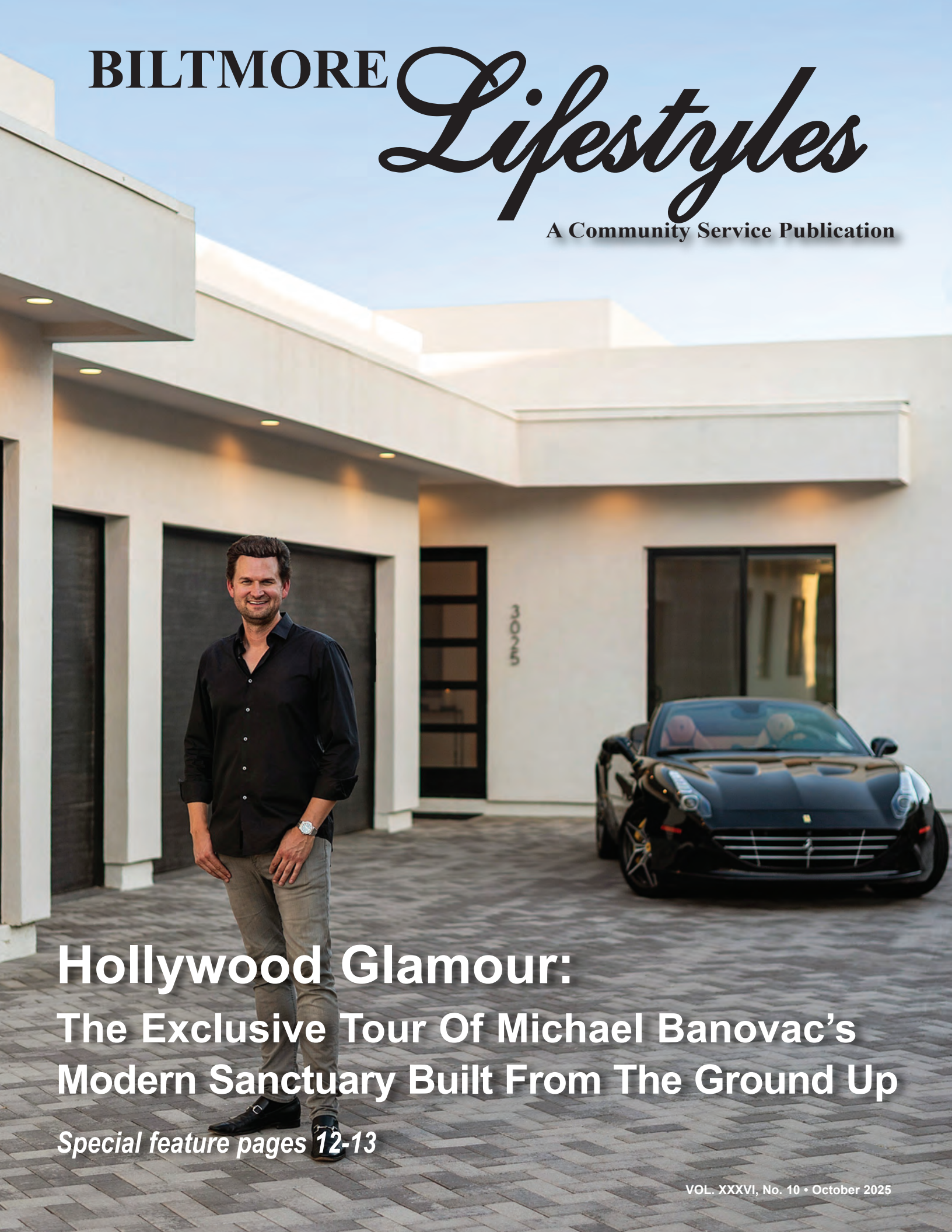


BILTMORE *Lifestyles*

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A man, Michael Banovac, stands in the foreground of a modern, white, two-story house. He is wearing a black button-down shirt and light-colored trousers. To his right, a dark-colored Ferrari sports car is parked in the driveway. The house has large windows and a minimalist design. The driveway is paved with grey bricks.

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Camelot Homes Breaks Ground at Villas II Luxury Golf Community

On Tuesday, September 9th, Camelot Homes broke ground at Villas II, the second phase of its premier 23-home lock-and-leave community of single-family detached residences within the prestigious, critically acclaimed Seven Desert Mountain golf community. The Camelot team was joined by Mayor Lisa Borowsky and representatives from Desert Mountain Club and the Scottsdale Chamber of Commerce as they turned the ceremonial shovels of dirt to kick off construction of the new luxury community.

In 1986, developer Lyle Anderson partnered with Frank Lloyd Wright's Taliesin Associated Architects to develop 8,300 acres into what is known today as one of the nation's most prestigious master-planned communities – Desert Mountain. Seven Desert Mountain, the luxury golf community within Desert Mountain, officially broke ground in 2018, and in 2019, No. 7 at Desert Mountain became the first new golf course to be built at Desert Mountain in nearly two decades, joining six Championship Jack Nicklaus Signature Courses.

"At Villas II, every homesite backs up to No. 7 at Desert Mountain, the USGA-rated championship par-54, 18-hole golf course that serves as the focal point of the community," said Julie Hancock, Managing Director and Co-owner of Camelot Homes.

Villas II brings back two award-winning floor plans from the sold-out first phase of Camelot's Villas community, designed by award-winning architect Robert Hidey Architects. Each plan includes 2 to 4 bedrooms, 3.5 to 4.5 bathrooms, and 2,768 to 3,305 square feet. Homeowners may choose from three types of membership at the world-renowned private Desert Mountain Club (subject to membership approval). Depending on the membership type, benefits include access to the newly renovated Sonoran Spa and Fitness Center, a tennis complex, 25 miles of private hiking and biking trails, six Jack Nicklaus Signature championship par-72 golf courses, the championship par-54 course at Seven Desert Mountain, and 10 distinctive restaurants and grills.

"With homes set against the rolling green hills of the golf course, plus world-class amenities and easy access to recreational opportunities at nearby Tonto National Forest and Bartlett Lake, Villas II represents a rare opportunity, and the last chance to own a new home at Seven Desert Mountain," said Hancock.



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October in Arizona feels like the welcome breath we've all been waiting for. The mornings grow cooler, evenings invite us outdoors again, and the golden light of fall seems to cast everything in a more relaxed, celebratory glow. After the high heat of summer, it's as though we're given a second wind, a season made for gathering.

Here in the Biltmore community, fall means more than the changing of the calendar. It's the return of neighbors hosting patio

dinners, weekends spent under wide desert skies, and the sound of cheers echoing from televisions and stadiums alike. Yes, it's football season, and in Arizona that brings its own brand of energy and tradition.

Whether you're a devoted Cardinals fan who proudly dons red and black each weekend, a spirited alum cheering for your favorite college team, or simply someone who loves the camaraderie of a good tailgate, football has a way of bringing us together. It's about the ritual as much as the game itself, sharing recipes, gathering in living rooms and sports bars, and finding your people in the sea of fans.

So as you step into October with its crisp mornings and football nights, may you embrace all the joy this season has to offer, whether you're wearing a jersey, hosting friends, or simply savoring a cool breeze at last. Here's to fall in Arizona, it's worth celebrating.

Until next month, *Susan*

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White Party Hosted by Med 44 Arcadia & BODI Scottsdale

You won't want to miss this Ladies Night event happening on Thursday, October 9th from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Med 44 Arcadia. It's shaping up to be the party of the season!

Walk Away with \$1000 Luxury Swag Bag!

Experience an evening of luxury and the ultimate ladies night out at Med 44! Hosted by Holly Mueller of Med 44 Arcadia and Nikki Metzger of BODI Scottsdale, this white party is a celebration of beauty, wellness and connection, complete with VIP perks, curated experiences and a luxe \$1,000 swag bag for every guest. You'll mix and mingle with standout local businesses like Med 44 Arcadia, BODI Scottsdale, Scottsdale Center for Plastic Surgery, Benessair Health, Pure Glow, Eat Clean PHX, Mane Attraction Salon, Whxte Fine Jewelry & more.

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Tickets are FREE, but RSVP and attendance are required to claim your swag bag. To sign up for this fabulous White Party, visit the website at www.tickettailor.com/events/whitepartywithmed44arcadiabodi/1845833?_kx=rIFQc7U9LvVzcoeHB04eHdBPHMQxbYQEbq54u9YH7BrWJTa2rh62KDV6EfwICH2C.YhAW9q.

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Fresh off the heels of its 70th anniversary celebration, Uptown Plaza is inviting families to step into the magical world of Oz and follow the yellow brick road to their favorite shopping center for Halloween celebration on Saturday, October 19th, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

This year, the historic shopping center transforms into a whimsical land inspired by The Wizard of Oz, where kids can dress in costume, trick-or-treat at participating tenants, and collect plenty of candy along the way.

In addition to trick-or-treating, guests can stop by for festive crafts and interactive activities that add to the fun. Whether you're showing off your favorite costume or simply stopping by for candy, Uptown Plaza's Halloween celebration is the perfect way to enjoy a sweet evening with family and friends.

Uptown Plaza's Annual Trick-or-Treat event promises a fun-filled night for the whole family. For more information, visit www.uptownplazaphx.com. Uptown Plaza is located at the North East corner of Central and Camelback Road at 100 E. Camelback Road in Phoenix. Mark your calendars and join Uptown Plaza for a delightful night of treats, costumes, and fun! ❖





Dreamy Draw Music Festival 2025

The Lumineers, Vampire Weekend, and More to Headline Festival

Dreamy Draw Music Festival is thrilled to announce its return for a third year, taking place November 7th and 8th, 2025, at the Scottsdale Civic Center. Back under the desert sky and bigger than ever, this two-day, three-stage music and arts festival is doubling its footprint, audience capacity, and immersive storytelling energy; welcoming more music lovers from across the Southwest and beyond.

The 2025 lineup brings together an impressive roster of artists, with The Lumineers, Vampire Weekend, Father John Misty, Marcus King Band, Saint Motel, Houndmouth, Thee Sacred Souls, and Local Natives headlining the weekend. Supporting acts include Hovvdy, Richy Mitch & The Coal Miners, Ashe, Wells Ferrari, a DJ set from Chromeo, and Arizona's own Asiris, among others. With its expanded talent budget and larger stages, Dreamy Draw con-

tinues to raise the bar with a dynamic mix of indie rock, modern Americana, outlaw country, and genre-bending sounds.

Following two sold-out years, Dreamy Draw is scaling up in every way as daily attendance will grow from 8,000 to 20,000, the festival grounds will expand to include additional city blocks, and a larger Main Stage will set the scene for unforgettable live performances. Guests can also enjoy immersive art installations, artisan markets, and a Southwest-forward food and beverage program that reflects the culture and flavors of the region.

Tickets are on sale now at the website at www.dreamydrawfest.com. With this year's star-studded lineup and expanded capacity, the 2025 Dreamy Draw Music Festival is set to be its biggest and boldest year yet. Secure your tickets now before they sell out. ❖



Fashion Icons the “Veronicas” Headline ACI Holiday Luncheon at the Arizona Biltmore

Time to meet the women behind the runway: the “Veronicas.” The Arizona Costume Institute (ACI), a support group of Phoenix Art Museum that provides vital annual support for the Museum’s renowned fashion department, recently announced that Veronica Miele Beard and Veronica Swanson Beard, the co-founders of luxury fashion label Veronica Beard, will serve as the keynote speakers of the 2025 ACI Holiday Luncheon on December 8th at the Arizona Biltmore. All luncheon proceeds benefit the world-class fashion exhibitions, acquisitions, and educational programming at Phoenix Art Museum. A limited number of tickets are now on sale to the general public. “We are very excited to welcome Veronica Miele Beard and Veronica Swanson Beard of the iconic brand, Veronica Beard, as this year’s ACI Holiday Luncheon speakers,” said Jeremy Mikolajczak, the Sybil Harrington Director and CEO of Phoenix Art Museum. “Each year, this stunning event provides critical funding for the Museum’s fashion program, one of the few historic museum fashion archives across the United States. We are incredibly grateful to the Arizona Costume Institute and its members for their continued support, and I offer a special thanks to this year’s co-chairs, Lana Breen and Justine Hurry, as well as honorary chair Miriam Sukhman, whose decades-long support of the Museum has supported everything from fashion exhibitions and acquisitions to vital operations and beyond.”

Hailed as the Valley’s most anticipated annual fashion fundraising event, the Holiday Luncheon will bring back its beloved fashion presentation and fireside chat led by the internationally recognized designers and entrepreneurs. The 2025 ACI Holiday Luncheon is co-chaired by Lana Breen and Justine Hurry and celebrates Miriam Sukhman as honorary chair. Sukhman is a valued and long-time supporter of Phoenix Art Museum. She and her husband, Yefim, first began their support of the Museum in 1998, and since then, she has served on the Museum’s Board of Trustees, been a member of support groups Contemporary Forum and Friends of European Art, and served on the PhxArt Collections Committee.

“ACI is thrilled to welcome Veronica Miele Beard and Veronica Swanson Beard to this year’s Holiday Luncheon, and to bring back the beloved fashion presentation our guests look forward to year after year,” said Lana Breen, co-chair of the Luncheon. Co-chair Justine Hurry adds, “The Veronicas’ global success and commitment to empowering women make them the perfect voices to headline an event that celebrates the art and influence of fashion.”

Founded in 2010 by sisters-in-law Veronica Miele Beard and Veronica Swanson Beard, the New York-based label has become a global lifestyle brand known for its versatile clothing and accessories designed for the modern woman. Celebrities such as Gwyneth Paltrow and Meghan Markle have embraced the brand’s hallmark dickey jackets and chic separates, and with more than 40 stores across the United States, Veronica Beard has grown over the past 15 years into a leading lifestyle fashion brand renowned for its highest standards for quality and fit and designing each item to feel as good as it looks.

In addition to the designers’ presentations, luncheon attendees will also enjoy a champagne reception, luxury item raffle, and stylish lunch. To learn more about Arizona Costume Institute, please visit arizonacostumeinstitute.org. ❖



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~ Golf Tip ~

Do We Really Grip The Club Like We Grip a Little Bird?

By Tina Tombs, The Arizona Biltmore Golf Club



I've heard it, you've heard it, we've all heard it a million times. Don't grip the club firmly. Grip it soft, like a little bird you don't want to fly away. It's a "famous SAM SNEAD-ISM" that isn't entirely true.

It's not that pros are lying, of course. It's that they're describing something they're feeling, not what's happening.

Titlist Performance Institute (TPI) has shared their findings. Tour players have incredible gripping strength. When TPI measures them on a dynamometer, they can exert about 60 kg of maximum force. Amateurs, by contrast, usually only exert about 30 kg of maximum force.

When it's time to hit a shot, pros won't grip the club as firmly as they possibly can, though, which is why they often tell people they're gripping softly. But even though they think they're gripping the club softly, they're not. By any normal standards, pros grip the club firmly.

Think of it like a body builder lifting a 75-pound weight. To the body builder, the 75-pound weight probably feels light, even though if we tried to pick up the same weight it would feel borderline impossible. The body builder may say the weight is light, and that picking it up is easy, but you know they're just saying that because they're a super-strong body builder.

The body builder thinks the weight is light, even though it's heavy, and pro golfers think they're gripping the club softly, even though they're gripping firmly.

This is a big reason why LPGA and PGA pros hit the ball so far. They may only be using about half of their maximum grip strength, but if an amateur golfer tried to match them, they'd need to grip the club as hard as they could because pros are so much stronger.

We demonstrate in our lessons with an alignment stick holding it like you are swinging a baseball bat making a loud swish throughout the swing. And communicate holding the club with a firm grip keeping wrists, elbows, shoulders (your joints) and neck relaxed and loose as a way of increasing your swing speed to hit the ball longer and straighter.

How to Improve Your Grip Strength

All of this is a way of saying, simply, that grip strength is important. You should probably be gripping the club firmer than you are already and be actively trying to improve your grip strength in the meantime. How do you do that? It's actually quite simple: Lift heavy stuff.



Tina Tombs is a 2020 Arizona Golf Hall of Fame Inductee, a *GOLF Magazine* Top 100 Teacher in America, and two-time LPGA National Teacher Of The Year. To schedule your next golf lesson, clinic, purchase a gift card or find out more information on all programs offered, you can contact Tina and her staff by downloading our app TinaTombsGolf on the app store or google app store. ♦



Better Business Bureau and Banner MD Anderson to Bring The BIG Pink Bus

According to statistics, breast cancer is the most diagnosed form of cancer for women in Arizona. This year, it is estimated that more than 7,000 women throughout the state will be diagnosed with breast cancer.

While a mammogram is the only screening test that has been proven to reduce breast cancer deaths through early detection, only 64% of Arizona women get their mammograms, and that percentage drops even lower for minority women and women who live in underserved communities.

To help women get access to this crucial health test, BBB Pacific Southwest, Central & Inland California (BBB), in conjunction with Banner MD Anderson Cancer Center, is hosting a mammogram screening event on Thursday, October 30th, 2025.

The mammogram screening event will take place inside Banner MD Anderson's mobile mammography unit, the BIG Pink Bus from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., outside of the BBB office at the corner of N. 10th St. and E. Missouri Ave., in Phoenix.

Up to 30 women can schedule a 3D mammogram at the event. Women must be 35 years of age and older and not currently experiencing any issues with their breasts.

For women who have health insurance, the screening mammogram will be billed to their respective insurance company. If the patient is not insured, there will be a Banner Health Social Worker at the event who can discuss financial assistance.

"My mother is a breast cancer survivor, and after being diagnosed myself last fall, this cause became even more personal. I'm now fortunate to be a survivor too, and other women aren't so fortunate and don't always prioritize their own health," said Vicky Lockett, BBB's Associate Vice President, Stakeholder Engagement. "BBB wanted to change that by creating an opportunity for our team members and their families to prioritize screenings. That's why BBB is thrilled to host the amazing team at Banner MD Anderson. Hosting mammogram events like these allows us to support not only our staff, but invite our accredited businesses and neighbors to join by making early detection more accessible, and encourage women to prioritize their health."

Easy access to mammograms, known to reduce breast cancer deaths by 30% to 40%, is critical. Digital Breast Tomosynthesis Mammography, or 3D mammography, has quickly become the gold standard, offering greater accuracy, and finding more cancers than conventional mammography, including detecting invasive cancers sooner.

"The mobile unit provides a seamless entry point to Banner MD Anderson's nationally recognized Comprehensive Breast Cancer Program," said Dr. Danielle Summers, breast radiology section chief at Banner MD Anderson. "All mammograms are interpreted by our radiologists, and patients needing further treatment will have expedited access to Banner MD Anderson's specialized breast oncologists and surgeons."

Appointments are required to take part in the event at the mammogram event on October 30th. To schedule an appointment, please call (602) 521-3838. ♦

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Unit 201

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~ Seasonal Specials at Mastro's ~

This October, Mastro's is rolling out two new seasonal specials that celebrate both the flavors of the season and the spirit of giving!

Seasonal Cinnamon & Pecan Butter Cake

Back by popular demand from October 1st through December 31st, Mastro's is putting a festive twist on their iconic dessert. Upgraded with flavors inspired by your fall holiday favorites, this indulgent dessert is crafted with brown sugar, cinnamon swirl, pecans, crème anglaise, and topped with vanilla bean ice cream and a decadent sea salt toffee caramel sauce.

Breast Cancer Awareness Cocktail & Mocktail

In support of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Mastro's will feature a limited-time Pink Dragon cocktail and Prickly Pear Margarita mocktail, available throughout October.



Mastro's

- **Pink Dragon (Cocktail):** Lalo Blanco Tequila, REAL Prickly Pear Puree, lime juice, dehydrated dragon fruit
- **Prickly Pear Margarita (Mocktail):** Lyre's Agave Blanco Spirit, REAL Prickly Pear Purée, lemon juice, lime juice. Garnished with Maldon Sea Salt rim and lime wheel slit

\$1 of every Pink Dragon cocktail and Prickly Pear Margarita Mocktail sold will benefit the National Breast Cancer Foundation!

These specials will be available at all three Mastro's locations in the Valley, Mastro's City Hall, Mastro's Ocean Club and Mastro's Steakhouse. For more information, please visit www.mastrosrestaurants.com.



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Beyond Van Gogh: The Immersive Experience

Paquin Entertainment Group is proud to announce the Arizona debut of Beyond Van Gogh: The Immersive Experience, coming to Old Town in Scottsdale for the very first time, opening October 10th, 2025, in Old Town Scottsdale at Beyond Van Gogh: Galleria Centre (4343 N. Scottsdale Road).

This marks the first time Beyond Van Gogh: The Immersive Experience, a globally acclaimed exhibition seen by over seven million people, comes to Scottsdale under the direction of its original producer, Paquin Entertainment Group. Although Scottsdale audiences may recall a prior Van Gogh-themed immersive event, this engagement is a different production, defined by Paquin's distinct artistic approach, original soundscape, and powerful storytelling. Beyond Van Gogh offers a fresh and emotionally rich way to experience Vincent Van Gogh's art like never before.

"Through cutting-edge technology, this immersive experience is redefining what art means to people," says Justin Paquin, Paquin Entertainment Group's President of Exhibitions and Theatrical. "It allows audiences to form deeper emotional connections with Van Gogh's most iconic pieces in ways that were once unimaginable."

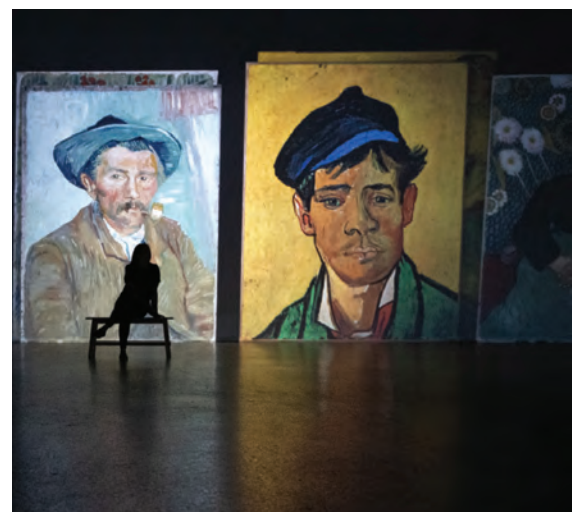
Sign up now to get Priority Access to tickets at [BeyondVanGogh.com](https://www.beyondvangogh.com) with an exclusive 20% discount. The 24-hour presale began on Tuesday, September 9th via the global live entertainment platform.

Guests begin in the Education Room, exploring the story behind Van Gogh's life and legacy. Then, in the Immersive Room, they encounter over 400 of his most celebrated works, including *The Starry Night*, *Sunflowers*, *Café Terrace at Night*, and his stirring self-portraits brought to life through larger-than-life HD projections. As part of the experience, visitors can also enjoy a free virtual reality (VR) component, offering a new and intimate way to explore Van Gogh's world.

"When you stand inside this immersive experience, you truly feel like you are part of Van Gogh's world," says Fanny Curtat, Art Historian for Beyond Van Gogh. "It offers a fresh and original perspective, allowing us to connect with his masterpieces in new, emotional, and dynamic ways."

More information for Beyond Van Gogh: The Immersive Experience can be found on the website at www.beyondvangogh.com/city/scottsdale

Sign up for the Waitlist to get Priority Access with an exclusive discount by visiting www.feverup.com/m/429751. Follow the experience on Instagram at [@beyondvangogh](https://www.instagram.com/beyondvangogh). ❖



Queen Creek Olive Mill Introduces New Jam Collection

The Queen Creek Olive Mill, Arizona's only family-owned and operated olive farm and mill, is sweetening its shelves with the launch of six new artisanal jams. Crafted to highlight vibrant fruits, warm spices, and unexpected pairings, each jam is designed to elevate everyday meals into indulgent culinary experiences.

The new jam collection includes:

- **Warm Spiced Apple** – Velvety apples kissed by cinnamon and nutmeg, evoking cozy autumn evenings by a crackling fire. Perfect for toast, pork glaze, thumbprint cookies, or cheese boards.
- **Meyer Lemon Ginger** – Bright Meyer lemons dance with zesty ginger, a vibrant burst of sunshine and spice. Try it on scones, yogurt, cake filling, or grilled fish.
- **Merlot** – Deep, sultry Merlot grapes create a velvety blend of bold fruit and subtle oak. Ideal for charcuterie, crostini, beef marinades, or dessert drizzles.
- **Spiced Peach Bourbon** – Juicy peaches laced with warm bourbon and a hint of spice, capturing the glow of a Southern sunset. Delicious on biscuits, waffles, ice cream, or as a BBQ glaze.
- **Strawberry Vanilla** – Luscious strawberries entwined with creamy vanilla, a timeless love story in every bite. Perfect for pancakes, cheesecake topping, PB&J, or shortcake.
- **Blackberry, Raspberry & Cardamom** – Bold berries mingle with exotic cardamom in a sultry, sophisticated spread. A stunning addition to muffins, brie pairings, cocktails, or crepes.

The new jam line is available now both online and at the Queen Creek Olive Mill marketplace.

About Queen Creek Olive Mill:

Founded by Perry and Brenda Rea, the Queen Creek Olive Mill began with the vision of bringing fresh, local extra virgin olive oil to Arizona. Today, the Mill has grown into a one-of-a-kind agritourism destination where guests can explore the olive oil-making process, enjoy the on-site restaurant Di Oliva Italian Bistro & Bar, shop gourmet products, and attend monthly events. The award-winning oils are crafted in small batches under the careful guidance of their Professional Olive Oil Sommelier. For more information and to shop the new jam collection, visit: www.queencreekolivemill.com.





Hollywood Glamour: The Exclusive Tour Of Michael Banovac's Modern Sanctuary Built From The Ground Up

Drawing upon a lifetime immersed in the art of sophisticated living, Michael's personal residence is a breathtaking testament to modern architectural excellence. With an upbringing steeped in design—his mother, Betsy Anderson, was instrumental in bringing the distinguished Kreiss Furniture collection to the Valley in the early 1990s—Michael has cultivated a refined eye for creating spaces that seamlessly blend luxury and livability. The culmination of a three-year journey, the home's meticulous design is a collaborative family achievement. His father, Bob, acted as his mentor and taught him a decade plus of the building industry, each time honing Michael's eye towards visual excellence. The result is a sanctuary that is both a personal masterpiece and a showcase of a truly elevated aesthetic.

Personally designed by Michael and renowned architects at Tomecak Design, the home's entrance sets a tone of sophisticated tranquility. A serene water feature and a lush green wall welcomes guests into a private courtyard. Inside, a sense of curated elegance unfolds across the open-plan interior that glows with amazing ambient and soffit lighting throughout. Wide-planked French oak floors provide a warm, organic foundation, while the kitchen, a chef's dream, is outfitted with top-of-the-line Sub-Zero and Wolf appliances. The kitchen also includes an entire uncut slab of imported Zebra Quartz for the island and a stunning polished nickel with knurling

Waterstone fixture serves as a focal point. It's meticulous craftsmanship echoing the careful consideration given to every detail. These touches transform daily rituals into moments of refined pleasure, showcasing the seamless integration of high-performance function with beautiful form.

Throughout the residence, the bespoke details are what truly set it apart. Custom-made polished nickel and ebony hammered door handles from Emtek add a tactile and visually striking element to every room. This commitment to exquisite hardware extends to the polished nickel Phylrich faucets found in every bathroom, a testament to the home's uncompromising quality and a nod to a heritage of luxury provided by Lux Kitchen & Bath Gallery. The walls serve as a showcase for gorgeous, black-and-white Hollywood art, lending a timeless and glamorous air to the contemporary setting. These curated pieces inject personality and history, creating a



dynamic dialogue between the home's modern lines and classic Hollywood allure.

The primary suite reveals a wardrobe that is nothing short of extraordinary—a closet so thoughtfully designed and impeccably appointed Tom Ford himself would approve! Personally, and carefully designed by Dream Closets and Michael himself. The private sanctuary is an ode to meticulous organization and high fashion, serving as a luxurious prelude to the en-suite bathroom with a see-through remote-controlled gas fireplace. Here, as in every other bath, the Phylrich faucets shine, reinforcing a consistent vision of luxury. The attention to detail within this personal space highlights Michael's understanding that true opulence lies not just in the grand gestures, but in the intimate and personal moments of daily life.

The home's exterior offers a private oasis designed for both relaxation and grand-scale entertaining. The backyard features a pristine pool with three fountain like water features and a rejuvenating spa that can seat 10, creating a perfect backdrop for the breathtaking Arizona sunsets. The space is framed by a towering wall of ficuses and a lush expanse of luxury turf, providing a green and vibrant contrast to the sleek, modern architecture. This verdant screens offers both privacy and a sense of serenity, crafting a resort-like atmosphere that makes the home feel miles away from the city, despite its central location. It is a masterful execution of indoor-outdoor living, blurring the lines between built and natural environments.

If you are inspired by this unparalleled blend of modern design, bespoke craftsmanship, and thoughtful luxury, let Michael Banovac and his team transform your own living space. With a track record of acquiring, building, remodeling, and selling hundreds of luxury homes, Michael's expertise and discerning eye can bring your architectural dreams to life. For remodeling, building, or selling services, call or email Michael Banovac at 602.571.4888 or mbanovac@hotmail.com. ❖



Runnin' for the Brats Returns to Tempe Town Lake for The 52nd Annual Four Peaks Oktoberfest

Lace up your running shoes and don your lederhosen, Runnin' for the Brats is back on Saturday, October 11th, 2025, as part of the 52nd Annual Four Peaks Brewing Oktoberfest at Tempe Town Lake. The spirited fun run, hosted by the Frank Kush Foundation, offers a 10K, 5K, and 1-mile option, with all participants receiving free Saturday admission to the festival.

Known for its festive costumes, lively energy, and scenic route around Tempe Town Lake, Runnin' for the Brats invites runners, walkers, and Oktoberfest enthusiasts of all ages to join in. Oktoberfest attire is encouraged, and the event is open to all skill levels, from competitive athletes to those simply looking for a fun jog before indulging in Bavarian fare.

The run is part of a full weekend of Oktoberfest celebrations from Friday, October 10th through Sunday, October 12th, featuring two stages of live music headlined by Annie Bosko, Fastball, and Emily Wolfe, along with German food and beer, carnival rides, wiener dog races, brat-eating contests, stein-holding competitions and more.

Proceeds from Oktoberfest benefit Tempe Sister Cities, a nonprofit organization that fosters international goodwill and cultural exchange. Registration is now open at the website at www.4PeaksRacing.com. ❖



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Save the Date: Goldwater Institute's Freedom Gala Returns Friday, October 17th at Arizona Biltmore Resort

The Goldwater Institute is proud to announce its upcoming Freedom Gala, featuring special guest Governor Glenn Youngkin of Virginia and a performance by comedian and impressionist Frank Caliendo.

The Freedom Gala will take place on Friday, October 17, 2025, at the Arizona Biltmore Resort. The evening will celebrate the Goldwater Institute's mission and wins over the past year. These include expanding educational freedom, defending free speech as well as stopping government overreach in healthcare, property rights, and economic liberty.

Elijah Stacy, 22 years old, will be presented with the Freedom Award. Diagnosed with Duchenne muscular dystrophy, which took away his ability to walk at age 11, Elijah has turned his battle into a mission; he founded Destroy Duchenne at 15 years of age and became a leading advocate for medical freedom, choices and research. His story is integral to Goldwater's Right to Try movement, ensuring patients have the right to access lifesaving treatments.

This year's event draws from the Goldwater Institute's iconic Arizonian heritage and honors the work that began here. The Goldwater Institute is paying tribute to the pioneering spirit that shaped the Institute's founding and continues to guide its mission today: to ensure liberty is ours for generations to come.

Guests will also enjoy a special performance from Frank Caliendo, whose high-energy impressions of public figures and sports icons have earned him standing ovations from Capitol Hill to the NFL stage. His appearances on *The Late Show*, *The Tonight Show*, FOX NFL Sunday, and ESPN's Sunday NFL Countdown have made him one of the most recognizable comedic talents in the country.

"The Goldwater Institute is proud to celebrate another year of success, and we're honored to welcome Governor Youngkin as our Freedom

Gala special guest," said Victor Riches, President and CEO of the Goldwater Institute. "Governor Youngkin is a bold advocate for parental rights, school choice, and limited government, values that are at the heart of Goldwater's mission."

The evening will include dinner, live entertainment, and an opportunity to support the Goldwater Institute's mission to defend the American Dream nationwide.

Chairman of the Goldwater Institute Tom Hatten said "this night promises to be an inspirational patriotic event, showcasing everything from great leadership to enjoyable fun entertainment, certainly a can't miss!"

Tickets and sponsorships are available now. For more information or to RSVP, visit GoldwaterGala.com.

About the Goldwater Institute:

The Goldwater Institute is the nation's preeminent liberty organization scoring real wins for freedom from coast to coast. We're committed to empowering all Americans to live freer, happier lives, and we accomplish tangible results for liberty by working in state courts, legislatures, and communities nationwide to advance, defend, and strengthen the freedom guaranteed by the constitutions of the United States and the fifty states. Founded in 1988 in Arizona with Senator Barry Goldwater's blessing, the Institute is a free-market public policy research and litigation organization dedicated to advancing the principles of limited government, economic freedom, and individual liberty, with a focus on education, free speech, healthcare, occupational licensing, and constitutional limits. ❖





First-Ever Army vs. Navy Matchup at Bentley Scottsdale Polo Championships

The Bentley Scottsdale Polo Championships will make history this fall when it features its first-ever Army vs. Navy polo match, a patriotic showdown that will bring a longstanding national sports rivalry into one of the Valley's signature sporting and social events.

The two teams will square off at noon Saturday, November 8th at WestWorld of Scottsdale (16601 N Pima Road, Scottsdale), adding a patriotic element to the two-day event taking place ahead of Veterans Day. While the matchup promises fierce competition, it also gives attendees a chance to tip their hats to America's men and women in uniform while gaining a front-row seat to this historic rivalry.



"We're coming to Scottsdale for the fun, competition and camaraderie of playing on such a big stage, but we're also here to shine a spotlight on our active service members and veterans in need," said U.S. Army Major Mark Liarikos, who will play for the Army team. "With Veterans Day right around the corner, this match is about more than just polo – it's about honoring those who serve and showing them how this sport – and the horses involved in it – can help heal and connect our community."

Liarikos, the organizer of Army vs. Navy match, is a 20-year Army veteran whose service started in the Massachusetts Army National Guard and now serves as a Civil Affairs Officer and Battalion Executive Officer for the Phoenix Army Recruiting Battalion. Liarikos is also the founder of the AV (Active & Veterans) Polo Club, a nonprofit that provides equine therapy and other services and seeks to expand access to the sport for military members and veterans, including those with disabilities or limited resources.

Joining Liarikos on the Army Polo Team is Terrence Donahue, who served as a Cavalry

Officer in the U.S. Army before spending more than five years in the 82nd Airborne Division based in Fort Bragg, North Carolina. He has since served his country as everything from a platoon leader and executive officer to an aide-de-camp, ultimately concluding his active military service after a 2015 deployment to northern Iraq. Donahue continues to serve as a reserve Army Officer, and the lifelong polo player also works for the Department of Homeland Security, where he continues to uphold his commitment to protecting the United States and its people.

Rounding out the Army Polo Team is retired Field Artillery Officer William J. Waggoner, who will join Donahue in one of the weekend's six highly anticipated matchups. Waggoner served during Desert Storm I and later founded World Aid Runners (WAR), a non-governmental organization that delivers ambulances to war-torn areas in the Ukraine.

In 2024, he personally drove one such vehicle from Kraków to a village near the Russian border. A polo player for more than 15 years, he recently married Cecille Visser and is now the father of six.



Playing for the opposing side is Blandon “Nalu” Pitzel, whose polo career began in 2015. Pitzel enlisted in the Navy ahead of his 18th birthday and eventually completed college while serving in the Navy Reserve. Commissioned in the Marine Corps., he flew helicopters in Hawaii and then continued to serve as a commanding officer of his G-IV squadron after completing active duty.



“We bring the same intensity to the sport and the polo field that we do to our respective branches of service,” said Pitzel, noting that this will be his team’s first appearance at the Bentley Scottsdale Polo Championships. “While we’re all here to win, we’re also proud to be here honoring our history and putting on a show for our fans in Arizona.”

Joining Pitzel on the polo field for the Navy team will be Oscar Chacon-Hidalgo, an El Paso, Texas native whose family’s decorated military history includes Army, Navy and Vietnam War service. Today, Chacon-Hidalgo channels those



values into entrepreneurship and philanthropy, investing in causes and efforts that strengthen and broaden opportunities within the communities he serves.

Chris “Kit” Jones, a U.S. Marine Gunnery Sergeant and longtime polo professional, will round out the Navy team’s roster.

Currently serving as the Company Senior Enlisted Advisor for MWSS 473 Detachment Alpha in Lemoore, California, Jones previously traveled the country as a combat shooting and marksmanship instructor before representing the Marine Corps Polo Team for more than 15 years in tournaments across the U.S. and around the globe. Based in Dallas, Jones is also the CEO of Dark Horse Fleet Services and plays out of the Prestonwood Polo Club.

In addition to the Army vs. Navy match, spectators can catch teams from Arizona, Louisiana, California, Tennessee, Wales and England. Sunday’s festivities will also include a “Battle of the Sexes” matchup at 11:00 a.m. and an “International All-Stars” showdown at 1:00 p.m.

While the six highly anticipated polo matches promise plenty of on-field action, the Scottsdale



Polo Party will also include fan-favorite experiences from past editions, including the Canine Couture pet fashion show by Lugari Pet Salon, The World’s Longest Catwalk Fashion Show by Phoenix Fashion Week, and the return of the Casa Amigos DayClub and Barrett-Jackson Champagne & Jazz Lounge, the latter of which will feature a new open-air format. This year’s event will also coincide with the WestWorld Art & Wine Experience, a weekend-long special event featuring live music, 100 nationally juried artists and craftsman, gourmet food and wine, and plenty of other fanfare.

“The Army vs. Navy rivalry is one of the most respected in all of sports, and it’s an honor to see it make its way to Scottsdale’s polo field for the very first time,” said Bentley Scottsdale Polo Championships Co-Founder Jason Rose. “We wanted to deliver an unforgettable weekend unlike anything we’ve done in the past, and this year’s lineup, paired with the addition of the WestWorld Art & Wine Experience taking place onsite, promises to do exactly that.”

Tickets and tables are now on sale at ThePoloParty.com.



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Celebrate the holidays with flavor, generosity, and a little something extra. Roaring Fork, a beloved dining destination in Scottsdale is giving guests even more reasons to celebrate. From November 24th through December 31st, guests who purchase \$100 in gift cards, will receive a \$20 bonus gift card, the perfect treat for themselves or someone special.

Celebrate Roaring Fork's festive décor, wood-burning fireplace and warm ambiance of their indoor and outdoor patios. Guests can indulge in all their favorites or explore new flavors. Known for their famed bold American cuisine, holiday comfort food favorites include the Cedar Planked Salmon, Bacon Wrapped Pork Tenderloin, Shrimp and Grits, Rotisserie Chicken with Cornbread Stuffing, Boneless Buttermilk Fried Chicken, Duroc Pork Chop, Rainbow Trout, the 8oz. Filet Mignon and more! Not to be missed appetizers and sides include the Smoked Chicken Wings, Bacon Wrapped Stuffed Jalapenos, Rotisserie Chicken Flatbread, Green Chili Mac and Cheese, Skillet Corn Bread, Mexican Street Corn or the Queso Con Puerco.

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Delivering Dreams of Arizona Receives \$32,500 in Grants

Delivering Dreams of Arizona recently received support from three outstanding organizations dedicated to empowering Arizona's communities. The grants, which total \$32,500, will be used to support the Delivering Dreams Bus Program, a flagship program bringing new clothing, shoes, and other essentials to children in need at schools in the Greater Phoenix area, allowing students to enter the classroom confidently and ready to learn.

"We are thankful to receive this support from our amazing partner organizations as we work to strengthen our community and support local youth," said Aimee Runyon, Chief Executive Officer, Delivering Dreams of Arizona. "Their donations ensure we are able to help students and their families by supplying these essential clothing packages and alleviating one of their concerns."

The Fiesta Sports Foundation is home to the premier College Football Playoff postseason game, the Vrbo Fiesta Bowl, the fan-friendly Rate Bowl and multiple year-round live sports and entertainment events that fuel their mission to deliver positive economic impact and charitable resources throughout the community. They donated \$15,000.

The Burton Family Foundation fosters positive transformation and empowers individuals and communities across Arizona by supporting education and human services programs across the state. They provided \$10,000. OneAZ Credit Union Foundation supports local organizations and initiatives that strengthen communities through economic empowerment and entrepreneurship, improving access to essential services, and programs that prepare Arizona's youth to become the next generation of leaders. They provided \$5,000.

Arizona Public Service (APS) partners with community organizations and programs to improve the lives of Arizonans, responding to diverse needs among communities and increasing support for underserved populations. They donated \$2,500.

The Delivering Dreams Bus Program works with more than 155 K-8th grade schools in the area, with school staff identifying eligible students for the program. This year, the program will serve over 15,000 children! Recognizing transportation challenges that face underserved and low-income families, Delivering Dreams of Arizona utilizes 40ft retrofitted buses called Delivering Dreams Buses to bring the program directly to students at the schools they attend. The buses are filled with shelves of clothing and shoes, along with private dressing rooms. Corporate/community groups provide volunteers to help each child select clothing and ensure that clothes and shoes fit properly. Each student receives a package of items that includes clothing, shoes, and hygiene items valued at approximately \$300. For more information, please visit the website at www.deliveringdreamsaz.org.



Skillet Chocolate Pecan Brownie

Sam Fox's New Restaurant, Society Swan, Lands In Scottsdale Fashion Square on October 15th!

Scottsdale is about to get a new go-to spot for champagne lunch, \$10 martini happy hour and a buzzy see-and-be-seen dinner destination when Society Swan opens October 15th at Scottsdale Fashion Square. The latest from restaurateur Sam Fox and Fox Restaurant Concepts, it is part timeless American brasserie, part French day-dream and all about proving there's always a reason to stay for just one more.

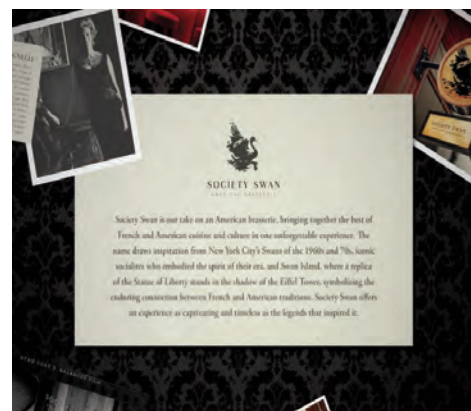
Bridging East Coast poise with Parisian charm, this two-level space offers a spirited take on everyday dining where elegance, mischief and mood converge. Inspired by New York City's Swans of the 1960s and '70s, iconic socialites who defined an era, and by Paris' Swan Island, where a replica of the Statue of Liberty stands beneath the Eiffel Tower, Society Swan celebrates the enduring connection between American and French traditions. Classic cocktails, reimagined moments and all-day occasions collide in a setting designed for lingering. This is the scene, the spark and the story written, one drink, one dish and one unforgettable moment at a time.

"Society Swan is all about bringing a little glamour to everyday dining, but in a way that's relaxed, fun and never fussy," said Fox.

The layered menu includes a frites section dedicated to the perfect pairing, think juicy Wagyu skirt steak frites and a crisp, coastal take on fish and chips. A raw bar selection adds a touch of indulgence, featuring highlights like the sweet, meaty stone crab claw. Rounding out the offerings is the Waldorf Grain Bowl, a fresh, modern nod to the storied history that inspires Society Swan.

The bar program is as carefully calibrated as the culinary lineup. The CIAO Brooklyn, bonded rye whiskey, a vermouth trio, toasted pecan and house bitters, anchors a collection of classic and contemporary cocktails. An approachable \$10 happy hour martini menu applies the same attention to craft, with balanced builds, quality spirits and precise technique delivering polished drinks at exceptional value.

Society Swan (7014 E. Camelback Rd., Suite 559) will open October 15th at Scottsdale Fashion Square. To see the menu and book a reservation, please visit www.SocietySwan.com. For the latest, follow @society.swan. ❖



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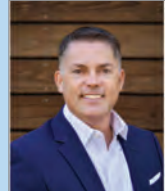
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New Ride Around Arcadia Show Takes Guests on a Spin Through One of the Valley's Most Popular Neighborhoods

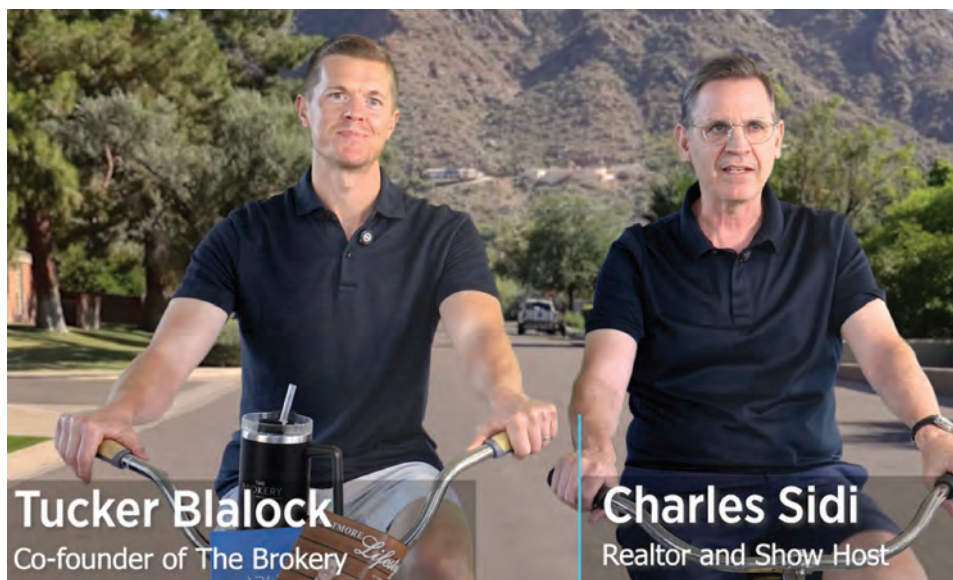
Charles Sidi, his wife Sarah, and their two young sons moved from England to Arizona nearly 20 years ago and fell in love with the Arcadia neighborhood immediately. Since then, Charles has established deep roots in the area. While stuck at home sick, scrolling Instagram a few months ago, he noticed a flood of podcasts on his feed and thought, wasn't there a more exciting way to conduct an interview than just sitting in chairs with microphones? That question sparked the idea for his new show, Ride Around Arcadia.

"I'm a doer," said Charles, who has worked in building, design, and construction for over 35 years. "Once I got the idea for creating a podcast with people riding bicycles around Arcadia and talking business, we were off to the races!" He called up the production team at Pixelist Media, and within weeks, had a green screen and stationary bicycles set up in The Brokery's Arcadia office, and was booking guests.

"Each interview lasts 5-7 minutes. After recording, the team edits the video to create a backdrop of a virtual bike ride through the beautiful Arcadia neighborhood."

Sidi says his goal with the Ride Around Arcadia podcast is to highlight the people and businesses who make up the fabric of the community so others can see what the neighborhood has to offer. The show, which launched July 14th, features a new guest each week. So far, he has interviewed a medium/intuitive, a public relations professional, real estate agents, and a homebuilder, among others. Questions focus on the guest's area of expertise, their thoughts on Arcadia, and a set of rapid fire questions that vary by guest, with the exception of one standard question: "Postino or LGO?"

Full episodes of the show can be viewed at www.youtube.com/@lovearcadialiving and the show's Instagram is [@ride_around_arcadia](https://www.instagram.com/ride_around_arcadia). Potential guests who live or work in the Arcadia neighborhood and are interested in hopping on a bike and talking business are invited to reach out to charles@thebrokery.com. ❖



Bring the West's Most Notorious Outlaw Back to Life

'The Resurrection of Billy the Kid'

Western Spirit: Scottsdale's Museum of the West is pleased to announce a partnership with *True West Magazine* to bring The West's most well-known and notorious outlaw figuratively back to life in the exhibit *The Resurrection of Billy the Kid* opening October 4th, 2025.

The exhibition, which is part art show, part séance and part showdown, will explore, explode and reimagine the legend of Billy the Kid in a series of electric and eclectic pieces created by three noted artists: Bob Boze Bell, Thom Ross and Buckeye Blake.

For example, Bell's high-voltage historical paintings that depict what "really" happened in his short, dramatic life will be on display, along with Ross' surreal reimagining of the Kid's life as a fevered frontier dance.

The end of the exhibit features a haunting, life-size sculpture of Billy on his death bed by Blake, staged like a wake complete with candles, curtains, and a guest book for mourners.

To accompany the exhibition, Western Spirit will also screen ten classic Billy the Kid movies in its newly-renovated Piper Theater. Titles include *Young Guns*, *Pat Garrett and Billy the Kid*, and *Old Henry*.

Born Henry McCarty in 1859, Billy the Kid was an American outlaw and gunfighter in the Old West. He died in Fort Sumner, New Mexico on July 14th, 1881 at the age of 21 after being shot and killed by Sheriff Pat Garrett.

"Billy the Kid may have died young, but his legend lives on," said Andrew Patrick Nelson, Chief Curator at Western Spirit. "This exhibition and film series confront both history and the fantasy of one of the West's most complex and fascinating outlaws." The new exhibit at Western Spirit, located at 3830 N. Marshall Way in Scottsdale, will open on October 4th, 2025 and run December 31st, 2025 showcasing 20 paintings and two sculptures.

Guests are also invited to join the Billy the Kid Film Series which will also run 10/12-12/14. Those films include:

Young Guns, Sunday, October 12th at 2:00 p.m.
Chisum, Wednesday, October 15th at 2:00 p.m.,
Billy the Kid, Sunday, October 19th at 2:00 p.m.
Pat Garrett & Billy the Kid; the 50th Anniversary Cut, Sunday, October 29th at 2:00 p.m.
The Left-Handed Gun, Sunday, November 2nd at 2:00 p.m.
Old Henry, Sunday, November 9th at 2:00 p.m.
The Outlaw, Sunday, November 23rd at 2:00 p.m.
The Kid, Sunday, November 30th at 2:00 p.m.
Billy the Kid, Sunday, December 7th at 2:00 p.m.
Young Guns II, Sunday, December 14th at 2:00 p.m.

For more information about *The Resurrection of Billy the Kid* exhibit, visit www.westernspirit.org/project/billy-the-kid. Western Spirit memberships start at \$75 and ticket prices run \$28 for adults, \$25 for seniors and military, \$12 for students and children 6 – 17 years of age and FREE for kids 5 and under.



Monsoon Rains Causing Mosquitoes and Termites to Turn Up Across the Valley

Monsoon season has kicked up more than dust and rain...the experts at Burns Pest Elimination are reminding customers that they also stir up unwanted pests, including mosquitoes and termites.

"Historically, it's the second rain fall that always brings out mosquitoes and termites, as the higher moisture in the soil signals to them that it's safe to start a new colony," said Austin Burns of Burns Pest Elimination. "To keep their numbers down it's important to do some post-storm checks around the home."

Burns added that it's vital to decrease the amount of bugs after a monsoon storm by checking around the yard for any buckets, toys, etc. that could potentially gather rainfall and quickly become a breeding ground for mosquitoes.

"Remember mosquitoes kill more people than anything else, and this is especially important to remember now as West Nile Virus and Chikungunya Virus numbers are increasing across the globe," he added.



The team of experts at Burns Pest Elimination is also warning of not just an uptick in mosquitoes post-rain storms but crickets and termites as well. "Some common signs of termite activity include things like mud tubes, damaged wood, or discarded wings," said Mike Boyle with Burns Pest Elimination. "Colonies can form quickly and seeing a termite swarm is a big red flag."

Termite swarms are when winged termites (called alates) leave their home in search of a mate. "A swarm looks alarming, as it's generally hundreds of flying termites in what looks like a cloud of flies, but thankfully it only lasts for about an hour," Boyle added.

As for crickets, the team at Burns recommends clearing natural debris around the home, limiting bright lights in the evenings and using dehumidifiers where necessary to remove excess moisture from the air.

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