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For This Special Season, We Are Thankful



It's Time Again To Celebrate The Sand, The Water, And More

Welcome to the 4th Annual Sand-Water-RV Expo in Lake Havasu City, Ariz., a mecca for outdoor enthusiasts of off-roading, RVing and boating.

The 2015 Sand-Water-RV Expo captures the spirit and passion of these complementary outdoor recreation activities, providing motivated consumers the opportunity to browse, compare and shop for the latest and greatest in off-road vehicles, trucks, sand rails, ATVs, UTVs, 4x4s, buggies, golf carts, motorcycles, electric vehicles, RVs, toy haulers, travel trailers, boats, kayaks, paddleboards, and all related accessory products and services.

Save the dates: Saturday, Nov. 21 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 22 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Friday Evening Kick-Off Party

Come down to Lake Havasu State Park, Lot 4 for cocktails, dinner, and an outdoor

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THREE OF OUR FAVORITES

Boat Parades Light Up The Season

Throughout boating communities worldwide, parades of lights welcome the holiday season. There is nothing more spectacular than colored lights sparkling on boats as they ply the rivers and lakes and bays — truly beautiful gifts to all those who come to see and celebrate.

Here are three of our Southwest favorites for you to put on your calendar in time to plan ahead for the one you hope to visit in 2015.

Lake Havasu: 'Sparkle under the Stars'

For the past 33 years the Annual Boat Parade of Lights has been the must-see event of the holiday season. Lake Havasu City's Boat Parade of Lights has been repeatedly selected as one of the top 100 events in the U.S. by the American Bus Association.

Up to 50 boats brightly decorated in their holiday best will delight children and adults alike on Friday, Dec. 4 and Saturday, Dec. 5 at 6:30 p.m.

Watch the boats cruise through the Bridge-water Channel beginning in Thompson Bay and continuing under the London Bridge to the north end of the Channel, with a turnaround at Windsor Beach and back.

Bundle up and take a stroll through the Channel — the only time you'll see the Channel packed full of boats and boaters in winter gear at night. Come cozy up with fam-



ily and friends and create treasured memories of a favorite holiday tradition!

This year's theme is "Sparkle under the Stars."

Boat parade participants and sponsors invite you to visit the docks in front of the London Bridge Resort where parade floats will be lit up nightly beginning at dusk.

Bonfires will be permitted throughout the Channel on the island side beach areas but must be contained in a portable, self-contained fire pit. All ashes must be removed entirely and the area left clean. Absolutely no digging of fire pits in the sand and no dumping of ashes in the water. The area will be patrolled throughout the evening.

There will be great viewing at the Nautical Beachfront Resort (the starting point of the Parade of Lights), Rotary Beach, throughout the Channel on both sides between Rotary Beach and Windsor Beach, the English Village, across the London Bridge, and at any

of the restaurants along the Channel. (If you plan on watching from the Channel restaurants, early reservations are recommended.)

There is no charge to view The 33rd Annual Boat Parade. Plenty of free parking is available at the English Village and in the parking areas on the island near the Channel. Plan to get there early as traffic around the London Bridge can become congested.

Event dates and times are subject to change. Please contact event coordinator to verify information.



Tempe Town Lake: 'Fantasy of Lights'

Light up the night and be dazzled at the Valley's most unique holiday event — the Fantasy of Lights Boat Parade Presented by SRP at Tempe Town Lake on Saturday, Dec. 12 at 5 p.m.

Begun in 1999, the Boat Parade will feature as many as 50 festively lighted boats of

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ON THE COVER

If There Are Turkeys, It Must Be Thanksgiving

The wild turkeys on the cover represent the beginning of the holiday season and, of course, are a reminder that Thanksgiving is coming soon.

Thanksgiving is celebrated every year on the fourth Thursday of November in the United States, on the second Monday of October in Canada, and on the fourth Friday of November in China.

In 1863, Abraham Lincoln set aside the last Thursday of November as a national Day of Thanksgiving. American immigrants brought the customs and practices of the American Thanksgiving to Canada, beginning on April 5, 1872. The United States Congress permanently established the fourth Thursday of each November as a na-

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SCSC Celebrates Thanksgiving With Speed

The Southern California Speedboat Club (SCSC) will hold its 69th Anniversary Thanksgiving Regatta on the Colorado River's Parker Strip. This powerboat/speedboat racing features endurance, speed, and circle racing. Boats include stock outboards, pro-stock, Grand National (GNs), cracker box, tunnel lights, and K-boats.

Mark the dates on your calendar: Friday, Nov. 27 and Saturday, Nov. 28 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

For more information, call (310) 318-4012 or visit either <http://www.scsracing.com> or <http://www.bluewaterfun.com>



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Western Wildlife

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Tackle & Target

Beware Of A Pelamis Platurus
Rumor has it that a yellow-bellied sea snake was found at Silver Strand Beach, Oxnard, Calif/Page 8





Thanksgiving is a time to express our gratitude for all we have been given: our resources, our opportunities, our families, our friends, and all the flora and fauna with which we share our world. For all this and more, we give thanks.

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DOWNSTREAM November 2015 Events Calendar

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BEYOND ARIZONA

ONGOING FUR AND FEATHER ANIMAL ASSISTANCE, INC. — A permanent residential facility for dogs and cats designed for comfort, well being, and CARE for LIFE. Where Every "One" Deserves a Chance. PO Box 555 Pie Town, NM 87827, e-mail to: furandfeatheranimalassistance@gmail.com

BOATING

21-22 LAKE HAVASU CITY: 4th Annual Sand and Water Expo — Lake Havasu State Park, Lot 4, browse, compare and shop for the latest and greatest in off-road vehicles, trucks, sand rails, ATVs, UTVs, 4 x 4s, buggies, motorcycles, electric vehicles, RVs, tow haulers, travel trailers, boats and related accessory products and services, food, and beer garden, \$3 children 6 & under free, Sat. 9 am — 5 pm, Sun 9 am — 3 pm, 951-501-0210 or www.golakehavasu.com/events/details/1767/

27-28 PARKER: 69th Anniversary SCSS Thanksgiving Regatta - Blue Water Resort, powerboat/speedboat racing on the Parker Strip/Colorado River, endurance, speed & circle racing, boats include Stock Outboards, Pro-Stock, Grand National (GN's), Cracker Box, Tunnel Lights and K-boats, 7 am - 7 pm, 310-318-4012 or www.sccsracing.com or www.bluewaterfun.com

ONGOING AZ YACHT CLUB MEETINGS: Second Tuesday of every month 7 p.m. — in the Caddy Shack at Rolling Hills Golf Course, 1415 N. Mill Ave., Tempe; www.arizonayachtclub.org

ONGOING US SAILING/ RED CROSS ONLINE TRAINING: Ongoing — To make it easier for prospective US SAILING-certified instructors to fulfill course requirements for CPR and First Aid certification, US SAILING teams up with the American Red Cross to provide an online training program. Participants can sign up by visiting www.usailing.org/training and clicking on the Red Cross Online Training button (towards the bottom of the page).

CAMPING/RVING/ AZ OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

5-8 PAGE: 13th Annual Page Lake Powell Hot Air Balloon Regatta - watch balloons lift off and float over the Lake Powell area, a Balloon Glow and Street Fair, www.pagerage.com

7 ALAMO LAKE: 9th Annual Night Under the Stars — Alamo Lake State Park, astronomy clubs from around the state gather and set up their equipment and share, bring a folding chair, red light, sweater or jacket, enthusiasm to enjoy and conserve our beautiful night skies, \$7/vehicle (up to four adults), 928-669-2088 or www.azstaparks.com

7 PHOENIX: Music in the Garden Fall 2015 Concert Series - Desert Botanical Garden, different bands, this week features Dennis Rowland, jazz, dinner is available for an additional charge, guests must be aged 21+, includes Garden admission, \$20-25, doors open at 5:30 pm, concert at 7 pm, 480-481-8188 or www.dbg.org/music

7 TEMPE: Annual Earth and Space Exploration Day 2015 — Special science-related activities for children 5 and up or anyone interested in earth and space science alongside real scientists, see a replica of Curiosity Mars Rover, explore "A" Mountain (Tempe Butte) on a guided field trip, Dr. Rock will analyze rock samples and children may bring samples from their backyard for analysis, free, 9 am — 3 pm, 480-727-6625 or sese.asu.edu/earth-and-space-exploration-day

14 MESA: Pass Mountain 50K, 25K & 10K and 5K — Usery Mountain Regional Park, features winding trails, and new this year a new start/finish area at the Trailhead Staging area, 25K and 50K courses include a loop around Pass Mountain in the Tonto National Forest, awards to top male & female finishers at each distance, \$30-90, 7 am, www.aravaiparunning.com/pass-mountain/

14 TEMPE: 11th Annual Rip's BAD Ride X1 Arizona Motorcycle Ride and Festival — a family friendly motorcycle event, to raise awareness and raise money for the American Diabetes Association, includes bands, bike show, bike games, \$20-35, all bikes welcome, there are multiple start sites around the metropolitan area, 800-676-4065 ext 7097 or www.ripsbadride.com

20 PHOENIX: Bruce Munro: Sonoran Light Grand Opening Event - Desert Botanical Garden, step into a night of wonder and illumination, become immersed in a landscape of light and color during the Grand Opening of Bruce Munro: Sonoran Light, explore the Garden and encounter eight large-scale, light-based installations, whimsical Light Muses, pulsating entertainment, sparkling drinks and tantalizing bites, \$75-85, 7-10 pm, 480-481-8188 or www.dbg.org

27-28 PHOENIX: 37th Annual Las Noches de las Luminarias - Desert Botanical Gardens, thousands of hand-lit luminarias line the garden pathways, musical entertainment each night, additional buffet dinner is available, \$12.50-30, 5:30 pm, pre-register, 480-481-8188 or 480-481-8188 or www.dbg.org

ONGOING PROTECT-A-PARK: — Boaters, anglers, divers needed to adopt Lake Pleasant's shoreline areas and covers for regular litter removal in 2009; (602) 372-7460, ext. 200

CLASSES/SEMINARS

ONGOING AZGFD, CG AUXILIARY, PHOENIX POWER SQUADRON BOATING CLASSES: (See page 3 of this issue.)

COMMUNITY AND SEASONAL

6-1/10 SCOTTSDALE: Miracle on 34th Street - Scottsdale Desert Stages Theatre, Kris Kringle is the personification of good will and holiday spirit, as Macy's holiday Santa, a small girl's belief in Kris and the magic of the holiday is at stake in a climactic courtroom decision, is he the real Santa Claus, hilarious, tender and charming play for the entire family is a perennial Christmas classic, an Actor's Cafe Production, \$25, 7:30 & 2 pm, www.deserstages.org/

6-1/3 WILLIAMS: Polar Express - Grand Canyon Railway, during a one-hour evening train journey, guests enjoy treats and a reading of the classic Christmas story on the way to the North Pole, Santa boards the train at the North Pole and presents young passengers with bells representing the spirit of Christmas, sing carols on the return, \$18-37, 3:30, 5:30 & 7:30 pm, 800-843-8724 or www.thetrain.com

7 FLAGSTAFF: 16th Annual River Runner Film Festival & Auction — Coconino Center for the Arts, includes river themed films, silent auction, raffle, and food, proceeds benefit the hands-on experiential learning opportunities at Grand Canyon Youth, an evening for celebrating the positive power youth have in their communities and as stewards of the natural world, \$10/individual, \$30/families, 5-10 pm, 928-773-7921 or www.gcyouth.org

7 PHOENIX: 15th Annual Veterans Day Weekend Traditional Pow Wow — Arizona State University West Campus, Native American dancers, drum groups and artisans from throughout Arizona, traditional arts and crafts, food, music and dance, 11 am, 602-543-5300 or www.aznard.org/

8 LAKE HAVASU CITY: 10th Annual Veteran's Day Celebration Show & Shine — Lake Havasu Anderson Chrysler Jeep Dodge Ram, huge car show, see a display of hot rods and specialty vehicles, food catered by Up in Smoke, DJ's with classic rock, raffles and 50/50 drawing, 9 am - 3 pm, 928-919-2641 or 928-505-3016 or www.golakehavasu.com/events/details/377

11 SCOTTSDALE: Veterans Day - McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park, celebrate and honor our country and the people who serve it, activities include dignitaries, guest speakers and live performances, free, 3-5 pm, 480-312-2312 or www.therailroadpark.com

11 MESA: East Valley Veterans' Day Parade — Center Street between 8th St & 1st Ave, view over 100 entries including military vehicles, WW II tanks, the Fallen Soldier Memorial, USS Arizona replica, Junior ROTC groups, military support groups, Mesa and Gilbert high school marching bands, East Valley city and town dignitaries, Girl and Boy Scout Troops, equestrian groups and a fly-over by a WWII aircraft, the Commemorative Air Force's B-17 and other historical aircraft, 11 am, 480-684-2324 or www.EastValleyVeteransParade.com

11 LAKE HAVASU CITY: Veteran's Day Parade — McCulloch Blvd. (Downtown District), honor the local veterans for their patriotism, love of country and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good, free, 928-230-4931 or www.golakehavasu.com/events/details/1622/

11 YUMA: Veteran's Day Parade - Yuma Mesa Shopping Center and down 4th Avenue, to honor and celebrate the service of all U.S. Military members, 9 am, www.visityumacity.com/

11 TUCSON: 2015 Veterans Day Parade and Ceremony — the American Legion Post 7 hosts the a Veterans Day Parade and Ceremony in downtown Tucson starting at Granada and Alameda, 11 am, www.tucsonveterans-dayparade.org/

14 ANTHEM: 14th Annual Lighting of the Tallest Holiday Tree in the Nation — Outlets at Anthem, the 110-foot white fir is decorated with three miles of LED lights, more than 6,000 ornaments and bows and a 3-foot-tall copper star, Santa Claus will lead the count-down and flip the switch to light the tree, along with local celebrities and other special guests, free, 6-9 pm, 623-465-9500 or www.outletsanthem.com

26 FOUNTAIN HILLS: Thanksgiving Day Parade - Saguaro Blvd, the state's only Thanksgiving Day parade with up to 75 units including bands, floats & marching units, free, 9 am, 480-837-1654 or www.fountainhills-chamber.com

27-12/24 PEORIA: A Christmas Carol - Arizona Broadway Theatre, money-hungry Scrooge bah-hum-bags by the joys of Christmas, and, in turn, must face his selfish ways when three ghostly visitors lead him through his Past, Present and Future. Lavish and thrilling Broadway adaptation of Charles Dickens' most well known story, join Tiny Tim, Jacob Marley and Bob Cratchit as they sing Alan Menken and Lynn Ahrens's beloved favorites, 623-776-8400 or www.azbroadway.org

27-1/1 LAKE HAVASU CITY: 20th Annual Festival of Lights - English Village and London Bridge, celebrate the holiday season as you stroll and view more than 500,000 lights on display, Santa visits every Saturday and Sunday from 6-8 pm, free, 6-10 pm nightly, 928-855-0888 or www.golakehavasu.com/events/details/1480

27-12/31 MESA: 34th Annual Arizona Temple Christmas Lighting — hundreds of thousands of lights in the garden and a lighted reflection pool, free, special music performances each evening at 7 pm, lighting from 5:30 pm, 480-964-7164 or www.mesachristmaslights.com

28 TEMPE: Fantasy of Lights Opening Night Parade - Mill Avenue District, this year's theme - Starry Night, parade then Santa, thousands of sparkling lights and lighted displays, free, 6 pm, 480-894-8158 or www.downtowntempe.com

ONGOING LAKE POWELL: Nov. 14 — Antelope Point Marina 5K Run/Walk to benefit VFW Post 9632; AntelopePoint@aapmlp.com

ONGOING HOMELESS PROGRAM NEEDS: Ongoing — new underwear, socks, sun screen, razors, feminine hygiene products, hats and backpacks; e-mail I-Help for more details: ihelp@tempeaction.org.

FISHING

21 SCOTTSDALE: Eldorado Park Fishing Expo — Eldorado Park, the North Lake is stocked with trout, no fishing license is needed during the event, fishing gear provided, raffles and prizes, free, 8-11 am, 480-312-2483 or www.ScottsdaleAZ.gov/Parks/Eldo

ONGOING ARIZONA FLYCASTERS CLUB MEETINGS: Second Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. — Sunnyslope Community Center; www.azflycasters.org

ONGOING SRT BASS PHOENIX CHAPTER MEETINGS: — Shake, Rattle & Roll BASS Club; volunteers needed; new members (boaters and non-boaters), families, children, friends are welcome; (623) 221-7655

HUNTING/SHOOTING/ARCHERY

ONGOING BEN AVERY CLAY TARGET CENTER: Current — Open seven days a week; (623) 434-8119

WATERSPORTS

ONGOING SAGUARO DIVING & SPORTS: Ongoing — Learn to Scuba Dive, Open Water Certification Dives, Private Class & Pool, Private Lake Open Water Certification Dives, San Carlos, Mexico; Lake Pleasant, and more; Saguaro can plan your diving vacation for small groups or just one person. How about Grand Cayman, Curacao, Cozumel, Belize, Roatan, Bonaire, Turks & Caicos Contact Saguaro Diving & Sports, 908 E. Imperial Ave., Mesa, AZ 85204; (480) 507-3988 or sales@saguaroports.com

Swimming:
15 TEMPE: Ford Ironman Arizona — Tempe Beach Park, features a 2.4 mile swim, a 112 mile bike and a complete marathon 26.2 miles in succession, 888-280-9097 or www.ironmanarizona.com

ONGOING TEMPE: Ironcare Splash & Dash + Swim Only — Race 5 — Tempe Town Lake, presented by Tribe Multisports, splash 1000m or 2000m/dash 5km; swim only 1000m or 2000m, enjoy a morning of fun and racing with your friends, a unique event with a relaxed atmosphere that is suitable for all levels of athlete, whether fine tuning for that big race or getting your feet wet at your first multisport event, 7:30 am, www.4peaksracing.com/

7-8 LONDON BRIDGE BEACH PARK: — A triathlon race series designed for seasoned triathletes as well as novices — 'A Distance for Everyone' assures a challenging course geared towards each person's individual goals. Five distances in one weekend — choose the one that's right for you. Swim/Bike/Run. www.golakehavasu.com/events/details/1769/

WILDLIFE/ANIMAL-RELATED

7-8 TUCSON: 36th Annual Southern Arizona Koi Association Koi Show — Veterans Memorial Park, auction, koi from all over the Southwest are on display and are judged, vendors of pond items and live fish, free, 10 am - 4 pm, 520-682-7697 or www.sakoiia.org

21-22 PHOENIX: Adobe Mountain Wildlife Center Open House — learn more about wildlife native to Arizona and other education programs, features live wildlife displays, learn to cast at the fishing activity, boating lake and safety information, hunter education program information, self-guided tour of the facility, food, drink and merchandise, free, 10 am — 3 pm, www.azwildlife-center.net/

Dec. 6 HOLIDAY CHAMPAGNE BRUNCH — Arizona Biltmore Resort to benefit LostOurHome.org

ONGOING NO-KILL SHELTER NEEDS HELP: www.animalsbenefitclub.com/index2.html

ONGOING RAISING MONEY FOR ANIMALS: Ongoing — Heather L. James-Davis; www.azanimalassistance.com

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See complete listings at www.azbw.com and www.westernoutdoortimes.com



Roll Call For
'Mike' 10-21-15
This combat dog, who served two tours of duty and earned Bronze Stars in Iraq, was shot and killed in Wyoming. (Read full story online at www.azbw.com and www.westernoutdoortimes.com.)



KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

Update your boating safety knowledge

Our waterways are ready, but are YOU? Brush up on your boating skills by taking one of the many Boating Safety Education classes or take one online at www.azgfd.gov/boating.

November 2015				
Host	Date and Time	Location	Cost	Registration
Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla	November 14 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Marine Max 1840 E. Broadway Tempe	\$20	(602) 550-8655
Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla	November 21 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Bass Pro Shop 1133 N. Dobson Road Mesa	\$30	(408) 962-8151 or (408) 219-2356
Arizona Game & Fish Department	November 21 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Arizona Game & Fish Headquarters 5000 Carefree Hwy Phoenix	\$0	(623) 236-7219

December 2015				
Host	Date and Time	Location	Cost	Registration
Arizona Game & Fish Department	December 5 10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.	Arizona Paddle Sports Education Biscuit Tank at Ben Avery Shooting Facility 4044 W Black Canyon Blvd. Phoenix	\$0	(623) 236-7219
Arizona Game & Fish Department	December 19 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Arizona Game & Fish Headquarters 5000 Carefree Hwy Phoenix	\$0	(623) 236-7219

Know the Rules: Learn to identify "Navi-Aids"

Arizona law enforcement agencies write many citations for "failure to obey navigation laws." You can help ensure the safety of all on the water by learning to identify these common navigational aids.



Information

Squares indicate where to find food, supplies, repairs, etc. and give directions and other information.



Controlled

Circles indicate a controlled area such as speed limit, no fishing or anchoring, ski only or no skiing, or "slow, no wake."



Exclusion

Crossed diamonds indicate areas off-limits to all vessels such as swimming areas, dams, and spillways.



Danger

Diamonds warn of dangers such as rocks, shoals, construction, dams, or stumps. Always proceed with caution.

Other Non-Lateral Markers

Safe Water Markers are white with red vertical stripes and mark mid-channels or fairways. They may be passed on either side.



Inland Water Obstruction Markers are white with black vertical stripes and indicate an obstruction to navigation. You should not pass between these buoys and nearest shore.

Mooring Buoy

Mooring Buoys are round and white with a blue horizontal band and are found in marinas and other areas where vessels are allowed to anchor.

Note, the following actions are illegal:
◆ Willfully damaging, removing, interfering with, or tying up to a navigation buoy not intended for mooring
◆ Mooring, anchoring, or fastening to shore for more than 14 consecutive days any vessel on public waters.

Forget a life jacket or need to borrow one?

Boaters at Lake Pleasant, Lake Havasu and Lake Mohave that need a life jacket can borrow one from the stations placed near each lake's boat ramps. The stations contain jackets for infants to adults. However, boaters are reminded to please return the life jackets to the station once they are done with them so they can be used by other boaters.



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Stop Aquatic Invasive Species.



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Mustang Survival Voluntarily Recalls Two Models Of Inflatable Life Jackets

Mustang Survival has announced it is voluntarily recalling two selected models of inflatable personal flotation devices (PFDs) manufactured in Canada between September 2014 and September 2015. The recall is being issued for the reinforcement of a portion of the bladder assembly that may tear when the bladder lobes are flexed apart while fully inflated.

While a solution has been developed that corrects any affected products and prevents occurrence of this issue, the repair can only be performed at a Mustang Survival factory. Boat Owners As-

sociation of The United States (BoatUS) is urging boaters to check their life jacket inventory and see the easy identification guide at www.mustangsurvival.com/advisories to quickly determine if the life jacket is subject to the recall.

This recall notification is only for certain models as identified with model numbers that begin with either MD315 (sold in Canada) or MD318 (sold in the US). "No other Mustang Survival products are affected as they utilize different bladder assemblies or have been originally produced with the required reinforce-

ment," said Mustang in a statement.

Consumers are urged to return affected PFDs by directly contacting Mustang Survival's Customer Service department at 1-800-526-0532 between 7:30am and 4:30pm PST, Monday through Friday for specific shipping instructions. Boaters should not return product to their retailer as all product inspections and repairs are being handled by Mustang Survival.

Complete details on this recall are available at www.mustangsurvival.com/advisories.

RECALLED — The bladder of the MD315 and MD318 series life jackets affected by the voluntary recall by Mustang are fluorescent green and made in Canada.



ANOTHER REMINDER

Coast Guard Repeats: 'Just Wear It!'



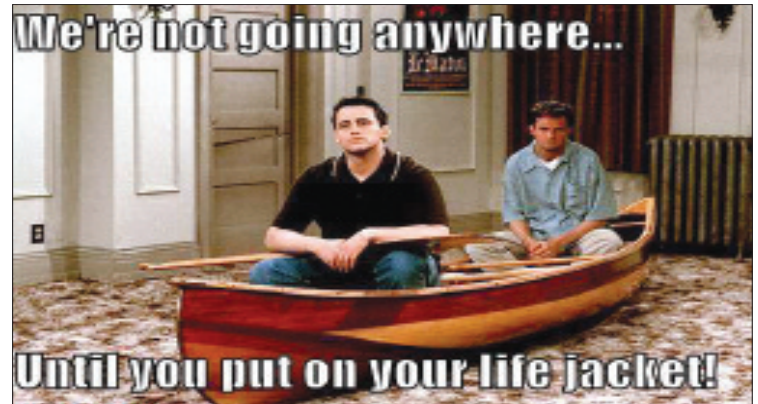
WEAR IT! — A capsized boat floats in Galveston Bay after Coast Guard boat crews from Station Galveston rescued two people sitting on the tubell.

The Coast Guard rescued two people recently after their boat reportedly capsized from a ship's wave north of the Texas City dike near the Houston Ship Channel.

A Good Samaritan called Sector Houston-Galveston watchstanders at 5:08 a.m., on VHF-FM channel 16, to report the two people and their capsized boat in need of assistance. Watchstanders launched Station Galveston's response boat crew who recovered them in good health at 5:31 p.m. and transported them to Siever's Cove.

"We'd like to emphasize to the public to have your life-jackets on deck and readily accessible if not on you already," said Petty Officer 2nd class Hans Schultz, the Station Galveston boat coxswain.

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27th Annual SCYA Women's Sailing Convention Is The Place To Learn



WOMEN SAIL — "Going Up the Mast" is just one of the topics covered at the SCYA Women's Sailing Convention in Corona Del Mar.

Where do women sailors go to learn? The Southern California Yachting Association (SCYA) will hold its 27th Annual Women's Sailing Convention on Saturday, Feb. 6, 2016 at the Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club in Corona del Mar, California.

The day-long, ladies-only series of shore and boat-based workshops offer beginners to experts a welcoming environment to learn more about all topics sailing. Boat Owners Association of The United States (BoatUS) has been the event's primary sponsor since its inception.

Attendees select a combination workshops in areas that best fits their interest and ability, and top women sailors from all over Southern California, many of whom are USCG Licensed Captains, present 30 topics. Workshops include the following:

- Welcome Aboard (for beginners)
- Diesels
- Introduction to Racing
- Tactics
- Docking
- Suddenly Singlehanded Interactive
- Weather
- Sail Trim
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- Maintenance Mania
- DIY Canvas Projects
- How to Heave a Line
- Nighttime Sailing & Navigation
- Hassel-Free Heads
- Spinnaker Rigging
- Offshore Cruising
- Introduction to Sailing.

New workshops planned this year include "The Race Committee Experience," and Power Boating. The Race Starts workshop will be held in Harbor 20s.

To top off the event in the evening, the 2016 speaker will be Ms. Margaret Bonds Podlich who serves as President of Boat Owners Association of The United States (BoatUS). Podlich began at BoatUS in 1994 as the director of the former BoatUS Clean Water Trust.

She is a life-long boater, raised in a sailing family. After racing in college



SPEAKER — 2016 speaker will be Ms. Margaret Bonds Podlich who serves as president of Boat Owners Association of The United States (BoatUS).

while attending Tulane University, she competed in a wide range of national and international events including finishing fourth in this year's Rolex Women's International Keelboat Regatta.

According to the event's director Gail Hine, "The Convention gives women an opportunity to meet other women sailors, discuss options for more racing, cruising and day sailing, find out about existing women's sailing organizations in their area as well as instructional programs available. We have something meaningful for everyone. Attendees have reported that the convention was one of their most rewarding boating experiences and best-organized event they have ever attended."

The convention fee of \$215.00 includes workshops, breakfast, lunch, dinner, souvenirs and handouts. Prepaid-registrations are required as space is limited to approximately 250. To obtain a reservation form, email Gail@scya.org or call 951-677-8121. After December 10 bookings can be made online at www.WomensSailingConvention.com. The discounted Early Bird registration fee of \$200 is available until December 31.

FACEBOOK: <http://goo.gl/kW0QU3>

Steve Jobs's Yacht

Venus Launched Posthumously

INFORMATION FROM SUPERYACHTTIMES.COM

Editor's Note: With the movie re: Steve Jobs playing currently, we thought it a good time to run this article about his incredible yacht.

Before his death, former Apple CEO Steve Jobs was planning to build one of the world's most unusual yachts — a sleek, all-aluminum cruiser that looked more like a "Battlestar Galactica" fighter than a leisure yacht.

Rumors were that plans for the boat had been shelved during Jobs's illness. However, the yacht was launched, albeit posthumously.

The boat's name is *Venus* (alas, not "iYacht.") According to executives at yacht-building companies and photos from *Superyachttimes.com*, *Venus* set sail from Feadship's Koninklijke De Vries

shipyard in Aalsmeer, the Netherlands, where it was built. (Feadship executives declined comment).

The ship is 256-feet long and filled with soaring windows, oversized iMacs and technical wizardry beyond its light aluminum hull, according to people close to the project.

The ship was reportedly designed by Philippe Stark, the famed French architect and designer who also designed the yacht "A" for Andrey Melnichenko. (Read more: *Russian Billionaire Builds Largest Ever Sailing Yacht*.)

Plans for the boat were described in Walter Isaacson's biography of Jobs. In the book, the boat was described as being similar to one of Apple's [AAPL 595.32 -8.68 (-1.44%)] sleek retail venues:

As at an Apple store, the cabin windows were large panes, almost floor to ceiling, and the main living area was designed to have walls of glass that were 40 feet long and 10 feet high. He had gotten the chief



engineer of the Apple stores to design a special glass that was able to provide structural support.

By then, the boat was under construction by the Dutch custom yacht builders Feadship, but Jobs was still fiddling with the design.

The yacht docked at the De Vries shipyard in Aalsmeer, and as Jobs said, "I know that it's possible I will die and leave Laurene with a half-built boat. But I have to keep going on it. If I don't, it's an admission that I'm about to die." (Read more: *Hard Times in the Mega-Yacht Market*)

Immediately after his death, some yachting executives speculated that the project was being halted or scrapped by the Jobs family. But work continued and one Dutch Web site said Jobs' widow Laurene and three of their children were at the launch. The family gave each member of the shipbuilding staff an iPod shuffle with "Venus" inscribed on the back.



Sailor Days

The Maritime Museum invites you to participate in Sailor Days every day from Nov. 21- Nov.29 from 9 a.m.- 2 p.m. Each child can participate in a scavenger hunt around the participating ships, learning about history while having fun. Each child wins a prize of his or her choice from our treasure chest. All activities are included with regular admission prices: adults \$16 and children \$8. Historic Bay Tours for 45 minutes on Pilot can be added to regular admission for only \$5 more. For more information, email the Maritime Museum of San Diego at info@sdmaritime.org.

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ARIZONA YACHT CLUB NEWS

Register Now For Ruth Beals Cup Regatta

FROM MIKE FERRING

You can register now for the annual Ruth Beals Cup Regatta, the women-at-the-helm event that honors AYC founder Ruth Beals. You do not have to be a member to race. The regatta will be Saturday morning, Nov. 14, at Tempe Town Lake and contested in Capri 14.2s. The winner's name will be engraved on the cup and everybody gets a Chick-fil-A lunch. More information and registration at arizonayachtclub.org

Lake Pleasant racing has resumed with PHRF Sportboats on RC. On the final weekend, *the racing will be one day only*, on Saturday, Nov. 21, with the first gun at 9:30 am and with racing continuing through the afternoon. The PHRF Non-Spin fleet will be on race committee.

This is a bit of an experiment, based on fewer fleets racing this fall and most of the entrants clustered in PHRF Spin and PHRF Sportboat. Catalina 22s and PHRF Non-Spin are scoring only Saturday sailing for their fleet championships and Sunday morning participation in general has dropped off.

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NMMA Warns Cuba Cruisers To 'Manage Expectations'

BY REAGAN HAYNES
POSTED ON OCT. 12TH, 2015

Gaviota Varadero Marina — a new marina built and owned by the Cuban government — is 98 percent unoccupied. Many marinas in Cuba are in disrepair and amenities are difficult to come by.

U.S. boaters have the official go-ahead to travel to Cuba, but government authorization is just the first step for the “pioneers” who are opting to make the journey after a half-century embargo.

“It’s not as easy as hopping on your boat and saying, ‘OK, I’m going to Cuba, and I’ll be back tomorrow,’” said Julie Balzano, export development director for the National Marine Manufacturers Association. “There are still things they need to do so they can be legally and logistically prepared.”

Balzano was one of four panel members addressing the Florida Yacht Brokers Association recently in a seminar on Cuba. The discussion drew about 140 audience members who wanted to hear about Cuba, its infrastructure and the legalities of traveling to the island nation.

“One thing we talked about on the panel is getting to Cuba, and the fact they can do so by boat is one thing, but we wanted



Gaviota Varadero Marina

the audience to manage expectations and what they’ll find when they get there,” Balzano told Trade Only Today.

“Most marinas will be old and in need of repair. Provisions are difficult,” she said. “Boats should go fully provisioned. Travelers will find gasoline and diesel. If a boat breaks down, you can find mechanics, but you can’t find the parts.”

Many U.S. citizens do not understand they can only use cash in Cuba and cannot use their cell phones. Water, electrical and sewage systems are decades old. Boat owners also need to check with insurance and mortgage companies because they may need to modify their policies to cover travel to Cuba, she said.

Putting boats on par with other forms of travel is something the National Marine Manufacturers Association has pushed for — and as of Sept. 21, any U.S. citizen can travel to Cuba by boat and stay for as long as 14 days.

Travelers have to obtain the necessary license to travel, receive a permit from the Coast Guard and get the proper visa and travel license from the Office of Foreign Assets Control. Cuban-born US citizens who entered the United States after 1970 can’t enter Cuba without a Cuban passport and can’t go out on a boat.

“A lot of what we’re seeing is these beautiful pictures of beautiful buildings and vintage cars,” Balzano said of the me-

dia around Cuba. “You hear less about the decades-old sewage system and telecommunication infrastructure. You can’t use your cell phone there as Americans, we can’t use credit cards. For U.S. citizens, it’s just cash. Satellite phones are not allowed, and most boats travel with satellite phones.

“That hasn’t been addressed yet because this is evolving so quickly,” Balzano added. “These are all considerations that people, the pioneers, who will be the first to travel by boat, need to make. They really need to do their due diligence.”

This report was updated to clarify travel stipulations for boaters going to Cuba.

Tutoring, Editing, Writing

As a college English teacher, editor, and writer of both fiction and non-fiction for many years, I am available online (or by U.S. mail) for tutoring, editing, proofreading, copyediting, and writing. I have skills in academic research at both high school and college levels and can also assist those working toward their GEDs, those who need help with resumes, and with both advertising and proposals.

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STEM

Improving Grade School With Sailing

BY JANE EAGLESON
EXCERPT FROM SCUTTLEBUT

Thousands of city fourth graders are enjoying a new twist on science and math lessons while learning basic principles of sailing as part of Set Sail Learn, an engaging classroom experience on San Francisco Bay made possible by a significant grant from the St. Francis Sailing Foundation.

Children from 28 public schools in San Francisco are learning Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) both on the water through sailing as well as in a hands-on classroom at the Treasure Island Sailing Center (TISC). For some of the children, this engaging environment is their first encounter with the city’s greatest natural resource, San Francisco Bay.

“Set Sail Learn is an innovative initiative engaging fourth graders to learn about all things related to San Francisco Bay as well as the basic principles of sailing,” said Carolyn Patrick, president of the St. Francis Sailing Foundation.

“This is an investment in the future of our city’s children,” Patrick continued. “Many of the city’s school children are being exposed to the Bay for the first time,



opening doors to learning in a stimulating, natural and fun environment. St. Francis Sailing Foundation is proud to partner with Treasure Island Sailing Center to make this program possible.”

“Access to the Bay provides an exciting way to learn STEM principles,” said Carisa Harris-Adamson, Chair of TISC Board of Directors, the non-profit community sailing center that developed Set Sail Learn. “Thanks to the vision of St. Francis Sailing Foundation, we now have the necessary funding to provide innovative school lessons while also introducing many of the children to sailing for the first time.

“Children who show interest in the sport from this introduction can continue sailing in our after school or summer programs, which offer scholarships to thousands of children each year.”

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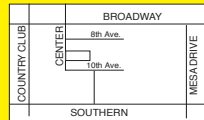
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IT'S SHOPPING SEASON

Here Are Some Great Gifts For The Angler In Your Life

BY MARGIE ANDERSON

Every angler loves to get fishing gear as a gift, but if you're not a fisherman yourself, it can be difficult to pick out something useful and appropriate. A great gift for a bass angler is not necessarily a great gift for a trout fisherman or a crappie angler. So here are some ideas specific to what your angler loves to fish for.



Bass Anglers

Savage Gear won best of show for their 3D shrimp at ICAST this year, and they have other 3D lures as well. One thing that works particularly well for big bass is craw lures, and Savage Gear has a 3D Craw that is not only super realistic, but also has air-filled claws and carapace for great movement in the water.

They are also infused with salt and scents, and are perfect for Carolina rigs, jigheads, or for fishing over weeds. Get your angler a few of these, along with some weighted hooks and some jig heads, and get ready for a very happy result.

They come in two sizes: 3-inch and 4-3/4 inch. Those may sound big, but they pretty much match the size of the craws we have in our Arizona lakes. Get them (and the stand-up jig heads) at cabelas.com.

The LiveTarget Hollow Body Sunfish lure is brand new and perfectly replicates one of a largemouth's favorite meals — a juvenile sunfish. Those little critters are everywhere there is cover on a bass lake. I bet you've seen them swimming around every dock you've ever been on.

The hooks on this lure hug the sides of the body, but since it's hollow, as soon as the big fish inhales it, it's an easy process to set the hook. You can walk the dog with it or fish it fast to make a bubble trail. It may look weird because it floats on its side in the water, but it works like a charm.

These are \$13 at tacklewarehouse.com and they come in 12 different colors. The one closest to the sunfish I've seen at the desert lakes here is either the natural green or natural olive colors. The blue metallic looks awfully good, too. I'd actually have a hard time choosing! Right now they are pre-ordering and should be available in December. Just in time!

Aegis Lifeshirt — For Any Angler

People drown all the time, and almost all of the victims are *not* wearing life jackets. The main reason given for not wearing a life jacket is that they are bulky and uncomfortable, and get in the way of whatever you're doing.

The Aegis Lifeshirt is not bulky and does not get in your way. It's actually a shirt that looks and feels great, but includes automatic flotation that can save

your life. The fabric wicks moisture away for the skin plus offers the highest-rated protection from UV light. The company says the shirt is not much heavier than a regular t-shirt.

Now, one caveat: The Lifeshirt is not yet in compliance with laws about flotation devices. The company has put off introducing the shirt for years because lawmakers have been so slow to act. The U.S. Coast Guard and Transport Canada have both said that significant life jacket reclassification is underway, but the adoption of these new standards are years behind the anticipated timeline.

So, right now, the Lifeshirt does not legally qualify as a flotation device. However, if you wore one fishing, you could remove your life jacket while fishing (perfectly legal for an adult), but still know that you would be totally protected if you fell overboard, plus you would be protected from harmful sun rays.

Hopefully, the laws will be changed soon, because these could save hundreds of lives. Check them out at lifeshirt.com.



RV Or Pleasure Boater/Fisherman

The Rinsekit is a portable sprayer that doesn't require any batteries or any pumping at all. Just fill it up (it holds about 2 gallons), then spray with the attached nozzle with seven different spray patterns.

This is ideal for taking a shower while camping, but it's also perfect for rinsing down the boat after a day fishing. Salt water really needs to be rinsed off because of corrosion problems, but freshwater fishermen in Arizona are also asked to drain and clean their boats to avoid transmission of invasive species like various mussels.

The Rinsekit will let you spray pressurized water for about four minutes before you have to refill it, plus it will hold the pressure for months. You can rinse spills out of your boat carpet, clean the livewells, spray the scumline off your boat, and even give that stinky dog a quick rinse with this. It costs about \$90 and you can check it out at rinsekit.com.



Bass Angler/YouTube Star Wannabe

The Yolotek AquaStick mounts your GoPro or other action camera to the navigation light port in your boat for hands-free action. The collar locks it in and holds it tight at up to 50mph. It extends from about 15 inches to 43 inches, and can be mounted in the bow or stern light receptacles.

Put it in the back to film yourself while you're fishing — it's like having a camera man! They are on sale right now for just under \$40, regularly about \$60. Get one at yolotek.com.



Fly Fishermen

The new Simms G3 waders are not cheap at about \$500, but they are built to last a lifetime. The Gore-Tex is five layers from the waist down and three above, there is a removable flip-out chest pocket, a zippered chest pocket, and reach-through fleece lined hand warmer pocket on the bib.

If you want, you can undo the suspenders and roll it down for waist-high waders, and the front and back leg seams make them fit so well that you won't even notice they're there, even if you have to hike to your favorite stretch of river.

You can get them at Cabelas.com or just take a look at simmsfishing.com.

If you have a bit less than \$500 to spend, how about the Patagonia Fly Fishing Vest Front Sling? This handy little thing blends the best features of a fishing vest and a sling — in front is a line of pockets like the side of a vest, and behind is a large storage sling.

The small pockets hold your fly fishing gear, and you can put your lunch, a rain poncho and a fly box in the bigger pouch. There is also a waterproof internal security pouch for your keys and such, and there's a water bottle holder on the bottom. Just slide it around to get from one

side to the other. So much handier and cooler than a vest!

This sling is around \$90 and you can get one at backcountry.com.



Any Angler

All fishermen have this in common: If they bring fish home for the table, they are going to need a good knife. Eagle Claw's new Lazer Sharp Fillet Knife took top honors at ICAST this year in the New Product Showcase for good reason: The white rubber sure grip handle makes cleaning and filleting fish easier, and the protective sheath keeps it safe and easy to grab.

The magnetic sheath also has built-in sharpeners, which makes the job even safer and quicker. There is an attached lanyard as well. They are out of stock on Amazon.com, but you can pre-order for just under \$17.



Big Black

This appears to be the largest black marlin ever landed in California waters. It was caught by Rob Epstein on Oct. 15 and weighed in at 648 pounds on Oct. 16 at The Marlin Club by Don Wronsky and John Campbell, IGFA representative.



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Now Is A Good Time At Lake Powell

Fishing is really good now for bass and stripers for those who like the challenge of matching wits with fish that are on the move.

BY WAYNE GUSTAVESON
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My last fish report expressed the hope that stripers would start boiling again, but to my dismay, no boils have been reported this week. Unforgettable boil action has occurred in August, September, and early October but each of these episodes has been interrupted by quiet periods when stripers stay deep despite a high abundance of forage.

When boiling stripers do splash on top in big groups, it is easy to find and then catch them with surface lures. I hope that happens soon but, while waiting, stripers can still be caught in large numbers.

Subtle Changes

Subtle changes have occurred recently that give clues to finding steeper schools. Water temperature is still warm, which means that adult striped bass remain in deep water most of the time, but they will come to the surface to feed for quick bursts. As water temperature continues to decline, stripers can stay on top for longer periods.

The last storm front seemed to allow bait fish and stripers to relocate. Shad schools that were trapped in the backs of canyons made a quick move to similar spots but perhaps in the next canyon. Large steeper schools had been seen

this but in different bays than previously reported.

Sonar Graphs

It is now necessary to find big schools of shad and stripers as they move from spot to spot. Schools are easy to see on sonar graphs. Striped bass schools are often shaped like a Christmas tree, while gizzard shad schools appear as a thick band or cloud of fish layered in a horizontal line slightly above the lake bottom.

Threadfin shad schools appear as a suspended balloon-shaped cloud in open water. Finding a threadfin school is my goal because all other game fish, even catfish, are watching shad closely right now.

Trolling shallow-running crankbaits has been a successful technique for capturing juvenile striped bass. Recently, these smaller stripers have moved shallow and started to eat plankton as they do in the springtime.

Catch The Kids First

Catching small stripers is the first step in finding the adults. Juveniles live and feed in warm water. Adults "look up" to see what the youngsters are doing. When juvenile stripers find a threadfin shad school, adults can quickly come to the top and feed with the kids.

A small steeper caught trolling has the attention of larger fish that follow and then watch for food in deeper water. Each

time a young fish is caught trolling, drop a spoon to the bottom or cast a crankbait behind the small fish to attract the larger school.

While trolling, diligently study the graph to detect steeper schools resting on bottom. Glance up often and scan the surface for jumping stripers. Gizzard shad are active jumpers now, but stripers have a different, more aggressive splash. Troll toward the surface activity for best results.

'Hard Work' Is Worth It

When a resting steeper school is seen on the graph, stop and drop spoons quickly into the group. The spot can be marked for a return engagement but stripers are on the move and may not be there when you return.

This may sound like a lot of work, but the reward may be 50 large adult stripers caught from one school in short order.

The other option is to move to the shallow shoreline and cast surface lures during morning and evening prime time for large and smallmouth bass. Shad movement has bass on edge and looking up for the opportunity to feed. Bass fishing is steady and productive all day long.

Use plastic baits in 15-30 feet of water to target larger bass. Small bass are very aggressive and can be caught trolling, casting and jigging along primary points in the bays or on rockslide areas in the canyons and channels.



SPOON THE STRIPERS — Steeper schools can be readily seen on a graph. When a school is detected under the boat, quickly drop a jigging spoon into the mass of fish and work it up and down. Hook the first fish and the rest will follow as they try to eat the spoon. Get another spoon in the water quickly to catch many more.

Good Fishing Now

Channel catfish are active at dusk. They have grown larger this summer with the abundant shad population and they are more aggressive than normal. I often catch catfish while spooning on the bottom for stripers.

Resting deep-water striped bass can be caught on bait in 30-60 feet of water in the shade of main canyon walls. Mark the fish on the graph, drop chum and catch large stripers.

Fishing is really good now for bass and stripers for those who like the challenge of matching wits with fish that are on the move. As the water temperature drops into the 60s, larger bass, walleye and crappie will become prime targets.

Quality of life is measured by amount of time spent fishing.

At press time, lake elevation was 3606, and water temperature was 72-75F.

BEWARE!

Venomous Sea Snake Washes Ashore In California



BY DON MCDOWELL
SHAKE, RATTLE & TROLL RADIO

Rule 13, if it has no shoulders or eyebrows, don't mess with it!

Captain Jared Stubbs, Sea Tow San Diego, reported rumors of a poisonous sea snake washing ashore in Southern California. Since, sources from Heal the Bay has confirmed that the exotic and incredibly venomous sea snake has been spotted off the Oxnard coast line.

The sea snake, *Pelamis platurus*, approximately 2-feet in length and more commonly known as the yellow-bellied sea snake, was found at the Silver Strand

Beach in Oxnard, Calif., by a surfer at high tide on Oct. 16.

According to the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County, it's the first known report of this species in Ventura County and the northernmost record along the Pacific Coast of North America. The sea snake died shortly after being transported to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Ventura County. The sea snake is being analyzed and tissue samples undergoing DNA sampling.

This type of serpent was last seen in California (specifically, in San Clemente during the 1983 *El Nino*). The sea snake is more common in warm waters Mexico

and coastal region of Africa, Asia and off Australia.

(Question: What's to blame: *El Nino*, global warming or Al Gore?) Warmer ocean temperatures could have enticed the creature to swim north in order to find small fish and eels.

Sources at Heal Bay report that the sea snake is highly venomous. The black-and-yellow snake is more common in the waters near Baja California. Experts say the highly venomous snake is unlikely to attack unless grabbed or attacked.

Officials are warning the public not to touch or try to capture these types of sea snakes, rather photograph the serpent, record the actual location with GPS way points on your smart phone and report it immediately. Be advised this sea snake is highly venomous and deadly!

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GREAT GADGETS FOR SHOOTERS

These Ideas Are Right On Target!

BY JOHN ANDERSON

Anything that makes your favorite sport more fun, more rewarding, or easier is a welcome gift. For a shooter, there are a lot of great options at a variety of prices. Here are a few great gift ideas for the shooter in your life.

Shooting Vest For Women

Hey, just because a company throws some pink trim on a shooting vest, that doesn't mean it's great for women. Women are built differently than men, and a well-fitting vest is extremely important in a sport where lifting a shotgun to your shoulder quickly and perfectly is vital.



MizMac Vest

If a woman yells "PULL!" and her gun catches on the loose fabric of her shooting vest, odds are she's going to miss that clay pigeon, and that's going to put her in a bad mood.

Men, save your marriage and get your woman a great-fitting shooting vest. My wife wears a MizMac vest and she loves it. She's had it for years and it fits and looks great on her.

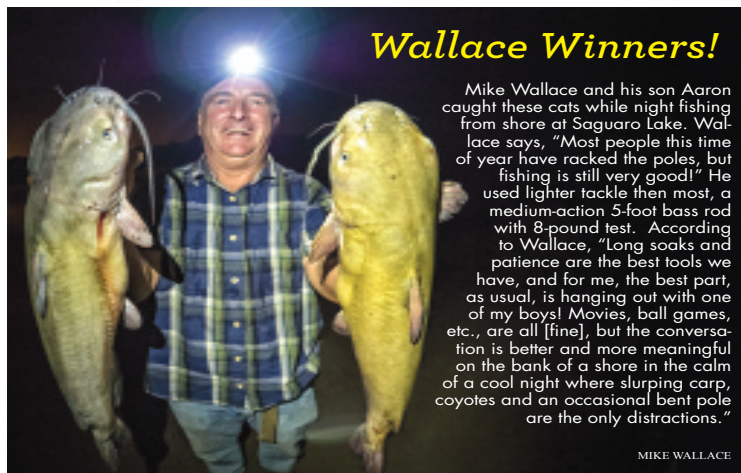
MizMac shooting vests have Velcro adjustments for a perfect fit in the waist, and elastic comfort seams on the sides. The non-slip pad looks and feels like leather and there is a pocket there for a recoil pad. There is a hidden zipper pocket in the divider of the main pockets at the front, and the expandable pockets have hidden snaps.

If you're a reloader, the back pouch will hold over 100 hulls, and there is also a spare shell holder with Velcro flaps. The metal clips on the back hold your competition number; there's plenty of room if you want to get your name embroidered on the shoulder, and every vest has a lifetime warranty.

MizMac vests come in great colors like hot pink, turquoise, navy, and purple. Right now, there are close-out sales and you can get one of these great vests for as little as around \$30. See them at mizmac.com.

Shooting Cart

When sporting clays is your game, you can cover a lot of ground in a day,



Wallace Winners!

Mike Wallace and his son Aaron caught these cats while night fishing from shore at Saguaro Lake. Wallace says, "Most people this time of year have racked the poles, but fishing is still very good!" He used lighter tackle than most, a medium-action 5-foot bass rod with 8-pound test. According to Wallace, "Long soaks and patience are the best tools we have, and for me, the best part, as usual, is hanging out with one of my boys! Movies, ball games, etc., are all [fine], but the conversation is better and more meaningful on the bank of a shore in the calm of a cool night where slurping carp, coyotes and an occasional bent pole are the only distractions."

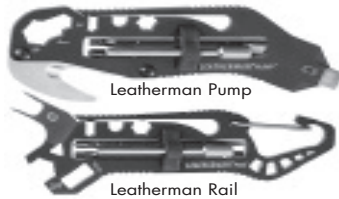
MIKE WALLACE

and the whole time you're lugging around box upon box of shells, your shotgun, and any other gear you might need — like water, maybe a snack, and a multi-tool in case there's a problem. This can get old in a hurry, especially if it's hot out and you're trudging along on the big course at Ben Avery where shade is scarce.

The solution is a shooting cart. I see lots of these at Ben Avery and they are the nuts. They look a bit like one of those fancy baby strollers, but instead of a baby, they hold shotguns and gear. They are specifically built for a certain number of guns.

RuggedGear.com has a variety of them for two, three, or four guns. They have features like a swivel wheel with a lock lever, rear pockets, gun holders with soft Neoprene, a hand towel, compartments for carrying long guns muzzle up or down, drink holders, a folding shelf, accessory bag, flat-free tires, and an ammo-reloading tray.

Even with all those features, they start at around \$230 for a two-gun cart and they're worth every cent. A four-gun cart will run you a bit over \$400 at ruggedgear.com.



Leatherman Pump

Leatherman Rail

Leatherman Pocket Tools For Shooters

The Leatherman Pump is a multi-tool for shotgunners. It has four bits, a scope-adjustment tool, a gut hook, wrenches, choke tube tool and disassembly punch. Any shooter would be delighted to find one of these in his stocking Christmas morning.

If your shooter is more of an AR kind of guy, Leatherman has that covered as well. The Leatherman Rail has a front sight adjustment tool, tactical rail wrench, bit driver with a #2 Phillips, a 1/4-inch flat, 7/16 Allen and a #15 Torx bits, as well as a tool punch, oxygen bottle wrench, and carabiner.

The Pump is \$32 at Leatherman.com and the Rail is \$24 at Knifecenter.com.

Real Avid Tools

The RealAvid Gun Tool Plus is ideal for the shooter who likes both rifles and shotguns and frequently heads to the range with both. It combines 18 of the most commonly used tools for rifles and

shotguns into one compact item.

It has a gun-pin punch, choke wrench for all gauges, three Torx drives, Allen hex wrenches, a driver with a bunch of bits, and even a bore light, all packed into a handy pocket tool with a stainless steel frame that is perfect to toss into your range bag.

You can get it on sale right now at cabelas.com for about \$22.

Rangefinder

Every shooter understands how critical knowing distance is. Some guys seem to have a natural talent for estimating yardage, but others aren't blessed that way. A rangefinder will help even out the field.



Bushmaster Bone Collector

There are many different options, and you can spend from under \$100 to well over \$2500, depending on how fancy you want to get. There are binoculars and scopes with built-in range finders as well. You can even get night vision.

But, if all you want is a good, sturdy, compact unit that will tell you just how far away that target is, check out the Bushmaster Bone Collector at cabelas.com. It's on sale right now for \$149 and it will show you the exact distance with +/- one yard accuracy.

It is simple to operate, small enough to stick in a pocket, and it has great optics even in low light. This is a great price on a really good rangefinder.



Spotting Scope And Tripod

Spotting Scope And Tripod

When you're out at the range or even just outdoors shooting, it is nearly impossible to see where that shot went on the target without a spotting scope. We always take a new rifle out to Ben Avery to sight it in, and a spotting scope is essential.

It doesn't have to be expensive, but it does need to be on a good sturdy tripod so you can get it fixed on the target. When you're at the range, you can't just walk out there an look any time you want, so a spotting scope is indispensable. You can get them for as little as \$150 at Cabelas.

Targets

I don't know about other shooters, but we go through a lot of targets in our family. The girls love those splatter targets because when you hit them, it doesn't just make a hole, it makes a hole with a big bright-colored splatter around it.



Emily holds her favorite: a splatter target.

At the pistol range, this is easy to see

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Join us for our annual open house at the Adobe Mountain Wildlife Center Saturday, Nov. 21 and Sunday, Nov. 22 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Stroll around the compound, sit in on educational presentations, and best of all, see the animals that live at Adobe and serve as ambassadors for their species. There will be activities for all ages. Admission and parking are free. Remember, this is the only time we are open to the public.

Adobe Mountain Wildlife Center is located at 2800 Pinnacle Peak, Phoenix. For more information, phone Sandy at (623) 582-9806 or email to adobe@azwildlifecenter.net or visit <http://azwildlifecenter.net>.

About Adobe

The Adobe Mountain Wildlife Center was founded in May 1983 and functions under the Wildlife Education section within the Education Branch of Arizona Game and Fish. Its primary role is to rescue and rehabilitate Arizona wildlife and to educate Arizona residents and visitors about our unique diversity of animals.

Hundreds of animals pass through its doors annually. By providing temporary and long-term medical and rehabilitation services, the Center provides sick, injured or orphaned wildlife a second chance for survival.

The Wildlife Center Auxiliary assists the Center in a number of ways, including many volunteer hours spent in daily care and maintenance of the facility (and its "residents") and in fundraising.

Arizona Game and Fish is not funded by tax dollars. The majority of the budget comes from license fees, the Heritage Fund, and the Conservation Fund and private donations. AZGFD uses a portion of their Heritage Fund "Lottery Dollars Working for Wildlife" to provide the small operating budget for the Center.

Often the needs outstrip the funds, and the efforts of the Auxiliary ensure the Center will have the necessary resources to support the day-to-day needs as well as provide the extra support during times of environmental disasters such as wild fires, floods and drought.

Programs, Tour Requests

Adobe Mountain Wildlife Center receives many requests each month for programs, tours and speakers. Unfortunately, we have limited resources and can not accommodate everyone, as much as we wish we could. To help facilitate this process, we are coordinating all requests through the Arizona Game & Fish Department. The link on their site will take you to the on-line presentation request form.

Sponsor-A-Baby-Owl

Sponsor-A-Baby-Owl is a wildlife-support program provided by the Wildlife Center at Adobe Mountain, a branch of



Owls

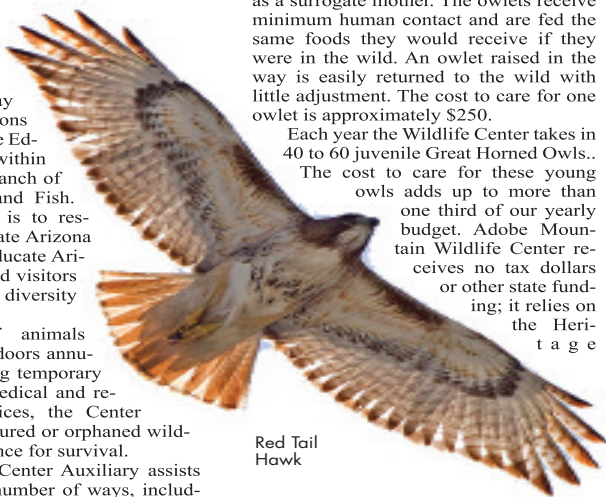
the Arizona Game and Fish Department.

Each spring owlets start arriving at the Wildlife Center. These owlets come to us for several reasons; they might be injured, abandoned, orphaned or fallen from their nest. The volunteers and staff at the Wildlife Center provide medical attention, house and feed the owlets until they are ready to be released some time in October.

Each owl that comes to us is placed in a holding pen with other owls of the same approximate age with an adult to act as a surrogate mother. The owlets receive minimum human contact and are fed the same foods they would receive if they were in the wild. An owl raised in the way is easily returned to the wild with little adjustment. The cost to care for one owl is approximately \$250.

Each year the Wildlife Center takes in 40 to 60 juvenile Great Horned Owls..

The cost to care for these young owls adds up to more than one third of our yearly budget. Adobe Mountain Wildlife Center receives no tax dollars or other state funding; it relies on the Herit
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Red Tail Hawk

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Here's how you can help sponsor a baby owl. Choose your level of support:

The Owllet \$75 — You will receive a letter of acknowledgement and a certificate of sponsorship.

The Fledging \$150 — You will receive a letter of acknowledgement; a certificate of sponsorship and an 8x10 photograph of a young owl.

The Owl \$250 — You will receive a letter of acknowledgement, certificate of sponsorship, an 8x10 photograph of a young owl and notification of the release with the option to attend.

Sponsor-A-Wild-One

The Sponsor-a-Wild-One program is designed to encourage public awareness of Arizona native wildlife as they receive care and rehabilitation at Adobe Mountain Wildlife Center.

Throughout the year, Adobe Mountain Wildlife Center provides care for over one thousand sick, injured or orphaned members of Arizona's wildlife, including birds, mammals and reptiles. Some of these animals stay only briefly before they are released back into the wild, but many need extended veterinary treatment and recuperative care.



Baby Bobcat

The non-releasable animals that reside at the Center become Adobe Mountain Wildlife Center Ambassadors and are members of our out-reach education program. Your participation in this program allows you the opportunity to provide an Adobe Ambassador a healthy and purposeful life as we reach out to the public through education.

Choose your level of sponsorship:

■ \$150 — Receive a photo certificate of your Wild One to fit an 8"x10" frame, an official certificate of sponsorship, a Wild One fact sheet, a one year subscription to *Arizona Wildlife Views* and a * 501(c) (3) tax deductible receipt.

■ \$100 — Receive a photo certificate of your Wild One to fit a 5"x7" frame, an official certificate of sponsorship, a Wild One fact sheet and a * 501(c) (3) tax deductible receipt.

■ \$50 — Receive a fact sheet of your Wild One and a * 501(c) (3) tax deductible receipt.

Your sponsorship goes directly towards the care of these animals and is tax-deductible. * 100% of your donation is tax deductible under the 501(c) (3). As always, it's best to consult with your accountant for proper filing procedures.

The animals listed below are available to be sponsored:

Birds of Prey — Bald Eagle, Golden Eagle, Prairie Falcon, Barn Owl, Great Horned Owl, Red-Tailed Hawk, Black Vulture, Harris Hawk, Swainson's Hawk, Burrowing Owl, Hummingbird, Western Screech Owl, Common Black Hawk, Northern Goshawk, Turkey Vulture, Ferruginous Hawk, Peregrine Falcon, Zone Tail

Mammals — Bobcat, Striped Skunk, Mexican Free-Tailed Bats, Round-Tailed Prairie Dog, Ground Squirrel, Opossum, Raccoon, Skunk

Reptiles — Desert Tortoise, Gila Monster, Gopher Snake, Long Nose Snake

Visit <http://azwildlifecenter.net> and click on the online form link below to begin your Wild One sponsorship. Note: More than one person may sponsor the same animal. Animals remain the property and in the care of Adobe Mountain Wildlife Center.

Tortoise Adoption

Are you interested in adopting a desert tortoise? Remember you are making a long-term commitment and there are cer-



Desert Tortoise

tain requirements that must be met before one of these special animals can come to your home to live. You can find everything you need to know to adopt and care for a desert tortoise at www.azgfd.gov/tortoise.

After you have read the requirements for providing a good home for a desert tortoise and you feel you still want to adopt a desert tortoise, please email TAP@azgfd.gov. If you need to speak with someone, please call 1-844-896-5730.

If you have found a Sonoran desert tortoise that needs a home, please contact the Arizona Game and Fish Department — we will be happy to assist you.

How To Donate

There are several ways to donate to Adobe Mountain Wildlife Center Auxiliary. We accept General Donations, Memorial Donations, Meat Donations, and we have a Wish List of items we are always in need of. To learn more about each type of donation, visit <http://azwildlifecenter.net> to learn more about the following: General Donations, Memorial Donations, Meat Donations, and Wish-List Items.

Your tax-deductible donations are greatly appreciated by the wildlife of Arizona — and, of course, by the humans who seek their best interests. We also accept donations with check or money order. To donate using a check or money order, please make payable to AMWCA and mail to this address:

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Grand Canyon National Park North Rim Begins Seasonal Closures

The Park remains open for day use.

North Rim operations began seasonal shut-down of most visitor services on Friday, Oct. 16. The North Rim will remain open to visitors, closing for winter on Tuesday, Dec. 1 or until snow closes State Highway 67 leading into the park.

The Grand Canyon Lodge gift shop will remain open daily from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. through Dec. 1. Self-service gas and diesel fuel will continue to be available in the park through Dec. 1 or until State Highway 67 closes.

Beginning Nov. 1 through Dec. 1, entrance fees are paid at the automated fee machine located behind the visitor center. Entrance fees are \$30 per vehicle, \$25 for motorcycles and \$15 for walk-ups and bicycles, all good for seven days for both North and South Rim.

Nov. 1 through May 15, the North Rim Campground reverts to primitive use with backcountry reservations required. Reservations can be obtained from the Backcountry Information Center and are necessary prior to arrival.

The South Rim Backcountry Information Center remains open year round and can be reached by email at grca_bic@nps.gov or by calling (928) 638-7875.

Beginning Nov. 1 through Dec. 1 or until snow closes State Highway 67, the park will remain open from dawn to dusk for day-use. Weather and road conditions permitting, visitors will have access to Bright Angel Point, Point Imperial and Cape Royal as well as the North Kaibab trailhead.

Inner canyon users with a valid backcountry permit will be allowed to park overnight at the North Kaibab trailhead. A limited number of campsites at the North Rim Campground will be available



to hikers with advanced reservations. A backcountry permit is required and will be available through the South Rim Backcountry Information Center. No overnight parking or car camping will be allowed.

The North Rim will close for the season at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 1. Hikers and cross country skiers will still be able to enter the North Rim of the park through the winter months with valid backcountry permits.

Jacob Lake Inn, restaurant and gas station located 45 miles from the North Rim remains open year-round. Through Dec. 31, the Kaibab Plateau Visitor Center at Jacob Lake will be open on weekends from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Arizona Department of Transportation officials intend to keep State Highway 67 open through Dec. 1 but a major storm with heavy snowfall could close the road earlier. From now on, visitors should be prepared for winter driving and travel conditions and are encouraged to call Arizona Highway Information at (888) 411-7623 in advance of their trip to check on the status of State Highway 67.

Visitors to the area are reminded that State Highway 89A remains open year-round.

The South Rim and inner canyon facilities of Grand Canyon National Park are open year-round. Additional Park information can be obtained by calling (928) 638-7888 or by visiting the park Web site at www.nps.gov/grca.



COLORS IN THE SKY

Over 60 To Soar Above Lake Powell

See them at the Page/Lake Powell Hot-Air Balloon Regatta.

Over 60 hot air balloons will fly above Lake Powell in the 13th Annual Page Lake Powell Hot Air Balloon Regatta Friday through Sunday Nov 6 – Nov 8. The balloons will lift off each morning at 7 a.m. from the Lake Powell National Golf Course.

There is no charge to the public to join in the festivities, including viewing the morning launches and on Saturday The Chamber Page Lake Powell's Vendor Fair

and evening balloon glow.

Information is available on the www.VisitPageLakePowell.com Web site.

On Saturday evening the party gets into full swing as the town main street, Lake Powell Boulevard, closes down to traffic and more than two dozen balloons line the street from top to bottom for a balloon glow and Vendor Fair with Beer Garden, live music, games, and rides.

It's a great opportunity to get up close and talk to the pilots, learn about ballooning, or volunteer to be on a chase crew. The Regatta Vendor Fair opens at 11 a.m. on Saturday.

All of the great tourism activities

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Recreation Sites Near Horseshoe Lake Open For Winter

The Mesquite and Horseshoe campgrounds and Fisherman's Point (also known as Catfish Point) re-opened for the winter early last month. These three areas are near Horseshoe Lake and are popular camping spots for fisherman.

These sites accept the Tonto Pass, or annual pass. There are no trash collection services at these sites. If you pack it in, you need to pack it out. Stay limit is 14 days.

Horseshoe Lake is a reservoir that was formed by the Horseshoe Dam on the Verde River. This lake is located inside the Tonto National Forest, and as such, the facilities located here are managed by that authority.

Located upstream and north of Bartlett Lake, Horseshoe Lake is the first of the Salt River Project lakes to be very low when irrigation and domestic water re-



FROM AZGFD CONTRACTOR DAVID ELMS
Picnic Facilities At Horseshoe Lake

quirements dictate. As a result, it can be virtually dry for long periods of time causing the boat ramp to be entirely out of the water.

To reach Horseshoe Lake, take Cave Creek road north out of Phoenix to Bartlett Dam road. About 10 miles before you reach Bartlett Lake, take a left on Horse-



Horseshoe Lake

shoe Dam Rd. This road will be a washboard with a few pot holes and possibly a small stream to cross during the rainy seasons, but it will lead you right to the lake.

Popular fish species that call Horseshoe Lake "home" are large- and small-mouth bass, crappie, sunfish, channel and flathead catfish.



is distributed among a variety of industry types, creating at least 264 full-time jobs. Employment and payroll, commercial and industrial machinery, and equipment repair and maintenance are amongst the top industries impacted.

Overall, the Department's economic impact of both visitor spending and total operating expenses within the Phoenix Metropolitan Statistical Area was calculated at —

- 42% return on investment (ROI)
- \$24.2 million in output
- \$20.8 million in gross regional product

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Economic Impact Of Maricopa County's Open-Space Park System Reported

Have you ever wondered about the value and benefits your local park system brings to your community? Maricopa County's Parks and Recreation Department has, and as a result, conducted an economic impact analysis study to find out!

"To gain a better understanding of the park systems economic impact on Maricopa County, the Department partnered with the Central Arizona Conservation Alliance to hire Arizona State University to perform an economic impact analysis on eight of our 10 parks," stated R.J. Cardin, Maricopa County Parks and Recreation Department director.

The primary focus of the study was to examine visitor spending habits in multiple categories. "After all the data had been

collected, the research team calculated the overall economic impact of the County's regional parks and facilities, and presented the key results on visitor expenditures, our operating expenditures, and the economic impact on the Phoenix Metropolitan Statistical Area to staff," said Cardin.

A couple of key highlights identified by the study include —

Impact of Visitor Spending: It is estimated that park visitors spent approximately \$13.72 million during 2014 within 10 miles of each park. This type of spending supports about 139 full-time jobs.

Impact of Total Operating Expenses: The value-added impact of annual operating expenses within the Phoenix Metropolitan Statistical Area is \$9.7 million for the eight parks studied. This amount

Fatal Off-Highway Vehicle Accident A Reminder To Practice OHV Safety

The Arizona Game and Fish Department reminds all off-highway vehicle (OHV) drivers and passengers to wear the proper safety gear, including a helmet, in the wake of a fatal roll-over collision near Cottonwood recently.

"It's critically important for all OHV drivers and passengers to always wear a helmet, regardless if you're on an ATV or side-by-side vehicle," said Matt Eberhart, Game and Fish OHV Safety Education coordinator. "Helmets really do save lives and OHV operators should put their own safety first when operating their machines."

According to the Yavapai County Sheriff's Office, which investigated Tuesday's crash, a 66-year-old driver wasn't wearing a helmet or seat belt when his side-by-side OHV landed approximately 50 feet down a 100-foot cliff. He was transported to an area hospital and later died from his injuries.

It is recommended that all riders wear a helmet while on the trails; however, they are required under state law for all riders under 18 years old, regardless of what type of OHV they are on.

In addition, they should remember to

- Wear riding goggles, a long-sleeved shirt, pants, riding gloves and over-the-ankle boots.
- Never ride alone.
- Be prepared and equipped with a



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map, a first aid kit, whistle and have basic tools on hand.

- Stay on designated trails.
- Take an OHV safety education course designed to teach off-road motorists how to ride safely and responsibly.

"OHV operators should also remember to only carry the number of passengers recommended for your vehicle," Eberhart said. "Often many accidents are the result of too many people riding a machine that was designed for fewer passengers. Overall though, the simplest thing people can do to survive an accident is wearing a helmet and riding responsibly."

There were 352 non-fatal hospitalizations and 1,677 non-fatal emergency room visits due to OHV injuries Arizona last year. Statewide, there were 21 OHV-related fatalities in 2014.

For more information about the Arizona Game and Fish OHV program and on safety courses, visit www.azgfd.gov/ohv.

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that Page and Lake Powell are known for will be in full swing — slot canyon tours, river trips, boating, biking, hiking, a round of golf on Lake Powell National

Golf Course, and Horseshoe Bend is just a short drive (2 miles) south of Page.

Volunteers are welcome to help crew and stage balloon flights. For more information contact the Page Office of Tourism 928-645-4310.

Seasonal Reduction In Services Announced

Seasonal reductions in services at some developed recreation sites on the Mesa Ranger District are now in effect through April 14, 2016.

The reduction in services includes no vehicle access, trash pick-up, no available toilets, and no drinking water where water was previously provided.

"The reduction in services will allow the recreation staff to consolidate use and more efficiently manage recreation on the district as visitation drops in the fall and winter," stated Gary Hanna, Mesa District Ranger.

Reduced service recreation sites include the following:

Lower Salt River Recreation Area

- Goldfield
- Pebble Beach
- Sheeps Crossing

Canyon Lake Recreation Area

- Tortilla Campground
- Laguna
- Boulder
- Acacia Keyhole (back area)

The following recreation sites remain open and require Tonto passes:

Lower Salt River Recreation Area

- Water Users
- Blue Point
- Coon Bluff
- Phon D Sutton
- Granite Reef

Canyon Lake Recreation Area

- Palo Verde
- Acacia (front/main area)

Saguaro Lake Recreation Area

- Saguaro Del Norte
- Butcher Jones

The following locations may be helpful for planning winter activities on the Mesa Ranger District:

Non-forest camping areas include Canyon Lake Marina and Campground, Lost Dutchman State Park, and Utery Mountain Regional Park.

Fishing locations on the Lower Salt River include Water Users, Blue Point, Coons Bluff, Phon D. Sutton, and Granite Reef.

Kayaking opportunities on the Lower Salt River include: Water Users, Blue Point, and Coons Bluff (water levels permitting); and Phon D Sutton and Granite Reef (year-round).

Equestrian Access on the Lower Salt include the Bulldog entrance on Bush Highway, Bulldog entrance on Utery Pass Road, Water Users, Coons Bluff, and Phon D. Sutton.

For further information and alternative recreation sites, please visit the forest Web site at www.fs.usda.gov/tonto, or contact the Mesa Ranger District at (480) 610-3300

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Endangered? Really? Please Think About This!



BY JOHN KOLESZAR



Hereford Cow And Her Calf

William "Billy" Edwards went to work last month, just as he has done every day for the past 25 years. He followed in his father's footsteps as a computer consultant.

His father was one of the pioneers of the industry, dating back to the 1950s when he worked for General Electric as a Mainframe Analyst. Billy had been part of the "Mac" revolution and had done some promising work on applications for the old Macintosh as well as the newer generations. Providing applications that helped the machines work more efficiently and with more power had been one of his life's goals.

A Letter From The Feds

When Billy arrived at his office, he found a letter from the federal government that stated that all of his new work would be subject to a review by a team of physical-education experts who would be looking to see if any of these new applications contributed to the obesity factor in Americans today. Furthermore, Billy's past work would be evaluated by a new group to see if what he had created "contributed to a less physical lifestyle."

Billy was stunned to read the letter and immediately began calling to find out what was happening and, more specifically, why. Calling the federal government turned out to be a huge amount of time, energy and wasted hours. Each department he contacted pointed to another and no one could give him the answers he was looking for.

Billy then turned to the Internet and was appalled at what he found. Under a remote section called "Citizens for Healthy Children," he found that they had employed lobbyists who had convinced some rural western legislators to pass some legislation as a rider to a bill that was important to enough congressmen and the bill had passed.

The bill specified that all of Billy's work had to be authenticated and then approved by the CHC group. When Billy called the CHC, he found that the group was backed up with requests and that his work would be placed in the line as it came in. The turnaround time would be approximately 9 months. Until the work was approved, he could not move forward with any other software. Billy recognized very quickly that life as he knew it was over.

Sound Far Fetched?

Does the above sound far fetched? It is happening on a consistent basis to rural America every day. Farmers, ranchers, timber people and others are being slowly, yet very effectively, removed from the land by urban voters who have no concept of what they are doing.

The Endangered Species Act, which sounded like a great idea in 1973, has become the personal financial playground

of groups like the Center for Biological Diversity. Did you know that Arizona has more listed endangered species than any other state? Care to guess why? Yep, down in Tucson, the corporate housing for the Center for Biological Diversity lives and thrives.

With the passing of the "Equal Access to Justice Act" in 1984, the financial windfall began for the CBD. Time and again, they have filed lawsuits against the federal government and won. The beauty of the Equal Access to Justice Act is that even if you do not win, you will probably get your attorneys' fees paid. It's like going to a casino and getting back all the money you gambled if you loose.

With all of the species that are getting listed and all of the dollars that are flowing into the CBD coffers, they have reached out through smart use of technology to the massive uninformed public for more money. They make claims that say things like "Ranchers need to get off public lands" or "Hunters are killing all of the wolves on the Endangered Species list, please donate \$50 and we will fight for the protection of these adorable creatures." The uninformed and peace-loving public wants to support these adorable creatures, right?

A Frightening Overreach

Sadly, we find each passing day that an overreaching federal government is placing rural Americans at risk. Last month, the United States Fish and Wildlife team told a group of ranchers in Young, Ariz., that they had determined there were eight sites that were suitable for re-introduction of the Mexican gray wolf.

There has never been a pack of wolves that has moved out of elk country to

thrive on mule deer or Coues deer, but with each passing year, the Endangered Species Act is placing more and more land available for animals such as the Mexican gray wolf. How does this scenario affect ranchers?

Consider The Cattle And The Ranchers Too

As any business, ranchers provide cattle for sale to the public. Those quarter pounders do actually come from an animal! If a wolf pack sets up residence in your grazing allotment, the odds are pretty high that you are going to lose some calves along the way. They have also found that cattle that are being harassed by wolves tend not to get pregnant, or worse, abort their fetuses.

Then, when you take what animals you do have to market, you notice that their weight has dropped considerably since they spend half their time moving to avoid wolves.

The bottom line is that ranchers have never been extremely wealthy. They live a difficult and hard life raising cattle. To plant an animal that thrives on your product for market makes absolutely no sense. Yet, each year, groups like the Center for Biological Diversity, the Sierra Club and Wild Earth Guardians are making sure that their pet animals get the five-star treatment and who cares that one of the oldest and most respected ways of earning a living off the land gets driven to oblivion?

Destroying A Way Of Life

Oh by the way, the Endangered Species Act has over 2,000 plants and ani-

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BY TRACEY VARGA

I'm a true believer that every situation we encounter in our daily lives can (and should) be a learning experience — from meeting people on the street to driving to work in the morning to dealing with co-workers and/or customers to communicating with our families (and everything in between).

Everything we do we can learn from. If something didn't go right in a situation, instead of looking to place blame, ask yourself, what could I have said or done differently?

There are so many things to be learned in our everyday lives and being in animal welfare, we tend to forget what is happening on the "other side." When people have to surrender their animals, it's easy to blame, look down upon, and accuse people of being uncaring when we could never to that to our animals.

We often have no idea what the circumstances are but darn it, it sure is easy to make those assumptions and judge people, isn't it? Instead, why don't we stop asking about what the situation is behind every surrender or abandonment, stop assuming every dog in our care has been abused, refuse to turn every situation into a sob story and end the judgment of the people who seek us out for our services



and focus on the animals themselves.

Just think of all the time we will save on negative thoughts when we pour our time and energy into the animals and making their lives better and us, as caretakers, well, less bitter?

It took me a really long time to come to the realization that people are going to do what they are going to do and we, as caring animal-welfare individuals, will always be here to pick up the pieces for the animals because that's what we do.

Let's place our focus on the positive and put the negative aside because there will always be that part of it, sadly, and it's human nature to get all wrapped up in the drama and emotional side of things. How great would it be to get beyond that and just focus on the positive and find all these wonderful animals their forever homes, leave the drama as some distant memory not to be dwelled upon? Thanks for listening.

The Dynamic Duo: Volunteer Spotlight

Our dynamic mother son duo, Janet and Wesley Hamlin have been volunteering with Lost Our Home since March 2014. They can always be counted on



Janet Hamlin

Wesley Hamlin

to be at the shelter deep cleaning the cat rooms early on Sunday mornings.

Wesley also volunteers with special needs students at his school and Janet was a volunteer at Wesley's school when he was younger and also when he was a Cub Scout. They both have fond memories of their favorite cats' getting adopted and often wonder what their lives are like now and love to receive updates on the *LOH Facebook* page.

They both love playing with their own cats and dogs; they have two dogs and four cats. One dog they adopted from Maricopa County Animal Care and Control and they came up with their own breeds: "Miniature Bearded Moroccan Terrier" and the other they adopted from Animal Control in Winslow that is a "Standard Bearded Moroccan Terrier."

They also have four cats: Flint (whom Wesley bottle fed and raised), Apollo, Jinx (a foster failure), and Hope (another foster failure).

What keeps them coming back to volunteer at LOH is the mission, not only do we help our own animals but also to help the community with our food bank and other programs like Temporary Care. (All of our programs are offered with the compassion and care.) They also feel appreciated as volunteers and appreciate all that LOH does for the animals in their care. Their biggest challenge is wishing all the pets had loving homes, waiting for their favorites to find homes and missing them once they do!

Janet and Wesley's advice for new volunteers: Everyone needs to know that the cleaning and care they provide does make a difference and that the animals do remember you when you volunteer on a regular basis. The Hamlins love when volunteers work together and take pride in keeping the shelter clean. They have met so many amazing people at LOH!

Some Things We Need

Looking for some fun in November? We need a few volunteer dog handlers to come on out to the Herberger Theater on Saturday, Nov. 7 for the Festival of the Arts. There will be per-



formances, live music, a food court, children's activities, and, of course, our adorable shelter pups!

If you are able to help out, please contact me at tracy@lostourhome.org. Thanks!

We are in search of Kong Toys for the shelter! We are looking for ways to prevent the dogs from getting bored while in their kennels all day and Kong Toys are a great way to help prevent that boredom.

Stuffed Kongs (frozen stuffed Kongs are even better) provide stimulation and give the dogs something to do while they are hanging out in their kennels waiting for volunteers to take them out on their walks.

We need a variety of sizes from extra large for our larger-sized dogs to extra small for our little tiny dogs. Anything you can provide would be much appreciated.

Also, we need batteries for different uses around the shelter. We are in need of both AA and AAA batteries.

Tell A Friend

Tell a friend! It's so easy to earn funds for our cats and dogs. One way is to designate Lost Our Home Pet Foundation as your charity of choice through the Fry's Community Rewards program. Fry's will donate every time you shop and use your Fry's rewards card.



Sign Up Your Champ

Sign up for your Champion Dog or Cat. It's easy! Just do the following:

- Pick your favorite dog or cat.
- Let Tracey know so she can add you to the list.
- Make a cute flyer for their kennel or room or post them at your workplace or wherever you can (make sure to ask businesses if it's okay).
- If it's a dog you can take him/her off site (follow the "take a dog off-site" guidelines).
- Post your Champion all over your Facebook/Twitter/Instagram or whatever social media channels you use!
- Create business cards for your Champion.

The goal is to get our adoptable animals marketed and out into the world to be noticed by potential adopters. I've chosen Scamp as my Champion and I'm going to get that cute little guy adopted. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.



Food Bank Delivery

We need assistance with transport to the following locations:

- Indian School and 28th Street, Phoenix
- Chandler Blvd. and Arizona Ave., Chandler
- Southern and Dobson, Mesa
- Skyline and Quail Run, San Tan Valley

If you can assist with transport to any of the above locations, please send an email to help@lostourhome.org

Save The Date

It's closer than you think! December will be here before we know it. Don't miss out on our biggest (and fanciest!) fundraiser of the year. Please save the date for our 5th Annual Holiday Champagne Brunch and Auction held this year on Sunday, Dec. 6 at the Arizona Biltmore Resort.



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On Friday, March 29, Fur and Feather lost its founder and driving force, Laurie Beauchamp.

Born May 12, 1954, Laurie grew up in the mountains of Alpine, Calif., surrounded by animals — especially horses. She did dressage and three-day eventing and even married the love of her life, Brad Beauchamp, on horseback. Brad and Laurie ran their own hunter/jumper horse training business, Fast Lane Farm, in Lakeside, Calif.

The Human/Animal Relationship

Laurie continued her work observing animals and viewing the human/animal relationship as one of equal spirits. She did her best to help people understand their horses' needs and work with them from a place of love and compassion. The success of her approach could be seen in the many ribbons her students took home from local shows, but even more so in the close bonds they forged with their horses.

In addition to her adult students, there were a fair number of girls at the farm, growing up immersed in the principles of mutual love and respect between humans



and animals.

During these years, Laurie was an animal rescuer and pet matchmaker, taking in dogs and cats that needed a helping hand and using her extensive network to find them

homes. When she and Brad moved to Pie Town, N.M. in the early '90s, it was natural for her to take an interest in the many stray and feral animals in Catron County there.

With 'Love And Light'

Laurie made her usual people connections as well, serving a term as mayor of Pie Town, joining a group of women, The Crazy Girls, that met regularly. In the years before widespread Internet, she kept in touch with her Fast Lane Farm "girls" with a rotating group letter. Laurie always signed her contribution with "Love and Light."

As Laurie and Brad took more and more animals under their wing and many fostering relationships with hard-to-adopt animals were becoming permanent, they

transformed their New Mexico farm into Fur and Feather Animal Assistance. With the minimal resources at hand, the task would have seemed impossible to most. But Laurie's determination and big heart made the right support appear.

A True Animal Sanctuary

Donations of time, money, materials, and expertise came, and Laurie was able to build a true animal sanctuary. Fur and Feather is a place where each individual's history and needs are taken into account. They have spayed and neutered more than 1,500 animals and matched hundreds of them with loving families.

More than a "no kill" shelter, Fur and Feather has become a forever home where animals who are older, disabled, or otherwise hard to adopt can live out their years in a beautiful setting with people and animals who truly know and love them. This has particularly been a God-send for lost and abandoned animals and those whose people have died.

'Family Groups'

Facilities include several dog runs where "family groups" live and play, roomy kennels for individuals that need alone time or a warm place to bed down

at night, an out-of-this world cat barn with outside space, cozy beds, and plenty of ledges and tunnels to explore. Dogs and cats who've proven to be 100 percent peaceful share the run of the 90-acre facility with a handful of rescued horses, donkeys, and chickens.

In providing lifelong support for these animals, Laurie's vision included loving hospice care and marked, tended graves for each resident in one of the most beautiful spots on the farm.

Then The Animals Supported Laurie

Her animals, in turn, supported her as she battled with cancer, giving her the inspiration to outlive predicted timelines and surrounding her as she spent more and more time resting.

While Laurie is no longer with us physically, she is still our guiding light. Fur and Feather will continue to give every animal a chance, and the best way to honor her legacy is to support that vision in whatever way you can here at furandfeather.org.

Laurie is survived by her husband Brad, sister Linda, and parents Henry and Joanne.

FUR & FEATHER

Let's Continue Laurie's Dream

Editor's Note: We were honored to have worked with Laurie when our uncle had to give up his home and his two dogs. Laurie and Brad Beauchamp at Fur & Feather in Pie Town, N.M., gave homes to Shadow and Puppy, and they lived very happily there in the Pie Town sanctuary. In honor and memory of Laurie, we will continue to run some items about Fur & Feather, including this list of just three of their adoptable (at press time) dogs. Please continue to check their site www.furandfeather.org for ways to adopt and/or to help this wonderful animal sanctuary.

Eagle



Eagle is a very special boy. Though he is still timid, once he warms up to you, he will be your best friend. We think he may be part Irish setter and possible Chow mix. He is good with other dogs and seems to be fine with cats. He has a silly and playful demeanor and would make the right person very happy. He is definitely ready for his forever home

Eagle

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Benny

This is a great dude. He is pretty high energy, and very smart. He is a quick learner, and does best when it is one on one with his person. He would be a great dog for an outdoorsy type, or a candidate for agility. We think he is a heeler cross. Benny is ready for his forever home.



Benny

Tank

This little guy is so cool. He is a dachshund Staffordshire terrier cross. He gets along with everyone. He is medium to high energy, and will be a very loyal friend. He is good with children and cats. Tank is fairly new here and catches on pretty quickly. I think he would make someone very happy.



Tank



Brad Beauchamp

New Workshop For Brad

Brad is happy about his new workshop remodel. Though it has been hard for Brad with his Laurie gone, he is moving forward, and keeping busy with projects around Fur and Feather. He has his good and bad days as can be expected. We have a small but good support group.

Future Projects

Laurie's plans continue, and these are three of the next projects:

- New cat room
- Exam/clean room with washer and dryer
- Dog-washing station

Wish List

If you can help with any of these, please contact Fur&Feather at www.furandfeather.org.



Pups

- Cat and dog beds/blankets
- Fencing and Shade cloth
- Any building materials
- Washer and dryer
- Company animal rescue van
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- Heated dog/cat beds
- Pet shampoo
- Cat and Dog food-wet and dry
- Money

Let's all help Brad and the Fur & Feather volunteers to continue on with Laurie's dream.

IMPACT

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- \$14.2 million in labor income
- 301 supporting jobs in the greater community

"When the weather cools, it is hard to put a price on being able to hike in the Sonoran Desert and take in the natural beauty that fills our county," said Steve Chucri, chairman of the Maricopa County, Board of Supervisors. "This study proves the value is also tangible. Our parks are not only beautiful open spaces, they are also bringing jobs to our community."

Tax Revenue

The total tax contributions as a result

of visitor expenditures and operating expenses combined equal \$2.2 million in federal taxes and \$1.2 million in both state and local taxes.

"Although the positive benefits these open spaces provide to us are profound, many are intangible and difficult, if not impossible, to quantify. However, in working to inform policy and planning, numbers matter," said Stacie Beute, Central Arizona Conservation Alliance.

To learn more about the results of the economic impact study, visit Maricopa County's Parks and Recreation Web site at <http://www.maricopa.gov/parks/about.aspx>.

GADGETS

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for instant feedback on how you're doing. These splatter targets are pricey compared to regular paper targets, but they are a lot of fun, so any shooter would be very happy to get a few packages of them.

You can get them at any outdoor store or online, and prices vary by how many targets are in the package. Get lots!

Pistol Tool

I can't leave out the people who love shooting handguns, especially since that includes my wife and granddaughters. Every now and then a shell doesn't eject or some other minor little thing happens, and

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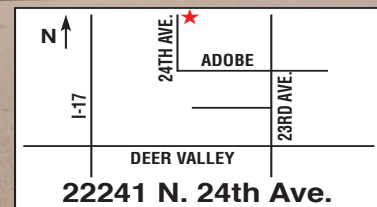
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At press time these "water ballerinas" were competing in the USA Synchronized Swimming Master National Championships in Grand Rapids, Mich. We wish them the best and will report on the results in our next issue. Good luck to (left to right) front row: Katie LaBounty, Scarlett DeLaney; row 2: Christina Mansson, Angela Potter, Laurie Stiff; row 3: Sarah Sottile, Julie Johnson, Courtney Johnson, Deb Anderson; and center back: Coach Becky Thompson



WAKE ZONE

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imals listed in the United States alone. Would you care to guess how many have "recovered"? Less than 2 percent of all animals and plants listed under the ESA have "recovered."

That represents what most would call an abject lesson in futility but hey, it's only your billions in tax dollars attempting to save the narrow-nosed garter snake! A billion here, a billion there and sooner or later you start talking some serious money.

I hope that some will read this and become a little more aware of the dangers of the political machinery that is in motion to destroy rural America. What would you do if the only way of life you have ever known was suddenly ripped away from you? Please think about it!

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concert with the Sidewynder River Rattler Band.

4:30pm: Cocktails and beer garden happy hour

5:30pm: BBQ dinner, provided by Pirate's Den Resort

6:15pm: Concert with Sidewynder
Admission: \$7/person; \$12 couples (pay at the door); free parking

Dinner Cost: \$12/person for BBQ chicken; \$15/person for BBQ ribs + tax and gratuity (dinners include corn-on-the-cob, baked beans, potato salad, pasta salad

BOAT PARADES

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all sizes. After dark, more than a thousand luminaria will illuminate the sidewalks and paths of Tempe Beach Park, a special display provided by Tempe South Rotary.

Fireworks will light up the night, too. The Fantasy of Lights Boat Parade fireworks finale will conclude the light-filled night following the end of the boat parade.

Special guest, Santa Claus, will hear children's gift requests in Tempe Beach Park. Bring your camera! Families are encouraged to bring their own camera for free Selfies with Santa. Admission for spectators is free.

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tional holiday in the year 1941, and the Canadian Parliament later established the second Monday of each October as a national holiday in the year 1957.

Although not as famous, the first "day of Thanksgiving" actually took place at Berkeley Hundred, Va., in 1619 — a year before *Mayflower* brought the Pilgrims to Massachusetts.

The Pilgrims were early settlers on the east coast of North America. They trav-

and dinner roll)

Special Attractions During The Expo

Saturday: FAB 40 Classic Hot Boat Show & Shine featuring beautifully restored vintage speedboats from the '50s, '60s and '70s.

Saturday and Sunday: The Lake Havasu Fall Cornhole Tournament with categories for adults, seniors and juniors in both single and doubles/team competition.

Saturday and Sunday: The Havasu Motorsports Swap Meet; here's your chance to find great deals and bargains on

used parts and accessories for cars, boats, off-road vehicles, motorcycles, trucks, RVs and trailers. If it has a motor, you might just find what you've looking for. Come explore! Same as Expo hours.

Sunday: The Havasu Street Scene Car Show is coming as part of the Expo. Over 150 of Havasu's finest custom cars and restored classics will be on display....street rods, muscle cars, race cars, motorcycles and modifieds. Hours: Sunday 9am-3pm. To enter your car in the car show, contact Darrin Davidson at 928-486-7393; darrindavidson06@gmail.com.

Food, beverages and beer garden on-site. No off-site alcoholic beverages or

glass containers allowed. Dogs on leash are okay.

More Details

To get there, take Highway 95 through Lake Havasu City, turn west (toward the lake) onto London Bridge Road (In-and-Out Burger is on the corner) and follow the signs to the Sand and Water Expo. Free parking is available on-site.

Contact Bob Brown for more information about Sand and Water Expo. Vendor spaces and booths available. Event dates and times are subject to change. Please contact event coordinator to verify information: www.sandandwaterexpo.com

Do you want to take part in this Tempe tradition? Families, community groups, and companies are invited to enter the boat parade with their own lighted and decorated water craft. Visit www.downtowntempe.com for more information.

San Diego, Calif.: 'Christmas around the World'

The San Diego Bay Parade of Lights is a time-honored holiday tradition brought to San Diego by the boating community. Join us this December for our 44th annual Parade on San Diego Bay, with more than 80 boats lavishly decorated according to a new theme each year.

The San Diego Bay Parade of Lights is held two consecutive Sundays each year in December, this year on Dec. 13 and



Dec. 20. The Parade proceeds from Shelter Island past Harbor Island, the Embarcadero, Seaport Village, and Ferry Landing in Coronado.

The procession will start at 5:30 p.m. and will follow the predetermined parade route. Whether a participant or spectator,

eled from England on a ship called *Mayflower* and made their new home in what is now Plymouth, Mass., 380 km northeast of what is now New York.

Many of the Pilgrims died during their first winter in North America. They were cold and did not have enough food. The following year, though, the Native Americans, who were from the Wampanoag tribe, helped them grow crops.

At harvest time in the winter of 1621, they were very thankful that they had a good crop of food to eat during the com-

ing winter. They thanked God and the Native Americans for teaching them how to grow the local foods.

They invited three of the Wampanoags who had helped them to their feast. They were Squanto, Samoset, and Chief Massasoit. The Wampanoags brought their families. This was over 90 people.

There were so many people that the Pilgrims did not have enough food to make the meal, so the Wampanoags brought along their own food for the feast: duck, fish, deer, berries, squash, and cornbread.

the Parade of Lights is a festive and delightful experience for all!

The Grand Prize from Star Clippers is a luxury cruise package for two aboard one of the incredible sailing ships of Star Clippers. Grand prize will be chosen at random from the pool of participant boats that complete both nights of the San Diego Bay Parade of Lights. Cruise destination to be announced.

Marv Sloben, the parade's official photographer, has photos of the boats. He can be contacted via email at MarvSloben@san.rr.com

Editor's Note: If you know of other lighted-boat parades in the Southwest and would like us to mention them in our December issue, please email the details and photos to editor@azbw.com. Thank you.

They also brought vegetables that they had farmed and shown the Pilgrims how to care for.



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