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David Brinkley

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Will Never Be Another You”, and “My One And Only Love”.

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17 Mountain Biking 101 at San Tan Mtn. Park

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Maricopa Slim: A Pinal County Legend, Part 1

John C. Powers was a Pinal County Sheriff's Deputy and a Special Officer for the Southern Pacific Railroad. As a railroad officer, he was commissioned to work in three counties where the Southern Pacific operated: Pinal, Maricopa and Pima.

He was born in Texas on Oct. 3, 1883. He is believed to have come to Arizona in the early 1900s. Powers was assigned to Maricopa Junction where he was in charge of security for the busy Southern Pacific Railroad line. His duties included protecting the passengers, freight and property of the railroad. He also kept the hobos and undesirables from riding the boxcars without a ticket. His methods and treatment of the hobos and enforcing the law would earn him a reputation and the nickname "Maricopa Slim".

Maricopa was a regular stop for all trains of the Southern Pacific or Espee as it was affectionately known. While the train loaded water and paying passengers, Powers would check the box cars and force every hobo off of the train. He would hold them until the train left. Powers then took all of the hobo's valuables, weapons, and sometimes shoes and force them to depart on foot. Melvin Drake, a Maricopa Pioneer said that Powers

always carried a wooden Billy club, which was filled with lead. Hobos referred to Powers as the "Southern Pacific Boogey" because of his reputation of using cruel methods in his handling of hobos and law breakers.

The legend has it that Maricopa Slim was involved in several illegal killings some allegedly by hanging and others by beating the victims to death. The allegations were never proven although there are verified stories of



HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

By John Hernandez
Southeast Valley Ledger

Powers knocking out people with his fists, a club and the barrel of his pistol.

It is not known exactly when Powers first began working as a deputy and a railroad special officer but his name began appearing in newspapers around 1911. The Arizona Republican newspaper dated April 11, 1911 reported that J.C. Powers of Maricopa yesterday brought in Ambrosio Navarro on a charge of selling liquor to Indians.

On June 29, 1911 the *Arizona Republican* told the story of Powers arresting two hobos for beating up another hobo at the edge of the Maricopa city limits. The victim was told to leave town before he got into more trouble. "The two victors were hustled handcuffed together without mercy to the city jail. The edifice is an adobe building immediately behind the post office and the Williams Hotel." The building had two rooms, one used as a makeshift jail and the other a store room for Judge Perry Williams. Williams owned the hotel, was the Justice of the Peace and Postmaster for Maricopa. He stored blankets for the hotel, Indian pottery and other goods that he sold.

The two hobos managed to break out of the jail and were seen running along the tracks headed east out of town. Powers had been notified and chased them in an automobile but was unable to cross the tracks in the vehicle and had to stop. He jumped from the vehicle and ran on foot. He was able to make them stop under the threat of being shot. Powers hogtied them together in chains and handcuffs and locked them in an empty box car in the railroad yard.

Later that evening, Powers went to check on the two prisoners and saw that they were able to get out of their chains and had knocked out some of the side boards on the box car and were just about to exit through the hole they had created. Powers yelled at them to halt and one of the men said he would belt him with a

rock. Powers entered the box car and clubbed the man who had threatened him with the butt of his gun, knocking him down. Powers held the other man at gunpoint and then placed handcuffs on both of them. Powers saw that the men had somehow cut through their chains. He noticed that one of the men had one suspender that was much wider than the other one. He checked the suspender and found a small pocket had been sewed onto it. In the pocket were a half a dozen little files and a steel saw blade.

This time the two bandits were chained at the legs together and cuffed to some seats in the waiting room of the railroad station. The two men stood up and began cursing at Powers and insulting him. Powers punched one of them in the nose which knocked both men down. He then watched over them through the night. Powers was suspicious of the two men because of the two escape attempts and because they had tried to put up a fight. He sent a description out to the Southern Pacific Railroad and found out that both men were wanted for safecracking and robbery of a Southern Pacific office in Los Gatos, California. There was also a \$100 reward for each man which Powers would collect. Judge Williams also found them guilty of the escape and damage to his storeroom and the jail and sentenced them to six months in the county jail.

On Feb. 14, 1912 Arizona became a state. During the last week of February, Dorris Haines fired three shots from his pistol on a Southern Pacific train that had left Gila Bend headed for Maricopa. He had allegedly fired at the brakeman who was attempting to have him removed from the train. The railroad office wired ahead to Maricopa where John Powers was waiting for Haines. Powers arrested him without a fight and after chaining his legs together loaded him on the next train back to Gila Bend.

Powers and Haines were in the caboose and the train was making good time when Haines hobbled to the rear door and jumped from the moving train. It was dark and Powers did not want to jump from the train and chase Haines on foot. Powers waited until morning at Gila Bend. He was given a horse and they rode the train back to the area where it was believed Haines had jumped. Powers found the trail and followed it for five miles before he came upon Haines resting in the shade of a tree. He arrested him again and escorted him to Gila Bend where Haines was tried and found guilty.

In January 1913, two men, J.C. Miller and Jack Williams, escaped from the county jail in Florence. The two men had been arrested in December by Deputy Sheriff Powers. The escapees had hopped on the Winkelman to Tempe train. They were then spotted on a hand

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'Maricopa Slim, who is in real life Deputy Sheriff Powers of Maricopa Station in the county of Pinal, and as such is a terror of evil doers.'

Arizona Republican

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car they had stolen heading on the tracks to Maricopa. Powers was notified by telegraph. Around 10:30 p.m., Powers saddled his horse, armed himself and headed north following the rail line. Shortly before midnight Powers encountered the two escapees a few miles from Maricopa. They were heavily armed and riding the hand car. After a short exchange of gunfire, Powers had killed J. C. Miller and Jack Williams surrendered.

It was reported in the Jan. 4, 1913 *Bisbee Daily Review* and other newspapers that it was "one of the nerviest exhibitions in Arizona in a number of years". This may have been the start of the legend surrounding Powers as shortly after, the nick name "Maricopa Slim" began appearing in Arizona newspapers.

In June, Maricopa Slim was called to Phoenix to make 26 Gypsies "pony up" their fare for riding on the Southern Pacific. Powers also captured an escaped convict Modesta Munez. Munez escaped from a stockade in Tempe. Powers along with deputies Oiea and Perry (the Gila Monster) traveled by automobile to Chandler to arrest a rancher P. A. Yarbrough for attempted murder. Yarbrough had shot one of his employees who was arguing with him over his pay.

The June 27th issue of the *Arizona Republican* told the story of Governor George Hunt receiving two petitions from different parts of the state asking him to remove from office Powers and Deputy Sheriff Perry also known as "The Gila Monster" by those hobos and criminals that had crossed his path. Perry

was assigned to the Gila Bend station for the Espee.

The *Republican* said of Powers: "Maricopa Slim, who is in real life Deputy Sheriff Powers of Maricopa Station in the county of Pinal, and as such is a terror of evil doers." The petitions accused Maricopa Slim and the Gila Monster of "cruelty" and "inhuman treatment" of those who rode the boxcars of the Southern Pacific Railroad. The petitions were from the local Socialist Party of Bisbee and Jerome.

The article also said that according to officials of the Southern Pacific Railroad, "Perry and Powers are the two best officers on the whole system. The efforts of the men have reduced the freight claims for the Tucson division, for pilfered freight over \$35,000 in the last year or more than the rest of the system put together it is reported. Every train is met by these officers and most of the 'gentlemen of leisure' who ride over the country in 'side door pullmans' are taken from the trains. Whenever the tramps or hobos are civil, the officers let them alone, but when they get insolent the officers use rough methods to intimidate them. The records of the railroad turned in by these officers show that 75 percent of the tramps are armed and a large percentage of them have burglar tools in their possession."

The article continues, "During the present year Powers has taken over 100 revolvers from hobos that he caught riding the trains. Every type of firearm is represented in the collection from wicked looking Lugers automatics to Ivor Johnstone bull dogs. Every time these officers

search a train they practically are in danger of their lives and both officers have had several escapes from being murdered by the 'box car tourists'."

Governor Hunt responded that he had no authority to remove them and referred the complaint to the Maricopa and Pinal County Sheriffs. No action was taken against the officers.

The Aug. 17, 1913 *Arizona Republican* reported that Maricopa Slim and a Mr. Coleman were granted a "saloon license" at Florence and were going to open the business in Casa Grande. The name of the new "parlor" would be "The Oasis" or the "Dew-Drop-Inn."

In December, the *Tombstone Epitaph* reported a story about a young man Walter Standow who was walking across country and working his way by writing stories for syndicated newspapers about celebrities he would come across during his travels. He interviewed Maricopa Slim Powers and said of him: "Maricopa Slim is not so terrible as he is pictured. He has killed only two men. He told me he didn't mind helping fellows that are going through but that he is down on yeggs." Yegg was a word which meant safecracker or robber.

Part 2 of this story will be published in next week's *Ledger*.

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The Legacy Quartet in concert.

Gold Canyon Jan. 31

Korea was in 1996 and again in 2002, which included a week with the US Army there. In 2006, Legacy did another tour sponsored by Dr. Billy Kim and the Far East Broadcasting Company (FEBC), celebrating their 50th anniversary. In 2008, Dr. Billy Kim invited Legacy back for another tour, and, as always, FEBC sponsored them in cities throughout South Korea. Twice, Legacy has sung in the world's largest church with a weekly attendance of 200,000. They have just returned from their seventh Tour of South Korea.

In 2007, Dr. Jim Groen invited Legacy to accompany him on a tour of Cuba, which was one of the most blessed and rewarding experiences of their ministry. They have also sung at different times for the Canadian Council of Christian Charities, and for the Charitable Fund Raising Association of the USA.

This concert is open to the public at no charge as a free will offering will be received. Everyone is asked to please bring at least one non-perishable food item per person for the GCUMC Food Bank. Gold Canyon United Methodist Church is located at 6640 S. Kings Ranch Rd., one block north of Hwy. 60 (Walgreens on the corner), four miles east of Apache Junction. This concert fills up quickly so plan on coming early. Bring your family, friends and neighbors to hear some great music by one of our country's outstanding Gospel Quartets. Doors will open 45 minutes prior to the concert.



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LAST POWWOW PHOTO

vendors will be onsite

More media outlets means more postseason

By Andrew Luberda
Southeast Valley Ledger

An increasing number of media outlets has resulted in more recognition for more football players, including those in and around the San Tan Valley area. Players from several local-area schools were recognized for their performance this season.

The Arizona Interscholastic Association (AIA), azcentral.com, the *East Valley Tribune*, the Arizona Football Coaches Association (AzFCA), GridironArizona.com, ArizonaVarsity.com, and the Canyon Athletic Association (CAA) were among those organizations that released postseason honors.

The following is a list of players, by team, who received recognition for their efforts:

QUEEN CREEK

AIA All-Division II First Team – Chase Thomas (LB), Michael Young (OL), and Zach Glaess (P).

AIA Division II Section III Coach of the Year – Travis Schureman

AIA Division II Section III Defensive Player of

the Year – Chase Thomas (LB).

AIA Division II All-Section III First Team – Zane Whiting (DB), Keaton Pilimai (DL), Codie Davis (DL), Chase Thomas (DE), Michael Young (OL), Tyson Gardner (OL), Zach Glaess (P/PK), Armon McGuire (WR), and Gavin Danielson (RB).

AIA Division II All-Section III Second Team – Zach Glaess (DB), Nico Martin (OL/DL), Sam Oram (LB), and Jake Bowser (OL).

AZCentral Sports All-Arizona Division II First Team – Zach Glaess (P) and Zane Whiting (PR).

AZCentral Sports All-Arizona Division II Second Team – Mike Young (OL) and Chase Thomas (DE).

AZCentral Sports All-Arizona Division II Honorable Mention – Gavin Danielson (RB).

EVT Varsity Extra All-Tribune First Team – Zach Glaess (P).

EVT Varsity Extra All-Tribune Second Team – Michael Young (OL) and Chase Thomas (LB).

EVT Varsity Extra All-Tribune Honorable Mention – Gavin Danielson (RB).

AzFCA All-State Top 25 – Zach Glaess (P).

AzFCA All-Division II Team – Michael Young (OL), Chase Thomas (LB), and Zach Glaess (P).

All-Gridiron Arizona Team – Zach Glaess (P).

ArizonaVarsity.com Punter of the Year – Zach Glaess.

All-ArizonaVarsity.com First Team – Zach Glaess (P).

All-ArizonaVarsity.com Second Team – Zach Glaess (K) and Zane Whiting (PR).

All-ArizonaVarsity.com Third Team – Chase Thomas (LB).

POSTON BUTTE

AIA Division II All-Section III Second Team – Sergio Hernandez (DB), Chase Taylor (LB), Keaton Badger (WR), and Josh Hatfield (RB).

All-ArizonaVarsity.com All-Underclassmen Team – Tyler Thompson (LB).

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AIA All-Division IV First Team – Coda McLaws (DL).

AIA Division IV All-Section V First Team – Fide Quirarte (DB/P), Coda McLaws (DL), Todd Goodman

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honors for local area football players

(LB/OL), Trey O'Haver (PR), and Erick Guerra (RB).
AIA Division IV All-Section V Second Team – Todd Avery (Def. Flex), Trey O'Haver (KR), Sheldon Pearson (LB), Todd Goodman (LS), Christian Flores (OL), Fide Quirarte (PK), and James Stillwell (WR/TE).
AIA Division IV All-Section V Honorable Mention – Todd Avery (LB), Josh Espinoza (RB), and Jake Green (RB).
AZCentral Sports All-Arizona Division IV Second Team – Coda McLaws (DL).
EVT Varsity Extra All-Tribune Second Team – Fide Quirarte (P).
EVT Varsity Extra All-Tribune Honorable Mention – Code McLaws (DL).
AzFCA All-Division IV Team – Coda McLaws (DL)

SAN TAN FOOTHILLS

AIA Division V All-Section VI First Team – Raul Aranda (PK), Kyle Stanifer (RB/LB), and Lorenzo Verdugo (OL).
AZCentral Sports All-Arizona Division V Honorable Mention – Manny Armenta (All-

Purpose).
EVT Varsity Extra All-Tribune Honorable Mention – Kyle Stanifer (RB/LB).

AMERICAN LEADERSHIP ACADEMY – QC

AIA Division V All-Section VIII First Team – Reed Nelson (DB), Devin Burch (DL), Trevor Walker (DL), Matt Pinsky (LB), McKay Moon (OL), Jermiah Boyd (RB), and Bujon Boyd (WR/TE).
AIA Division V All-Section VIII Second Team – Kade Lunt (DB), Cameron Rogers (DL), Chandler Way (LB), Trevor Walker (OL), Mason Ferrin (OL), Dallin Edwards (QB), and Haiden Stowers (WR/TE).
AZCentral Sports All-Arizona Division V First Team – Trevor Walker (DL).
AZCentral Sports All-Arizona Division V Second Team – Jermiah Boyd (RB) and Dallin Edwards (All-Purpose).
AZCentral Sports All-Arizona Division V Honorable Mention – Devin Burch (DL).
EVT Varsity Extra All-Tribune Honorable Mention – Jermiah Boyd (RB).

AzFCA All-Division V Team – Trevor Walker (DL).

QUEEN CREEK BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

AIA Division V All-Section VIII First Team – Elijah Jackson (KR/WR/TE), Ricky Solomon (OL), and Chad Jeffries (WR/TE).
AIA Division V All-Section VIII Second Team – Jimmy Justice (DB), Kimball Williams (DL), Sean Crandall (PK), Tanner Jacobson (WR/TE), and Taylor Chambers (RB).
AZCentral Sports All-Arizona Division V Honorable Mention – Chad Jeffries (WR).

AMERICAN LEADERSHIP ACADEMY – IW (A CAA Member)

CAA Division III Offensive Player of the Year – Cortez Wilson (Sr-RB).
CAA Division III All-State Team – Brandon Schenks (Fr-QB), Luke Chappel (So-OL), Max Blonde (So-DL), Cody Lewis (Jr-LB), Brandon Williams (So-DB), and Alexandro Bugallo (Jr-DB).

Postseason honors for pair of QC golfers

By Andrew Luberd
 Southeast Valley Ledger

Taryn Simmons and Gabe Salvanera, two members of the Bulldogs' girls' and boys' golf teams, were named to the *East Valley Tribune* All-Tribune Golf Teams with both

receiving Honorable Mention recognition.

Simmons, a senior, was one of four golfers from the Queen Creek girls' team that competed at the Division II State Championship in November. She was the Bulldogs' top placer, finishing 29th out of 100 golfers.

Salvanera, a freshman and former *Ledger* Athlete of

the Week, was one of five golfers from the Queen Creek boys' team that also competed at the Division II State Championship in November. He was the Bulldogs' top placer, finishing 21st out of 100 golfers.

The Bulldogs' boys' team placed 11th while the girls' team finished 14th at the state championships.

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The Bubbly Hostess Serves Roasted Balsamic Cranberry and Brie Crostini



Roasted Balsamic Cranberry and Brie Crostini

Serves 10-12

Recipe from Neighborhood Food Blog

2 tablespoons butter, melted
 2 tablespoons olive oil
 ½ a French baguette, sliced thin
 12 ounces fresh cranberries
 2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
 ½ cup sugar
 1 tablespoon rosemary
 Thyme, to garnish
 4 ounces triple cream brie (Note: I found a slicing brie that was perfect for this - link to product is on my blog)

Preheat oven to 425 degrees.

In a small bowl, whisk together the butter and olive oil. Brush both sides of the baguette slices with mixture and line them up on a baking sheet. Set aside. In another small bowl, stir together the cranberries, balsamic vinegar, sugar, and rosemary. Spread these out on a rimmed baking sheet. (They get pretty sticky, so if you want to avoid scrubbing, line the

pan with parchment paper).

Place the cranberries in the oven. Roast for five minutes and then add the tray of baguette slices to the oven. Roast for an additional 6 minutes then remove the baguette slices, flip them over, and return to the oven for another 4-6 minutes, or until crispy and golden. At this point, the cranberries should be popped open with juices running out. Remove both the cranberries and baguette slices from the oven.

Top each baguette with a slice of brie and a spoonful of cranberries. Garnish with thyme if desired. These can be served while the cranberries are still warm, or you can make the components ahead of time. The cranberries can be chilled overnight and the crostini will keep in a zip lock bag. Simply assemble and serve at room temperature when you're ready!

recently made this appetizer for an ornament exchange party and I loved it! It was unique, easy to make ahead of time, and a crowd pleaser. With the beautiful color the roasted cranberries provide, this will be perfect to serve on New Year's Eve. I found this recipe on Neighborhood Food Blog – if you go to the post on my site at www.bubblyhostess.com, you will find the link to her post as well.

Also, with this being my final column for 2015, I want to thank each and every one of you for reading my posts and for following me! Wishing everyone a very happy and healthy 2016! Cheers!

I love to hear feedback - please visit my blog at www.bubblyhostess.com.



THE BUBBLY HOSTESS

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We still believe ...



San Tan Valley resident Jewuls Brown caught sight of the famous man and his sleigh last week. Looks like he was visiting this beautifully decorated home in the 700 block of W. Corrientie in Circle Cross Ranch, San Tan Valley. The full moon fell on Christmas Day this year, an event that won't happen again for 17 years.

With the New Year Comes Big Changes

Starting with the Jan. 6, 2016 issue, the Southeast Valley Ledger will be published on the first and third Wednesdays of each month. That's not to say we won't have your weekly coverage. New stories and breaking news will be published online at copperarea.com and stvdailyprss.com.

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