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GET READY TO ROCK WITH THE BATTLE OF THE BANDS AT THE RIVER!

PRESENTED BY SPOTLIGHT 29

The River at Rancho Mirage is thrilled to announce the first-ever Battle of the Bands, presented by Spotlight 29 Casino! This exciting, live event series kicks off every Saturday in October from 7 PM - 9 PM, with an epic lineup of local talent battling head-to-head to become the ultimate champion.

In collaboration with Alpha Media, KESQ, 3M Studios, Ernie Ball, and more, we're bringing you the most electrifying music event in the valley. Hosted by TK from 93.7 The Rock and The Eagle, this high-energy competition will feature nine bands, with three competing each night. The winners from each round will move on to the grand finale on the last Saturday of October, where one band will reign supreme! Winners will receive a $1,000 grand prize, their original song played on 93.7 The Rock and The Eagle, private Studio time at 3M Studio, appearances and performances on KESQ, a new electric Fender Stratocaster guitar via Rockwell Guitar Repair, Ernie ball Prize packs, and more!





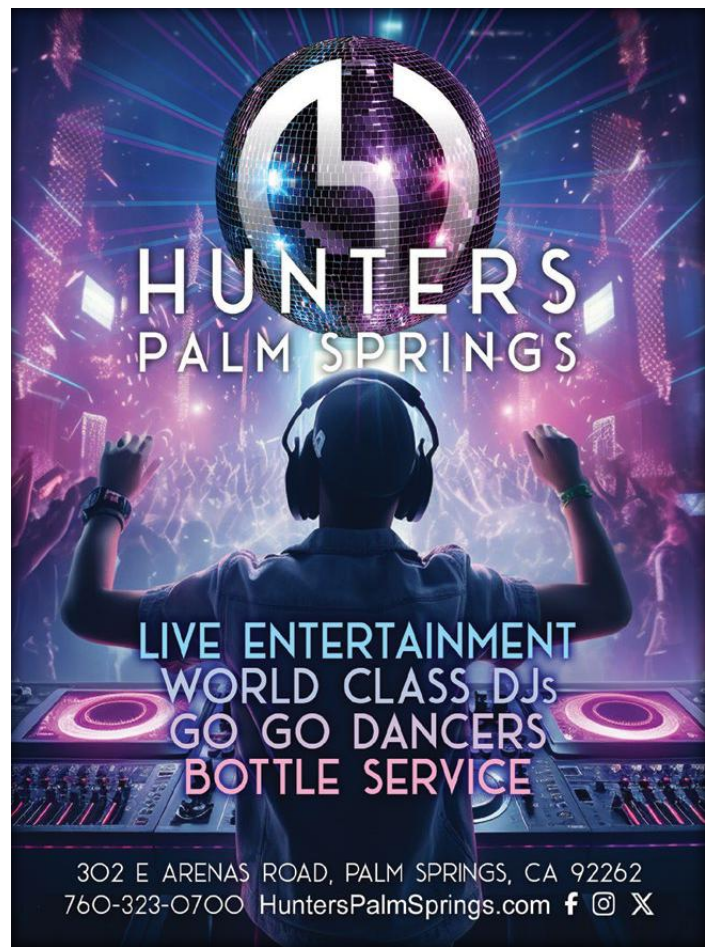
But the excitement doesn't end there—this event proudly supports Music Will, an incredible nonprofit that transforms lives by empowering teachers to bring music education to underserved communities. With over one million students impacted and growing, During each night of the event, you can purchase limited-edition merchandise featuring designs from the winners of our local school art contest—one from Middle School and one from High School. Merchandise is available on-site or online, with 100% of the proceeds going directly to Music Will.

For those 21 and over, enjoy our Beer and Spirit Garden, featuring a selection of brews from 29 Brews. The event will also feature live vendors and an electric atmosphere, making it the perfect way to spend your Saturday night!

What's a Battle of the Bands without expert judges? Each night, we'll be bringing in three celebrity judges from different corners of the music industry to critique and crown the winners. Expect to see a fresh panel of icons each week!

So, mark your calendars, grab your friends, and join us at The River every Saturday in October for an unforgettable music showdown! Rock out for an amazing cause and witness history in the making at the first-ever Battle of the Bands! CV





SOCIETY SCENE

DESERT ARC'S ANGELIQUE ONTIVEROS HONORED AS VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AT STATE OF THE CITY OF LA QUINTA 2024 BUSINESS AWARDS & BUSINESS EXPO

BY MADELINE ZUCKERMAN

PHOTO BY JONATHAN CAST PRODUCTIONS



Desert Arc, a leading Coachella Valley nonprofit who is currently celebrating its 65th Anniversary milestone, is proud to announce Angelique Ontiveros, Desert Arc's Vice President, Business Development, has been named Volunteer of the Year at the 2024 State of the City of La Quinta Business Awards and Expo, which took place on Thursday, September 19, at the La Quinta Resort & Club located in La Quinta, California.

Co-presented by the La Quinta Chamber of Commerce and the Greater Coachella Valley Chamber of Commerce, this prestigious award received by Ontiveros honors outstanding achievements and notable contributions to the community by local business leaders.

"Everyone at Desert Arc is very proud of Angelique's accomplishments including her volunteer engagement and contributions to our community," said Richard Balocco, President/CEO of Desert Arc. "Her leadership role in developing and growing our Business Services program has been a driving force of our success! Desert Arc's Shredding & Recycling, Janitorial, Landscape Maintenance, and Fulfilment divisions provide excellent service offerings to residents and companies alike, and paramount in importance, these micro-enterprises employ our clients, people with disabilities served by our mission."

"I've been with Desert Arc for the past 25 years, and am a proud resident of La Quinta," says Angelique. "My clients at Desert Arc inspire me each and every day, because working alongside people with disabilities is so rewarding. They give back so much, and are such a strong part of our community.



How could anyone not want to volunteer and become more involved?"

In her 25 years at Desert Arc, Angelique has led the development of its social innovation initiatives under the umbrella of its Business Services Program, encompassing Shredding & Recycling, Landscape Maintenance, Janitorial, and Fulfillment Divisions. These micro-enterprises offer area residents, as well as, businesses key services in tandem with fulfilling Desert Arc's mission of enhancing the quality of life and creating opportunities for people with disabilities through vocational training and gainful employment.

Angelique's Dad was her "Giving Back" role model who was very involved in his community, having served in Rotary and Chamber of Commerce for many years. Angelique is so dedicated to Desert Arc and to the greater Coachella Valley community as a whole. She serves actively on the Board of Directors of the La Quinta Chamber of Commerce and the Coachella Valley Rescue Mission. She is currently Board President of the Rotary Club of Palm Desert, and also serves as an Ambassador for the Greater Coachella Valley Chamber of Commerce. She is an alumna of Leadership Coachella Valley.

"Everyone needs to give back to their community," says Angelique. "Not only do you get involved but you get to know your neighbors and your local business owners. Everybody together makes a community. Volunteering is what everyone needs to do. As a Rotarian, our motto is ***Service Above Self.*** This award should be a group award. I am honored that I was chosen, however we do it as a team. Not only is it a team effort, but we have fun giving back at the same time."

ABOUT DESERT ARC

Desert Arc is a leading nonprofit currently celebrating its 65th Anniversary year of providing comprehensive services for nearly 700 adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities within the Coachella Valley, the Morongo Basin, Palo Verde Valley, and the surrounding desert communities. Since 1959, Desert Arc has been offering person-centric programs and resources designed to meet the needs of its clients (people with disabilities served by its mission) including: an adult day program, healthcare, nutrition, and sports and recreation programs. Its FYI-For Your Independence team of life skills coaches work with clients in independent and supportive living programs. Dedicated to social innovation, Desert Arc has also created a variety of enterprises providing Business Services including their Shredding & Recycling, Landscape Maintenance, Janitorial, and Fulfillment Divisions. These are growing micro- businesses developed to provide employment for its clients, as well as, an earned-income revenue stream for Desert Arc. Pathways To Employment is the umbrella for the organization's vocational, on-the-job training and individual job placement service programs, working directly for Desert Arc or within their fellow employment network.

Over its consistent and financially sound history, Desert Arc has been making a difference in the lives of so many people with disabilities!

Desert Arc's main headquarters is located on Country Club Drive in Palm Desert, consisting of three buildings totaling 50,000 feet of space. In addition, Desert Arc has a Shredding & Recycling Center and Transportation Depot in Indio, and another program site in Yucca Valley.

For general information on Desert Arc, please call 760.346.1611. For information on Desert Arc's Business Services, please call 760.404.1370. For information on Desert Arc's fundraising events, please call 760.404.1368 or visit www.desertarc.org. CV

EVENTS

58TH ANNUAL BORREGO DAYS DESERT FESTIVAL

Event: 58th Annual Borrego Days Desert Festival & Parade

Date: October 19-20, 2024

Time: Saturday 8:45 AM – 6 PM | Sunday 10 AM - 3 PM

Festival Parade begins at 9 AM on Saturday down Palm Canyon Drive

Parade Theme: Celebrating Our Local Veteran's / HONOR. RESPECT. FREEDOM.

Location: Christmas Circle Community Park | Palm Canyon Drive | Borrego Springs, CA

Admission: Free

Parking: Free parking surrounding Christmas Circle and within walking distance of the Festival.

Festival web site: borregodays.com

Media is invited to attend

EVENT INFO:

Friday evening kicks off the weekend with local events around town leading into the festival weekend.

That begins with a hometown parade down Palm Canyon Drive ending at Christmas Circle. Attendees can enjoy FREE live entertainment from the modern country sounds of PHT and the

Honky Tonk Nights to Pulp Vixen, Grupo Desatado and Soul Frenzi.

Festival goers will experience art exhibits, kids zone, food vendors, artisans, education booths, adult beer garden, free to enter car show and more. This is a family friendly festival that is fun for all ages.

Produced by the Borrego Springs Chamber of Commerce

About Borrego Springs:

Borrego Springs is in the unincorporated area of San Diego County and the second Designated Dark Sky Community in the world. Borrego Springs is also home to the 600,000-acre Anza Borrego Desert State Park and the world famous Galleta Meadows Sky Art Metal Sculptures.

What to do in Borrego Springs: Hiking, biking, equestrian trails, arts and; culture, shopping, dining, Historic Downtown Walks, BSCC Certified Farmer Market along with Festivals including Borrego Days, Film Festival, Art Festival, top ranked golf, camping, glamping, resorts, tennis, mid-century modern architecture, and amazing views in every direction. For more info about Borrego Springs and a link to our visitor's guide go to VisitBorrego.com.

For more info call (760) 767-5555 or visit BorregoDays.com. The Borrego Days Desert Festival is a project of the Borrego Springs Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Bureau (VisitBorrego.com), serving the needs of the community of Borrego Springs since 1950, and with the support of its 501(c)(3) public benefit fiscal sponsor the Borrego Festivals Foundation (BFF.NGO).

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ANOTHER WRESTLING BLOCKBUSTER

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As the fall season kicks off in earnest, the foundations of Riverside County are about to be shaken to their core. It's time for red-hot action. Action that will keep the approaching winter chill at bay. And who better to turn up the furnace than the *EWF [Empire Wrestling Federation].*

The last time the *Empire* invaded the hallowed halls of the Banning Community Center, history was made as *EWF* superstar, Trailer King, Banning's hometown hero realized a dream by becoming the *EWF* champion. Yet, and sadly, Trailer King or "TK" as he is more affectionately known, had his dream stolen the very next week.

Empire Wrestling Federation resident bad guy, Michael Bad Wolf was evidently hungrier than Trailer King the night they fought for the *EWF* championship – one week removed from Trailer King's win in Banning. Was it a full, because the Bad Wolf took a devastating bite out of Trailer King which led to his being crowned new *EWF* champion.

Bad Wolf, although temporarily satisfied after his championship victory, is still hungry and on the prowl – salivating at the thought of defeating yet another wrestling superstar. This time in Banning, his opponent will be, Mexi Macho #1. Will Bad Wolf be able to defeat the man who dances to the beat of his own fiesta all day, every day, or will Mexi Macho #1's infectious good cheer be enough to halt the Bad Wolf's aggressive transformation once the bell rings?

In other outstanding competition, the rivalry of the year – no – the decade. *EWF* superstar, Flex McCallion, and Richie Slade, former tag team partners now bitter rivals will battle it out in a "lights out match". What's a light's out match you may wonder. Simply put, a blindfold match. This means that Slade, whom many believe was the individual who viciously attacked Flex backstage the last time the *EWF* was in Banning, and caused Flex to have to visit the hospital and wear an eye patch for a period, will now be in the same predicament as his former tag team partner. The only difference being, both will be blinded over both eyes. What will happen in this unpredictable situation, only those in attendance will be privy to find out…

Aside from these two epic encounters, there will be many matches, as well as concessions, autograph, and photograph opportunities, merchandise, a raffle, and surprises!

Visit the Banning Community Center on Sunday, October 6th, (doors open at 4pm) 5pm bell-time, and witness Southern California's premiere family-friendly wrestling event – The ***Empire Wrestling Federation*** – "Where true talent is born"

For tickets call (909) 886-5201. Visit www.empirewrestlingfederation.com or arrive at 4pm to ensure you get tickets while they last.

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SMOKE ALARMS — MAKE THEM WORK FOR YOU!

SAFETY TIPS

BY FIRE CHIEF SAM DIGIOVANNA



The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA®) announced "Smoke alarms: make them work for you" as the official theme for Fire Prevention Week, October 6th –12th , 2024.

This year's focus on working smoke alarms comes in response to NFPA data, which shows that the majority of U.S. home fire deaths continue to occur in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms.

Smoke alarms can make a life-saving difference in a home fire, but they have to be working in order to deliver the needed protection. This year's Fire Prevention Week campaign reinforces the critical importance of smoke alarms and what's needed to install, test, and maintain them properly.

Having working smoke alarms in the home reduces the risk of dying in a home fire by more than half (54 percent) reminds Fire Chief Sam DiGiovanna. However, roughly three out of five fire deaths occur in homes with either no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms. More than one-third (38 percent) of home fire deaths result from fires in which no smoke alarms are present.

People tend to remove smoke alarm batteries or dismantle them altogether when they don't know how to fix the issue. These actions put them at serious risk in the event of a home fire. This year's Fire Prevention Week campaign gives people the tools and know-how to keep their smoke alarms in working order.

Key messages for this year's Fire Prevention Week theme, "Smoke alarms: Make them work for you!" include the following:



• Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each separate sleeping area (like a hallway), and on each level (including the basement) of the home.

• Make sure smoke alarms meet the needs of all family members, including those with sensory or physical disabilities.

• Test smoke alarms at least once a month by pushing the test button.

• Replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old or don't respond when tested.

Fire Prevention Week is celebrated throughout North America every October and is the oldest U.S. public health observance on record. For more than 100 years, Fire Prevention Week has worked to educate people the risk of home fires and ways to minimize them. Local fire departments, schools, and community organizations play a key role in bringing Fire Prevention Week to life in their communities each year and spreading basic but critical fire safety messages.

Contact your local Fire Dept. for more information.

Fire Chief Sam DiGiovanna CV

MUSIC

RISING COUNTRY STAR CONNER SMITH WILL PERFORM INTIMATE SHOW AT FANTASY SPRINGS RESORT CASINO ON MONDAY, OCT. 14, 2024

Your chance to see country star Conner Smith in an intimate setting ahead of his 2025 Stagecoach Country Music Festival debut is happening on Monday, Oct. 14 in LIT at Fantasy Springs Resort Casino. Tickets are on sale now at the Fantasy Springs Box Office, via phone at (760) 342-5000 or online at FantasySpringsResort.com.

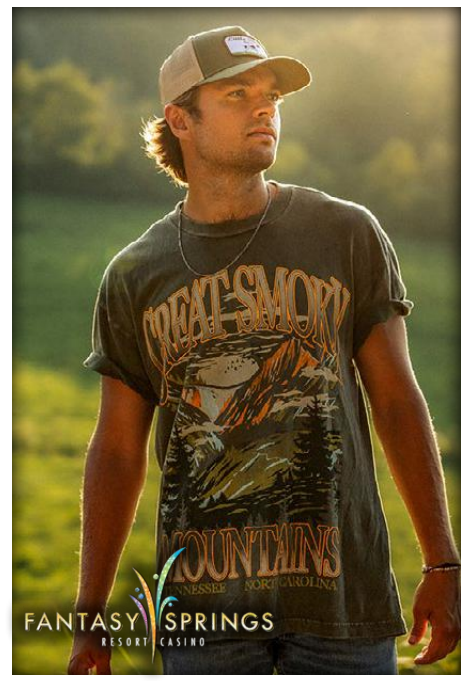
The highly anticipated show is part of the Rising Stars of Country series presented by BIG-106-FM and Sponsored by Toyota of the Desert.

Just 23 years old and already a seasoned veteran of Nashville's elite songwriting community, Conner Smith has emerged as one of Country's most hotly-anticipated artists – one who knows the past can still inspire the present, and good things come to those who wait.

An uncommon talent mixing prime-of-life passion with old-soul perspective, the rising singer/songwriter has spent 15 years matching a honeyed vocal to propulsive hints of bluegrass and the warmth of '90s Country, an instant-classic sound infused with riveting modern appeal.

Moving Country forward while remembering its all-natural roots, Smith's critically-acclaimed full-length debut album *Smoky Mountains* is meant to stand the test of time. Featuring Gold-certified "Take It Slow," viral hit "I Hate Alabama," multi-week UK chart-topper "Creek Will Rise" and new single "Roulette On The Heart" featuring Hailey Whitters, his deeply personal 12-song project is one of classic style and contemporary spirit, and a reflection of the artist himself.

These songs, among others, laid an artistic foundation that earned Smith Artist to Watch status from Spotify, Amazon Music and Opry NextStage, while also making him the only Country artist on Pandora's Ten List 2022 and secured 2023 recognition from MusicRow Next Big Thing and CMT Listen Up



as well as joining the CRS New Faces Class of 2024.

These milestones led Smith to earn his first-ever ACM Awards nomination for New Male Artist of the Year. Deemed "An unstoppable force to be reckoned with," by CMT, Smith's authentic storytelling and rich, soulful voice has resonated with audiences nationwide, earning him a dedicated and passionate following.

Recently touring alongside some of Country's biggest artists including Thomas Rhett, Cole Swindell, Chase Rice and Jordan Davis, Smith brings his signature "high energy fan forward show" (All Country News) to fairs and festivals this summer before headlining his The Storyteller Tour and joining Luke Bryan's Farm Tour this fall.

Tickets to see Conner Smith are on sale now at the Fantasy Springs Box Office, via phone at (760) 342-5000 or online at FantasySpringsResort.com.

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LOCAL BUSINESS

LOCAL COUPLE SET TO REDEFINE ASSISTED LIVING OPTIONS WITH AMBERCARE A FORWARD-THINKING NEW APPROACH FOR AN ELEVATED SENIOR LIVING EXPERIENCE

A dynamic local couple, Joanne and Jamie Pantuso, who moved to the Coachella Valley after years of vacationing in the area, are poised to offer a completely new approach to assisted living options. Their concept, "AmberCare," will incorporate two private homes with a full level of care, in-home services and personalized care to those already living in local assisted living facilities.

After retiring from prominent careers in San Francisco, the Pantuso's decided to combine their skills to create a distinctive level of boutique care that enriches daily living experiences, promotes well-being, stimulates joy, and above all, nurtures happiness. While going through the end-of-life stages with a dear friend who was in assisted living in a clinical lackluster setting, they felt a heartache for the friend and others they saw living the final chapter of their lives in such settings. Shortly into retirement, the two felt a calling to create change in the assisted living care landscape. The couple's backgrounds were a perfect marriage of making this vision a reality.

AmberCare, launching with two spectacular private homes located in beautiful South Palm Desert, will transcend senior living in the Coachella Valley. The Pantuso's have brought a "beginner mindset" in conceptualizing and creating the two Amber Houses, along with a sound business plan to ensure success. The boutique senior living homes have been masterfully renovated and reconstructed from the ground up. Both homes offer six bedrooms where small, intimate and quaint environments lead the way to exceptional quality of care and service. The homes have been designed with the finest quality of materials and feature mindful upgrades to create a warm, caring environment. With high-quality comfortable, stylish furnishings, and exquisite decor, residents experience exceptional, airy, and bright living spaces – inspiring happiness and well-being. Each home offers private luxury rooms with adjustable beds, lavish linens, custom closets, smart TV's and more, and all with private patios and bathrooms; a full-service open kitchen with healthy nourishing meals along with a living room, large dining area and a serene backyard living space.

"We are taking matters into our own hands to create the change we want to see in the senior care industry. Rather than improving on what exists, we are redefining and modernizing the approach to providing the highest quality of personalized care," said Amber Care founder, Joanne Pantuso. " I believe in the connection between quality of care, and the enjoyment of life - regardless of a resident's circumstance. We do everything in our power to create a special and memorable daily living experience."

Notably, Amber House provides an unparalleled caregiver to resident ratio of one to three residents, with an average response time of under one minute. In addition, using a cutting-edge technology platform medications and care plans are accessible around the clock. Joanne and Jamie have developed key partnerships with a dedicated LVN, highly regarded hospice agencies, along with concierge nurses and doctors to create a network of support to meet any challenges.

AmberCare will be incorporating the two private "Amber Homes" with full level of care, plus in-home services and personalized care to those residing in local assisted living facilities. For more information email info@amberhouseseniorliving.com or call (760) 851-4714.

ABOUT THE PANTUSO'S

Joanne worked in the high-tech industry for 30 years, 16 of those with one of the largest tech companies in the world, Salesforce – which has been recognized by *Fortune Magazine* as one of the best 100 companies to work for 14 years in a row now. She served in executive roles in business development and finance, while leading company initiatives focused on culture development and cultivating leadership at all levels within the organization. In addition, Joanne was instrumental in creating innovative approaches that helped to define Salesforce's culture from its earliest years. She made a strong impact as an executive leading some of the company's leading "future of work" initiatives. Most recent was her leading programming at Salesforce's Trailblazer Ranch, an innovative gathering place where employees forged trusted relationships with their colleagues, and more. Now with an emphasis on senior care, Joanne is paving the way for the "future of senior care."

Jamie is the owner of Momentum Builders SF serving San Francisco, Napa Valley, and Palm Desert. From beautiful custom home construction to residential home development and commercial projects, his construction focuses from the ground up with high-end design, construction and finish work. He is now focused on the senior care industry, using his expertise to design and build the highest quality, and most functional properties supporting seniors and their unique ambulatory needs. Similar to meeting the demands of his prior high-end projects, he puts the same focus and care into the properties seniors make their home.

About Amber House Luxury Senior Living

AmberCare Luxury Senior Living provides a distinctive level of boutique care that enriches daily living experiences, promotes well-being, stimulates joy, and above all, nurtures happiness. We forge meaningful and trusted connections with our residents and their families, a bedrock of our identity. Our expert care team not only takes pride in their work but also genuinely enjoys it, remaining steadfast in providing personal, compassionate, respectful, and kind care. Our unique boutique property is a haven of beauty, joy, and comfort.

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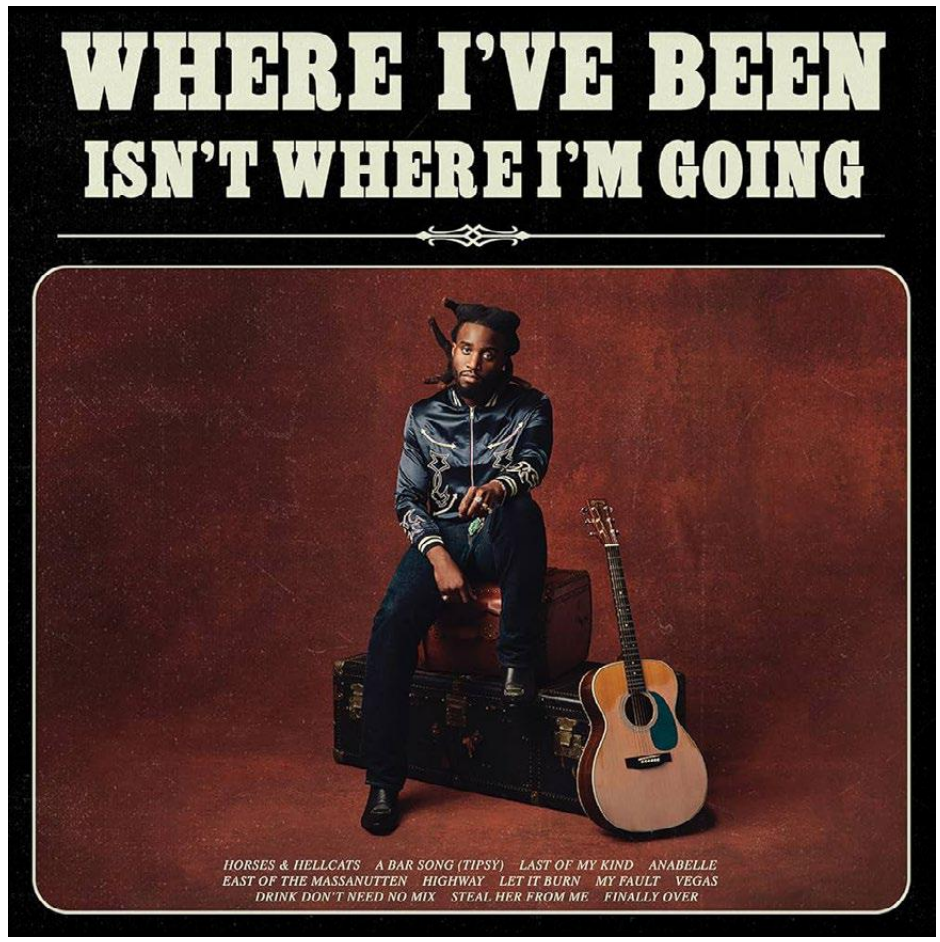


SHABOOZEY "WHERE I'VE BEEN ISN'T WHERE I'M GOING" (AMERICAN DOGWOOD/EMPIRE DISTRIBUTION)

CONSIDER THIS



BY ELENI P. AUSTIN



If you asked the average person to name a Black Country musician, depending on their age, the answer might be Charley Pride, Cowboy Troy or Darius Rucker. More recently, the response might be Lil Nas X or Mickey Guyton. If the person is a latte-sippin' NPR listener, Rhiannon Giddons, The War & The Treaty and Alice Russell might be added to the mix.

The thing is, Black artists made significant contributions to Country music throughout the 20th Century. DeFord Bailey wasn't just a Country musician, he was also the very *first* Country musician to be introduced on the Grand Ol' Opry. Then there's Stoney Edwards, Howdy Glenn, Linda Martell and Herb Jeffries. Even R&B pioneer Ray Charles made two groundbreaking Country records in the early '60s. Now, Shaboozey joins this august pantheon with his breakthrough album, *"Where I've Been Isn't Where I'm Going."*

In May 1995, Collins Obinna Chibueze was born to Nigerian parents and grew up in Woodbridge, Virginia. His nickname, Shaboozey, was derived from chronic mispronunciations of his surname, Chibueze, which means "God Is King" in Igbo. As a kid, he began watching music videos on the BET countdown show, *106 & Park.* By the time he was junior high age, his parents sent him to boarding school in Nigeria. It was there he developed a sense of rhythm and began exploring his cultural heritage.

Once he returned to the U.S. he began making his own music. He took inspiration from disparate sources like The Backstreet Boys, Roger Waters, Fela Kuti, The Clipse and Led Zeppelin. His first song, *"Jeff Gordon"* leaned more toward Trap. Other songs like *"Starfoxx"* and *"Robert Plant"* followed, and record labels began to take notice. He signed with Republic Records in 2017, his full-length debut, *Lady Wrangler,* appeared in October. A second album, *Cowboys Live Forever, Outlaws Never Die,* arrived in 2022. Both were an intriguing amalgam of Trap, Rap and Country. Even though neither record hit the Top 100, the record industry was paying close attention.

Then one day, he received a call from Beyonce, who asked him to contribute to an album she was making that explored the connection between Black music and Country music. He ended up being featured on a couple of cuts, *"Spaghettii"* (which also included Linda Martell), and *"Sweet Honey Bucklin"* on Bey's eighth record, *Cowboy Carter.* It all set the stage for Shaboozey's newest album, *Where I've Been Isn't Where I'm Going."*

The record opens with the one-two punch of *"Horses & Hellcats"* and *"A Bar Song (Tipsy)."* On the former, bramble-thick acoustic guitar partners with high lonesome pedal steel, nimble bass and a ticklish beat, Shaboozey's lowing tenor is phased and blurred but his intentions are clear. The shit has hit the fan and it's time this 21st century outlaw to hit the road: *"No matter who start it, we finish, I love my rifle, cross my heart that will not change, took a little bit of peyote, why the hell am I still in space, wifey gone I'm finna go hard for the next three days, withdrew all my money and then I broke the bank… and there's no way out of the life we chose, everyone knows where it goes."*

The latter is a bit of a banger, probably one of the most infectious songs of the summer. Drafting off *"Tipsy,"* J-Kwon's 2004 chart-topper, Shaboozey wraps jangly guitar and a Morricone-style whistle across a snappy, hand-clap beat. Initially, the lyrics offer up a catalog of woe: *"My baby wants a Birkin, she been tellin' me all night long, gasoline and groceries, the list goes on and on, this 9 to 5 ain't workin' why the hell do I work so hard? I can't worry about 'bout my problems, I can't take 'em when I'm gone,"* but when the chorus hits, it gets this party started: *"One, here comes the two to the three to the four, tell 'em 'bring another round,' we need plenty more, two-steppin' on the table, she don't need a dancefloor, oh my, good lord/ Someone pour me a double shot of whiskey, they know me and Jack Daniels' got a history, there's a party downtown near 5th street, everybody at the bar's getting' tipsy."*

The leitmotif for several songs here is breaking away from the past, saying goodbye to bad luck, bad love and bad timing. Take the simmering *"Let It Burn."* Braided acoustic and electric guitars cradle Shaboozey's empathetic croon as he advises a damsel in distress to set her hurtful relationship ablaze: *"I know he hurt you bad, but you won't come clean, they say time heals all but the pain runs too deep, you lie to yourself so much you've started to believe that love doesn't last cause it's all you've ever seen."* A crunchy, truncheon beat kicks in on the bridge and finally, it's enough: *"Grab the matches, start a fire, throw those memories in the flames it's behind us, see the gold in the red new horizons, let it burn, let it burn."*

Then there's the see-saw lament of *"Steal From Me."* The melody and arrangement shares a little musical DNA with The Moody Blues' *"Nights In White Satin."* Acoustic guitar tangles with a bit of Bottleneck Blues and an insistent kick-drum beat. Lovelorn lyrics reap what they sow: *"Cause nothing lasts forever, and mama raised me better, see these girls belong to the streets, what goes around, comes around, and karma, she'll hunt you down, this town is full of thieves, I stole her from him, now someone's gonna steal her from me."*

Meanwhile, *"Last Of My Kind,"* also features fellow rising Country star, Paul Cauthen is anchored by sun-dappled guitars, sidewinder banjo and a stompy beat on the chorus. Easily slipping into the skin of a ruthless outlaw, Shaboozey doesn't mince words: *"The world could be a son of a bitch, well, look through my eyes. can't always climb to safety, sometimes you gotta fight/Go and get it if you want it, keep the fire burning inside, you won't ever find another like me, cause I'm the last of my kind."*

The best tracks here add new colors and textures to Shaboozey's sonic palette. On *"Highway"* shivery pedal steel partners with swirly guitars, meandering banjo and a chugging backbeat. Lyrics offer a wry mea culpa to a former love: *"Since you stopped riding shotgun I ain't been myself, going out looking for a good time, but I'm going through hell, got Jesus on the hotline saying you need help, put the liquor on the shelf, tell the devil farewell/You gave me you heart, gave you heartbreak, sorry I'm lost in this dark place somehow I'll make it back to Sunday, I promise I'll be coming back."* Somewhere along the line, his bravado is superseded by an endearing flash of vulnerability.

The power dynamic shifts on *"Anabelle."* Slinky guitars. swoony pedal stee, rippling castenets and propulsive bass are tethered to a loping shuffle rhythm, Lyrics take a duplicitous ex to task: *"Okay, I get ya, you wanted things to end, I gave you chances, you blew 'em, don't cry to me again, Okay, I'm pretty ruthless, I'm looking for revenge, I gave you all my love and you gave him yours instead/I run it off, my money long, got more than enough to do what I want, now that we speak less, you filled with regret, and you drink till I'm no longer stuck in your head."* As the song winds down a courtly Spanish guitar solo unspools, underscoring the hurt and betrayal.

In the tradition of Johhny & June, George & Tammy and Conrad and Loretta, *"My Fault,"* is a straight up, face-to-face Country duet with Noah Cyrus. Feathery acoustic notes lattice painterly pedal steel, thrumming bass, airy synths and a percussive kick. The pair trade verses and connect on the chorus, attempting to parse the highs and lows of their relationship and the eternal disconnect of he said: *"Yeah, I can only handle heartache when there's bourbon in my hand, if I had to relive all the hard days, I would do it all again, I'm better at the bar games, should've been a better man, so don't you keep on trying to fix me, you've done everything you can,"* she said: *"Well, I made up my decision when you and me were sitting, barely living, coexisting, drifting slowly into dust, with you I'm only getting Eden or Armageddon, so I'm beginning to forgetting the last memories of us."* Ah, the never-ending curse of co-dependency.

Finally, ambition and circumstance collide on *"East Of Massanutten."* Sprung banjo notes are matched by acoustic arpeggios, keening pedal steel and a thumpy beat. The opening verses touch on a part of history some Americans would prefer we forgot: *"Just south of Leesberg, where Billy fought with Reb, some ran till their knees hurt, till they couldn't feel their legs, tell me why I'm running now? For freedom I guess, to my 40 acres, full speed ahead."* Despite disappointments, Shaboozey perseveres: *"Cause I know what's out there, a land full of dreams, with milk, gold and honey just waiting for me/So I'll pack me a duffle, skip the goodbyes and leave cause East of the Massanutten, there's nothing for me."*

Other interesting tracks include the Spaghetti Western ache of *"Vegas"* and the more Rap-infused *"Drink Don't Need No Mix."* The record closes with the bare-bones *"Finally Over."* The opening verses pare down to just vocals and strummy guitars. Contemplative lyrics offer a gimlet-eyed take on fame and fortune and the pound of flesh it it occasionally extracts: *"Staring down the whiskey, longing to be sober, all my friends have gone careers and mine just might be over, if I don't sell my soul again for another viral moment.* The arrangement expands and rippling banjo notes dart through the mix, accented by rangy pedal steel, willowy fiddle and a caffeinated beat. Clearly, he would prefer to be genuine (or maybe even Ginuwine), rather than genuflect to the music industry. If he is only allotted his 15 minutes of fame, he's okay with that: *"Yeah, yeah, I'm good if it's over, yeah, yeah, I'm cool if it's all over."*

Of course, if this album is any indication, Shaboozey will be around for a very long time. Embraced quite completely by the Country Music establishment (even though Beyonce was only tolerated in this same context. But that's a topic for a different column). Not only did *Where I've Been Isn't Where I'm Going* hit # 7 on the Country charts, it's also currently in the Top 20 of Billboard's Top 200. Meanwhile, the single, *"A Bar Song (Tipsy)"* has been perched at #1 on Billboard's Hot 100 list for 11 weeks. Somewhere, DeFord Bailey is smiling. CV

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3

Babaloo Lounge – Steven Sanders Piano Bar – 4-7pm, Woody and the Retros – 6:30pm
Bart Lounge – Trappea Thursdays – 8pm
Coachella Valley Brewery – Open Mic Night – 6pm
DJ's Sports Bar and Grill – Throwbacks w/ DJ Rapmarz – 9pm
Indian Wells Resort Hotel – Christine Love – 6pm
Larkspur Grill – Fun with Dick and Jane – 6pm
Lavender Bistro – Jeff Bonds and Scott Carter – 6pm
The Nest – Live Music – 6:30pm
Pappy and Harriet's – Descendents and Buzzcocks – 7pm
Plan B Live Entertainment and Cocktails – Intimate Acoustics – 8pm
Purple Room – Sharon Sills – 6:30pm
Shadow Mountain Golf Club – Open Mic – 4-7pm
Twelve @ Fantasy Springs – HWY 111 – 8pm
Vicky's of Santa Fe – Richard Turner Jr. and Wayne Cobham – 6pm
Wildest – Derek Jordan Gregg – 6pm

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4

Babaloo Lounge – Eric Frankson Piano Bar – 4-7pm, Off Da Cuff – 7:30pm
Bart Lounge – DJ – 8pm
Casuelas Café – The Myx – 7pm
Coachella Valley Brewery – "Laughs and Drafts" – 8pm
DJ's Sports Bar and Grill – TBA – 8pm, DJ Rapmarz – 11pm
Hotel Zoso – Flashback Pool Party w/ DJ – 6pm
Indian Wells Resort Hotel – Marc Antonelli – 6pm
La Quinta Brewery – Karaoke – 8pm
Larkspur Grill – "Art of Sax" w/ Will Donato – 7pm
Lavender Bistro – Jeff Bonds and Scott Carter – 6pm
Lit @ Fantasy Springs – The Reel Band – 9pm
The Nest – Live Music – 6:30pm
O'Caine's – Circus Rhapsody – 6pm
Pappy and Harriet's – Jerry's Middle Finger – 9:30pm
Plan B Live Entertainment & Cocktails – Red's Rockstar Karaoke – 9pm
Purple Room – Janis Siegel and Yaron Gershorsky – 8pm
Rockyard @ Fantasy Springs – Beatles VS. Stones (The Beatles & The Rolling Stones Tribute) & Deeper Stills – 7:30pm
Tommy Bahamas – TBA – 5pm
Twelve @ Fantasy Springs – Moonchild – 7pm, Steel Rod – 10:30pm
Vicky's of Santa Fe – Doug MacDonald Trio – 5pm, John Stanley King – 7:30pm
Wildest – Derek Jordan Gregg – 6pm

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5

Babaloo Lounge – Eric Frankson Piano Bar – 4-6:30pm, The Sundawgs – 7pm
Bart Lounge – DJ – 8pm
Casuelas Café – Southbound – 7pm
Coachella Valley Brewery – Brews and Bass w/ DJ Tone – 8pm
DJ's Sports Bar and Grill – DJ Rapmarz – 9pm
Hotel Zoso – Flamingo Pool Party w/ DJ – 2-7pm
Indian Wells Resort Hotel – Marc Antonelli – 6pm
Larkspur Grill – Los Delgados – 7pm
Lavender Bistro – Mark Guerrero and Scott Carter – 6pm
Lit @ Fantasy Springs – The Reel Band – 9pm
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The Nest – Live Music – 6:30pm
O'Caine's – Cillian's Bridge – 6pm
Pappy and Harriet's – Cat Power Sings Dylan – 7pm, Jerry's Middle Finger – 9:30pm
Plan B Live Entertainment & Cocktails – Red's Rockstar Karaoke – 9pm
Purple Room – Chadwick Johnson – 8pm
The River – Battle of the Bands w/ Tourists, Salton Sea Surf Club and Jetta King – 7pm
Rockyard @ Fantasy Springs – Queen Nation (Queen Tribute) and Brobots – 7:30pm
Tommy Bahamas – TBA – 12pm
Twelve @ Fantasy Springs – Moonchild – 7pm, Steel Rod – 10:30pm
Vicky's of Santa Fe – Rose Mallett – 5pm, John Stanley King – 7:30pm
Wildest – Derek Jordan Gregg – 6pm

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6

Babaloo Lounge – Rhythm and Brunch w/ DJs BA5E, Tom Tom, Erineil, Dxsko and John Paul - noon
Bart Lounge – DJ LF – 8pm
Coachella Valley Brewery – Acoustic Afternoon w/ Mario Quintero and Mario Figueroa – 3:30pm
DJ's Sports Bar and Grill – DJ Rapmarz – 9pm
Fisherman's Market, PS – Live Music – 6pm
Jimmy B's – Nikki Dickinson – 10:30pm
Lavender Bistro – Mark Gurrero and Scott Carter – 6pm
Melvyn's – Mikael Healey – 3:30-7:30pm
The Nest – Live Music – 6:30pm
Pappy and Harriet's – Midlife – 9pm
Plan B Live Entertainment & Cocktails – LNA Karaoke – 7pm
Purple Room – The Judy Show – 7pm
Tommy Bahamas – TBA – 5pm

MONDAY, OCTOBER 7

DJ's Sports Bar and Grill – Karaoke – 9pm, DJ Rapmarz – 11pm
Indian Wells Resort Hotel – Sharon Sills – 6pm
Lavender Bistro – Abbie Perkins and Jeff Bonds – 6pm
The Nest – Live Music – 6:30pm
Shadow Mountain Golf Club – Phil and Lorie – 3:30pm
Tommy Bahamas – TBA – 12pm

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8

Babaloo Lounge – Judy Wolman Piano Bar – 4pm, Hotwyre – 6:30pm
DJ's Sports Bar and Grill – Banda Night – 9pm
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Larkspur Grill – Scott Carter – 7pm
Lavender Bistro – Abbie Perkins and Mark Guerrero – 6pm
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The Nest – Live Music – 6:30pm
Purple Room – Rose Mallett – 6:30pm
Shadow Mountain Golf Club – Game Night – 4-6pm
Tommy Bahamas – Michael Keeth – 5pm
Vicky's of Santa Fe – Slim Man Band – 6pm

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9

Babaloo Lounge – Steven Sanders Piano Bar – 4pm, Mariachi Band – 6:30pm
Coachella Valley Brewing Co. – Trivia Night – 7pm
DJ's Sports Bar and Grill – Country Night w/ DJ Big John – 9pm
Indian Wells Resort Hotel – Patrice Morris – 6pm
Larkspur Grill – Slim Man and Chase Huna: "Rat Pack Duo" – 6pm
Lavender Bistro – Abbie Perkins and Scott Carter – 6pm
The Nest – Live Music – 6:30pm
Palm Canyon Roadhouse – Country Night w/ Roger and the House Rebels – 6pm
Plan B Live Entertainment & Cocktails – Red's Rockstar Karaoke – 9pm
Purple Room – Charles Herrera, Darci Daniels and Michael Holmes – 6:30pm
Shadow Mountain Golf Club – Doug McDonald Trio – 5:30pm
Tack Room Tavern – T-Bone Karaoke – 7pm
Vicky's of Santa Fe – John Stanley King Cowboy Songs – 6pm CV





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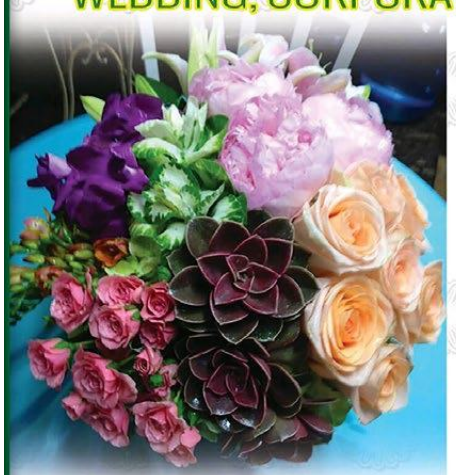
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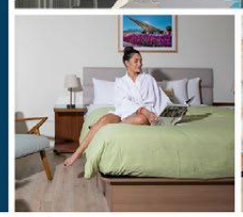
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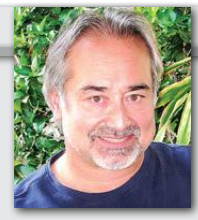
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THE VINO VOICE

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AUTUMN WINES WE FALL IN LOVE WITH

In our last column, we made sure not to cause you wine newbies to have to think of yet another category of wine to remember: *autumn wine*. We're just using that idea to talk about the traditional new wine releases that are displayed on our market shelves at this time of year. Yup—you guessed it, just in time for the coming holiday tables *and* for gifting.

Further, let's not forget that many of us find the Fall season to be heaven on earth and there is something for everyone to fall in love with—the foliage, the smells, the crisp breeze (if we're lucky here in the desert), traveling the different cities, the comforting food, and, the comforting wine. There are indeed particular varietals of wine, we think, that tend to match the season. Here are some of our favorite categories to fall in love: Both sensual and nostalgic. We'll be quoting and referencing from our favorite *From The Vine* website.

Probably the most popular red wine for the fall season is the Pinot Noir. The classic flavor profile of this wines include black and red cherries, (dark) chocolate, cinnamon, cloves, coffee, cola, cranberries, earth, flowers, herbs, leather, mushrooms, plums, raspberries, smoke, spices, strawberries, tobacco, truffles, and violets. Is this the ultimate red for the holidays or what. There are opposing views that we'll take up another time.

Northwest Oregon, **Willamette Valley Pinot Noir** is a great example of a cool-climate, elegant wines that express the characteristics above, making them a real gem with fall foods. Pair with roasted chicken, portabella mushrooms and especially with anything on the Thanksgiving table.

We like the ***2022* Ponzi Laurelwood Pinot Noir** *($45)* Winemaker's Notes: The initial nose offers warm raspberry jam, chili pepper and chipotle balanced by flinty notes of gunsmoke and red clay. These notes open to rose petals, magnolia, cloves, and salt air. The mouth holds long, dark tannins of cola, white pepper, and spices of star anise, cardamom, and juniper, finishing with an explosion of blue fruit.

Syrah has lots of personality no matter where it's grown, and Northern Rhône versions are exceptional versions of this bold red wine. These Syrahs are packed with aromas and flavors of blue and black fruits, violets, and often black licorice, white pepper, graphite or a savory, meaty aspect. There is also an intriguing smoky quality that gives extra appeal to enjoying a glass by the fireplace on a cold autumn evening.

20218 Domaine des Remiziers Cuvee Christophe Crozes Hermitage, *($38)*. Sprays of cinnamon, clove and cedar accent plush black currant and blueberry in this ***bold red Syrah*** sourced from vines averaging 65 years in age. Matured 15 months in a combination of new (70%) and one-year old (30%) oak barrels, it's a rich, sultry wine shaded by crushed stones, smoke and licorice. Ripe, silky tannins make it ready to enjoy now.

I know you loyal readers are just waiting for an Italian recommendation: **Barbera** is an excellent choice for an autumn wine. In fact, even though it's not as popular in the states, it's actually considered Northern Italy's "go-to grape", as you can almost always find it near the dining table. What people love about it—especially for the fall—is that it can taste both rich and light-bodied, giving the fruit flavors of



a heavy bodied wine but the mouthfeel and easy drinking of a light-bodied red—thanks to good acidity. If you're looking for a treat on a cool fall night, this is the one.

We love the ***2020* Vietti "Tre Vigne"** Barbera *($22).* I was fortunate to meet Currado Vietti over at Disneyland's Napa Rose restaurant over a dozen years ago, where he was introducing his wine to the diners. Vietti continues to achieve year in and year out. The 2020 "Tre Vigne" Barbera continues that streak with a wine that begins with all bass notes. Deep and dark aromas of black cherry, roasted plums, candied violets and sweet spices. The wine is juicy and lush on the palate with gobs of blackberries and a touch of dried lavender and savory spice. The wine finishes with a brightness needed to keep the wine fresh.

Tempranillo: This Spanish wine is just what you need to warm up your taste buds when the fall chill sets in. Think about the aesthetically pleasing pumpkin spice flavoring, but in your wine glass instead. These reds have aromas that range from earthy tobacco and leather to clove, cinnamon, and nutmeg. If you want more spice, grab a bottle labeled "Reserva" to quench even more of your fall taste bud needs.

***2020* Emilio Moro Ribera del Duero Tempranillo** *($25)*. Ribera del Duero, Spain-Made from the highest quality grapes of incredible ripeness, the wine displays an intense deep garnet red color, with a bluish rim and a cherry red core. On the nose this wine is serious and elegant. The evolution in the glass translates into an increase in intensity and aromatic complexity where the fruit continues to be the backbone.

Sémillon: It may seem like fall is fully red wine's season, but there's way more to it than that. It's also the perfect time to fall into some full-bodied white wines, like Sémillon. This French-born grape is often blended with Sauvignon Blanc to excite the lush wine with a perfect zippiness. Pair it with those perfect green fall veggies to get the most out of the flavors. A Bordeaux Blanc is an excellent example.

A very reasonably priced Bordeaux Blanc is **Chateau Haut-Rian** *($12)***.** Tasting Notes: This refreshing dry white wine features aromas of white flowers and lemon with whiffs of honeydew and even a hint of seashells. A crisp and crunchy palette with no taste of oak. The fresh fruit characteristic of Sauvignon Blanc is perfect match for the richness of Sémillon. ***Cheers!*** CV

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Now in its third year, this popular event raises funds for DET's Technical Theatre Internship and Scholarship Program. Since its founding 2011, DET has awarded $33,250 in scholarship support to students who intend to pursue careers in technical theatre. *Singing with the Desert Stars III* is supported by The General Air Conditioning & Plumbing, Presenting Sponsor; and David Hood & George Sellers, Individual Sponsors.

In this fun, fast-paced singing competition, popular local professional singers perform a number and also mentor distinguished community volunteers to perform a song of their choice with verve and polish. The winner will be determined by the audience. All tickets include a pre-and post-performance reception at the theatre catered by Willie Rhine of Eight4Nine Restaurant.

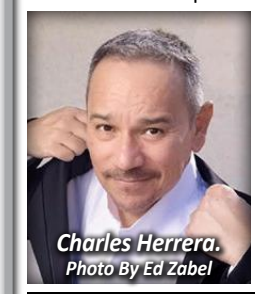
This year's coaches include Broadway veterans Tim Ewing and Leslie Tinnaro; popular Desert singers Charles Herrera (The Purple Room) and Tod Macofsky (PS Underground); and acclaimed local musical theatre performers Barbara Kerr and Lizzie Schmelling.

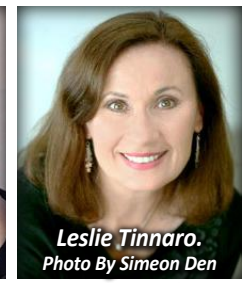
Their protégés, who represent both the business and philanthropic communities, will put their voices on the line for DET's arts education mission: Charles Albert "Charlie" Brown, President of MJ Housing & Services, addressing issues surrounding housing and homelessness; Michael David Bourque, a noted interior designer whose work is frequently showcased in Modernism Week tours; Cindy Burreson, CEO of the newly reimagined Children's Discovery Museum of the Desert; Andrea Carter, principal of Andrea Carter & Associates Marketing Services; Laura James, CEO at Coachella Valley Economic Partnership, a nonprofit economic development organization; and Heath Richard, a professional barber and stylist who performs with both the Modern Men's Chorus and A Cabbello.

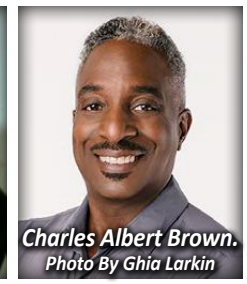
They will be joined by DET Artistic Director Jerome Elliott Moskowitz, director and host for the evening; music director Stephen Hulsey, a recent transplant from L.A. who has served as musical director/conductor/director throughout Northern/Southern California; and special guest Albert Gonzalez, co-owner and pastry chef of Eight4Nine Restaurant and an audience favorite from last year's event.

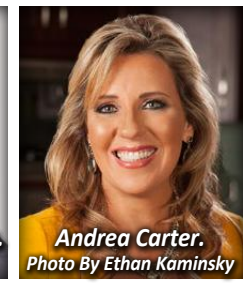
Additional event sponsors include Bright Event Rentals (reception tent and staging); Palm Springs Cultural Center (beverages); and media sponsors KGAY, CV Independent News, and KESQ News Channel 3.

DET is located at the Palm Springs Cultural Center, 2300 E. Baristo Rd. in Palm Springs. For additional information call 760-565-2476 or visit desertensembletheatre.org. CV


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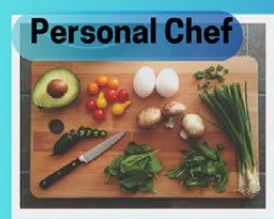
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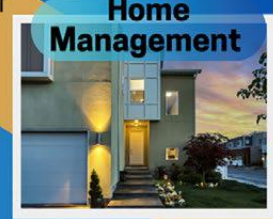
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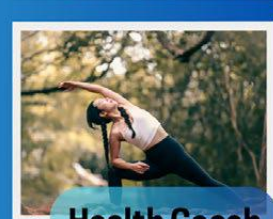












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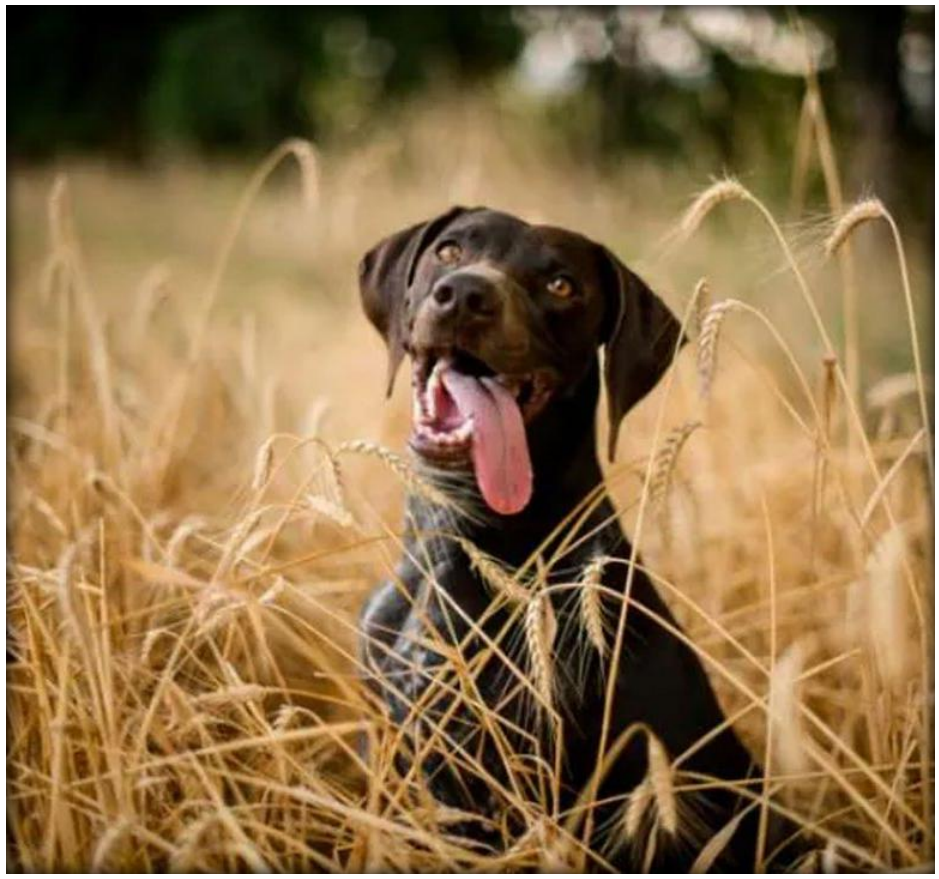
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PET PLACE

FOXTAIL GRASS, WARM WEATHER DANGER TO DOGS!



BY JANET McAFEE



Dog groomers at The Pampered Pet salon have noticed some dogs with foxtails this season. This year's rainy winter brought a proliferation of the wild grasses. One groomer commented, "The foxtails are horrible. I've found them between dogs' toes, inside the ears, in the genital area, and even in the anal glands. In some cases, pet owners unfamiliar with the spikey dry grass have no idea how dangerous it is."

Foxtails are common along trails, in fields, in dumps, in marshes, and in meadows. They can invade a dog's body through various routes and can potentially be lethal if left unchecked. Foxtails can dig deep into your dog's nostril or ear canal or under the skin in no time, and often so fast you don't notice them. Because they travel, they can infiltrate and perforate internal organs.

A quick stroke of a foxtail with your fingers can help explain why they are so dangerous for dogs. The barbs, though microscopic, only allow for one direction movement, making it difficult to remove them. The awn only stops traveling inside your dog's body when it comes to a barrier such as a bone or when it pops through the skin. Since they can't be absorbed or digested, foxtails can end up lodged in the lungs, heart, brain, liver, and other internal organs. This ability to travel and penetrate makes foxtails extremely dangerous, and they can be fatal.

If your dog encounters foxtails, make sure to carefully comb through its coat. Check around the ears, mouth, nose, and between the toes to remove them before they have chance to invade his body.

The severity of the symptoms depends on how far the foxtail awns have penetrated. Signs your dog had an encounter with foxtails includes:

EXCESSIVE SNEEZING IN CASE OF FOXTAILS INSIDE THE NOSE.

HEAD SHAKING IF FOXTAILS ARE INSIDE THE EAR.

LUMPS ON THE SKIN THAT ARE PAINFUL TO TOUCH.

PAWING AT THE EYES, EYE REDNESS, AND SQUINTING.

DISCHARGE FROM THE POINT OF ENTRY ON THE SKIN.

Protecting your pet against this nasty weed can help avoid the devastating effects that come with them. Don't allow your pooch to roam free in fields. Inspect your property, and promptly remove any foxtails growing there. You can spray a solution with white vinegar in water to organically kill the live plants, but you also need to remove the foxtails scattering the ground. Check your dog for foxtails after outdoor sessions and brush them to remove any hidden foxtails in their fur. Dogs that spend a lot of time outdoors and hunting dogs are at higher risk for contact with foxtails. The photo here shows you the plant's appearance, including the dry awns that are so easily picked up on your dog's fur.

You can remove foxtails with tweezers if you catch them before they penetrate into the skin. Otherwise, you must seek veterinary help immediately. I recall an incident 7 years ago when a Coachella Valley veterinarian had not encountered foxtails in his practice and failed to initially diagnose a pup shaking her head. That dog was rescued roaming in a field in nearby San Bernardino where these plants are more plentiful. Time is of the essence in getting medical treatment for a dog with foxtails.

My dog Natalie recently visited a rural area with lots of high grasses. Soon Natalie began shaking her head in serious distress and crying out in pain. No foxtails could be visually seen by inspecting her ears. However, a trip to the emergency vet revealed two foxtails lodged deep inside the ear canal. Untreated, this could have ruptured Natalie's eardrums and caused chronic ear infections.

Enjoy outdoor walks with Fido but keep an eagle eye out for these dangerous foxtail grasses!

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MEET KATY

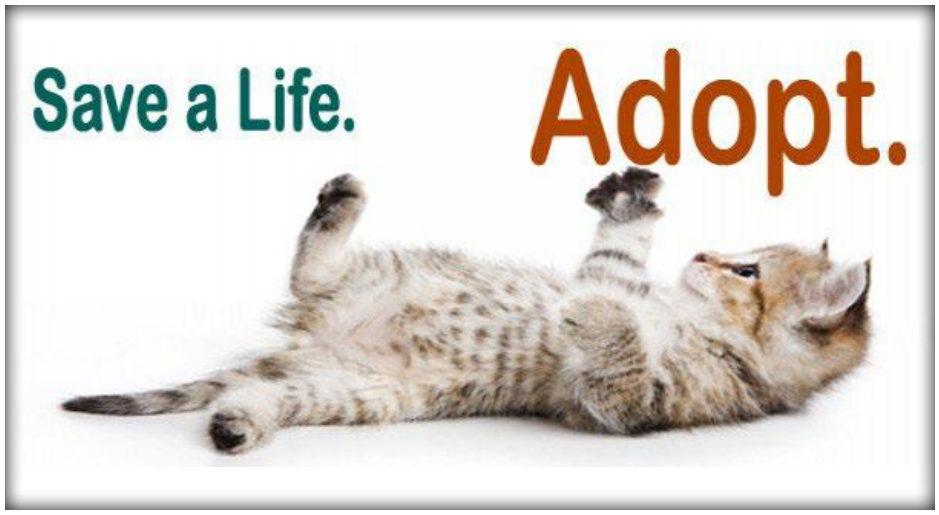
This is the sweetest Husky/Shepherd girl dog ID#A1809663 at the Coachella Valley Animal Campus. Just 1-yr-old, she is 50-lbs of doggie love, spayed and ready to go home! Located at 72-050 Pet Land Place, Thousand Palms, open 10am to 4pm Mon through Sat.



MEET BLOSSOM

This precious 4-mo-old puppy was rescued by Loving All Animals after she and her sister were abandoned in rural Mecca. Blossom's hobby is playing in the wading pool in the LAA yard. She is an active, smart pup who happily plays with other pups. Probably medium size Shepherd when full grown. Call LAA at 760-834-7000 for Blossom to greet you!





Here is a partial list of animal shelters & rescues:

COACHELLA VALLEY ANIMAL CAMPUS – Open 10:00-4:00 Monday through Saturday. View animals online at all 4 county shelters www.rcdas.org, 72-050 Pet Land Place, Thousand Palms, Call (760) 343-3644. (Public)

PALM SPRINGS ANIMAL SHELTER – Open to the public, closed Tuesday. View animals online at www.psanimalsshelter.org and complete application for the one you want to meet, 4575 E. Mesquite Ave, Palm Springs, Call (760) 416-5718. (Public)

DESERT HOT SPRINGS ANIMAL CARE & CONTROL - Open daily 9:30-4:30. www.cityofdhs.org/animal-care-control.com, View animals at www.petango.com/dhsacc. 65810 Hacienda Ave, Desert Hot Springs, Call for appointment (760) 329-6411 ext. 450.

ANIMAL SAMARITANS – Open to the public. View their animals at www.animalsamaritans.org. Email volunteer@animalsamaritans.org to foster or volunteer. Located at 72307 Ramon Rd, Thousand Palms, (760) 601-3918. (Private)

CALIFORNIA PAWS RESCUE - Call for an appointment to adopt. Located at 73650 Dinah Shore, Palm Desert. View their animals at www.californiapawsrescue.com, (760) 656-3833. (Private)

HUMANE SOCIETY OF THE COACHELLA VALLEY – Fill out an application online www.orphanpet.com and call for an appointment. This shelter has dogs of all sizes and cats, Located at 17825 N. Indian Canyon, Palm Springs, (760) 329-0203. (Private)

KITTYLAND – Open to the public to adopt cats and kittens. Located at 67600 18th Avenue, Desert Hot Springs, www.kittylandrescue.org, (760) 251-2700. (Private)

PRETTY GOOD CAT – Foster based rescue for cats located in La Quinta. Contact them at www.prettygoodcat.com, (760) 660-3414 (Private)

LOVING ALL ANIMALS – Call for appointment to adopt dogs. Located at 83496 Ave 51, Coachella, www.lovingallanimals.org, (760) 834-7000. (Private)

ANIMAL RESCUE CENTER OF CALIFORNIA (ARC), Foster based rescue for dogs and cats in Indio. www.thearc-ca.org, (760) 877-7077 (Private)

FLUFFS & SCRUFFS – Foster based rescue for small dogs in Cathedral City. FLUFFSANDSCRUFFS@AOL.COM, (310) 980-3383 (Private)

SOCIETY'S OUTKAST ANIMAL RESCUE – Foster based rescue for dogs in Rancho Mirage, www.societysoutkasts.com, (760) 832-0617. (Private)

LIVING FREE ANIMAL SANCTUARY – Large outdoor shelter for dogs and cats up Hwy 74, Mountain Center, www.living-free.org, (951) 659-4687. (Private)

CITY OF BANNING ANIMAL SHELTER – Open daily 10am-6pm. Located at 2050 E. Charles Street, Banning. Many beautiful animals of all sizes. View animals at www.arerecue.org/banning. (951) 708-1280 Short staffed so don't always answer phones. (public)

CITY OF SAN BERNARDINO ANIMAL SHELTER – Open 12:00 – 3pm Tues through Sat. Google "City of San Bernardino Animal Shelter" for website to view animals and get the ID number of the animal you want. Located at 333 Chandler Place, San Bernardino, (909) 384-1304 or (909) 384-7272. (Public)

SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER AT DEVORE – Open 7 days a week. Call (909) 386-9280, www.sbcounty.gov/acc and get the ID number of animal you are interested in adopting, 19777 Shelter Way, San Bernardino (Public). CV





THE SOCIAL CLASS PYRAMID

HADDON LIBBY



BY HADDON LIBBY

Who qualifies as financially rich? The Pew Research Center tackled this question. Using 2022 Census Bureau information, Pew Research found that the median household income is $74,580. The median is where half of American households earn more, and half earn less.

Looking at income levels, a middle-class household earns between $58,000 and $94,000 each year. Lower middle class earns $30,000 to $58,000 while the upper middle class earns between $94,000 and $153,000. Half of all American households are considered middle-class, down 10% from fifty years ago.

Two in ten households are considered upper class with income of $153,000 or more while three in ten are in the lower class with income under $30,000/year.

Net worth is another measure to determine which households are in each economic class. To be considered amongst the upper class, household net worth needs to be above $800,000. Net worth is determined by adding up all assets and subtracting all debts.

The top 10% of households earned $323,000 and have a net worth of $2.7 million. These folks have $1.27 million of financial assets like stocks and bonds, $111,000 in checking accounts and $85,000 in bank CDs. This group pays $72,000 in taxes each year. Looking at the other half of the upper class, income averages $165,000, net worth is $790,000 and taxes are $22,000.

Overall, 45% of all income is earned by the 20% amongst the upper class. A deeper look shows that 9% of all income is earned by the top 0.1%. The top 1% earns 19% of all income while the top 5% earn 1/3rd of all income. This may be why tax proposals from Democrats target those earning more than $400,000/year or with a net worth of $100 million. In contrast, Republican tax cuts focus on the upper class.



A look at the upper middle-class households shows net worth levels at $269,000. Middle class families have $145,000, lower middle class $61,000 and lower class less than $12,000.

Education levels are a major factor in economic class.

Of those with at least a college degree. 35% are in the upper class, 52% in the middle class and 12% in the lower class. If we look at those with only a high school diploma, 9% are in the upper class, 54% in the middle class and 37% in the lower class. For those unable to finish high school, 54% are in the lower class, 52% in the middle class and just 5% in the upper class.

Medical debt is held by 24% of the middle class, 22% of the lower class and 13% of the upper class.

Over the last ten years, the middle class has found it increasingly difficult to afford a new car or home. Where the middle class can typically afford a $400/month car payment, the average payment on a new car is $737/month with a repayment period of 5 ½ years. When it comes to home ownership, just four in ten can afford to own a home. Looking at all economic classes, home ownership has fallen from 78% in 2010 to just under 70% today. When it comes to saving for retirement, just 5% of Americans are on track to retire in comfort.

Here in Riverside County, we have 13% in the upper class , a level that is 50% below US averages. Our middle class is stronger at 56% (vs. 52% US average) while 31% are in the lower class, 10% above US averages.

Looking around the world, people do better in North America, the Eurozone, Australia and Russia. Places with the most poverty are in Africa, southern Asia, Central America and Bolivia.

Haddon Libby is the Founder and Chief Investment Officer of Winslow Drake Investment Management, an RIA firm that performs to the Fiduciary Standard. For more information on our services, please visit www.WinslowDrake.com. CV

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The "SEASON" is here in the Coachella Valley. With additional tourists and traffic come distractions. IF we don't pay attention to our own safety, no one else will. We are all responsible for our family's security, but we tend to put it on the back burner. The increased "seasonal" population makes for increased criminal activity in the valley so we all must be proactive and aid in our own safety.

I have written numerous legal articles for the CV Weekly on Scams/Theft and related topics. I am supplementing those TIPS and suggesting homeowner's" prevent criminals from "shopping" in our homes. If you consider what you would do to break into your own home you will find weaknesses in your home security, that you would normally not consider if you didn't look for them:



- Always close and lock your windows, even when you are home.
- Locking your exterior doors and setting your alarm should be common sense, even if you will only be away for a short time.
- Be sure your security alarm is working properly. If not, don't wait to address that issue when it's too late.
- You should consider using dead bolt locks since spring latch locks can easily be bypassed.
- Leaving a key anywhere outside your home, even in a fake rock or under a mat, isn't safe. It is the first place crooks will look. Always make arrangements to leave an extra key with a relative, neighbor, friend, etc. You might lose your key while you are in town or are on vacation and need to be able to get into your own home or have someone gain entry.
- NEVER leave notes on your front door or anywhere outside your home for any service people or guests. That's a "welcome invitation" for the bad guys.
- Use a crow bar or rod and place it in any tracked door or window to see if you can gain access. You can often lift the sliding door by both ends and get it off the track to gain entrance.
- Your garage doors should always be kept closed unless you are in the garage. The security code from the factory-setting of all garage door openers should be changed.
- Never leave a voice mail message that alerts the bad guys that no one is home. Consider saying that ***"you cannot come to the phone now and to leave a message".***
- If the bad guys think that someone is home they are less likely to try to break in. Thus, consider making it sound like someone is in the house. Set your TV to a 24 hour news station like CNN or FOX. That will give the illusion that your home is occupied and the different TV scenes cast different lights in the home. You can also consider a timer that turns interior lights on and off … whether you are away for an hour or a month.
- Consider parking your car in your garage. However, if that isn't possible, lock your vehicle and never leave a spare key in the vehicle.
- Never leave anything of value in your car when parked in public, especially the glove box or your golf carts.
- Cancel your newspaper request the Post Office hold your mail. Nothing says "come in and help yourself to my property" like old piled up newspapers in the driveway!
- Alert your neighbors that you will be away and if you or they ever see anything suspicious call Riverside Sheriff immediately! If you ever witness a crime or feel threatened you should call 911 first and then call security if you live in a gated community.
- Vacation pictures shouldn't be posted until you return, as it alerts the bad guys to take a shot at your home.

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COPPERMOON RISING: ALIGNING MIND, BODY, AND SPIRIT WITH PURPOSE

LOCAL BUSINESS



BY CRAIG MICHAELS



Coppermoon Rising is not just a wellness retreat; it is an experience designed to align your mind, body, and spirit through a variety of holistic approaches. At the helm of this transformative experience is Allison Mullins, a dedicated life and health coach with a deep understanding of yoga and wellness principles. Her work is a testament to her passion for helping others achieve balance and growth.

The name Coppermoon carries significant meaning. A copper moon appears when the sun, moon, and earth align, reflecting Coppermoon Rising's mission to bring participants into alignment with their best selves. Drawing inspiration from the word "yoga," which means "to yoke" or unite, Coppermoon Rising incorporates yoga, sound healing, detox programs, and life coaching to foster this unity in the lives of its participants.

At the core of Coppermoon Rising is its founder, Allison Mullins, a visionary coach and guide whose programs are designed to help individuals not only heal but also thrive. Her approach is grounded in the principles of the 8 Pillars of Wellness and the 8 Limbs of Yoga, ensuring that participants are supported in all aspects of their lives—physical, emotional, spiritual, and intellectual. Allison's 5-Day Detox Program offers a simple yet effective way to reset the digestive system, reduce inflammation, and increase overall vitality. What sets her apart is her holistic methodology, providing participants with everything they need, from meal plans to mindfulness techniques, to ensure a lasting impact.

For those seeking a more tailored approach, Coppermoon's 1:1 Life/Health Coaching provides a personalized pathway toward well-being. Through online weekly meetings and wellness integrations, Allison guides clients in enhancing their lives, holding them accountable to themselves rather than any external pressure.

One of Coppermoon Rising's standout offerings is its Yoga and Sound Healing sessions. These experiences combine the stillness of restorative yoga with the healing vibrations of sound baths, creating a deeply meditative and restorative experience. Allison incorporates instruments such as crystal bowls, gongs, and chimes, which help to release toxins, reduce stress, and promote a sense of inner peace.

In addition to her wellness programs, Allison is an engaging motivational speaker, bringing the wisdom of ancient yogic practices into modern-day challenges. Her talks offer actionable insights on how to navigate life's struggles with mindfulness, truth, and self-awareness, empowering audiences to protect their peace and grow despite the chaos of the outside world.

Coppermoon Rising invites you to rise beyond your current state, guiding you to a place of greater balance, wellness, and alignment. You're assured a thoughtful and transformative experience that reaches far beyond a typical wellness retreat. For more information, connect with Allison at Coppermoon Rising by visiting their website or contacting her directly at alison@coppermoonrising.com or 760.485.3433.

Written by: Craig Michaels CV

2024 LOS ANGELES LAKERS PRESEASON GAMES AT ACRISURE ARENA

SPORTS SCENE

The Lakers will kick off their 2024-25 preseason at Acrisure Arena with a matchup against the Minnesota Timberwolves on October 4 at 7:30 p.m. PT, followed by a game against the Phoenix Suns on October 6 at 6:30 p.m. PT.

- The purple and gold boast a rich history in the Coachella Valley, the former home of Lakers training camp.
- Legends Kobe Bryant and Shaquille O'Neal left their mark on the Greater Palm Springs area when they suited up for Los Angeles in the 1997 preseason at the College of the Desert.
- The Lakers most recently hosted the Suns at a sold-out Acrisure Arena during the 2023 preseason.
- Tickets start at just $100 and offer fans a chance to see their favorite teams in a setting that offers exciting, close-up views of the action.

TICKETS: These exciting preseason matchups are on sale now at Ticketmaster or at Acrisurearena.com. CV









HEALTH

BY MICHELLE BORTHWICK



KETO CASUAL: A CHILL WAY TO DO KETO

The keto diet is popular for people wanting fast weight loss, boosted energy, and to stay healthy. But sticking to a super strict high-fat, low-carb plan can be challenging and eventually our mind and body want to return to our "high carb" lifestyle. Then we feel guilty that we "cheated" and throw the whole diet away just when we were making progress. That's where Keto Casual comes in—a more laid-back, flexible and natural take on the keto diet that fits easily into your daily life.

What's Keto Casual?

Keto Casual is a relaxed version of the traditional keto diet. Instead of sticking to a strict breakdown of fats, proteins, and carbs,(macros) you follow a low-carb eating style that's easier to maintain. You keep carbs low, watch your food intake and quality of the foods you eat… but you can indulge now and then. You'll learn to eat more intuitively.

Why Try Keto Casual?

Easier to Stick With: Traditional keto can be hard to follow for a long time because it limits carbs so much. Keto Casual is more doable—you don't need to count every single macro or feel guilty about carbs.

Flexibility: Life is unpredictable! Keto Casual lets you enjoy social events and meals out without stressing about your diet. You can go to your event, have fun and return back to your low carb Keto lifestyle the next day.

Balanced Eating: Traditional keto might mean missing out on nutrient-rich fruits and veggies. Keto Casual includes these in moderation, so you get a balanced array of vitamins and minerals.

Mental and Emotional Health: Being too strict with your diet can lead to burnout or creating a bad relationship with food. Keto Casual offers a healthy balance between eating well and enjoying your food. Which in turn means you are enjoying your life but still getting the results you desire!

Just How Do YOU Do Keto Casual?

Load Up on Whole Foods: Focus on high-quality fats (like avocados, olive oil, fatty fish), proteins (lean meats, eggs, cheese), and low-carb veggies (like leafy greens, broccoli, and cauliflower).

Mindful Carbs: Instead of cutting out carbs entirely, eat them mindfully. Enjoy berries, sweet potatoes, and whole grains when it feels right. Keep carbs low but don't stress about occasional higher-carb days. In reality, it's best to keep higher carb days to just a few a week.

Healthy Fats Are Key: Just like traditional keto, make healthy fats a big part of your diet. Think nuts, seeds, olive oil, butter, and fatty fish like salmon.

Stay Active: Regular exercise helps your body burn carbs and fat for energy. Whether you like walking, lifting weights, or doing yoga, staying active is a great compliment to Keto Casual.

Listen to Your Body: The beauty of Keto Casual is in its flexibility. Some days you might eat fewer carbs, other days you might crave more. Be mindful. Go with the flow and adjust as needed.

Look at These Yummy Keto Casual Meal Ideas

Breakfast: Scrambled eggs with avocado and spinach, plus a slice of low carab whole-grain toast.

Lunch: Grilled chicken salad with mixed greens, olive oil, avocado, and a small portion of sweet potato.

Snack: Greek yogurt with nuts, seeds and/or berries.

Dinner: Baked salmon with roasted broccoli, cauliflower rice, and sautéed mushrooms.

Dessert: Dark chocolate (70% or higher cocoa content) or some mixed berries and whipping cream.

Is Keto Casual for You?

Do you:

Want the benefits of low-carb living without strict rules.

Are happier with a more balanced approach to eating.

You've tried traditional keto but found it hard to stick with.

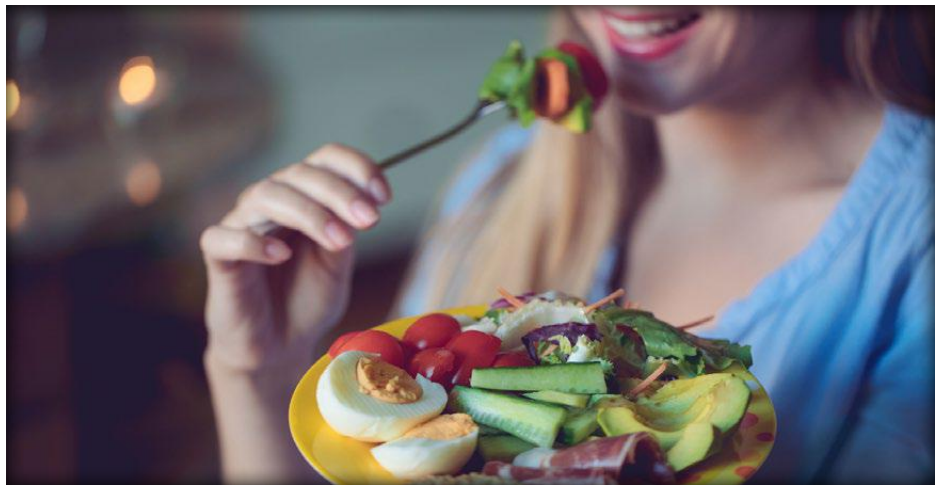
Are seeking a sustainable way of eating that fits your lifestyle.

Does Flexibility Matter to YOU?

Keto Casual is a flexible, relaxed way to enjoy the benefits of the keto diet while living your life… your way! If you focus on whole foods, healthy fats, and be mindful about your carbs, bask in the health benefits and the weight loss without any stress. If Keto Casual sounds like something that would work for you, let's talk. Set up a 30 minute complimentary coaching session with me.

About Michelle Borthwick McLaughlin (known more widely as Michelle Keto), is the foremost expert in living the Keto lifestyle and the go-to coach for Keto women.

She loves the CA lifestyle and spends time between San Diego and Palm Desert. Her 1:1 coaching, and group programs have helped hundreds of women from 25 states, and 4 countries lose over 8,000 pounds while eating foods they love. Michelle's one of the few Keto leaders who promote full customization for long term success. For a complimentary 30-minute coaching call, please schedule at: ketoiseasycoach.com or email any questions to ketoiseasy@gmail.com. CV



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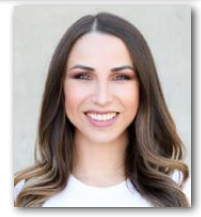
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CULTIVATING A BALANCED LIFESTYLE: HEALTHY HABITS FOR MIND, BODY, AND SOUL

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BY COACH NADIA POPOVA

A balanced lifestyle is essential for overall well-being. It involves taking care of your physical health, mental health, and emotional well-being. By incorporating healthy habits into your daily routine, you can improve your quality of life and live a more fulfilling existence.

Physical Health

• Regular exercise: Aim for at least 30 minutes of moderate-intensity exercise most days of the week.

• Balanced diet: Focus on whole foods, fruits, vegetables, lean proteins, and healthy fats.

• Adequate sleep: Aim for 7-9 hours of quality sleep each night.

• Stay hydrated: Drink plenty of water throughout the day.

• Avoid harmful substances: Limit or avoid alcohol, tobacco, and excessive caffeine.

Mental Health

• Mindfulness and meditation: Practice mindfulness techniques to reduce stress and improve focus.

• Positive thinking: Cultivate a positive mindset and avoid negative self-talk.

• Seek support: Talk to friends, family, or a mental health professional if you›re struggling.



• Limit screen time: Reduce your exposure to electronic devices, especially before bed.

• Engage in hobbies: Pursue activities you enjoy to relax and unwind.

Emotional Well-being

• Practice gratitude: Focus on the positive aspects of your life and express gratitude.

• Build strong relationships: Nurture connections with loved ones.

• Set realistic goals: Establish achievable goals and celebrate your accomplishments.

• Learn to say no: Prioritize your well-being and don›t overcommit yourself.

• Seek professional help: If you›re struggling with emotional issues, consider seeking therapy.

Additional Tips

• Create a routine: Establish a daily routine that includes time for exercise, healthy eating, and relaxation.

• Be patient: Making lifestyle changes takes time. Be patient with yourself and celebrate small victories.

• Find a balance: Avoid extremes and strive for a balanced approach to your health and well-being.

• Seek support: Surround yourself with positive and supportive people.

• Prioritize self-care: Make time for activities that nourish your mind, body, and soul.

Remember, a balanced lifestyle is a journey, not a destination. By incorporating these healthy habits into your daily routine, you can improve your overall well-being and live a more fulfilling life.

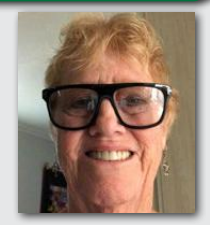
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GOVERNOR NEWSOM DESTROYS THE CALIFORNIA HEMP INDUSTRY

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With one stroke of the pen California Governor Gavin Newsom put the medical hemp industry underground into the black market. The hemp products crackdown proposed by Newsom (D) took effect after officials approved the emergency rules he proposed earlier this month. Under the new rules, which took effect Monday, September 23, any hemp-derived cannabinoid products sold in the state must contain "no detectable amount of total THC" and can only be sold to individuals aged 21 or older. Additionally, the rules set a five-serving-size cap for such products. The ban has upended a hemp retail sector covering infused beverages, capsules, gummies, and even topicals, which the 2018 Farm Bill legalized.

"While we fully support efforts to regulate synthetic and intoxicating products, we strongly oppose the inclusion of non-intoxicating, natural CBD products within this regulatory framework. We believe these regulations are overreaching and unnecessarily restrict access to safe, non-intoxicating hemp products by lumping them in with an entirely different class of products. Other states like Colorado and Virginia have set shining examples of how to clean up the market while safeguarding products that consumers depend upon for their health and well ness." Bill Morachnick, Charlotte's Web CEO, in a statement.

The governor's office said the ban will prevent children in the state from being exposed to intoxicating products. "We will not sit on our hands as drug peddlers target our children with dangerous and unregulated hemp products containing THC at our retail stores," Newsom said. There are already rules in the industry for alcohol, cigarettes, marijuana, cannabis, hemp that ban sales to anyone under 21. Go after the drug peddlers not the legitimate licensed medical hemp cultivators.

Other Options to Oppose Intoxicating Synthetics

California bill AB-2223 introduced by Assembly Member Aguiar-Curry aimed at helping address the proliferation of unlicensed, intoxicating hemp-derived products in California and provide a pathway to carry hemp products at cannabis retailers. Cal NORML supports this effort and suggested amendments to the bill to protect patients in need of CBD medicines.

Forty-eight sponsors of AB-2223 sent letters of support to the legislature including such names as the Corona Police Officers Association, Culver City Police Officers' Association and Deputy Sheriffs' Association of Monterey County. Sixteen sponsors in opposition of AB-2223 sent letters to the legislature. Because of the many amendments suggested the bill was suspended, after objections from doctors, patients, and farmers. The opposition by doctors is surprising because doctors expertise on hemp or cannabis would fit on the end of tack.

Instead of leaving this alone and waiting for Congress to fix the Farm Bill, Newsom in his wisdom had to jump in and play the hero to his cronies and sent the medical hemp industry in CA for seniors into the black market. What will Governor Newsom do if Congress's fix contradicts CA regulations?

If you are taking a hemp medical product for seizures (Charlotte's Web), or pain, anxiety or other medical issue inform the CA Governor of your opposition to his unprecedented regulations.

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Ryan's Law Update

The Compassionate Access to Medical Cannabis Act or Ryan's Law, requires specified health care facilities to allow a terminally ill patient's use of medicinal cannabis within the health care facility, as defined, subject to certain restrictions. Existing law requires the State Department of Public Health to enforce the act. Existing law prohibits a general acute care hospital, as specified, from permitting a patient with a chronic disease to use medicinal cannabis.

SB 1511 (Health Omnibus Bill) – clarifies that hospitals must follow Ryan's law, allowing terminally ill patients to use (noninhaled) medical cannabis. This bill clarifies that general acute care hospitals (GACHs) are required to permit patients who have a chronic condition to use medicinal cannabis when they are also terminally ill. I have to give kudos to Governor Newsom for signing this law. If you know a terminally ill patient who is refused using cannabis in the hospital file a complaint to the California Department of Public Health. It's the LAW.

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