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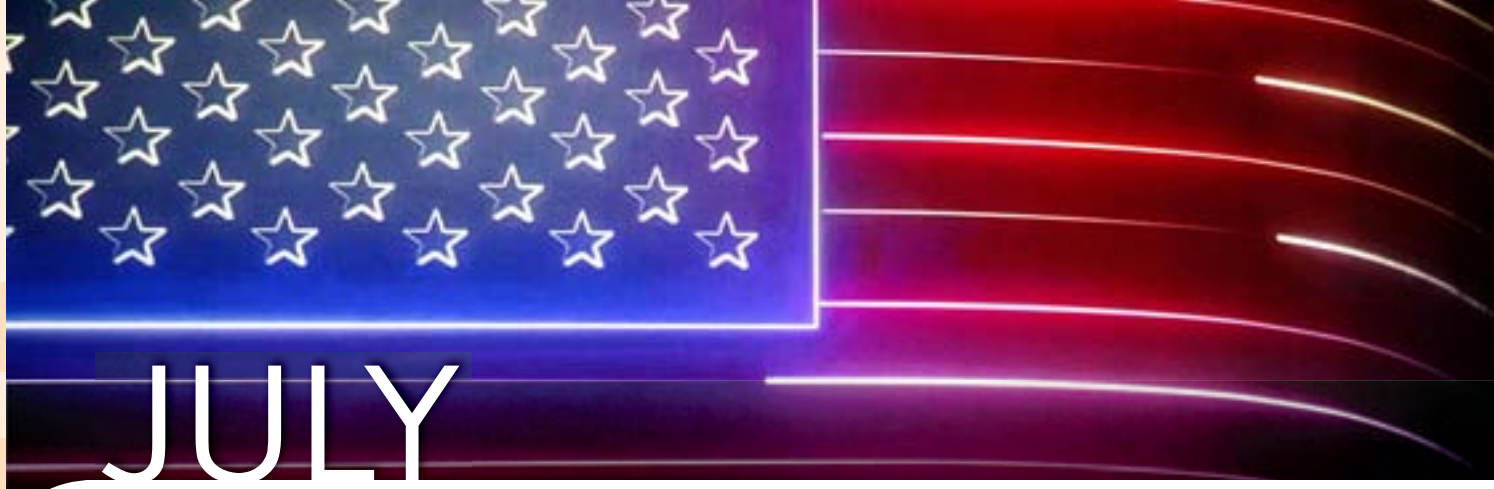
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SAR Member Jerry Davis stands outside his Arcadia home in full dress regalia. Davis wears this uniform for various occasions, but most recently to honor the neighbors he finds that are flying the American flag properly.
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EDITOR'S NOTE



Forget staying at home for this year's Fourth of July festivities. We're finally able to head out and see all the red, white and blue events that are happening this month. Namely, our own Arcadia Fourth of July Parade, where neighbors are encouraged to decorate their wheels, walk together through the neighborhood, enjoy snacks and celebrate our country and community.

In keeping with the patriotic theme, we introduce you to Arcadia resident Jerry Davis. A member of the Sons of the American Revolution organization, Davis' most recent endeavor is honoring the neighbors who are flying their American flags accurately.

"I like doing this, and I hope people in the area don't get weirded out that someone is leaving a letter in their mailbox. We want to honor you for doing the right thing," Davis told *Arcadia News*.

You'll find a few other neighbors in this issue, along with some new shopping, eating and staycation spots for the family.

We want to see what you're doing for summer vacation this year, so email your photos or share them through social media @arcadianews for a chance to be featured in our annual summer vacation section in September. Your photo might even be featured on the cover. The deadline to send in photos is August 8. We can't wait to see all the fun you've had!

Mallory

– Mallory Gleich

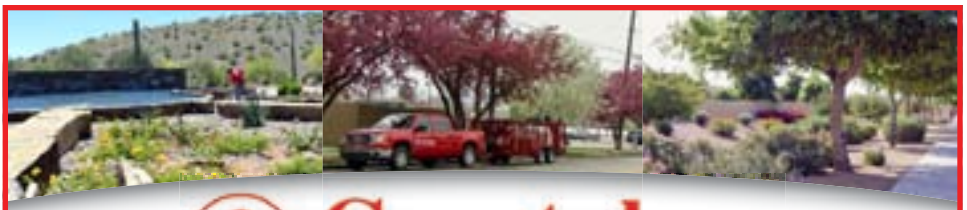
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Arcadia Podcast welcomes Sam Lowe

By Mallory Gleich



On our current episode of *Arcadia Podcast*, we welcomed award-winning journalist Sam Lowe. His name may look familiar, as Sam is our resident *On the Lowe Road* columnist, composing stories of his travels and interesting finds here in Arizona.

Born and raised in North Dakota, Sam moved to the Southwest in 1969. He says the reason for the move was better weather and better opportunities for advancement. He relocated to Arcadia in 1987 and retired from the newspaper industry in 1999, but continues to flex his writer's imagination for *Arcadia News*.

Sam told us that at one point, he would do almost anything to "get the story…" This includes being part of a circus (he knows the secret behind how they fit everyone in the clown car, and despite protests, keeps that secret) being dragged behind a truck and wing walking. Yes, Sam was strapped to the wing of an airplane that actually took off into the air. He had, and still has, many adventures.

During his illustrious career, Sam wrote columns for various publications – in all, about 5,000 pieces. He's penned several books about Arizona mysteries, legends and curiosities.

"I am most proud of my longevity as a writer and that I was never fired from any position ever held," he said.

When he's not writing *On the Lowe Road*, Sam spends time with his four daughters, six grandchildren and does woodworking.

Learn more about Sam's adventures by tuning in via Apple Podcasts, Spotify, Amazon, or go to arcadiapodcast.com.



DATE - July 4th Rain or Shine **REGISTRATION** - 7:30 a.m.
PARADE START - 8:00 a.m. **END** - 9:00 a.m.
STARTING LOCATION:
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(1/01/2021-5/31/2021)

Active Homes -	84 homes
Homes Sold -	164 homes
Average Sale Price -	$2,022,000
Average Sold $ Per SF -	$498
Average Days On Market -	67 days

There is currently 3 months of home inventory. (based on 2020 sales results)
2021 home sales have increased 9% this year. (based on 2020 sales results)
2021 home prices have increased 15%. (based on 2020 sales results)
2021 $ Per Square Foot prices have increased 13%. (based on 2020 sales results)
2021 homes are taking 35% less time to sell. (based on 2020 sales results)

2021 TAVAN SCHOOL DISTRICT SALES RESULTS

(1/01/2021-5/31/2021)

Active Homes -	32 Homes
Homes Sold -	99 Homes
Average Sale Price -	$944,000
Average Sold $ Per SF -	$381
Average Days On Market -	34 days

There is currently 2 months of home inventory. (based on 2020 sales results)
2021 home sales have increased 0% this year. (based on 2020 sales results)
2021 home prices have increased 16%. (based on 2020 sales results)
2021 $ Per Square Foot prices have increased 14%. (based on 2020 sales results)
2021 Homes are taking 42% less time to sell. (based on 2020 sales results)

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WHAT'S HAPPENING, *ARCADIA?*



The **Arcadia neighborhood Fourth of July Parade** is back! Join neighbors on Sunday, July 4 at 8 a.m. on Jokake and Calle Tuberia. The Military Order of the Purple Hearts will sing the National Anthem, and Troop 6 Boy Scouts will lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Neighbors and families are encouraged to participate – decorate your bikes or vehicles and come on down! Bottled water will be provided with coffee and bagels available at 7:30 a.m. Afterward, the Phoenix Fire Department will host a fire hose spray down to cool us off.

arcadiaparade.com

Registration is now open for the Adult Day Club at **Hospice of the Valley's** Dementia Care and Education Campus, which will open at 3811 N. 44th St. in October. The club is designed for people living with all types and stages of Alzheimer's and other dementias. Members will have access to various programs tailored to their interests and designed to create cognitive engagement, such as painting, dancing, nature classes or interacting with preschoolers in the adjoining Child Care Center. There will be membership options available.

hov.org

A new studio/design concept called **WAYLA** (What Are You Looking At?) plans to open on the southwest corner of 38th St. and Indian School in winter 2021. This is the second location for WAYLA – the first is in Midtown on 7th Ave., north of Indian School. The building will house two studios, a private patio and more, designed specifically for production projects or intimate gatherings. The creative spaces will have furniture, a makeup bay, wardrobe steamer, floor mirror, ceiling fan and private entrances.

waylastudios.com

A new four-story condominium/retail complex called **The Common** will open on 32nd St. north of Indian School Road in the coming months. This 132-unit apartment community was financed through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Retail and office spaces will occupy the first floor. Stay tuned for updates.

The **Civic Center Library** (3839 N. Drinkwater Blvd., Scottsdale) has started offering free lunches for kids and teens throughout the summer. Parents and guardians can pick up lunches in the lobby of Civic Center Library from 12-1 p.m. every Monday, Wednesday and Friday through the end of July. Scottsdale Unified School District is providing the lunches.

scottsdale.gov



A new coffee shop opened at 16th St. and Highland Ave. in the Biltmore area. **Moxie Coffee Co.** (4626 N. 16th St., Phoenix) labels itself as a small batch roastery and coffee shop that "roasts and brews rare, hard-to-find coffees in a warm, welcoming space." In the future, the roastery plans on offering subscriptions. The shop is open seven days a week.

moxiecoffeeco.com

Phoenix Public Library's College Depot expertise will be available through in-person visits on Wednesdays and Saturdays through July. Attendees can work one-on-one with a college planning or re-engagement advisor or check out free College Depot summer programs such as Collegepalooza, Summer Bridge or Craft-A-Profession.

phoenixpubliclibrary.org/collegedepot



Pip Coffee and Clay (2617 N. 24th St., Phoenix) encourages coffee drinkers to explore their creative side at their new studio/coffee shop, located on 24th St., south of Thomas. Pip offers espresso, cold brew and other coffee drinks, plus bagels, pastries and other goodies to snack on. Clay studio classes are offered Monday, Wednesday and Thursday at 6 p.m. Pip also plans to offer wine and other grown-up refreshments.

pipcoffeeclay.com

A new summer camp launched this year called **Camp Taliesin West** that focuses on the life and works of Frank Lloyd Wright. Kids ages 7-16 can sign up for numerous camps during the summer months, including Photographing Wright, a photography skills camp, or Design Your Dream Space, an architecture-based camp. These week-long sessions are available for full, half or virtual classes. Prices range from $100-$350 per week with discounts for members.

franklloydwright.org/camp

The Madison Center for the Arts (5601 N. 16th St., Phoenix), a new performing arts venue, celebrated the grand opening of **The Gallery at The Madison,** an art exhibition featuring pieces by local artists, in June. The Gallery provides a chance for the community to experience works of visual art at no cost and is open from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on weekdays. They are currently showing the works of Alisha Marie Anglin and Holly Anderson (until September), and the pieces are available for purchase.

themadison.org



The **Arizona Animal Welfare League**, Arizona's oldest and largest no-kill shelter, is turning 50 this year. To celebrate, AAWL has partnered with Walter Station Brewery to release a limited edition AAWLager. The lager will support AAWL's 50 years' campaign, with a portion of total sales going back to the nonprofit. The unique can artwork features photos of AAWL alumni animals that have been saved and adopted into loving homes over the last 50 years. The lager will be sold at Walter Station in downtown Phoenix and participating shops all summer.

aawl.org

RESTAURANT NEWS

Arcadia Tavern, located at 4801 E. Indian School Road, closed and reopened in early June as **Taberna de Arcadia**. This restaurant focuses on smoky Arizona flavors and al pastor-style dishes. The eatery partnered with the owners of The Porch, who run the new concept.

tabernadearcadia.com

A new fast-casual breakfast joint is coming to Arcadia. **Freshly Laid** will be located in the Gaslight Square complex on 36th St. and Indian School Road. It will serve breakfast sandwiches and plans on opening at the end of this summer.

getfreshlylaid.com

After a decade in Arcadia, O.H.S.O. Brewery will be bringing something new to the neighborhood. **Little O's Arcadia Market** plans to open this fall, next door in the old dry cleaners building. Plans include a morning drive-thru option with coffee and donuts, lunch options and a grab-and-go section, plus happy hour and a marketplace with local wares.

ohsobrewery.com

Uberrito Fresh Mex, located on the southwest corner of 44th St. and Indian School Road, has officially closed. At production time, there are no details regarding what will replace the restaurant or if the location has changed.

From the minds of James Beard Award-winning chef Alex Stratta and Genuine Concepts' Executive Chef Jeremy Pacheco comes a new eatery called **Campo Italian Bistro**. Located at 8260 N. Hayden Road in Scottsdale, the bistro offers familiar favorites like pasta, pizza and paninis, plus shareable appetizers and an extensive drink menu.

campoitalian.com



Fourth-generation restauranteurs Francis Garcia and Sal Basille recently opened their 18th location of **Artichoke Basille's Pizza** on 16th St. near Bethany Home Road (6031 N. 16th St., Phoenix). The menu consists of specialty pizzas and favorites like calzones and meatballs.

artichokepizza.com



WHAT'S HAPPENING, *ARCADIA?*

Readers are encouraged to check event websites for safety protocols.

MONDAY 7/5 – FRIDAY 7/9

Superhero Summer Camp

9 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Children's Museum of Phoenix, 215 N. 7th St., Phoenix. Now that the museum is open and in full swing, it's time to get back to camp. This week's theme discovers the "everyday heroes among us." Kids will create superhero gear, recognize real-life heroes, and explore heroic talents through "risk-taking, role-play and teamwork." Registration and fees are $280 for the week. Early and after-care is also available.

childrensmuseumofphoenix.org

WEDNESDAY 7/7

PHXART + FILMBAR present: Sunflowers

6:30-8 p.m. at the Phoenix Art Museum, 1625 N. Central Ave., Phoenix. Join Phoenix Art Museum as it presents the film Sunflowers, which explores some of Vincent Van Gogh's most well-known works. This "Exhibition On Screen" will allow movie-goers to see Van Gogh's paintings and find out the mysteries behind them. Tickets are $15 for film only, $12 for members.

phxart.org

THURSDAY 7/8

Airliners International

9 a.m.-6 p.m. at the Mission Palms Hotel, 60 E. 5th St., Tempe. This event is the world's largest commercial airline history and memorabilia event. In partnership with the World Airline Historical Society, aviation enthusiasts can check out over 200 vendor tables of airline memorabilia, guest speakers, aviation off-site tours, a welcome reception and model, postcard and slide contests. Tickets are $7 per person.

airlinersinternational.org

FRIDAY 7/9

I Mom So Hard Comedy Show

7 p.m. at Stand Up Live, 50 E. Jefferson St., Phoenix. What started as a popular web series has turned into a stand-up show that focuses on all things "mom." Kristin and Jen are a pair of moms who decided that the only way to survive motherhood is through laughter and friendship – which is just what this stand-up show is about. Tickets are $35 per person.

phoenix.standuplive.com

SATURDAY 7/10

Zentangle Mandalas Art Class

10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Shemer Art Center, 5005 E. Camelback Road, Phoenix. Join teacher Suzanne O'Malley in creating your own art masterpiece this summer. Students will learn techniques and how to make zentangles, which are "miniature pieces of unplanned, abstract, black and white art." Registration is $80 per person.

shemerartcenter.org



Kids' Night Out at Arizona Sunrays

THURSDAY 7/15

Egypt Lecture Series

5:30-7 p.m. at Shemer Art Center, 5005 E. Camelback Road, Phoenix. Join Dr. Eleanor Sypher as she takes guests on a journey back in time. This four-part series will explain everything there is to know about Egypt, with talks about the Nile River, kings and rulers, pyramids and more. Guests will be treated to an educational presentation, plus snacks and beverages for a $10 donation.

shemerartcenter.org

FRIDAY 7/16 – SUNDAY 7/18

Maricopa County Home and Landscape Show

10 a.m.-5 p.m. at State Farm Stadium, 1 Cardinals Dr., Glendale. For those looking to get a jump start on home projects, this event might help. The Home and Landscape Show will have landscape design consultations, DIY workshops, presentations and demos. If you get hungry, food trucks will be on-site with bites and sips. All ages are welcome. Tickets are $8 for adults, $3 for kids.

maricopacountyhomeshows.com

SATURDAY 7/17

Murder Mystery Dinner

6-9 p.m. at the Sheraton Phoenix Airport Tempe, 1600 S. 52nd St. It's dinner and a show! While enjoying a meal, guests will interact with the actors, disguised as diners, who will have to figure out who the bad guy is before dinnertime ends. This event's theme is "The Hollywood Hit." Tickets are $60 and include dinner, the "murder mystery experience," and a prize for the person who figures out whodunit.

thedinnerdetective.com

MONDAY 7/19 – THURSDAY 7/22

Elementary Volleyball Camp

6-8 p.m. at Phoenix Christian Prep, 1751 W. Indian School Road. Phoenix Christian will offer a volleyball camp for students in second through sixth grade. Held in the gymnasium, attendees will learn the basics of the game, including passing, setting and serving. The camp will be taught by a PCPS head coach and varsity players. The cost is $100 for four days.

Terry Sutter at tsutter1@gmail.com

THURSDAY 7/22

Pop Up Adoption Event

10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Scottsdale Quarter, 15059 N. Scottsdale Road. The Arizona Animal Welfare League and Scottsdale Quarter are joining up for the annual Kitten Pop-Up Adoption Shop. Every year, the outdoor mall provides space for free kitten adoptions to help with the increase of litters during kitten season. Come out and find a forever friend.

scottsdalequarter.com

SATURDAY 7/24

Kids' Night Out

6-10 p.m. at Arizona Sunrays, 3923 E. Indian School Road, Phoenix. Tonight, Arizona Sunrays will host its Kids' Night Out event for ages 3 to 13. Attendees will partake in gymnastics, dance, organized games, trampolines, obstacle courses and more. The evening's theme is "Olympic Games." Cost is $40 for first child; $35 for each additional child. A pizza dinner is included. Advanced registration is required.

arizonasunrays.com

Phoenix Pancakes and Booze Art Show

8 p.m. at The Duce, 525 S. Central Ave., Phoenix. This L.A.-based event started in 2009 and has since traveled to over 35 cities around the nation. The show allows guests to revel in music performances from local musicians and DJs and check out over 75 local artists, meet and greets and watch live art being created – not to mention free pancakes! Tickets are $10-$15, and this is a 21 and over event.

pancakesandbooze.com

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Arcadia Fourth of July Parade.



Fairmont Scottsdale Princess.

Fourth of July celebrations around the Valley

By Jennifer Marshall

This Fourth of July will be packed with fun as many events and places are now open for business. Check out these venues for a safe and memorable time for the entire family.

Arcadia Fourth of July Parade

3861 N. Jokake Dr.
arcadiaparade.com

The best neighborhood parade in the world* is back! Neighbors and families can decorate their bikes, strollers, golf carts, scooters – if it's got wheels, it can join in. There will be water, coffee and bagels available, and the Phoenix Fire Department will be there to cool everyone down with a fire hose.

Hours: Registration starts at 7:30 a.m., parade is at 8 a.m. (see page 4 for parade map).

**in our totally biased opinion.*

Fairmont Scottsdale Princess

7575 E. Princess Dr., Scottsdale
scottsdaleprincess.com

Fourth of July Freedom Fest at the Princess Resort runs from July 1-4. Fireworks will rule the nighttime sky every evening at 9 p.m., along with live concerts, military parachutist jumps (courtesy of the All Veterans Parachute Team) and a vintage air show.

Times vary and pricing depends on whether you come for the day, stay a night or the entire weekend.

Fountain Hills Park

12925 N. Saguaro Blvd., Fountain Hills
experiencefountainhills.org

The Fourth at the Fountain celebration will include live music by local band Rock Lobster, on-site food trucks and a fireworks extravaganza. Attendees are encouraged to bring lawn games like Frisbees and bocce ball, along with blankets or chairs to set up for the show.

Hours: 7 p.m. Fireworks start at 9.

Hyatt Regency Scottsdale Resort & Spa at Gainey Ranch

7500 E. Doubletree Ranch Road,
scottsdaleregency.e-hyatt.com

Red, White and Boom Fireworks Extravaganza is back for the July 4 weekend. Before the fireworks begin, families can enjoy the resort's massive waterpark and Fun Zone and participate in corn hole tournaments, watermelon eating contests and crafts.

Times vary and pricing is based on whether you're staying at the resort or just visiting for a few hours.

Phoenix Zoo

455 N. Galvin Pkwy., Phoenix
phoenixzoo.org

If fireworks aren't your family's thing, check out the Cruise the Zoo program at the Phoenix Zoo, which is available on Sundays through July 25.

Families must purchase tickets in advance. For zoo members, tickets are $50 per car, and for non-zoo members, they are $65. Folks can also purchase food, beverage, souvenirs and photos.

WestWorld of Scottsdale

16601 N. Pima Road, Scottsdale
scottsdaleindependenceday.com

WestWorld of Scottsdale will host their 8th annual Fourth of July Celebration and VIP Backyard Barbecue on Sunday, July 4. The festivities will include a variety of live entertainment, a "Snow Day in July" for the little ones with a giant snow slide, face painters and balloon artists. Check out the Fourth of July feast, including barbecue, hot dogs, hamburgers, chicken, watermelon and other summer favorites.

Hours: 5-9:30 p.m. Fireworks start at 9 p.m.
Admission: $36 per adult and $18 per child.

FIREWORK SHOWS:

Here are a few other events happening around the Valley:

Apache Junction: *Fireworks and food trucks, apachejunctionaz.gov*

Chandler: *A drive-in firework spectacular, chandleraz.gov*

Litchfield Park: *Music, food and fireworks, wigwamarizona.com/summer-happenings*

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PRIDE FOR THE FLAG

Arcadian shows his appreciation for neighbors' patriotism

By Mallory Gleich

Flying Old Glory at his Arcadia home is something John Torrez has always done. As a U.S. Army veteran, Torrez shares his patriotic pride and treats the American flag accordingly.

But he wasn't expecting a special visitor, who stopped by to thank Torrez for flying the flag proudly and properly. The message of gratitude came with a certificate of commendation from Sons of the American Revolution member, Jerry Davis.

A member of SAR for 12 years, Davis is currently the only active member from the Arcadia area.

He first learned about the organization after inheriting a large book that contained photos and information about his family. He wanted to know more about his ancestors, so



Jerry Davis



Stephen Miller



The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution certificate. Left: Jerry Davis flies five flags outside his home, including a 1776 Betsy Ross 13-star replica that represents the 13 colonies that fought for their independence during the American Revolutionary War.

he reached out to a family member who was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and she suggested he look into SAR.

Established in 1889, SAR aims to encourage patriotism and share the history of the U.S. Constitution and the Revolutionary War. Its members are direct male descendants of someone who fought in the American Revolution or supplied money or goods to those fighting for America. Members participate in numerous activities, such as color guard, marching in parades and grave marking ceremonies.

"It's a patriotic endeavor," Davis said. "The Phoenix chapter has 91 members, but there are four chapters in the Valley and around 4,000 nationwide. One of my ancestors…actually helped Daniel Boone establish Boonesborough."

Although the SAR's flag certificate ceremony has been in place for years, Davis was asked by Stephen Miller, a national SAR trustee for Arizona, if he would seek out neighbors and companies that were displaying the flag correctly.

"There is proper etiquette for flying a flag – bringing it down at night or having it lit at night; making sure it's not tattered and torn. If someone is flying their flag using proper etiquette, they are eligible to receive a flag certificate," Miller said.

That's when Davis noticed one night that the Torrez house had their flag lit. "I thought 'there you go' and decided they should have a certificate," he said. "I like doing this, and I hope people in the area don't get weirded out that someone is leaving a letter in their mailbox. We want to honor you for doing the right thing."

Davis said that honoring people for proper flag etiquette helps show pride and passes that pride to neighbors and families. Over the past four years, the Arizona Society of SAR has given out 10 certificates.

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Greg Saenz, Jerry Davis, John and Kathleen Torrez, Barry Welch and Steve Miller.

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More answers to "what is that thing?"

The Valley of the Sun is one of the fastest-growing areas in the nation, and when newcomers arrive they inevitably begin exploring their surroundings and often ask "what is that thing?" Here are some answers to those inquiries.

Q. Who's that boxer depicted on a building at the corner of 40th St. and Camelback Road?

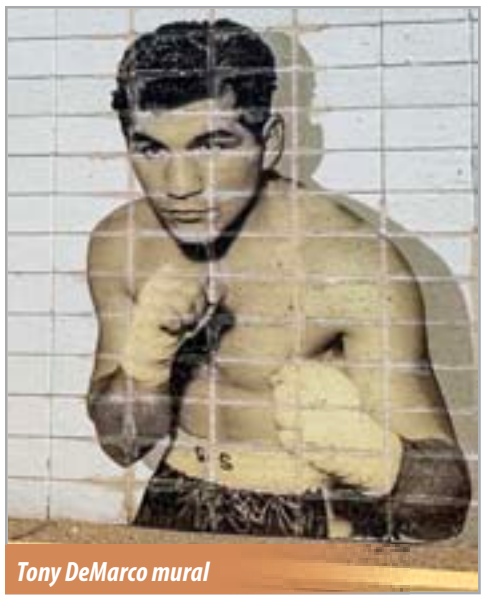
A. Short answer: Tony DeMarco. To explain, the site was once occupied by a piano bar and lounge called Tony DeMarco's Living Room, a popular hangout for locals and transplanted Bostonians. DeMarco was born in Boston as Leonard Liotta. He tried to become a professional boxer at age 16, but the minimum age for such an undertaking was two years older. So, he borrowed the birth certificate of a friend, Tony DeMarco, and used his name from then on. DeMarco compiled a record of 58 wins during his career, 12 defeats and one draw, with 33 knockouts. In April 1955, he became the World Welterweight champion but lost the title later that year. The DeMarco family moved to Phoenix in the early 1960s and opened the lounge in 1968. After their son was killed in a car accident in 1975 and road development made it difficult for customers to reach the lounge, they sold it in 1982 and moved back to Boston. The current property owner, U-Haul, installed the image and a plaque tracing the boxer's career.



The Lowe Road

BY SAM LOWE

A former Valley newspaperman who now writes about his travels across Arizona, the U.S. and the globe.



Tony DeMarco mural



Her Secret is Patience



Charles L. Miller statue



McDowell Road Gateway Public Art Project

Q. What is that funny-looking sculpture that spans McDowell Road near 16th St.?

A. For more than 30 years, this odd-looking arch that resembles drunken Roman numerals has stood high above McDowell Road. Artist Michelle Stuhl designed it for the McDowell Road Gateway Public Art Project, and it was installed in 1991 to create a neighborhood identity for businesses in the area. The design mimics the silhouettes of area buildings, and the things that look like Roman numerals across the top of the arch form an abstract of a picket fence.

The area was the first major business district outside of downtown Phoenix, and things were booming there in the 1950s. Economic downturns and shifting demographics changed all that, so the arch was installed not only as a reminder of the good times but also as an effort to bring them back. And although it doesn't have an official name attached, most call it the "Gateway Arch."

Q. What's that thing that looks like a mushroom cloud hanging over a Phoenix park?

A. Although it has been called such names as "the wormhole," "a fisherman's net," and "a total waste of taxpayer money," it is a work of art entitled "Her Secret is Patience." The art piece is the creation of artist Janet Echelman and cost $2.4 million to construct and install in 2009. It is located in downtown Phoenix's Civic Space Park on First Ave., just south of Fillmore Ave. (424 N. Central Ave.) Despite some earlier criticism, the piece has grown to be a major attraction in the city's art scape. It's a huge netlike composition that hangs from two rings suspended between three poles that stand from 105 to 145 feet tall. The rings measure 30 feet in diameter, and the lowest part of the piece is 38 feet above the ground. The nets are composed of small galvanized steel cables and braided polyester twine, changing shape with the slightest breeze but withstanding monsoon winds.

Q. Who is that bronze man standing guard over Miller Road in Scottsdale?

A. It's a sculpture of Charles L. Miller, a civic leader who was instrumental in bringing electricity and education to Scottsdale. A native Iowan, Miller and his family moved to Scottsdale in 1908 and purchased 120 acres of land from Winfield Scott, the city's namesake. From then until his death in 1923 at age 59, Miller helped organize the forerunner to today's Arizona Public Service Co., donated land for the original Scottsdale High School, attempted to raise funds to build a railroad from Scottsdale to downtown Phoenix, and served in the state legislature. The statue was created by local artist Gerry Metz and installed in 2005. It stands facing south in front of the CVS Pharmacy on the northwest corner of Indian School Road and Miller Road, which was named for him.

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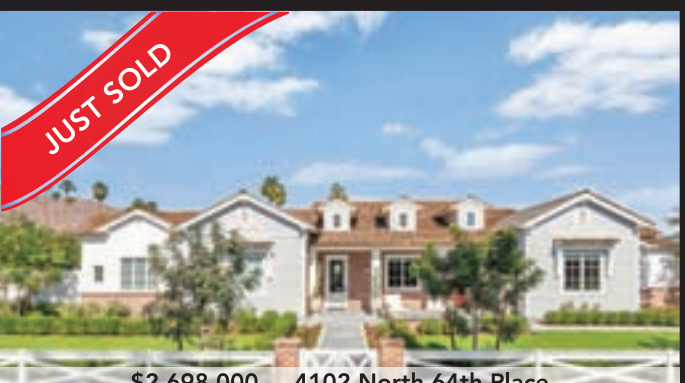
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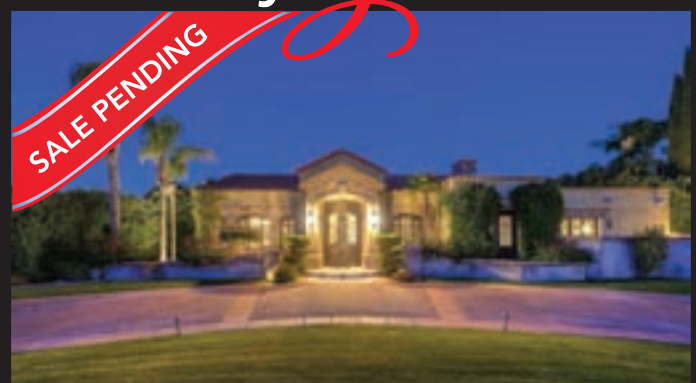
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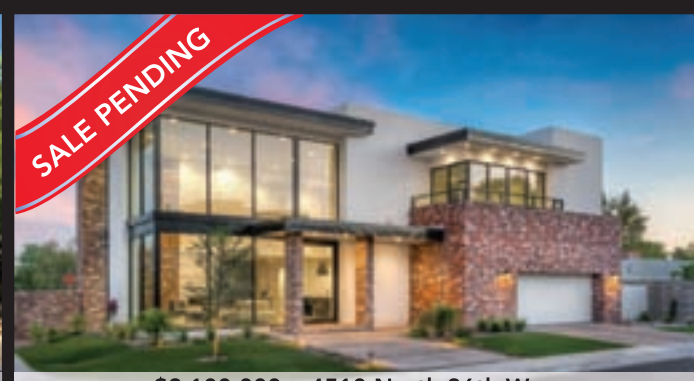
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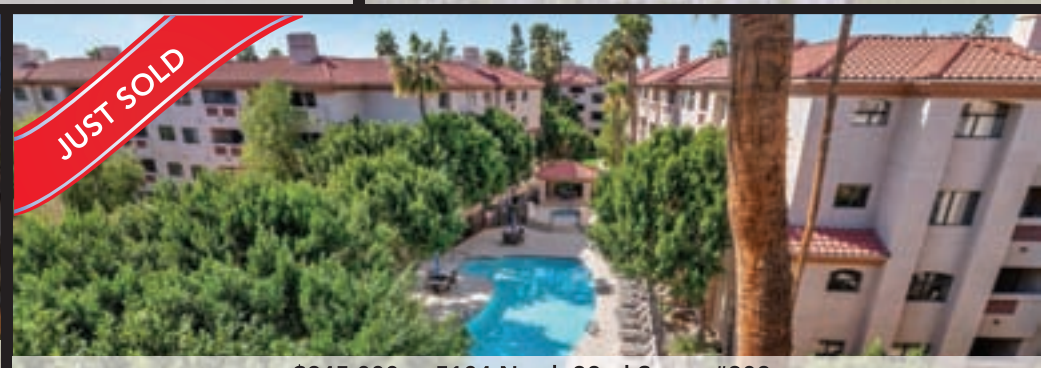
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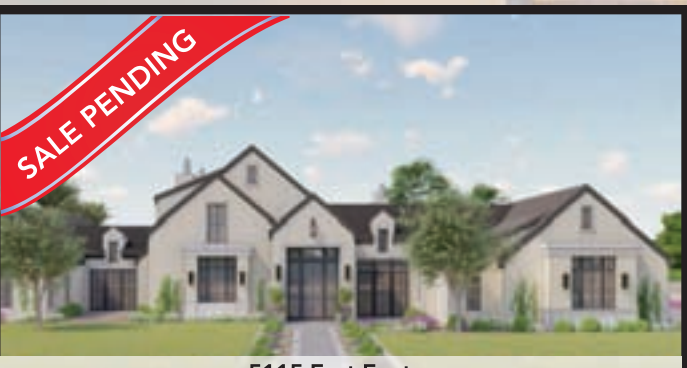
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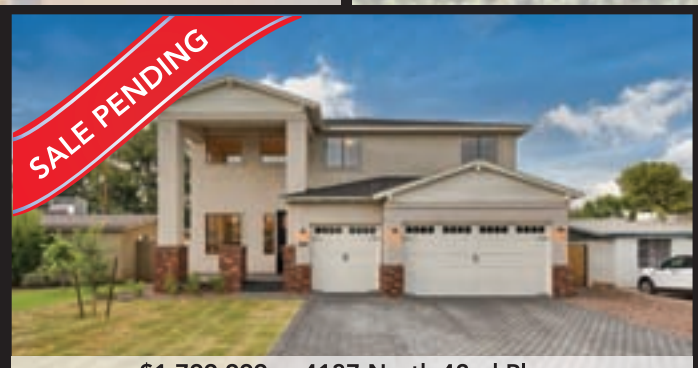
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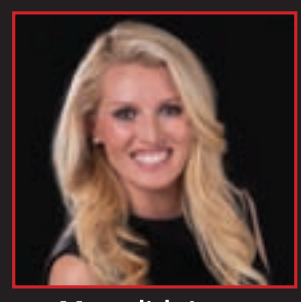
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In the Kitchen

with Gary Lasko, owner of Stockyards Restaurant & 1889 Saloon

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By Mallory Gleich

If there was one word to describe Gary Lasko, it would be passionate. The passion he has for his hobbies, loved ones and his position at Stockyards Restaurant and 1889 Saloon is evident, but his joy for life is almost addicting. Lasko has been in the business for over 50 years – and he knew from the start that the restaurant industry is where he was meant to be.

Tell us about yourself.

I grew up in the Midwest and went to college at the University of Iowa. After graduating in 1974, I moved to Manitou Springs, Colorado, for a few years and worked at a few different fine dining restaurants, cooking and later waiting tables. In February of 1978, I moved from Manitou to Phoenix – because it's not cold here!

I've been in the restaurant industry for 53 years. My first day was Mother's Day 1968 at KFC in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. I got my butt kicked that day and have never looked back! I have worked in pretty much every position you can work in.

My first job in Phoenix was as a waiter at La Champagne Restaurant at The Registry Resort on Scottsdale Road. It was the most elegant high-end resort and restaurant the Valley had ever seen.

I learned all about continental cuisine, table-side cooking and French service, including how to flambé entrees and desserts without catching the place or guests on fire (although I came close sometimes). I spent my second season as a captain in the Phoenician Room next door.

I managed several restaurants in the Valley over the next 40 years, including Oaxaca at Pinnacle Peak, Different Pointe of View at Tapatio Cliffs and Roy's Hawaiian Fusion in Scottsdale and Phoenix.

How did you come to be part of Stockyards?

In 2004, Mike and Gary Smith purchased the land surrounding Stockyards to relocate their construction business. They acquired the Stockyards Restaurant in the purchase and looked for a team to re-establish it to its former reputation.

They reached out to local food critic Elin Jeffords. Elin contacted me, and she and I and mutual friend Augie Perry worked with the Smiths and their team to create a plan to re-open and bring the Stockyards Restaurant back to its previous standing in the community.

Give us a brief snapshot of the history at Stockyards.

The restaurant was built on the site of the original Phoenix Stockyards near 50th St. and Washington in 1947. The cattle pens were first established in 1919, and the restaurant opened as The Stockyards Café in 1947. The restaurant has been independently owned and operated and will celebrate its 75th anniversary next year.



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Tovrea stockyards and feedlots, circa 1950.

The restaurant was also adjacent to the Cowman's Club, where cattlemen gathered after a hard day's work in the yards to quench their thirsts. It's only changed hands a few times over the years.

There was a fire at the Stockyards. What year did that happen?

The fire destroyed much of the original building in 1953. The building and restaurant were re-built bigger and better.

The massive cherry-stained Honduran mahogany bar was added before the grand re-opening in June of 1954. Custom-made crystal chandeliers from Czechoslovakia, designed by Helen Tovrea, were hung in the saloon and the historic Rose Room. Renowned artist Kate Patton decorated the walls with large murals that depict melodrama scenes, and the Rose Room's walls are covered with more of Patton's hand-painted murals of turn-of-the-century street scenes.

How was the Tovrea family involved?

They built and owned the original restaurant and established the Tovrea Land and Cattle Company. Their offices were on-site.

Have there been many changes to the restaurant since it opened?

One goal was to keep the Stockyards Restaurant as authentic and original as possible and true to its heritage and history. In the early 2000s, the restaurant went through a major remodel.

All of the booths were re-leathered, the bar and woodwork and hardwood floors were restored.

The extensive hand-painted murals in the 1889 Saloon and Rose Room were cleaned and touched up. All of the crystal chandeliers were hand polished to their original brilliance. A completely new and modern kitchen was installed. Many of the original menu items were reinstated.

What can guests see on the menu?

The Stockyards menu has remained very consistent and "beef-centric" over the years and remains true to its origins and history. The team discusses any and all new menu ideas together and always ensures if we



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Stockyards Bar, circa 1954.

do add or change an item that it stays true to our history and heritage. I am an avid outdoors person and forager, so I am enthusiastic about the 'wild' things on our menu, whether they be game, or wild mushrooms, or other ingredients that are indigenous to our region.

How big were the actual stockyards?

The Phoenix Stockyards was at one time the largest feedlot in the world. It encompassed 200 acres of pens and 40,000 head of cattle. The prevailing winds blew down toward ASU, so the pens were removed in the late 1960s and early 1970s. I've heard many of the cattle were relocated to the Queen Creek area. For about 50 years, the Stockyards Restaurant site was located at the center of the Arizona cattle industry.

Tell us about the saloon.

Russ Kapp of the Kapp Cabinet Company carved the mahogany bar and back bar in the saloon. It took him three months to finish carving the bar – he worked for 10 hours a day! He also carved the 12 original mahogany bar stools that are still in service.

The bar was installed in the restaurant in the summer of 1954, before the grand re-opening. Russ worked with Frank Lloyd Wright and did cabinet work for many of his local projects. He was also responsible for crafting some of the other "old school" bars and back bars in some of the dining establishments around the Valley. Russ was one of a kind, a true classic himself, and spectacular at his craft.

What are the booths dedicated to well-known Arizonans?

The Stockyards was designated as the Official Centennial Restaurant of Arizona during Arizona's Centennial year of 2012.

As part of that celebration, The Stockyards dedicated several booths to "Arizona Influencers" – Arizonans that had impacted the state in significant ways. Booths were dedicated to the Tovrea family, the Gammage family, Sandra Day O'Connor, Marshall Trimble (Arizona's official state historian), Jack Phister (former SRP general manager) and Ronnie Lopez (community leader and former president of Chicanos Por La Causa).

A plaque and photo were placed at each honorees' booth. A small celebration of friends and family was held for each influencer at the restaurant throughout 2012.

What are your hobbies outside of the restaurant?

After this many years at it, I am still trying to find a balance between work, family, personal, etc., and as Bob Seger put it, 'I've got so much more now to think about, deadlines and commitments, what to leave in and what to leave out.'

I spend some part of every day working on or in the restaurant, reading about food, recipes, service, equipment, chefs, industry trends, looking at our social media reviews, monitoring reservations, or whatever. I still have a passion for and love what I do.

I love to cook. I recently bought a Cuisinart Ice Cream Maker, so I am making some decent homemade ice cream for my kids and grandkids a lot now.

I have two grown children and three grandchildren (and one on the way), so I have a lot of love and fun and family time in my life as well.

What is the best part of owning a business?

I would say the freedom to be creative in establishing, developing and growing the business by collaborating with a group of dedicated people who share a common passion and goals. Good health and finding ways to continue to be impactful in the community are the goals here. Spending time with family and friends and packing as much life into every day as is possible. *Carpe diem*!



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Area teens named Outstanding Young Man and Young Woman

By Rachael Bouley

Michael Bendok and Sanya Somani will begin the next chapter of their lives on a high note after being recognized by the City of Phoenix for their contributions to the local community.

Bendok and Somani were named Council District 6 winners in the Outstanding Young Man and Young Woman of the Year program. Along with 16 other high schoolers from around the Valley, the two Phoenix Country Day School students were acknowledged in a virtual celebration in May and each received a $500 scholarship.

The yearly program recognizes students who have demonstrated exceptional talent and drive and who have conducted positive youth-led projects. Bendok and Somani both said they were pleased with this acknowledgment after years of hard work and serving the community.

Bendok co-founded Kidz 4 Causes, which raises money for rare disease research. In its first four years, the nonprofit raised $170,000 to study rare disorders, and now it is focused on relief efforts and underprivileged students.

Bendok was also a part of the Arizona Governor's Youth Commission and put together a plan for his school to build solar panels to save $4 million in energy costs over 25 years. His interest in solar energy also inspired his project at The Georgetown Global Business Program in 2019. He built a blueprint for a solar panel construction project in the Middle East and Africa.

"Giving back means helping individuals who do not have the resources or tools to help themselves and using privilege as a leverage to aid others instead of just yourself," Bendok said.

The recent PCDS graduate is spending his summer interning at FCG Solar before heading off to Stanford to study energy resources engineering and management science.

Somani also co-founded a nonprofit, launching HealthForHER with her friend Anaiya Patel. The organization provides underprivileged women with health resources and education.



Michael Bendok



Sanya Somani

While Somani finds purpose in bettering the lives of people around her, she said it was great to receive recognition for her service.

"I was overjoyed when I found out I won the City of Phoenix Outstanding Young Woman Award," Somani said. "I had no idea Michael was also in the running, so when I found out we had both won, I was very excited for us."

Heading into her sophomore year, Somani looks forward to meaningful work with HealthForHER and traveling and exploring different cultures around the world.

"My goal for the future is to become a successful, independent woman who can support her family and friends while continuing to make an impact in our society through my passion for social advocacy," Somani said.

Editor's note: see "Local student earns national recognition for volunteerism," and "Phoenix Country Day students on a mission for women," at arcadianewsonline.com.

Scottsdale's first cowboy poet laureate passes on the ropes

By Jennifer Marshall

How fitting it is that the City of Scottsdale's first official poet laureate would be named Robert Frost. After 11 years of service, Frost will step down from the city's honorary position.

His love affair with poetry came after Frost's high school English teacher assigned him to write a poem. Like his famous counterpart, poetry has become synonymous with his life.

"During my time in the Marine Corps and throughout my working life, I'd write poems," Frost said. "After I retired in 1997, I pulled all my poems out of the folder I kept them in, and I published my first book of poetry entitled *A Sweet Place to Play*."

While riding with the Verde Vaqueros, a group of men who do an annual charity ride for the Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Scottsdale, Frost was inspired to write a cowboy poem. He penned more of the theme and won a cowboy poetry contest in Tombstone. This propelled him to publish his second book in 2009 called *Cowboy Poems about the Old West and New*.



Bob Frost

"Since my name is Robert Frost and Scottsdale is 'The West's Most Western Town,' I thought 'shouldn't the City of Scottsdale have its own cowboy poet?'," Frost said. "So, I approached then-Mayor Jim Lane, gave him my book and asked him if I could be the poet laureate."

Frost didn't get a response from the mayor right away, but he continued to share his work with the community. During poetry month in April, he read a poem at a Scottsdale City Council meeting and then a couple of months later, Councilman Bob Littlefield asked Frost to write and read a new work at fellow Councilman Tony Nelssen's memorial.

"I read *A Cowboy's Lament*, and after that reading, the mayor asked if I still wanted the position," Frost said.

As poet laureate, Frost said his job is to get people interested in reading, writing and enjoying the genre. The position works closely with the Scottsdale Center for the Arts and the Scottsdale Public Library. Over the years, he has conducted and sponsored many public workshops and activities. He's also hosted several episodes on Scottsdale's TV channel, and he's led numerous poetry hikes in the Phoenix Mountains Preserve, where a group of people hike and stop about every 300 feet to read a poem.

Scottsdale Mayor David Ortega will usher in a new poet laureate, making Robert Frost the poet laureate emeritus. He is on the selection committee for the new position, and will help review all the applications and make recommendations to the mayor, who will then publicly announce the name of the new poet laureate this month.



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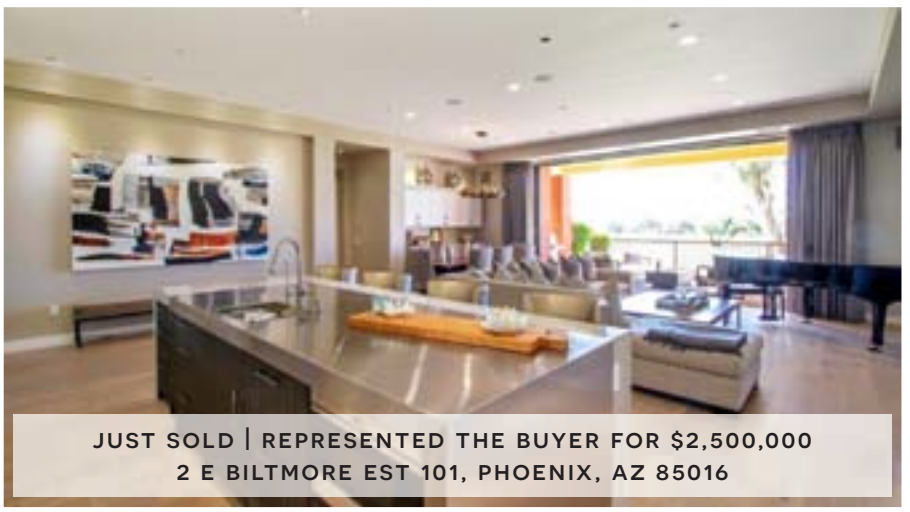
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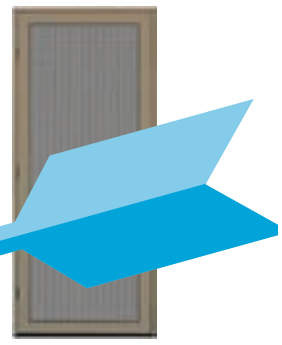
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Sanctuary for SEAL families honors Keating legacy

By Mallory Gleich

Five years after Navy SEAL Charles Humphrey Keating IV was killed in action in Iraq, his family continues to honor his legacy with the C4 Foundation – a charity dedicated to providing resources and support for active duty SEALs and their families.

"The U.S. Navy SEALs, based in Coronado, California, is the most renowned and effective special operations force globally. They protect us silently and secretly on missions in dark and desperate and dangerous lands far away from home," C4 Foundation Board Member DeAnn Dana said.

Dana explained that SEAL families pay a high price with these missions because the pre-deployment training cycle is typically twelve to eighteen months out of state or the country.

The average mission deployment duration is six to nine months and always out of the country.

"These factors place substantial stresses on the family leading to a high SEAL community divorce rate and the break-up of families, which leads to less concentration on the battlefield," Dana said.

The mission of the C4 Foundation is to educate and provide programs that enable SEAL families to deal with the stresses placed upon them and to keep SEAL families intact. These programs take place at the C4 Ranch in northern San Diego County.



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE KEATING FAMILY

The mission of the C4 Foundation is to contribute to the mental and physical health and well-being of active duty U.S. Navy SEALs and their family members to preserve family unity. Families will learn about animal welfare, ranch practices, and gain amazing experiences from their companionship.

The ranch spans 560 acres, with outdoor activities provided for families like fishing, hiking, horseback riding, camping, farming and a petting zoo. Found on the ranch are American bison, cattle, pigs, horses, chickens, rabbits, llamas, and a mini-donkey.

The ranch has an on-site solar energy generator, water wells, windmills, as well as six lakes.

Along with the foundation's programs, it also hosts three annual fundraising events held in Arizona and California. The Arizona event took place in May at Scottsdale Airpark.

This month the foundation is hosting a Fourth of July celebration on July 3 at the Hotel Del Coronado with local Arizona band Nate Nathan and the Mac Daddy-O's.

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WHERE: Hotel Del Coronado, 500 Orange Ave., Coronado, CA

The last event for 2021 will be a golf tournament and live auction held in October in San Diego.

The foundation also hosts and sponsors other events throughout the year, including C4 Platoon Dinners.

"Since we are a relatively new organization, we have created an organic grassroots platform on what we call C4 Platoon Dinners. We have these dinners with a small group of people in communities throughout the U.S. to spread awareness about our mission," Dana said.

C4 Foundation's ultimate goal is to honor Charlie H. Keating IV by helping to strengthen and preserve U.S. Navy SEAL families that are faced with unique family dynamic challenges.

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Bill Byron

For someone who says he didn't have a plan, Bill Byron's career worked out quite well.

"I had no clue what I wanted to do in my early 20s, so I just kind of fell into my career in public relations and corporate communications," Byron said.

The Phoenix native grew up in the Arcadia neighborhood, attending Tavan Elementary and Arcadia High School. Early on, he discovered that he could excel on the tennis court, and he and his older brother John powered a state championship team at AHS.

> ***What an incredible honor it has been to work in healthcare.***

Byron attended Mesa Community College, where he was an All-American tennis player and a key contributor to the national championship tennis team. A full-ride scholarship took him east, where he attended Mercyhurst College in Pennesylvania, earning an English degree and a slew of tennis accolades.

Uncertain of what he wanted to do professionally after college, Byron began teaching tennis at the Arizona Biltmore. He eventually left for a sportswriter job at the *Scottsdale Progress*.

"Local publications fill a tremendously important role in the community, covering local news in the neighborhoods," Byron said.

His writing skills then took him to an advertising agency, where he served as editor of several trade publications. "I researched, wrote and edited the magazines. Looking back, I couldn't have asked for better training," he said.

Fine training it was, as it would launch a stellar 36-year career in healthcare marketing and public relations. It began at St. Joseph's Hospital and then Good Samaritan Medical Center (today Banner Health) in 1985, where Byron served on the executive team for 32 years.

More importantly, "Good Sam" is where he met his wife of 33 years, Su, who worked as a therapist in the rehab institute. Su developed and implemented high-risk sports programs for spinal cord injured patients. "Meeting Su was the best benefit of my career," Byron said, adding that it's been an incredible honor working in healthcare.

"Getting the word out about extraordinary people doing amazing things to help others – I loved it," said Byron.

He retired in May, concluding his illustrious career after a two-year stint leading the marketing communications team at Valleywise Health. "Valleywise is a great organization that I'd recommend to anyone, and the perfect place for the last chapter of my career," he said.

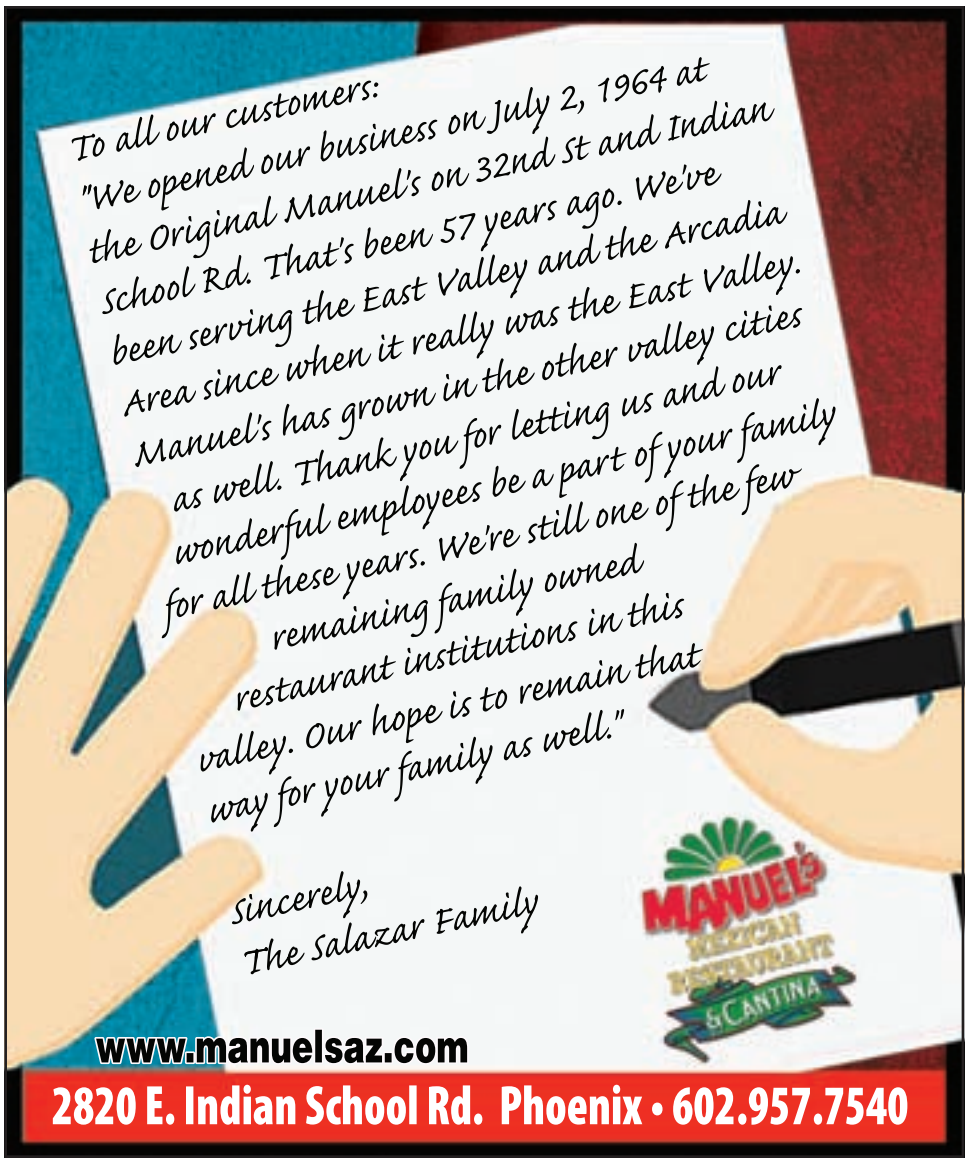
Speaking of perfect places, the Byron family loves living in Arcadia. "There is a fullness of community that makes Arcadia a great place to live," Byron said.

Each of their children – Retta, Brecken and Graham – attended Arcadia High, where they excelled on state championship teams in tennis and softball. Two Byron kids went on to play tennis at the college level as well.

Asked about how he will fill his days now that he's retired, Byron said, "We've loved traveling the world with our children, but there are still many places on our list. We'll continue to hike, bike, swim, hit the courts and enjoy our cabin while celebrating every minute with our grandson and grandkids to come," he said.

Sounds like the perfect volley of life's joys.







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Quick summer treats featuring fresh produce

Summers in Phoenix mean lots of outdoor grilling and poolside snacking. I love to take advantage of the beautiful produce that is in season during these months. Crops picked at their peak of ripeness are more nutrient-dense and also better tasting. Here are three fun summer recipes to enjoy by the pool – all bursting with nutrition, hydration and flavor.



Plant-based Wellness

BY MIRIAM HAHN

Owner of YouCare-SelfCare, a private wellness practice specializing in plant-based lifestyle and disease prevention. youcare-selfcare.com

Grilled Mediterranean Vegetables on Naan Bread



Ingredients

- 2 zucchinis, sliced thin, lengthwise
- 2 red peppers, sliced
- 2 cups mushrooms, sliced
- 1/4 cup sun-dried tomatoes (jar type)
- 1/4 cup kalamata or green olives (or a mixture of both)
- 1 can artichoke hearts, quartered
- 1 cup grape or cherry tomatoes, halved
- 1 batch hummus
- Naan bread (5-6 pieces)

Directions

1. Spray the zucchini, red peppers and mushrooms with avocado oil spray and shake on some salt, pepper and garlic powder.
2. Put this in a metal vegetable grill basket and put on the grill. Cook until the vegetables are done, stirring every 10 minutes or so.
3. When they are close to being done, add the naan bread to the grill (straight on the grates) to toast up and get grill marks.
4. Mix the vegetables with the sun-dried tomatoes, olives, artichoke hearts, and tomatoes.
5. Layer naan bread with hummus and top with the vegetable mixture.

Serves 5-6

Smoothie Pops



Ingredients

- 2 cups fresh strawberries
- 1 cup vanilla yogurt (I use cashew yogurt)
- 1 cup vanilla almond milk

Directions

1. Add everything to a blender and puree until smooth
2. Pour into popsicle molds and freeze for 6 hours. Makes 8 popsicles.

Watermelon Slushy



Ingredients

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Directions

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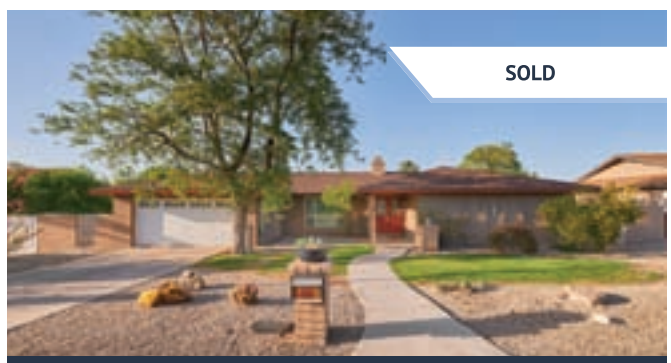
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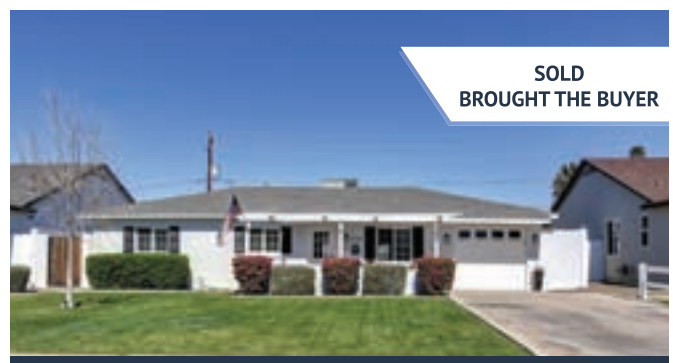
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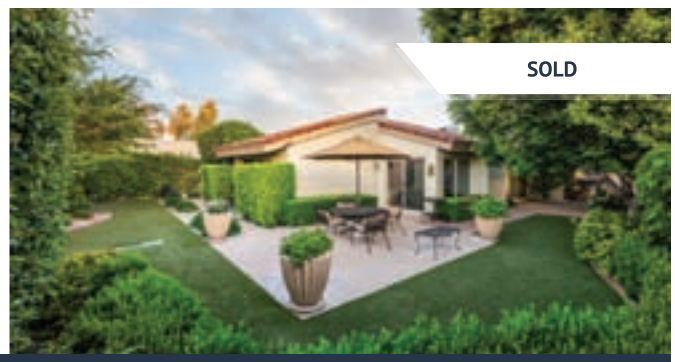
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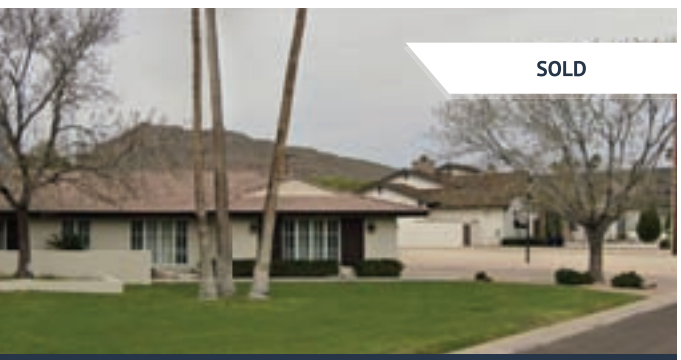


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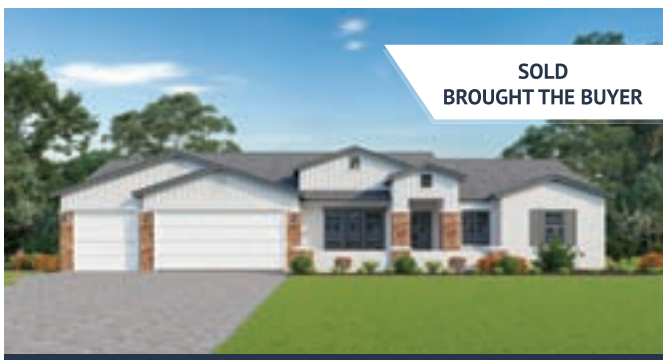


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Ingleside has a new principal

By Mallory Gleich


Junior Michael

This coming school year, Ingleside Middle School will add a fresh face to its campus. Junior Michael has been named the school's new principal.

Born in East Africa, Michael moved with his family to the United States when he was a young boy. Since then, he's spent his life in North Phoenix, attending schools in the Paradise Valley Unified School District – with a short stint in Colorado while completing his undergraduate degree.

He earned his bachelor's degree in mathematics with an emphasis on education from Western Colorado University, his master's in educational leadership from Northern Arizona University and his doctor of education (EdD) in leadership and innovation from Arizona State University.

Before coming to Ingleside, Michael was the assistant principal at Mountain Ridge High School in Glendale, and prior to that was dean of students at Horizon High and a math teacher at North Canyon High School.

"I had been looking to move to central Phoenix or the Arcadia area for a long time and working at Ingleside will be more of a reason to move, sooner rather than later," Michael said. "I have had an interest in joining SUSD due to its tradition of academic excellence, location and specifically the community that IMS serves."

After three rounds of interviews, Michael was hired for the position in June. Now, he's excited to instill a love for working with students and building positive relationships at IMS.

"Classroom instruction should be heavily influenced by the collaborative work of professional learning communities, where our teachers leverage each other's skillsets and experiences to select and teach the essential standards," Michael said. "There is also great need for social-emotional learning, and I believe it is going to be even more important moving forward."

Michael said he plans to build on the existing successes at IMS and bring instructional leadership to grow academics, arts and athletics.

"I cannot wait to meet our students, staff, parents and community members. There is a lot of work to prepare for 2021-2022, and I am excited to collaborate with the amazing staff at IMS to ensure a successful school year."

When Michael is not working, he enjoys spending time with his loved ones, lounging on his patio ("When it's not 110 degrees," he added), or going out to eat. He also likes to read and play his acoustic guitar – one of his favorite possessions.

Back-to-school supply drives

By Annie Lavino

The new school year is right around the corner, which means there's an opportunity to support the numerous neighborhood organizations that provide students with clothing, food and school supplies so that every child has a chance to succeed. Here are a few back-to-school drives happening in the Valley.

Backpacks 4 Kidz
7801 N. Black Canyon Hwy., Phoenix
bp4kidsaz.com
When: Through July 31
Items needed: Backpacks, notebooks and pencils. (Donations accepted online or in-person.)

Boys Hope Girls Hope
3443 N. Central Ave., Phoenix
bhghaz.org
When: Donations accepted anytime.
Items needed: Backpacks, TI-84 calculators (new or used), composition notebooks, loose leaf paper, tissues, toilet paper.

Children's First Leadership Academy
1648 S. 16th St., Phoenix
cfaphoenix.org
When: Through July 15
Items needed: Backpacks, binders, pencils, colored pencils, new or lightly used clothing, hygiene products. (Donations accepted online or in-person.)

New Pathways for Youth
901 E. Jefferson St., Phoenix
npfy.org
When: Through July 26
Items needed: Backpacks, composition notebooks and pencils.

Southwest Human Development
2850 N. 24th St., Phoenix
swhd.org
When: Through July 31
Items needed: Pencils, pens, art supplies, paper, binders, folders, rulers, dictionaries, lunch bags. (Donations accepted online or in-person.)

Stuff the Bus Back to School Drive
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MOUNT CLARET

Storied retreat center to undergo renovations



By Mallory Gleich

Nestled at the base of Camelback Mountain, on 54th St. just north of Camelback Road, lies Mount Claret Retreat Center. Blink, and you might miss the tiny street signs that point the way – but then, you'd be missing a whole lot of history.

Mount Claret began as a winter getaway home for a wealthy divorcee named Gertrude Webster – one of the women who helped open the Desert Botanical Garden over 80 years ago.



Gertrude Webster, circa 1930s.

In the mid-30s, Webster visited Arizona from her home state of Vermont and bought 10 acres of property. She built a home on it, and some of that home remains as part of the administrative buildings, dormitories and staff residences at Mount Claret.

After Webster's passing in 1947, the home was converted into the La Fonda Fiesta Guest Ranch. The resort was operated by husband and wife team Henry and Gladys Swigard until 1963, when the Claretian Missionary Fathers purchased the property as a residence for priests.

The Claretians are an order of Roman Catholic priests and brothers originally from Spain named for their founder, Saint Anthony Mary Claret. They came to Phoenix in 1959 and brought the Cursillo Movement with them, which are small gatherings designed to deepen spiritual understanding. They hold three-day weekend retreats in various churches around Phoenix.

In 1988, the buildings (except for the chapel) were deemed "uninsurable," and the Claretians were forced to sell the property. Monsignor John McMahon, an ordained priest from Ireland who was a strong supporter of the Cursillo Movement, organized the property's purchase on behalf of the Diocese of Phoenix – it sold for $1.8 million in 1989.

Monsignor McMahon served as the director of Mount Claret from 1988 until he died in 2014. He was instrumental in raising money to remodel, rebuild and add new buildings to the center.

Now, Mount Claret serves as a facility-based retreat that assists around 10 different Catholic ministries that utilize the meeting spaces, kitchen and dining facility, dormitories and the chapel. The center also allows schools, real estate companies, parishes and diocesan offices to utilize their space for day meetings.

Mount Claret recently embarked on a fundraising campaign called "Honoring our Past, Investing in Our Future," which Director Tom McGuire explained is a three-year pledge campaign with a goal of $1.5 million to help renovate the property.



Chapel in 1987.

"Our chapel renewal campaign project will bring design elements both interior and exterior that will reflect a mission-style look," McGuire said. "We are ordering custom radial designed pews to get our seating capacity from about 100 to 135."

Along with new pews, the renovation will include adding a narthex (lobby area), more confessional spaces, altar furnishing updates, bathroom remodels and an extension of the chapel roof with mission-style bells.

"We have a very loyal and generous community of people who support us," McGuire said. "The retreat ministries, individuals and our wider community are enthusiastic supporters of the chapel project. We are grateful for their support."

The rededication date for the center is planned for later this year.

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In the appraisal world, we encounter all sorts of people and situations when a valuable item causes strife in families. One issue we have seen in recent appraisals is when one family member wants this, and another wants that, but they turn their backs on each other and never speak again if they disagree. The truth of the matter is family should be more valuable than any item on any appraisal list.

Recently, we were on an assignment where nieces and nephews were the beneficiaries of an estate. They were torn and battling over which one was going to receive the aunt's vintage brooches. In their mind, the monetary value seemed to be more important than working closely as a family and civilly settling their dispute. After the appraisal was concluded, we determined that the brooches in question were valued at $7.50 up to $25 each. Is this worth tearing apart family bonds?

Certain families have different ways of arriving at a happy medium when it comes to the distribution of an estate, but splitting family bonds over a couple of dollars is not how we should function. Imagine how much happier life would be if family and friends were the valuables and not what was left behind.

We have come across families torn between what they consider right and wrong with older relatives who may not be able to take care of themselves. One incident occurred recently where a son wanted nothing more than the best for his dementia-stricken mother. He sat with her and discussed options for assisted living.

His mother became so distraught at the son's thought of doing such a thing that the discussion ended, and the son respected the mother's wish and ceased future planning. The mother, however, decided to call her daughter and inform her of the son's plan. The daughter and son have not spoken in five years! The daughter decided to "save" her mother and bought a house closer to where she lived. She then ransacked the mother's house of all valuables, emptied the safe and took over her mother's checking account. The courts are now involved.

A business like ours is not just going through someone's dresser drawers or counting pennies in a safety deposit box. It is much more. We examine, investigate and carefully determine in an unbiased manner all items on hand. We can unintentionally become peacekeepers in a way. We are referees in a wrestling match; the only difference is that we hope to have both sides come away as winners. The stronger family bonds we create, the better our world can become.

Most of the families we work with are loving and supportive of each other during difficult times. The value of an item is not just in the money it might bring but the happiness and effect it can have in a person's life.

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Crossroads Arcadia – a decade of help and hope

By Mallory Gleich

From 1999 to 2019, nearly 500,000 people died in the U.S. from opioid overdoses. While this statistic from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is heartbreaking, there is hope in curbing this crisis. And it begins with places like Crossroads, a substance abuse treatment center which is celebrating 10 years at its Arcadia location.

Crossroads' first Phoenix campus opened in 1960 and since then, it's grown to eight campuses throughout the Valley, each celebrating their own triumphs and victories.

"Miracles happen here every day. People get their lives back together," Chief Operating Officer Joe Peterson, who started working at Crossroads in 2010, said. "People can find camaraderie here – the people that work here, 95 percent have been through it – so they'll find that we've been through the same thing they have."

The Arcadia campus consists of fully furnished two-, three- and four-bedroom units that can house 72 men. Those who stay have a strict set of rules to help keep them on the path to recovery, including chores, meetings, drug and alcohol testing and finding a job after treatment.

"This is a place that people can come to if they're looking for help; that want help," Peterson said. "But what Crossroads is, is the camaraderie and being held accountable at the highest level."



Joe Peterson

House member John C. said he has had a great experience at Crossroads Arcadia and that the staff welcomed him with open arms. "I have been helped with getting my medications under control, along with help with my substance abuse issues. I feel that by the time I am ready to leave here, I will have a good chance of staying sober and becoming an active member of society."

Peterson said that it's tough to choose a favorite success story in the time that he's worked at Crossroads.

"One of the things I'm proudest of is if you were to come here on a Friday night, you would see around 150 alumni back here that have a special passion for this place," Peterson said. "They come here to meet the new guys, attend a meeting – they give experience, strength and help to the men that are here."

He actually went through the program at Crossroads back in 2008.

"I was raised well – middle-class family, had dinner at 5:30 every night, went to church, and addiction got me. I ended up homeless. And it's hard when the men come in from off the streets, but we give them the chance to get their lives back," Peterson said.

Peterson's opportunity to work for the nonprofit came after he was two years sober, when his boss asked him and another gentleman to open the Arcadia location. He was the first coordinator here, and moved his way up to the COO position.



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Peterson said that since Crossroads Arcadia has opened, they've helped over 10,000 men get their lives back on track.

"I would like people to know that miracles happen. It's a place where there's hope – and you're talking to a guy who went through it himself. Addiction doesn't discriminate," Peterson said.

To commemorate the campus's 10th anniversary, the men who are currently living at Crossroads, the staff and former members all gathered together for a Bills Soldiers meeting, which is where alumni share their stories of addiction and recovery. There was cake and celebration all around.

In the future, Crossroads plans on opening a sober living home in Scottsdale.

thecrossroadsinc.org

Foster care nonprofit looks to the future

By Mallory Gleich

Phoenix residents Paul and Kathy Donaldson made a promise to Kathy's dying sister, Patty Neroni, that they would do one good deed a day in her memory. To fulfill that promise, they formed Arizona Helping Hands, and since 1998 the nonprofit continues to accomplish its mission.

AHH is the largest provider of basic needs for the more than 14,000 children in Arizona's foster care system.

"These children are placed into care with family members or with licensed foster homes frequently not prepared for one, or often, multiple children. Where do they go for immediate help? Most times, the answer is Arizona Helping Hands," Development Director Lori Calhoun said.



Jodie M. Sprayberry

In May 2021, the AHH Board of Directors appointed Jodie M. Sprayberry as interim president and CEO.

"Jodie has been with AHH for over three years and has had increased leadership roles within the organization," Calhoun said. "We are well-positioned for the future under Jodie's leadership, and we are expanding our team to meet the demand we are receiving from foster families statewide."



Arizona Helping Hands has served over 1,700 children so far in 2021.

Last month, Arizona Helping Hands hosted their 9th annual Back to School Drive. They expanded the one-day event into a weeklong Back to School Support Week from June 21-25.

"Expanding the event provided an opportunity to enhance the experience and serve more than 1,000 children in foster care. Foster families registered online and received backpacks, school supplies, as well as additional items like clothing, shoes and more," Calhoun said.

Arizona Helping Hands also plans to hold its 23rd annual Holiday Toy Drive to provide holiday gifts to 5,000 children.

Calhoun said the goal of AHH is to remain united in providing essential needs to the foster care community as a whole.

"We are paying particular attention to the quality of our programs and services while enhancing some programs where clients have identified additional needs. We feel it is important that we remain adaptable and increase our communication to stakeholders," Calhoun said.

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No reason to whine, Arizona has wine!



Robin's Adventures

BY ROBIN SEWELL

Host and executive producer of Arizona Highways Television, *Saturdays and Sundays on CBS.*

Arizona has always had a spirited reputation. Cowboys, gunslingers, card players, prospectors and entrepreneurs seem to pair perfectly with the desert backdrop. What might not seem like such an obvious pairing is Arizona and wine.

When most people think of wine country, they think Napa, Sonoma or even Washington state. Even though Arizona has a lot of cacti, we also grow plenty of grapes, and our wine is garnering quite a lofty reputation.

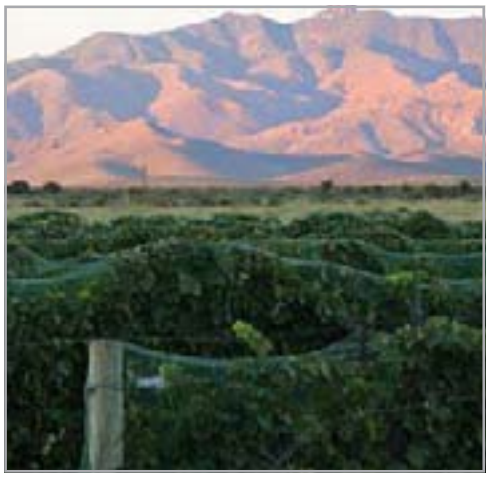
Grapes were used in Arizona 200 years before California started making wine. In the late 1500s, Spanish Conquistadors began making wine from wild grapes growing along the desert rivers in Tubac. A hundred years later, Jesuit priests brought over European vines to grow and make communion wine. Now winemakers from all over the world come to Arizona to learn about growing grapes in harsh climates.



Bitter Creek



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Willcox

Arizona has three wine regions: Sonoita, Willcox and the Verde Valley. Each area produces a different kind of fruit depending on the climate and the soil, each with a unique taste. There are more than one hundred wineries and more than four dozen tasting rooms spread out across the state where folks can experience these wines for themselves.

Arizona is at the forefront of educating a new crop of growers and makers. At the Southwest Wine Center at Yavapai Community College, students enrolled in the viticulture and enology program learn everything and anything to do with this beverage.

Students study soil science, water management and cultivating. There is a production facility where they can make critical decisions like true winemakers. In addition to the creative side, there's the business end where students learn the art of selling and decisions about running a tasting room.

A young man that works at the Southwest Wine Center said he left his career in aerospace to pursue his passion in the fertile fields of Clarkdale. He called winemaking a beautiful marriage between science and art and felt that what's happening here in Arizona is game-changing.

What's great about all these wine regions is that it's an excellent way to explore the state. The wineries are usually surrounded by lush fields of green and framed by rugged mountains and mesas awash in sun-faded hues of vermillion.

Down south in Sonoita and Willcox, you can also go birdwatching, horseback riding, hiking and experience the areas' rich wildlife, lakes, and Patagonia State Park, where folks can boat, fish and camp.

Anyone who works in wine in Arizona is a maverick, and it's exciting to see that this pioneering spirit is still alive and growing strong right here in the desert. Now that's a good reason to raise a glass.



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Bask in the heat with these local staycation deals

By Molly Delgado

Phoenicians have known for years that they don't have to go far from home to have a good time.

Here is a list of resorts in the Valley that are offering staycation packages this year for singles, couples, families and those who are looking to leave their backyard – but not travel too far.

JW MARRIOTT SCOTTSDALE CAMELBACK INN

5402 E. Lincoln Dr., Scottsdale
marriott.com

Casitas & Ritas Package: This package offers two handcrafted margaritas each night, a $50 resort credit good for food and beverage, spa, golf and tennis and accommodations in a resort casita, featuring a private garden patio or balcony. Use promo code ES1 when making online reservations. Rates start at $179. Offer valid through September 15, 2021.

HERMOSA INN

5532 N. Palo Cristi Road,
Paradise Valley
hermosainn.com

Summer in Paradise Getaway: Offered exclusively online. Weekday rates start at $169 and weekend rates start at $189, plus tax and resort fee of $35, which includes valet parking. The Getaway package includes overnight accommodations, two drink tickets upon arrival per room, a $25 daily food and beverage credit, poolside treats, early check-in/late check-out and upgrades upon arrival, based on availability. Offer valid through September 30, 2021.

ROYAL PALMS RESORT AND SPA

5200 E. Camelback Road, Phoenix
royalpalmshotel.com

Fee Free Summer: Resort, parking and pet fees are waived. Rates are from $259 per night.

The Royal Romantic Package: Offers late check-out, a rose petal turndown, breakfast for two and a food and beverage credit to use at T. Cook's restaurant. Rates are from $334 per night. Offers valid through September 6, 2021.

Royal Palms also has a summer music series with specialized menu creations and outdoor, live music from local musicians.

THE PHOENICIAN

6000 E. Camelback Road, Scottsdale
thephoenician.com

Degrees of Summer Luxury Offer: Guests receive a nightly $50 resort credit. Rates start from $199 per night and the offer is valid until September 10, 2021. Use promo code LPR when booking online.

JW MARRIOTT PHOENIX DESERT RIDGE RESORT & SPA

5350 E. Marriott Dr., Phoenix
marriott.com

Sunny Days, Longer Stays: Book three nights and receive the fourth night free and enjoy the property's five pools, lazy river, spa, Wildfire Golf Club, pickleball courts and dining options. Use promo code D3Q when booking online.

Splash into Summer: Guests receive a $50 resort credit good for food and beverage, spa, golf, pool or pickleball, plus a waived resort fee (value of $198) which includes pickleball or tennis for four, use of the driving range, a two-hour bike rental for four and access to fitness classes at Revive Spa. Use promo code SPJ.

Fling + Swing Golf Package: The Wildfire Golf Club features two championship golf courses. With the Fling + Swing Golf Package, guests will have unlimited use of the golf practice facility and a $50 daily resort credit good for food and beverage, spa, golf, pool or pickleball. Use promo code GOF when booking.

These offers are valid through September 15, 2021.

CANOPY SCOTTSDALE

7142 E. First St., Scottsdale
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Travel & Save Package: With room rates starting from $159 per night, guests are offered up to 25 percent off the flexible rate, early check-in/late check-out when available and no early departure fee. There's also a Day Pass option starting at $40. Guests can check out the rooftop pool, fitness center and food/beverage service. Available Sunday-Thursday. The travel package is valid through September 6, 2021.

Canopy Scottsdale also launched Brews on the Roof, an event featuring local breweries. The second Friday of the month from 4-7 p.m., a rotating list of beer masters will serve discounted pints and complimentary snacks, along with giveaways and music.

Both **Mountain Shadows Resort and Spa** and **Hotel Valley Ho** will not be offering staycation packages this summer, but they *are* offering an advance purchase rate, where guests can take 10% off the best available rate when they pre-pay. Reserve online with code PROPREPAY. Must reserve at least two days in advance. Requires a full, non-refundable deposit. Based on availability.

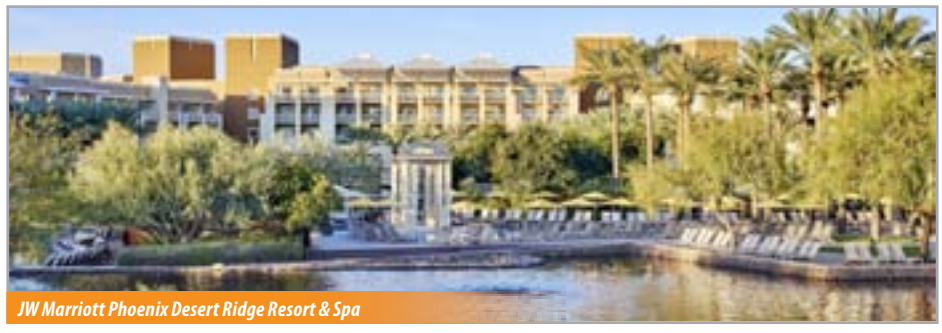
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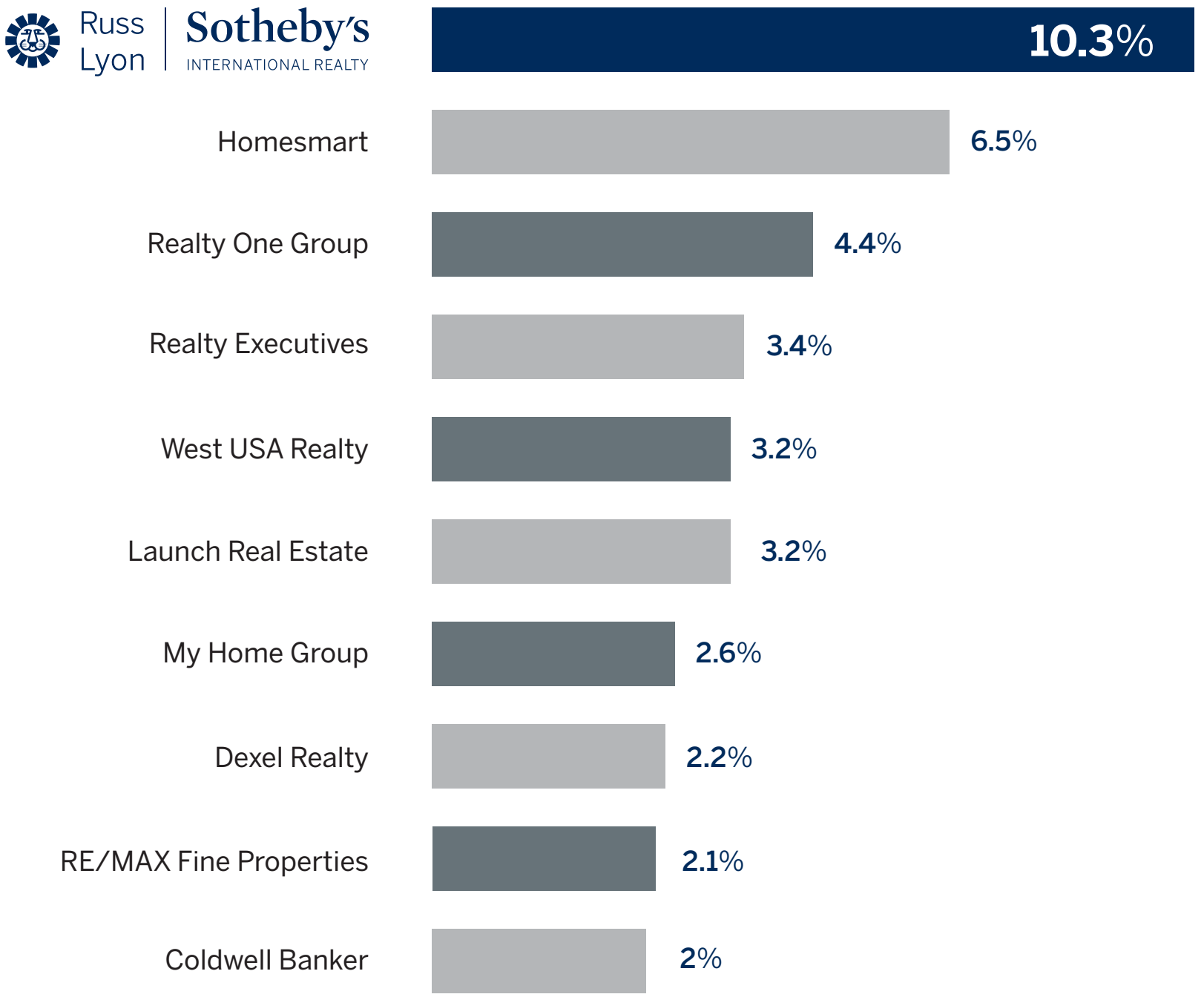
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A secret garden: new immersive concept to open soon

By Mallory Gleich

Arizona natives Josh Katz and Sheldon Wiley, along with their partner Moe Murillo, have taken the concept of the seedy, underground Prohibition-era speakeasy and upgraded it with their latest project called 36 Below. The modern cocktail lounge is located at *36th St.* and Indian School *below* Sip Coffee and Beer Garage.

The idea for the speakeasy began months ago when the team was researching ideas for the space formerly known as Undertow, which moved next door and is housed inside Century Grand. They wanted something martini-inspired, and that appealed to women.

Initially, there was a cave-inspired pitch with stalagmites, but that quickly went away after speaking to their brand manager, who suggested another idea – something that had to do with a sign of the times. They stumbled upon the word *walipini*, which means "place of warmth" in the Aymara Indian language. They are underground greenhouses.

"The idea was to give people the feeling that they're outside, or looking outside," Katz said.

The name for the lounge came from both the location and a biblical passage.

"Verse 36 of the Book of Genesis talks about the creation of man and how no trees or shrubs could sprout because two key elements were missing – water and someone to nurture the garden. So as people come down into the space, they'll see green walls, air plants, moss, and in the actual space will be the greenhouse, where we'll be 'nurturing' the garden," Katz said.

Construction for the lounge started in January, but the trio ran into some setbacks – permits, spacing issues and materials. They had to redesign elements of the space



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Rendering of the reimagined bar area at 36 Below, which plans on opening underneath Sip in July.

but said everything is moving smoothly for a grand opening in July.

Guests will find five virtual reality screens that will show images of Flagstaff's four seasons, which is Katz's favorite place to visit and where he attended school. The images will eventually show seasons from different locations and weather elements, like thunderstorms.

"We're going for a very immersive experience. We want people to feel like they're captivated and forget about whatever else they have going on," Katz said. "Initially, I was nervous with this new concept, but it looks amazing, and now I feel really good."

36 Below will offer nine specialty cocktails created by mixologists and industry veterans Sheldon Wiley and Toby Moniz. Each is designed to awaken the senses.

"We want our drinks to invoke a memory – perhaps of that time you went camping with your dad, you know? We want people's minds to be blown," Wiley said.

Wiley, who has been called the "fastest bartender in the world" and who holds three Guinness World Records for most drinks made in one minute and in one hour, said he and his team are most excited to see the guests' reactions and to experience the concept along with them.

36belowaz.com

Travel experiences impetus for design of Fox's new luxury hotel

By Molly Delgado

Arizona restaurateur Sam Fox is expanding his reach into the hospitality industry with a new luxury hotel called The Global Ambassador.

The nearly 18-acre site at 44th St. and Camelback, now known as The Grove, will eventually boast residences, dining/retail and Fox's first-ever hotel, expected to open in 2023.

Fox said that the project is part of the "natural evolution of his passion for creating memorable hospitality experiences."

The Global Ambassador showcases 141 rooms and amenities specially designed by Fox.

"Throughout my travels over the years, I've experienced incredible parts of the world with unbelievable food and hospitality," he said. "As the creator, co-developer, manager and operator of the hotel, every detail will be curated from those experiences in order to deliver a memorable guest experience from start to finish."

According to Fox, five original dining venues, with cuisine influenced by flavors found all over the world, are placed within the hotel. The lobby level includes a European market and café that is inspired



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Rendering of The Global Ambassador.

by the street-side Parisian cafes. The hotel's signature restaurant, a Parisian steakhouse, features a menu with French influences. Next, a poolside restaurant influenced by Mexican and Peruvian fare, and an 18,000 square-foot rooftop restaurant that overlooks Camelback Mountain.

A member's club and wellness center with fitness and spa options complete the resort experience.

"With The Global Ambassador, we are evolving luxury hospitality at every level and from every perspective in order to deliver something truly remarkable for the well-traveled set…" Fox said.

Fox is developing the hotel with Brian Frakes of Common Bond Development Group as well as partnering with Nelsen Partners Architects, Berghoff Design Group and Judi Testani of Testani Design Troupe. Fox is an 11-time James Beard Award semifinalist for Restaurateur of the Year, a best-selling cookbook author and was named one of the 50 most influential people in the restaurant industry by Nation's Restaurant News for five consecutive years.

He has opened over 100 restaurants during his career, and his Fox Restaurant Group (now owned by The Cheesecake Factory) operates Culinary Dropout, The Henry, Doughbird, Zinburger and seven other eateries across 13 states.

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Arcadia Little League's Home Run Derby brings the heat

By Mallory Gleich

A quiet spring night in May was suddenly interrupted by the yells, whoops and cheers of Arcadia's Little League teams as they took to the baseball field at Ingleside Middle School for the last hurrah of the season, otherwise known as the Home Run Derby.

Young athletes from ALL's majors' division were nominated by managers to compete in the fourth annual competition. A maximum of four players per team were split into two groups made up of 12 and 13-year-olds.

"Little League organizations have the opportunity to bring this highly competitive event to their ball fields. This year, we allowed the winner of our event to move on to compete with others in their age group," ALL President Cheri Pierce said.

The competition works like this: A pitching machine delivers baseballs to the batter, who has 90 seconds to hit as many home runs as possible over the 200-foot temporary fence.

This year, the player with the most home runs received a trophy. Cooper Fitzgerald was the winner of the 12-year-old group, with 13 home runs, and Braxton Tate was the winner of the 13-year-old group with 23.

Good Morning Arizona Sports Anchor Mark McClune was the emcee at this year's event. There was also live DJ music.



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Major division managers Jason Elrod and Geoff Jenkins with this year's competitors.

"So many kids had the opportunity to hit home runs. It was a lot of fun to be part of this," teammate Harrison Ladner said.

"I ended my Arcadia Little League career with a 'bang,'" teammate Bentley Elrod said. "ALL is at the center of our neighborhood all spring. It was a perfect ending to close out my career competing with my buddies one last time."

While the regular season ended in May, the older division competed in playoff games at the end of the month. A few lucky athletes represented ALL in the District 6 Tournament on June 14 and did well, with Arcadia advancing to the state tournament in mid-July.

Planning has already started for the upcoming season. The league is in the process of helping a local elementary school rebuild its baseball diamond.

"Having more fields only benefits our youth and not only in the sport of baseball/softball. Our neighborhood is established, and we do not have the room to add a playground or field for our children to play on. If we can give them a safe place to be kids, we will," Pierce said.

The organization is also looking to rebuild the concession stand at Camelback Christian Church.

"We are not just about baseball/softball," Pierce said. "Arcadia Little League prides itself in the ability to provide the youth of our community with an environment in which they can learn and develop athletic skills, as well as life skills."

arcadialittleleague.com

Xavier Prep softball celebrates state championship

By Rachael Bouley

Xavier Prep softball finished the spring season in high spirits as they brought home the school's first softball state championship with a 10-0 win over Red Mountain in the 6A conference.

The Gators went 19-2 this season in a competitive schedule that led them all the way to state, where they secured their shutout victory in five innings. Overall, the team outscored their opponents 40-3 throughout the state tournament.

Head Coach Bradley Bledsoe Downes said it was exciting to see the team's hard work pay off.

"The team played well at the right time as the playoffs were in a single elimination format this year," Downes said. "The players took control of team leadership and worked toward their goal, always seeking to be better."

There were notable players in the line-up with nine teammates hitting home runs throughout the season. According to Downes, pitcher Riley Flynn, Lauren Putz and Bridget Donahey were stellar players and regional/conference leaders who propelled the team forward, particularly with four challenging games in the playoffs. Flynn was named to the All Arizona Softball Team of 2021, and Bridget Donahey and Macy Lee were named as honorable mentions.

Downes said that having a well-rounded team with solid pitching, defense and offense turned the tide in their favor.





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The Gators outscored their opponents 40-3 in the state tournament.

Lauren Putz up to bat against Basha High School.

"Every game was a challenge, which helped prepare the players for the postseason run," Downes said. "The success of the team was a direct result of their control."

Senior leadership was honored at an end-of-season banquet for players and families, with the team looking forward to returning and competing at a high level next year.

Downes said one player the team will miss in the 2022 season is Macy Lee. The graduating senior was unstoppable at the plate, hitting .625 in the playoffs while going 3-for-4 in the championship game with two doubles, a home run and 7 RBIs.

Lee credits Coach Downes with leading a well-rounded program that made her last year as a Gator extra special.

"I believe we were able to succeed this season thanks to our team chemistry. We trusted and played for each other," Lee said. "There is no other group of girls I would rather spend my last year with. Every player wanted to have fun and compete daily."

DID YOU KNOW? KITES



Kite flying traces its roots back to early China, approximately 2,800 years ago. Chinese kite designs particularly tend to copy flying insects, birds, and other beasts, real and mythical. The finest modern Chinese kites are made from split bamboo (usually golden bamboo), covered with silk and hand-painted to form an overall artistic statement within a long-standing tradition.

It is thought that ancient stories of fire-breathing dragons were actually windsock kites flown by soldiers in the Middle Ages that had burning tar in the mouth opening to frighten the enemy in battle.

HOW BIG?

10,968'

The largest kite ever flown has a total lifting area of 10,226 feet. When laid flat, it has a total area of 10,968 feet. The kite measured 83 feet 7 inches long and 131 feet 3 inches wide. The kite was made by Abdulrahman Al Farsi and Faris Al Farsi and flown at the Kuwait Hala Festival in Flag Square, Kuwait City, Kuwait on February 15, 2005.





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HOW FAST?

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KITE FACTS

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The record for the highest single kite flown is 12,471 feet.

Kite flying was banned in China during the Cultural Revolution. Anyone found flying a kite went to jail for up to three years and their kites were destroyed.



Benjamin Franklin used a kite to prove that lightning was electricity.

Lawrence Hargrave, an Englishman who immigrated to Australia, invented the box kite in 1893.

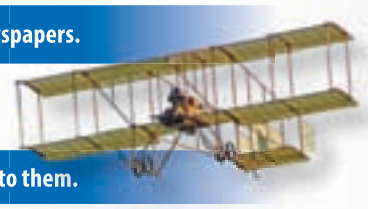
For centuries kites have been used in wars and battles for signaling, lifting observers, target practice and dropping propaganda leaflets.

The Chinese believe that looking at kites high in the sky maintains good eyesight.

The Chinese also believe that when you tilt your head back to look at a kite in the sky, your mouth opens slightly, which gets rid of excess body heat, giving you a healthy yin-yang balance.

A team from Edmunds Community College in Washington state set the record for the longest continuous flight of a kite by a team at 180 hours and 17 minutes.

Kites were used in the American Civil War to deliver letters and newspapers.

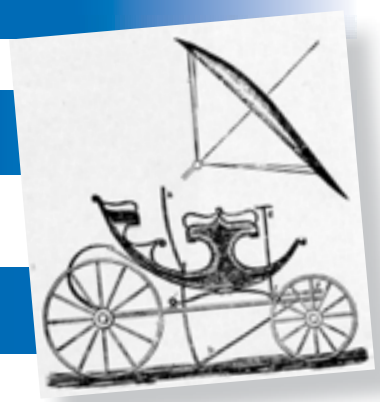


Large kites were banned in East Germany because of the possibility of a man lifting over the Berlin Wall.

The first powered aircrafts were giant box kites with motors fitted to them.

When the Japanese were building some of their early temples and shrines, they used large kites to lift tiles and other materials to the workmen on the roofs.

The paragliders that brought back the first space capsules to Earth were invented by Francis Rogallo in 1948.



More adults fly kites than children do.

Kites have been used for fishing, bird scaring, forecasting the weather and frightening evil spirits away.

In 1901, Guglielmo Marconi used a hexagon kite to transmit the first radio signals across the Atlantic.

In 1826, there used to be a stagecoach service between London and Bristol using kites instead of horses.

There are 78 rules for kite flying in Thailand.

There are over 50 million kites sold in the USA every year.

In 1847, a young boy won a competition to fly and land a kite on the other side of the Niagara River. The kite was then used to pull larger cables over the river, enabling them to build the first railway bridge between Canada and the USA.

Kite flying was banned in Japan in 1760 because too many people preferred to fly kites than work.

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Alexander Bell, the telephone inventor, also developed the tetrahedral kite, which was used for carrying people.

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Years ago, when I was finishing graduate school, I spent a significant amount of time searching for the right job.

Occasionally, one would pop up that would seem almost right. It would have a great job description, but there was something off about it – whether it was the hiring manager or the company wasn't offering a competitive salary. Many parts of the job would be great, but it didn't feel like the right fit.

I would tell my mentor about the jobs I was considering and discuss the pros and cons of each. If a job seemed like the wrong fit, he would encourage me to walk away. The thought of turning down an offer without another in hand was nerve-racking. He would then remind me, "Jobs are like buses. Just wait; another one is always coming."



Career Corner

BY ANGELA COPELAND

Career expert and founder of Copeland Coaching. copelandcoaching.com

He felt it was more important to find the right fit rather than take the first job that came along. Looking back, this was wise advice. You typically don't choose to marry your first date, so why would you commit to your first job offer?

Often, we want to accept any job when we're feeling desperate. We think that anything would be better than our current job or no job at all – even if it is just for a short time.

The problem with this strategy is that your next job may have just as many problems as your current job, if not more. As the saying goes, sometimes the devil you know is better than the one you don't.

More importantly, though, planning to take a job for a short time forces you to explain why you're looking for a new job just after accepting one.

When you choose to wait and select the right job, you'll be able to focus on the positive aspects of that job when interviewing or negotiating an offer. And, you'll also likely want to stay there for more than just a short time.

When you're having a tough day job searching, try to remember that jobs are like buses. Just wait. Another one is coming, and you want to be sure you get on the right one.

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New memoir sheds light on the reality of abuse

By Jennifer Marshall

Arcadia resident Terrah Hancock recently published her first book titled *It Never Took: A Memoir*, which documents the abuse she suffered at the hands of her parents and family.

Hancock not only details the many episodes of abuse she received throughout her life, but also how she overcame what happened to her.

"I was doing therapy and felt I'd come full circle," Hancock said. "I understood that what had happened to me *really* had occurred, unlike what my parents had always claimed. It was really bad. The writing process was very therapeutic."

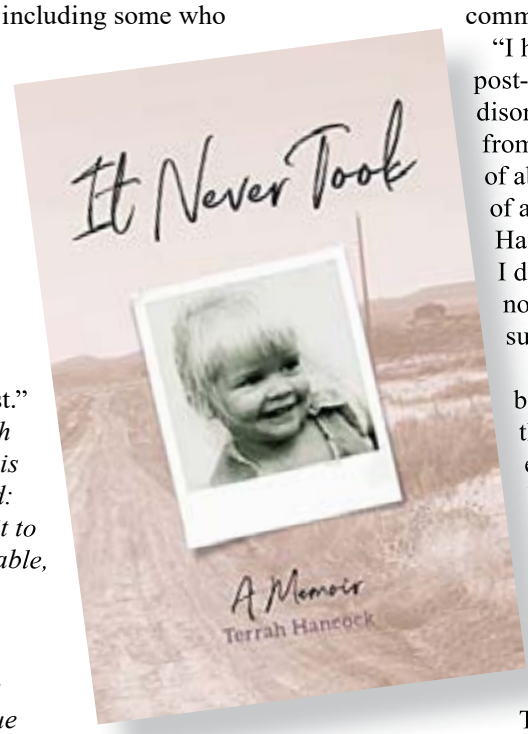
Sharing her story has aided Hancock in her road to recovery, and she hopes it will empower other survivors of child abuse. The sensitive topic has resonated with many readers, including some who work in the realm of child abuse every day.



Terrah Hancock

Laurel Jacobs, a clinical program manager for the National Abuse Hotline, said the memoir is "thoughtful, witty, insightful and unflinchingly honest."

"There is so much power in sharing this story with the world: survivors will find it to be validating, relatable, and empowering, and mental health professionals can learn from Terrah's vivid example of true resiliency."



Hancock wants her memoir to convey to abuse survivors that what happened to them isn't their fault, and there's nothing wrong with them. She wants them to understand that it's okay and normal to seek therapy and help in confronting their past terrors. Most importantly, she wants them to know that they're entitled to a happy, prosperous and stable life.

"Child abuse physically damages your brain in different locations," Hancock said. "It leaves behind real wounds, but there are therapeutic modalities to target and heal these wounds."

Hancock has used a variety of these therapies, including dialectical behavioral therapy, eye movement desensitization and reprocessing therapy and acceptance and commitment therapy.

"I have complex post-traumatic stress disorder which results from years and years of abuse at the hands of a caregiver," Hancock said. "While I do feel healed now, I'm still in support groups."

Hancock was born in Mexico, but the family traveled extensively and lived in Texas and California before settling in Scottsdale, where she graduated from Chaparral High School. Today, she is the mother of two and has been happily married for the last five years. She is currently pursuing an advanced marketing degree at Cornell University online.

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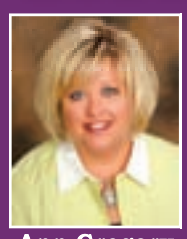
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