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HELLO *Singletree residents!*

publisher's note

Happy October! This month brings with it fond memories of hot summer days, lingering golden aspen leaves and anticipation of the coming winter season. Lots of great things to bring a smile to your face!

In this issue, we meet Greg and Cynthia Nelson, along with their Cavanaugh, Bella. Originally hailing from California, this fun and gregarious couple found Singletree to check all the boxes for a home where they can hike, golf and attend a concert all in one day. In their words, "What more could we possibly want?"

It is truly inspiring to see our Singletree residents giving back to the community in so many ways. While longing to be a ranch woman, Connie Welch has found a very gratifying fix as a volunteer feeding and watering the horses at the Mountain Valley Horse Rescue. Tim Swift shares his role and enlightens us as to how Planned Parenthood lives up to its commitment to provide, protect and expand their high-quality sexual and reproductive health care programs.

Al and Cheryl Lee share their path from admiring the lot at 1880 Winslow to building their dream home with sweeping views

across the valley. Leland McInerney brings awareness to the social issues of today through her portraiture. And Melanna Marcelot lets us in on how her yellow lab mix got the name Lexi.

Finally, we recap the fun of summer with *Grillin' and Chillin'* at MCPS, an exclusive Singletree Barre Forte class, and of course, the annual Singletree Summer Party. Ladies! Enjoy the opportunity to freshen your closets and socialize with your neighbors at a Free Clothing Swap graciously hosted by Dana Walker on Sunday, October 6. And don't miss the fun for all ages at the annual Halloween Party on October 27!

Enjoy the glory of October and remember, in the words of A.A. Milne, "The end of the summer is not the end of the world.

Here's to October..."



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GREG & CYNTHIA NELSON

Greg and Cynthia Nelson, like almost everyone else in our valley, are transplants from somewhere else. These two friendly locals originally hail from the OC, California.

So why move from a home one mile from the beach where it's pretty much 70 degrees every day?

Cynthia is quick to tell you "there's more to life than the weather! Although I have become very appreciative of the four distinct seasons we have here. The beauty is always changing - the view never stays the same, there's something invigorating about that." But why Vail?

Let's start at the beginning.

Cynthia always knew she would eventually leave California and plan retirement somewhere else. She was raised by a CPA who impressed upon her the value of things including the comparative costs of living across the country. She knew the cost of living in

California was prohibitive and always planned to exit when the time was right. She loosely had a 20-year plan in mind to leave.

But then 9/11 happened and major shifts in their thinking took place as it did for many Americans. Many said at the time, "if we learn nothing else from this tragedy, we learn that life is short." Cynthia felt it keenly, but she also saw the devastating losses many of her clients went through. She decided she wanted it all and she wanted it now! The 20-year plan got thrown out the window! It was time to make big changes.

Greg and Cynthia hit the road. They explored all the Western states before falling for Colorado. Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington all received the 'Nelson eye'. Montana came close but the Vail Valley won hands down. "It checked all the boxes," Cynthia says. "Great active quality of life, easy access to an international airport, a nice drive back to California where we have families we love, big city events in a small town, concerts. You can do three things in one day - hike, golf and a concert. What more could we possibly want?"

It was an easy decision. But not as easy for Greg. Greg grew up around boats on Balboa Island. He started his career in sailing working for a sail maker then running the Hood sail making loft. In the mid-80's he became a Yacht Captain of high wealth individual's luxury yachts, a move that took him all over the world to many beautiful places. He raced some of the most iconic yachts in some of the most iconic yacht races throughout the world.

Of course, Greg and Cynthia met sailing. In fact, they will celebrate their 24-year anniversary this month!

But how long could a Yacht Captain sustain such a life of constant traveling? At some point he would inevitably retire and settle somewhere. After many years on the water, the move to Colorado allowed this to happen. Cynthia committed herself to a part-time residency in the Valley and Greg soon followed. The adjustment from sea to land was not an easy one but the Vail Valley provided a nice alternative for him.

In 2003 they bought their first home in Avon. "We found a home that we could afford with the help of a roommate and a lock off." There was a lot of traveling back and forth. One August, Cynthia was working from their home in Avon and realized that she could, actually, have it all. Not only that, she could have it right now. She did not need to be in the OC to do her job. Armed with a phone and an internet connection, she realized she could work from anywhere. This was the turning point that allowed a full-time move. They sold their home in the OC and purchased a home in Singletree.

Let's take a closer look at these two lovely people.

Meet Greg ... Greg is a warm, quiet yet sociable man who you'd be lucky to call your friend. He goes the extra mile for everyone and expects nothing back in return. He has one daughter, Kendal, who lives in Southern California with her husband of 3 years and works for Lululemon.

He spent his first five years in the Valley working as a Beaver Creek Ambassador. Now, when Greg is not working as a property Manager for East West Resorts at the Ascent, he is making wonderful things

in his workshop. He is a talented designer and creator of wood objects and furniture. Greg first started woodworking with his Dad in their garage many years earlier. Today he makes fabulous furniture, cutting boards, utensils and even beautiful wedding boxes - a traditional gift to the bride.

This couple have a very precious additional member of their family.

One Friday afternoon, in the OC, a friend had cut her finger and was feeling sorry for herself. Cynthia told her friend to meet her at the local bar near her office in Fashion Island for a "cosmo". The local pet store just happened to be close by and the two friends wandered through the store loving on all the cuties in there. Cynthia will tell you she "rescued" Bella from the pet store because she won't accept the fact that she bought her from such a place!

Bella or "Bitterness" as she is known by Daddy Greg is a Cavanaugh. A mix of Cavalier King Charles Spaniel and Mini Schnauzer this bundle of joy is loved by both Cynthia and Greg, but truth be told, she's really Daddy's girl. Cynthia won't disagree!

Meet Cynthia... Actually, the joke amongst friends is that there are two Cynthia's. Cynthia the CEO and Cindi the hiker! Cynthia is an outgoing dynamo with a quick wit and a warm smile. She embraces life and is instinctively curious about everything. She loves to learn and constantly challenges herself to be better in every way.

If you are lucky enough to receive an invitation to the 'restaurant' at the Nelson home, you will be in for a treat. She loves to cook and entertain, and she's known for her pizza on the grill, onion dip and homemade ice cream! Greg will be there filling up your glass and making you feel comfortable while Cynthia will be creating magic in the kitchen.

Others might collect stamps, coins or art. Cynthia collects salt. Yes, you read that correctly, salt!! Her salt collection includes salt from Croatia, Mexico, Hawaii, Palma De Mallorca, Avignon, Salzburg. Every place she visits, she goes on the hunt for some local salt. She will proudly share the Trivia question, "where does the word salary originate from?" Salt! People were paid in salt so they could preserve their food and not starve in the winter months. It's pretty clear that Cynthia, Greg and friends



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certainly won't starve in the Vail winter months with her collection of salt!

She loves golf, skiing and hiking. It was a surprise to her that golf would end up playing such a big part in their lives. But, as mentioned earlier, there's another side to Cynthia just like there is the 'man of the sea' side to Greg. In Cynthia's case, it is 'Cynthia the CEO'.

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This couple loves to travel, especially cruising, which you'd expect given their love of the water. They've cruised Southeast Asia, the Mediterranean, the Adriatic and this month they are headed to Portugal to cruise from Lisbon, through the straits of Gibraltar, Morocco, Spain, Italy and France. After all, there's a lot more salt to be found!

As you're wandering around the valley, Cynthia will be the one at Starbucks in Edwards at 9am most mornings, tapping away on her laptop, on the phone and in between calls chatting with local friends. She'll likely be dressed for work because she doesn't feel like she's working otherwise. You'll find Greg soothing the troubled brows of Ascent home owners, creating his next beautiful piece of furniture, or up on the Mountain laughing with locals.

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August 15 brought a full moon to which Singletree residents came out to celebrate the peak of summer at the **Maximum Comfort Pool & Spa** showroom, hosted by owners Sara and Michael Charles. Alex Grando from Lynx Grills outdid himself by serving up a truly decadent macaroni and cheese with barbecue chicken as well as grilled tri-tip sandwiches. Talk about delish!

Hot tubs, music, and a festive air made for a great evening. And even better for Buddy and Bonnie Sims, who were thrilled to win a beautiful Lynx fire pit for their new back deck, and Carol Giuliani, who is looking forward to getting fit on her new Vectra Body Resistance Trainer!

Thank you, Sara and Michael, for a fabulous evening and for supporting *INSIDE Singletree!*





volunteer spotlight

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The Next Best Thing to Being a Ranch Woman for CONNIE WELCH... Volunteering for Mountain Valley Horse Rescue

Far from the beaten path of I-70, we turn off highway 131 onto Colorado River Road in McCoy, the hot and dusty dirt road bouncing the little car to the beat of country tunes. I step out and unchain the horse gate and climb the hill. A scattering of outdoor corrals lies before me, with a massive hay barn rising in cathedral against the relentless blue sky. I'm about to meet Connie Welch for a tour of the Mountain Valley Horse Rescue (MVHR) ranch, and as soon as I am parked, my 5-year-old hops out and runs over to the pony corral. It's going to be a fun day!

"Howdy!" cries Connie, clutching her cowgirl hat against the dry winds as she exits the barn doors. "I'm about to start on my chores; thanks so much for coming!" Connie Welch has been a volunteer horse caretaker here at MVHR for the last 3 years. "I just love it so much," she gushes. "I've always wanted to be a ranch woman, but living in Singletree means having my own horse or ranch isn't an option!" she laughs.

"I enjoy the connection I can make with these horses... it brings me such peace," Connie sighs. She volunteers

once a week for about five hours for the mid-day feeding and water shift. "I once came up on Christmas morning because no one else took the shift, and these sweet babies (horses) need their care and love!"

Her enthusiasm inspires us as we walk through the barn to the back and stare up at the chalkboard wall. "As soon as I remember which horse gets what in their feed, it gets switched up!" she laughs as she hands my daughter and me the feed bowls. "Let's see," ponders Connie as she eyes the wall. "The biggest horse, Plow, gets grain, and gets the most, and Sinclair gets 8 scoops of the senior food..." Connie rolls down the list and we use chalk to label the feed bowls and scoop the appropriate feed into each one as directed.

The horses all know Connie is coming, and welcome whinnying echoes the growl of the 4x4 truck engine. No seatbelts here on the ranch, and my daughter giggles in the open cab as she and Connie start down the lane towards the corrals as I walk towards the kids in the field who are working with the ponies. The Rescue runs summer camps to give kids who are interested in horses a chance to learn about them and care for them without owning them.

The kids are all horsing around (pun intended here), alternating as rider and horse, with the 'horses' wearing the bridles and the 'riders' behind them directing with the reins. "Now you know what it feels like to be a horse!" cries the coach. "This is how you build sympathy for these animals, and compassion for how it feels to be pulled around and directed!" The kids think it is great fun, but it also serves a purpose. The mission of the summer camps here is to instill R.E.S.P.E.C.T. - Responsibility, Empowerment, Stewardship, Perseverance, Empathy, Cooperation, and Trust - in these children for the great gifts that horses bring to humans.

Connie found her way to MVHR through a Saturday volunteer day three years ago. Amy Ben-Horin, Director of Community Programs, recalls, "Connie first came here as part of a group of local veterans who came up for one of those Saturdays, and she's come back ever since!" Amy informs me there are about 30 people on an average Saturday volunteer day; everyone completes big chores after which they all enjoy a barbecue.

At this moment, Connie and my daughter have returned for a little snack, and we are joined by Shana Devins, the Executive Director. She has been with the Rescue since 2011, and proceeds to share with us a brief history of the entire reason for the organization.

"Back in 2004, two horses were discovered tied to a tree on the flats, and no one knows how long they were there," she sighs as her face falls. "From those first two horses, one of which we still have with us, we have grown into the largest and only Horse Rescue on the Western Slope." Mountain Valley Horse Rescue (MVHR) is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization committed to rescuing, rehabilitating, and re-homing abused, neglected, abandoned, and unwanted equines.

Today there are more than 6,000 horses in Colorado alone needing attention. "Ideally our goal is to rehome these horses; our average time from rescue to adoption is about one year," she says proudly. MVHR depends entirely on donations and volunteers to keep growing and doing their good work. "With a large donation from the Shaw family, we were able to purchase this ranch and establish a permanent location," Shana finishes.

We rise from our respite and Connie, ever bright, asks if we would like to drive the water truck and refill all the horses' water stations with her before we go. Enthusiastic yeses all around are followed by requests to ride one of the ponies. Amy bends down to my daughter and explains why riding a horse today is not part of the program. "These horses that come to us are sick, or afraid, or don't like to be ridden," she says. "But if you come back and volunteer and get to know them, or when you are part of a camp, we can see if riding privileges are earned."

MVHR is very serious about their mission to rehabilitate these horses and care for them above and beyond just "fixing them to ride them," one could say. I turned to see my daughter's face downcast for a moment. She then looks up with the wisdom of her 5 years and says, "Connie, let's go water the horses now, they need water more than riding." Now that, readers, is an attitude that comes from the MVHR mission of R.E.S.P.E.C.T.

For more information on the camp opportunities, how you can help, and what you can do in Eagle County to contribute to the cause, please visit www.mvhr.net and take a gander at their mission statement, board of directors, and goals for further expansion.



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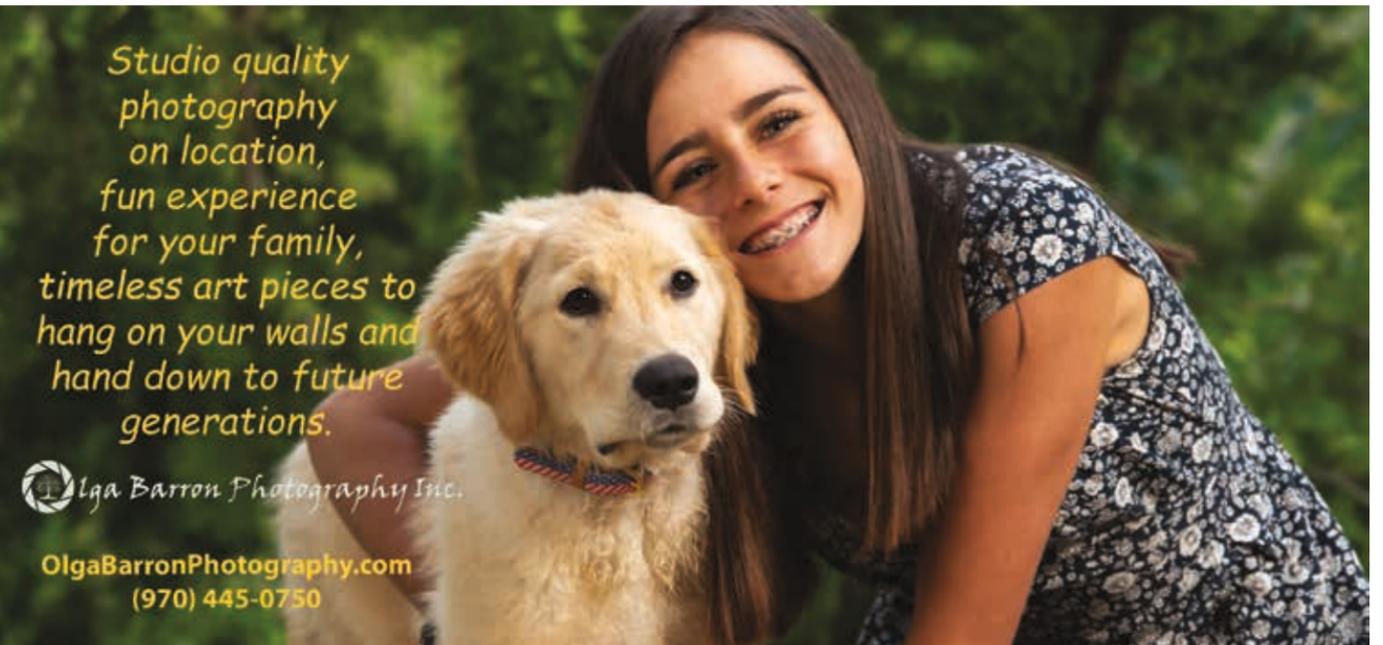
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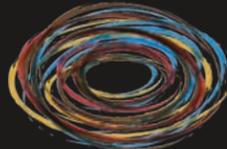
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STANDING WITH PLANNED PARENTHOOD

Tim Swift Brings Family History and Professional Expertise to PPRM

My decision to get involved with Planned Parenthood of the Rocky Mountains (PPRM) was triggered by the 2016 election. While that may have been the catalyst, my family history of supporting Planned Parenthood goes back two generations to when Margaret Sanger incorporated the American Birth Control League in 1936. In 1939, she wrote a letter to my great uncle, CJ Gamble, who was then a member of the Birth Control Federation of America concerning the similar goal he was pursuing. The two began working together and eventually, after overcoming tremendous obstacles and an occasional arrest on obscenity charges, the nascent birth control movement took hold in America.

In 1942, the American Birth Control League officially changed its name to the Planned Parenthood Federation of America (PPFA). In addition to my great uncle's involvement in the movement, as a child growing up in Buffalo, NY, I clearly remember my mother's support and service on the board of Planned Parenthood of Central & Western New York.

Today there are 56 unique, locally governed affiliates across the country that collectively operate more than 600 health centers focused on reproductive health care issues, education, and family planning. PPRM is comprised of four western states, Colorado, New Mexico, Wyoming, and southern Nevada. It was founded in 1916 and currently serves over 100,000 patients annually at 24 health centers spread throughout the region.

My background for the past 20 years has been non-profit fundraising beginning with my service on the Board of Trustees of the Vail Mountain School where our two children were students. I was the chair of the Development Committee responsible for the Annual Giving Campaign and various fundraisers the school held. Supporting the professional development staff, we raised the necessary funds to not only build a new campus but also help



Putting the 'fun' back in fundraising (L to R): Christina Lautenberg, Wendy Rudolph and Tim Swift

balance the budget, provide financial aid to deserving students, and support the various extra-curricular activities that contribute to making VMS the special place it is today.

In 2007, our family moved from the Vail Valley to Vero Beach Florida, and I was offered a professional development position at St. Edwards School where I served for four years. Following that tenure, I was hired as the director of development of the Humane Society of Vero Beach & Indian River County where I worked the next four years. When our youngest went to college in 2014, we decided to return to the Valley and I planned to retire. That plan fell to pieces when I was hired to implement a development program for the Vail Symposium. I finally managed to succeed at retirement in 2017.

Over the years I have served on a number of non-profit boards and worked in development both pro bono and professionally, so when I reached out to PPRM in December of 2016 hoping to get involved, it was only natural that I offer to help in the area of development and fundraising. I thought, erroneously as it turned out, that volunteering would be easy, but, given the necessary security precautions surrounding Planned Parenthood (remember the shooting in Colorado Springs in 2015?), it took more effort than one phone call to get through. When I finally did, I was fortunate to be named to the development committee. That was in early 2017, and about six months later I was honored to be elected to the Board of Trustees.

Since joining the board, it has been a wonderful and truly eye-opening journey starting with the board membership. Of the 26 members of the board, 18 members are women, and 8 are men. This fact alone has been a welcome situation reversal for me as my experience has always been on boards that have had the opposite



gender balance. The PPRM board is easily the most dynamic, diverse, and exciting group with which I have ever served.

The other thing that sets PPRM apart from other non-profits I have worked with is the existential nature of what we are up against. All non-profits are worried about raising enough money to balance the budget, but the question of actual survival is rarely, if ever, top of mind. Such is not the case with PPRM, and the concern is not necessarily financial although, as with all non-profits, that is certainly a factor. The overarching fear is the all-out political attack on reproductive rights extant today that seems to be coming from every quarter, be it the makeup of the Supreme Court, or numerous state legislatures



Tim and Molly Williams, Chief Philanthropy Officer and Executive Vice President of PPRM

or governors bent on making access to safe and legal abortion as difficult as possible despite the constitutional guarantee that was *Roe V. Wade*.

Planned Parenthood proudly stands behind the abortion care we provide in our region and to those who travel here for care. Providing high-quality sexual and reproductive health care is PPRM's core mission. Whether that be birth control, cancer screenings, HIV testing, sex education, STD testing and treatment or wellness exams, Planned Parenthood is leading the charge as we have for over 100 years. Today we are expanding into TeleHealth and exploring new and exciting ways to bring health care to individuals all across our region. No matter a patient's zip code, income, sexual orientation or identity, all are welcome at Planned Parenthood and we are committed to continue to provide, protect, and expand our health care program. It is also important to note that only 10% of our patients receive abortion care. The other 90% receive the balance of the health care we provide.

Our valley has always been known for our generosity in supporting



non-profits. PPRM is no exception. In January, Christina Lautenberg, Wendy Rudolph and I formed a small committee. We launched a campaign pledged to raise \$50,000 in the Vail Valley to advance PPRM's work. Due to the tremendous support PPRM enjoys in the valley, we surpassed that goal in about three months! Thanks so much for your generosity and know that you are making a true difference in women's lives throughout the Rockies. What a wonderful and generous place it is that we live, and I am proud to be but a small part of it.

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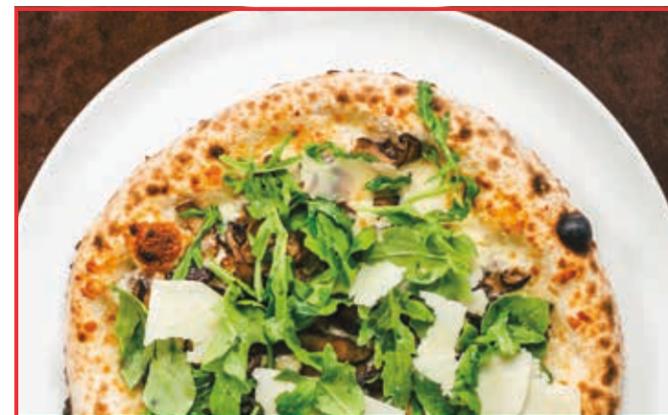


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travel tales

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Anyone can dance the Tango. Okay, not anyone. Like me for example. And few can dance the Tango like the dancers at La Ventana in the past-its-prime district of San Telmo in Buenos Aires. The Tango—the Argentine version anyway (and any Argentine worth his salt, will tell you that the Tango was born in Buenos Aires)—is danced with an attitude. It has been described as angry sex with clothes on.

But as skilled as the dancers at La Ventana are, with their kicks and swirls and (can a Tango dancer arabesque?), who stole the show was a Gene Wilder look-alike with his “bolas.”

A bolas is a type of throwing weapon made of weights on the ends of interconnected leather cords, used to capture animals by entangling their legs. But the boladero did not throw them. Instead, he stomped in knee-high boots, danced, and tapped the dance floor with a bolas in each hand, creating his own percussion.

Buenos Aires was muy bueno. From the earthy Boca district with its corrugated metal-sided buildings painted as brightly as a Caribbean gay pride flag, its lively street life, and, of course the Tango that spills into the narrow caminitos to the throbbing Recoleta district, to modern Puerto Madero, hard beside the Rio Plata (the Silver River)—the widest in the



world—to trendy Palermo, Buenos Aires is a feast for the senses. But what must not be missed above all is the Recoleta Cemetery. Yup, after the Tango, the cemetery is the city’s number one attraction.

To call the Recoleta Cemetery a mere graveyard is like calling Shakespeare a mere scribbler, referring to the Mona Lisa as a doodle or the Taj Mahal as a cozy hut. The cemetery is an above-ground city with fantastic family mausoleums—some fifteen stories high and more—wide boulevards, flowering trees, and statuary that would make Michelangelo weep. And... um... while a soul or two may live there, how to say it... everyone one there is ah... dead. Perhaps the most famous postmortem resident is Eva Duarte Perón—better known to the world as “Evita”—from whose crypt a line of the living winds every waking hour.

Besides the usual sites—the Casa Rosado (or Pink House) in which the president and cabinet ply their trades, and the Mayo Plaza where the mothers of the Desaparecidos (the “Disappeared”), made famous by Sting’s haunting *They Dance Alone*, still march every Thursday at 3:00 PM to grieve the 30,000 who went missing under the military junta who wielded power from the mid-seventies through mid-eighties—out we went to El Ombú de Acero, an estancia (or ranch) deep among the Pampas, the fertile lowlands where the gauchos thrive.

The estancias exist much as they have for the last 500 years or so. Cattle, wheat, soy of late, and horses. We mounted some (horses, not cows) and out into the Pampas we trotted. After a bracing ride, we steered back to the manse and were treated to a traditional Argentine “asado” or barbeque. Outdoors, beneath the ombú trees while horses gazed beside us, we feasted, and downed it with Malbec, the popular red wine from nearby Mendoza. After the repast, there was folk dancing and music—always dancing in Argentina!—and then the horse whisperer. It was like nothing we had ever seen—or even imagined—before.

CHASING ICE IN ARGENTINA



The Tango



The Boladero with his bolas

A horse is a large animal. Bear that in mind as I go on.

You see, the gauchos do not believe in violence towards the horse. They would rather make love than war. Gentle caresses, nuzzling nose to nose, until the horse is mesmerized. Have you ever seen a man gently lay a full-grown horse on its back, legs up like a dog, plop his beret on the horse’s hoof as if it were a hat rack, and then lay on the horse’s chest? All of this without the slightest protest? Until the estancia, me neither.

After we left Buenos Aires, “the Paris of South America”, it was off to fabled Patagonia. Our purpose? To trek the Perito Moreno glacier, considered the finest in the world.



The Horse Whisperer

We arrived in El Calafate, very near the end of the world (“el fin del mundo”) near Tierra del Fuego, the land of fire. El Calafate—perhaps ingloriously named for a local berry—had the same sort of vibe as Breckenridge minus the Victorian structures; a jumping off point for trekking. Lots of gear shops and the like.

An hour-and-a-half drive, then a pattering boat ride across the Rio Argentine into the advance guard of the glacier snout.



Perito Moreno from the Argentine River

Around a bend in the turquoise river, you get your first glimpse.

It is massive. The glacier, like an endless row of frozen Royal



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Beefeaters standing shoulder-to-shoulder, towers 25 stories above the water and three times that depth below. On and on it goes, sweeping up the Andes its sharp peaks knifing at the sky. [photo 6; Perito Moreno from the Argentine River).

Crampons on. We began at the toe of the glacier where it grinds into the solid earth. Up we hiked across an impossible frozen landscape of tall, twisted spires, around sink holes bluer than Sinatra's eyes, over ice bridges, wary of the cobalt chasms that disappear into the frozen belly of the slowly, ever so slowly, advancing beast.

The ice that calves into the Rio Argentine has been marching towards the water for 600 years before, at last, it breaks off and falls with a terrific crack—the explosion of a bomb!—and echoes through the emptiness surrounding it. When a section peels away, it tumbles like an enormous felled sequoia, splashing with a cataract into the rio. To say it is spectacular to see a rank of the glacier fall is to understate it.

The glacier talks—shouts really—with pops and grumbles, cracks and hisses, the sound of rivers coursing through it. And the explosions every fifteen minutes or so as another ice soldier yields and falls. WE carried no water. When you're thirsty, you drink clear glacial water collecting in one of the cobalt gems pooling in the ice.

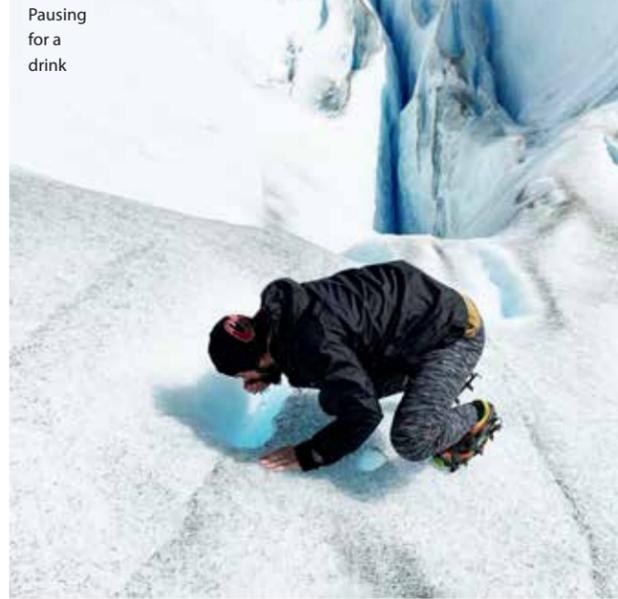
Ice. That is what the glacier is in every essence of its being. Rather than trekking on snow, beneath your sharpened crampons, it is as if a billion billion billion ice makers have poured out all the cubes the world has ever made and melded them beneath you. Gloves are mandatory. If you fall without them, Perito Moreno will cut you like a knife.

The sky was clear, the air a faultless 55 degrees. The glacier was transparent and the blue and white of the Argentine flag. Perfect.

On to Igazú in the north where the Argentine, Brazilian and Paraguayan borders meet. Igazú is la selva—the jungle, a sub-tropical rainforest to be precise. Hot. Painfully humid. Strangely without bugs. Spectacular.

The main attraction is the Igazú Falls, next to which Niagara is a mere piddler. So vast are the falls which we experienced from both the Argentine and Brazilian sides of the roaring Igazú River, it took 10 hours to see it all. Two Hundred Seventy Five waterfalls bounce, skip, tumble and thunder into the river.

The falls are terraced, one falling into the next and then the next, crashing down hundreds of feet and throwing up a fine mist that rises taller than the falls. A small bird—the Great Dusky Swift, slightly larger than your hand—nests within the rocks behind



the cascading water, diving in and out of falls with reckless abandon.

An impossibly tiny train—the kind you pack your kids into at an amusement park—takes you on a sweaty ride to the Devil's Throat and from there you voyage. Falls. Falls. Another falls. And then another. Each view more beautiful than the last. All the while, coati (raccoon-like creatures) snuff around you, black horned capuchin laugh at you from their perches and toucan fall from the trees, mustering ungainly flight.

A few words about food and drink. Mate and pasta. Both are obsessions. Mate, a caffeine-infused drink made from the Yerba Mate tree, first drunk by the indigenous Guaraní, is sipped constantly and everywhere. Traditionally, it is drunk from a hollow calabash gourd—often artfully decorated—and sipped through a bombilla (or straw) with a filter at the end beneath what can only be described as a mash of plant and water—in order to keep the nasty bits from collecting in your maw. The bombillas are often made of silver. Its taste? Sort of like a freshly-mowed lawn. Not bad with a bit of sugar.

And pasta. Next to grass-fed beef, the national dish is pasta. As 70 percent or so of Argentina's largest city derives from Italian settlers, it is not as strange as it first seems. Forgive me, but the pizza and the gnocchi in Recoleta are the equal of Rome.

Argentina. Big. Boisterous. Muscular. And beautiful. The people are warm, welcoming and physical. A kiss or hug—why not both?—is as common a hello as a handshake. As our 27-year-old, Parke, who traveled with us noted, "Argentina is dope." In the argot of the young, that means you really ought to go!



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Lexi's Love is Better Than Any Antidepressant

I am truly the quintessential dog lover. I've had dogs since I was 4 years old. All lived to be 14 to 16 years old. In late winter of 2016, I lost two beloved dogs within two months. Their loss and pain were excruciating. I waited two weeks and rescued a 4-month-old yellow lab mix. I wasn't ready for a puppy... but she was a dream. She

was calm, obedient, loving and no chewing!

Perfection. My friends wanted her cloned.

I named her Lexi after the antidepressant Lexapro. She was my salvation, someone to love unconditionally again. She is always at my side everywhere. But she equally loves my husband, Bryan. She



is almost 4 years old now. She goes in the car with us all the time and loves road trips.

She has her BFF of 3 1/2 years, Ava, to run and play with on long hikes every day. She never needs a leash and obeys well. She is a voracious hunter, especially for voles and squirrels. She is quite successful in catching them. Lexi is predominantly lab though she

refuses to swim or retrieve balls. She will only wade into water up to her shoulders.

At 50 pounds, she thinks she's a lap dog who readily jumps into sitting laps. She sleeps on our bed and ends up on our pillows. Her calm manner makes her easy to have around in large crowds.

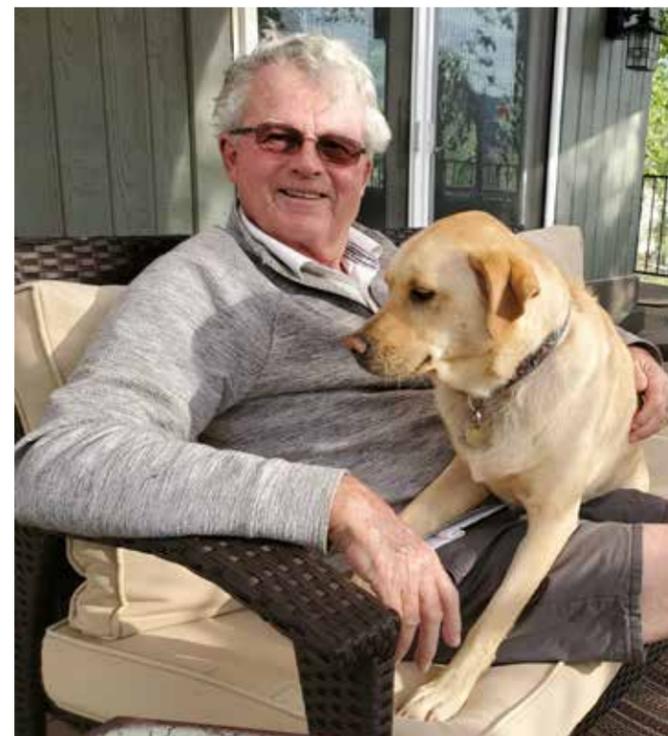
We live in Scottsdale for the winter and she attended rattlesnake

avoidance training. Her curious nature and hunting instinct have yet to be tested. We shall see this winter...

Our only wish is that she lives as long as all my other dogs.



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Casual Elegance

PERCHED ABOVE THE 10TH HOLE



to accomplish that by affording almost every room a stunning view across the valley.

With a taste for the French country style, Al was particularly inspired by two homes in Vail, notably one that sits to the left off the gondola out of Lionshead and another that is situated across from Terra Bistro in the Village. With this vision in mind, he was the one to provide a floor plan and a rendering of the exterior of the front of the house to Scott, who eagerly presented them with ideas to satisfy their wish list. Cheryl recalls the way Scott would eagerly present ideas with an enthusiastic, "How about this? What do you think about that?" Al decisively concludes, "What they brought to us was exactly what we wanted."

He chuckles as he admits to not realizing how big the basement and garage would be. Having told Scott that he wanted an extra large garage, he says, "I did not realize he was building me a whole new house down there! It took 62 loads of concrete to build the foundation. That's a lot of concrete."

Upon entering the home, one immediately feels welcomed into the well-appointed great room with soaring vaulted ceilings bathed in a creamy shade of light butterscotch. This is where Al and Cheryl hang out on their quiet evenings at home taking in the views and watching TV in front of the double sided fireplace and grand stone chimney. They happily enjoy cooking in their gour-

met kitchen with the convenience of a six-burner gas range, two dishwashers, two sinks, and double-ovens strategically separated and placed perfectly at waist height.

The dining room features an eye-catching tiered ceiling and 1,000-bottle wine cellar which is ideal for hosting dinner parties. And the deck, of course, is the focal point for entertaining during the summer. Cheryl reminisces about many a fun party on the deck including the "Last Night to Wear White" in October, memorialized with a photo of all of their guests decked in white on the patio.

Al is particularly fond of the powder room because he got to design it. Having found the very unique pedestal and one-of-a-kind bowl in Phoenix, Al completed the room with his selections for the wallcovering and the stone. And let's not miss the 'man cave' where anyone would welcome the opportunity to slide into a sumptuous black leather chair and enjoy a little downtime.

Ultimately, the home matches the lifestyle of the Lees to a tee. Cheryl and Al share the same sentiments. "It's pretty simple for us. We love the house. We love the livability. The location. The views are spectacular. You can't get much closer to the golf course," he says perched over the 10th hole. "The people. We have cultivated a lot of really good friends. Singletree is a really friendly community."

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1880 Winslow epitomizes casual elegance set against a backdrop of stunning views of Beaver Creek, Arrowhead and New York Mountain. With warm and inviting finishes on the interior and expansive living space on the exterior, this home perfectly reflects the lifestyle of its owners, Al and Cheryl Lee.

The Lees have lived in Singletree since 2000. Their first home in the neighborhood was 3 houses up the hill yet they had always admired the lot which was never for sale. When Cheryl caught wind of the owner selling the property, she immediately told her husband to go see the buyer to let him know that if he were to change his mind, they would like to buy the lot. The call came in January 2005 with the offer to sell the property. With 13 prospects standing in line behind them, the Lees made a quick decision and moved forward with the purchase.

The couple quickly went to work on gathering their ideas together to come up with what they wanted in their dream house. They hired Scott Turnipseed as their architect, and his brother, Jim, as the builder. Al explains that most of the process entailed he and Cheryl sitting down and figuring out what they wanted.

The most important aspect for Al and Cheryl was to have all of the living space on one floor. That goal resulted in the guest rooms located on one end, far from the master suite up a few stairs on the other end, with the space in between consisting of living space. Equally as important as the flow of rooms, Al and Cheryl wanted to capitalize on the views and were able



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Leland McInerney

Uses Her ART to Bring Awareness

TO ISSUES OFTEN SWEEPED UNDER THE CARPET

Leland McInerney became entranced with art at a measly age of five, expressing her thoughts and individuality in the mere stages of kindergarten. Creativity is something one can't teach, it has to be cultivated and threaded out on one's own. It is invaluable, responsible for innumerable inventions and drastically altering the patterns of each and every culture. Leland delighted in creativity, and became obsessed with drawing and painting the random mysteries of childhood, particularly dolphins.

The passion had sprouted and Leland began attending art classes in the Vail Valley at a young age. Beginning in middle school, she bought her own art supplies and began to fervently produce her own pieces. She appreciates painting and drawing, yet is particularly fond of the different mediums of painting, such as watercolor, oil, acrylics, and watercolor pens. She thrives in making her art come to life, utilizing different methods to best advance the realism in her pieces.

She came to learn that it was therapeutic, a healthy way to cope with the unavoidable complications in life. Art became not just a hobby, but a mechanism or release for stress and anxiety. She enrolled in AP Art during the school year of 2018, concentrating on portraiture and the aesthetics or presuppositions so readily expected yet often unattainable in society. They are constituents stitched so deeply into the media and throughout the world that we no longer give attention to them, and with a passive mind often overlook many of the problems we need to face. Leland's intention was to bother and itch the public's mentality with eye-catching portraiture that undoubtedly shoved often "under the carpet problems" into people's faces.

Leland focused on portraiture in order to entice the audience in a candid manner. The piece portraying the soldier exhibits



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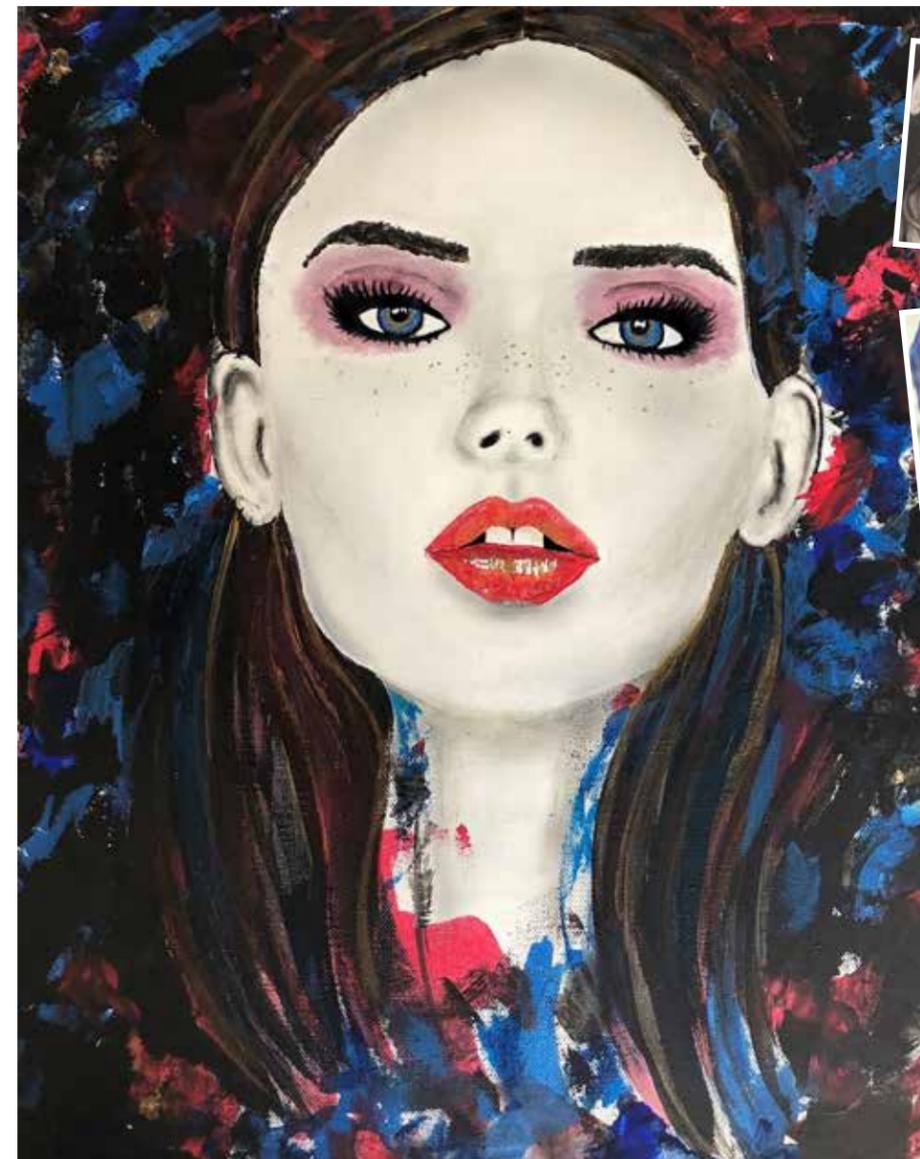
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how unless one has experienced the same brutality and terror the young man has, one has difficulty grasping the pain and emotional toll to a full extent. People tend to have an onerous time listening, comprehending, and sympathizing for another party if they have never experienced the same for themselves. Leland's goal was to have people live through the portraiture she designed, and to be able to share at least a sliver of the emotion through the face to face confrontation.

The man with the TV head in another one of her pieces is demonstrating how we are all so controlled by technology and media we no longer recognize it to its full extent, or admit that our lives are being run and monitored through mechanization. The girl under the wave is literally and metaphorically drowning in her own expectations, cultivated through society, and is barely staying above the water to survive.

The woman with the purple hair demonstrates how people have no idea who one another is because they never dig deeper than one's physical appearance, engaging in meaningless interactions instead. People are told every day to look and act a certain way, to cover up, to watch what they say. The piece of the skeleton in space was to show how one could be gone, be it passed away or off in space, yet society still owns them. One can't fully break away and own their body because their mind will forever be altered by society, subconsciously stamped by the thoughts and judgments of others. It will always control the way one thinks and behaves, even if one thinks they have finally broken away.

People tend to grow restless and agitated when forced to listen, empty words floating through their mind, fastening to nothing. They re-



late the most to themselves and face to face confrontation, the precise reason for Leland to pick portraiture as her concentration. Art was a way for her to cry out at the problems so often ignored in society, without ever speaking a word. Banksy's satirical street art combines dark humor with graffiti, illuminating problems in a manner where people pay attention.

There is a large stigma around words: what to say and what not to say, what will offend others and what won't. The world is so easily distressed by one speaking their own opinion. Art is a platform through which perspective can alter the entire meaning of the piece. It is a stage through which people are unable to argue or disagree with, because one can't falsify a piece of artwork. It is not incorrect or correct, beautiful or ugly, it is entirely up to the frame of reference. One's view of art is entirely based on opinion, causing it to be a platform to argue political ideals or societal issues without much public strife.



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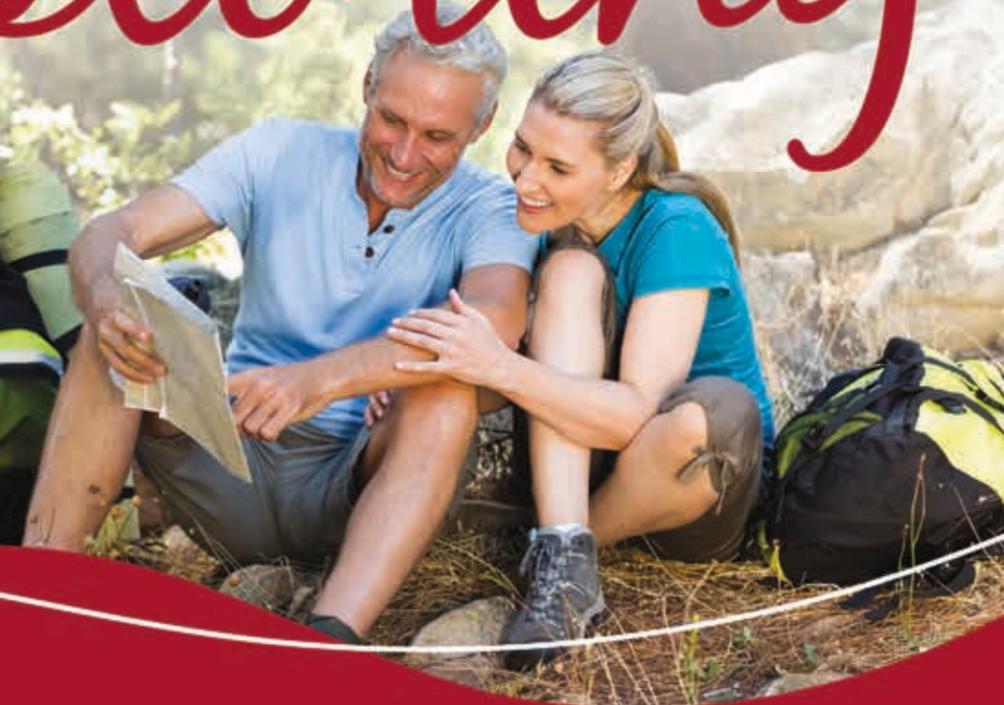
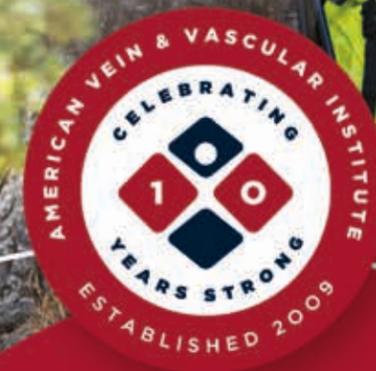
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