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Heather and Chip Hassan, along with their daughter Payton, are the new owners and are in the process of overhauling the former Scottsdale Marketplace into Chapin House. Located next to the Fat Ox at 6310 N. Scottsdale Rd. in Paradise Valley, they are making major upgrades to the building to better serve the community.

“We’re delighted to introduce Chapin House, a reimaging of Scottsdale Marketplace, which opened originally in 2003,” said Heather Hassan, co-owner of Pagoda Lane and Chapin House. “We know our longtime clients and new customers will be thrilled about the new and improved space. Not only are we giving the building a major makeover, but we’ve added some amazing vendors to the store as well.”

Chapin House showrooms features some of the Valley's finest dealers and collectors specializing in home décor, tabletop items, antiques, art, gifts and collectibles. The revamped store also includes several highly regarded antique dealers and a new boutique offering authenticated pre-owned luxury handbags and accessories from top designers.


The Hassans are experienced retail entrepreneurs who have previously owned and operated large-format furniture stores in Denver, Las Vegas, Scottsdale and Shanghai. Their professional achievements include an eight-year partnership with Disney to furnish and accessorize executive residences abroad.

Located inside Chapin House, Pagoda Lane is a bespoke boutique specializing in unique personalized gifts, as well as home décor, home fragrance, tabletop, cashmere and baby gifts. The family-owned and operated business prides itself on offering items that can't be found at a typical mall. For more information, visit pagodalane.com.

Chapin House is a multi-vendor marketplace located in the Lincoln Village Shopping Center, next to the Fat Ox, at 6310 N. Scottsdale Road in Paradise Valley. The store features a curated selection of home décor, antiques, art, gifts and collectibles, showcasing some of the finest dealers and collectors in the Valley. Chapin House is open Monday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 5:00 p.m. For more information, visit chapinhouse.com or call (602) 930-8888. ❖



As June dawns upon the Valley of the Sun, we at *Biltmore Lifestyles* are reminded of the importance of honoring the fathers and father figures who shape our lives and our community. Father's Day is more than just a date on the calendar; it is a heartfelt opportunity to recognize the strength, guidance, and love that these men provide every day.



In the Arizona Biltmore Estates, where tradition meets modern living, fathers play many roles, mentors, providers, friends, and role models. Our community thrives because of the dedication of these men who invest in their families and neighbors, contributing to the vibrant and welcoming spirit that defines our neighborhood.

This month's issue is dedicated to celebrating fathers in all their diverse forms. Whether it's sharing a meal at one of our beloved Biltmore restaurants, enjoying the outdoors in our beautiful desert landscape, or simply spending quality time together at home, the moments we cherish with our fathers are priceless.

As a community publication that has proudly served the Biltmore area since 1990, Biltmore Lifestyles understands the value of connection-between residents, businesses, and families. To all the dads out there: thank you for your strength, your wisdom, and your heart. You are truly the pillars of our community, and we honor you this June and always. Until next month. *Susan*

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Student-Led Fashion Exhibit Brings New Artistic Energy to Scottsdale Fashion Square

For aspiring fashion designers, having their work featured in a window display is a “someday” sort of dream. For graduates of Arizona State University Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising (ASU FIDM), that dream has become reality. A new exhibit at Scottsdale Fashion Square celebrates the contributions of a new generation of fashion designers.

Located in the windows of the former Nespresso space (on the first level of the South Wing), the fashion exhibit features nine garments designed by ASU FIDM alumni, Noé Dandurand, Samantha Angulo, Madison Nelson and Elisia Cabrera. The garments were selected for their conceptual integrity, craftsmanship and diverse design perspectives. From sculptural silhouettes to textural innovation, the pieces reflect the caliber of talent emerging from the school’s Phoenix and Los Angeles programs. The designs will be on exhibit through August 2025.

“Scottsdale Fashion Square is proud to partner with ASU FIDM to amplify student designers and showcase their talent,” said Melanie Sutton, Senior Marketing Manager for the shopping center. “Their vision brings fresh energy and vibrance that meshes beautifully with our strong tradition as a leader in high-end fashion and a hub for community art.”

The exhibit complements the ongoing collaboration between ASU FIDM and Scottsdale



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Fashion Square, now in its seventh year. While 30 graduating students showcased new collections during April’s Uncertainty 2025 capstone runway event, showing a total of 127 looks, this ongoing window installation spotlights post-graduate work demonstrating how alumni continue to evolve their vision and impact industry trends.

“Giving these promising students an opportunity to share their work with the world is an important step in developing their confidence as they prepare to enter the professional design industry,” said Dennita Sewell, founding director of ASU FIDM and a professor of practice for the school, which is within the Herberger Institute for Design and the Arts. “Scottsdale Fashion

Square is widely regarded as this region’s leading style and fashion destination, so it’s especially gratifying for these students to see their designs on display in a prominent fashion-forward venue.”

At Scottsdale Fashion Square, shoppers can find art everywhere they look, from the designer collections of some of the world’s most celebrated fashion retailers to notable on-mall art pieces. This exhibit joins numerous works of art scattered in and around the retail center that celebrate the intersection of art and fashion. From iconic statues to architectural elements outfitted in regal splendor, art is woven into the fabric that is Scottsdale Fashion Square. ❖

Western Spirit: Scottsdale's Museum of the West Launches The Cool Frontier this Summer

Western Spirit: Scottsdale's Museum of the West is pleased to announce and host the second annual "The Cool Frontier," a summer schedule of events that offers something for everyone – all in air-conditioned comfort in the Valley's first museum to honor Actor Kevin Costner with the 2025 Western Spirit Award.

To celebrate the theme "It's Cool in Here," Western Spirit, which is located at 3830 N. Marshall Way, Scottsdale, AZ, 85251 is offering a Buy One, Get One Free special. Guests who purchase one adult or senior admission ticket at the regular price will receive a second one of equal value FREE. The FREE tickets are valid until September 30th, 2025.

This summer, Western Spirit is featuring a number of eye-catching and educational exhibits. These include A Decade of Western Spirit, a large-scale timeline on display in the lobby that highlights the groundbreaking exhibitions and achievements that have helped make Western Spirit a Smithsonian Affiliate museum that is regularly named the #1 Western Museum in the United States, as well as a 2025 Inductee to the Scottsdale Area Chamber of Commerce Scottsdale History Hall of Fame.

Women of the Southwest: A Legacy of Painting is on view through August 24th, 2025. The exhibit is comprised of almost 200 works by 25 pioneering women artists gifted to Western Spirit by Fran and Edward Elliott.

As a group, the female artists have achieved an impressive list of "firsts." For example, Lillian Wilhelm Smith was the first woman to paint the Rainbow Bridge, and she was the only woman illustrator of Zane Grey's novels. Painter Jessie Benton Evans was one of the catalysts behind the first art show at the Arizona State Fair that began in 1915.

Other ongoing exhibits that museum goers can experience this summer include:

- *Collecting Stories: John Coleman Bronzes from the Collection of Frankie and Howard Alper.* The exhibit features a selection of bronzes from the Alper Family's collection, including the 10-piece Explorer Artist Series, inspired by the 19th century paintings of George Catlin and Karl Bodmer.
- *Canvas of Clay: Hopi Pottery Masterworks*

from The Allan and Judith Cooke Collection.

This exhibit is on display for the first time and includes more than 65 of the finest examples of Hopi pottery.

- *Courage & Crossroads: A Visual Journey through the American West.* Meriwether Lewis' presentation style pipe tomahawk and other rare Native American objects serve as the centerpiece of this story of America's West in the 19th and early 20th centuries; in all, the exhibit includes more than 100 paintings and sculptures.
- *The A.P. Hays Spirit of the West Collection.* The exhibit offers a collection of 1,400 Old West items from Scottsdale gallerist Abe Hay; these include revolvers, rifles, saddles, knives, holsters, spurs, chaps, badges and more.
- *People, Places, Predicaments: John Clymer's West.* Clymer was an extraordinary artist whose work vividly captured the spirit of exploration and adventure of the American West. The exhibit features over 50 paintings by John Ford Clymer from the Eddie Basha Collection.

For those who have always wanted to see artists in action firsthand as they are creating and honing their crafts, Artist Tuesdays will give visitors the chance to do exactly that.

Every Tuesday from approximately 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in June, July and August, artists – including Lindsay Green, Ira Grin, Paul Steele, Milly Guthrie, Kathy Howard and many others – will be at the museum painting their artwork in person.

"Artist Tuesdays will allow our visitors to watch some of our local western artists at work – or maybe discover a new favorite," said Todd Bankofier, CEO and Executive Director of Western Spirit: Scottsdale's Museum of the West. "This series offers a special and unique chance to literally watch the creative process in action as some of our most talented and local artists create art in front of your eyes!"



Finally, when the mercury rises and temperatures are determined to stay in the triple digits, watching a movie in an air-conditioned theater is a fun and effective way to keep cool.

Western Spirit has a full schedule of classic Spaghetti Western-themed movies planned for June starring well-known actors from the genre like Clint Eastwood, Jack Palance and Lee Van Cleef. They are:

- ~ A Fistful of Dollars – Tuesday, June 3rd
- ~ Django – Sunday, June 8th
- ~ The Big Gundown – Tuesday, June 10th
- ~ The Good, the Bad, and The Ugly – Sunday, June 15th
- ~ The Great Silence – Tuesday, June 17th
- ~ The Mercenary – Sunday, June 22nd
- ~ They Call Me Trinity – Tuesday, June 24th
- ~ Man of the East – Sunday, June 29th

Ticket prices and more information can be found at www.westernspirit.org/programs.

"We know that the relentless summer heat can be challenging for many people. We are excited to give everyone the opportunity to come in, cool off and enjoy our summer schedule – all while saving some money on tickets, and hopefully becoming fans of all the West has to offer," said Bankofier. "We welcome everyone to round up their family, come join us and see how at Western Spirit, it's cool in here!"

For more information about The Cool Frontier summer schedule, please visit www.westernspirit.org. ❖



Sip on Windsor's New Lineup of Seasonal Cocktails

Windsor is embracing the sunny spring season by incorporating fresh, bright, and fruity ingredients into this all-new cocktail lineup. The popular cocktail menu has been influenced by many incredible beverage minds since they opened the doors to the neighborhood. Each cocktail has carried a unique number since 2011, chosen by the team member most connected to the concept, with No. 138, No. 140, No. 118, and No. 127 making their debut. Seasonal flavors like strawberry, lychee, rhubarb, lemon, lime, and peach highlight spring's vibrant produce, while floral notes from elderflower and the use of tropical elements like pineapple and tamarind add a refreshing, sunny twist ideal for warmer weather. Plus, Windsor offers their beloved \$6 Until 5:00 p.m. cocktails, wine and pitchers of beer every day.

New Windsor Cocktails

No. 138 - Pineapple Rum, Strega, Cappelletti, Tiki Bitters cocktail

No. 140 - Gin, Limoncello, Licor 43, Lemon Juice, Orgeat, Absinthe Spritz cocktail

No. 118 - Bourbon, Pimento Dram, Tamarindo Liqueur, Strawberry Real, Pina Juice, Lemon Juice

No. 127 - Scotch, Lillet Blanc, Peach Liquor, Elderflower Liqueur, Lime Juice, Lychee Juice, Rhubarb Bitters



Windsor (5223 N. Central Ave) is tucked into its namesake historic Phoenix neighborhood and is a local restaurant and bar with a backyard-style patio packed full of your best friends. Offering high-quality wine and beer on tap, a robust selection of prohibition cocktails and a kitchen that cranks out casual and familiar bar food with an upscale twist.



Windsor is open Monday thru Thursday from 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., Friday from 11:00 a.m. to midnight, Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to midnight and Sunday from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Please visit www.windsoraz.com for details. ❖



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Local Valley Father's Day Specials

Father's Day is almost here, and it's the perfect time to show Dad some love with experiences tailored just for him. Across the Valley, restaurants and local businesses are offering a mix of exclusive specials, from indulgent brunches and chef-driven dinners to unique experiences that go beyond the plate. Whether he's a foodie, a whiskey lover, or just ready for a relaxing day out, here are the top ways to treat Dad this Father's Day.

Streets of New York - The local franchise is ready to celebrate Father's Day New York-style with a 'sweet' deal just for dad! The family-owned pizzeria will be offering dads a FREE dessert with any \$15 purchase! Desserts include New York Cheesecake, Cannoli, Double Chocolate Cake, Vanilla Ice Cream and the popular Passion Cookie. Streets of New York's award-winning pizza is made with specially chosen ingredients that are always handcrafted and hand-tossed for the perfect New York style pie. From gluten-free options and pizza by the slice, they have something for everyone, but most importantly, dad! www.streetsofnewyork.com

Royale Kitchen + Cocktails - Royale Kitchen & Cocktails, located in the heart of the Melrose neighborhood, invites guests to celebrate the dads in their lives with a special weekend offer. To raise a glass to the great guys out there, dads can enjoy Royale's signature "Mark Daddy" cocktail for just \$10 with the purchase of any sandwich, entrée, brunch entrée, or salad (limit

2 per person). Offer available Saturday, June 14th through Sunday, June 15th. www.royalekitchenphx.com

The Sicilian Butcher - Buona festa del Papa! This Father's Day Weekend, treat Dad to a special Sicilian dining experience with a limited-time menu crafted just for the occasion. Featured dishes include:

- **Chef Tomaso Salad** with shaved fennel, poached potatoes, heirloom tomato, red onion, green beans, radicchio, and lemon vinaigrette
- **Prosciutto e Melone** with Baratta, honeydew, cantaloupe, mint-basil, Sicilian pistachio, and saba
- **Paccheri Alla Norma** with braised eggplant, yellow San Marzano tomato sauce, basil, and ricotta salata
- **Pork Rollentini**—char-grilled pork loin stuffed with San Daniele prosciutto and fontina, served with potato gnocchi and Sherry demi
- **Halibut Francese** with lightly battered egg, marbled potatoes, rapini, and lemon caper sauce

Available at all three Valley locations in Chandler, Peoria, and Phoenix Friday, June 13th through Sunday, June 15th. www.thesicilianbutcher.com

Over Easy - Over Easy is celebrating Father's Day by treating dads to a complimentary cold brew coffee at all 17 Arizona locations. On Father's Day, dads who dine in will receive one free cold brew as a small token of appreciation. Dine-in only; limit one per dad. www.eatatovereasy.com

Hash Kitchen - Hash Kitchen is celebrating Father's Day with a playful twist by partnering with Happy Dad to offer a complimentary "brown bag special" at all six Valley locations. On Sunday, June 16th, dads dining in will receive a complimentary Happy Dad hard seltzer served in a custom HK-logo brown bag with any purchase, available while supplies last. Known for its creative a.m. eats and lively brunch atmosphere, Hash Kitchen adds a fun, spirited touch to Father's Day this year. www.hashkitchen.com

El Camino - El Camino in Scottsdale is celebrating Father's Day with a special offer perfect for dads who appreciate good food and cold beer. Dads can enjoy a double smash burger paired with a pint of Busch for just \$12. Located at 7133 East Stetson Drive, Suite 105, in the heart of Old Town Scottsdale, it's the ideal spot to treat Dad to a casual and satisfying celebration. www.elcaminoarizona.com

Rainbow Ryders - Treat Dad to an unforgettable adventure this Father's Day! Rainbow Ryders is celebrating dads with a special limited-time gift certificate offer of just \$165 per person to enjoy a breathtaking hot air balloon ride. This bucket list experience is available to purchase June 1st through June 15th, redeemable starting June 16th. Valid for sunrise flights only. www.rainbowryders.com

Westside Concepts - Visit popular Westside Concepts restaurants Copper & Sage (Goodyear) and Haymaker with four locations across the West Valley, dads can get a cold beer and handheld combo for \$20. Popular handhelds for dad to enjoy include sandwiches, tacos and more. www.westsideconcepts.us

So whatever your plans may be, the Valley of the Sun is filled with a plethora of choices for you to treat dad to on Father's Day. Be sure to make your reservations early, since your first choice may fill up quickly. Happy Father's Day! ❖



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Sizzling Summer Nights at The Collins Small Batch Kitchen Buy One, Get One Free Pizzas and a Chance to Win Big!

Summer in Phoenix is about to get a whole lot tastier! The Collins Small Batch Kitchen, a beloved gem in the heart of the Biltmore neighborhood, is rolling out its Summer Pizza Program, and it's the perfect excuse to gather your friends and family for a night of cheesy, crispy, and delicious fun. Every Monday night in June, The Collins is serving up a Buy One, Get One Free pizza deal that'll have you savoring every bite without breaking the bank. And if that's not enough to get you through the door, they're sweetening the deal with a chance to win a \$200 Common Ground gift card just by sharing a snap of your pizza party!

The Collins Small Batch Kitchen has you covered with their Buy One, Get One Free pizza promotion, running every Monday from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. throughout June. Whether you're a fan of classic Margherita with its bright, fresh basil or craving something bold like Angry Bird with rotisserie chicken, hot sauce, and goat cheese, there's a pizza for every palate. Crafted with the freshest seasonal ingredients, a hallmark of The Collins' menu, these pizzas are a testament to restaurateur Christopher Collins' passion for reimagining American classics with a creative edge.

Simply order any pizza from the menu, and you'll get a second one of equal or lesser value for free. It's the ideal setup for sharing with friends, treating the family, or even sneaking in a date night with a side of savings. Pair your pizzas with a craft cocktail or a chilled glass of wine from their thoughtfully curated menu, and you've got the recipe for a perfect summer evening.

The fun doesn't stop at free pizza. The Collins Small Batch Kitchen is turning Monday nights into a celebration of community with their \$200 Common Ground gift card contest. To enter, grab your phone, snap a photo of you and your crew enjoying your pizzas at The Collins, post it on social media and tag The Collins @thecollinsaz. Whether it's a goofy selfie with a slice or a group shot around the table, every post enters you into the drawing for a \$200 gift card, redeemable at any Common Ground Culinary location. The contest runs all month, with the winner announced in early July, so you've got plenty of Mondays to perfect your pizza pose!

Situated at 3160 E. Camelback Road, The Collins Small Batch Kitchen is more than just a restaurant, it's a neighborhood haven where locals come to connect over exceptional food. Open Sunday thru Thursday 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., and Friday thru Saturday 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Visit www.thecollinsaz.com for more details and to make a reservation. Let's make this summer one to savor, one slice at a time! ❖





Scoop, Sip & Stamp *The Sicilian Butcher + Baker Launch Summer Promos*

Summer is basically here, and The Sicilian Butcher + Baker are heading into the heat the Italian way with the return of two of their popular summer promotions.

The Sicilian Baker has you covered this summer one scoop at a time with the return of their Gelato and Cannoli Happy Hour, through July 31st at all Valley locations including Chandler, Peoria, and Phoenix. Available Monday through Thursday from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., guests can indulge in a \$2 scoop of award-winning gelato and bite into \$1 mini traditional cannoli. Seasonal gelato flavors will rotate throughout the summer for a taste of Italy with every visit.

In addition, The Sicilian Butcher is back with the 2025 Summer Passport challenge, encouraging guests now through July 31st to complete six culinary experiences to receive a complimentary dinner for two in August. Plus, guests who mention the word Passport receive 15% off catering and free delivery this summer! Here are the six tasty ways to earn your passport stamps:

- ❶ Purchase lunch from the new lunch menu
- ❷ Enjoy Gelato & Cannoli Happy Hour
- ❸ Order the \$19 Board and Bottle combo
- ❹ Participate in all-day happy hour
- ❺ Try a new entrée from the summer menu
- ❻ Follow The Sicilian Butcher on social media (@TheSicilianButcher)

With three locations across the Valley, The Sicilian Butcher combines skilled butchery and creative chefery at a modern-casual restaurant for a choose-your-own-meatball and build-your-own charcuterie board experience complete with hand-rolled meatballs with saucy attitude, fresh-made pastas and Italian butcher-style meats. www.thesicilianbutcher.com.





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The McRae Agency Celebrates 30 Years of Excellence in Public Relations

The McRae Agency, a leading full-service boutique public relations firm based in Scottsdale, is celebrating 30 years of delivering strategic communications, media relations and brand-building expertise to clients across a wide range of industries.

Since 1995, The McRae Agency has led hundreds of standout campaigns spanning technology, real estate, consumer products, and the arts. Known for its strategic creativity and measurable results, the firm has earned ongoing recognition, including being named “Scottsdale’s Favorite PR Firm” in 2024, “Best of Arizona Businesses” in 2019 and a repeat honoree on AZ Big Media’s prestigious list of “Top 10 Public Relations Firms.”

The agency has represented household names like Google and Red Bull, along with long-time client Solatube International, which has partnered with The McRae Agency since 1996. When Solatube was acquired by Kingspan Light + Air North America in 2021, the agency didn’t just maintain the relationship, it expanded it, taking on PR leadership for the parent company’s North American division. The firm has also supported respected local institutions such as the Phoenix Art Museum.

“Our longevity is rooted in performance and partnership,” said Beth McRae, founder and president of The McRae Agency. “Thirty years in business isn’t just a milestone, it’s a reflection of the trust we’ve built, the transformations we’ve supported and the stories that have shaped brands and connected with audiences. We’re honored to have played a role in so many meaningful journeys for our clients.”

By immersing itself in each brand’s unique voice, goals and audience, The McRae Agency delivers custom PR strategies that produce measurable results. The agency’s personalized service, combined with a data-informed approach and a keen understanding of today’s media landscape, has made it a trusted partner for companies seeking strategic storytelling and stronger market presence.

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The Valley Celebrates 76 Years Of Miracle Mile's Amazing Catering!



Jack Grodzinsky, wife Eleanor and daughter Jill at a catering event in the 1960s.



Jack Grodzinsky and his catering crew in the 1970s.

2025 marks an incredible milestone for one of the Valley's most iconic dining institutions, Miracle Mile Deli.

If you've lived in the Valley at any point over the last 7 decades, you and your family are sure to have some "Miracle Mile story" to share. If you aren't aware of Miracle Mile Deli's history, here's a quick lesson. In 1949, Miracle Mile's Founder, Jack Grodzinsky, moved his family from Brooklyn, New York to Phoenix, because his eldest daughter, Ellen, suffered from severe asthma and doctors suggested that the family moved out West where the weather was drier.

Upon the family's arrival to Arizona, Jack spent the first few days in Tucson searching for a business he could purchase to support his family. When he could not find a business he liked, he took a bus ride to Phoenix. Across the street from the bus stop in Phoenix, there was a small restaurant called Pat's Café which specialized in typical "Arizona" type food such as chicken fried steak and liver & onions. After four hours of searching, Jack returned to the bus stop and purchased the existing café.

Two years after Pat's Café was operating in 1951, Jack and his two sisters purchased Herman's Corned Beef Junction at McDowell Road and 16th Street. This outlying area from 7th Street to 24th Street on McDowell Road was the first business district to be developed away from the downtown area. A few months after the "Miracle Mile" name became familiar with the surrounding community, Jack decided to change the name of Herman's Corned Beef Junction to Miracle Mile so that everyone would remember the location.

With Miracle Mile proudly into its third generation of operating within the same family, and over seventy years of being in the Valley, the “old days” of Miracle Mile have since become a memory. However, the Miracle Mile tradition still continues as the Garcia Family carries on the name with pride, offering consistently delicious food, reasonable prices and great service in a family friendly atmosphere!

Jill Garcia (Jack’s daughter), and her husband George, have owned and operated the Miracle Mile Deli since 1981, and now their son, Josh, oversees the day to day operations. You may recall some of the various Miracle Mile locations that have operated throughout the Valley, but the one and only Miracle Mile location currently resides on the Southeast corner of 16th Street & Campbell in the Biltmore area of Phoenix.

Although you may be familiar with their incredible menu of East coast delicacies like their famous mouthwatering hot pastrami, lean corned beef and savory brisket of beef at the restaurant for dine in and takeout, Miracle Mile has also been providing the Valley with amazing catering displays to family homes and offices for every occasion over the last seven decades as well.

Jill & George Garcia recall working long hours at various catering events, where George began working as a busboy for Jack Grodzinsky when he was just a high school kid. George said, “I was washing dishes, pouring fruit punch, cleaning up after the events were over and doing whatever I could to be helpful to Jack. It was my first job, and I loved the organized chaos that working these events always provided.” In our interview, Jill interjected, “I was working every Saturday night with my Dad at a variety of different events. George and I worked together before we even started dating. Great memories for sure that allowed us to share our lives together.”

Although the Garcia Family has great memories of catering events, their current catering menu brings an incredible variety that’s sure to satisfy everyone’s craving for a great meal at home or at the office for any event or meeting. With party trays to feed anywhere from 8 people to 800 and delivery available Valley wide (for a nominal fee), Miracle Mile’s team takes great pride in



Josh, Jill, George Garcia

providing customers with a phenomenal catering experience that’s second to none. Their variety of mini sandwiches, boxed lunches, salads, appetizers and even a hot pastrami buffet are a great treat for doctors’ offices, team meetings or a great party that you might be having at the house!

While overseeing the daily operations of the restaurant’s success, Vice President, Josh Garcia, also handles several aspects of the catering organization and loves to personally speak to customers to ensure that all of their desired food needs are met, regardless of how big or small the event is. Josh said, “I know with available technology these days and people preferring to order online, customer interaction isn’t common. However, I love talking to customers and ensuring they know that we enjoy establishing a business relationship with our catering clients and that they can rely on us to produce an excellent product that they are proud to provide to their guests and clients.”

Take a peek at Miracle Mile’s phenomenal catering menu at www.miraclemiledeli.com. You can call Josh Garcia directly at (602) 776-0992 to place a catering order or if you’d like to discuss the variety of options that Miracle Mile can provide for your next event or party. Feel free to interact with them on their active social media pages as well on Instagram and Facebook.

Miracle Mile’s current location at 4433 North 16th Street in Phoenix.





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Experience the vibrant atmosphere of Biltmore Fashion Park-Phoenix's premier outdoor shopping and dining destination as you enjoy a group run through the beautiful park-like setting. Whether you're an experienced runner or just starting out, everyone is invited to participate and move at their own pace.

Event Highlights

- Free and open to all ages and abilities
- Multiple pace groups-no one runs alone
- Meet fellow runners and stay motivated midweek
- Enjoy the amenities, shops, and restaurants of Biltmore Fashion Park before or after your run.

Phoenix Run Club's mission is to make running accessible and fun for everyone, with no cost to join the weekly events. For those interested in more, the club also offers a paid membership with exclusive benefits like discounts, training opportunities, and team events.

Details

Every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. meet at Biltmore Fashion Park Center Lawn by Williams Sonoma. No registration required-just show up ready to run and connect with the community. Make Biltmore Fashion Park your destination for midweek fitness and fun! ❖





Organ Stop Pizza Offers Father's Day Musical Luncheon

One of the last remaining “pizza and pipes” restaurants in the U.S., Organ Stop Pizza, is offering a unique Father’s Day Experience.

Enjoy a relaxing and family-friendly lunch and concert by their organist on the Mighty Wurlitzer at Organ Stop Pizza at the Father’s Day Musical Luncheon, Sunday, June 15th, 2025 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The luncheon will offer all-you-can-eat pizza buffet and salad, plus unlimited soft drinks for \$20 for adults and children 9 and under are \$15

including tax. Alcoholic beverages and ice cream will be available for an additional charge.

Tickets are available online at organstoppizza.com or can be purchased in the restaurant gift shop. No Walk-ins, advance ticket purchase is required, as they do sell out!

Originally opened in 1972, Organ Stop Pizza is home to the “Mighty Wurlitzer” the largest and most valuable theatre organ in the world, worth more than \$6 million. Today, Organ Stop’s instrument has been embellished from its

original state and is now the largest Wurlitzer Theatre Pipe organ ever created. The console, where the musicians sit to play, is an exact replica of a Fox Special console, the largest console ever designed and built by Wurlitzer. Through the years, several rare sets of pipes have been added to the organ, including a massive set of 32-foot wood diaphones, which are visible from the front of the building. It’s a must See!

For more information about Organ Stop Pizza, visit www.organstoppizza.com. ❖



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Brett Valliant



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Variety of Items on Menu



Organ Stop’s Pizzas



Ice Cream Treats

~ Golf Tip ~

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The clubface always points to the target!



Whether it's a full swing or around the green, the ball will always deflect in the direction that the club face points. It's why, when it comes to making sure the ball travels in your intended direction, knowing where the clubface is aiming is so important.

In this practice station, I have an alignment stick pointing towards my intended target line and a T-line for my feet and ball position. This always keeps me in the correct set up to practice efficiently.



You can build this into your set up and set up routine. When you watch great players, they often aim their club face first and then build the rest of their set up around the clubface. This is true from putting, through the short game, and all the way to full swing.

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Scottsdale Collision Center Helps Two Arizona Families With Free Car Repairs

In a heartwarming gesture of community support, Scottsdale Collision Center teamed up with the Arizona Cancer Foundation for Children (ACFC) earlier this month to help two Arizona families facing the unimaginable challenge of pediatric cancer by fully repairing and restoring their vehicles.

Through their partnership with the local nonprofit, the team at Scottsdale Collision Center learned of two families in urgent need of reliable transportation. Between critical doctor appointments and hospital visits to community events at ACFC, it's essential that these families have transportation they can depend on. Recognizing the impact this could have, Scottsdale Collision Center sprang into action.

"As a father of three daughters, this really hit close to home," says Oscar Granados. "We're incredibly grateful that we have the ability to help these families. Our community supports us by trusting our shops, so giving back to our community like this is something we truly love to do."

For one family, Scottsdale Collision Center fully restored their vehicle, providing comprehensive repairs and enhancements including a full paint job, headlight restoration, battery replacement, A/C module repair, new window tinting for Arizona's hot summer months, an oil change, fluid replacement, and other minor repairs to ensure everything is in top condition. The team went above and beyond to make sure the car looks and feels like new. When the family picked their vehicle on Friday, April 25th, they were overwhelmed with gratitude at the level of care and detail that had gone into the restoration. What they had expected to be a simple repair turned out to be a complete transformation, far exceeding anything they had imagined. The father had intended to pass down the car to his daughter who is currently battling pediatric cancer, and thanks to Scottsdale Collision Center, it's now ready for her to use.

The second family, living too far outside of Phoenix, was unable to bring their vehicle directly to Scottsdale Collision Center. Undeterred, the Scottsdale Collision Center team, with an eagerness to help, graciously covered the full cost of repairs completed at the family's local auto shop, helping another ACFC family in need of reliable transportation.

Scottsdale Collision Center has shown that being a local business means more than just serving a community; it means showing up for it when it's needed most. In partnering with ACFC, they've extended not only their resources but also their hearts, offering real support to families facing the unimaginable. Committed to making a lasting impact, Scottsdale Collision Center has already expressed a strong interest in continuing this partnership and hopes to support even more families in the future.

For more information on Scottsdale Collision Center, visit www.scottsdalecollisionaz.com. To learn more about Arizona Cancer Foundation for Children, their mission and how to support their cause, visit www.azcancerfoundation.org. ❖



A Luxe European-Inspired Getaway In the Heart of Phoenix

This summer, slip into a rhythm of serene days and lively nights at Phoenix's most sought-after retreat as The Global Ambassador invites guests to check in for rejuvenation, ease and long afternoons well spent with its seasonal Local Package and new curated spa offerings.

Designed with leisure in mind, the Local Package is available for stays from now through September and brings together the essentials of a refined summer getaway, including daily breakfast, personalized concierge service and a complimentary wellness session. Additionally, small but meaningful touches like valet and late checkout complete the experience, ensuring every detail is cared for.

Local Package

- Available May 1st through September 30th
- Starting at \$400/night, with 2-night minimum
- \$100 property credit
- Daily breakfast for two
- Complimentary cryotherapy with spa treatment
- Dedicated concierge service
- Complimentary valet
- Complimentary room upgrade and late checkout (based on availability)
- To book, visit: www.globalambassadorhotel.com/offers/thelocal

In an area so renowned for its health-focused destinations, The Spa at The Global Ambassador stands as a restorative haven, ideal for those seeking a premier escape from the warmth of summer days and recovery from sun-kissed afternoons by the pool. At the forefront of wellness and beauty, The Spa offers first-to-market treatments rooted in personal discovery, cutting-edge science, inspired vitality and luxury nourishment to achieve an optimal state of well-being. Spanning 16,000 square feet, The Spa's 10 rooms offer facials, skin enhancements, massages, body treatments and sculpting, acupuncture, light therapy, IV drips and whole-body cryotherapy. Guests begin their experience in the unparalleled locker rooms equipped with a hot plunge, cold plunge, eucalyptus steam room, Finnish dry sauna, an expansive hosted beauty bar and complimentary gourmet refreshments replenished throughout the day.

Starting June 1st, The Spa invites guests to spend the day enjoying access to luxurious locker room amenities and the sun-drenched pool while indulging in exclusive seasonal offers grounded in results-driven care. By blending advanced techniques with its signature intentional approach to skincare and bodywork, The Spa's curated experiences awaken the summer glow. New this season:

Summer Wellness Retreat

- Available starting June 1st
- 90-min Bespoke Facial + 90-min Bespoke Massage | \$600 (+ tax & service charge)
- For more information and to book, visit: www.globalambassadorhotel.com/health-and-wellness/the-spa

Silhouette Sculpt Duo

- Available starting June 1st, schedule a 60 or 90 minute Mova Body Treatment and receive a complimentary 30-minute Infrared Sauna treatment
- 60-min Mova Body Treatment + 30-min infrared sauna | \$260
- 90-min Mova Body Treatment + 30-min infrared sauna | \$395
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Phoenix Art Museum Gala Raises Record-Breaking \$2.2 Million

Phoenix Art Museum welcomed nearly 500 guests on Friday, April 11th, for its annual gala fundraiser The pARTy in the Garden, followed by the late-night afterPARTy. This year's event celebrated the Arizona premiere of internationally acclaimed exhibition The World of Anna Sui and brought in \$2.2 million in support of the Museum's exhibitions, arts education programs, free-access hours, and vital operations, the most

raised in the gala's nearly 20-year history. The record-breaking event was chaired by Jordan Rose and Rob Walton, and Jay Franke and David Herro, with afterPARTy co-chairs Andrew and Jennifer Cooper.

"On behalf of everyone at Phoenix Art Museum, I extend our heartfelt thanks to the chairs, guests, and supporters of this year's pARTy in the Garden, including designer Anna Sui who

joined us to celebrate the Arizona premiere of The World of Anna Sui," said Jeremy Mikolajczak, the Museum's Sybil Harrington Director and CEO. "Each year, the gala brings in invaluable support for our mission, and this year, we are humbled to be the recipients of a record-breaking display of generosity, which included a \$1 million gift from Jordan Rose and Rob Walton to ensure the longevity of our contemporary art program."



Cathy and Wayne Teeter



Rob Walton, Jordan Rose, Jay Franke, David Herro



Donna and Steve Johnson



Tran Tran and Carol Warstler



Peter Shikany and Lisa Sette



Nancy and Rushad Thomas

Set beneath the stars in the Dorrance Sculpture Garden, the gala event captured the spirit of “rock ‘n’ roll romance” inspired by the designs of iconic American designer Anna Sui. Guests arrived in striking fashions and enjoyed immersive décor, an elegant culinary experience courtesy of Tarbell’s, and a private preview of The World of Anna Sui before it opened to the public. During the evening, the Museum announced for the first time a \$1 million gift from Jordan Rose and Rob Walton to launch the Rob Walton, Jordan Rose, and Rose Law Group Fund for Contemporary Art. The endowment fund will provide ongoing support for contemporary art exhibitions, educational programs, and scholarship, strengthening the Museum’s

longevity in this critical area. This gift, coupled with \$1.2 million raised through individual ticket sales, table sales, and donations, brought the Museum to an astounding \$2.2 million raised in behalf of the institution.

Following dinner, the Museum transformed for The afterPARTy, an exclusive, museum-after-dark experience that this year was chaired by Jennifer and Andrew Cooper. Guests enjoyed a live performance by international electronic music sensation Felix Cartal, along with custom cocktails, late-night bites, desserts, and art-inspired activities. All proceeds for The afterPARTy also benefit the Museum’s exhibitions, education programs, free-access times, and operations.

Each year, 300,000 guests on average engage with critically acclaimed national and international exhibitions and the Museum’s collection of more than 21,000 works of American and Western American, Asian, European, Latin American, modern, and contemporary art and fashion design, along with vibrant photography exhibitions made possible through the Museum’s landmark partnership with the Center for Creative Photography at the University of Arizona in Tucson. PhxArt also presents live performances, outstanding examples of global cinema, arts-education programs and workshops, an art+music festival, and more for the community. To learn more about Phoenix Art Museum, visit www.phxart.org, or call (602) 257-1880. ❖



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For our young aspiring squash players, we offer engaging and energetic kids' squash sessions every Tuesday and Thursday from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. For just \$30 per child, these sessions provide a fantastic introduction to the sport, focusing on fundamental skills and fostering a love for the game in a fun and supportive setting.

To accelerate your progress and refine your technique, private lessons are available with our esteemed Squash Professional, Sakhi Khan. Benefit from his extensive experience and personalized coaching to elevate your game, whether you are a complete beginner or a seasoned player looking for that competitive edge.

Khan has been a college squash coach for the past two decades, and before that, played on the professional squash tour for seven years. He won the World Teaching Professional Championship twice. Khan is a fourth-generation of the Khan Squash Dynasty - his knowledge spans a lifetime of experience.

For those who enjoy the camaraderie and spontaneous competition of open play, join us every Monday and Wednesday from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. These sessions offer a relaxed and informal setting to practice your skills, engage in friendly matches, and connect with fellow squash enthusiasts. Adding a structured yet dynamic element to our program is our round robin play, held every Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. This format provides a chance to play multiple short matches against a variety of opponents, enhancing your adaptability and strategic thinking on the court.

At Camelback Village, we believe in making squash accessible to everyone. If you are new to the sport, we provide practice racquets and protective eyewear, ensuring you have the necessary equipment to get started safely and comfortably. Our comprehensive lesson offerings extend to all levels, from introductory sessions for novices to advanced coaching for experienced players.

Beyond the thrill of the game, Camelback Village offers a holistic wellness experience. After an invigorating squash session, treat yourself to a rejuvenating massage at our spa, unwind in the soothing heat of our sauna, or simply relax and enjoy a refreshing beverage at our café. We strive to be more than just a sports club; we aim to be your ultimate destination for recreation, relaxation, and community. With everything you need to play, recover, and socialize, you might just find yourself wanting to spend your entire day here, fully immersed in the Village experience. Come and discover the exceptional squash program and the unparalleled amenities that await you at Camelback Village Racquet & Health Club. For more information, please visit www.villageclubs.com. ♦

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New Biplane System at Abrazo Arrowhead Saves Stroke Victim's Life

Do You Know The Signs?

Doctors at Abrazo Arrowhead Campus perform a lifesaving procedure to successfully treat a patient suffering from a massive stroke using a state-of-the-art neurointerventional biplane system just acquired by the hospital earlier this year.

The patient was admitted to the Abrazo Arrowhead ER in March, exhibiting severe stroke symptoms. Doctors quickly identified a dissected carotid artery and a Large Vessel Occlusion (LVO), a life-threatening condition that requires immediate medical intervention.

"This was a highly complex case," said Dr. Alexander Coon, vascular neurosurgeon at Abrazo Health. "LVO stroke is caused by a blockage in a major cerebral artery, which can lead to significant neurological damage or death if not treated promptly. We were able to perform a groundbreaking procedure to restore blood flow and save the patient's life because of this advanced neurointerventional capability."

In January, Abrazo Arrowhead introduced the cutting-edge neurointerventional biplane imaging system, which utilizes dual X-ray technology to generate high-resolution, 3D images of cerebral and spinal vasculature. The system enhances stroke care, interventional radiology, and neurology by providing unparalleled imaging precision, enabling physicians to perform highly intricate procedures with enhanced accuracy.

"This case underscores the importance of rapid stroke intervention," said Brody Plumb, Lead Interventional Radiology Technician at Abrazo Health. "Time is critical in stroke cases. The availability of the biplane system at Abrazo Arrowhead is a game-changer for stroke care in the Northwest Corridor of the Valley. No other facility in this region offers this level of neurointerventional capability."

With May recognized as National Stroke Awareness Month, medical experts emphasize the importance of recognizing stroke symptoms and seeking immediate care.

"Prompt action is crucial for better outcomes of stroke. The phrase time is brain emphasizes that each minute without treatment results in the loss of millions of brain cells, potentially leading to permanent damage (long-term disability) or even death," says Dr. Coon.

Note: Use the letters in **F.A.S.T.** to spot a stroke!

- **F = Face Drooping**

Does one side of the face droop, or is it numb? Ask the person to smile. Is the smile uneven?

- **A = Arm Weakness**

Is one arm weak or numb? Ask the person to raise both arms. Does one arm drift downward?

- **S = Speech Difficulty**

Is speech slurred?

- **T = Time to call 911**

Every minute counts. Call 911 immediately. Note the time when any of the symptoms first appear. ❖

Dr. Kenneth Cooper Releases 20th Book ~ Grow Healthier As You Grow Older

When Kenneth Cooper, MD, MPH, released his seminal work, *Aerobics*, in 1968, he knew he was releasing a groundbreaking approach to health and lifestyle, with a focus on preventive health versus treatment for existing health conditions. He did not, however, know he was creating an industry that has continued to skyrocket for more than five decades or that his research would change and improve health outcomes for millions worldwide.

Now, at age 94, Dr. Cooper has released his 20th book. *Grow Healthier as You Grow Older* is a personal look at the history of the fitness revolution inspired by Dr. Cooper, a guide for preventive health and fitness to improve the quality and quantity of your life and an inspirational account of Dr. Cooper's lifelong dedication to serving others.

In the book, Dr. Cooper explains why your health is your responsibility. There are many things each of us can control, including diet, exercise, eliminating use of tobacco and eliminating or limiting alcohol consumption, which can reduce the risk of disease and improve health, longevity and quality of life.

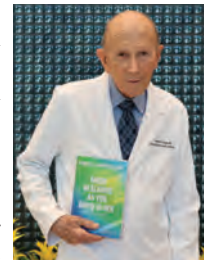
Dr. Cooper is world-renowned as a preventive medicine physician and the Father of Aerobics, and this book provides a step-by-step guide to preventive health, fitness and increasing longevity for people of all ages and fitness levels. While some people have a lengthy decline in their health prior to passing away, Dr. Cooper's goal is to help individuals "square off the curve," allowing them to live a long, healthy, active life until right before death. "No medication or therapy can replicate the benefits of an active lifestyle," explains Dr. Cooper. "Fitness is a journey, not a destination. You must continue for the rest of your life." *Grow Healthier as You Grow Older* creates a simple roadmap for success. Making minimal changes in your fitness level, such as going from inactive to exercising 30 minutes most days of the week, can drastically improve your health and add years to your life.

An icon in the world of fitness and longevity, Dr. Cooper was recently inducted into the inaugural class of the Health & Fitness Association Hall of Fame. Anyone can implement Dr. Cooper's 8 Healthy Steps to Get Cooperized™ to square off the curve and live healthier longer. But Dr. Cooper stresses the importance of selecting the right exercise to improve longevity. Exercise can be used in three primary ways: for rest and relaxation, strength training and figure-contouring and cardiovascular fitness. While all three are beneficial, only cardiovascular fitness can help increase longevity and prevent disease.

After coining the word aerobics while working as a surgeon in the U.S. Army, Dr. Cooper transferred to the Air Force where he helped NASA create an astronaut conditioning program. That work led him to develop the 12-minute fitness test and the Aerobics Point System, with years of proven scientific research that have become the standard in the medical and fitness communities. Dr. Cooper also helped to develop the treadmill stress test as a diagnostic tool to detect early signs of coronary heart disease.

After opening the Cooper Aerobics Center in Dallas in 1970, Dr. Cooper moved his research to preventive medicine for the general population. The public private partnership between Cooper Clinic and The Cooper Institute allowed Dr. Cooper to create a world-renowned study of measured fitness. The Cooper Center Longitudinal Study (CCLS) contains more than 2.2 million person-years of observation from more than 116,000 healthy participants allowing research that informs and directs healthy living and preventive medical care. He developed FitnessGram and partnered with the National Football League (NFL) to bring this fitness program to millions of students with NFL PLAY60, groundbreaking work to prevent childhood obesity by helping children get fit. The powerful science behind this work is showcased in *Grow Healthier as You Grow Older* to help people in every stage of life take control of their health, fitness and longevity.

The book will be available in stores beginning Tuesday, June 24th, 2025. The book will be released initially in hardcover and Kindle format. It is currently available for pre-order on Amazon and Barnes & Noble. ❖



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