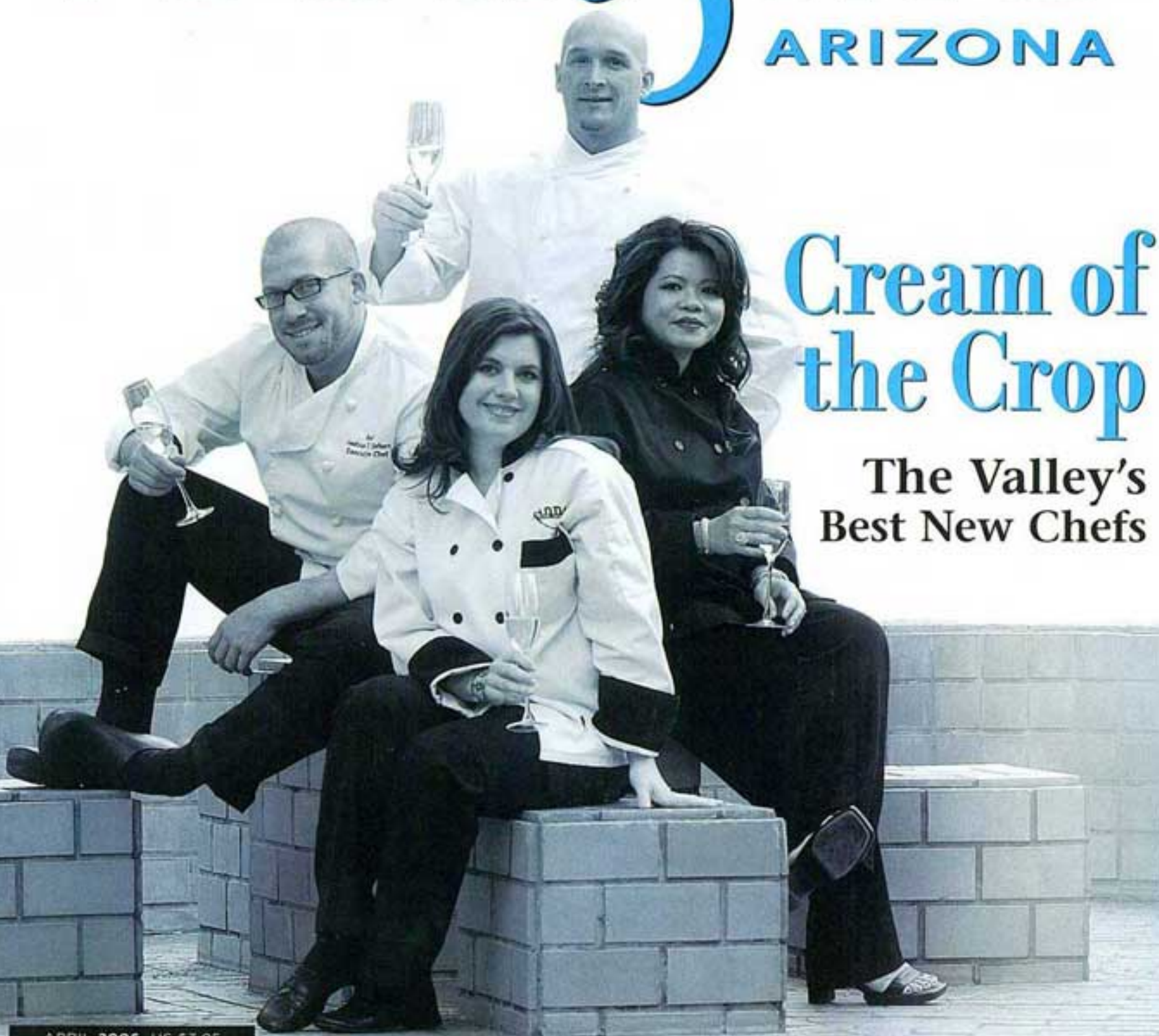


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# Ultimate Pools

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For this month's *Ultimate Pools* feature, *f&l* scoured the state to find the most over-the-top pools for your inspiration. Whether stunningly simple or extraordinarily extravagant, each of these projects is unique. They do have one thing in common - each one epitomizes the word *ultimate*. Dive in and enjoy!

## Lavish Comfort

Photography by Norm Plate

Urban Earth Design's principal and landscape architect, Michael Dollin, and landscape designer, Sunni Jackson, planned the entire "program" of this outdoor space for the homeowners, who wanted to enjoy views of Camelback Mountain while in the pool. They also needed ample space for entertaining in a casual yet contemporary environment, as well as a screening feature to block views of a neighbor's large garage.

Integrated into the 580-square-foot pool's water feature are beautiful crystal blue Mexican glass tiles as well as lighting bands to illuminate the water feature; in the grotto, water trickles from a copper wier into the elevated, freestanding spa.

Gorgeous sandstone-hued ancient stone and honed- and thermal-finished granite were included, as well as a unique medallion in the deck, made up of hand-selected Mexican beach pebbles. The black volcanic fireplace, flat screen television and banko outdoor furniture all serve to complete this extension of the home's floor plan.

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