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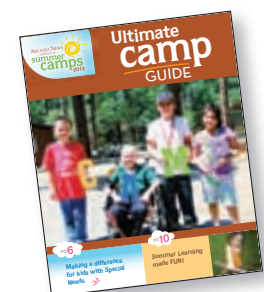
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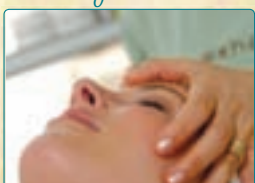


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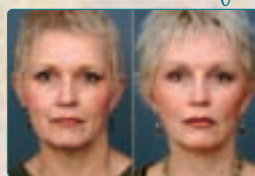
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Congress wouldn't be able to put this puzzle together

By Dale Messmer

Unless you're a member of Congress, you're familiar with staying within a budget.

In the newsroom, we use the word budget for the list of stories and photographs scheduled to run in the next issue of the paper. Snarky comments about Congress aside, we want to run a surplus, because a deficit means white space around the ads, which is a horrid use of expensive paper.

This month, we had about 30 stories slated for use, many of them with photos. If you take the time to count, you'll see we have nowhere near that many in the paper. So we have a start on the budget for April.

We also have the terrible task of deciding what's in and what's out. Without deficit spending. There's only so much space and so many stories, and editors have to make them match.

So the Ingleside kids doing a bang up job serving the community (page 25) make the cut. A similar story about Hopi kids waits until next month. Nothing against Hopi, but the idea was sent to us later than the Ingleside one, plus we want to have as much variety in story content as possible each month.

There's also the matter of time to factor in. Some stories, like Arizona Gives Day

Editor's Notes

(page 17) and Rock the Zoo (page 29), have a short shelf life. They either run in March or not at all, since both events are this month.

Picking stories is the best of times and the worst of times for an editor. Worst because something that readers would certainly like or want in their newspaper has to wait. Good because it's somewhat like putting together a jigsaw puzzle, and puzzles are fun.

In one respect, it's easier than a jigsaw puzzle, in fact. You can shave the pieces. Practically no story makes it into the paper without a little trimming of words.

But even that has a downside. For instance, this month's Travel Tips (page 45) has great advice for Spring Break. Part of it was about responsible use of alcohol. That was trimmed so the story would fit.

Suffice to say it's a good idea to let your adult children know that too much booze can ruin party time and be very dangerous away from home.

Please enjoy what made it into the Arcadia News this month. And as always, thanks for reading.

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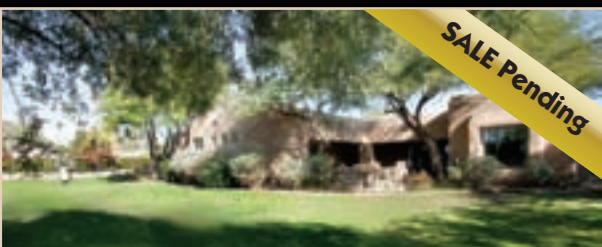
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Adaptations inspire hope for movies aimed at teenagers

Recently, two young adult books have been made into movies: *Beautiful Creatures* by Kami Garcia and *Warm Bodies* by Isaac Marion. After seeing both film adaptations, new hope for movies aimed at teens has risen.

Beautiful Creatures

Director: Richard LaGravenese
Starring: Alden Ehrenreich, Alice Englert, Jeremy Irons and Emma Thompson

Too much flash covers up the sincerely decent story in *Beautiful Creatures*.

Ethan Whate (Ehrenreich) wants nothing more than to go to college and get as far away from his small Southern town as possible. Lena Duchannes (Englert) transfers to Ethan's high school after moving in with the town's owner, Macon Ravenwood (Irons), who is also her uncle. Despite the many rumors about her family



among the town's residents, Ethan is determined to get to know her better, and they soon become friends and more.

However, evil forces are stirring, and it only gets darker as Ethan and Lena delve into the past of their families and the town itself.

The plot is founded on magic, as Lena and her family are Castors, and the struggle between good and evil ensues. But while the visual effects of the movie are wonderful to watch, it's the story the audience should remember most.

Lena is a real heroine, the likes of which are hard to come by in popular young adult fiction these days. She's strong, but more importantly she's intelligent. To not ruin the ending, all that can be said is there should be more strong teen girls like her in books and movies.

Ethan, on the other hand, is more of a stereotype than he would like to believe. He's a likeable guy, without a doubt, but can go over the number of cliché lines and actions acceptable to consider him a truly original male character.

The side characters provide the best acting in this movie.

Lena's aloof-but-protective uncle is a standard idea, yet Irons manages to work with the rather short amount of screen time he has to make you care about him. Emma Thompson gives the best performance of the film as the villain, Sarafine, about whom not a lot can be said without giving away spoilers.

Overall, *Beautiful Creatures* could have done better with fewer special effects, but the story pulls it through and gains it three and a half stars.

Warm Bodies

Director: Jonathan Levine
Starring: Nicholas Hoult, Teresa Palmer, Rob Corddry and John Malkovich

Witty and funny, *Warm Bodies* is a surprisingly charming film.

"R" (Hoult) is an unusually insightful zombie shuffling around this post-apocalyptic Earth. When he saves Julie (Palmer) from being devoured by others of his kind, he is strangely attracted to her and finds himself slowly becoming more

human. The couple is threatened on both sides by the "Boney" zombies too far gone to reason with, and the city of survivors led by Julie's father (Malkovich) who are nearly as bad.

R and Julie, a clever play on Romeo and Juliet, have the potential to change the world, as they know it.

Hoult is brilliant as the movie's zombie narrator, and R draws many laughs from the audience. R and his best friend "M" (Corddry) get some of the best lines of dialogue, which is surprising considering they're dead.

The writing is clever, and the effects weren't overdone. The movie doesn't seem to take itself too seriously, which definitely helps make such an absurd sounding plotline work as well as it does.

Don't rely on the trailers to decide whether or not to see this film, because they don't do it justice.

Also, refrain from comparing it to certain other stories of romance between the living and the dead. The differences are clear enough, and this one is far more worthwhile.

Earning four and a half stars, seeing *Warm Bodies* will make viewers want to read the book, if they haven't already.

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2013 HOPI SCHOOL DISTRICT SALES RESULTS

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Active Homes -	136 homes
Homes Sold -	18 homes
Average Sale Price -	\$1,097,581
Average Sold \$ Per SF -	\$231
Average Days On Market -	84 days

- There is currently 5 months of home inventory (based on 2012 sales results)
- 2013 home sales have decreased 23% this year. (based on 2012 sales results)
- Home prices have increased 29% this year. (based on 2012 sales results)
- \$ Per Square Foot prices have decreased 1% this year. (based on 2012 sales results)
- Homes are taking 17% less time to sell this year (Based on 2012 sales results)

2012 HOPI SCHOOL DISTRICT YEAR END SALES RESULTS

Homes Sold -	107 Homes
Average Sale Price -	\$777,607
Average Sold \$ Per SF -	\$235
Average Days On Market -	102 Days

2011 HOPI SCHOOL DISTRICT YEAR END SALES RESULTS

Homes Sold -	238 Homes
Average Sale Price -	\$635,344
Average Sold \$ Per SF -	\$197
Average Days On Market -	124 Days

2010 HOPI SCHOOL DISTRICT YEAR END SALES RESULTS

Homes Sold -	202 Homes
Average Sale Price -	\$670,142
Average Sold \$ Per SF -	\$200
Average Days On Market -	156 Days

2009 HOPI SCHOOL DISTRICT YEAR END SALES RESULTS

Homes Sold -	140 Homes
Average Sale Price -	\$754,006
Average Sold \$ Per SF -	\$239
Average Days On Market -	185 Days

2013 TAVAN SCHOOL DISTRICT SALES RESULTS

(1/1/2012 – 1/31/2013)

Active Homes -	69 Homes
Homes Sold -	13 Homes
Average Sale Price -	\$436,267
Average Sold \$ Per SF -	\$181
Average Days On Market -	41 days

- There is currently 4 months of home inventory (based on 2012 sales results)
- 2013 home sales have decreased 23% this year. (based on 2012 sales results)
- Home prices have increased 25% this year. (based on 2012 sales results)
- \$ Per Square Foot prices have decreased 12% this year. (based on 2012 sales results)
- Homes are taking 37% less time to sell this year (Based on 2012 sales results)

2012 TAVAN SCHOOL DISTRICT YEAR END SALES RESULTS

Homes Sold -	68 Homes
Average Sale Price -	\$326,316
Average Sold \$ Per SF -	\$158
Average Days On Market -	66 Days

2011 TAVAN SCHOOL DISTRICT YEAR END SALES RESULTS

Homes Sold -	203 Homes
Average Sale Price -	\$265,505
Average Sold \$ Per SF -	\$128
Average Days On Market -	102 Days

2010 TAVAN SCHOOL DISTRICT YEAR END SALES RESULTS

Homes Sold -	145 Homes
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Average Days On Market -	140 Days

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StandDown offers aid to veterans

By Steve Sarkis

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Since its inception, this event has had continued success with each passing year, serving 743 veterans in 2009 and up to 1,293 in 2012.

One of the great ways in which the courts get involved in Arizona StandDown is by clearing fines, releasing licenses and closing cases once and for all. Veterans who take part in this outreach event can clear their fines with the courts at one station and get a new driver's license at the next station through the Motor Vehicle Division.

Other major service providers include VA health care and benefits, Department of Economic Security, and Social Security Administration. In addition, veterans who attend the event also receive meals, new clothing, access to shower facilities and housing placement assistance.



Justice Steven Sarkis

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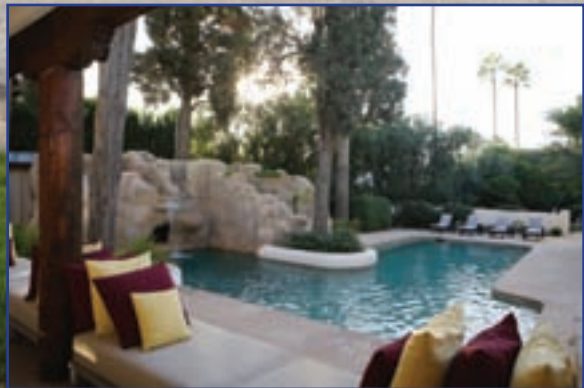
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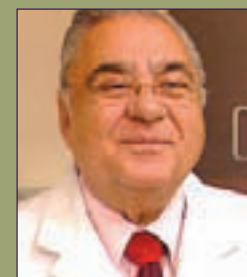
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STRAIGHT UP *with a* TWIST

By Greg A. Bruns

[Greg is on a writing assignment until August. This column is one of his personal favorites and originally appeared in the April, 2009 edition.]

The problem with Curious George

One of Hambone's¹ favorite shows is Curious George, which is on the public broadcasting network. I'm glad to record anything on PBS for him - it's sort of like trail mix for the brain. Sure, there's M&M's® in there, but it's mostly nutritious stuff. There are worse things Hambone could be marveling after right now, and the missus and I are extremely grateful that Elmo and The Wiggles have been "gonged" off the stage of Hambone's daily attention feeder.

There's innocence in George's antics, I mean after all, he's just a curious monkey. Aren't we all curious? Recently Hambone and I watched a 15-minute "George" together on the couch. While Hambone just sat there with his eyes wide, transfixed by this neatly colored, euphoric cartoon world, I observed some things he did not. The purpose of this particular episode was to show how a "system" needs all of its pieces to function properly. However, I noticed one major piece missing from this monkey's life: personal responsibility.

Here the rundown of the episode:

CURIOUS GEORGE: PLUMBER'S ASSISTANT

During the wrap-up of a routine bath, George allows some of his toys to slip down the drain. This clogs the pipe in the apartment he shares with the Man in the Yellow Hat, so a plumber is dispatched.

George walks with the plumber down to the basement where the man turns off the water to enable an extraction of said toys. Much like Hambone in my house, George likes to watch things first, and if you really want to get him excited, give him open access to a toolbox.

The plumber takes a few pipes apart, clears the blockage, puts the "system" back together again, and then turns the water back on. It all works fine, and the plumber departs, presumably mailing his service bill to the man in the yellow hat. This suggests a familiar business relationship, which further suggests that this was not his first trip to the apartment.

Later that day, George somehow happens to jam the plumbing in their apartment again, this time in the kitchen. This is a critical juncture in this monkey's day and I can tell that Hambone is looking upon this with concern and empathy. This would be the point that I would howl and carry-on about learning lessons the first time, and then boot the boy to the backyard to get him and his mojo far away from the expensive service items in the Bruns house.

Since the Man with the Yellow Hat has

once again left without letting anyone know where he's going, George takes it upon himself to fix the problem, and heads down to the basement.

No one, apparently, sees the monkey heading to the heart of the building with pipe wrench in his hand, just as no one has bothered to restrict access to the area. This suggests either a lack of previous experience with George and the mechanicals room (unlikely) or a contractual employment issue - perhaps the union of building maintenance personnel is on a paygrade strike and the security of the area has been "overlooked"? This may turn political - and it might be just what the union needs to win the standoff.

George thinks he can fix his situation by emulating the plumber's actions, but overlooks one critical item: reassembling the piping correctly before turning the water back on. Indeed, with no qualified pipe technician on site, the monkey is unable to arrest the problem, and the basement floods. Majorly.

Eventually the plumber is summoned, again. The job is corrected, cleaned up, wrapped up and everyone has a cheerful chuckle, with no admonishment for George's actions. In fact, there appears to be zero disciplinary measures taken, and responsibility for this serious issue, either accepted or implied, is totally absent.

IF I WAS THE MAN IN THE YELLOW HAT

What are you doing with little stuff like marbles and army men in the bath, George? Get them out of there - in fact, *you* get out of there. You've been in there nearly an hour and I have to go to work.

Let me tell you something George. This monumental piping error of yours is going to get our building condemned, or get it declared a Superfund site. In either case, a simple call to a plumber is not going to be enough. This is going to require the fire department and the police for openers, since the building's heaters and electrical panels are in the basement. This whole place is about to turn into a colossal electrical fire and casualties are, sadly, inevitable.

Do you have a *billion* dollars, George? This is a high-rise brownstone on a posh pedestrian street in Manhattan. While it may be insured by the owner, I bet there's a jungle animal / pipe wrench clause in there, releasing the insurance company from responsibility. Once the fires are suppressed, we'll probably be imploding the building. If by some gracious miracle, we may get away with just a professional hazmat and demolition cleanup crew.

There will be water damage, smoke damage, fire damage, green mold, black mold and sewage backup, for openers. I'm just guessing, but I bet the costs will easily exceed the value of the building, so they'll probably just knock it down and start over.

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City makes advances in local plans

By Sal DiCiccio

My council colleagues and I recently accomplished some pretty big things for Arcadia and the surrounding area.

There are so many good things happening in District 6 I wanted to take this opportunity to update you on a few.

Camelback Mountain/Echo Canyon Trail update

I am happy to report improvements to Camelback Mountain are underway.

Many individuals from neighborhood groups, hikers and those interested in preserving Camelback Mountain have requested assistance. This has been a top priority for me and we are getting the job done.

For the first time in 40 years, this incredible gem of the city of Phoenix will see a major improvement to benefit our neighborhoods and our iconic Camelback Mountain.

High traffic necessitated improvements to preserve Camelback Mountain. With an infusion of more than \$2.8 million, we will be doing major renovations on Echo Canyon Trail by: expanding parking at the trailhead helping with neighborhood issues; adding permanent restroom facilities and



Councilman Sal DiCiccio

replacing the unsightly portable restrooms; providing drinking-water stations and a turnabout for van drop-offs for larger hiking groups.

We are in the process of finalizing the land swap with the adjacent homeowners' association that will allow for the planned expansion and the contracts needed for the improvements will be completed within the next six weeks.

Final piece of business expansion reform

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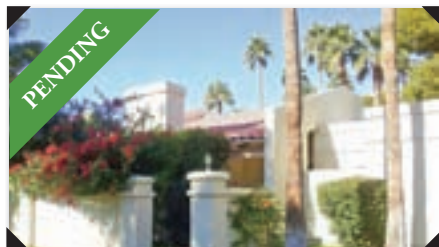
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Straight Up

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I have a personal catastrophe policy, George, but the limit is only \$2,000,000. Surely there will be negligence lawsuits going well beyond the limit of this policy.

Congratulations – we're now going to be homeless *and* bankrupt. This is going to ruin me, so I'm going to try to find a tort lawyer who will trade my legal defense for a monkey.

I'M NOT THE MAN IN THE YELLOW HAT

Once the show was over I asked Hambone for his assessment of what he just saw. His interpretation of the show was summed up in one sentence: "George's toys got 'tuck in the drain, 'den the pipes broke."

I smiled and turned off the television, thinking we hit the jackpot. Maybe the personal responsibility thing is getting through, because the kid nailed it.

Greg can be reached via e-mail: greg@arcadianews.com.

¹ To prevent preschool ostracization, this is the name our first son has been given for this column.

Community Happenings

For the 12th year, residents in Scottsdale and Phoenix Arcadia areas are being asked to remove extra citrus fruits in an effort to help control the Valley's roof rat population.

The Arcadia Citrus Program will collect fruit every Saturday through March 23 between 8 a.m. and noon at the Elk's BPOE Scottsdale Lodge parking lot, located at 6398 E. Oak St.

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Flu season can mean pneumonia

By James Doris, M.D.

It's been a tough influenza (flu) season. You or someone you know may have experienced such complications as sinus and ear infections, bronchitis or pneumonia. It's rare to see complications in the young and healthy, but a chronic disease or a weakened immune system can make you more susceptible.

How do you know if you have allergies, a cold or the flu?

With seasonal allergies, you experience itchy eyes and nose, sneezing and fatigue. Caused by a virus, a cold lasts from three to five days with a low-grade fever, runny nose/congestion, sore throat, drainage and fatigue. The influenza virus attacks your system. You suddenly feel awful with muscle and bone pain, fever, congestion and coughing.

Pneumonia, a lung infection involving the lower respiratory tract, is a serious flu complication accompanied by fever and chest pain when you breathe deeply or cough. Double pneumonia means you have pneumonia in both lungs. Antibiotics can treat bacterial pneumonia, but the viral type requires fluids, rest and medication for fever.

Get a diagnosis quickly because



Dr. James Doris

left untreated, pneumonia can cause respiratory failure, meningitis or rarely septicemia, a bacterial infection of the blood. A blood test helps diagnose the type of pneumonia while a chest X-ray shows the extent of the infection and whether it's complicated by lung abscess or pleurisy, an inflammation of the lung's lining.

It can take two to six weeks to return to full energy after pneumonia.

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Return ring if marriage called off?

By Jonathan Hasebe

As wedding season shifts into top gear, I've found myself asked a number of marriage-related legal questions while shooting the breeze at receptions.

One recent question that stuck with me was whether Arizona law required the return of an engagement ring once an engagement ends.

Unlike most other jurisdictions, Arizona has no statutory or published case law on the issue of whether the donee of an engagement ring must return it to the donor after the engagement ends.

Still, one can get a sense of how an Arizona court may rule based on the law from other jurisdictions.

The general rule adopted by a number of states is that an engagement ring is a conditional gift dependent upon the donee's marriage to the donor. Therefore, an engagement ring must be returned to the donor if no marriage occurs.

However, different states have adopted different approaches in interpreting this general rule.

Because of this, some states have allowed donees of engagement rings to retain possession based on factors such as who ended the engagement or when the ring was received.

California, for example, has passed legislation that states a donor of money or property given as a conditional gift may reclaim those properties in the event the donee refuses to enter into the marriage.

California courts have interpreted this statute to mean the gifts need not be returned if the donor, rather than the donee, ends the engagement.

By contrast, New Mexico is a "no-fault" jurisdiction whose courts have stated any



Jonathan Hasebe

gifts conditioned on marriage are required to be returned to the donor of the gifts regardless of whether the donor or donee ended the engagement.

Texas courts have taken the analysis a step further and engage in an in-depth analysis of the facts surrounding the giving of the gifts to determine if they need be returned.

For example, an engagement ring given on the donee's birthday or Valentine's Day may be viewed as a simple gift that need not be returned, rather than a conditional one.

Typically, the question of whether an engagement ring need be returned once the engagement ends is resolved by the laws of etiquette rather than those of the courts.

Still, in those cases where litigation is contemplated, it is important to consider one's rights as either the donee or donor of an engagement gift.

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March 20 is day for state to assist nonprofit groups

By Alison Bailin Batz

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Why?

“On March 20, all Arizonans will be asked to participate in the first-ever Arizona Gives Day,” said Patrick McWhorter, president and CEO of the Alliance of Arizona Nonprofits, who helped to develop the initiative in partnership with the Arizona Grantmakers Forum and a team of statewide leaders.

Beginning at midnight on March 20 and continuing until 11:59 p.m., Arizonans can go online at www.AZGives.org to support a local nonprofit in their community, or pledge their financial support to one of the hundreds of participating nonprofits across the state.

Arizona Gives Day is presented by First Bank.

The Gives Day movement began in Minnesota four years ago as a way to increase individual giving and help nonprofits raise awareness.

Each year since, these initiatives have seen increased success and helped countless organizations continue to provide the services and programs their communities need.

Gives Days are becoming increasingly more popular, leading many other states

like Colorado, Georgia, Alabama and now Arizona to expand the “flash-mob type” movement.

“For as little as \$10, nonprofits in Arizona can and do make a difference,” McWhorter said. “Together, we hope to raise more than \$2 million on this single day.”

Marissa Theisen, president and CEO of Arizona Grantmakers Forum, said donations made on Arizona Gives Day will help the state’s nonprofits rally volunteers, change lives, build leaders, develop networks, fight for rights, create scholarships and champion critical community causes

“During the recent economic downturns in Arizona and beyond, individual giving has declined. This is our chance to bring it back in a big way,” Theisen said.

Among the hundreds of nonprofits participating in this event are several from around the greater Scottsdale and Arcadia area, including:

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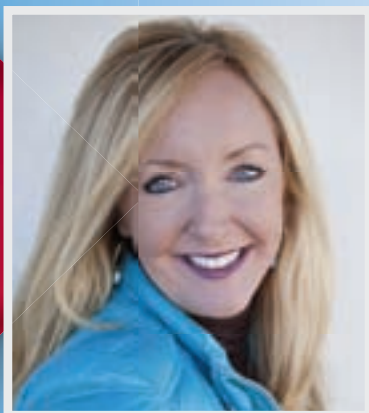
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WHY DO KIDS GET TO HAVE ALL THE FUN?

They don't.

Don't get me wrong, my boys are grown and there is no way my dream summer camp includes bunking with 10 other people, having a frog stuffed down my shorts or having every minute of my day planned.

Sure I am confident most of you dream about drinks with umbrellas, daily massages, and being catered to 24 hours a day. And for the low price of \$10k per week you could probably have all that and more. But realistically they don't have summer camps for adults that would satisfy ALL your needs. Or do they?

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We looked at all four phases of the start-up process, streamlining and cutting red-tape wherever we could.

Earlier this year, the city council approved the final recommendation that came out of the task force – five-day site plan review. The new policy says two-thirds of site plans will be completed in 24 hours, 90 percent will be completed in five days and the remaining 10 percent (much more complicated projects) will be finished in 21 days.

This replaces the old sluggish policy with one much more expedient. Phoenix is now on the fast-track for job creation and truly is trendsetting for other municipalities.

City, ASU baseball partner up

The council and Arizona State University officials finalized an agreement for ASU to bring its national powerhouse baseball program to Phoenix Municipal Stadium, which will be the home of Sun Devil baseball starting in 2015.

This is the first part of a bigger vision that will help our other important partners in the area, The Phoenix Zoo and The Desert Botanical Garden.

The city council approved this partnership that equates to a walk-off grand-slam homerun for both ASU and the city. The agreement between the parties is a 25-year lease allowing ASU to have priority use of the stadium, facilities and the offices. ASU would cover all operating expenses and capital improvements and both the city and ASU would share in the revenues generated at the facility.

By entering into this partnership, Phoenix Municipal Stadium will see 30 to 35 Sun Devil baseball games annually, NCAA Regional and Super-Regional playoff games for the College World Series, and be an additional entertainment destination complimenting the other attractions in the area.

Phoenix City Councilman Sal DiCiccio represents District 6, which includes Ahwatukee, Arcadia, Biltmore, East Camelback and North Central. He can be reached at Council.District.6@Phoenix.gov or 602-262-7491.

Community Happenings

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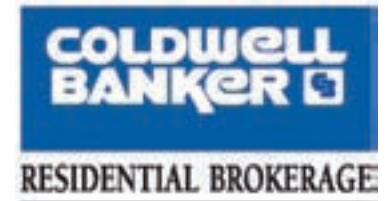
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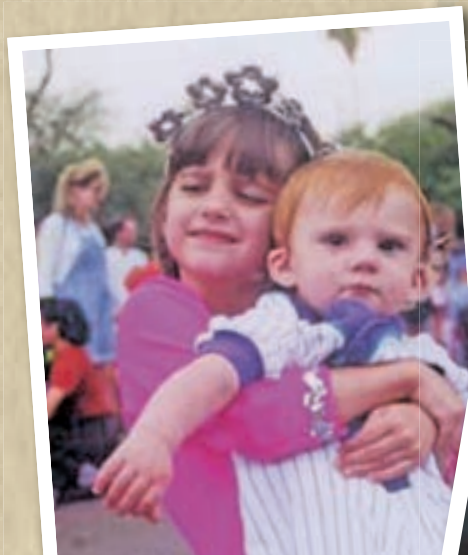
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Ingleside service club reaches out to assist others

By Michelle Milan

Members of the Ingleside Trojans Learning to Care (TLC) Club of Ingleside Middle School will create about nine service events this school year.

They meet twice a month for planning and carrying out a new service event. TLC is sponsored by the Ingleside PTO, said Sue Tessmer, club co-chairwoman.

The goal is to teach students philanthropy, motivate them to be involved and look at different ways to do things in a community. "It empowers them that they can make a difference in the world and it creates leadership," Tessmer said.

"They don't have to be grown-up to make a difference."

Tessmer said 12 students were in the club last year, with membership up to more than 70 this year.

All grade levels are involved as well as different kinds of groups. Alex Smith, also a co-chairperson, said it's not just the chorus group or the sports group, it's all groups, which creates a sense of community in the school.

"That's the biggest impact. It's their club. They really make it happen," Smith said.

Service events have included collecting more than 300 toys, games and crafts for the Phoenix Children's Hospital, Christmas caroling for residents of The Gardens of

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Teacher grants offered

By Shelby Slade

Salt River Project is accepting applications through March 31 for social studies and learning grants for educators to implement new programs into their classrooms for the next school year.

"These grants are very important in the classroom," Ileen Snoddy, community outreach for SRP, said. "Teachers and educators should take the time to apply for them, because every little bit is going to help them further the goals that they need to accomplish in their class and for their

students."

In May, SRP will award \$150,000 in learning grants for science, technology and engineering, and \$25,000 in social studies grants across Arizona.

Applicants can apply to receive up to \$5,000 for learning grants and \$2,000 for social studies grants to incorporate a new program into their school or classroom.

SRP, which has been giving out grants for 25 years, also works with educators to provide in-service teacher training.

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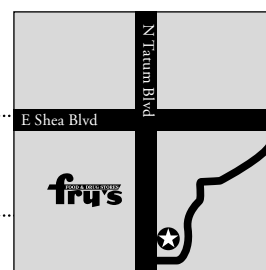
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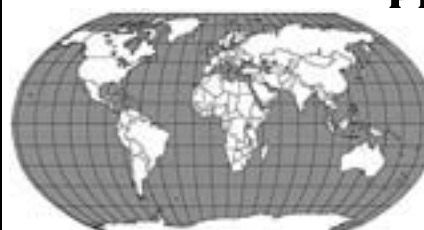


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Ingleside

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Scottsdale and reading for elementary school students.

"They get so excited to come and they bring so many ideas that there's almost no time for all of them," Smith said.

A clean-up of Arcadia Park is on tap, even though they have to get "down-and-dirty," they're excited, Tessmer said.

"They make a party out of it. They have fun even getting dirty," she said.

For their February project, club members made valentines for their teachers and decorated the school, Smith said.

Eighth-grader Payton George said, "It's fun because it has a good impact. It helps me understand things more.

"Projects are social time because we work together."

Smith said it's inspiring for adults to see because they're a great group of kids.

The club started about 15 years ago and was called the Breakfast Bunch because it met in the morning before school.

The club is growing all the time, as well as the kids and their level of interest, Smith said.

"Even teenagers have an impact on the community," Tessmer said. "These kids are on fire. They are so motivated to make a difference."

Grants

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In conjunction with these workshops, SRP provides \$350 grants to apply the information gained from the training.

Snoddy said SRP is looking for programs that can be used for several years and can relate to more than one subject.

Last year, St. Theresa's Catholic School was one of 12 schools to receive a social studies grant. The \$1,547 has been used to update the library and subscribe to the Time for Kids magazine for each student.

"A resource like this combines current data in a book form and helps bring a familiarity and comfort with books but also having real-time current information," said James Zorn, former director of finance and operations for St. Theresa's.

The grant application has been designed to be simple and quick to complete.

"We know that grant writing can be overwhelming for educators, especially when they have enough to do in the classroom for preparing for the next day," Snoddy said.

In addition to helping students, Snoddy said the education grants provide a better education for their future workers and attracts people to Arizona.

"SRP grew up with Arizona and Arizona grew up with SRP," Snoddy said. "If we are providing education opportunities for our future leaders we are also providing for SRP."

More information and grant applications can be found at SRPnet.com/education/grants.



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Zoo plans big annual fundraiser

By Shelby Slade

The Phoenix Zoo will be rocking with local residents, food and beverage vendors and a local band March 22.

The Rock the Zoo event, which is in its fourth year under this name, allows Valley residents to sample a variety of beverages and foods and have a great time while benefiting the zoo, said Linda Hardwick, the zoo's public relations and marketing manager.

"We are one of the largest nonprofit zoos in the country, so we rely on fundraising events, donations, ticket sales and concessions to maintain and operate the zoo and care for all the animals," Hardwick said. "It is live music, beer and wine sampling, food and everyone has a great time."

This year's event features the Rock Lobster, a local '80s cover band. Beverage vendors include Hensley Brewing Company, O.H.S.O. Eatery and NanoBrewery, Jerome Winery and Bitter Creek Winery. Food will be provided by some 12 local eateries, including Rubio's, Raising Cane's, Mojo Frozen Yogurt, Paradise Bakery and Pita Jungle.

"Over the years we have developed really great relationships with several of the vendors and they really see it as a great event that spreads the word about their company and they really just like to participate as well as support the zoo," Hardwick said.

This will be the first year for Arcadia-based O.H.S.O. Eatery and Nanobrewery.

O.H.S.O., which stands for Outrageous Homebrewers Social Outpost, was opened in fall 2011 by Jon Lane. It is at 4900 E. Indian School Road.

Lane had worked in the brewing business for years and decided to try his hand with his own company, he said. His offerings include orange pale ale, carrot cake beer, almond milk chocolate stout, key lime pie, nut brown, trail mix and black sphinx date beer.

Lane said he heard about the event through other brewers and ads and signed up to create exposure for his company while supporting the zoo.

"Hopefully somebody will like something that we do, whether it be our beer or attention to detail or what have you and hopefully they will give us a try," Lane said.

General admission tickets are \$40 for nonmembers and \$30 for members, and VIP admission is \$70 for members and \$60 for nonmembers.

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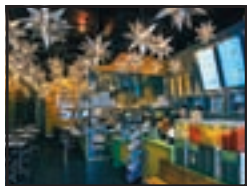
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Mansion lounge brings piece of Chicago to Biltmore

By Amanda Goossen

Rich with history, the Wrigley Mansion sits atop a hill behind the Arizona Biltmore. Built between 1929 and 1931 by chewing-gum magnate William Wrigley, Jr. as a 50th wedding anniversary gift to his beloved wife, Ada, the home was a site to be seen.

It cost \$250,000-\$300,000 to build and was the largest home in the state.

Nicknamed "La Colina Solana," which means sunny hill, the home had 16,850 square feet, 24 rooms, and 12 bathrooms and was only meant to be a winter cottage.

The Wrigleys, as owners of Wrigley Gum and the Chicago Cubs, had homes throughout the country, including Pasadena, Chicago, Lake Geneva, Wis., and Catalina Island.

The Wrigley Mansion was decorated impeccably, with extravagant art and tile work. To this day, because of intense restoration efforts, the home holds the same beauty it did when the Wrigleys owned it.

In 1960, after both William and Ada had passed away, the Wrigley Mansion was rezoned as part of the Biltmore hotel and become a perfect spot for hotel meetings and events.

After passing through numerous hands during the years, the Wrigley Mansion was eventually purchased in 1992 by George A. Hormel, one of the heirs to the Hormel meat packing family.

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By then, the home had begun to show its age, and George was determined to restore the property to its original state.

"Our goal for the Wrigley Mansion was, and still is, to be the premier private club in the Southwest," Hormel said before he passed away Feb. 12, 2006, with his vision for the home complete. Geordie's Restaurant & Lounge within the mansion is now a fitting tribute to the late owner, serving great food and offering a gorgeous view.

The home, because of its location, falls under the rules and regulations of the Arizona Biltmore Homeowners Association. These restrictions and regulations were imposed on the Wrigley Mansion when Western Savings owned the property.

The bylaws require the property operate as a private club. The ambiguity about the membership is difficult at times because it keeps visitors constantly wondering about Wrigley Mansion and their ability to stop



The Wrigley Mansion is going back to its roots—serving a Chicago-style hot dog in time for Spring Training.

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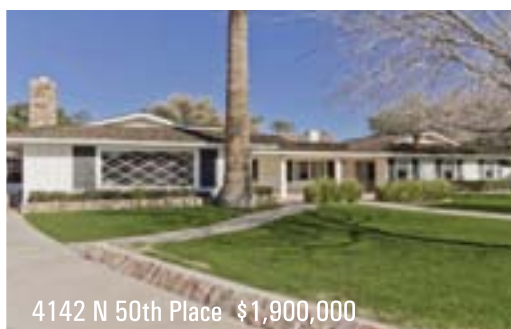
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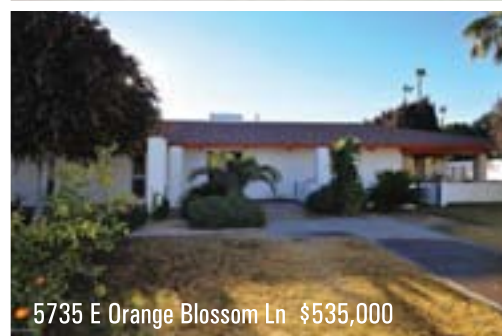
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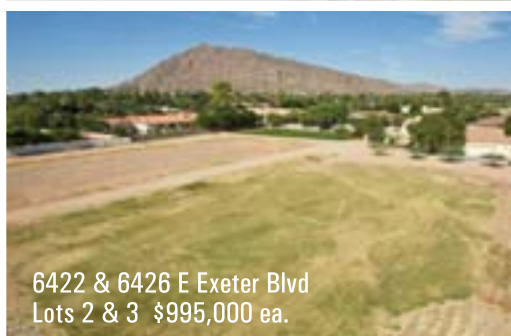
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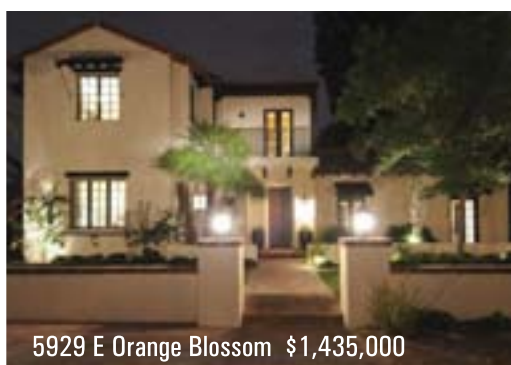
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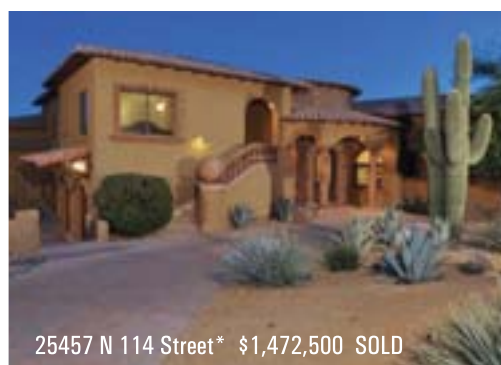
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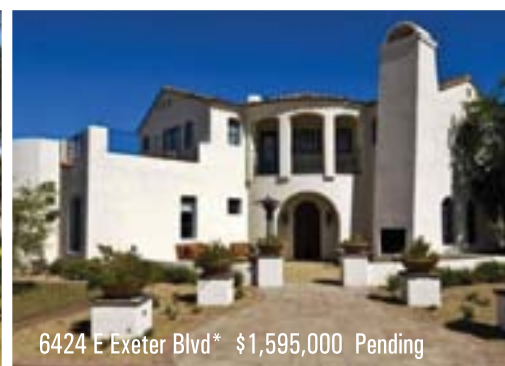
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Barista overcomes Asperger's syndrome

By Emilie Eaton

Jon Sonneveldt of Phoenix is a skillful barista, an enthusiastic chef and an amateur guitarist. He spends his mornings waiting on customers at The Beneficial Bean in Scottsdale, and his Mondays volunteering at church.

Sonneveldt has Asperger's syndrome, a disorder on the autism spectrum characterized by a difficulty with social interactions.

Sonneveldt is employed full-time, working at The Beneficial Bean in the mornings and filing papers for the Southwest Autism Research and Resource Center (SARRC) in the afternoons.

Sonneveldt loves his job.

"The people that I work with are absolutely amazing," Sonneveldt said.

The Beneficial Bean, which opened in 2012, is in the Scottsdale Civic Center Library on Drinkwater Boulevard. It provides job opportunities and work experience for people with autism.

Life with autism

"Growing up for me was a really hard thing to do."



Jon Sonneveldt serving coffee at The Beneficial Bean

Sonneveldt was raised in Michigan and moved to San Diego to attend boarding school during high school.

"I was really forced to grow up and learn things on my own," Sonneveldt said.

But he had difficulty living with his family when he returned home after high school. He worked at his father's company, but was forced to work in the warehouse.

"He didn't believe in my abilities," Sonneveldt said.

The other employees weren't much better.

"I was really the brunt of everyone's jokes in the warehouse," Sonneveldt said.

During Christmas, the employees placed bets Sonneveldt wouldn't be able to bring a date to the company party. The employees were stunned when showed up with a beautiful one.

"A lot of people lost a lot of money," Sonneveldt said.

After working at his dad's company, Sonneveldt worked in a group home,

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Salmon sliders, new house make for an Arcadia home

By Amanda Goossen

Lisa Weisenburger may originally hail from Tucson, but the Arcadia area has held her heart for almost 30 years.

Three months ago, after working for nearly a year to build and design her dream house, Lisa moved in to her beautiful new Arcadia home.

Each detail, from the Dutch door to the color-coded books lining the bookshelves and giving a cheerful rainbow affect to the walls, is entirely Lisa. The large “great room” allows for large get-togethers and dinner parties.

“I love to open up the doors. Turn the sofas around and have a big family event,” Lisa said.

The kitchen, complete with large center island surrounded by numerous bar stools allows for one and all to gather around to eat, talk and enjoy a moment together.

A mother to four boys, ages 20, 19, 14 and 5, Lisa’s life revolves around her family. Kids of all ages are constantly shuffling in, and with a large extended

Arcadia’s Cookbook



Lisa Weisenburger

family, there is never a dull moment.

“I love to cook really good food for my family. These days with the products available to us, it really isn’t hard to be a great home cook,” Lisa said.

A self-proclaimed food television and HGTV junkie, this mother has learned all the tricks to satisfying a large brood.

“I make these salmon cake sliders for my boys because it’s one of the few fish dishes they will eat,” she said. “Plus it’s great during Lent, grill season or when salmon is on sale or readily available.”

Lisa turned the original salmon cake recipe into sliders to make them more kid friendly. The wasabi mayonnaise and scallions can be left off for the pickier kids, while the adventurous part of the crew will enjoy the exciting flavors.

“I marinate the salmon and make more of a teriyaki version because it’s one of my family’s favorites and it goes really well with the wasabi mayonnaise,” Lisa said. “But you can play with the recipe and change the flavors however you like.”

Although Lisa has worked as the school nurse at St. Thomas the Apostle for more than six years, any extra time she has is spent on her new business, Lisa’s Sweet Ideas.

Born from her love of crafting, baking and organizing events, the new home business has developed dessert bars at weddings and helped to organize birthday parties.

And with her new home, created with entertainment, cooking and crafting in mind, Lisa’s passions and dreams now have a place to grow, develop and come to fruition.

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SALMON CAKE SLIDERS

Extra virgin olive oil

Small onion, chopped very fine

One stalk celery, diced fine

2 tbsp. fresh parsley

1 ½ to 2 cups cooked salmon

1 egg, beaten

2 tsp. Dijon mustard

2 cup, bread crumbs

Salt and pepper

Teriyaki sauce

Wasabi mayonnaise (1 tbsp. wasabi, 1 cup mayonnaise)

Leaf lettuce

Scallions

Heat olive oil in a large pan over medium heat. Cook onion and celery until softened and aromatic. Add parsley and cook one minute. Remove from heat.

Put onion mixture in a large bowl, gently mix with the salmon, breaking the salmon into small pieces. Add egg, mustard, bread crumbs, salt and pepper.

Using a ½-measuring cup, scoop the salmon and form into balls.

Place pan back on heat. Add 1 tbsp. olive oil. Place salmon balls in pan, a few inches apart. Flatten each ball (the back of a clean cup or glass does the trick) and let cook. Flip when salmon cake has browned. Cook another 2 minutes.

Place salmon cakes on small rolls or hamburger buns. Add teriyaki sauce, Wasabi mayonnaise, lettuce and scallions.



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Nothing Bundt Cakes moves into the neighborhood

By Amanda Goossen

Years ago, just days after I got my driver's license, my dad sent me on a few errands for my mom's birthday.

Last stop was the new cake shop in town everyone was talking about, Nothing Bundt Cakes in Las Vegas.

Nothing Bundt Cakes was started by Dena Tripp and Debra Shwetz, best friends who had developed an out-of-this-world cake idea. After years of working together out of their homes, they had decided to go out on a limb and open a shop.

With a killer Bundt cake recipe and a cream cheese frosting that had friends, family and customers requesting even more on the side, they opened their first shop in 1997 to rave reviews.

Available in 8-inch and 10-inch sizes as well as mini bundtlets, the cakes were sold with fun, cheerful decorations and a smile. Nothing Bundt Cakes put out a happy vibe that had everyone talking.

Now, 16 years later, Nothing Bundt Cakes has grown from a small family run store (where my own sister worked in high school) to a brand with more than 60 franchise stores.

And the latest is in the heart of Arcadia.

Owner Sue Singer, who decided Arcadia was the perfect spot to open the latest Nothing Bundt Cakes at 4290 E. Indian School, Suite 101, has owned the Scottsdale store for five and a half years. And before becoming a part of this beloved cake family,

Sweet Treats

she was one of its biggest fans.

"A friend of mine took me to the store in Ahwatukee and told me I had to try it," said Sue. "I was immediately hooked."

Sue was working in pharmaceutical sales and began taking Bundt cakes on her sales calls.

"It was tough to get through the door at most doctors offices," she said. "The cakes got me in every time."

In 2006, Sue saw a flier next to the register while buying a cake. It was about franchise opportunities.

"Years ago while in pharmaceutical and wearing suits all day, I would have never imagined what my life would become," Sue said.

"We live, eat, and breathe Nothing Bundt Cakes."

When Sue's daughter was born five years ago, Sue took just eight days off. She returned to the bakery with her daughter Tegan by her side, allowing her to sleep in a pack-and-play in her office.

"My employees fought over her," she said. "Everyone wanted to hold her."

Now, Tegan is growing up in the bakery. When not at school, she loves to make frosting.

"She puts on gloves and helps me stir," Sue said.

Nothing Bundt Cakes has stayed true



to their cake sizes and flavors through the years. Only adding a new flavor once (red velvet) in 16 years, they recently decided to also make bundtinis, their version of a cupcake.

Last week I had my first Nothing Bundt Cake in eight years, when my mom surprised me with my favorite flavor,

white chocolate raspberry.

Each bite was as dreamy and delicious as I remembered.

Amanda Goossen is mother of a 5-and-7-year old, runs the Arcadia News book club and searches the Valley for the best sweets to share with readers.

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Barista

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started a business with a friend, and considered becoming a real estate agent.

After the economy tanked and the real estate bubble burst, Sonneveldt changed his mind.

The job search

Nine years ago, Sonneveldt moved to Arizona so his wife, Lynel, could pursue a teaching position.

It took Sonneveldt six of those years to find a job.

"It was very frustrating," he said.

Sonneveldt recorded 125,000 miles on his car pursuing job leads, and received 250 negative responses. After a member of his church told Sonneveldt he thought he might have Asperger's or autism, Sonneveldt saw a doctor.

"Without a doubt, you have autism disorder," the doctor told him. He connected with SARRC after the diagnosis.

When the idea for The Beneficial Bean materialized, Sonneveldt became an active collaborator. He was there from Day One, learning the ins and outs of the business. The Beneficial Bean planned to serve coffee, pastries and smoothies, but they needed one more idea for a smoothie. Sonneveldt offered his expertise – making a chocolate and banana smoothie now called "The Jon."

CeCe Russell, the social enterprise manager for SARRC, said Sonneveldt has thrived as a barista.

"It has given him great confidence," Russell said. "That's the thing that's been great for us – seeing him grow."

"Jon is very, very attentive to customer service," said Kathy Coster, the manager of support services at Scottsdale Civic Library.

The Beneficial Bean

The idea for The Beneficial Bean emerged in 2010.

Matador Coffee Company on Union Hills Drive near 32nd Street, hired a SARRC employee and saw how well he flourished in the business. The company's owner approached SARRC, and offered to create a special coffee blend SARRC could sell.

SARRC built off the idea, creating Culinary Works, a program dedicated to helping adults with autism find a job, and offered educational cooking programs. Then, The Beneficial Bean was opened.

The shop sells pastries, baked by Matt Kadell, an autistic business owner who went through the Culinary Works program.

"I think it's a fabulous idea," said Angela Ventry, a customer whose daughter has Asperger's. "And the coffee is good."

Emily Winters of Scottsdale visits the library nearly every day.

"I never buy less than two pastries," she said.

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SOLD - A gorgeous horse property sitting on nearly two acres of land surrounded by beauty! The charming courtyard entry has a great fireplace overlooking the lush front yard and leads to a dramatic home filled with beautiful Spanish finishes including wood and concrete flooring, pretty custom tile work and great built-in cabinetry. The big kitchen has lots of room to entertain, the playroom is terrific, the fantastic office has floor to ceiling built-ins, the awesome living room is warm and inviting with a great fireplace, and the dramatic dining room is perfect for parties of any size. There's even an awesome basement and a fabulous upstairs loft that houses the phenomenal master retreat. Multiple patios and a spectacular yard are more of what this very special property has to offer. This is a truly extraordinary horse property! Call Robert 602-989-8300.



5344 EAST VALLE VISTA

SOLD - This whimsical hillside home gleams with dramatic design elements. Its colorful contemporary style works in perfect unison with the extraordinary city and mountain views. The spacious island kitchen is beautiful as is the grand living room, ultra cool family room and totally hip dining room. This home has so many special features from the custom ceilings to the gorgeous flooring, and every room has its own amazing individual personality. The glamorous multi level exterior perfectly showcases the fabulous pool and spa, magnificent entertaining patios and truly the most exquisite views imaginable from every vantage point! Call for pricing. Robert 602-989-8300 or Chris 602-228-6296.



4131 NORTH 43RD STREET

SOLD - This ultra cool home has a very chic feel. The space is planned beautifully with an open kitchen with pristine white cabinetry, granite countertops and stainless steel appliances, a large dining area with a gorgeous fireplace and very pretty family room. The bedrooms are spacious and the baths have great custom touches from sinks to wainscoting. Wood floors, interior French doors and a charming covered patio are more of what's included in this terrific home. \$279,000. Call Robert 602-989-8300 or Chris 602-228-6296.



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SALE PENDING - This ultra charming home is just terrific! The courtyard entry is as welcoming as the home itself. It's full of light, open spaces and very pretty rooms! The kitchen has gorgeous granite, glass front contrasting colored cabinetry, a sub zero refrigerator/freezer and wine refrigerator. The family room opens to the gorgeous backyard and has a beautiful brick fireplace. There's a great private office and the all four bedrooms are huge! The spa-like master retreat is simply spectacular! \$1,049,000. Call Robert 602-989-8300 or Chris 602-228-6296.



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3037 NORTH 47TH PLACE

SOLD - This immaculate home is full of style, with soaring ceilings, perfect space planning and beautiful finishes! The pristine island kitchen is gorgeous with granite countertops, stainless steel appliances and custom cabinetry. The huge great room is the home's focal point and overlooks the spectacular backyard with a dramatic pool and waterfalls, phenomenal covered patio, built-in barbecue with bar seating, and a fabulous outdoor fireplace. The bedrooms are all oversized, including a magnificent master retreat with a beautiful master bath. The huge loft is perfect for a game room, playroom or even guest quarters! Wood flooring, custom bathrooms, granite, travertine and solid craftsmanship are just a taste of what this home has to offer! Call Robert 602-989-8300 or Chris 602-228-6296.



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5723 NORTH HARDING

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4246 EAST FLOWER

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5635 EAST LINCOLN DRIVE

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5316 EAST EXETER

EXQUISITE VIEWS - This stunning home sits on a fabulous lot on the highly coveted north side of Exeter Boulevard. You'll appreciate the drama and grandeur from the moment you enter. The pristine design elements include soaring ceilings, large rooms, magnificent picture windows overlooking the beautiful yard, fabulous fireplaces, a media room, a wine cellar and a gorgeous black and white island kitchen. The elegant master retreat has a big sitting area, its own fireplace and magnificent mountain views, and the backyard is simply delightful with a sparkling pool and spa, and enormous covered patios that make entertaining imperative. You must see the inside of this home to truly appreciate its character! \$1,995,000. Call Robert 602-989-8300 or Chris 602-228-6296.



5210 EAST VIA LOS CABALLOS

NEW LISTING - This magnificent Paradise Valley home is full of style and grace! It's designed to perfection from the courtyard entry to the breathtaking grounds. The butcher block island kitchen is a chef's dream with double dishwashers, double ovens and every imaginable amenity. The great room is simple perfection as is the magnificent dining room framed by a backdrop of the glorious back yard with a sparkling pool and spa. The master retreat is exquisite with a morning bar, his and hers water closets, its own office and laundry and a dreamy bath. The detached guest casita is perfect and private and every inch of this home is designed with family in mind whether it is for entertaining or simple gatherings around one of the opulent fireplaces. The many custom finishes include cherry wood flooring, travertine, granite, dramatic custom lighting and cabinetry, butler's pantry, multiple chic outdoor vignettes and surprising elegant touches at every turn. This home is a dream inside and out and offers 7,500 square feet of glamour and charm! Call Robert 602-989-8300.



6144 EAST CALLE DEL MEDIA

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Summer Rowen, left, and Katie Shrock, middle, both Tavan fifth graders, walk Slater Kelly through the steps of a carbon dioxide experiment at the Arizona SciTech Festival at Arcadia High School.

SciTech Festival shows positive side of science

By Natalie Miranda

Parents and students of Scottsdale Unified School District were introduced to Arizona's first all-digital science book that K-12 students will use in the fall at February's Arizona SciTech Festival at Arcadia High School.

Brad Fountain, director of instructional

implementation for Discovery Education, demonstrated the new online text. It will replace paperback texts students currently use, he said.

"It meets all modules of learning," Fountain said.

"It provides video, interactive content

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and meets the needs of today's learner."

For instance, he showed, one virtual lab was a video demonstrating what happens when vinegar is mixed with baking soda.

Hands-on resources accompany all of the digital resources, Fountain said.

The text already is available for grades six through 12 and will become available for kindergarten to fifth grades in June, said Barbara Reinert, curriculum specialist for Scottsdale Unified School District.

The district has an eight-year license with Discovery Education, Reinert said.

In its second year, the Arizona SciTech Festival featured science projects done by students at Arcadia Neighborhood Learning Center, Tavan and Hopi elementary schools, Ingleside Middle School and Arcadia High School.

The event was a collaboration between schools, businesses and organizations to promote science, technology, engineering and math (STEM), said Robin McNulty, program consultant for Arizona SciTech Festival. The eight-week festival is held at various locations throughout the state.

"Ultimately we want students to think about STEM careers," she said.

Summer Rowen, a fifth grader at Tavan, displayed a science project she and three worked on since October called Skateboard Science.

The Xtreme Angels, as they call

themselves, constructed a two-story ramp to demonstrate momentum, Summer said. The ultimate goal is to build a third level.

"The fun part was seeing how we got it to work," Summer said. "The hardest part so far is getting the pillars to stay up."

Rowen is a student of Marilyn Williams, the gifted-specialist teacher at Tavan who teaches STEM.

Williams said she hopes students will see that science is not boring. She wants students to know scientists aren't just men "in lab coats, indoors," but that they actually work in the field.

"We want to start with a positive disposition towards science in elementary school, so when students get to middle and high school, they won't be afraid," Williams said.

Community Happenings

Breakfast with the Butterflies returns to the Desert Botanical Garden from 10 a.m.-noon March 9-10. Appropriate for children ages 3-10, guests receive a catered breakfast, children's entertainment and activities and admission to the Marshall Butterfly Pavilion. Children will receive their own pair of butterfly wings to wear home. Member tickets are \$35 for adults and \$30 for children. Non-member admission is \$40 for adults, \$35 for children. For more information, visit dgb.org or call 480-481-8188.

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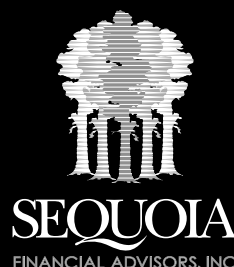
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Ecuador still a big draw for couple from Arcadia

By Kaley Kalil

Nicholas and Mercedes Crowder have lived in Arcadia since 1983, when they moved here after attempting to start a manufacturer's representative business in Ecuador.

“It was bad timing,” Nicholas said.

“The El Nino storm hit right after we arrived and it was one of the worst in Ecuador's history. The economy was suffering and pretty much halted imports.”

Nicholas has visited Ecuador more than 60 times in the past 30 years.

“It has been a wonderful experience to see the changes,” he said.

“The latest government has invested tremendous amounts of money on improving the roadway system. It is much easier to get around Ecuador now as compared to 30 years ago.”

Nicholas has seen firsthand the affects of advancements such as Internet and cell phones on the local economy.

“In town squares or other public areas, you used to see men with typewriters sitting on benches who would fill paperwork out for you or write a letter, even love letters.”

He said he also has noticed a growing number of American and Canadian expatriates settling in such cities as Cuenca or Cotacachi.

Where's the Neighbor?

“Ecuador is a very small country and it is very diverse, so you can see much of it over a short period of time,” he said.

Throughout their visits, Nicholas and Mercedes enjoy activities like dolphin-watching, walking on the beaches, attending rodeos and riding the train. They spend a significant amount of time in the major cities of Quito, Guayaquil and Cuenca.

“The smaller towns are also worth visiting,” Nicholas said, such as Baños, Salinas and the many small beach communities.

Nicholas has traveled Ecuador by bus, taxi, car and foot.

“The views are incredible driving through the Andes to the coast,” he said.

For safety reasons, he does not recommend taking the bus at night or renting a car, as driving in Ecuador can be difficult for those not used to it.

While visiting Baños on one trip, Mercedes' camera was stolen by another passenger on the bus. Be aware the people of this region are extremely superstitious, Nicholas stood at the front of the bus

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Spring Break plans should include safety awareness

By Kaley Kalil

With spring break just around the corner, young adults are making vacation plans to get away, chill out and soak up the sun. With all of the fun that's there to be had comes a fair share of dangers to be avoided. Here are a few quick tips to stay safe.

Safety in numbers

Stick with your friends when going out, especially to bars and clubs. Avoid walking alone at night, even if it's only from one hotel to another. Especially when drinking, you're much more of a vulnerable target when alone.

Besides, spring break is about enjoying some time off with your friends, so stay together.

Hotel rooms

If you and your crew are booking a hotel room this spring break, be sure to book it nearby where you'll be hanging out most of the time, whether it's by the beach, downtown area or "strip," etc.

If possible, avoid booking a room on the first floor because they're easier targets for break-ins. Never leave any doors unlocked or first floor windows open. The closer your hotel is to your destination spot, the less you'll have to worry about finding transportation or walking long distances in unfamiliar areas.

Travel Tips

ATMs, cash and credit cards

Let your credit card companies know where and when you'll be traveling to in order to avoid any holds that might be placed on your account for irregular spending.

Try to avoid going to any ATM by yourself. In tourist areas especially, they're hot spots for quick robberies and you could be left with nothing in a matter of seconds. Always be cautious and look around for any bystanders, near or far. If someone looks out of place or seems suspicious to you at all, leave and either go to another ATM or come back another time. When typing in your pin number, always use your other hand to hide the keypad from anyone who might be watching.

Additionally, never write your pin down for someone to find and never carry more cash or credit cards than you need.

Always have at least one back up credit card safe in your hotel in case you lose your other one(s).

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For those traveling out of the country this spring break, it's important to research

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Senior Kylie Herd and the Arcadia Lady Titans were eliminated from the state championship tournament in the second round by eventual state runner-up Flowing Wells. The squad finished with a 26-7 season record. Photo by David James.

Top-ranked long snapper Turelli decides on Wyoming

By Nathan Humpherys

One of the biggest decisions facing any high school senior is where to go to college. It's exciting, especially if ESPN.com has ranked you as the No. 1 recruit in the nation at your position, but it isn't always easy. Just ask Arcadia long snapper Brendan Turelli.

"The recruitment process is very difficult, having to make up your mind, one day wanting to go somewhere, another day wanting to go to a different place, or having a school lose interest in you and then having a new school come at you," he said. "It's kind of like a roller coaster."

The process was also a lot of fun, of course. Turelli went on unofficial visits to Texas Christian, Alabama, Nebraska, Boise State and ASU before taking an official trip to the University of Wyoming. During those visits he toured campuses, sat in on team meetings and got to meet some of the titans of college football, Nick Saban (Alabama) and Bo Pelini (Nebraska), as he got a taste of what life would be like as a player on the different campuses. Still, it

took a lot of time and energy from him and his parents, who acted as liaisons between their son and the many interested teams and accompanied him on trips.

"It was kind of a mixed bag of excitement and nerves," his father, Tim Turelli said. "It's always nice when your son or your child gets that recognition," but as a former high school football coach, Tim knew that opportunities for his son would be limited.

Though most coaches will tell you how crucial it is to have someone who can get the ball back to their punters and kickers with nearly perfect consistency, they rarely feel that it's necessary to have more than one on the team. So whereas colleges are always trying to add depth at running back, wide receiver, and other skill positions regardless of who their current starters are, most schools don't bother pursuing long snappers if they already have a starter on the team. That meant that while there are more than 120 Division I schools that could potentially offer a scholarship to the top quarterback recruit, there could be as

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Jacobs wins scholarship from Charros

Paul Jacobs of Arcadia High’s state championship boys’ swim team was awarded a \$500 scholarship by the Scottsdale Charros at the annual Scottsdale Union School District fall All-City Awards Banquet.

Three SUSD students were awarded scholarships. Coronado High volleyball player Ana Gonzalez also received a \$500 scholarship from the Charros. Nominations for these awards are made by SUSD athletic directors and coaches

Lauren Weikle, a golfer at Desert Mountain High, received the Scottsdale Healthcare All-City Health and Wellness scholarship. This \$500 scholarship is given to a student who intends to pursue healthcare related studies in an accredited in-state school.

SUSD will host two more All-City Athletic Awards Banquets of the 2012-13 school year to honor winter and spring sports.

The complete list of All-City teams is to the right.

New coach, players set for baseball

By Jaime Eisner

Arcadia High’s baseball team is coming off of a 21-8 season in which they advanced to the second game of the Division II state championship tournament. However, this season’s group of Titans is dramatically different than the team that took the field last season.

Nine seniors graduated from last year’s team. Those players accounted for the top four batting averages, three of the top four total runs, eight of the top nine total RBI, the two top base stealers and 60 percent of the pitching staff.

There is also a new coach in town, Troy Gerlach. He said he is unworried about the high number of seniors that graduated from last season’s team, and that while it will be tough to fill the shoes of the talented players who are gone, he is confident that the players he and his staff have in place will play well. He added that he is not expecting players to try to replace anyone else. He just wants them to be and play as themselves.

One player Gerlach is expecting big things from is senior Max Schuman. As a junior, Schuman led all players in at-bats, doubles and home runs last season. He was also third on the team in runs and second on the team in both hits and RBI.

“He is a big, strong kid,” Gerlach said. “He works hard and has a great attitude.”

Schuman has signed with the University of Utah and was named to the preseason *USA Today* All-Arizona team.

Girls’ Golf	
Sarah Kaye, Chaparral	1st Place
Lauren Weikle, Desert Mountain	2nd Place
Yiwen Li, Chaparral	3rd Place
Amy Downhill, Chaparral	4th Place
Anika Carlson, Arcadia	5th Place

Boys’ Golf	
Ian Hagener, Desert Mountain	1st Place
Jake Wiley, Arcadia	2nd Place
Samuel Engel, Desert Mountain	3rd Place
Matthew McCarty, Desert Mountain	4th Place
Domenick Postorino, Desert Mountain	5th Place
Victor Hanks, Coronado	5th Place

Girls’ Cross-Country	
Alexandra Kallner, Chaparral	1st Place
Megan Reniewicki, Arcadia	2nd Place
Jelani Huma, Saguaro	3rd Place
Mary Piatak, Chaparral	4th Place
Conley Marquez, Desert Mountain	5th Place
Rachel Thomas, Chaparral	6th Place
Brooke Mower, Desert Mountain	7th Place

Boys’ Cross-Country	
Matti Groll, Desert Mountain	1st Place
Johnathan Reniewicki, Arcadia	2nd Place
Alexander Stevens, Saguaro	3rd Place
Jonathan Stern, Desert Mountain	4th Place
Dalton Fox Stone, Saguaro	5th Place
William Gilbreath, Saguaro	6th Place
Alex Lawson, Saguaro	7th Place

Badminton	
Courtney Foltz, Chaparral	Singles
Brittany Purugganan, Chaparral	Doubles
Kristin Hillman, Chaparral	Singles
Rachel Johnson, Chaparral	Doubles
Sarah Wax, Chaparral	Doubles
Jenna Ritchie, Chaparral	Doubles

Diving	
Morgan White, Desert Mountain	Girls’ Diving
Lucas Ziomek, Chaparral	Boys’ Diving

Girls’ Swimming	
Katie Shannahan, Desert Mountain	100 Fly, 200 IM
Abigail Broome, Chaparral	100 Back
Victoria Webb, Chaparral	200 Free
Courtney Kamin, Chaparral	100 & 50 Free
Lauren Dafoe, Chaparral	100 Breast
Gillian Rieth, Chaparral	500 Free

Boys’ Swimming	
Antonio Ramirez, Arcadia	200 Free
Nicholas Magana, Desert Mountain	100 & 50 Free
Paul Jacobs, Arcadia	100 Fly
Ryan Blair, Desert Mountain	200 IM, 500 Free
Austin Drummond, Chaparral	100 Back
Matthew Anderson, Arcadia	100 Breast

Volleyball	
Isabel Miller, Arcadia	Outside Hitter
Katie Fleming, Saguaro	Libero
Jensen Barton, Arcadia	Setter
Abigail Brewer, Chaparral	Setter
Maya Frohna, Chaparral	Outside Hitter
Ana Gonzalez, Coronado	Outside Hitter
Kristyn Laswick, Desert Mountain	Setter

Football	
Brendan Turelli, Arcadia	
Steven Moala, Arcadia	
Jesse Chavez, Coronado	
Anthony Hantzsche, Coronado	Utility
Samuel McReynolds, Chaparral	Kicker

Keenan Walker, Chaparral	Offensive Line
Jake Roh, Chaparral	Wide Receiver
Alexander Arnold, Chaparral	Defensive Back
Jordin Hamilton, Chaparral	Defensive Back
Tyler Whiley, Chaparral	Defensive Back
Alexander Ziomek, Chaparral	Defensive Line
Hayden Pate, Chaparral	Linebacker
Joshua Aganon, Chaparral	Utility
Devin Brunetti, Saguaro	Offensive Line
Christian Kirk, Saguaro	Wide Receiver
Gennadiy Adams, Saguaro	Running Back
Luke Rubenzer, Saguaro	Quarterback
Will Sharif, Saguaro	Defensive Back
Kevin Kuk, Saguaro	Defensive Line
Aaron Borg, Saguaro	Linebacker
Kashwell Robinson, Saguaro	Utility
Hayden Alley, Saguaro	Utility
Ryan Scheetz, Desert Mountain	Offensive Line
Thomas Chiarello, Desert Mountain	Offensive Line
Mark Andrews, Desert Mountain	Wide Receiver
Adam Cooper, Desert Mountain	Running Back
Kyle Allen, Desert Mountain	Quarterback
Daniel Fedorka, Jr., Desert Mountain	Defensive Back
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Turelli

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few as 10 or 15 that would consider doing the same for the No. 1 ranked long snapper.

From the start, Turelli's parents made it clear that where he went to college was his decision. They never attempted to sway him towards one school or away from another, but they did provide themselves as resources to help him make the best decision possible. Tim accompanied him on his recruiting visits while Turelli's mother handled the preliminary communications with interested coaches. They compared notes on campuses and programs, listed pros and cons, and examined different perspectives. And football was only a part of the consideration.

"We told him, 'Don't go to school just to play football. Go to school where you'll have a good college experience,'" Tim said.

In football especially, a player is only one play away from his last game, and his parents wanted to make sure that should that worst case scenario happen, their son was at a place where he would enjoy the rest of his college experience.

For a while, it was a difficult choice. Some schools fit well in some ways but not in others; there wasn't really a particular favorite. Then Turelli went to Wyoming for his official visit.

"Once I got there and finished out the

weekend, I knew it was the place I wanted to spend my college career at," Turelli said. The player and his parents felt right at home.

"They basically made you feel like family right away," his father said. They quickly formed close connections with the coaches, and came away with the feeling that the school valued Turelli as a person as well as a player. At the end of January, Turelli signed his letter of intent, making the decision official.

"It sounds so cliché," Turelli said, "but it was literally a weight lifted off my shoulders, their shoulders, and everyone else in the family who had played such a good part in helping me get to where I am."

Once the papers were signed, the family was ready to move on to the next phase of their adventure, but just because the recruitment process is over doesn't mean that the excitement and the nerves are over as well. There's something Turelli is looking forward to more than anything else.

"Running out of the tunnel to thousands of screaming fans," he said. "My first game is at Nebraska. That's going to be a crazy place to play my first game in college."

Of those thousands of fans, there's already one who's looking forward to that first game almost as much as Turelli is.

"I am certainly planning on being in that stadium," Tim said. "You know, your son only has one first college game, and I plan on being there."

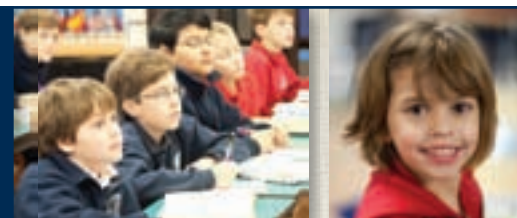
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Neighbor

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and told passengers he was a white witch (brujo blanco), and if anyone were to look at the photos on their camera, something bad would happen to them.

"I sat down and the assistant driver of the bus went and spoke to the women sitting behind my seat," Nicholas said.

"The driver (asked) 'Did you look here between the seats?' There was Mercedes' camera. I think I scared the heck out of them."

In his 30-plus years of travel to Ecuador, Nicholas has met many interesting people, including his wife of 32 years. He has also met the Ecuadorian President's grandson, Eloy Alfaro, along with a number of musicians, artists and writers.

Unfortunately, Nicholas and Mercedes' most recent trip to Ecuador last September was to visit Mercedes' ill mother before she passed away.

They will be traveling to Spain this year to become godparents before visiting Ecuador again.

When asked how he first became interested in travel, Nicholas explained that his parents bought him a shortwave radio when he was 12 and living in Scottsdale.

"I turned it on and the first station I heard was from Quito, Ecuador, and I dreamed of going there someday."

Nicholas highly recommends visiting Ecuador.

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Nicholas has written three editions of the book *Culture Shock! Ecuador* and offers a free travel safety and security information service at touristkilled.com. Learn more in our "Travel Tips" column on page 45.

Traveled lately or know someone who has? Contact Kaley.Kalil@gmail.com.

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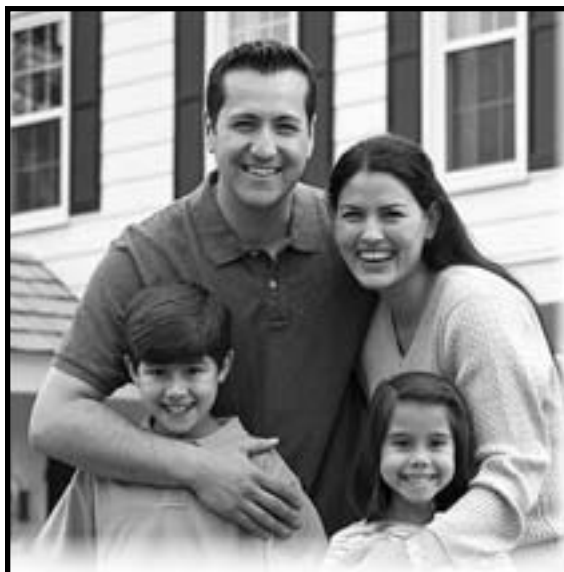
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where you're going and what's going on there. This site is an independent, nonpartisan global travel security source headed right here in Arcadia by longtime resident (and this month's neighbor on page 44) Nicholas Crowder.

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'Stardust' impresses as March book club selection

By Amanda Goossen

Spring is upon us and it is honestly one of my favorite times of year in publishing. For some reason, all my favorite authors release new books in March, April, May and June and I can't wait to get my hands on sequels, new stories and the greatness that comes from some of the most talented people I know (or wish I knew).

So many fascinating stories are about to hit stores, stands and the wonderful world of online shopping, that I've already planned out the next four months of book club selections.

If you haven't yet attended one of our Arcadia News Book Club events, I hope you will. There's nothing like speaking to an author, either in person or online. Each month at least one person looks at me and says, "After talking to the author, I have an entirely new perspective on the book we just read."

Our next book club event is 6 p.m. March 28. We meet, as we do each month, at Terra Java Coffeehouse, 3619 E. Indian School Road. We will enjoy an evening of book discussions as well as appetizers, coffee, tea and lemonade.

If you'd like to attend, the book selection for the month is *The Promise of Stardust* by Priscille Sibley. Sibley will be SKYPEing

with us for the evening.

If you'd like to attend the book club, please email me at Amanda@arcadianews.com. We look forward to seeing you.

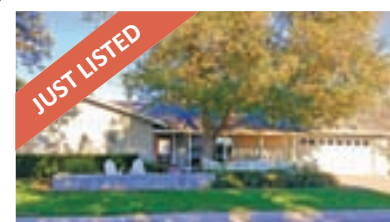
The Promise of Stardust By Priscille Sibley

One of the best books I've ever had the pleasure of reading, *The Promise of Stardust* will make you think, smile and will absolutely break your heart. On a whim, I picked up this novel and began reading on a rainy Saturday afternoon. Four hours later, I had finished the entire book, incapable of leaving the characters, the story, or the love within the pages, for even a second.

Matt Beaulieu has loved his wife for as long as he could remember. He and Elle had grown up next door to each other, their families intensely close and their friendship simply part of the bond. Their story isn't simple and as it unfolds throughout the book, you will be touched and even outraged. You'll feel like you are watching the lives of someone you know and deeply care about.

When a tragic accident leaves Elle brain-dead, Matt simply cannot bare the loss. Devastated and just about to remove Elle

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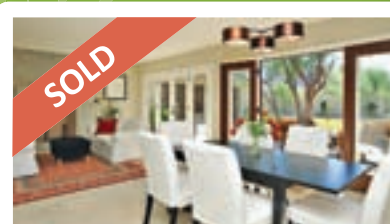
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from life support, the doctors discover that Elle is pregnant. Suddenly, an impossible choice becomes even more complex.

The most amazing part of this book, other than the love affair that will completely suck you in, is that the author is somehow able to approach a controversial topic without ever becoming political. Priscille Silby, instead, covers the extraordinary relationships between everyone involved.

This story cannot be missed.

Me Before You
By Jojo Moyes

Louisa is an ordinary girl. But when her job at the local café comes to an end and she takes a new path working for Will Traynor, a former extreme sports phenomenon who was injured in a motorcycle accident and is confined to a wheelchair, things begin to change.

Will may have lost his reason to live, but when Louisa enters his life she changes his world forever. And, Will actually might alter this once ordinary girl.

Passionate and captivating, this book will absolutely blow you away.

Children's Books
The Grand Plan to Fix Everything
By Uma Krishnaswami

Eleven-year-old Dini and her best friend Maddie have many things in common, but the most important is their love for Bollywood movies. When Dini's mother suddenly moves the family to India, it's both a dream come true and devastating blow to the young girls who must now be separated.

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Top-notch music shows cram calendar in March

By Craig Goossen

March is the perfect month for Arcadia residents. The city is booming with good times just a hop, skip and jump away. Spring Training baseball, an abundance of cool hangouts and eateries, but most importantly a variety of interesting music events such as South By South Roosevelt Music Festival (SxSR), Rampage Fest (Sail Inn), Music In The Garden (Desert Botanical Garden) and McDowell Mountain Music Festival (Downtown PHX).

The options for sonic enthusiasts in this pocket of the Valley are jammed with major touring acts and cool local bands. This month's featured mix gives you a taste of just a few suggestions of shows to check out this month.

THE SOFT MOON Insides (2012)

The opening track of this month's mix showcases the dark waves this Bay Area band will bring downtown, on an otherwise perfect Thursday night. The Soft Moon performs March 7 at Crescent Ballroom. Tickets are \$12; 21 and older.

ALLAH-LAS Don't You Forget It (2012)

The Los Angeles band released a great, sun-splashed record a few months ago.

Their debut release is a total keeper from start to finish and having them roll through Arizona should be a party. This track is just one of a handful of gems of the album so make sure to investigate further.

Allah-Las perform Day 1 of Rampage Fest March 8 at Sail Inn in Tempe. The show is \$12; all ages.

ERIC CLAPTON Promises (1978)

Eric Clapton's a living legend and thankfully still on the road. He's celebrating 50 years of music and kicking off his tour on our home court. There are so many massive songs that could be pulled out his catalogue for the mix, but here's a simple pop jam to remind us how clean and calm a craftsmen EC can be.

Eric Clapton performs March 14 at US Airways Arena. Tickets start at \$58.50.

EDWARD SHARPE That's What's Up (2012)

The three-day McDowell Mountain Music Festival moves downtown this year and the possibilities are endless. The lineup features the likes of Edward Sharpe and the Magnetic Zeroes and Deer Tick.

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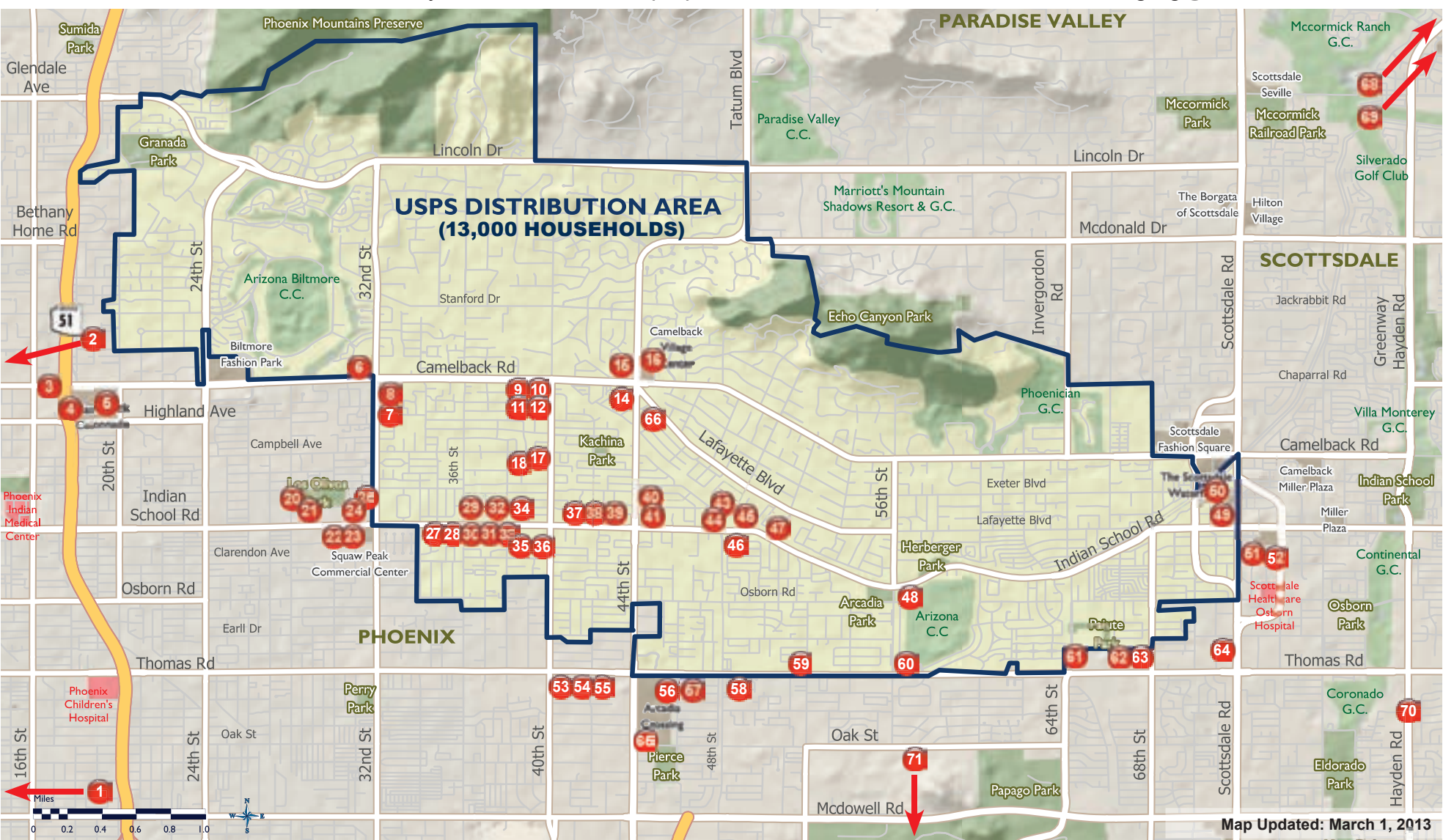
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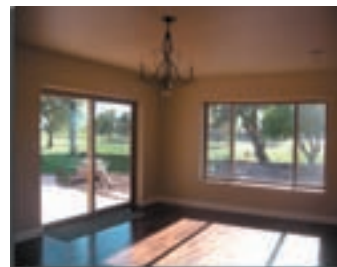


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4219 N 62ND ST • \$1,249,000



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7441 N LAS BRISAS LN • \$949,000



JUST REDUCED - Truly one of the most spectacular view lots in all of Paradise Valley. Overlooking several holes of Paradise Valley Country Club, offering panoramic city lights and Camelback Mountain views. Located on one of PV's best streets, surrounded by \$6 million plus homes, this 1.4 acre site offers unlimited potential to build the estate of your dreams. Huge building envelop!! Plans have been started....this is a truly special lot!

4545 N 52ND ST • \$549,000



JUST LISTED - Set in the coveted gated community of LaMontana, this 2938 sqft, 3 bedroom, 2 ½ bath home includes upgrades such as travertine & wood flooring throughout, maple cabinets with black granite countertops, state of the art kitchen and bathrooms, custom stone and tile on front entry steps and fireplace. High dramatic ceilings, custom art niche lighting and more... Perfect for the busy executive!

3514 N CARHILL AVE • \$260,000



Beautifully updated 3 bedroom + den / 3.5 bathroom home in sought after Peaceful Valley Subdivision. Features include resort-like backyard with large pool, spa, water feature, green lawn and citrus trees, Dual master suites with walk-in closets, all bathrooms upgraded with designer finishes, ½ bath with laundry has pool access, open concept great room, kitchen with granite countertops, stainless steel appliances, breakfast bar, separate dining alcove, tile flooring, carpeted bedrooms, saltillo front entry covered patio, slate back covered patio, shutters on windows, ceiling fans throughout home. Excellent location with close proximity to parks and the abundant amenities of downtown Scottsdale!

4519 E WELDON AVE • \$339,000



Gorgeous Arcadia remodeled home in a great neighborhood. Huge irrigated lot, immaculately maintained with great home office addition with separate entrance. Kitchen remodel includes granite counter-tops, wrap around bar, GE Profile appliances and much more. Master has dual closets. Remodeled baths, paint and flooring. Wood shutters throughout. Exterior laundry room in back with extra storage. Roof replaced with dimensional shingle in 2008. Painted in 2011. Move-in ready! Highly desirable location, sharp, clean home.

3135 N 48TH ST • \$274,900



JUST LISTED - This private inviting patio home has been fully renovated over the past few years with hardwood, granite and beautiful kitchen and baths! Enter through inviting patio with cool shade trees. Nearly 2000 sqft of Frank Lloyd Wright inspired architecture with 2 bedrooms plus an office, low entry opening to ceilings of varying heights with clerestory windows and a sunken living room. Rare end unit in a hidden gem of a community!

5951 E LAFAYETTE • \$1,250,000



Traditional yet Swanky...This Arcadia Ranch set on a beautiful and lush .6 acre piece of property will surely blow you away! This great 4400 sqft family home offers a 2/2/1 bedroom split; 5 spacious bedrooms with walk in-closets, plus a den/office, 2 fireplaces, wet bar & entertainment room and a detached 1 bedroom guest casita.

3307 E MEDLOCK DR • \$619,000



Unlike any property you have seen in Biltmore Heights! This highly renovated 3 bedroom plus office/den home as had no expense spared or any detail missed. Beautiful travertine flooring graces all of the major living areas and upgraded carpet in the 3 bedrooms.

4019 E SAN MIGUEL • \$829,000



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5748 N 41ST PL • \$979,000



JUST LISTED - Perfectly balanced modern Arcadia ranch home set on a beautiful large corner lot that has been redone for the most discriminating of tastes. Once inside you will find 4 spacious bedrooms plus a split office. Perfected amenities that include a 1500-bottle wine cellar, new kitchen w/Dacor, Wolf & Bosch appliances and endless custom cabinetry, large mud room and laundry room. The living room has a wall of glass French doors viewing to the beautiful back yard and the quaint dining room has a charming beehive fireplace. The incredible master suite includes fireplace, vaulted ceilings, walk-in closets and numerous built-ins. The outdoors will leave you speechless with wrap around patios, wood deck with zen spa, awesome firepit area, large grassy yard & play area, even a 3 gar garage!

3700 E CAMINO SIN NOMBRE • \$1,495,000



JUST LISTED - Short sale, set on nearly 2 flat acres of prime Paradise Valley land with mountain views in every direction, this home is truly the entertainer's dream. Arizona ranch charm oozes from this property boasting hardwood floors, tea stained cabinets, stone fireplaces, built-in niches and more. The backyard will leave you speechless as you wonder through the walking paths, play horseshoes or swing off on the private golfing tee box. Sit by the outdoor fireplace, swim in the beach deck style pool and finish at your own private cantina. Mountain views abound. Perfect for empty nesters that love to entertain and enjoy the Arizona charm and lifestyle. Currently set up 2 bedrooms plus an office and media room.

3932 E GLENROSA • \$249,000



Great house. Great neighborhood. Great street! This is a super turnkey, clean as a button home.

4211 E WHITTON • \$314,000



Awesome opportunity for a investor or renovator to come in and make it your own! Classic Allied floorplan with 1850 sqft, 3 bedrooms and 1 ¾ baths, 2-car garage.

3425 N VALENCIA LN • \$525,000



Set on a double lot in the 17th fairway at the Arizona Country Club, this English garden proplety has all of the bones and structure to be fabulous... It just needs major TLC to be brought back to good working order. 4 bedroom and an office or 5 bedrooms.

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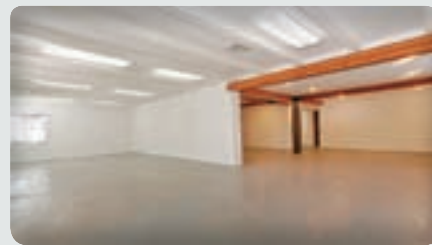
7209 E McDonald Drive #40 • Call for pricing

In the heart of Scottsdale, 2 bedroom / 2 bath 1800 sqft home in private gated community. Home features 2 master suites, with one located on the first floor.



4325 E Hashknife Road • \$2,600/mo.

Beautiful 4 bedroom home with all of the bells and whistles one would want! Set on a private premium lot that sides and backs to the wash/walking trails. This home is turn key. The kitchen boasts top-of-the-line stainless appliances and alder cabinets are found throughout. Formal and casual living areas, awesome backyard with fenced pool and large covered patio. 2 flat screen TVs are included in the rent as is the pool and landscape. Alarm is on! Please call agent for access.



4202 N 44th Street • \$5,795/mo.

JUST LISTED - This is an incredible zoned Live/Work Property set on a prime location near 44th street and Indian School Rd. 15 Parking spaces and fully renovated contemporary urban interior. Allows for 1500+ sqft front commercial space in the front with a urban loft feeling 1500 sqft open residential property ATTACHED in the back. Could be 1 large 3616 sqft commercial space if needed!



4501 N Valerie Place • \$1,595/mo.

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4932 N 42nd Way • \$1,350/mo.

Beautiful 1628 sqft, 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom patio home located in the heart of Arcadia. This property is turn key; updated kitchen with painted cabinets and new stainless appliances, Fresh paint and carpet, updated baths, huge vaulted ceiling and Spanish charm throughout. Property is located close to shopping, restaurants, schools, minutes to the airport. Community has a pool and is located close to the canal for exercising. This is a great find!



5302 E Palomino Road • \$3,695/mo.

This is a terrific rental in an absolutely perfect and beautiful location! It's immaculate with 3 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms and 3,000 square feet of spacious living space. White kitchen, wood flooring, granite, big family room, lovely dining room and a grand living room with a floor to ceiling brick fireplace. Great swimming pool with a diving board and phenomenal Camelback Mountain views! This is a rental that is ready to go for the family wanting privacy and space!



3421 N 28th Street • \$1,495/mo.

Nestled in the back of a private gated subdivision in the middle of it all, this townhome is turnkey and clean as can be! Beautiful kitchen with granite counters, maple cabinets and stainless appliances that opens to the elegant great room with French paneled windows. Spacious master retreat with French doors going to a private patio, large master bath and huge walk-in closet. The other 2 guest rooms are spacious and share a updated guest bath. Inside laundry with full size washer and dryer and a garage so clean you could eat off the floor! This is a pristine property.



7508 E Earll Drive • \$1,695/mo.

Tastefully and beautifully maintained home in the Villas at Vista Verde! This 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath is very spacious. Tile floors, Pergo floors and an immaculate kitchen. Vaulted ceiling in the family room provides for a wide, open feel. Gas fireplace, built-in entertainment shelves, formal dining area and downstairs master featuring a separate exit. Great location in the heart of Scottsdale!!



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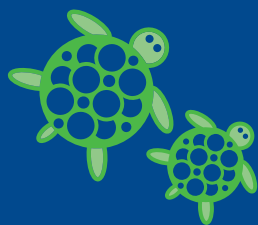
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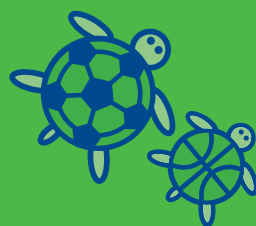
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Editor's Note

Time to start summer plans!

Two and a half months from now, the school year will wind down and kids will inherently sense the excitement of summer. The swimming pools will sparkle, the heat will reach just over 100 degrees and we, the parents, will know that only a few days from now our kids will be bored.

But that doesn't need to happen. With summer camps spread out in every area of Phoenix, designed with every personality and temperament in mind, there is absolutely no reason for your kiddos to be spiritless, disinterested or bored.

My kids love to spend their summer exploring museums, special events and library activities. There's nothing like committing your child to the Public Library Reading Program where they can earn incentives for crossing books off their reading list. Museums are another favorite in our home and with many offering free admission days; it's a great gift all around.

My hope is that with the inaugural Arcadia News Camps Guide, parents throughout Arcadia will be able to keep the guide handy, turning to it continually through the summer of 2013. With our Calendar of Events you can fill the days that land on a week off of camp, with our Summer Slide information you can prepare your child and avoid the learning gap that happens far more often than any of us expect. And with our feature on some of our favorite Kids Meals in local restaurants, you can feed the kiddos without turning on the oven or feeling even a slight bit of guilt.

I hope you enjoy this month's Special Section. Email me at amanda@arcadianews.com with any thoughts or questions.

See you soon!

Amanda Goossen



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From May to August, spend time in the museums, cultural centers and libraries that make our city great. Our Calendar of Events allows you to find ways to keep your family busy this summer.

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Camp Candlelight, Camp Rainbow and the Arizona Magic of School and Dance work hard to offer every kid a chance at Summer Camp. Learn about the people and organizations making a difference in the lives of so many.

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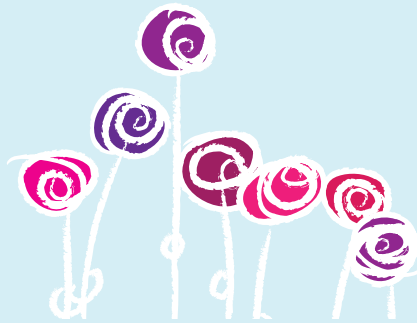
Do your kids forget their math facts or vocabulary words as soon as summer sinks in? We get to the bottom of the dreaded brain drain plaguing kids once school is back in session.

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Camp Guide Directory

Your ultimate guide to camps and their programs for family and kids!

Calendar OF events



Musical Instrument Museum - Mini Music Makers Series

4725 E. Mayo Blvd., Phoenix

Introduce your child to the wonderful world of music! MIM's Mini Music Makers Series, an early childhood music-education program, aims to enrich children's lives by providing a safe, interactive, and engaging environment for children to explore a variety of music from around the world.

• **Wednesdays in March (March 6, March 13, March 20, March 27):** Latin Music

• **Mondays and Wednesdays in April (April 1, April 3, April 8, April 10, April 15, April 17, April 22, April 24):** African Music

9:30 to 10 a.m. for children ages 0-18 months; 10:15 to 10:50 a.m. for children ages 18 months-3 years; 11 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. for children ages 3-5 years. Reservations required. For ticket prices and to reserve a space, please contact Annabel Rimmer at 480-245-6919 or groupstours@MIM.org.

Arizona Museum for Youth

35 N. Robson, Mesa

Tuesday—Saturday 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.; Sunday 12 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Kids can enjoy great hands-on activities at ArtVille and ArtZone. The Weather or Not: Art with Atmosphere exhibit, through May 25, takes a colorful, artistic look at weather including rain, storms, clouds, wind, snow, lightning and more.

480-644-2467 or arizonamuseumfor-youth.org



Hall of Flame

6101 E. Van Buren St., Phoenix

Monday—Saturday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.; Sunday 12 p.m. – 4 p.m.

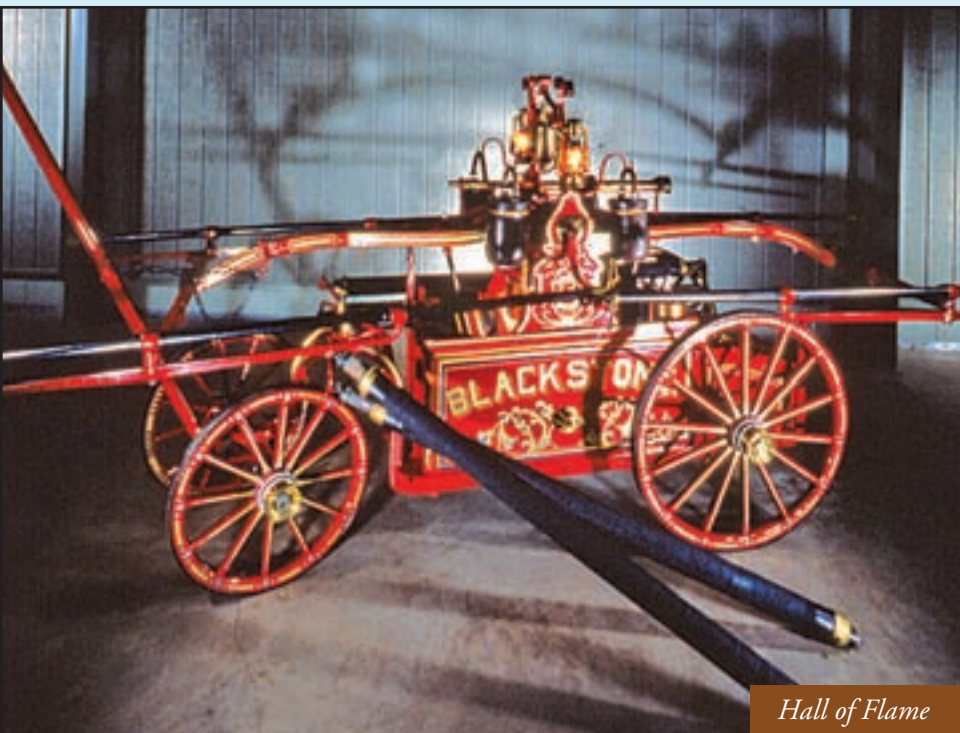
This museum offers almost an acre of fire history exhibits and features the National Firefighting Hall of Heroes. Discover exhibits, with over 90 fully restored pieces of fire apparatus on display, dating from 1725 to 1969. Most of the exhibits are American, but there are also pieces from England, France, Austria, Germany, and Japan.

602-275-3473 or hallofflame.org



Hall of Flame

Looking for something to do this summer to explore phoenix with your kids? The rich culture and superb creativity provided by local organizations are exactly what you need to add a bit of magic to your summer.



Hall of Flame

Arizona Science Center

600 E. Washington St., Phoenix, AZ

Open Daily: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. (Closed Thanksgiving & Christmas).

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602-716-2000 or azscience.org

Wells Fargo History Museum

145 W. Adams St., Phoenix, AZ

****Free Admission • Monday—Friday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.**

History comes alive as you journey into the Wild West at this museum which offers exhibits including an authentic 19th Century stagecoach, interactive telegraph and art gallery with the largest public display of illustrator N.C. Wyeth's western-themed work.

602-378-1852 or wellsfargohistory.com/museums

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Archaeology for Kids

Pueblo Grande Museum

4619 E Washington St., Phoenix

April 6, 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Become a Junior Archaeologist and discover the science of archaeology by doing a simulated excavation of a Hohokam pit house. Learn about mapping, recording and other archaeological methods and concepts. Advance registration and fee required.

602-495-0901 or phoenix.gov/recreation/arts/museums/pueblo/calendar/summary/091932

Heritage Saturdays

Outside Rosson House Museum

113 N. 6th Street, Phoenix

****Free Admission**

March 9, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Bring the kids to the Square for a fun take-home craft experience! Make a cardboard bird house and feeder. Free Heritage Saturdays are held the second Saturday of each month 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Kids can have fun with activities and crafts.

602-261-8948 or rossonhousemuseum.org

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480-644-2230 or azmnh.org

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Burton Barr Central Library
1221 N. Central Ave.:

- **Babytime for Crawlers:** Monday at 10 a.m. and 11 a.m.
- **Babytime for Walkers:** Friday at 10 a.m. and 11 a.m.
- **Toddler time:** Wednesday at 10 a.m. and 11 a.m.
- **Bilingual Family Storytime :** Wednesday at 6 p.m.
- **Family Storytime:** Saturday at 11 a.m.

Saguaro Library
2808 N. 46th St.:

- **Babytime:** Monday at 9:30 a.m.
- **Toddler time:** Monday at 10:30 a.m.
- **Family Storytime:** Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. and Thursday at 11:30 a.m.

(Saguaro Library is closed for minor remodeling through March 10, 2013.)

Summer Reading Program –“Maricopa County Reads”—a partnership between all the libraries in the county, May 30–July 27.

Visit www.phoenixpubliclibrary.org/kid for reading lists, programs and services including “We Read”—a winter family reading program.



Children's Museum of Phoenix

215 N. 7th Street, Phoenix

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602-253-0501 or childrensmuseumofphoenix.org



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SUMMER CAMP FOR EVERY KID: Three Camps that Make a Difference

By Amanda Goossen



Summer is a time for adventure and wonderment. And while many children are planning to attend camps throughout their long vacation, three outstanding organizations, Camp Rainbow, Camp Candlelight and the Arizona Magic of Music and Dance provide summer camps for children who would otherwise be unable to experience the same fun that so many take for granted.



The Phoenix Children's Hospital's Camp Rainbow has been a labor of love for over twenty-five years, bringing a week of excitement to children ages seven to seventeen who have been diagnosed with cancer and blood disorders. In 1985, the Phoenix chapter of United Order True Sisters #58 partnered with the Children's Cancer Center at Phoenix Children's Hospital to establish the camp. Camp Rainbow was Phoenix Children's Hospital's first camp program.

In conjunction with the hospital's "Rainbow Kids" program which brings young cancer patients together each month for exciting outings, such as bowling, game nights, rock climbing and concerts, Camp Rainbow takes place at the Friendly Pines Camp in Prescott and works to bring camaraderie and support to Rainbow Kids and their families. This week long camp ensures that children, who were previously or are currently patients in the Phoenix Children's Hospital Center for Cancer

and Blood Disorders, receive the care they need while also indulging in the joy of summertime.

Dedicated doctors and nurses as well as former Cancer Center patients who return to volunteer, work together each year to give the children a week of fishing, swimming, horseback riding, zip lining, archery, rock-wall climbing and so much more. Camp Rainbow not only provides fun, it also allows campers to connect with their peers, getting to know others facing the same battle while getting a break from the stress of the hospital and doctors offices.

As Richard Laston remembered "there's always exciting events and never a sad day." Diagnosed with Hodgkins Lymphoma in 2005, Richard is now living a cancer free life and has returned to Camp Rainbow as a counselor.

Campers who are too ill to leave the hospital for an entire week or who are too young to attend camp are given "Fabulous Friday" to travel to and from the campsite

to be included in at least a few events. And those who are undergoing inpatient care receive a "Camp-to-go" kit, with a t-shirt, crafts, and exciting giveaways.

Funded by community donations as well as from the Rainbow Kids Art greeting cards sold locally, Camp Rainbow has grown from 27 campers in 1985 to over 130. Many donations come from the families of former camp attendees, who appreciate all that Camp Rainbow did for their child.

One of the Camp's first attendees, Tiger, "lived for Camp Rainbow as a patient, counselor in training and a counselor," said his mother Vicki. "He would be packed and ready to go a week before camp...he absolutely loved it."

In 2010, a donation from the Weisbricks' sponsored an event for the Rainbow Kids

in memory of Tiger, who was diagnosed with a brain tumor at six years old and lived to see his 18th Birthday.

This year, camp will begin on August 4, 2013. For more information, go to: pchrainbowkids.com.





The Arizona Magic of Music and Dance

In 2007, Ruth Covey founded **The Arizona Magic of Music and Dance** with her own son Barrett Dunham, in mind. After Barrett, who has cerebral palsy, attended The Magic of Music and Dance at Challenge Aspen in Colorado, he couldn't stop talking about his performances and accomplishments. Ruth was determined to give her son and other children and young adults with physical or cognitive impairments the same type of memories in Arizona.

For one week, each summer, 25 children ages eight to young adult come to The Arizona Magic of Music and Dance, where they are paired with a buddy and quickly become not only campers, but actors. The buddies, who are volunteers from local high schools, such as Notre Dame Preparatory, Mesa High School, Fountain Hills High School, Xavier, Brophy, work throughout the week to prepare their actors for the Friday play production. Previous productions include Snow White and the Seventeen Dwarfs, Jungle Book, Annie, Broadway Cafe, and Once Upon a Time.

AZ Magic is held at Christ's Church in Fountain Hills and includes 25 actors and approximately 45 volunteers who help, not only as buddies, but also with costumes, sets, games, in the kitchen and so much more. A production staff, made up of local teachers, helps to teach and coordinate the actors, as well as transcend their disabilities and develop confidence.

The day is filled with activities like arts and crafts, rehearsals, games and movement activities.

"We've had professional soccer players, firemen, gymnastics instructors and petting zoos all come to be a part of days' activities. Volunteers experience the life-changing joy that comes from working with these special individuals," said Celeste Teply, Program Manager at AZ Magic.

Volunteers and actors aren't the only individuals reaping the rewards of the weeklong day camp.

"Not only do the volunteers experience great personal changes but the parents experience the thrill of seeing their children who face a life of challenge-experience fun, friendship, and opportunities to develop their creativity, self-esteem and pride in accomplishment," said Celeste.

The Arizona Magic of Music and Dance will be held this year at Christ's Church in Fountain Hills on June 10th through the 14th. For information on volunteering or attending, visit: azmagic.org.



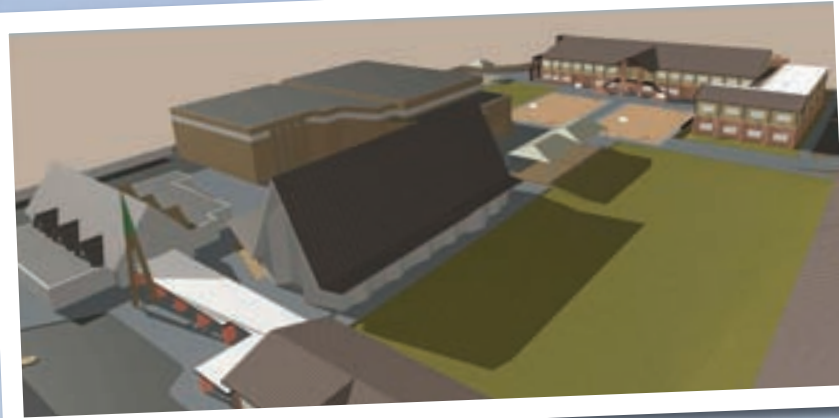
For one week each summer at the Chauncey Ranch YMCA Camp in Mayer, Arizona, the Epilepsy Foundation of Arizona's **Camp Candlelight** provides an unforgettable experience for children ages 8-15 who are living with epilepsy.

"For many kids, it's the first time they're leaving their parents overnight. Camp Candlelight is a time for both kids and their parents to grow," said Brenna Gonzales.

Camp Candlelight gives campers the chance to meet others who share the same fears and experiences related to epilepsy. For many, Camp Candlelight is the first time they meet someone their own age, going through their same challenges. Their week at camp gives them a sense of connection and allows them to forget the feeling of being different than their peers.

This week long camp includes horseback riding, s'mores around the campfire, arts and crafts and hiking. Former campers return for years after they age out of the camp to be campers and continue to participate and support the organization that gave so much to them.

"Kids who have come to Camp Candlelight since they were eight years old are now twenty year old campers," said Brenda.



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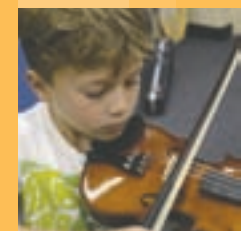
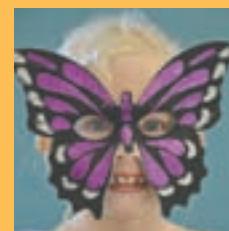
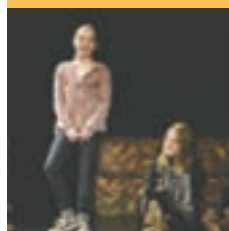
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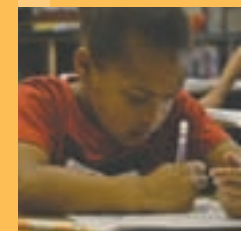
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Beyond Chicken Fingers:

Local Chefs Offer Kids Menus Even Parents Can Love

By Lizzie Henson

Chicken fingers have been a childhood staple for generations. Low-cost, easy to eat and fun to dip, kids and parents have been turning to this hand-held food since the 1970s.

In Arcadia, however, local chefs are working hard to design Kids Menus that stray from the normal traditions of “kids food,” most notably, avoiding the famous chicken fingers all together.

According to the Center for Disease Control, 17 percent of U.S. children are obese. And with these numbers holding steady for nearly 12 years, experts are working hard to find the answers. In 2010, President Barack Obama established the first Task Force on Childhood Obesity, aimed at reducing the rate of obesity to just 5 percent by 2030.

Within the seventy recommendations put forth by the Task Force on Childhood Obesity many focus on improving access

to healthy, affordable foods; increasing physical activity; and empowering parents to make smart nutrition choices.

As Americans open their eyes to the preservatives, sugar and fat that are plaguing our children, many restaurants and families are choosing to change their eating habits in hopes of dramatically altering their future and health.



Local favorites such as NoRTH Arcadia, True Food Kitchen, Chelsea's Kitchen, Beckett's Table and Pita Jungle have turned the tables on basic items that have become known as “kid food” and given both parents and their kids, something to be happy about.

As Chris Curtiss, brand chef at NoRTH, said “The first thing that I think about when creating a menu for kids is what will be attractive to the kids. Nothing weird. For example, cheese and red sauce on their pizza, grilled cheese sandwiches and very simple pastas. Most importantly, all made with awesome ingredients that are not processed!”

At Beckett's Table, Chef Justin Beckett thinks of his two young



sons when developing the menu. “Having two boys of my own reminds me that sometimes simple mild flavors are the way to go.”

“On my menu I use the mentality of, “give them what they want.” I really just try to make it well and use good quality ingredients. I also try to sneak in some items that are good for them like edamame or seasonal organic fruits,” said Chef Beckett.

True Food has a motto, “At True Food Kitchen, we want you to feel better, live longer, and make your mouth happy in the process.” With their Kid's Menu, it's no different.

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True Food Kitchen's executive chef, Michael Stebner admits there are secrets to getting kids to eat healthy.

"Kids like things compartmentalized so they can eat their different foods separately. Also, one thing I try to do is hide healthy ingredients in the dishes. For example, mushrooms and vegetables are in the kid's Sloppy Joe."

Adam Strecker, Chief Operating Officer and Partner at Chelsea's Kitchen (and a dad), admits there's been a recent change

in the items kids are ordering at Chelsea's Kitchen.

"Parents are trying to teach their kids to eat healthier, so we've started to see an increase in the fresh fish plate and grilled chicken tacos. We're working on creating even more healthy kids menu options to meet this demand," said Adam.

Plus, any restaurant with PB&J Sushi Rolls on the menu is worth checking out.

Pita Jungle in Arcadia is serving up meals that allow the youngest people at the table to gain a bit of control. Given the four food categories of protein, vegetables, grains and fruit, kids are provided with an assortment of options in all four areas. Maybe tonight they'd like chicken, steamed broccoli, pita and fruit, while



Beckett's Table

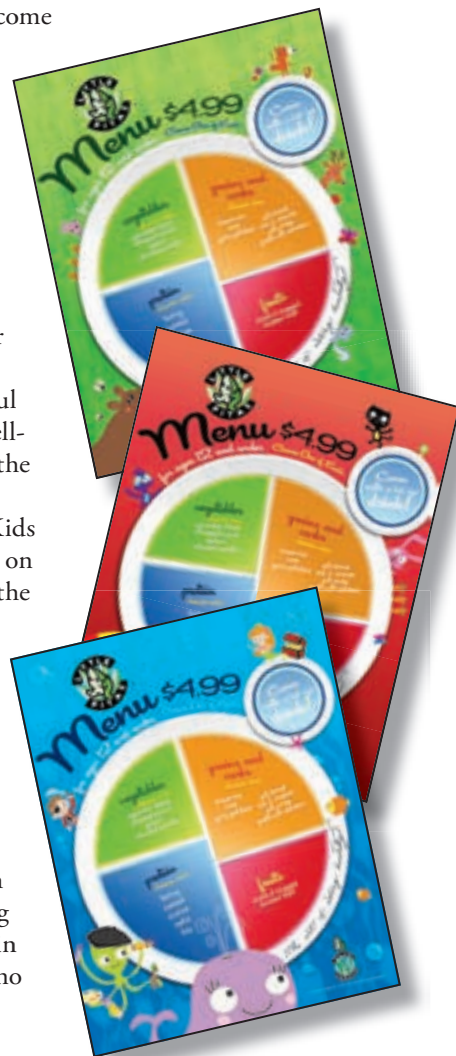
on another evening hummus replaces the chicken and cucumber slices become the veggie of the moment. Not only do kids relish in options, a design-your-own-menu makes it something they can look forward to and learn from.

"Pita Jungle has seen a change in kid's eating habits in the sense that parents are increasingly choosing the healthy diet track for their children," said Nicole Sanders, spokesperson for Pita Jungle.

Pita Jungle Kids Meals are successful with families because they bring a well-balanced and nutritional meal to the table.

"Pita Jungle has tailored the Kids Menu for the parents who are staying on the cutting edge of food trends by the usage of super grains (quinoa, etc.) and seafood incorporated into their children's diet," said Nicole.

No matter what you choose for dinner tonight, healthier choices and a variety of flavors are sneaking into the diet of children throughout Arcadia. Parents no longer need to feel guilty for an evening out, with chefs throughout the area developing meals that can proudly be placed in front of our kids. Chicken fingers are no longer the only choice for our babes.



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Avoiding THE “Learning Slide”

By Margaret Ann Lippincott

There are many words for it—summer learning gap, summer brain drain, the learning slide. Throughout the school year, children are learning and practicing new skills and concepts and then in an instant, summer comes and everything is put on hold, pushed way to the back burner. Out come the Wii and video games, swimming, TV and Netflix. And suddenly, there went the summer. Fall comes, and teachers must revisit what they already taught months earlier.

What can parents do to help with this dilemma while letting their children have a fun break from the rigors and schedule of daily school?

“Summer can be a fabulous time for parents to allow kids access to learning in different modalities,” says Stacey Greene, teacher at Hopi Elementary. “Discussing books, hiking and observing the world, going to new places, and practical problem solving, math skills in family games and cooking.”

With these simple tasks and techniques, Greene feels learning may not be substantially lost.

“Learning and having a fun summer don’t have to be two separate entities,” says Kari Kling, longtime educator and founder of Education Expertise Comes Home.

There is so much to see, learn and do in the Phoenix area, all within a day’s drive. People come from across the world to see the Native American monuments as well as many other sites Arizona possesses that many Phoenixians have never even visited.

“Visiting places children have previously studied has a great impact on learning,” says Kling.

This summer the Kling family will study Frank Lloyd Wright. They will visit Taliesin West in Scottsdale, Wright’s winter home, studio and architectural campus.

“It’s very important for children to learn about the world they live in by experiencing it,” says Kling. “For example, we can observe Wright’s influence over local structures like the Arizona Biltmore and houses in Arcadia.”

The Chinese Cultural Center is a nearby gem of a teaching tool. “Last month we learned about the Chinese New Year and took our kids to the Festival,” says Carrie Inge.

It’s easy to take advantage of similar

local cultural events and expose our children to them.

The Greene family gets away in the summer visiting U.S. national parks. It’s easy to load up on books about the parks, nature and fauna they will see.

Local residents, Steve Desch and Aida Hatem, have set a goal to see every state in the country with their family. Two summers ago they drove their three children cross-country to explore New York City — listening to various audio books along the way. Two of their favorites were *Tom Sawyer* by Mark Twain and *A Long Way from Chicago* by Richard Peck.

We can incorporate learning even before going to the beaches of California or Mexico, by getting books on oceans and sea life subjects. Visit a historic naval vessel in San Diego. Or check out astrology books from the library prior to taking a trip to Flagstaff’s Lowell Observatory.

Greene believes that reading during school breaks is one of the best ways for children to increase learning and retention. The Phoenix and Scottsdale public libraries have summer reading programs with small gift incentives to help encourage kids to become dedicated readers.

Debi Cummings, owner of Tech2Learn Learning Center agrees that just because the school year is nine months long doesn’t mean that learning should happen for only nine months.

“Summer is the perfect opportunity for students to work individually on what they haven’t mastered,” said Cummings. “Just as our kids have coaches practically all year long, Tech2Learn offers a brain coach all year long, where it’s fun!”

In Arcadia, Tech2Learn offers students individualized computer software with academic tutors to teach math, reading comprehension and typing skills. Kids feel like they’re playing video games while they’re actually being drilled with math facts.

The key to summer learning is allowing children to explore, imagine and understand their surroundings. Keeping the brain alert and active is a sure fire way to avoid the summer slide.

“Visiting places children have previously studied has a great impact on learning.”

Summer Reading Favorites



Heidi Heckelbeck Is Ready To Dance
By Wanda Coven
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♥ Heidi Heckelbeck is back again! The school talent show has just been announced, but cursed with absolutely no talent, Heidi is resigned to the fact that she won’t perform. When a pair of special shoes is found in the attic, however, a little magic and talent can’t be far away.



To Be a Cat
By Matt Haig
Ages 8-12 Years
304 pages

♥ Barney Willow wishes he were a cat. His life is upside down and the school bully won’t leave him alone. None of the things ruining his life would ever bother him if he were a cat. Or would they?



anyway
By Arthur Salm
Ages 8-12
194 pages

♥ Max is a good kid. The boring summer camp his parents have dragged him to however, is making him desperate for excitement. There he develops an alternative persona, “Mad Max,” who gains a bad-boy reputation for being daring, cool, and fearless. But when suddenly forced to merge the “Mad Max” he’s become with the nice guy he really is, Max must come to terms with those he’s hurt and the many mistakes he’s made.



Reunited
By Hilary Weisman Graham
Ages 12 and up
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♥ Alice, Summer and Tiernan were once best friends brought together by a boy band infatuation. Now four years later, after just graduating from high school, the boy band announces a one-time reunion show. On impulse the three former friends come together for a road trip that will test the friendship they once treasured and remind them of the bond they shared.



Shadow Boxer
By Chris Lynch
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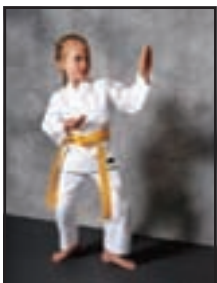


Girls Meets Ghost
By Lauren Barnholdt
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