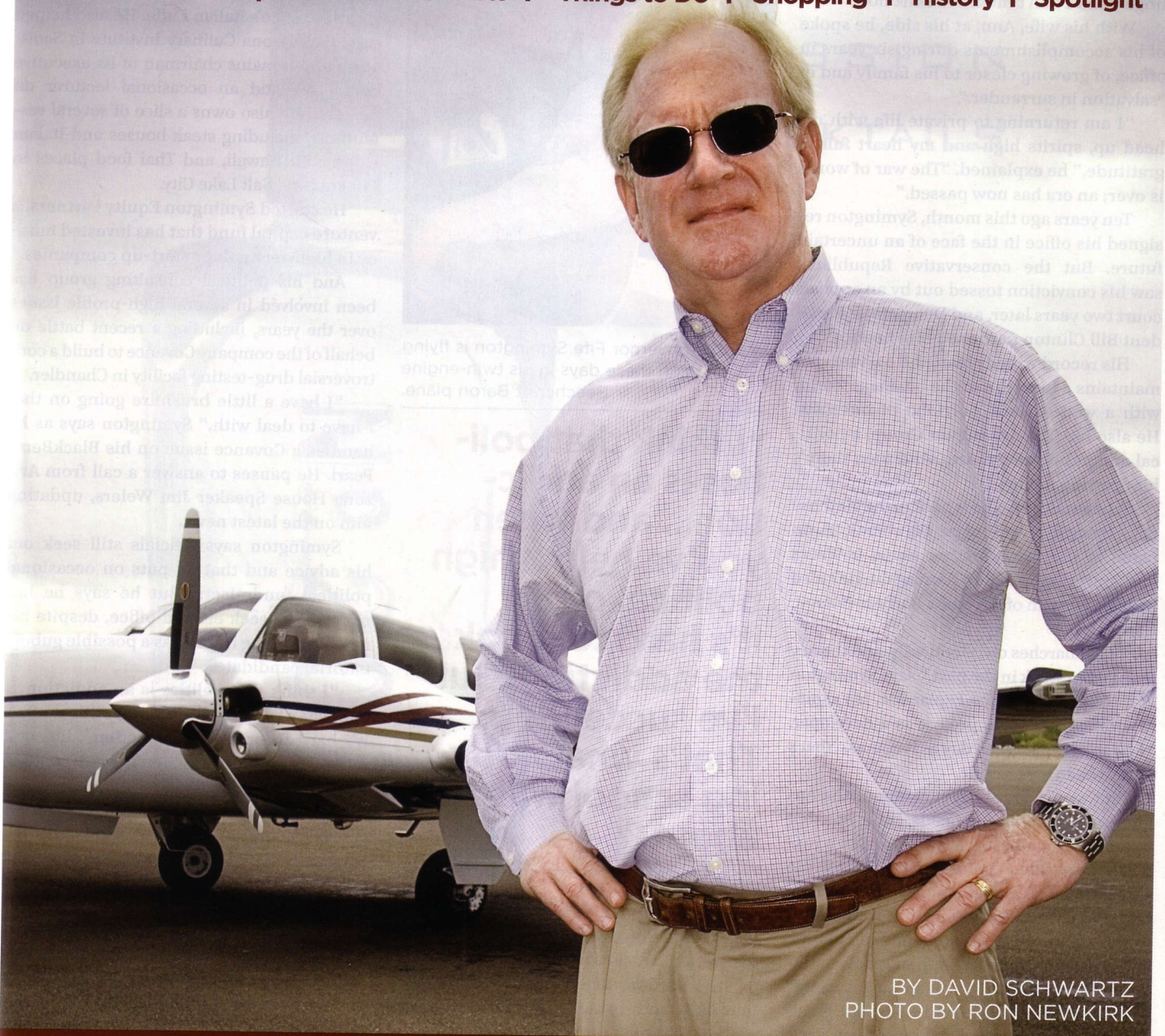


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Comeback Kid

TEN YEARS AGO THIS MONTH, FIFE SYMINGTON RESIGNED HIS POST AS GOVERNOR IN THE FACE OF AN UNCERTAIN FUTURE. HIS RECORD SINCE WIPED CLEAN, THE 62-YEAR-OLD IS NOW BUSIER AND MORE OUTSPOKEN THAN EVER.

IT WAS TIME TO SAY GOOD-BYE. FRESH FROM A FRAUD CONVICTION STEMMING FROM HIS HIGH-FLYING DEVELOPER days, Arizona Governor Fife Symington stood before supporters and the press for a speech that had been in his mind and on paper long ago. The words were few, the emotion raw.