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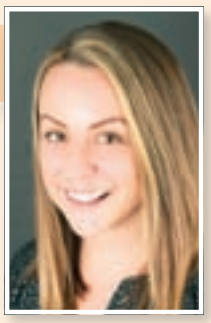

As I sit in my office, admiring the sun shining through my window and wading through copious emails, I can't help but feel grateful. Grateful to be part of Arcadia's community newspaper, that I have emails to go through. In March of 2020, we started to see the nation change. I was scared. But now, I feel hopeful.

Usually, the theme for March's edition is "spring." But I think this year, our theme for March should be "hope." Hope for what's to come, as vaccines roll out and our community continues to grow and flourish.

This month, we are featuring a familiar name: Charlie Keating IV. Keating was a U.S. Navy SEAL who was killed while serving in Iraq. But before that, he was an Arcadia resident. I was able to talk to his mother, Krista, after she released her latest book, *Charlie, Don't Be a Hero*. Charlie accomplished so many things in his life, and the pride that Krista feels was evident with every word she spoke.

Krista sent me a copy, and within the first 50 pages, I almost cried…more than once. It details Charlie's time overseas and his life growing up in Arcadia. Charlie attended Hopi and Arcadia High. He had a successful athletic career running track and as Krista said with a laugh, "He got into – and out of – trouble." Although parts of the book are met with a heavy heart, there are good memories, too.

Stories like the ones in this month's pages are those that give us hope here at *Arcadia News*, and we "hope" they will make you feel the same. As always, if you have story ideas or briefs, please send them to editor@arcadianews.com. Thank you for reading *Arcadia News*!

Mallory

*– Mallory Gleich*

## UPCOMING THEMES:

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# Feed Our Babies nonprofit undergoes rebranding

*By Cody Kennedy*

Their mission is a straightforward one, and their cause affects 1,000 to 3,000 families in each school district across Arizona. Feed Our Babies USA aims "To bring community resources together to develop and implement a sustainable, nutritious food source for hungry families, one school district at a time."

FOB will undergo a strategic rebranding in March and will be renamed Feeding Students USA.

"The reason behind the rebranding is truly simple," Founder Joni Navarro-Sucato said. "Every time I speak to a group about Feed Our Babies USA, I always get questions: 'How old are the babies you feed? Do you need diapers? How can we help with the babies in need?'"

Navarro-Sucato explained that the nonprofit wanted to leverage its growth in the community by creating a brand that defines the organization's role more precisely, to help build stronger alliances within communities.

In 2020, FOB helped over 1,000 Scottsdale Unified families by providing them with food boxes.

As of February 2021, the nonprofit has helped over 300 families with food boxes. "We are seeing so many more families this year due to Covid," Navarro-Sucato said. "Most people in and around Arcadia have no idea there is so much need within our schools."

Navarro-Sucato explained that FOB is different because they work with school community service leaders that let the nonprofit know which families need help.

"We do not identify per income like most state-mandated food banks. At this point, we are the only nonprofit that works with the schools daily," she said.

In the future, Feeding Students USA would like to bring its mission to other communities, states and countries. They've even been asked to go to Mexico to help build a food bank.

*feedourbabiesusa.org*

# Arcadia Troop 6 helps the hungry

*The boys in Arcadia Troop 6 were busy on a recent Saturday morning when they participated in the annual Scouts BSA Scouting for Food event. The boys gathered over 500 pounds of canned and non-perishable items and delivered them to the local food bank, Feed Our Babies.*

*Troop 6 Scouts also volunteered at St. Mary's Food Bank, where they packed over 800 bags of food for the hungry. The Troop participates in multiple community service events each year.*

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### 2021 HOPI SCHOOL DISTRICT SALES RESULTS

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| | |
|---|---|
| Active Homes - | 93 homes |
| Homes Sold - | 32 homes |
| Average Sale Price - | $2,048,000 |
| Average Sold $ Per SF - | $470 |
| Average Days On Market - | 93 days |

There is currently 3 months of home inventory. (based on 2020 sales results)
2020 home sales have increased 6% this year. (based on 2020 sales results)
2020 home prices have increased 16%. (based on 2020 sales results)
2020 $ Per Square Foot prices have increased 8%. (based on 2020 sales results)
2020 homes are taking 10% less time to sell. (based on 2020 sales results)

### 2020 TAVAN SCHOOL DISTRICT SALES RESULTS

(1/01/2021-1/31/2021)

| | |
|---|---|
| Active Homes - | 36 Homes |
| Homes Sold - | 14 Homes |
| Average Sale Price - | $789,000 |
| Average Sold $ Per SF - | $349 |
| Average Days On Market - | 40 days |

There is currently 2 months of home inventory. (based on 2020 sales results)
2020 home sales have decreased 30% this year. (based on 2020 sales results)
2020 home prices have increased 0%. (based on 2020sales results)
2020 $ Per Square Foot prices have increased 7%. (based on 2020 sales results)
2020 Homes are taking 32% less time to sell. (based on 2020 sales results)

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# WHAT'S HAPPENING, *ARCADIA?*

**Arcadia's 34th annual Neighborhood Meeting** will be held online via Zoom on Thursday, March 4 at 6 p.m. ACMNA will send the code out separately. This year's meeting will have presentations from Phoenix PD on new leadership and local crime and safety updates, updates on Cholla Trail and City Council District 6, the annual State of the Neighborhood Address and what ACMNA has been involved in. A state representative (Butler, Marsh or Lieberman) may be present to address short-term rental legislation.

*acmna.org*

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**Arcadia Color Garden Nursery,** located on 52nd St. near McDowell, sold their business in February. A new Moon Valley Nursery is scheduled to open in its place soon.

*moonvalleynurseries.com*

For the entire month of March, **Mane Attraction Salon** – located in the Biltmore Plaza Shopping Center at 32nd St. and Camelback Road – will be hosting an online raffle and silent auction in place of their annual Beauty to the Rescue fundraiser. Each Saturday, the salon will feature one local vendor and animal rescue with adoptable animals. Proceeds from the raffle, auction and a percentage of vendor sales and retail purchases made throughout March will go directly to the Phoenix Animal Care Coalition's Critical Care Program.

*pacc911.org*

*Gooder Goods is located in the Madison Improvement Club.*

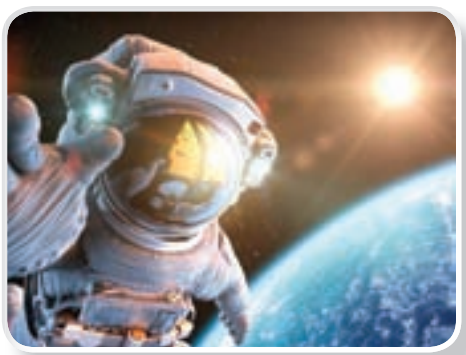
A new (mostly) plant-based café has opened inside the Madison Improvement Club. **Gooder Goods,** whose promise is "We are good people doing good things to support and inspire other good people doing good things," features coffee and smoothies, plus breakfast, lunch and to-go snacks.

*getgoodergoods.com*

One of the Valley's most well-known chefs and food pioneers, Tomaso Maggiore, lost his battle with cancer in late January at age 73. Tomaso operated restaurants for over four decades and was known for his vibrant personality and love for great food. The family plans to refresh **Tomaso's Italian Restaurant** this year, and his daughter will also open a new concept in his honor called The Italian Daughter. In honor of Tomaso, the family will also launch a culinary scholarship in his name.

Valley Metro recently launched the **Engineers of the Future** virtual program for middle school students. Engineer-mentors will share video lessons that teach students about the importance of STEM learning. The free program is a continuation of the Valley Metro Workforce Development program providing learning opportunities about engineering and transit concepts. The mentors will help students build balloon cars, bridges, marshmallow slingshots, balance projects, scientific concepts and a virtual tour of the metro rail construction sites.

*engineersofthefuture.com*



*The Astronaut exhibit*

**Arizona Science Center's** latest exhibition has landed, and it's "out of this world." The Astronaut exhibit opened in early February and "focuses on teamwork to solve problems, accurately perform tasks and overcome challenges that an astronaut would face on a real mission." Guests will also get to experience a rocket launch, a Space Lab and much more. The exhibit is open until May. Admission is $20 for adults, $15 for kids, plus $10 for the exhibit.

*azscience.org*

*The Pemberton*

A new spot in downtown Phoenix, called **The Pemberton,** is bringing together almost a dozen mobile restaurants and breweries. Located near 2nd St. and Portland at the historic Sarah H. Pemberton home, there is a breakfast joint, a pizza place and FilmBar, an outdoor theater that seats over 70 people. Eventually, The Pemberton will house fitness classes and clothing stores.

*pembertonphx.com*

Phoenix Public Works launched **Household Hazardous Waste Home Pickup,** a six-month program that assists residential customers with the proper disposal of household hazardous waste. Check the accepted materials online and schedule an appointment between March 15-26 for pick up in April.

*phoenix.gov/publicworks/hhw*

**Network of Auto Repair Professionals,** with locations all over the Valley (and one on Thomas Road), is collecting old, expired and damaged children's car seats which volunteers will take apart for proper recycling. The 13th annual event will dispose of the seats in an environmentally friendly way. Take your old car seat to any participating NARPRO shop from now until April 16.

*narpro.com*

**Crossroads,** a substance abuse treatment facility located at 51st St. and Thomas, recently debuted the first episode of their new podcast, "Recovery on Air." The episodes will be released every other week and will feature recovery experts, recovering addicts and community advocates. The show will be co-hosted by Donna Alexander, Crossroads' community outreach director.

*starworldwidenetworks.com*

# WHAT'S HAPPENING, *ARCADIA?*

***Readers are encouraged to check event websites for safety protocols.***

## ANNUAL EVENTS UPDATE

The 6th annual **Arcadia Cares: Food for Kidz Packathon** will be held on Saturday, November 6, at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church (56th St. and Indian School Road). Signups will begin in September. For more: contact Heidi Staudenmaier at hstaudenmaier@swlaw.com or Steve Crofton, stephen.crofton@gmail.com.

**Art in the Garden** and **Sparkling Tea** at Shemer Art Center (Arcadia Dr. and Camelback Road) is scheduled for April 10, from 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. The **Furry Friends Fine Arts Festival** is postponed to September 25, from 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

*shemerartcenter.org*

**The Scottsdale Parada del Sol** will be postponed until 2022.

*scottsdaleparade.com*

## EVENTS:

### THURSDAY 3/4

**Gold Palette ArtWalk**

6:30-9 p.m. around Old Town Scottsdale's art district. The Gold Palette ArtWalks will be offered eight times this year, and will feature extended gallery hours and fun activities for attendees, such as complimentary wine tasting, live music and entertainment. This month's theme is Native Spirit. Attendees will learn about Native American artists, their culture and history in Scottsdale – including performances by traditional Native American hoop dancers. Check out Art One Gallery, Carsten's Fine Art and On the Edge Gallery for more.

*scottsdalegalleries.com*

### SATURDAY, 3/6 – SUNDAY 3/7

**Persian New Year Interactive Art**

11 a.m.-6 p.m. at the Scottsdale Waterfront, 4420 N. Scottsdale Road. In honor of Persian New Year, the 3rd annual Arizona Persian New Year Festival will be unveiling interactive art installations instead of the usual in-person festival. Folks can enjoy the largest "haftseen" (a Persian table setting) art installation in Arizona's history. The display has seven symbolic items representing the beginning of spring. Artist Masha Page will have three different takes on haftseens.

*persiannewyearfestival.org*

### THURSDAY, MARCH 18

**Hope in the Garden exhibit**

8 a.m.-5 p.m. at Berridge Nursery, 4647 E. Camelback Road, Phoenix. Kids in Focus, a nonprofit that uses photography to give at-risk kids a "new way to see themselves and the world," will be featured in a brand-new exhibit at Berridge Nursery. For ten days, folks can come and experience Hope in the Garden, a collection of nature-themed photos taken by current and graduate-program participants. The images will also be available for purchase, with proceeds going to Kids in Focus.

*berridgenursery.com*

***Leon Polk Smith: Hiding in Plain Sight** exhibit at the Heard Museum.*

### SATURDAY 3/13

**Spirited Sipping Seminar**

3 p.m. at Mountain Shadows Resort, 5445 E. Lincoln Dr., Scottsdale. Sipping Seminars are back in session. Hosted by Hearth '61, these classes are designed to teach attendees about the history of wine and spirits through a sipping seminar. Students will learn how to create classic drinks – anything from vino to cocktails is on the table. Class size is limited to 20 people and safety measures will be in place. Tickets are $39 per person.

*mountainshadows.com*

### MONDAY 3/15 – SATURDAY 3/20

**Walk with Me Fundraiser**

Virtual. Join Southwest Human Development and the Arizona Coyotes for the 13th annual Walk with Me Fundraiser. The event will be a week of socially-distanced, virtual activities as participants raise funds to support SWHD. Participants who complete goals of $50-$1,000 are eligible to win prizes including a custom medal, t-shirt, water bottle, earbuds and more. Registration is free and open to the public.

*swhd.org*

### SATURDAY 3/20

**Learn and Lunch**

1-3 p.m. at Marcellino Ristorante, 7114 E. Stetson Dr., Scottsdale. Head over to Marcellino and learn how to make mushroom risotto like the pros. Chef Marcellino will teach participants how to cook the dish, and then after the class, guests will enjoy a lunch with the newly prepared risotto, a salad and Chef's homemade biscotti. Seating is limited and safety guidelines are in place. Registration is $50 per person.

*marcellinoristorante.com*

### SUNDAY 3/21

**Unicorns and Rainbows Dance Class**

12:15-3:45 p.m. at Bricks Studio, 4550 E. Indian School Road, Phoenix. Calling all children ages 3-8 years old! Bricks Studio is offering a specialty dance class called Unicorns and Rainbows. Each child will be able to dress up in their favorite outfit, learn a fun dance and leave with a craft to work on after class. Registration is $18 per child. Participants 3-5 years old are invited at 12:15-1 p.m. and ages 6-8 from 3-3:45 p.m.

*bricksstudio.com*

### SATURDAY 3/27

**Hike for the Homeless**

St. Joseph the Worker will kick off its 23rd annual Hike for the Homeless fundraiser with a few changes this year. All participants will be invited to hike the location of their choice to comply with social distancing. The event will feature an adventure hunt that provides interaction within and across teams. All participants are entered into a drawing to win a trip to Mexico. Proceeds will fund SJW's mission to help individuals experiencing poverty, homelessness or crisis find quality employment and regain their families' stability. Registration starts at $25.

*sjwjobs.org*

### ONGOING UNTIL 3/31

**Leon Polk Smith: Hiding in Plain Sight**

10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Heard Museum, 2301 N. Central Ave., Phoenix. The Heard Museum is proud to present a collection of works from Leon Polk Smith – the first major exhibit of his work in over 25 years. According to the Heard, Smith's work is widely recognized as a key foundation of the hard-edge modernist movement, and this exhibit is the first to explore the influence of the Oklahoma Territory and Native American art and culture on his work. Admission is $20 for adults and $9 for kids.

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# Youths demonstrate the power of giving back

*By Jennifer Marshall*

Jude Foster, Zack Koss and Anderson Kopp knew they wanted to do something special to honor the memory of their family friend. The trio of eighth-graders at Saint Theresa created a new charity called Live Like Mo, in honor of Mike McQuaid, Sr., who died from complications related to COVID-19 last summer.

"The reason we started LLM is with COVID going on, we couldn't find any service projects to do our [school] service hours, so we started our own," Anderson said.

"Mr. McQuaid was known as Big Mo," Zack said. "Because we want to encourage other people, kids and adults to live like Mo, we named our service project after him."

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The boys decided their first project would be to design, manufacture (with help) and sell face masks to raise money. Word spread quickly, and the organization sold 700 masks and raised $10,000 for Andre House, a homeless shelter in downtown Phoenix.

"The boys' creation of LLM and their mask project brought a lot of joy to the McQuaid family," said Anderson's mom, Brooke. "It actually helped them during their mourning and healing process."

"Mr. McQuaid was one of the main donors to the Andre House, and he spent a lot of time volunteering there," Anderson said. "Since we were honoring him, it was only right that we give all the money we raised to his favorite charity."

The trio started their mask project in the fall, and it ran through December.

"We designed the mask ourselves," Zack said. Each mask bears the LLM logo. To help get them made, Zack reached out to his father's friend, who makes clothes in Italy. "He was happy to help."

"Once we had the masks, we sold them to students and teachers at school, family members, friends and all around the Arcadia community," Zack said.

When the project concluded, the three friends launched another initiative to pick up Christmas trees during their holiday break. They gave all the proceeds collected to Circle the City, which provides healthcare to the homeless.

PHOTO COURTESY OF JESSICA GONZALEZ

*Jude Foster, Zack Koss and Anderson Kopp sold 700 masks to raise money for Andre House.*

"We're hoping to do about four different service projects a year, maybe one a season," Jude said.

The boys explained that their charitable missions will now be channeled through their organization.

"These boys are showing all of us how we can give back to our community," Brooke said. "They are also teaching us how nice it is to think of others. Their ability to think outside the box has not only inspired others, but it is has kept them busy during this time."

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# *Charlie, Don't Be a Hero*: A mother's tribute to her son

*By Mallory Gleich*

Charles Keating IV. Charlie Keating. C4. These are names that once rang (and still ring) bells around the world, the nation and especially here in our neighborhood. Keating grew up in Arcadia, attending Hopi, Ingleside and Arcadia High before becoming a Navy SEAL and serving in Iraq. In 2016, Keating's death became national news. Fast forward five years, and Keating's mother, Krista, has decided to share Charlie's life with those who knew him and those who want to hear his story.

The Keating family is originally from Cincinnati. Charles Keating, Jr. and his family moved to Phoenix in 1976 to take over American Continental Homes. In 1984, his company bought Lincoln Savings and Loan Association, which became the central player in the 1980s savings and loan scandal. Keating's son, Charles Keating III, married Krista Holmes in 1983. Charlie and his sister Adele were born, and the couple divorced in 1990.

Krista grew up in Scottsdale, attending Navajo, Cocopah and Chaparral. Her father, Bill, was one of the first teachers to open the new Arcadia High in 1959-1960, and her mom Phyllis was a high school counselor for 42 years.

Krista and her now-husband, Ron Joseph, moved to Florida in 2007 to raise their daughter, Ali. But before that, Krista had found a new hobby – one that also helped share Charlie's story, even before his passing.

"Since my three kids showed a talent for running, I started a track team, and we trained on the Arcadia track after school. At one point, we had over 70 kids," Krista said. "I ended up coaching cross country for Arcadia from 2002-04. I wrote my first children's book about running when I was coaching."

*Charlie graduated as a U.S. Navy SEAL in Coronado, CA, in June 2008.*

Krista explained that she could not find a publisher interested in the children's book at the time.

"When Charlie died, and after speaking to my other children, they encouraged me to finish the book for Charlie. It was a perfect opportunity to throw my grief into something that would help others," Krista said.

The children's books are based on true stories.

"The best part is that my mom, Charlie's grandmother, did the illustrations. We had such fun remembering all the silly things Charlie did and how other kids would think it was so funny and motivating," Krista said.

Her first book, *Big-Hearted Charlie Runs the Mile*, placed first in the Florida Writers Association Best Children's Book category. The book recalls how Charlie was little but grew into his heart by working hard and not quitting.

Krista ended up writing a series of books, each reflecting on moments from Charlie's past. She calls it the *Big-Hearted Charlie* series.

"Charlie was a person who aspired to greatness, and the books represent those stories. Of course, the series is not about Charlie's sacrifice," Krista said. "The books are to motivate kids and teach them fortitude and how to be successful. It's much easier to cope by taking my loss and moving to a project for others. Charlie would have liked that."

It was the children's books that inspired Krista to write the full version of Charlie's life story. She had encouragement from a friend and neighbor, Col. Will Merrill, who helped Krista write *Charlie, Don't Be a Hero*.

"That was the last thing I said to him before he deployed," Krista said. "The book starts with his death, but it is really about his life, faith and love, from his mother's point of view. Things he told me and things I observed or experienced with him. Most of the funny, dangerous and exciting stories about his life circle back to his amazing drive to always be the best."

The book shares moments in Charlie's life in greater detail: stories about his friends at school and training in the Arcadia area, specifically running underground in the canal system.

Some of those moments may be familiar to Arcadia residents: being in the Hopi Talent Show with the Cooper family, covered in many stories in this newspaper, appearing on a 10-series television show as a high school freshman, competing for Arcadia and running a 4:16 mile, and, Krista said, "Getting into trouble in high school, several times…and getting out of it."

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*Charlie's high school graduation in May 2004, with what Krista calls his "cute hair."*

The book also details Charlie's military training, boot camp, becoming a SEAL and deployments. "I talk about his faith as a soldier, and I talk about his life focus to be a SEAL," Krista explained.

Krista said she never imagined herself becoming a writer.

"Amazing things happen when you are faced with tragedy," she said. "I sometimes feel Charlie was with me, helping me and pushing me because since I finished the book, I'm at peace."

The book's end explains how the Iraqi village that Charlie saved rings a bell for mass called the "Charlie Keating Freedom" bell. Krista said that there had been talks of building a church or playground in his name.

Since writing the book, Krista has been in the news multiple times. She's given motivational talks to the Navy SEAL Foundation, the Scottsdale School District Hall of Fame Awards Ceremony (Charlie is in the Hall of Fame) and the Daughters of the American Revolution. She also won the Royal Palms Book of the Year for the Florida Writers Association. Today, she coaches track at a school in Florida and attends her daughter Ali's swim meets.

"What is interesting about this path is that the future is leading me to those who need help overcoming a loss. Charlie's life and his goals help everyone. I want Americans to remember his love of our country, his love of our community, his adventures growing up and his big heart. I pray and run and remember Charlie, but now I smile again," Krista said.

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# Dwellings endure: Arizona ruins that still stand

*By Sam Lowe*

Arizona's Native American ruins are among the most picturesque in the country. Over the years, hundreds of thousands have visited their sites, staring in awe at what these builders were able to construct, and left wondering what happened to those who once lived there. Among them are my three favorites, selected for their historical significance as well as their wonderful names:

Wupatki, Tuzigoot and Kinishba.

Wupatki, which means "tall house" in Hopi, is a multistory Sinagua pueblo dwelling that people had inhabited since around 500 A.D. It became a site of a significant population influx after Sunset Crater erupted in the 11th century. The eruption blanketed the area with volcanic ash, which gave the soil the ability to retain water, making it an agricultural site for a limited time.

The Lowe Road

BY SAM LOWE

*Former Valley newspaperman Sam Lowe now writes about his travels across Arizona, the U.S. and the globe.*

Wupatki was composed of about 100 rooms, including a community room, a ball court and an unusual "blowhole," a crevice in the Earth's crust that sucks air in and blows it out upon certain weather conditions. The dwelling's walls were made of thin, flat blocks of sandstone, held together with an early form of mortar so strong that many of the walls still stand. Studies indicate that 2,000 people moved into the area after the eruption, and about 100 of them lived at the pueblo, which was the largest building for at least 50 miles. By 1225, it was permanently abandoned.

The site was left unattended for centuries, ravaged by elements, herdsmen, pot hunters and curio seekers. Concern over looting led to its protection as a national monument in 1924. Wupatki is located 30 miles northeast of Flagstaff off U.S. Highway 89.

Wupatki

Tuzigoot

Kinishba

Tuzigoot takes its name from an Apache word meaning "crooked water." It's the remnant of a Sinagua village built between 1125 and 1400 A.D. The original pueblo was two stories high in places, but most of the rooms were on the ground floor. Archaeologists speculate that the building grew without any specific floor plans; newcomers added rooms as necessary. The ruins contain very few doors because the inhabitants used ladders to access the roofs' trapdoor openings to enter each room. The walls were limestone and sandstone; the roof supports were juniper, pine and cottonwood logs taken from the surrounding valley.

Tuzigoot was at its peak as a popular place to locate in the 1300s. According to archaeological estimates, the building contained 86 rooms on the lower level and possibly another 15 on the second, making it home to about 225 people. The site was excavated from 1933 to 1935 and opened to the public in 1936. Three years later, it was designated a national monument. It is located off Highway 279, just east of Clarkdale.

Experts now theorize that residents of Tuzigoot and Wupatki moved into pueblos to the north after leaving the sites.

Kinishba, located about 5,000 feet above sea level on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation, is the least restored of my three favorites. After a limited restoration in 2007, the ruins have been left pretty much alone. Some of the walls have tumbled under the weight of time. The pueblo was composed of several major buildings that have been reduced to mere mounds. The remains of the structure show it may have originally been three stories tall. Now it is braced against further deterioration. Despite that, a sort of mystic serenity abounds as visitors tour the grounds.

Estimates suggest the pueblo was built and inhabited from the 12th to 14th centuries when population figures soared in the Mogollon Rim area. The site contained two large apartment blocks, several smaller buildings, a kiva and communal courtyards. While it flourished, Kinishba may have been occupied by as many as 1,500 people.

The walls are unique and double-sided; one side was faced with native stone, the other with rubble picked from the surrounding area. Five original underground rooms were later filled in, and a sizeable above-ground room was erected on the site. Kinishba, a National Historic Landmark, is located a short distance west of Fort Apache.

Access to all three sites is relatively easy, and there are entry fees for each.

"Meet Mrs." | Ray Artigue

# Ames McGarey

*By Ray Artigue*

Who doesn't love pets? Many people have one or two in their families. Ames McGarey, however, might consider that number a mere "experiment" in pet ownership as she tends to shepherd a pack of dogs at any given time.

"I've always had a passion and sensitivity toward animals," McGarey said. "Even as a young girl, if I saw something wrong, I'd jump right in to protect them."

She rescued her first dog at age 12 when she was riding her bike. It was a lost mixed breed that she named Sammie. "Fortunately, my parents let me keep him, and we continued to adopt dogs along the way."

> ***There's no greater feeling than saving an animal in harm's way.***

Ames and her brother grew up in Connecticut, then Colorado, where their parents were very active in sports and the community.

McGarey attended the University of Colorado, and after college, she moved to Chicago, where she met her husband, Robbie. She followed him to Phoenix, where they eventually married in 1985. They have three adult children: daughters Christie and Katie and son Chase.

Ames' passion, if not her preoccupation, is caring for dogs.

Currently, the McGarey's have five dogs, a wide variety of senior and at-risk canines. There's Zeke, Brooklyn, Norman, Ivy and another Sammie. Two of them are blind. "I tend to adopt calm, older dogs that may have issues of one kind or another," McGarey said.

She explained that her husband "kindly tolerates" her passion for pooches. "It wasn't always his thing, but after 37 years of marriage, we accommodate each other and our passions. He's very good at putting up with it."

All total, she estimates that they have adopted 40-plus dogs over the years, and her empathy toward abandoned animals has rubbed off on her kids, as they all have rescue dogs.

McGarey says there are two types of pet owners: those who would do anything for their pets and those who pay little or no attention to them. The latter behavior has put more than 400 dogs in the Maricopa County Animal Care Shelter.

"Thankfully, Phoenix has many amazing rescue groups with people who dedicate themselves to helping dogs and cats in need," McGarey said.

"There's a misconception by some about dogs in shelters, but they are great pets. There's nothing wrong with the animals, just the people who put them there."

Ames takes on other challenges when she isn't tending to her gaggle of furry friends, welcoming all to the tennis court. "I'm pretty competitive," she admitted, "and once I set my mind to something, I go after it with intensity."

Regarding the neighborhood, she says her family loves Arcadia. "We live in a bubble because most of what we do is right here," she said.

One of her favorite books is the classic, *The Good Earth* by Pearl S. Buck, and not surprisingly, it parallels her empathy for animals in need. It's a story about the persecution and eventual redemption of a Chinese farmer and his family in the early 20th century.

McGarey clearly understands the joy of witnessing triumph over trials, proclaiming, "There's no greater feeling than saving an animal in harm's way."

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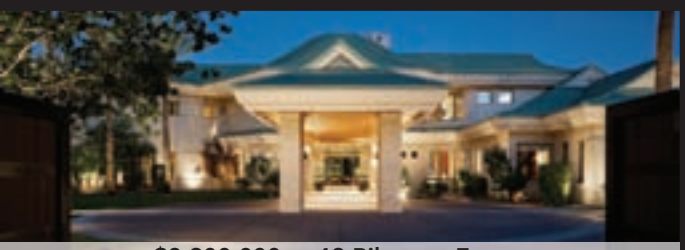

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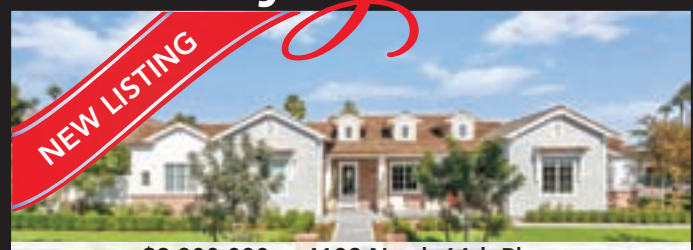


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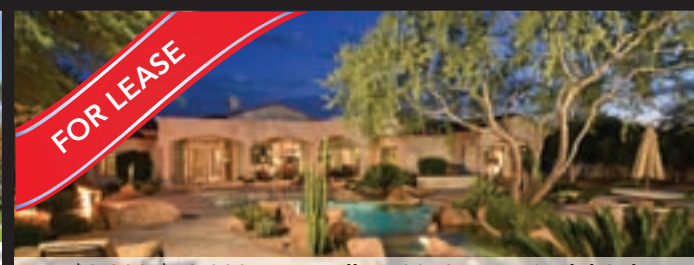


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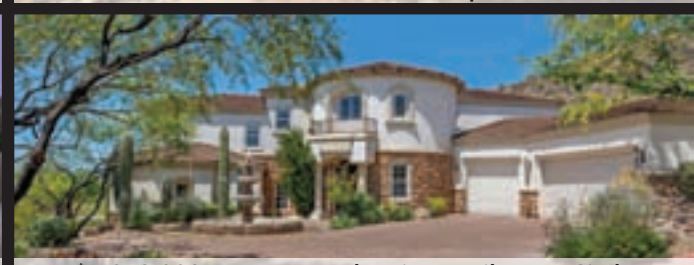

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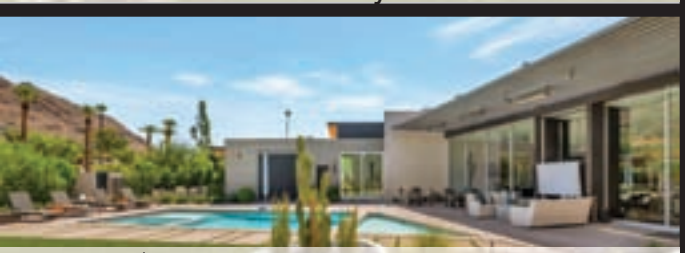

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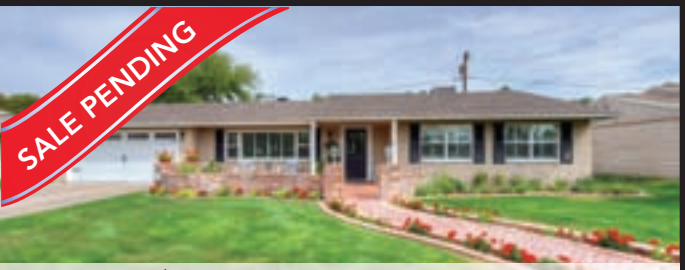


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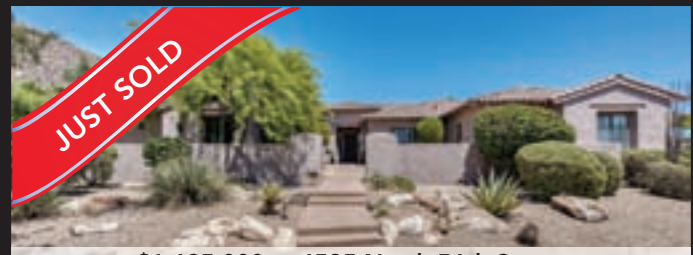


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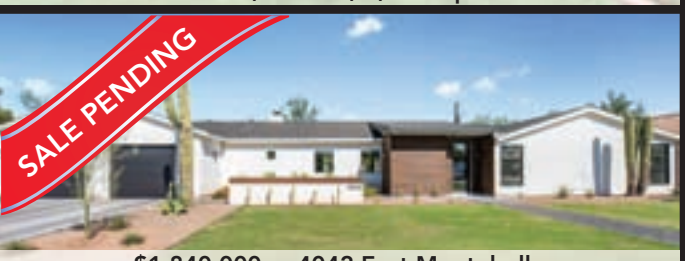


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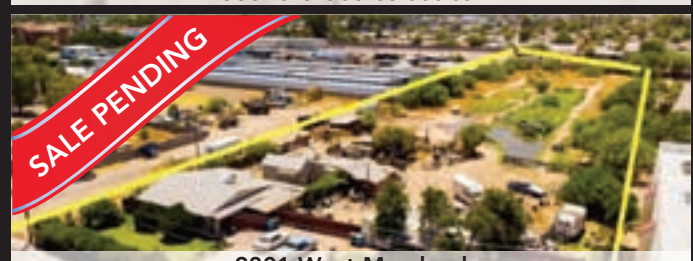


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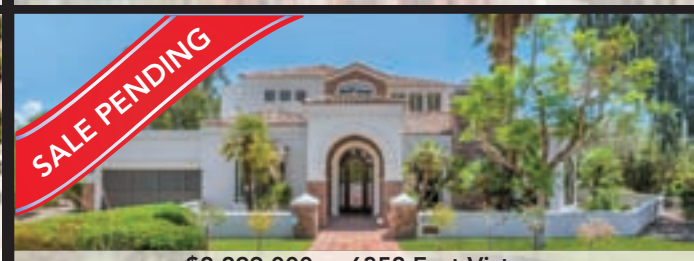


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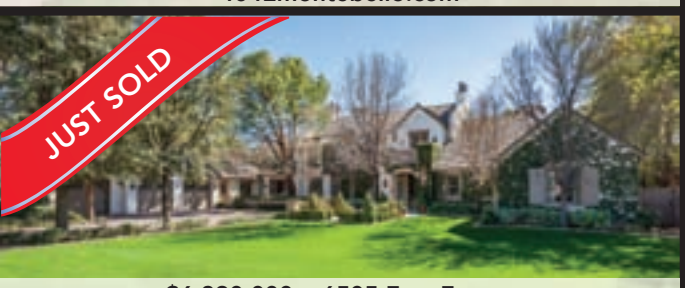


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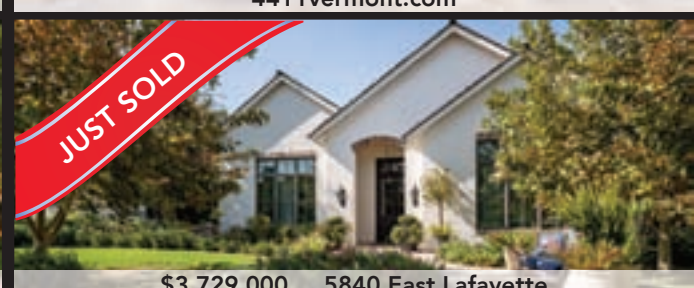


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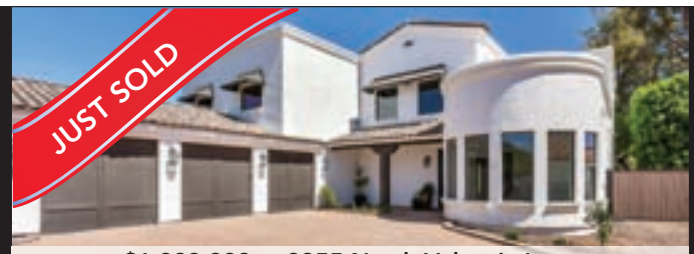


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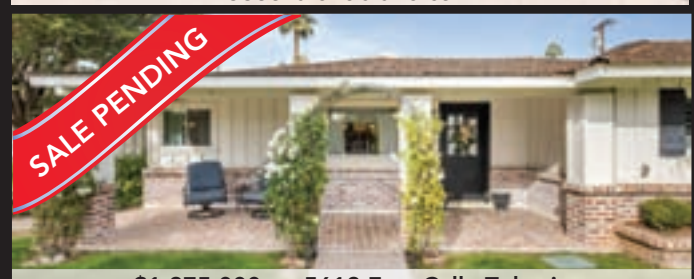


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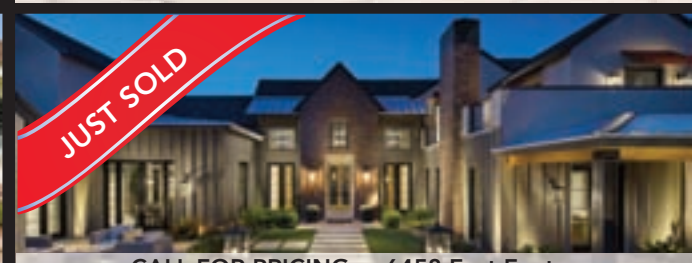


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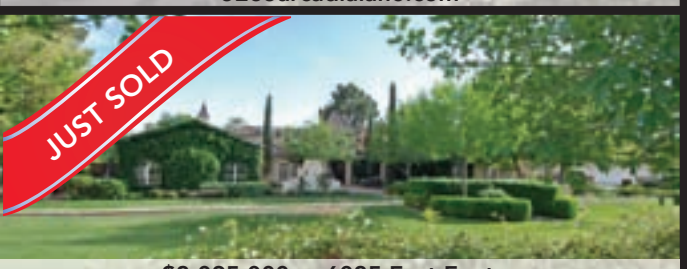


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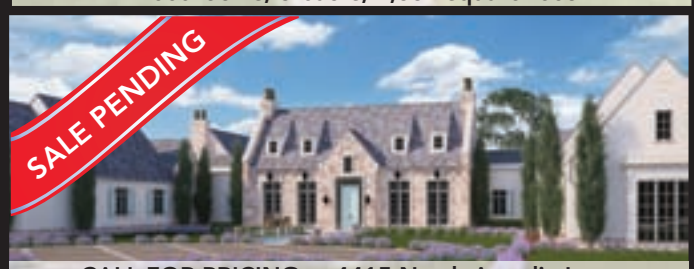


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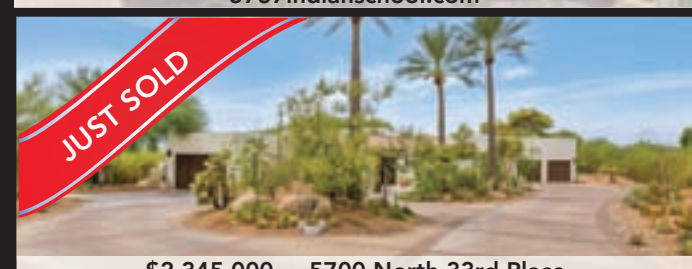


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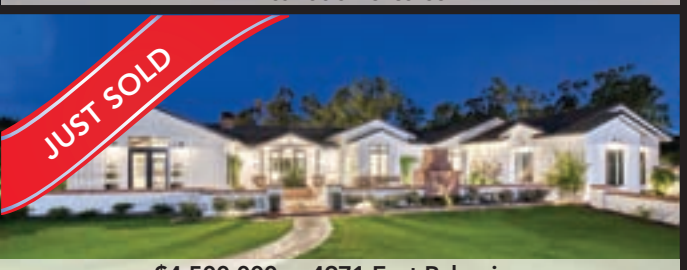


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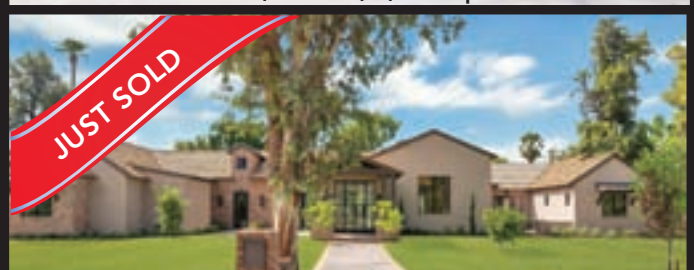


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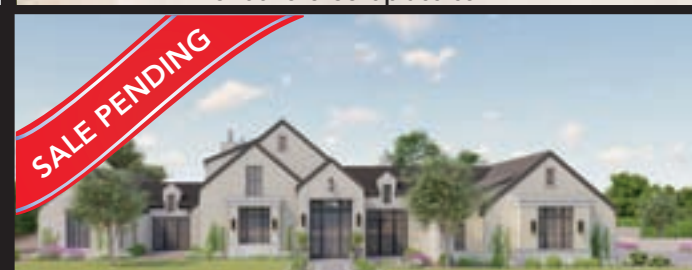


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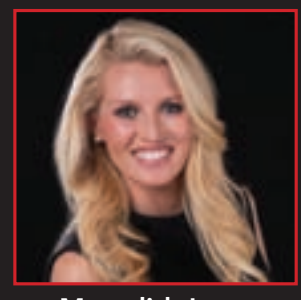

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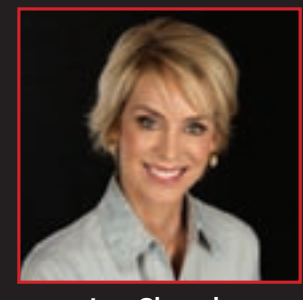

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# Area residents help make a difference for children

*By Jennifer Marshall*

Started in 1959 by Hollywood actresses Sara O'Meara and Yvonne Fedderson, Childhelp is one of the nation's largest and oldest nonprofits that is dedicated to raising awareness of child abuse and helping to put a stop to it. The organization's 14th annual Wings Fashion Show will raise funds to ensure continued support for programs serving children and families in our communities.

This year's fashion show, which will be held virtually, is scheduled for April 15. It will be co-chaired by Arcadia residents Lisa Barnes and Ashlyn Rowe. The program will include a prerecorded version of the signature event.

> ***When you're expecting and think about child abuse, it shakes you. It instills in you the fear that you'd never want that to happen to your child, let alone anyone else's.***

The festivities will also include live content and a raffle, and both a silent and live auction. Hoping to inject some colorful cheer and excitement, the co-chairs chose "A Night in Havana" as this year's theme.

Barnes and Rowe have been active in philanthropy all their lives and helping children is near and dear to both of their hearts. Barnes, who grew up in California, credits her mom as her big-hearted role model.

"From working at a domestic violence shelter to volunteering with the American Cancer Society, my mom is super philanthropic," Barnes said.

While at ASU, Barnes pledged a sorority whose altruism focused on domestic violence. After graduation, she became active in the Junior League. The birth of her babies, though, was the watershed that propelled her to advocate for kids.

Both of her children were patients at the UofA Steele Children's Research Center, which focuses on pediatric diseases. This experience inspired her to join PANDA (People Acting Now Discover Answers) and volunteer to help their initiative raise money for Steele.

"Having kids made me passionate about assisting organizations that helped children," Barnes said. "One of my sorority sisters connected me with Childhelp. I knew abused children were out there, but I had no idea how bad it was."

Rowe was born in Houston but has lived in Phoenix for most of her life. She credits her husband for her interest in philanthropy.

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*Lisa Barnes and Ashlyn Rowe.*

"When my husband was living in Las Vegas, he was invited to attend an event for abused children," Rowe said, "and their plight hit him very hard. Once in Phoenix, we decided to establish a foundation, the Rowe Family Trust, to help local charities. We've now been donating to many different organizations around the Valley for the last 10 years."

While Rowe was pregnant with her daughter, a friend introduced her to Childhelp.

"When you're expecting and think about child abuse, it shakes you," Rowe said. "It instills in you the fear that you'd never want that to happen to your child, let alone anyone else's."

Childhelp plans on holding various events this year, including a four-course dinner and a separate gala scheduled for May.

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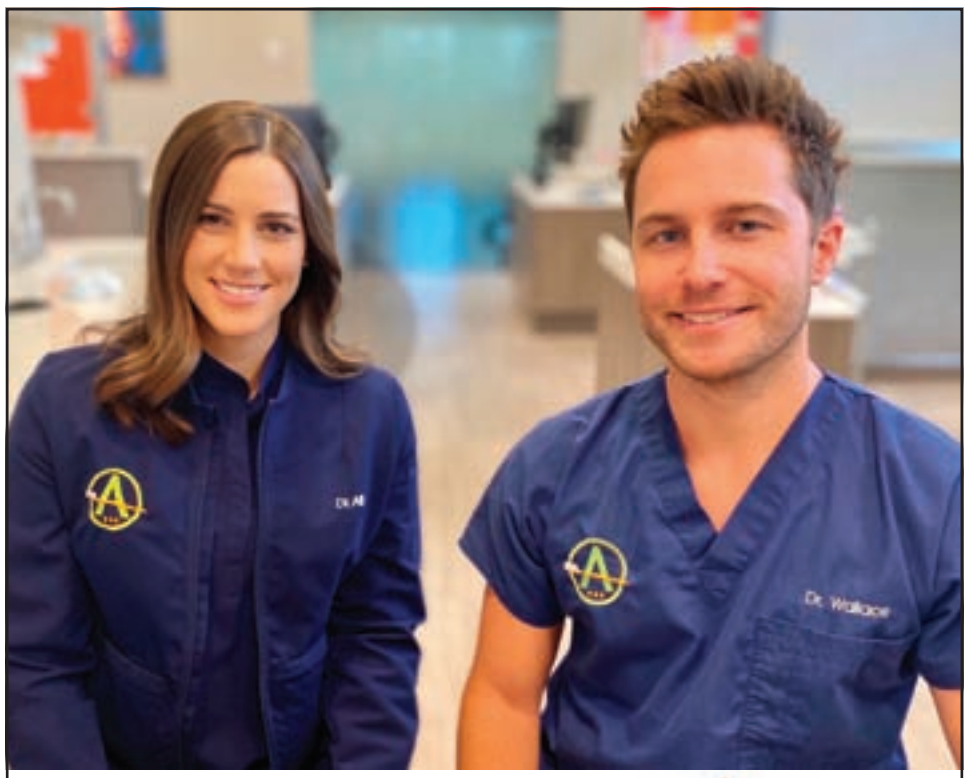

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# It's time for career reflection

*By Angela Copeland*

Spring is approaching and with it comes a sense of renewal and dreams of new beginnings. It's also a time of reflection about what is going well in your personal life – and also the perfect time to reflect on your career.

So often, when you think of finding a new job, you think of everything you hate about your current job. Whether it's your boss, office politics, or the type of work you're doing, it's easy to think of things you don't ever want to experience again.

But it can also be helpful to think about the things you actually like. If you were to write the story of your career, what would be your highlights? What were your proudest moments? What did you like to do? Who did you enjoy working with?

As we move into prime job searching season, think about what you would like to experience a second time. What does your ideal job look like? Who would you want to work for? And, what would you want to do?

*Career Corner*

BY ANGELA COPELAND

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This year is the perfect time for career reinvention. Many people have been working from home for almost an entire year. It's been hard, but there have been upsides: shorter commutes, more time with family and more time to think. Times like these give you a chance to reflect on what's important. It gives you a chance to think about what you love and what you loathe.

The other big plus is that many jobs are becoming entirely remote. Companies are letting go of their offices. They've found that many employees really can work from home. That means you may have more job options than in the past. You might be able to land a job in another state without ever visiting or needing to relocate.

This greater ability to apply to a job from anywhere gives job seekers more options. It may also open up entire industries that don't exist where you live today.

If you could do anything, what would you chose? If you could move to your favorite city, would you? If you're feeling burned out or are just ready for a change, this is the time to reflect.

While you're going through this process, take the time to update your resume. If there's something you love to do, be sure it's listed. If there is something you really dislike, try to minimize it or remove it completely.

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# Shemer's art exhibit celebrates young artists

*By Melissa Hirschl*

For over 30 years, the historic Shemer Art Center has provided emerging high school artists with recognition, encouragement and financial scholarships. Each year, the center's New Horizons High School Student Art Exhibit showcases young artists who create in various styles such as ink, charcoal, watercolor, pastels, acrylics, oils, ceramics, sculpture, graphite pencil and mixed media.

The artwork ranges from somber and provocative to light and whimsical. Thanks to this year's 23 generous donors, 49 junior and senior high school students from around the Valley received financial recognition for their creative endeavors.

Chaparral High School senior Gabrielle Roman won a scholarship for her vibrant lemon painting, "When Life Gives You Lemons," inspired by the citrus trees in her backyard and her father's love for the fruit.

"The contrast between the bright, cheery yellow and dark green captivates me," she said. "I never thought my love for art would reward me with scholarship money for college."

Roman said that most of her senior year revolved around using laptops and being on Zoom calls.

"I'm filled with gratitude to the Shemer Art Center for allowing students like me to showcase our artwork in-person, alongside students from across the Valley," she said.

According to Shemer President and Executive Director Shonna James, high school art teachers send two pieces of 2D or 3D art from the students they believe are most deserving.

"This year, 28 schools participated," James said, "and the scholarship money amounted to $5,600. We were happy to have the exhibition this year, based on the challenges every high school has had. It took the efforts of all the art instructors to make this happen. We always want to keep supporting our artists."

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*Gabrielle Roman's, "When Life Gives You Lemons." (right) Tyler Crum's, "The Aquarium."*

Saguaro High School's Tyler Crum is another talented artist who won a scholarship for his multimedia 3D creation "The Aquarium." His work was centered on creating a social responsibility theme and a larger conversation about pollution in the ocean.

"In my oil pastel painting, turtles are swimming around plastic, aluminum cans and macaroni, signifying the waste thrown into our water," Tyler explained. "It felt incredible winning a scholarship from Shemer – and being able to display my art. It's great to see my hard work pay off and gain an opportunity for others to enjoy while looking at my pieces."

Shemer is housed in the first home that was built in Arcadia in 1919. Longtime Phoenix resident Martha Shemer purchased the home in 1984 and donated it to the City of Phoenix to preserve the historical property. A variety of outdoor sculptures dot the grounds, while inside, visitors can view artwork from traditional and non-traditional Arizona artists who work in a wide variety of mediums. Classes, weekend workshops, art lectures, exhibitions and events are offered year-round in-person and virtually.

*shemerartcenter.org*

# The dilemma of value

*By Tom Helms*

The most common question appraises are asked is "what is it worth?" It's a logical question, but with so many definitions of value, it can be confusing for the layman and, at times, for the appraiser. There are at least seven different values for the same object, and the answer varies for each value.

Most people think that their *Antiques Road Show* item is worth what they hear when the appraiser provides the insurance value or projected auction estimate for the object. The owner may think, "I am rich!" until they learn the definition of the value given.

*Ask the Appraisers*

BY TOM HELMS & JEFF PEARSON

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Insurance replacement value is the estimated cost that it would take to replace the object with an identical item or an object with similar qualities and usefulness in a reasonable amount of time. It includes the cost to purchase the item and the costs associated with finding and obtaining the item at fair market value, along with the possible help of an expert and the necessary expenses of packing and shipping. This is the highest value of an item and generally does not represent what the owner could get in cash.

An auction value estimate is what the estimator or auction house appraiser thinks the item might bring at a national or international specialized auction. An average is given. If the average is not met in many cases, the item is not sold, and the estimate was not its value for that auction.

Then there is the most commonly heard phrase: fair market value. This is the term associated with the IRS, taxable estates and, at times, estate settlement. The items are not sold, but a sale determines a value within a general marketplace. For example, a master artist's work would not glean the highest value in a local market but would realize its actual value on the international market. This would be its fair market value.

Market value is what most people want. It is the most probable amount of money a buyer would pay for the item in a specific market. It is essentially the price for which the object would be sold in a shop or show; it is the secondary retail market value.

The value can differ by geographic location. For example, vintage rocking chairs have very little value in our area; however, that same rocker's value would be more in a Midwest or Southern marketplace.

Items sold at an estate sale or an auction are considered an orderly liquidation when several prospective buyers have access to the items; therefore, the value can range from just under secondary market to 50% or less than market value. The lowest value is called forced liquidation. This is when the seller is forced to sell, and only one or two people have the opportunity to purchase the item.

There is also the value term called scrap value. At times there is significant value in an object from the standpoint of its parts or materials. Gold and silver are examples of items sold for scrap value. Parts of equipment, recycled items and clunkers all have value.

If you are bogged down by the quagmire of values and drowning in stuff, then you might not only need an appraisal service but the consulting arm of the business. Nevertheless, don't dismiss the offer until you understand which value is being used.

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# Beauty in all four directions of Arizona

*By Robin Sewell*

Call me biased, but I'm confident I can convince anyone that Arizona is one of the country's most scenic states. With spring just around the corner, I want to encourage you to lace up your sneakers or hiking boots and treat your senses to some of Arizona's eye candy.

Robin's Adventures

BY ROBIN SEWELL

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Less than two hours from Phoenix, northwest of Payson on State Route 87, is Pine Creek Canyon, a tiny valley surrounded by pine trees and home to what's believed to be the largest travertine bridge in the world.

Tonto Natural Bridge, carved by Mother Nature, stands 183 feet high over a 400-foot tunnel that measures 150 feet at its widest point. It is a spectacular and towering masterpiece of nature covered in moss, grass, trees and rocks with a natural spring waterfall cascading into the creek below.

*Mount Lemmon is located in the Coronado National Forest, north of Tucson.*

You can view the bridge from the top or hike down to the bottom, but either way, it is a one-of-a-kind setting you won't find anywhere else in the state.

Another place that earns the "won't find anywhere else" title is so eye-catching that even the most cell phone-addicted person might forget the need to check their email or Instagram. Just south of Alpine, smack dab in the middle of nowhere, is the glorious Hannagan Meadow, an emerald green oasis surrounded by the Apache National Forest. The endless pine-covered mountains that melt into the horizon will leave you speechless.

Another reason to keep eyes off the screen is so you don't miss a chance to see elk, mule deer, antelopes, black bears or even a bald eagle. The fishing is excellent, but so is the hiking and horseback riding. Whether you are doing a lot or simply coming to unplug, you are guaranteed to feel like you are a million miles from home.

Another favorite of mine is the rugged Santa Catalina Mountains in Tucson. The highest point is Mount Lemmon, and at 9,147 feet, it is home to the southernmost ski destination in the United States.

A trip from the desert base to the top of Mount Lemmon takes you from 2,000 to about 9,000 feet above sea level in 45 minutes. This is one of Tucson's famous sky islands, which has its own weather patterns and is great for stargazing. On the way up or down, be sure to make a stop in Summerhaven, a mountain hamlet great for lunch and some homemade fudge.

The Catalinas are a perfect place for hiking, horseback riding and catching a glimpse of bighorn sheep that like to hang out high on the cliffs. On the eastern corner of the Catalina Mountains is Sabino Canyon. Here you can take a walk on any of the trailheads or hop aboard a tram and enjoy a guided tour through Tucson's flora and fauna.

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*Sarah Root and her first-grade class.*

# Desert View takes the classroom outside

*By Cliff Summerhill*

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*A Día de los Muertos altar created by students at Desert View.*

In response to the ever-changing challenges that schools have faced for the past year, Desert View Learning Center in Paradise Valley came up with a unique way to safely teach in-person students.

"When the pandemic hit, the teachers were the first to recognize how wonderful it would be to pivot instruction to a full outdoor model," Taylor Nelson, interim director at Desert View, said. "With a great deal of dedication and teamwork, the teachers masterminded the plan, and the community helped bring their vision to life."

Nelson said the students at Desert View already had a learning curriculum that incorporated the school's desert landscape, so the transition wasn't drastic.

To make the outdoor classroom a reality, teachers worked with the school's task force to ensure all necessary safety protocols were in place. The school's board agreed to the initiative, and they provided Desert View all the additional equipment needed for a safe learning environment.

"We made a great effort to survey and communicate regularly with our families to understand how we could best meet the needs of the community," Nelson said. "The staff, the board and the task force worked together to make sure all aspects of our new approach were funded and executed speedily."

The outdoor classroom spaces are filled with familiar classroom furniture like desks and chairs, but new items, such as large mats, cones, tents and whiteboards were added. They also added extra outdoor sinks and hand sanitizer dispensers around the campus.

Every teacher is equipped with an iPad, tripod and voice amplifier that allows them to teach effectively – for students attending in-person and virtually.

According to Nelson, the students, parents and staff believe the new environment is having a positive impact on students.

"The kids are so happy they get to see their friends and teachers, even at a distance, and are quite happy to be able to have school in the fresh air, under blue skies, with the desert at their fingertips," Nelson said.

This new outdoor classroom is not without its challenges. The cold mornings, windy days and even the Valley's recent "snow day" challenged the new learning environment.

"Being in our 'school without walls' was tricky at first," Nelson said. "The teachers have been so impressed with the students' ability to adapt to their new environment, maintain focus outside, and block out the activities of the other classes."

The extra room and the view have proven to be an essential and necessary resource for the school. They plan on continuing the outdoor classrooms until the end of the year with an option to keep it after everything settles down.

"We feel so fortunate that the hardship of COVID-19 was able to bring us the silver lining of creating this outdoor classroom model," Nelson said. "Kids grow and learn so much when their surroundings inspire them."

# Arcadia staple kicking off spring season with a new concept

*By Mallory Gleich*

Passers-by around 48th St. and Indian School may have noticed a new sign at one of Arcadia's namesake restaurants, Arcadia Tavern. The team behind the Tavern has been giving it a makeover – complete with a new but familiar name: Taberna de Arcadia.

Last March, the Tavern was shut down due to the pandemic, which allowed co-owner Scott Hibler and his business partner, Korey Boals, to finalize a new partnership and the new eatery's design elements. Construction began last summer.

"We knew what Arcadia Tavern meant to the community, which is why we named it Arcadia Tavern in Spanish – Taberna de Arcadia," Hibler said.

John Dolan was head of the design and layout plan for Taberna. Dolan is the founder and partner at Porch Arcadia, Tempe and Gilbert, Bevvy Old Town and Bevvy Uptown.

"John and his family live in Arcadia, so he aligned his vision and passion about the community and its growth with ours, which was something we all wanted. We knew he had the vision to pull off the new concept as well as bring it to life," Hibler said.

In addition to Taberna, the old restaurant side of Arcadia Tavern was converted into a new grab and go space called Little Señorita's.

"We are very excited about this concept as it will allow patrons the ease of grabbing ready-to-go food with or without getting out of their car," Hibler said.

They added a new roll-up door on the west side, facing a new patio and moved the bar to allow for more room. There's a new layout, menu and color scheme, along with new tile, which "helped us create the new vision that we are very proud of," Hibler said.

The new patio connects with the original patio that runs along Indian School.

"With that addition, we have one of, if not the largest, patios in Arcadia now. We kept the trees to include nature as our concept

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*Arcadia Tavern is now Taberna de Arcadia and Little Señoritas.*

*Scott Hibler*

embraces Arizona and its trees/colors and citrus. We wanted to showcase our incredible views of Camelback Mountain, and I feel we did that," Hibler said.

Taberna and Little Señoritas' theme was created by Dolan and Taberna Chef Blaise Biller, with the inspired vision of becoming two side-by-side Arcadia establishments.

Taberna will serve modern Arizona-themed smoked and vertical rotisserie "al pastor style" meats and vegetables. They wanted to build on a Porch favorite, Little Señorita's tacos, with additional enhanced flavors. Taberna's dine-in side will showcase more formal dining.

"Think barbeque with smoked and rotisserie shaved meats with an Arizona twist. There will be a focus on wood flavors like citrus, pecan and mesquite," Chef Biller said. "The meats will be rubbed and smoked in an on-site smoker. Our culinary approach will embrace two menus that will welcome the simplest, most honest ingredients available."

Chef Biller added that they will be seasonally driven, which will allow them to strengthen their bonds with surrounding purveyors, dairies, cheesemakers, breweries, ranchers, wineries and farmers.

All tables will be socially distanced, and the restaurant will have acrylic barriers between booths as a start. Masks and temperature checks will be required. Paperless menu options will use a QR code, and Taberna will test staff per CDC guidelines. The restaurant plans to open in mid March.

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# In the Kitchen

## with Traci Wilbur of Pie Snob

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*By Mallory Gleich*

From the casino to the kitchen, Traci Wilbur's career had an unusual start. She went from selling slot machines to baking and selling pies out of her garage before opening a brick and mortar shop in 2017.

Whatever her business plan happened to be, it worked well, as Pie Snob is an Arcadia favorite and one of the most popular spots to stock up on all things apple, pecan and chocolate cream. Wilbur took a break from baking to talk about her history as Arcadia's pie snob.

**Where are you from?**

I was born in Shirley, Massachusetts. My father was stationed there during the Vietnam War. When I was an infant, we moved to Arizona because my father was born here, and my mother attended high school here.

I grew up on the west side, specifically Glendale. I went to Moon Valley High School (Go Rockets!) and moved to the Arcadia area in 2001.

**What's the story behind Pie Snob?**

When my youngest child started preschool, I was looking for something new to do. A friend suggested that I try selling my pies, so I made a handful for my close friends that Christmas and Pie Snob was born. I started out of my home kitchen in 2008. By 2009, I needed more room, so my husband built a commercial kitchen in our garage, and I worked there; people would come and pick up their pies. We opened the storefront in 2017. The Pie Snob name came about because I was reading people's comments about pies online, and several of them prefaced their comments with the phrase "I'm a pie snob…" I thought, 'yes, me too!'

**Tell us about your other locations.**

Our second [Uptown] location opened a week before Thanksgiving in 2019 at 6522 N. 16th St. All of our pies are made at that location, which has a huge kitchen. We managed to make hundreds of pies out of my first commercial kitchen at my house, but the logistics were a nightmare. Having a large kitchen makes a huge difference.

We were providing pies to Civic Market, a cool little restaurant/salon in Chandler, and we fell in love with the area. It has a local small-town vibe that we enjoy. We'd been trying to find a space there for over a year now. Once we found the right home for us, we were so excited! The new shop is located at 250 S. Arizona Ave., Chandler. We plan on opening in late March, early April.

**Does the pie-making tradition reach back to your childhood?**

My mother and my grandmother Helen were the people who taught me how to bake. My mother was the official pie baker in the family and always made the Thanksgiving pies. She is still a better pie maker than me!

**What does a day in the life of Traci Wilbur look like?**

I usually get to the kitchen around 8 a.m. I'm not a morning person, so that's the best I can do.

Every day is different. Some days we have lots of special orders; some days we're just making pies to stock our stores. Some days, we're focusing on restaurant orders (we supply pies to all O.H.S.O. locations, Black Cat Coffee, Cock N' Tails, Wally's Arcadia, Clancy's Pub and Pizza Grill, Little O's and Pie and Wine). In the afternoons, I'm usually doing paperwork, ordering supplies and planning for the days ahead.

**How do you cope with the craziness during the holidays?**

I try to remember that no matter how tiring or stressful it gets, we make a product that makes people happy and nostalgic, and I think that is pretty cool.

**About how many pies do you sell in the peak season?**

We made about 3,000 pies for Thanksgiving in 2020. Christmas is quieter but still busy. We probably made 1,200 to 1,500. Our next most active holiday is Easter, and then probably a toss-up between Mother's Day or the Fourth of July.

Apple crumb is number one any time of year, followed by pumpkin and then pecan. We do several variations of each – green chili apple, pumpkin praline and bourbon pecan.

**How many pies do you usually have available?**

We always try to have an apple, key lime and chocolate cream available in-store. For the rest of the flavors, we rotate them every week, trying to reflect the season. Our case usually has five or six different flavors plus a cheesecake flavor of the week.

We don't have themed flavors, but we do our best to honor special requests like birthday messages on pies or recipes that we don't usually make but are willing to recreate for customers. I love hearing about unusual pies that people remember from their childhood.

**What kind of unusual pies?**

Flapper pie, which is a vanilla cream pie topped with meringue and sprinkled with graham cracker bits. Also, a pie called sour cream raisin. It's exactly like it sounds, sour cream and raisins, topped with meringue. I had one customer who brought me flowers after I made it for him. Very nice!

I think that pie people are a unique group. They usually have very detailed memories about pies they have enjoyed in the past, and they love to share those stories with us. The nostalgia that they experience when they eat our pies is very touching.

**Which pie is your favorite?**

Razzleberry. It's a good mixture of tart and sweet. It has blackberries, raspberries and blueberries.

**Which pie is the hardest to bake?**

The custard pies like buttermilk or lemon chess are tricky because there is a fine line between done and overdone.

**What about working during the pandemic?**

We are fortunate to have survived the pandemic so far. It saddens me to think of all the small businesses that were not so fortunate. We were able to stay open thanks to our wonderful and supportive customers. I believe that pie was an appealing snack choice to people during this stressful time because it is a very comforting and familiar food.

**What is your advice for someone who wants to get into the baking industry?**

Do not underestimate how physically demanding this line of work is. Try to find your niche, the one thing that you feel you can do consistently well and work to improve that continually. If you have a vision, listen to your instincts and follow through.

**What is the best part of owning your own business? The worst?**

I have two favorite things. I have enjoyed seeing employees that have worked with me for several years change and grow. The second-best part is what it has taught me about myself, my abilities, strengths, weaknesses and resilience. It's an intense experience. The worst part is sometimes not being able to turn off my brain. I'm always thinking about the next pie!

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# Architect adds to his legacy as Scottsdale's new mayor

*By Rachael Bouley*

Within minutes of taking office on January 12, Scottsdale's new mayor, David Ortega, declared a proclamation of emergency in response to the pandemic. This was followed by a second proclamation the next day, reimposing face coverings to combat rising cases.

"I was ready to take immediate action by preparing between the November election win and shouldering the oath of office," Ortega said. "I have been building consensus with newly elected colleagues, council members and fostering trust with city staff."

Ortega replaced Jim Lane, who was Scottsdale's mayor for 12 years. The courteous transition between the two included briefings on critical issues facing the city and region, which helped the new mayor zero in on his main goals for the next few years.

His objectives include ensuring quality police, fire and EMT services throughout this economic recovery period and protecting local neighborhoods and the McDowell Sonoran Preserve.

"Families and businesses will thrive in a stable environment," Ortega said. "We must protect our neighborhoods from massive block apartments and proliferation of short-term rentals, which disrupt our quality of life. By working with other cities and legislative allies, we can get the Arizona Legislature to restore local control."

PHOTOS COURTESY OF DAVID ORTEGA

*Ortega played first base at U of A.*

*The new mayor was sworn in on January 12.*

He also plans to enact council districts and an anti-discrimination ordinance.

"Scottsdale's world-renowned, business-friendly and hospitality-centered reputation can be strengthened by inclusion and equality for all," Ortega said.

*David Ortega*

Ortega is originally from Tucson; the eldest of seven children. He followed in his father's footsteps, attending the University of Arizona with dual majors. He played baseball during college until his architectural ambitions became his primary focus.

During college, Ortega worked part-time for architect Anne Rysdale. After graduating in 1978, he came to Scottsdale to work as an apprentice for Bennie Gonzales, the internationally acclaimed architect who designed Scottsdale City Hall, Civic Center Library and the Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts.

He met his wife Rosemary, got married, and raised two children, Alexandra and Luke.

Ortega has been involved with the Scottsdale community in many different ways. His office on Fifth Ave. has been there since 1984, and he was a city councilman from 2000-04.

"Being a Scottsdale architect gave me a great foundation to get involved with redevelopment issues, transportation solutions, and architectural guidelines for downtown," Ortega said.

He has designed a dozen signature Old Town landmarks, most notably the building behind the Cowboy Roper sign. Out of all his work, Ortega said his favorite project was the restoration of Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Church in Miami, AZ, where his father was baptized.

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When asked about his inspiration to run for mayor, Ortega referenced the 2020 Opening Day of spring training between San Francisco and L.A., sitting next to Mayor Lane and wife Joanne.

"A major storm passed, dazzling sunshine lit up the rain-delayed game, and I wondered what it would be like to throw out the opening pitch," Ortega said. "Similarly, the storm will subside, and brighter days are ahead."

*Ortega's great-grandparents, Jose and Mercedes, with their twins.*

As the Scottsdale City Council works to safely move forward with events like MLB Spring Training and Barrett Jackson, Ortega said the city remains committed to enforcing all safety measures. He looks forward to leading his community to a safe and promising future where citizens drive success.

"Citywide projects include Civic Center mall renovations, new parks, public safety buildings, transportation and drainage improvements, senior center expansions and amenities such as a new off-leash dog park at Thompson Peak Park," Ortega said.

The mayor also plans to strengthen ties with Scottsdale schools to improve learning opportunities for all.

As an avid volunteer who has served with the Scottsdale Sunrise Rotary Club and the reading program at Pueblo Elementary, Ortega believes in the power of community education and connection, sharing that "Scottsdale always surprises me with new things to love, even after 42 years."

*scottsdale.gov*

# Paiute Neighborhood Center receives donation from local company

*By Melissa Hirschl*

The air ambulance company Angel MedFlight recently provided the Paiute Neighborhood Center in south Scottsdale with a much-needed financial boost through a $20,000 donation.

The center provides a crucial link for those in need to access social, cultural, recreational and educational programs. It houses the Hirsch Academy Charter School, a family resource center, Head Start, a WIC office (nutritional support for women, infants and children), a community assistance office and more. The donation will enable Paiute to launch two new programs to empower families.

AMF's CEO Andrew Bess said he believes strongly in investing in programs and policies that promote racial sensitivity, social justice and eliminating inequalities in Scottsdale. "Angel MedFlight's mission of helping those in need and standing up for what is right extends beyond our business to the community. We are proud to support the PNC. Our goal is to strengthen inclusion in Scottsdale and promote equity and opportunity for all."

According to PNC Board President Lynn Whitman, critical players in the financial deliberations were former Scottsdale Mayor Jim Lane, Bess and Partners for Paiute – a group of community members who "have a place in their hearts for the campus."

"Partners for Paiute provides direct support to individual families in the area for necessities not covered elsewhere," Whitman said.

The group also provides funds for meditation classes, gift cards for holiday toy drives, campus beautification, translation services and more.

*Angel MedFlight's team works with healthcare facilities to coordinate everything from the ground transport to the healthcare coverage needed to make an air ambulance flight more accessible.*

According to Whitman, the center will use the lion's share of the money to provide childcare vouchers for parents. "Many times kids can't go to classes because they have to stay home and take care of their siblings," she said. "These vouchers give them a choice of providers and alleviate the strain of finding good childcare."

Parents who want to learn English can participate in English as a Second Language classes. Over the next year, the goal is to host three eight-week sessions to improve English skills for up to 45 people.

"When a private business like AMF steps up to serve a human need, it makes the fabric of our community stronger," Mayor Lane said. "Through the connection between Paiute Neighborhood Center and AMF, I gained a much deeper understanding of what the families in that neighborhood are experiencing. Paiute is a wonderful resource, and now they have additional funds to target real-time issues."

*Friends Helping Neighbors Recognition Wall at Paiute Neighborhood Center.*

# Scottsdale Mayor Youth Council: Inspiring future leaders

*By Jennifer Marshall*

We've all been there: sitting in a classroom, copying copious notes off the chalkboard and trying to stay awake while learning about our city government and the role it plays in our lives. For today's students, there is an option that allows a hands-on learning experience. Students are immersed in city council meetings, volunteer projects, and even playing a part in the city budget.

Since the late 1980s, the Scottsdale Mayor Youth Council has been motivating young people to give back to the community and develop valuable leadership skills, all while interacting with the city council and mayor as they learn about the role elected officials play in society.

> ***The Mayor Youth Council gives high school students the opportunity to see and study how city government works.***

"The Mayor Youth Council gives high school students from sophomore year and up the opportunity to see and study how city government works," City of Scottsdale Human Services Manager Kristy Hahn-McDonald, who manages the program, said.

Interested students apply in May through the Youth and Family Services Division, and interviews are held in June and July. Prospective applicants are interviewed by three people from the City of Scottsdale.

"We offer many volunteer opportunities, and participants are only allowed to miss three meetings," Hahn-McDonald said. "Members have to be committed to devoting the required time to the program."

The Mayor Youth Council seeks a diverse body of representatives. Approximately 30 students are chosen each year from Scottsdale's public and charter schools.

In addition to opportunities like meeting the mayor, last year the youth members participated in the Adopt-a-Road Program, which means they clean up their assigned road a few times throughout the school year. This past Thanksgiving, they packed food for the Adopt-a-Senior program. They also visited a police training facility where they interacted with the officers, learned gun safety and even met the K-9 Unit.

The group also had a meeting with the city budget director, where they learned how money is managed and how a city budget functions.

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*Ariella Mandel, Erin O'Conner, Cassandra Cappo, Maden Kuzel, Cydney Lowrie, Jake Triester, Gina Ryu and Raywon Kim.*

"The budget director had the kids run through the budget and determine what the current needs were for the city," Hahn-McDonald said. "It was interesting to see what they thought was monetarily important and how they thought the council should allocate funds between competing interests like tech, seniors and low-income residents."

This year their main objective is the Youth Town Hall Meeting planned for April 1 at Scottsdale Stadium.

"The students are working as a team to plan the event and select the keynote speaker," Hahn-McDonald said. "They're passionate about their Town Hall being something that inspires them and motivates them to go out and make changes. They want to feel better about the world and know they can make a difference."

They're particularly interested in highlighting mental health issues (especially because of the pandemic) in their theme this year. This spring, the group will also learn how to run a public meeting when they hold a simulated city council meeting.

*scottsdaleaz.gov*

# Scottsdale's Brown Bag Program helps feed those in need

*By Jennifer Marshall*

For many seniors, not leaving home has now become a way of life. It's hard to imagine not being able to get in a vehicle, run to the store and pick up necessities like bread, produce and canned goods. Enter Scottsdale's Brown Bag Program, which helps older residents get the nutrition they need while staying safe and socially distant. Operating out of Granite Reef Senior Center, the program serves between 200 and 300 clients every year.

"The goal of the initiative is to help low-income seniors and the disabled with food so they can use their limited resources for other necessities like utilities and rent," said Kevin Herrick, who works at the senior center.

To be eligible, recipients must be Scottsdale residents 62 and older, collecting Social Security and living within a specific income bracket. Disabled adults residing in Scottsdale can be of any age, but they have to fall within a particular income range. The program is annual, so participants must apply each year.

Program participants can pick up their food from the Granite Reef Senior Center, Via Linda Senior Center, the Arizona Retirement Community or The Flats at Granite Reef apartment complex. Distributions are made on the first and third Thursday of the month, and each client must preselect one of the four venues to pick up their items. There is a maximum capacity of 240 clients and there is a waitlist. The program offers curbside and contactless pick-up.

"The City of Scottsdale Human Services Department purchases a fold-over bag from Desert Mission, which contains a wide assortment of canned goods including fruits, vegetables, tuna fish and chicken. This forms the foundation of the bag," Herrick said.

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*Volunteers outside Granite Reef Senior Center.*

Scottsdale Community Partners works with the city on the Brown Bag Program and provides supplemental food items like eggs, deli meat and cheese. Sometimes their bag is based on a particular food theme, like a Mexican or Italian meal, and includes all the essential ingredients.

"We also work with St. Mary's Food Bank," Herrick said. "They donate fresh bread and produce, and they also offer a food box once a month that our clients are free to take. This box typically contains additional canned goods along with packaged single cook meals."

The Scottsdale Vista Del Camino Food Bank also donates items to the program. In addition to all these community partners, the Brown Bag Program also receives proceeds from the CARES Act, providing needed funding for the increased call for food.

"COVID has also changed how we do business," Herrick said. "All food bags are distributed outside. Also, we are no longer allowed to use volunteers to help with our distribution. Thankfully, though, I've been allowed to use the National Guard."

*scottsdalecommunitypartners.org/program/brown-bag*

# Phoenix Country Day students on a mission for women

*By Melissa Hirschl*

Phoenix Country Day School freshmen and best friends Anaiya Patel and Sanya Somani have teamed up to launch HealthforHER, a nonprofit that provides health resources and education to underprivileged women. The nascent organization is quickly gaining momentum.

"We began by brainstorming ideas we were passionate about," Sanya explained. "I was thinking of something feminist-oriented."

Anaiya wanted to help women with medical needs due to her grandmother's struggles with Lymphoma. "We had always had the idea to start something that would impact the community and the people we care about, and this idea seemed perfect," she said.

The duo's vision took shape after forming their nonprofit and promoting HfH on Instagram and through word of mouth.

Thanks to Anaiya's mom – Sheetal Chhaya, a rheumatologist in Phoenix – an ideal pilot project for HfH appeared right out of the gate.

"Jeanne Nizigiyimana, who is the director, co-founder and program manager of the Women's Refugee Health Clinic at Valleywise, was aware of our vision," Anaiya explained. "She furthered our passion for assisting these women by suggesting we get involved with the center's Refugee Holiday Drive."

*Anaiya Patel*

*Sanya Somani*

The drive was making PPE kits with hand sanitizer and masks and including 150 packs of baby wipes for new mothers. Rising to the challenge, the girls decided to initiate a campaign at their high school. After the dean and the school senate approved the idea, the two placed donation boxes around the campus. They publicized the event by sending out emails to students, faculty and staff.

"It was a tight deadline, but was very successful," Sanya said. "We collected 200 baby wipe packages, which exceeded our goal."

Anaiya and Sanya have set their sights even higher, hoping to branch out into neighboring states and countries as well. Using Instagram and help from international family members, they have started reaching out to others who might want to be a part of their organization.

"We've also begun recruiting international ambassadors of all ages in Korea, the U.K., Canada, Guatemala and India," Anaiya said. "The ambassador's responsibility is to expand HfH's platform and recruit other members to share their mission, mainly through social media. In addition to attending online meetings, they re-post our stories to their accounts."

Currently, HfH has numerous ambassadors and over 1,000 Instagram followers worldwide. The duo plans to hold Zoom sessions to clarify each job category, such as marketing coordinator, graphic designer, outreach coordinator, writer and ambassador.

The girls are also considering partnering with Liquid IV, a company that sells products designed to replenish electrolytes. The goal is to provide replenishment to breastfeeding moms with premature babies. To jump-start their venture, Sanya and Anaiya are emailing various hospitals to initiate new projects.

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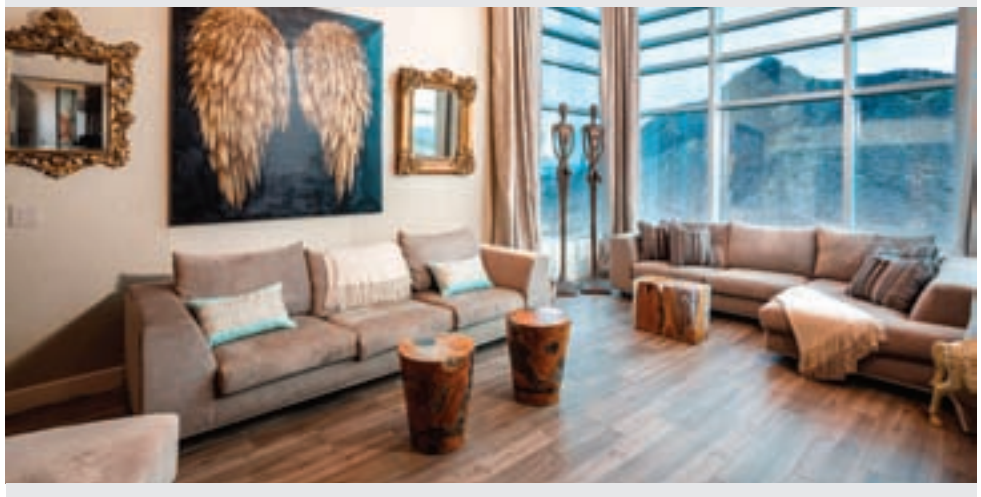

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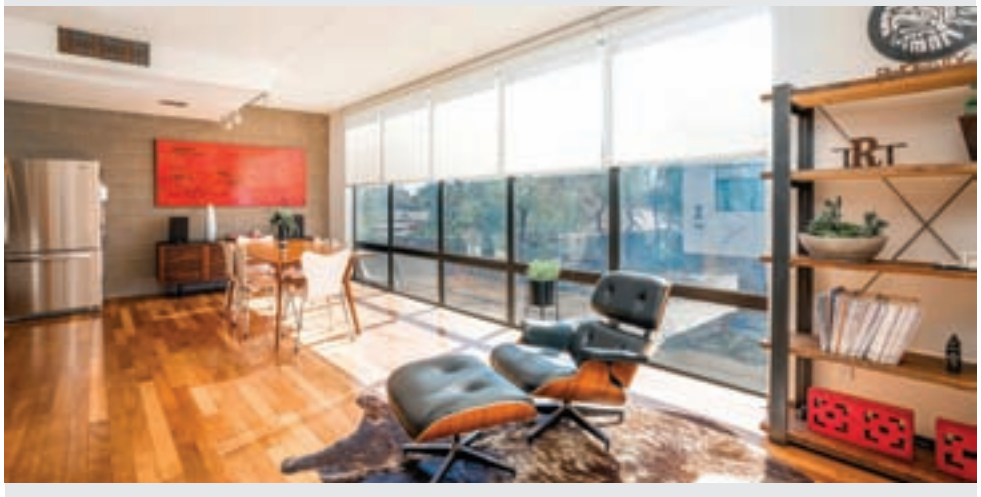

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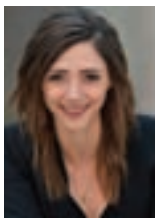

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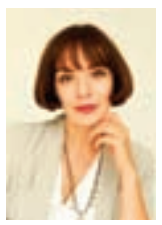

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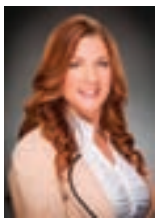

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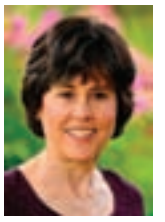

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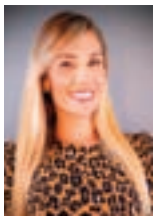

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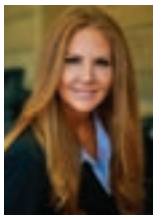

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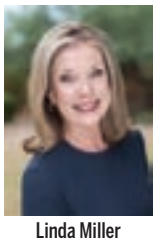

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*Ms. Davis' second-grade class. Back row: Rebelle H., Emily M., Jason S. and Anthony S. Second row: Paloma M., Ryan M., Jasmin C., Leandro W., Savannah H. and Katia G. First row: Brekelle R., Avery M., Darlene H., Lauren C. and Sarah C.*

# Mask donation a fun suprise for Tavan Elementary

*By Rachael Bouley*

The Office of Maricopa County School Superintendent recently teamed up with the Phoenix Suns to distribute over 17,000 face masks to Valley schools, including Tavan Elementary.

Joshua Chilton, the community outreach coordinator for the Maricopa County Superintendent's Office, visited the school in January to donate a free, reusable mask to every student and staff member.

Ellen Young, the administrative support coordinator at Tavan, said the school was excited to hear about the opportunity, and the students were eager to use their new masks.

"It was like Christmas morning – everyone was ecstatic! It's so fun to see them all wearing the same mask and know that our community and county school superintendent is thinking about them and wanting to help keep them safe," Young said. "We do our best to provide masks to students who need them, but this was something for our entire site that provided a little more joy and gave them the knowledge that they are a priority."

The Wildcats have been staying safe and focusing on their learning with the masks, which feature the Phoenix Suns logo. The black, silver and purple masks allow students to represent their hometown NBA team and help stop the spread of COVID to ensure schools can stay open.

"It's so important for those children who need in-person school to have that opportunity, and collectively, our students know the importance of staying safe and healthy so that we can all be in-person together," Young said. "We are always so grateful for amazing community partnerships that put our students and staff first."

The staff said that seeing the students so happy after a challenging year was an incredible feeling for those who want the entire school to stay safe so they can enjoy their education as much as possible. This kind of community support plays a significant role in student success.

"We truly love all of the businesses and community members that lend a helping hand or help to put a smile on our students' faces," Young said. "It is so important for surrounding community members to get to know their neighborhood school and learn what kind of a difference they can make in a child's life, especially right now."

*From left to right: Dylan Garcia, Teon Bia, Angelo Soto, Assistant Principal Dr. Gaby Ramos, Mason Miloneck, Samuel Rivas de Jesus, Principal Julie Ballard and Community Outreach Specialist Joshua Chilton.*

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# AHS volleyball player named to All-Arizona Team

*By Cody Kennedy*

This year, 12 high schoolers from around the Valley were honored with the distinction of being selected for the 2020 Girls Volleyball All-Arizona Team, and Arcadia High sophomore Tatum Longnecker was one of them.

The All-Arizona Team is selected from athletes who were also nominated as Player of the Year at their respective schools. The team members were then determined using sports reporter's observations, interviews with players and coaches, stats and team rankings.

"I am very proud of Tatum," said Coach Jackie Bunker, who has coached at Arcadia for the past five years. "Watching her play, you can see the competitiveness, grit, skill and drive to be great and finish matches. I am grateful that Arcadia volleyball continues to grow so that our athletes, like Tatum, can have an opportunity to be seen and recognized for their abilities."

Bunker said that Tatum is an "impact player."

"In her first season on varsity, as a sophomore, she was able to positively impact our team and contribute to wins in big matches," Bunker said. "Specifically, Tatum has a tough serve, digs a ton of balls on defense and can keep her hitters in the system and on tempo, even on tough passes."

Coach Bunker was the one who delivered the good news to Tatum during geometry class.

PHOTO: TRICIA LONGNECKER

*Sophomore Tatum Longnecker said that a foot injury helped spark her interest in volleyball and she's been playing ever since.*

"Then Dr. J, our principal, congratulated me, and they announced it over the school announcements," Tatum said. "I was so excited to be recognized, and quite honestly, I was surprised as a sophomore to be named to the team."

Tatum played club soccer from the age of 5 until she was 11. A foot injury put her on the bench for a while, but she decided to change it up and play tennis and volleyball when she returned to the field. She said that once she started playing volleyball, she never looked back.

"I am 100% dedicated to the game. It is an unbelievable honor to be named to the All-Arizona team, and I especially want to thank my parents for their support," Tatum said.

Among Tatum's many accomplishments, she was named to the 5A-Northeast Valley All-Region 2nd Team and Sports360AZ All-Academic Team. During the state playoffs this past November, she was named Player of the Week by *The Arizona Republic*. During her middle school years at Veritas, she was named MVP, and while attending Ingleside, her team won the Scottsdale Championship.

"It feels amazing to be part of such of an accomplished group of girls," she said, "but as a setter, we're only as good as the passers and hitters around us. I look at this award as a complete team effort. Coach Bunker and Coach Chang did an unbelievable job with our team through lots of adversity and challenges this season."

Tatum plans on playing volleyball in college and studying business. "It would be an honor to be recruited as a Division I athlete, but I love to compete and will play where ever the sport takes me," she said.

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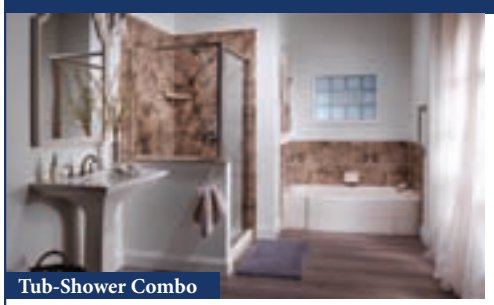
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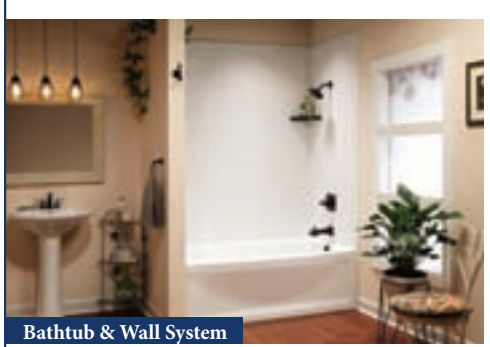
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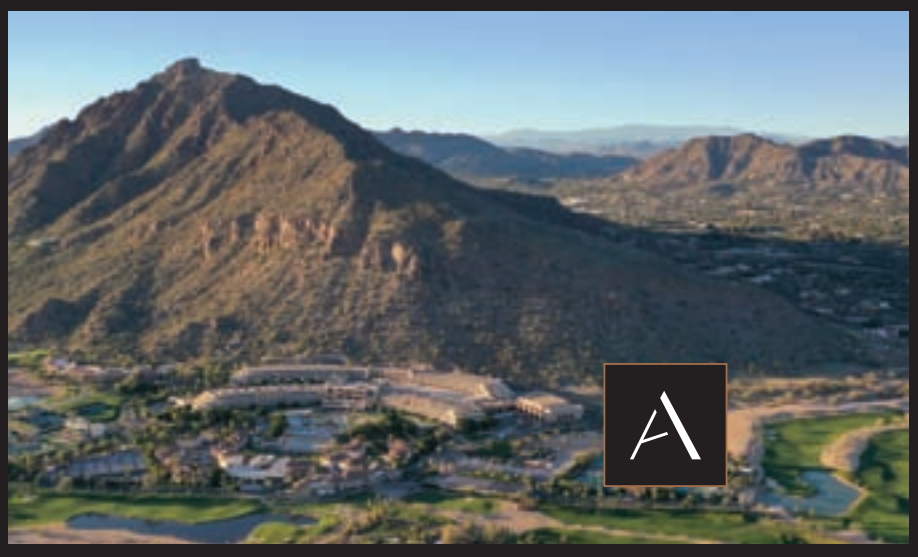

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# Valley film festival awards coach-turned-director

*By Mallory Gleich*

David Van Wie is a man who wears many hats, and one of those hats helped him win multiple awards at the annual Chandler International Film Festival.

"I am a coach, filmmaker, realtor, real estate investor and a children's book author. You only get one ride on this rock, so I want to make sure I try to get as much covered as possible," Van Wie said.

Van Wie grew up just outside of Detroit until about sixth grade when his family moved to Scottsdale. He attended Saguaro High School, received his master's in education at ASU and moved to the Arcadia area in 2008.

Before becoming a film director, Van Wie worked as a second-grade teacher and an elementary school teaching assistant. He's also coached for Madison's youth RAMMS volleyball, St. Francis' softball/baseball youth league and JV softball at St. Mary's High School.

And how exactly did he go from being a coach to making his directorial debut?

Van Wie had been on a board for Big Brothers Big Sisters and had voiced his thoughts about their commercials. "I told the CEO that I was going to make a commercial for them. I remember my wife staring at me a little confused, telling me, 'You don't know anything about making commercials,' which was true, but I knew what I wanted it to look like," he said.

Van Wie wrote a script, hired a director and editor, and had a casting call at Valley Youth Theater. After showing the commercial to the CEO of BBBS, he was asked to produce five more.

Van Wie decided to start a production company, which he named after a very distant relative: Fat Hendrick.

Fat Hendrick was Hendrick Gerritse Van Wie's nickname, the first Van Wie in the U.S. He immigrated to America and settled in New Amsterdam (later renamed Manhattan) in 1664.

"I thought, 'One day, I'm going to use that name for something.' It is now the name of my production company and my pen name for my children's book." he said.

Once his production company was up and running, Van Wie got to work on his first full-length film – *Detroit Under S.T.R.E.S.S.*

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*Wife Elizabeth and daughters Bridget and Marie Van Wie with David holding the People's Choice Award at 2021's film festival.*

The film is about a particular Detroit police unit started in 1971 called S.T.R.E.S.S. (Stop the Robberies, Enjoy Safe Streets). The unit was very controversial. A year after its inception, Detroit had become the number one city for civilian shootings by police and the number one city for police deaths.

His father, a former police officer, had been a part of the unit.

"I knew I wanted to capture that history firsthand from the officers who were there, but they hadn't talked to anyone in 50 years," Van Wie said. "After about a year of hassling my father, he finally agreed to be interviewed on camera, and he got in touch with the other officers with whom he worked."

After seven years of tracking people down and doing exhaustive research, Fat Hendrick Production Company finished the film and began submitting it to various film festivals.

In 2018, *Detroit Under S.T.R.E.S.S.* won the Best Documentary award at the Chandler International Film Festival.

This year's festival, held in late January, showcased over 100 films from national and international directors, producers and artists.

Van Wie's second film – *Scout 10-5* – was honored with the People's Choice Award.

"*Scout 10-5* is another example of how time and perspective can blur history," Van Wie said. "We have preserved the story from the firsthand account of the police officer that survived, who two years later, joins the S.T.R.E.S.S. unit. We balance the story with TV, newspaper and historical documents."

Van Wie is grateful his film was honored at the Chandler International Film Festival.

"After all the research, scheduling, traveling, money, filming, editing, music, and refining that it takes to put together a full feature documentary, it is very humbling and rewarding to know that people appreciate it," Van Wie said. "There are a lot of extremely talented filmmakers, and it is always an honor to be at any film festival with them."

After the excitement of the event ended, Van Wie put his producer hat back on and is now in the research phase for his third documentary. He and his daughter are also producing a new show on YouTube called Patriot Plates.

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## ORIGINS

The earliest evidence of using a physical object to keep time came 4,000 years ago from the ancient Egyptians. They created a "sundial" that measured time using the sun's shadow position. It was the same way in which we measure time now, in segments of 60.

The invention of the mainspring in the early 15th century allowed portable clocks to be crafted, and these eventually evolved into the first pocket watches. The PHN1505 or Pomander Watch, created in 1505 by Peter Henlein from Nuremberg, is considered to be the world's first pocket watch – and it still works today. Pocket watches were first worn in the Tudor times and by Henry VIII; however, there were only single hour markers, the minute hand did not become part of the pocket watch until the 17th century.

*The PHN1505*

The first wristwatch was made in 1868 for Countess Koscowicz of Hungary. Wristwatches were originally designed for women, it was more common for men to have a pocket watch. During WW1, men wore watches on their wrists rather than on a chain around their neck. This simple change made it easier for men to tell the time without moving their hands.

## HOW MANY?

# 2,826

The most complicated mechanical watch ever created is the Vacheron Constantin reference 57260 pocket watch. The watch has 2,826 components, 57 complications and 242 jewels. It is believed to have been sold for over $10 million. – *gearpatrol.com*

## HOW MUCH?

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The most expensive pocket watch was the Patek Philippe "Supercomplication," made for the New York financier Henry Graves in 1933. It sold for $24 million in 2014. The most expensive wristwatch ever sold at the auction is American actor Paul Newman's Rolex Daytona, which sold for $17.8 million in 2017. – *robbreport.com*

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## WATCHES' FACTS

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In 1905, Rolex was founded in England and later moved to Geneva, Switzerland in 1920. Rolex created the first wristwatches with the date on the dial and the first watch to display two different time zones simultaneously.

**In 1926, Rolex created the Oyster, which was the first water-resistant wristwatch.**

In 1993, Citizen made the world's first multi-band Atomic Timekeeping watch. (It receives radio signals from an atomic clock to tell time.)

**The Omega Speedmaster is the favorite watch among astronauts.**

Diving watches are tested until they implode for maximum durability and quality, pushing the watch to its limits.

**The most famous pocket watch is in a portrait of King Henry VIII.**

Mechanical watches are less accurate than ones with quartz movements.

**Sir Edmund Hillary, the first man to reach the top of Mt. Everest in 1953, wore a Rolex Explorer watch, which could withstand temperatures between -45°C and +80°C.**

A yacht timer or sailing watch is a unique watch for sea racing. It has a ten-minute countdown for race preparation as well as the final 5-minute countdown.

**A 1560 painting featuring Cosimo I de' Medici and painted by Maso da San Friano may be the oldest to feature a pocket watch.**

The first two-time-zoned pocket watch was introduced in 1853 by Tissot.

**The first self-winding wristwatch belongs to the Rolex watch company – the Rolex Perpetual (1931).**

Watches are a prominent accessory in James Bond films. 007

**The first perpetual calendar watch was invented by Patek Philippe in 1925.**

The world's first electric watch was created in 1960 by Bulova, and the first LED watch came in 1972 and was called the Pulsar P1, by Hamilton USA. The look was inspired by the 1968 movie *2001: A Space Odyssey*.

**Black is the most common color for a wristwatch.**

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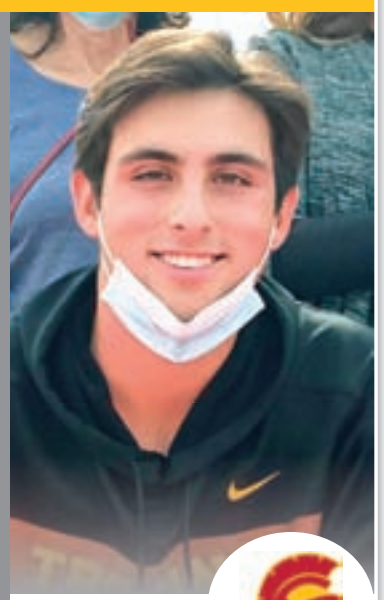

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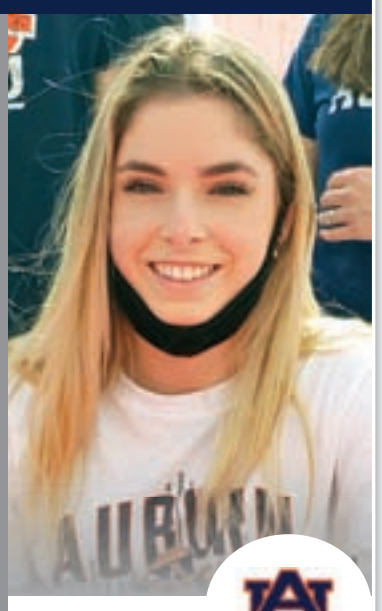

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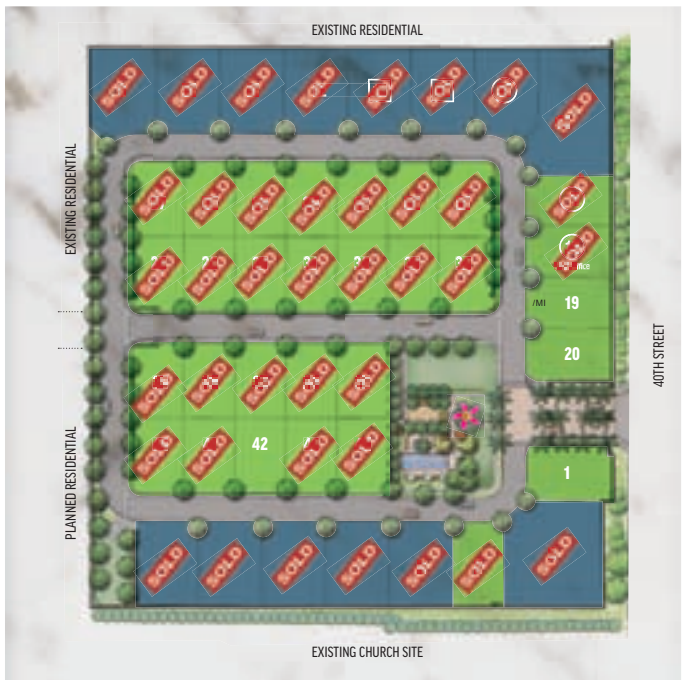

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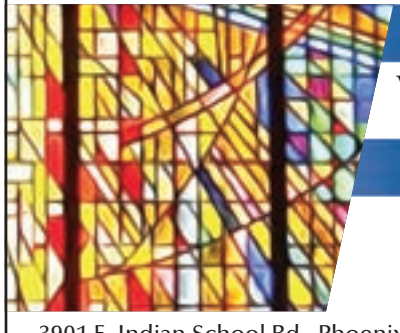
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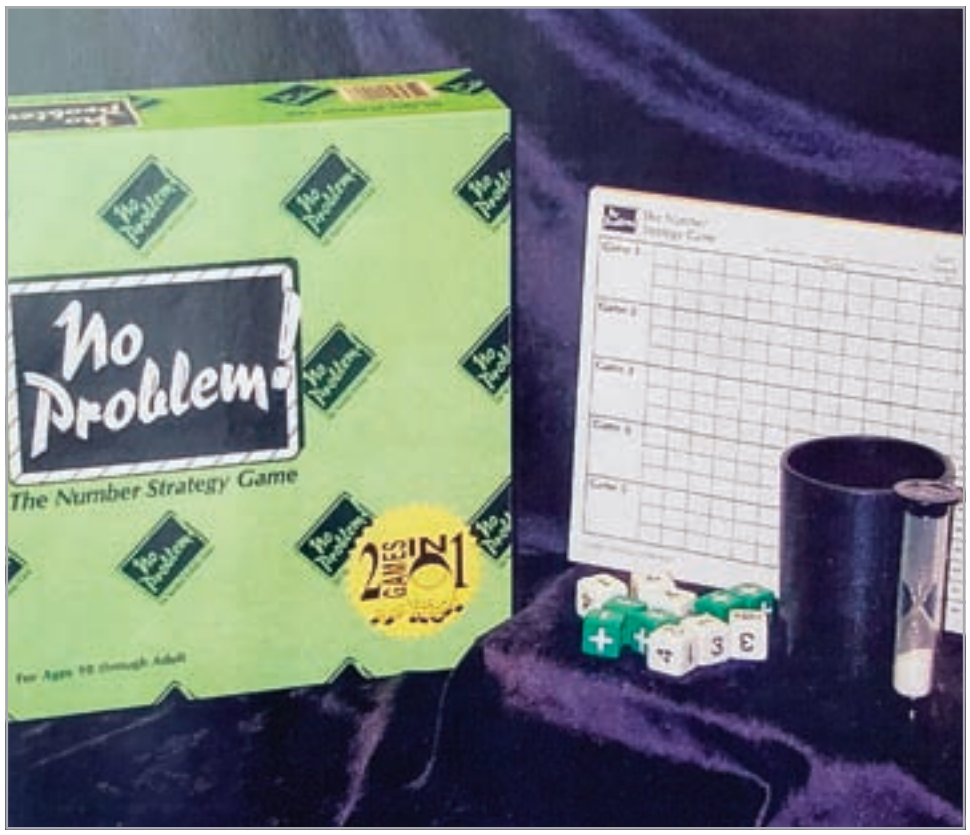

*Phil Winters came up with No Problem after looking at ways to combine elements of learning and fun.*

# Inventor aims to help Arizona schools with math game

*By Mallory Gleich*

"I want to do something good before I croak, and it is time to give back."

These are humble words from Phil Winters, a longtime Arizona resident who was featured in *Arcadia News* in 2001. Winters is the inventor of No Problem, a numbers strategy game that he created in 1990. Today, he wants to share his game with Arizona schools and eventually, nationwide.

Everyone in his family – mom, dad, brothers and sisters – was a teacher at some point. Winters decided that he wanted to go a different route and graduated with a business degree from Oregon State.

Winters recalled being a big fan of flashcards when he was in grade school.

*Grandma Winter's Nuts & Bolts*

*Phil Winters*

"I loved the theme of 'fun and learning,' so I wanted to come up with something that had both of those elements," he said.

The rules for No Problem are simple: Each player throws 11 dice and, in the time allotted, arranges them by alternating numerical die with math symbol die. Whoever has the highest score after five turns is the winner.

Many have endorsed the game, including Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and former NFL quarterback Dave Krieg.

Winters has proclaimed his game the "Pandemic Boredom Buster," and after hearing from schools, friends and acquaintances about how much they loved the game back in the day, he came up with an idea to bring it out of retirement.

"I am going to give away 1,000 of my games to schools. To accomplish this venture, I need to sell 1,000 packages that I've put together," Winters said.

Each $29 package includes two No Problem games – one for a family to keep and one to give away to a school of their choosing. Winters will also include a homemade snack – his grandmother's recipe, called Nuts and Bolts, that's been passed down in his family for generations.

Winters also said he will include a surprise gift, which will come from his persoal collection of sports memorabilia or a trinket from one of his many travels around the U.S. and Canada.

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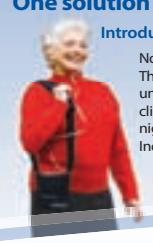

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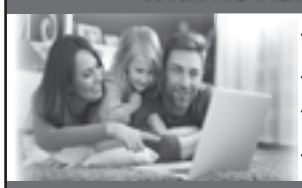

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