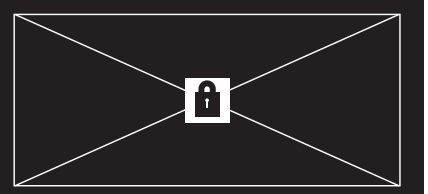
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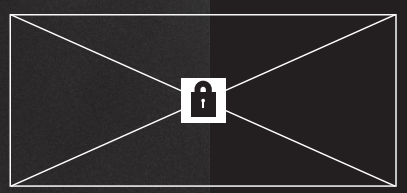
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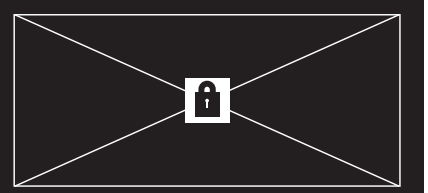
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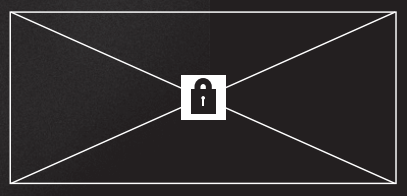
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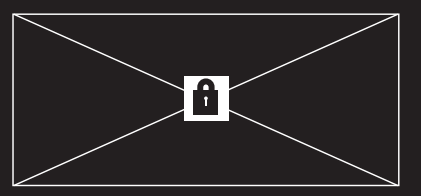
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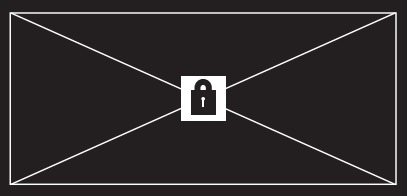
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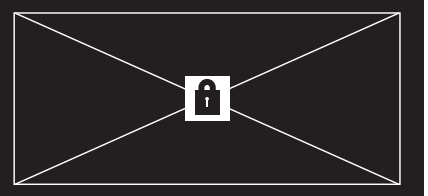
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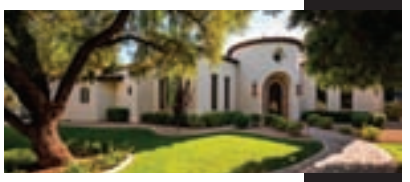
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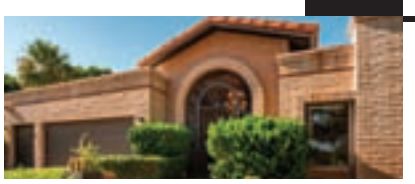
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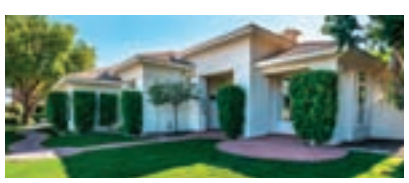
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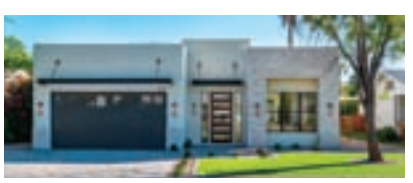
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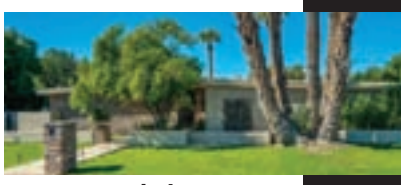
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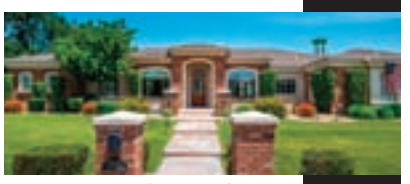
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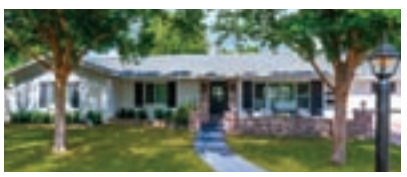
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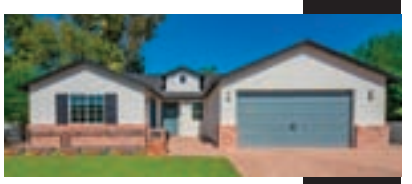
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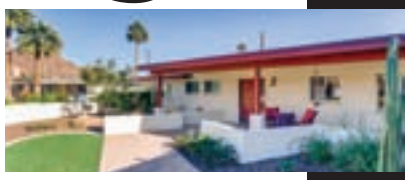
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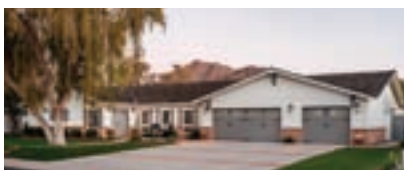


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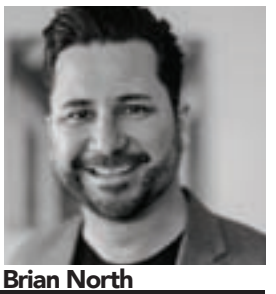
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SATURDAY 12/7

Skate Westgate

11 a.m. at Westgate Entertainment District, 6751 N. Sunset Blvd., Glendale. Phoenix might not have snow, but at least Glendale has ice. Guests are welcome to enjoy the 3,300 square-foot skating rink at Fountain Park in Westgate. Skating sessions are on a first-come, first-served basis. Afterward, guests can enjoy some shopping, grab a cup of hot cocoa and maybe even visit with Santa. Tickets are $15 with a rental and $12 bring-your-own. For more: westgateaz.com/skate.

Winterfest

5-9 p.m. at the Avondale Civic Center Complex, 11465 W. Civic Center Dr. Winterfest means one thing – Santa and Mrs. Claus will be on their way soon. This family-fun event will have snow, kids' games and crafts, live entertainment, food vendors and a tree lighting ceremony to kick off the countdown to Christmas. Admission is free. For more: visit the Avondale Winterfest 2019 Facebook page.

Queen Creek Holiday Festival & Parade

12-8 p.m. in downtown Queen Creek, 21802 S. Ellsworth Road. Head to the 37th annual Queen Creek Holiday Festival and Parade to get the holiday spirit going. Start the day by browsing through local vendor and craft booths. The parade will start at 3 p.m. Grab a bite to eat, listen to live local entertainment, visit the kids zone, meet Santa and participate in a tree lighting ceremony. This event is free. For more: queencreekparade.org.



Skate Westgate *at Westgate Entertainment District in Glendale.*

SAT. 12/7 – SUN. 12/8

Holiday Pet Expo

10 a.m.-5 p.m., 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Rawhide Event Center, 5244 S. 48th St., Chandler. Holidays aren't just for the humans anymore. This event will showcase all things pet-related, including exhibitors, giveaways, an adoption area, vaccinations, free nail trims, pet products, activities and educational seminars. Bring along your furry friends, too. Admission is free but parking is $10. For more: phoenixholidaypetexpo.com.

SATURDAY 12/14

Hello Handmade Market

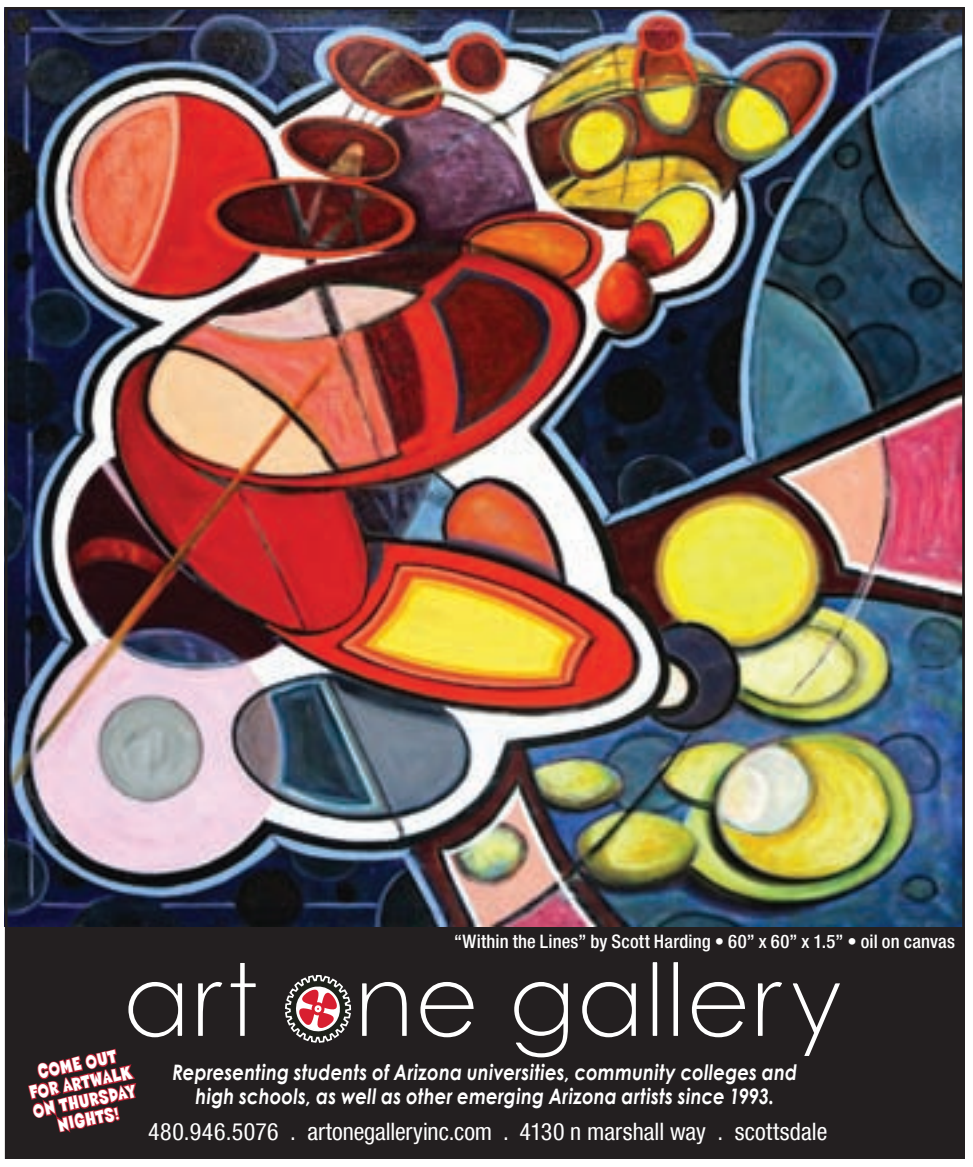
9 a.m.-1 p.m. at Copper Trails School, 16875 W. Canyon Trails Blvd., Goodyear. Keep things home-grown with holiday shopping this year and check out the Hello Handmade with Love Marketplace. This pop-up is free for all ages. Attendees will find locally-made home decor, accessories, clothing, art, vintage items, furniture and bakers showcasing their wares. For more: hellohandmademarket.com.

Vintage Holiday Market

9 a.m.-2 p.m. at Park West, 9744 W. Northern Ave., Peoria. Check out the 6th annual Vintage Holiday Market, with local vendors and unique vintage trinkets. There will also be fresh produce, baked goods, activities for the kids, food trucks and entertainment. For more: visit the Vintage Holiday at the Peoria Farmers Market Facebook page.

Phoenix Christmas Car Show

9 a.m.-1 p.m. at 614 E. Auto Center Dr., Mesa. Benefitting Toys for Tots,





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this classic car show will even get the Scrooges excited for Christmas. Attendees will get a raffle ticket for each toy donated. Check out various classic cars while enjoying photos with Santa, a vendor village, food trucks and music. For more: visit the Phoenix Christmas Car Show Facebook page.

Open Farm Day

10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Desert Mirage Alpaca Ranch, 19007 W. Roadrunner Road, Wittmann. Spend a Saturday visiting with the alpacas at Desert Mirage. Folks are welcome to take a tour of the farm, meet a few of the alpacas living there, and shop at the alpaca gift store, with clothing, jewelry and toys. Guests might even get to take a photo with Santa and his alpaca-sidekick. For more: desertmiragealpacaranch.com.

SUNDAY 12/15

Kids in the Kitchen

12:15-2 p.m. at Chabad of the East Valley, 875 N. McClintock Dr., Chandler. It's time for the kids to take over the kitchen. Attendees will get down to the basics of cooking and decorating their own creations. This month's treat is sufganiyah, which is a jelly doughnut-type pastry. Kids will get to take home their creations and collect recipes in their very own kosher recipe book. Classes are $12 per person. For more: chabadcenter.com.



Kids in the Kitchen *at Chabad of the East Valley in Chandler.*

Healthy Holidays Vegan Cooking Class

2-4:30 p.m. in Ahwatukee Foothills. Join author and chef Tess Challis for a vegan cooking class that will excite guests with any palate. Students will prepare eggnog, holiday hummus, caramel corn, almost-raw blueberry cheesecake and phyllo-wrapped asparagus. Classes are $59 per person. Location of event will be confirmed after registration. For more: tesschallis.com/events.

FRIDAY 12/20

Mesa Christmas Market

5-9 p.m. in downtown Mesa, 1st N. MacDonald Road. This outdoor marketplace has holiday spirit packed to the brim. Part of the Merry St. Main festival, the Christmas Market will be set up near a fully decorated 35-foot Christmas tree. Guests can browse through a variety of local vendors, enjoy holiday displays and treats and visit with Santa. This is a free event. For more: themesachristmasmarket.com.

SUNDAY 12/22

Santa Hustle 5K

8-11 a.m. at the Westgate Entertainment District, 6751 N. Sunset Blvd., Glendale. Runners are encouraged to dress up in Santa hats and check out the holiday decorations while participating in the 5K, 10K or Kids Dash. There will be an awards ceremony and post-race celebration with milk and cookies. Registration is $70 for the half-marathon and $50 for the 5K. For more: santahustle.com.

Brunch with the Grinch

11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Skateland, 7 E. Southern Ave., Mesa. Join Skateland in welcoming the Grinch for the day. Attendees can enjoy a buffet of all-you-can-eat pizza (that's right, pizza for breakfast!), fruit and pastries. Make sure to get a photo with the Grinch before heading into the rink for music, skating and fun. Admission is $8; $5 for non-skaters. For more: unitedskates.com.



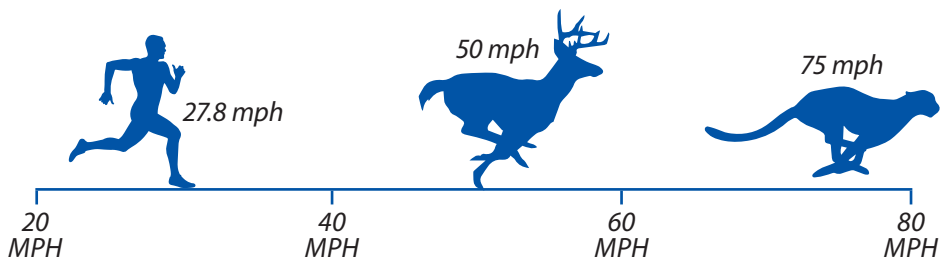


DID YOU KNOW?

HOW FAST?

50 mph

Reindeer can run more than 50 mph. At only one day-old, a calf can outrun an Olympic sprinter!



HOW DEEP?

23 in

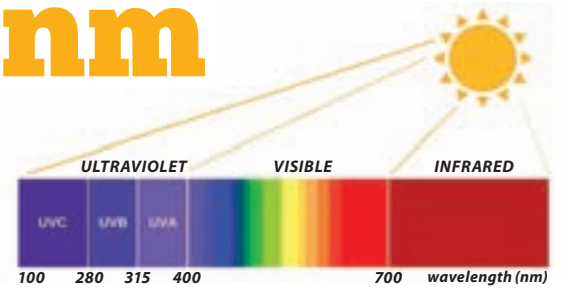
Reindeer have a strong sense of smell and can sniff out lichen (a leaflike plant and their main source of food) through 23" of snow.



HOW MUCH?

320 nm

Reindeer are one of the only mammals that can see ultraviolet light.



While humans are able to see wavelengths up to 400 nm, a reindeer's vision includes data up to 320 nm.

HOW FAR?

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Both male and female reindeer grow antlers making it hard to decipher the gender.

A reindeer's nose warms the air it breathes before it gets to its lungs.

Some reindeer's knees make a clicking sound when they walk. It's believed to help them keep herds together during a blizzard.

A reindeer can vocalize when it senses danger. It may sniff, listen, stare, urinate, 'wheeze-snort,' rear up and jump in the air like a stallion, then run away. Often in that order.

Reindeer are strict herbivores.

Reindeer and caribou are the same species.

Reindeer don't like being alone and usually live in herds of at least 10.



REINDEER WORD SEARCH

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During the summer, a reindeer's eyes reflect a golden glow, but during the fading light of winter, the **tapetum lucidum** *(a mirrored layer that sits behind the retina) undergoes a complex transformation that changes the type of light it can reflect – and thereby gives it a blue appearance.*

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Coach "Sug" likes to remind the team to keep things light and fun with activities like corn hole tournaments.

AHS welcomes baseball coach

By Mallory Gleich

Arcadia High School has exciting news for baseball fans as the school welcomed its new coach, Matt Sugarman, to the program this season.

Sugarman was born and raised in Manhattan Beach in Southern California. He played various sports as a kid but found that he always had a knack for baseball and decided to focus on playing the sport from eighth grade on. He realized he wanted to be a coach while playing in college.

Sugarman has been coaching baseball for 12 years. Along with Arcadia High, he also coached Division 1 high school baseball in Los Angeles before he moved to Arizona.

As Arcadia's baseball players prepare to start their season, Sugarman is looking forward to coaching them during their formative years.

"My favorite part about being a coach is being able to play a role in these young men's lives during arguably the most impactful point: high school," Sugarman said. "A close second, from a selfish standpoint, is being alongside these young men as they compete as a team."

Sugarman, known as "Coach Sug" to many, says coming together and staying together as a team is one of the most important aspects of coaching.

"When it is all said and done, this is their team. I do my best to remind them of that on a daily basis. They need to be there for each other every day; physically, mentally and emotionally. I ask them to be consistent – and above all else – I ask them to be a great teammate," Sugarman said.



Matt Sugarman

To prepare for the upcoming season, the team has been participating in various workouts on the field, in the weight room, as well as speed, agility, hand-eye conditioning and yoga.

Sugarman also sprinkles in fun events, like occasional corn hole competitions, to remind the team to keep things light.

"We need to keep it loose and I like for my guys to have fun. I think one of the best things for us to do is to compete. No matter what we are doing we have competition involved. Whether it's being the first on/off the field, ping-pong or batting practice; we are always competing," Sugarman said.

"Our practices/workouts have a great deal of internal competition which will only help our guys get better. The plan is to get better every day."

"Coach Sugarman is off to a great start with our baseball program," said Athletic Director Rudy Alvarado. "He has the boys excited to compete and he pushes them every single day to succeed and they have responded well to that. Our hope is that it will translate to a successful season where our boys can win their region and make a run in the playoffs."

The Titans will kick off their 2020 season on March 20 versus Buckeye.

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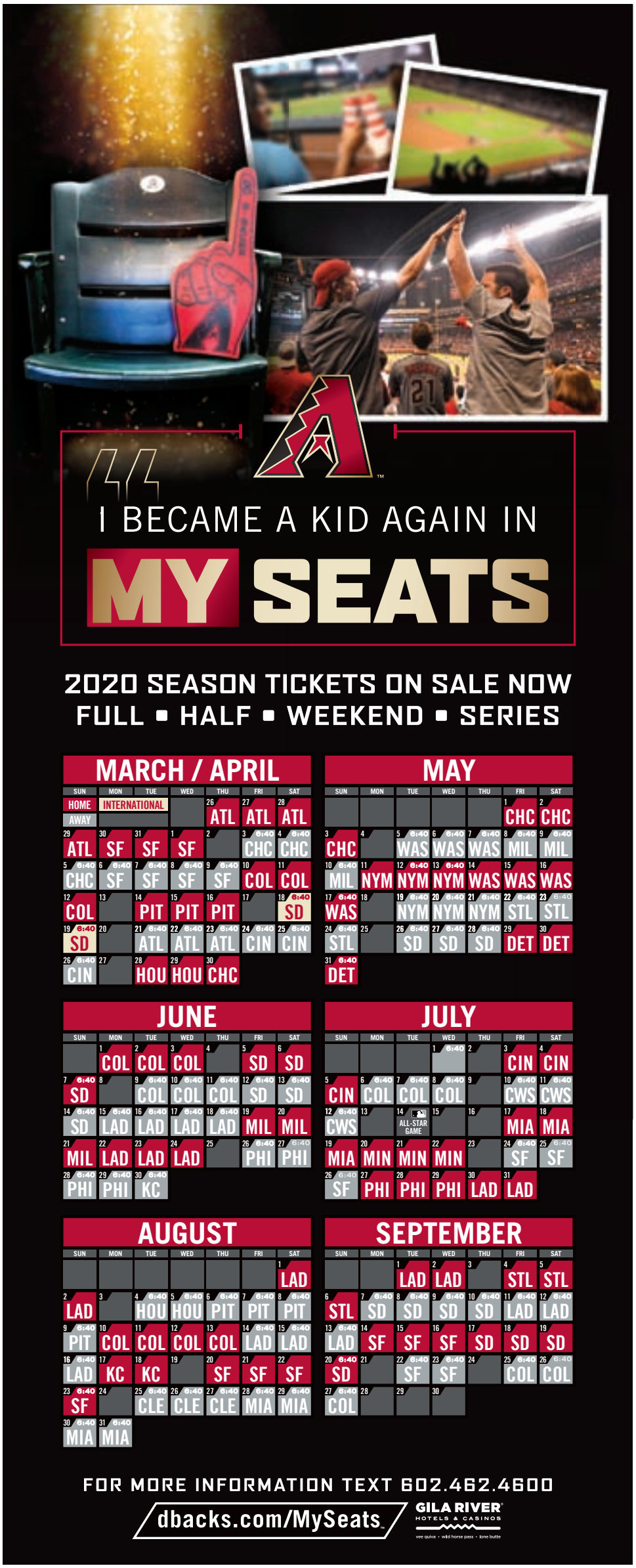




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Back row, from left: Coach Stephen Danford, Dayton Kaye, Nicholas Moren, Leonard Brown, Cameron Faas, William Clayton, Jerico Fleming, Rashid Smith, Coach Phil Lozevski. Front row, from left: Nicholas Wilber, Maxwell Majerle, Caleb Musfeldt, Jae Singson, Kadin Beler, Casey Greene, Owen Shaw, Kieran Carr.

Arcadia basketball shoots for a successful season

By Rachael Bouley

The Arcadia High School boys varsity basketball team is working to repeat as 4-A Desert Sky Region champions this season, which kicked off in mid-November.

After finishing 19-10 overall last season and 8-2 in their region, the Titans plan to make it to the state playoffs for the seventh year in a row.

Head Coach Stephen Danford says there are some key areas that the team needs to focus on this season.

"We will be working on our transition game as well as rebounding, being physical in and around the paint," Danford said. "My goal for the season is that we grow together as a team and family, building trust in one another."

That strong sense of teamwork and friendship will be crucial for the Titans as they welcome six new varsity players this year. The team looks to continue its dominance through their comradery, confidence and command of skills.

Pre-season practices focused on comprehensive training, covering offensive and defensive aspects of the game including shooting and rebounding. Danford believes focusing on fundamentals is the key to success for this team.

"This is a really mature group with a high basketball IQ," Danford said. "We have some experience returning from last year's team but not much, so it's been a lot of back to basics."

Danford is relying on key players Owen Shaw, Max Majerle, Cam Faas, Kieran Carr, Nick Wilber and Jerico Fleming to keep the team motivated and moving in a positive direction.

"We have a talented group," Danford said. "We have a good shooting team, the guys never quit playing whether up or down. They battle but we do need to improve our rebounding and defense."

Junior Max Majerle sees a lot of potential in his team.

"I think we are a tight-knit group that has the ability, we just need to put the work in and see what happens," Majerle said. "I'm just going to enjoy the time with my teammates. Coach always tells us you aren't promised today and we have to live every day and play every day like it's the last time we'll get to play with each other."

Senior Cam Faas knows what to work toward.

"We need to execute on both ends of the floor, play with physicality and have fun," Faas said. "Wins will take care of themselves; we just have to come prepared."

No matter what the season has in store, Danford says he enjoys every moment leading this bright and determined team.

"The simple things are most rewarding, just being around the guys and watching them grow up from freshman to now," Danford said. "I'm really proud of them. This is a special group."

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Fall sports wrap-up for neighborhood high schools

By Max Bechtoldt

Fall sports 2019 has come to an end and area schools each had a memorable season. Check out what happened at Arcadia High, Xavier Prep, Brophy Prep and Veritas:

ARCADIA FOOTBALL

The Arcadia High football team came out strong in the 2019 season before fizzling out in the second half. The Titans started off 5-0 and won four of those games by at least 30 points. Junior defensive back Sysco Rodarte remarked after their third game that they knew the team needed to improve.

"The season started off really well, but the game against Washington was a wake-up call," said Rodarte.

(Former) Coach Kerry Taylor told the *Arcadia News* back in October about his concerns for the team's stamina for the second half of the season.

"The effort is very good, but we get tired too easily," said Taylor.

Those concerns came to fruition as the Titans lost four in a row before winning their last game. The Titans finished the season 6-4 and missed the playoffs.

Senior quarterback Kadin Beler was a standout throughout the season, accounting for 33 total touchdowns with only nine interceptions. On the defensive side, senior linebacker Will Constantinou led the team with 86 tackles.

Shortly after the season ended, Taylor stepped down as coach after two years and a total record of 12-8.

ARCADIA GOLF

According to boys' golf Coach Jason Jones, the season was a major challenge due to unexpected departures of a few key players.

However, the team responded well and qualified for state, where it finished in third place. Junior Gavin Aurielia was a huge part of the team's success, winning the state individual title. Jones was very complimentary of Gavin's leadership, especially with a young team around him.

"He has incredible poise, and he's not afraid to battle, which is exactly what I want," said Jones.

"They never once discounted the fact that they could do it," said Jones. "In a year we basically brought four new guys onto the roster and rebuilt the team through our resiliency."

The Arcadia Titans girls golf team earned a ninth-place finish in the state tournament.

ARCADIA BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

According to coach Tyler Moore, the Arcadia boys' cross-country team accomplished many of the goals it set out for this year. The athletes set personal best times in the 5k and runners improved their times throughout the season. Moore said that sophomore Luke Sleeth and team captain Carson Trickel were the high performers and that the biggest moment for the team was competing at a meet in California.

"We look to return next year to this meet and continue to challenge the team with new and exciting cross-country invitationals," Moore said. The team missed out on state this year, but plans to improve and excel in the coming season.

ARCADIA GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

According to Coach Sarah Boustila, seniors Jasmine Alyasiri, Izzy Rich, Sophia Colson, Keylin Chavarria and Kathleen Myers-Haeussler were all essential to team success through their leadership and running ability this season.

Jasmine was able to capture a top 20 place in sectionals. The team won every dual meet, but narrowly missed qualifying for state.

ARCADIA SWIM AND DIVE

Junior Grant Stoddard became the Division 2 state champion in the 50 freestyle and 100 fly. Grant broke the 25-year-old school record in the 50 with a score of 20.60 seconds. The boys' team also finished fourth in the 200 freestyle relay swim.

Congratulations are also in order to the girls' swim team, including Haley Chesno, Sarah Harman, Millie Sicko and Kaela Schloz, with their third-place finish in the 4x100 free relay.



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Arcadia Titans Football finished the season 6-4.



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Brophy Boys Golf came home with second place – just three strokes shy of first.

BROPHY FOOTBALL

Brophy Prep had a successful season led by a stout defense that was said to be one of the best in the area. The Brophy defense gave up only 22 points in its first six games, led by senior linebacker Bryce Michael, who had 70 tackles.

On the offensive side of the ball, Brophy was led by a senior quarterback-running back duo. Quarterback Matthew Winter threw for 17 touchdowns to only two interceptions throughout the season. Running back Andre Eden gave the offense balance by running for 693 yards and six touchdowns. Brophy's football season ended with a first-round loss to Mountain View, 35-19.

BROPHY GOLF

Brophy boys golf came into the 2019 season as the defending state champions and one of the favorites to hoist the trophy again under Coach Jon Shores. At the competition, five players were within a stroke of each other competing for the last spot.

"It was a bit of a quiet year for us in terms of wins and losses. We've just been playing a lot of really good team golf, nothing amazingly low, nothing amazingly high," said Shores.

Shores had two teams of five play in a tournament, and they won with both teams, which he believes really spoke to the quality of the depth of the team. Brophy finished in second place behind Hamilton.

BROPHY SWIM AND DIVE

Brophy swim and dive had an exceptional season, capped off by its win at the state championship. Mateja Milovanovic was a dominant force at the competition, winning the 200-yard freestyle and the 100-yard backstroke. In addition, Mateja was a part of the 200 and 400-yard freestyle teams that set state records.

VERITAS FOOTBALL

The Falcons were able to make the state tournament for the first time ever this year. In the past, the Falcons have had as few as 18 players on the team, but this year had 31. The Falcons went 8-2 in the regular season, including a perfect 5-0 in their division.

The team had a high-powered rushing attack, averaging 180 yards per game on the ground and 8.3 yards per carry as a team. Sophomore quarterback Gage Lentz finished the season with 37 touchdowns, 13 of them rushing, while junior running back Nisa Maafu was a big-time playmaker, rushing for 821 yards and eight touchdowns with over 12 yards per carry.

The highlight of the year was beating Chandler Prep for the first time in school history, according to Veritas Athletic Director Kayla Walsh. The football playoff bracket reveal was also an exciting moment for the squad, but the celebration didn't last long. Veritas suffered a 63-19 loss to Benson in the first round.

VERITAS SWIMMING

Veritas swim and dive was able to qualify 12 swimmers to the state championship this season. The team went to the state tournament in early November to defend individual state titles from last year.

At the Eagle Invite meet, the team was able to break five records. Devin Esser, Michael Shiras, Ian Rathsburg and Jake Marbach broke meet records almost every time they competed and are the defending champions in their relay. The Veritas boys finished third in state and the girls finished 12th.

VERITAS VOLLEYBALL

Led by seniors Averi Miller, Jessi Medlin and Ellie Coulter, the Falcons were able to clinch the three seed in the state tournament. Miller finished second in total kills across all of Arizona.



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Veritas Falcons Football had a season of many firsts this year, including making the state playoffs.

"Without this trio, we would not have had the season we had," said Athletic Director Kayla Walsh.

One of the big moments for the team was taking the top-ranked team in the state, Northwest Christian, to five sets. Despite losing the match, the performance showed the Falcons could compete with some of the best teams in Arizona. They made it to the third round of the state playoffs before losing to Scottsdale Christian Academy.

being in the toughest region in their division. Playing some of the highest ranked teams in the state, including four of the top eight, the season was highlighted by a win against Hamilton on senior day. The team ended their season with a loss to Highland 3-2 in the second round of the state playoffs.

XAVIER GOLF

Xavier girls' golf went 10-0 in matches this season. The team was seeded second going into the state tournament, led by senior Ashley Menne, who entered as the three-time defending state champion. Joining her was sophomore Ivy Song, junior Mary Beth Doss, senior Brie Ross and freshman Annie Dawson.

"'Good competition is good for girls,' is our motto, there's something for everybody here at Xavier to encourage that competition," said coach and Athletic Director Lynn Winsor. The team finished in second place in the state tournament, as did Ashley in the individual competition.

XAVIER VOLLEYBALL

Xavier volleyball was able to compile an impressive 11-6 record this season, despite

XAVIER SWIMMING

Xavier senior Maddie Wright won the 100-yard freestyle at the state championships, and also was able to finish in second in the 200-yard freestyle relay. Xavier finished in second place for the team at the state championship.

XAVIER CROSS COUNTRY

Xavier girls' cross-country team had a successful season led by coach Dave Van Sickle, highlighted by a win in the Titan Invitational and a sectional win in early November.

The team boasted five players on the all-section team led by seniors Mia Olsen and Grace Valandra. Joining them were juniors Jamie Stelnik, sophomore Ansley Burns and freshman Reyna Silva.

The team finished third in the state championships.



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Xavier Cross Country had a successful season with honors and victories to go around.



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Tucker Clark is a two-time Arizona state golf champion with the Titans and also claimed the individual state title in 2018. He was a 2017 and 2018 Arizona High School Athlete of the Year nominee. Tucker has achieved five top-five AJGA finishes, including a second place showing at AJGA Sergio Garcia Championship (70-70-72). He also received top-20 showings at the 2019 Western Junior Championship and the 2019 Junior Players Championship. Tucker was ranked 15th in the Class of 2020 by Junior Golf Scoreboard.

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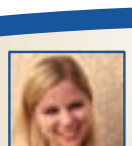
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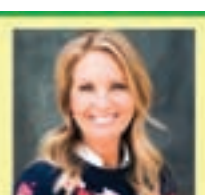
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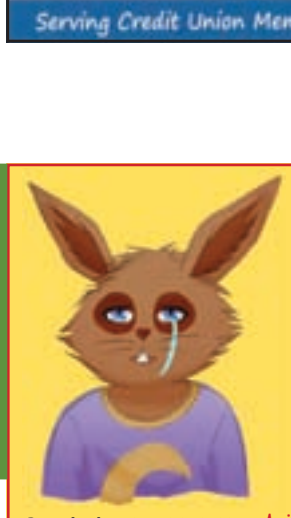
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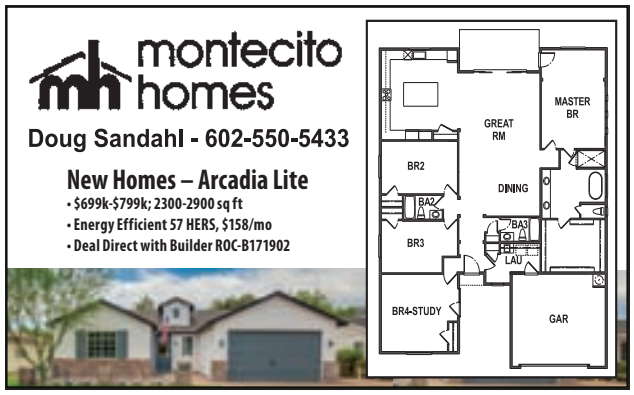


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