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Arcadia News new! KidsCorner

Learn how to make Paper Boats on Page 64!

Arcadia High's Maria Portillo is this year's winner of the Arcadia News journalism scholarship. She plans to study journalism at ASU.

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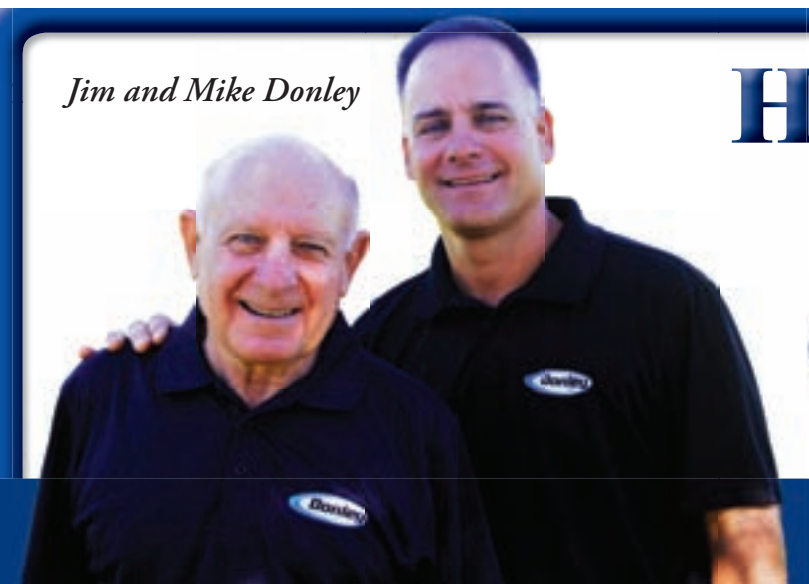

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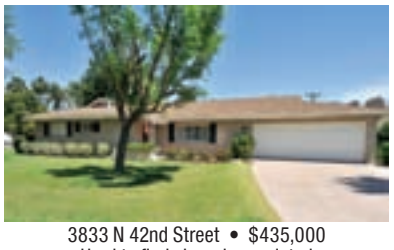

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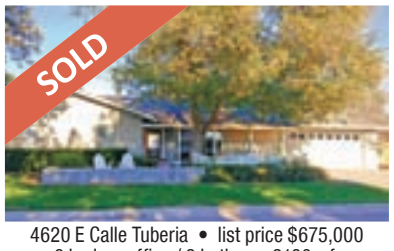

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There's lots of recognition to go around this month

By Dale Messmer

Editor's Notes

I was all prepared to do a little bragging this month about our little newspaper's accomplishments until I heard about Tavan Elementary School and Alex Reynolds.

Oh, I still want to point out that we bagged a boatload of awards in the annual Best of the Best contest of the Association of Free Community Papers. I mean, Best of Show is a dog that hunts, and we also took six firsts, four seconds and three thirds in various categories.

Then there were the awards from the state Press Club, where publisher Greg Bruns and do-everything reporter Amanda Goossen walked off with trophies. Nice work, guys.

I'd be remiss, though, if I just bragged about us. Especially in light of what's going on at Tavan and in the Reynolds household.

Tavan is now an A+ School of Excellence, celebrating the new designation with a school-wide ceremony in mid-May.

It's a big deal for the school, which has worked very hard to bring its standards up to such a lofty plateau. A+ schools go through a rigorous application with the Arizona Education Foundation that includes faculty, students, administration and the community. Then a strict on-site examination before the three-year designation is granted.

What makes it especially sweet for Tavan is the fact that it is the largest school to be so designated, according to the folks at the Scottsdale Unified School District. And the fact this is their first such award.

So congratulations are indeed in order for Tavan. Nice work.

So, too, for Alex Reynolds, an Arcadia High senior who was selected Athlete of the Year by the Phoenix Regional Sports Commission.

A three-year varsity starter in both football and basketball, Reynolds did not win the award just for his on-field accomplishments. He ranks sixth academically in his class, and the list of his volunteer and school-club activities is equally impressive. You can read all about them starting on page 62.

While there, take a look at a few other neighborhood kids' accomplishments, including a 9-year-old's hole-in-one on the golf course and 11 students who made All-City sports teams.

Quite a month for recognition.

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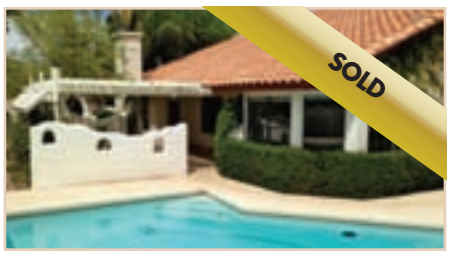

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‘Oblivion’ great concept, mediocre movie

Oblivion
Director: Joseph Kosinski
Starring: Tom Cruise, Morgan Freeman, Olga Kurylenko, and Andrea Riseborough

Oblivion was a great concept for a movie. Unfortunately, it didn’t live up to expectations.

Jack (Cruise) is stationed on a post-war Earth to collect its remaining resources. He and his partner Victoria (Riseborough) are two of the last people on the planet, fixing drones and waiting to join the rest of the humans where they settled elsewhere in space.

Aliens called Scavs invaded the Earth and tried to take over the planet, but they lost a war with the human race. Jack dreams about his life on Earth before the invasion, including a past love (Kurylenko), although it’s impossible for him to have been alive so many years ago. When Jack runs into a crashed spaceship, what he sees makes him

begin to question everything he knows.

Why is everyone in Hollywood so eager for the world to end? Apocalypses are in, with planet-destroyers ranging from aliens to zombies to humans.

This one is pretty straightforward. Aliens tried to conquer Earth, war happened, humans won but planet lost. Or is it?

Without giving away spoilers, not much can be said. However, it isn’t as cut-and-dry as it seems, and those plot twists are perhaps the best part of the movie. It may not be enough to make it a great movie, but it keeps the audience from walking out of the theater. Though potential viewers should be warned the ending is disappointing and predictable.

Cruise plays Jack the same as his other roles, the generic male lead who wants nothing more than to save the world and have a girlfriend. Kurylenko is also a standard female role, nothing spectacular. Riseborough’s character may seem one-dimensional in the beginning, but there are hidden layers to Victoria that are a pleasant surprise to watch. Freeman brings his usual charm to the film as the leader of a group of humans hiding and surviving on Earth.

So while the two main actors can’t quite hold their own in the movie, the others back them up well enough to prevent it from falling completely flat on its face.

Even though this movie is tech-heavy, which most post-apocalyptic films tend to be, at least this one didn’t go too far overboard. However, that may just seem that way, because recently movies are expected to be chock full of special effects.

Don’t get me wrong, *Oblivion* is not a bad movie, just a mediocre one. The first half hour drags on too long setting the rest of the movie up, though it does pick up its pace after that. The writing and acting fall short, which is the film’s downfall. While it doesn’t feel like punishment to watch, it lacks the power it needs to be memorable.

Overall, *Oblivion* tried to take on a story too much for it to handle, and didn’t meet the requirements to earn more than 2 ½ stars.

Julie Demetros is a 17-year-old homeschooler from Arcadia who writes about movies and books at julieatthemovies.wordpress.com.

Councilman Sal DiCiccio

Big picture includes 3 reforms

By Sal DiCiccio

The repeal of the food tax is very important, but there is a much bigger picture in play.

The persistence and determination I have shown in the past four years is about reform and getting us ready for the new world we live in. There is a bigger reason why I have been pushing so hard for change. It’s about getting Phoenix ready to compete in a global economy.

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Active Homes -	169 homes
Homes Sold -	92 homes
Average Sale Price -	$927,687
Average Sold $ Per SF -	$255
Average Days On Market -	96 days

- There is currently 7 months of home inventory (based on 2012 sales results)
- 2013 home sales have decreased 2% this year. (based on 2012 sales results)
- Home prices have increased 16% this year. (based on 2012 sales results)
- $ Per Square Foot prices have increased 7% this year. (based on 2012 sales results)
- Homes are taking 5% 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
(1/1/2013-4/30/2013)

Active Homes -	65 Homes
Homes Sold -	77 Homes
Average Sale Price -	$389,709
Average Sold $ Per SF -	$177
Average Days On Market -	68 days

- There is currently 4 months of home inventory (based on 2012 sales results)
- 2013 home sales have increased 10% this year. (based on 2012 sales results)
- Home prices have increased 16% this year. (based on 2012 sales results)
- $ Per Square Foot prices have increased 10% this year. (based on 2012 sales results)
- Homes are taking 2% longer 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
Average Sale Price -	$294,278
Average Sold $ Per SF -	$142
Average Days On Market -	140 Days

2009 TAVAN SCHOOL DISTRICT YEAR END SALES RESULTS

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Average Sold $ Per SF -	$154
Average Days On Market -	129 Days

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If the council repeals the food tax it will be added to a long list of reforms we accomplished. There were three significant reforms toward the goal of getting us ready to compete in this new world market and getting government to operate more like your household.

Reform 1: No water/sewer increase two years in a row, no property tax rate increase in more than three years and no fee increases in more than three years. But it's more than just saying no.

Government by its nature is, and operates as, a monopoly with very little concern for price of service and cost of goods resulting in lower productivity and efficiency. Those accomplishments changed our culture and the way we view the world. We are now more efficient, have increased productivity and are more sensitive to the cost of goods we purchase.

We have accepted we can't continue to raise the price of our services (tax and fee increases). These reforms forced us to look internally for efficiencies that in turn raised our productivity. If the food-tax repeal passes, Phoenix will see well over $100 million in savings through innovations and efficiencies in three years.

Reform 2: Phoenix streamlined and deregulated significant parts of business operations making us the best place in the nation to start and expand a business – all businesses get treated the same.

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We adopted a structure that gets jobs started in days or weeks, not a year or longer as in other places. What does this mean to our economy? Money gets circulated in the economy faster and more people are less dependent on government for survival.

But the picture again is much bigger. It is the realization that to thrive in this global economy and compete in this global market we have to be faster, smarter and better than our competitors around the world.

Reform 3: Zero-based budgeting. The great recession taught us we must be better prepared for future crisis. Preparation means you must have the best budgeting structure allowing for the most transparency. Phoenix is the first in the nation to adopt a budgeting process able to better predict future economic problems.

We have made significant strides preparing us for the world we now live in, but we still need to be better. Every time we pick up the phone and every operation we perform has to be completed with the goal of being the best.

Councilman DiCiccio represents District 6. He can be reached at 602-262-7491.

Landlord-tenant disputes large part of court's time

By Steven Sarkis

During the past year or so, certain aspects of the Valley's housing market appear to have stabilized. This is a great sign to see on the road to economic recovery.

Yet one aspect has not changed: Many people continue to struggle in paying their monthly rent.

Consequently, these individuals often end up in court. Cases involving landlord and tenant disputes, referred to as eviction actions, likely are the most prevalent type of case in the Maricopa County Justice Courts. In a single week it is not unusual to have 100 or more of these cases in my court.

Eviction actions generally arise when a tenant does not pay rent. The majority of the time, financial hardship is the culprit. Other times there may be a more complex defense to a person's nonpayment of rent. This is why, for both landlords and tenants, knowing and understanding the law is imperative. Failure to do so can have dire consequences, especially for a tenant.

In Arizona, the eviction process moves quickly. In some states, after a court grants judgment and possession back to the landlord or owner in an eviction action, a tenant still has 30 days or more to pack up, find a new place and move out. In Arizona, a tenant has five days.

Justice Steven Sarkis

As evidenced by the sheer volume of these eviction actions continually passing through the courts, though the path ahead looks brighter for many, the road is still bumpy for some.

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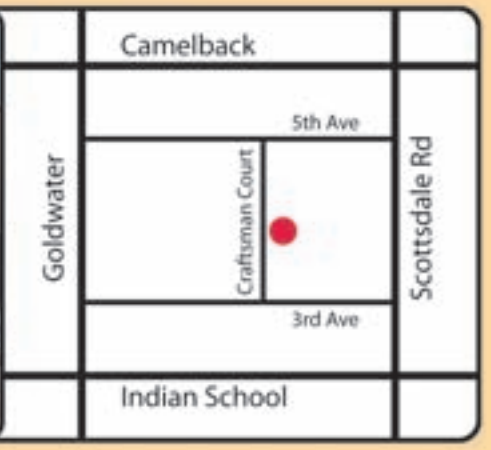

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STRAIGHT UP with a TWIST

By Greg A Bruns

[Greg is on a writing assignment until this fall. This column is one of his personal favorites from the June 2008 edition.]

There's something so regal about Father's Day now that I'm a dad. It's a navy blue / forest green / red stripe down the middle with gold embossing on the sides kind-of holiday. It's whiskey in a Riedel, Cuban cigars on the patio and horse racing at Santa Anita Park in July. For a single day (or morning, in some cases), dads can walk about with a confident swagger, like 007 when he rolls up to a casino in Monaco. His aura broadcasting the message quite clearly: yes, this is my Hong Kong tailored tuxedo. Yes, I am the most lethal man in this room; yes, I am playing high stakes baccarat; yes, shaken – not stirred.

This time I'm going to have to put my Bond emulation into suspension until next year, though. Oh, I might be able to sneak some secret agent breakfast out of the deal, but right now there's just too much going on, so holidays are sort of like tissues around our house right now: cherished and useful for just a moment, and then utterly abhorred and discarded.

See, the missus and I are always looking to inject the maximum amount of volatile stress into our lives. We figured since we've got another baby coming in a month, this would be an ideal time to engage in a complete remodel of our house. You know the type: haul a dumpster the size of the house into the front yard, then scratch everything out of your checking account as the project completion date gets booted incrementally from Labor Day to Christmas.

So we moved out of the house and headed down the road a bit. Nothing says 'howdy neighbor' better than a loud marital "discussion" in the front yard of the new home. Throw in vision of my wife hauling boxes out of the car in her distended belly state, and our three-year-old trying to coax the neighbor's cat out of the bushes with a wiffle ball bat and you've got a clear picture of a recent Saturday at our place.

That afternoon, Hambone (our son's name for the purposes of this column) and I left to give the missus a well-deserved break. She's carrying another boy, and I'm starting to wonder if she knows what she's in for. She grew up with three brothers, so she might have some idea of what's coming, but soon she will be the last Mohican in a house full of warmongering boys.

Anyway, Hambone and I went back to our home to wrap up some of the small stuff. While I was inside packing up our computer, I heard the little guy slip out the garage door. I figured he was going outside to take care of some personal potty business. His mother recently showed him the caveman method of going to the bathroom, so going inside to use the facilities is only achieved with the threat of a spanking or the reward of a popsicle. Which one it will be is completely determined by me, and that is about the limit of my authority around the house.

A few minutes later, Hambone appeared in the doorway with a mischievous grin on his face that made me think this is just the beginning of what will likely be another sixteen years of neighborly apologies, tiresome and repetitive explanations about behavior and overall hair-extracting worry. I could only muster "What?" to his look, so he delivered the punchline.

"I just pooped in the grass, Daddy," he said with a snicker.

So we headed outside to check it out and – sure enough – out in the grass lay a little boy turd. It was kind of funny at first, and I think he knew it, because even though I was scolding him he had this sort of fraternal smile of acknowledgement that read: *Yeah, I know you have to say this is bad. I know you have to do the dad thing, but boy, that's funny! Just look at that thing* – that's funny!

When I first learned of Hambone's newfound ability to urinate outside, I mentioned something to the missus along the lines of, "I'm sure this will work out well for everyone—especially in the long run."

I chalk up the 'world is my toilet' to a mantra that trailer park kids would adopt. I figured it was only a matter of time until there would be some Trailer Park Shenanigans going on around the Bruns household. That makes this our first official TPS report.

It's quite a contrast from slugging martinis in Monaco but I suppose every life needs some balance.

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Sarkis

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This is why the most valuable resource I give to landlords and tenants in the courtroom is called the *Arizona Residential Landlord and Tenant Act*.

Easily found on the Web, it is a booklet of all the laws and statutes landlords and tenants must abide by. Failure of individuals to understand the law and their rights as either landlord or tenant is an unfortunate mistake I see all too often. I tell people nearly every day in court, "You have rights, but it's your job to know them."

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Kidney woes common in arid climate

By Claire Bowey, M.D.

Kidney stones are nothing new to humankind. The National Kidney Foundation reports scientists found evidence of them in a 7,000-year-old Egyptian mummy.

Phoenix, like Egypt, is an arid environment where it's easy to get dehydrated. That can sometimes lead to kidney stones in vulnerable individuals. Quite painful, they send more than 500,000 people to emergency rooms annually.

Kidney stones can be as small as a grain of sand or as big as a golf ball. The stones are created when certain substances – calcium, oxalate, urate, cystine, xanthine and phosphate – become concentrated in the urine and form hard crystals.

The stone may stay in the kidney or move down the urinary tract into the ureter. If a stone is tiny, it can be excreted in the urine without causing a lot of pain. But stones that don't move can cause urine to back up in the kidney, ureter, bladder or urethra. And that causes pain.

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Arbitration usually means settlement out of court

By Jennifer Cranston

During the past decade or so, arbitration has become an increasingly effective tool for parties to resolve their disputes more quickly and with less expense than traditional litigation.

Arbitration is similar to going to court, except instead of asking a judge or jury to decide the case, the verdict is rendered by an impartial third-party or panel.

In Arizona, there are two primary paths to arbitration – by contractual agreement or pursuant to statutory compulsory arbitration.

Contractual Arbitration

Parties to a contract can agree to resolve future disputes by binding arbitration. Binding arbitration means the decision of the arbitrator(s) is final and cannot be appealed absent unique circumstances.

Provisions requiring binding arbitration are fairly standard. Most commercial contracts – including agreements for services, products, financing and construction – contain a requirement that the parties arbitrate.

Typically, contracts also provide for a particular arbitration forum, such as the American Arbitration Association or JAMS.

In the event a dispute arises, the parties

Jennifer Cranston

can agree to waive the arbitration provision and proceed with traditional litigation in the court system. Such a waiver takes the agreement of both parties.

If either party still wants to use binding arbitration, he or she can file a motion with the court seeking to enforce the contractual arbitration provision.

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In response, Arizona courts typically agree to dismiss the lawsuit without prejudice, which allows the plaintiff to bring the claim in the arbitration forum.

If a dispute proceeds to binding arbitration, the parties often split the fees of the arbitrator(s). Even though contractual arbitration involves this extra expense, the total cost tends to be less than going to court because the process is faster.

Compulsory Arbitration

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 12-133, certain lawsuits must go through arbitration before being heard by a judge or jury. In Maricopa County, a lawsuit is subject to compulsory arbitration if it seeks only monetary damages of $50,000 or less.

A lawsuit that qualifies for compulsory arbitration is automatically assigned to an arbitrator, who is randomly selected from a list of attorneys who have been practicing a minimum of four years. The arbitrator hears the parties' dispute and renders a decision within six months.

Unlike contractually binding arbitration, the arbitrator's decision in this kind of arbitration can be appealed to the court. On appeal, the judge or jury will decide the merits of the case without consideration of the arbitrator's decision.

However, frivolous appeals are discouraged by a penalty built into the rules. If the appealing party does not achieve a result at least 23 percent better than the arbitrator's decision, then that party will have to pay the opposing party's costs, attorneys' fees and expert fees.

Perhaps because of this penalty or the soundness of the arbitrators' decisions, the compulsory arbitration system in Maricopa County appears to be working well.

In 2012, more than 14,000 cases were referred to compulsory arbitration. Of those, 329 were appealed to the court and only 24 went to a jury trial.

Arcadia resident Jennifer A. Cranston is a shareholder at Gallagher & Kennedy, P.A. For more information about Ms. Cranston, go to www.gknet.com.

Community Happenings

Professional appraiser Sean Morton will be at the Shemer Art Center from 6-7:30 p.m. June 6 for an appraisal event.

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Bill and Melissa Bertolino

Couple turns to Facebook to help put face on Arcadia

By Danika Worthington

The Bertolinos are in love with their neighborhood. So much so, they have started a Facebook page called Arcadiaphile to collect and share information about their place in the sun for the past five years.

"There is a sense of community here that you don't get in other areas of the Valley," Melissa said.

"You don't get this in Glendale, you don't get this in Gilbert, there's just a feeling in this area that people know each other."

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Melissa and her husband Bill hope to post all-things-Arcadia like new restaurants, shops, events.

But, what to name the page?

"People are really into Arcadia, right? So how can you convey that in a name?" Bill said. The couple decided "phile" would best show how committed residents are to Arcadia.

The page launched in April. A website and Twitter account are scheduled to go up this month. Melissa wrote early posts about the new Arcadia Farmers Market, which opened April 21.

Arcadia Farmers Market co-owner Katrina Alfaro said she had seen the page and noticed it had shared some of the farmers market posts.

"They don't have a huge fan base yet, but I think that once it gets it, it's going to be very awesome for the Arcadia businesses," Alfaro said.

The page currently has 50ish likes, many from friends, Melissa said.

"The first time that somebody 'Liked' our page that wasn't one of our friends, it was a really big deal," she said.

Both Bertolinos have writing experience. Melissa is a marketing and communications copywriter for an insurance company, while Bill, a former reporter and editor, is in public relations.

"We really like to write," Bill said. "I missed writing when I got into public relations and it's sort of an outlet. Not that I'm going to be doing long-form journalism on it or anything. But I miss that connection with readers and that response, and if we get some of that it's great."

The two are Arizona natives with two children who say they just want to have fun with the page.

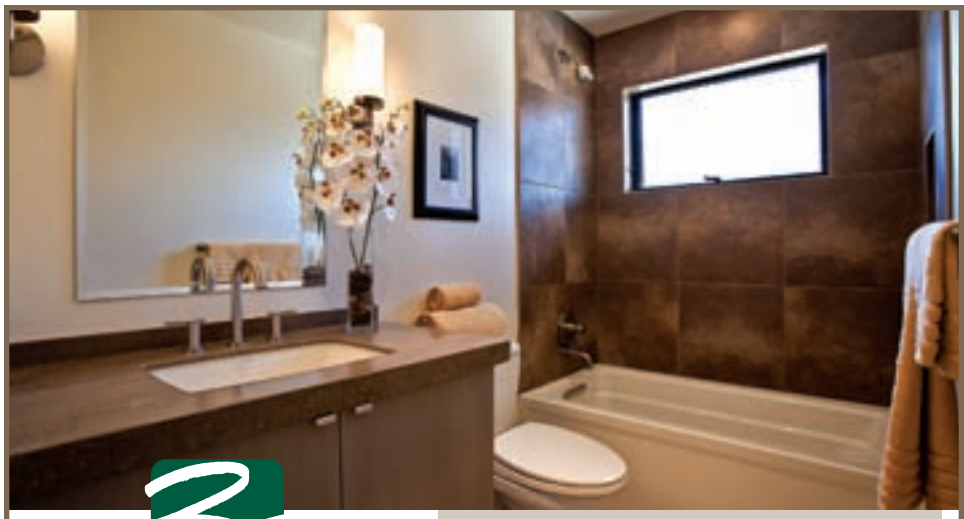
"If it gets a good following, that's great, that's a bonus," Bill said.

"For us, it's fun because we're into the things we're posting and we're into the area. So if we get people who follow us and maybe learn some things and we help promote Arcadia a little bit, then that's great."

Community Happenings

Arcadia resident Dr. Allen R. Thomas received the American Thoracic Society's 2013 Outstanding Clinician Award for his contributions to the clinical care of patients with lung disease.

Dr. Thomas, a pulmonologist, practices at the Carl T. Hayden VA Medical Center in Phoenix. A native Iowan, he earned his medical degree at the University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine and completed his internship, residency in internal medicine and a fellowship in pulmonary medicine at Maricopa County General Hospital.



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Sometimes the cause is linked to your genes. The rarest type of stone is a cystine stone that tends to run in families.

If stones are small, you may only need pain relievers. Lithotripsy – shock wave treatment – can break large stones into tiny ones that you can pass. Surgery might be necessary in some cases.

To stay hydrated and avoid kidney stones, the National Kidney Foundation recommends drinking more than 12 glasses of water a day. Water is better than soda, sports drinks, coffee or tea. If you exercise, or it's hot outside, drink more.

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Newspaper awards writer with college scholarship

By Shelby Slade

Arcadia News has awarded Arcadia High School student Maria Portillo a $1,000 scholarship she plans to use to attend Arizona State University's Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication.

"I will be one step closer to accomplishing what I want, which is communicating through writing," Portillo said.

For the past three years, Portillo has written for AHS' student-run newspaper *The Arcadian*, where she was the business manager. Portillo also served as editor-in-chief of *Titan Today*, the school's annual literary magazine.

Portillo said being on the student newspaper felt like she was where she belonged in high school and it became part of who she is.

Bryce McKinney-Wain, journalism and English teacher, said Portillo has worked hard as a journalist.

"(Portillo) is inquisitive, probing and incredibly optimistic," McKinney-Wain said. "Her innate sense in asking any interview question is derived from a sense of how she would feel on the other side of the table."

Portillo and her family are originally from El Salvador, where her parents worked as news anchors. They moved to the United States when she was 6.

Portillo said she is exposed to a lot of reporting and news, which has helped her be a better reporter.

"My home is all news all the time," Portillo said. "Some families are movie crazy, but my family is news crazy."

Portillo said she became interested in writing to help express herself when she moved to the U.S.

"That's another reason why I wanted to write because I wanted to express myself," she said. "That was really difficult for me, especially because I didn't know English."

Portillo said she wants to be a journalist because of the perspective she said journalists lend to readers through reporting.

"I think (journalism) is just as important as math and being a doctor," Portillo said. "Those are the professions we need, but writing and art are what we live for. I think they provide people with perspective to relate with others and I think that's crucial in making connections with others."

Arcadia News first awarded a scholarship in 2005 to an AHS student who went on to attend George Washington University.

Since then, 14 students have received the scholarship and have attended ASU, University of Arizona, Pomona College and Tufts University, among others.

Arcadia News publisher Greg Bruns said the scholarship can help students going into journalism face college with more confidence.

"When you are in high school and you are facing the idea of college, I know it can be daunting, not just from a financial standpoint but from a mental one too," Bruns said. "If we give a little something back to the community, especially to kids who are interested in the field [of journalism], it's just the right thing to do."

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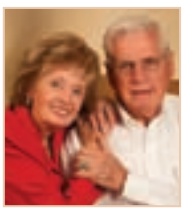

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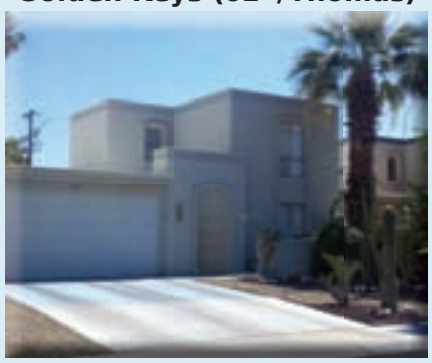

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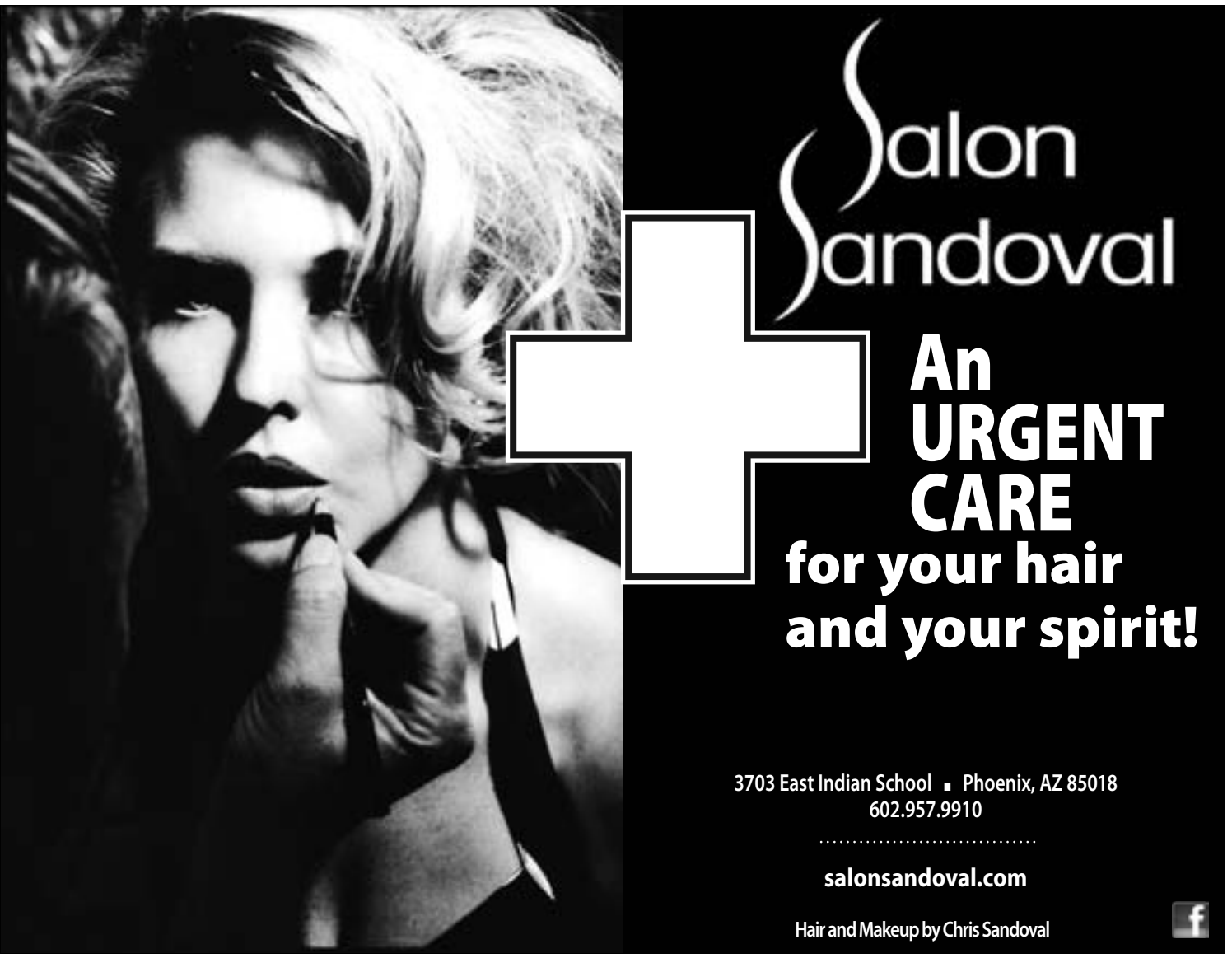

Fire worries higher this summer

By Natalie Miranda

The Phoenix Fire Department is gearing up for what could be a higher-risk summer than most.

"This summer may be worse than summers in the past," said Larry Nunez, fire captain and public information officer. "We had a wet winter and we have weeds popping up close to buildings."

In preparation for summer, the fire department surveys specific areas and neighborhoods that pose a fire hazard and sends residents in the hazardous areas a letter with instructions on how to clean their yards, Nunuz said.

The department recommends creating a dispensable space between buildings and plants, which is a distance of at least 10 feet.

Bruce Solomon, an employee at Baker Nursery on 40th Street and Osborn Road, said clearing out freeze-damaged plants is important.

"Maintain healthy plants. A lot of dead material just sits there," he said. "It acts like tinder if a fire is started."

Planting fire-retardant plants during summer months also can help decrease the potential for a fire, Solomon said.

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12-year-old to begin chase of her dreams in New York

By Julie Demetros

One 12-year-old Arcadia girl is on her way to living out her dreams.

Hayley Trueman, a student at St. Theresa Catholic School, is spending a week this summer in New York City at Broadway Artists Alliance theater camp.

After auditioning at a local dance studio, Hayley was invited to fly to New York for the opportunity to take acting and voice lessons at the Manhattan performing arts school.

Students ranging in age from 10 to 21 have the chance to perform in front of agents and get pointers from award-winning Broadway performers.

Hayley started out acting locally in a Desert Stages play in Scottsdale.

"It was 'Butterfly's Day,' and I was 5, so I was a little ensemble member," she said.

"I just knew I loved it, so I kept doing it."

Since then, she's been in many plays as part of the after-school, performing arts program in Arcadia, Art and Sol. Hayley performed most recently as the lead in Art and Sol's production of "Cinderella."

The young actress hopes to be seen on both stage and screen.

"I like both. I can't really choose, but if I had to, I would probably do live theater."

Hayley said she favors musical plays, but likes all types of films.

Hayley Trueman

"I love horror films," she said. "Those are my favorite."

She also enjoyed the recent movie

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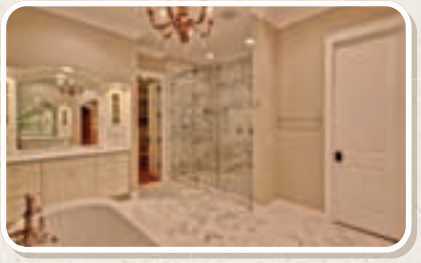

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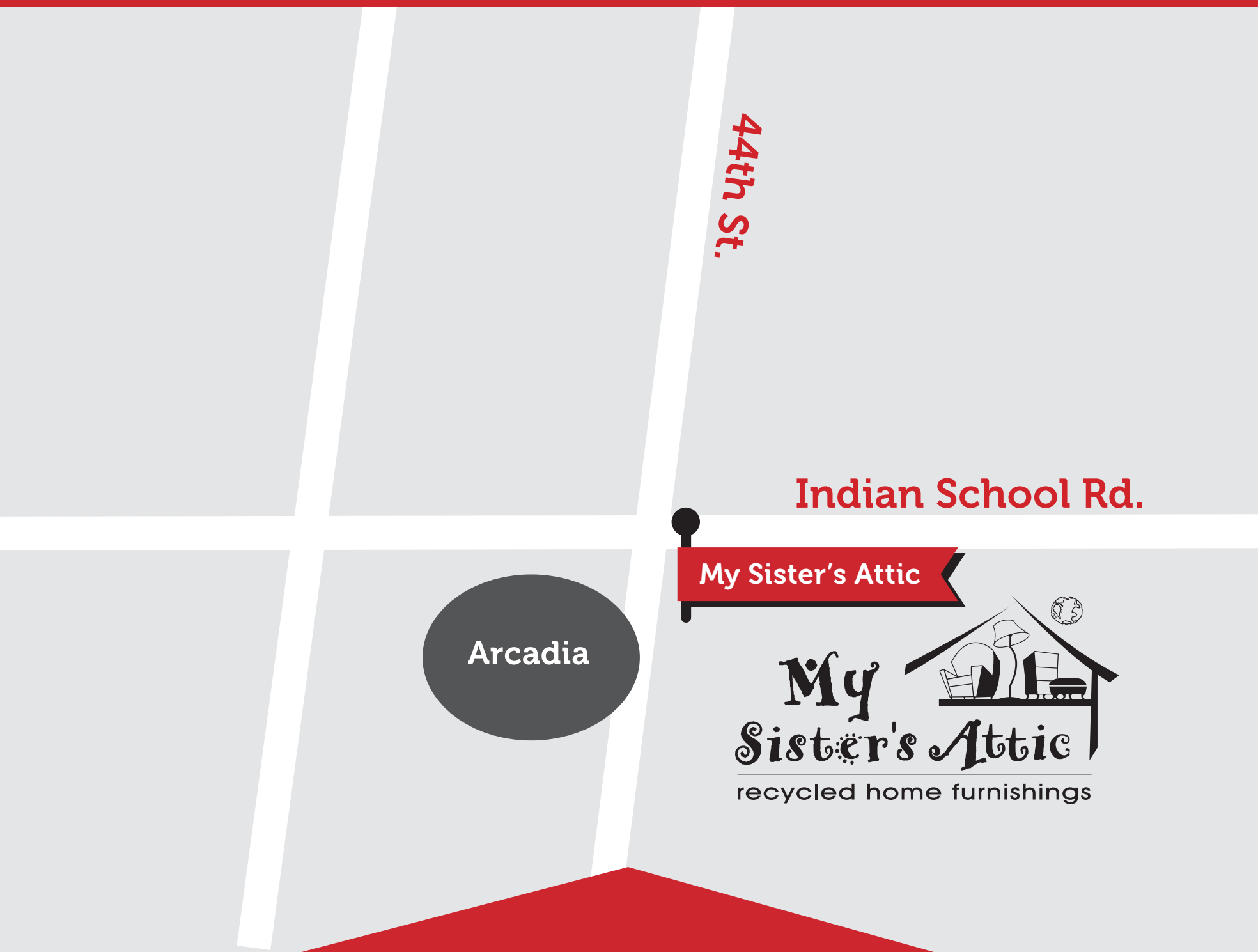

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St. Theresa teacher set to retire after 32 years on job

By Lupita S. Juarez

This fall St. Theresa Catholic School will feel a little different and not because the kids grew 2 inches taller or the seasons changed, but because one of their campus favorites won't be there.

For 32 years, Melissa Allen reigned in the classroom dedicating time and patience to generations of children. "It's so much fun" it didn't feel that long, Allen said.

In a school known for the longevity of its staff, Allen stands out. She is admired by administration, parents, faculty and especially her students for her sense of humor, sense of fairness and academic integrity.

"She is firm yet funny, tough yet caring and has earned the respect from so many," said Keri Herding, St. Theresa office manager.

Allen's journey began in the Diocese of Phoenix at St. Matthew's in 1974. In 1981, she decided to go to St. Theresa Catholic, making it her home school. Her daughter, Laurie, began kindergarten there.

Teaching partner Ann Lowry Howe and her former teacher assistant Marissa Wolf Knox, now a teacher at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel School, were in her third-grade class long before she mentored them to be teachers.

Melissa Allen

Allen said mentoring and guiding these young ladies was among the things that make being a teacher memorable and special.

Calling her way to communicate "straight talk," Allen said her teaching style is all about nurturing, listening and inserting a bit of humor into the classroom.

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Arcadian studies full year of Chinese in eight weeks

Where's the *Neighbor?*

By Kaley Kalil

Arcadia resident Courtney Day O'Connor, 23, has spent some fun, quality time in China.

O'Connor studies Chinese at Arizona State University in Tempe.

Last summer, she spent two and a half months in Chengdu, the capital of the Sichuan province in Southwest China, participating in ASU's Sichuan University Summer Language Program.

"The program gave me the opportunity to take a full year of Chinese courses in just eight weeks," O'Connor said.

"In addition to going to class five days a week, each student also had two-hour sessions with private tutors several times a week."

O'Connor lived in the Foreign Student Dormitory at Sichuan University and took a language pledge to speak only Chinese throughout her summer in Chengdu.

"I speak Mandarin Chinese with a good degree of fluency," she said.

"However, communication was sometimes challenging. There are seven major dialect groups of Chinese, and those are further split into subgroups.

"Each dialect is basically a different language. I learned several phrases from my language tutor in the local dialect,

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Courtney Day O'Connor with classmates in front of one of her favorite back alley dumpling restaurants.

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There's something to be said about traveling alone

Travel *Tips*

By Kaley Kalil

A friend and I recently were comparing traveling alone to traveling with a partner. My friend, along with most people, feels traveling solo can be lonely. She thinks vacations are more enjoyable having someone with you to share all of the miraculous sights, meals and special moments when out sight-seeing.

My friend makes some excellent points, but I have done my fair share of traveling alone and would like to acknowledge some lesser-known reasons as to why traveling alone might be just what a wanderer needs once in awhile:

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Guilt-free

How many of us, when traveling with another, have insisted on visiting a certain site or museum a good trek away, only to find out it's closed for repairs once we finally get there?

The guilt experienced afterwards for "wasting" the other person's precious vacation time is never any fun. Enjoy guilt-free expeditions when traveling solo, even when they do end up a bust.

Additionally, how often have you been "the cheap one" in the group that holds everyone back from dining at an upscale restaurant or staying at a fancy hotel due to your budget? Conversely, maybe you've been the traveler being held back?

All of that financial peer pressure disappears when you go it alone. Splurge when you're able to and skimp when necessary. A guilt-free conscience will give you tranquility and peace of mind throughout your travels.

Focus on what you think

When traveling with others, it's easy to find yourself lost in a fellow traveler's excited shadow. Their ideal itinerary may not match up with yours, and that's OK. By traveling alone, you'll be unphased by the tastes or dislikes of others, allowing you to be fully and openly engaged in new experiences, unbiased.

You shouldn't have to feel pressured to visit all of the "must-see tourist sites" if they're simply not on your list. Spend your time and money on whatever interests you, and don't get caught up in the hype about what you "have" to see at your destination.

Meet new people

Traveling stag forces you to step out of your comfort zone a little, allowing you the opportunity to meet new people and carry on conversations you might otherwise have missed out on. Gaining new perspectives and encountering new people while traveling the world could do you a world of good.

Got a travel tip? Contact Kaley via e-mail: kaley.kalil@gmail.com.

Drama

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version of *Les Misérables*, and hopes to be in a production of the musical someday. She also wants to be on the small screen, guest starring on one of her favorite TV shows, *Pretty Little Liars,* as "a creepy little girl."

Hayley points out she is inspired by Sutton Foster, who stars in ABC Family's *Bunheads* and has won awards for her performances in musicals.

"I would love to work with her," Hayley said. "She's my idol."

Hayley was introduced to Broadway Artists Alliance by her acting friends, and a few familiar faces will be traveling with her this summer.

"I saw a lot of people at auditions I know," she said. "Some of my friends are going for more than one week. You can go for three weeks, so my friend is renting an apartment and staying there for three weeks."

Luckily, the weeks overlap so Hayley and her friend will be there at the same time.

When she isn't acting, Hayley spends most of her time with her friends and family.

"My friends are really good support systems, and so is my family," she said.

Since this is her first time visiting New York, Hayley's especially looking forward to seeing a Broadway show, which is part of the camp experience.

She's also planning on doing some sightseeing, which may include the miles of books found at The Strand, and the well-loved Dylan's Candy Bar.

Hayley said she plans to continue performing any way she can.

"If I'm not still doing plays," she said, "I'll be on Broadway or in movies."

Watch for the follow-up article when we interview Hayley after she returns.

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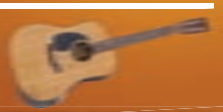

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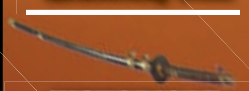

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Fire-retardant plants include wormwood, bush morning glory and rock rose.

The parks and recreation department takes its own precautions during the dry season by ceasing outdoor fires in the parks, such as pits, Nunez said.

When fires do strike, firefighters hit it at the head first, where the fire started, Nunez said. Fires that run through small brush are not a huge concern since there is no potential for the flames to spread. But high wind can create greater danger, Nunez said.

"Our biggest concern is safety and having no further property damage," he said.

If a fire is widespread, residents will be evacuated to a school a safe distance away and the fire department crisis team will keep residents updated, Nunez said.

Nunez encouraged residents to keep the inside of their homes free from clutter, as well, in case a fire ignites indoors.

"The biggest concern with hoarding is access into the home," he said. "It's hard to find anyone in there and really hard to rescue people."

Nunez said if the home is laden with combustibles then it poses a greater danger to surrounding homes.

He also recommended residents visit Phoenix.gov/fire/safety for fire-safety tips.

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called Sichuanhua.

"They (the local taxi drivers) really got a kick out of the Westerner playfully telling them to 'mind their own business' in their native tongue!"

Though not a fan of exotic foods such as snake, bugs or scorpions (all popular in China), O'Connor said her "favorite part about last summer was the food."

"Sichuan is famous for mouth-numbingly spicy food," she said.

"Chengdu is a place I'd like to call 'Foodie Heaven.' My favorite type of food is called Hot Pot, which is very similar to fondue or Japanese Shabu Shabu (thinly sliced beef boiled in water)."

O'Connor's favorite pastime in China was KTV, the Chinese version of Karaoke.

"China is very different from the neighborhood bar's open-mic night," she said.

"Instead of singing in front of the whole bar, you get your own private room. At KTV, you can belt Britney Spears songs to your heart's content around the company of good friends without judgment.

"Well, maybe minimal judgment."

Last summer's trip wasn't O'Connor's first to China.

In 2007, she completed a six-week internship at CNN in Beijing at the age of 17.

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Teacher

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"She always calls herself a bug-a-boo, because she says she will bug us about things, like putting our chins on our desk, she's says it's bad for our back," 9-year-old Sophia Alba said.

Matt Mackey, 9, added, "Mrs. Allen always makes fun of herself when she makes a mistake, and it's pretty funny to watch."

Allen is famous for her riddles "… because they're fun, kids remember them and when they're older and come back and visit and they tell me how those riddles helped them later in another class, that's when it all pays off," she said.

Her third-graders not only are riddle masters, but they also apply cursive style to their everyday writing

"I think technology is great, but everything has its place, and cursive is something I still believe has a place in kids' learning today," she said.

As the fall semester begins without Allen, she said she will be enjoying spending time with her husband and reading on her Kindle.

"St. Theresa has been a very special place for me for a long time," she said. "I know I will miss the energy and excitement of the children, but plan to remain close to my colleagues, who have become my friends, and attend school events and activities."

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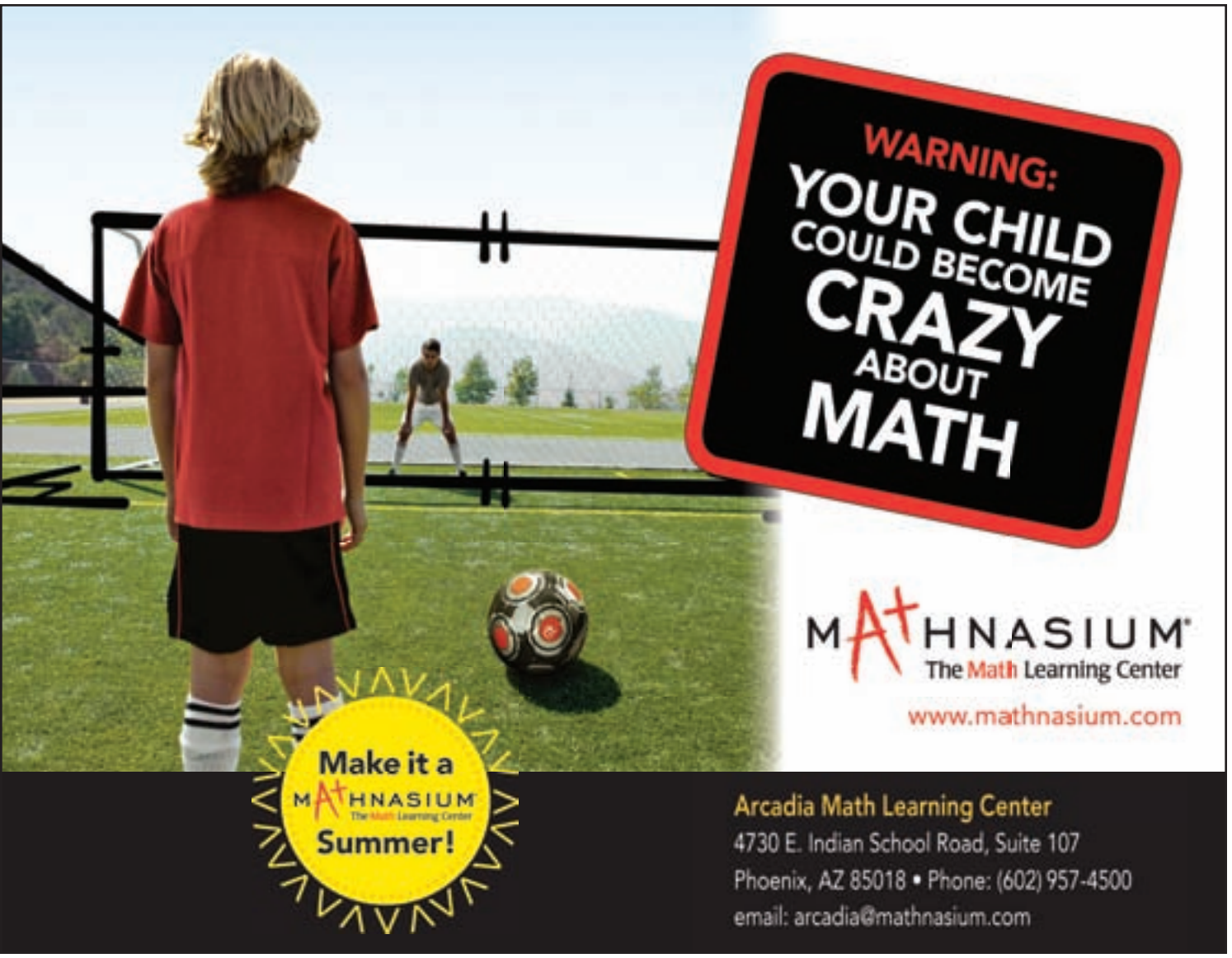

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In 2009, thanks to her language skills, she accompanied American families on their journey to adopt Chinese babies, visiting multiple cities throughout China.

"In my experience, Chinese people are so enthusiastic and friendly, especially towards foreigners who express an interest in Chinese culture," she said.

O'Connor is disappointed she will be unable to visit China this summer, although she is excited about her upcoming internship at the American Red Cross in Phoenix. She also will be taking summer school classes at ASU.

"Someone told me a popular phrase that really captured the essence of Chengdu," she said.

"The saying goes something like, 'Young people should never come to Chengdu because they will become too adjusted to the easy-going lifestyle; old people should never bother to leave because there's no better place to be.' "

O'Connor expects to graduate from ASU next spring, with plans to return to China shortly after.

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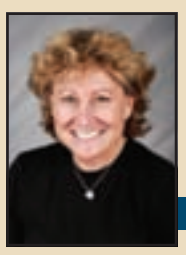

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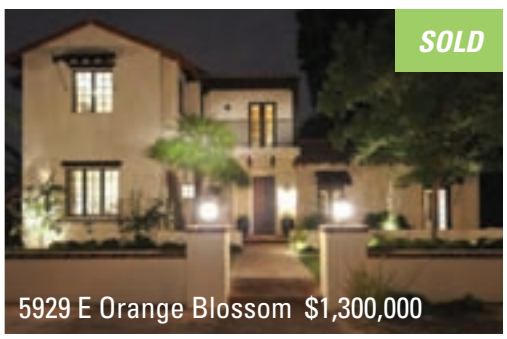
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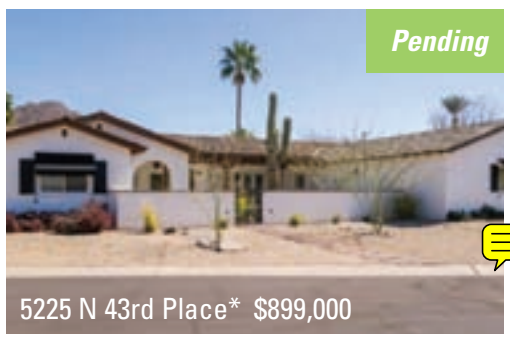
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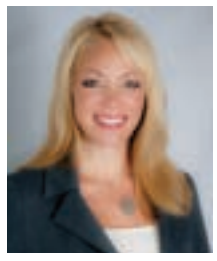
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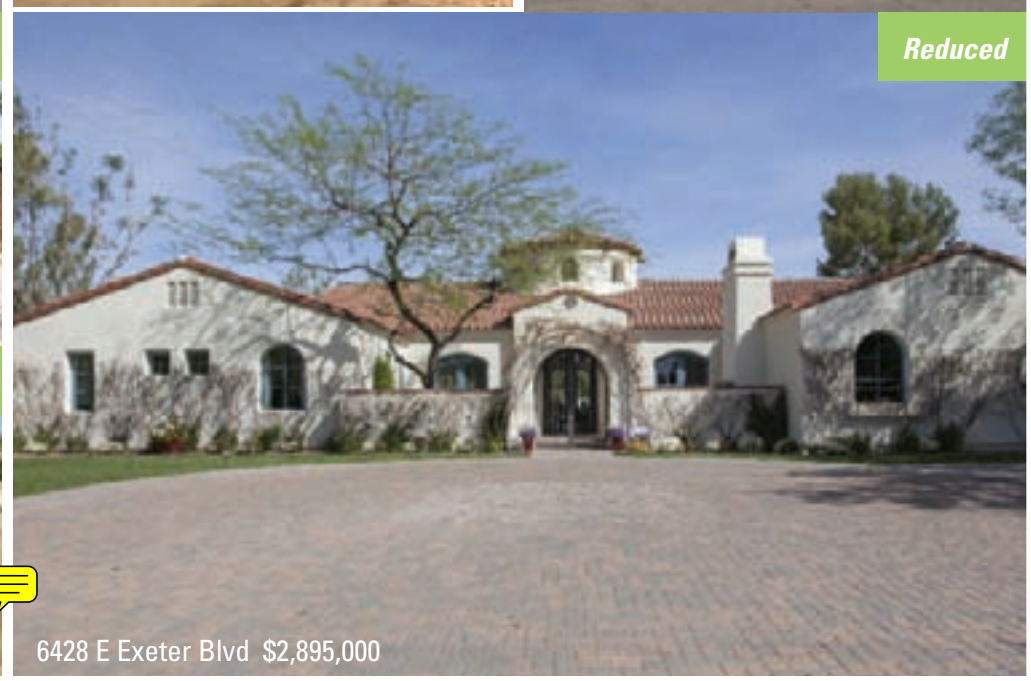
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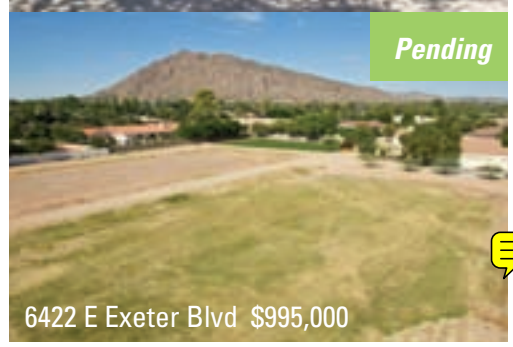
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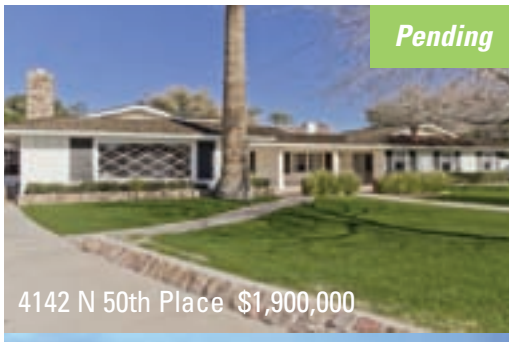
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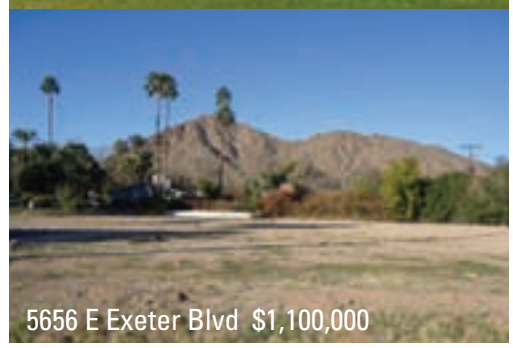
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By Michelle Milan

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After that, she became an AAA member. When she received all the AAA information in the mail, she sat down and read all of it. She then developed a passion for the organization, saw a job opening, and applied for the position.

"The rest is history," Donati said.

Now she is the public affairs supervisor of AAA Arizona.

Since then she hasn't had a flat tire.

"I'm an AAA nerd. I love the job, what I do, the people I work with," Donati said. "I work with a most super talented, creative team ever. I'm blessed each day," she said.

She recently moved to Arcadia area from Ahwatukee, which makes her work commute short to 24th Street and Camelback Road.

As the AAA spokeswoman, Donati handles media relations and looks for current events such as a big storm or gas-price hike and finds out how it will impact travelers.

"I get to spread the good news of AAA. It's interesting for sure. I like it because no two days are ever the same," Donati said. "AAA does so much. After six years I still learn something new every day."

Linda Gorman, director of public affairs and communication of AAA Arizona, described Donati as pleasant, professional, friendly and efficient.

"She's a real value. We're fortunate to have her," Gorman said.

Donati's fiancée, Colleen Grayman, said Donati loves what she does and always comes home happy.

"She's such a perfectionist. She'll stay at work late just to finish what she's working on," Grayman said.

When Donati isn't working, she is in her new home in Arcadia with her fiancée and their two dogs, experimenting in the kitchen with cooking and baking vegetarian and vegan recipes, running, volunteering everywhere in the community, and spending time with her "huge" family that lives in Ahwatukee.

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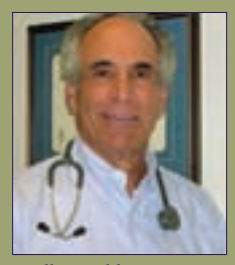
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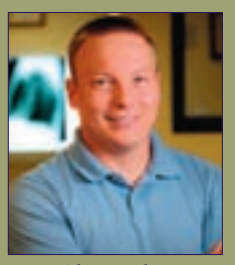
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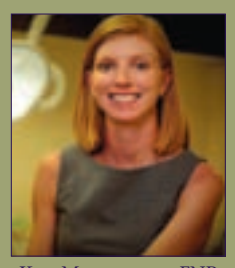
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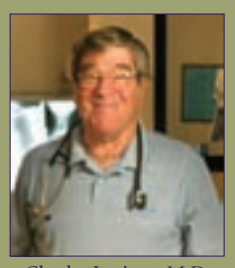
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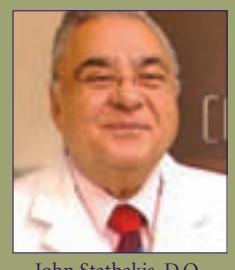
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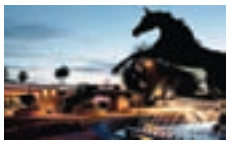

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History of Arizona runs deep at Lon's at Hermosa Inn

By Amanda Goossen

Lon's at the Hermosa Inn and Executive Chef Jeremy Pacheco have something in common. Their ties to Arizona run deep; their connection to the land is important.

Pacheco's family goes back nine generations in Arizona. His family's farm in Marana was home not only to the Pachecos, but to the food that fed them. Pacheco's own childhood instilled in him the farm-to-table movement that now inspires kitchens throughout the world, especially Lon's.

Lon's at the Hermosa Inn was named for its original owner, artist and cowboy Lon Megargee. The Philadelphia native came West in 1896 looking for the American dream. Earning his way as a cowboy, bronco buster and homebuilder, Megargee's art was his true passion and would become one of the reasons he built his beautiful adobe home and art studio in Paradise Valley.

On a 6-acre piece of land, Megargee began building in the late 1920s. Never using blueprints, he built his structure using the techniques he'd witnessed in Spain and Mexico using old wood beams and adobe blocks mixed and formed on site with the desert soil.

If Megargee decided he wanted another room, it was built. The home quickly became larger than expected. Soon it was a guest residence with friends coming to stay for weeks at a time.

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Late night gambling, an abundance of alcohol and underground tunnels were all rumored to be present in Megargee's home, which would lovingly be called Casa Hermosa.

Undergoing a $2 million renovation in 2009, luxury was a key factor in the construction. Beautiful, elegant and layered in history, the property is rich with elements of its past. Using architecture, adobe, wood beams and tile to develop a sophisticated yet casual look at the Southwest, The Hermosa Inn is a perfect balance of its past, present and future.

Lon's at the Hermosa and Last Drop Bar were brought to the hotel in 1994, created to bring outstanding food and drink, as well as a vibe that coincided with the time of Megargee and his guest residence Casa Hermosa.

Using the mysterious underground tunnels of the past as the current wine cellar, the property salutes its namesake in ways he would appreciate. The restaurant and bar have proven their greatness by becoming favorites to both locals and visitors from around the world.

Chef Jeremy Pacheco

Chef Pacheco works diligently in his kitchen to design "artful American" cuisine inspired by comfort food, using local and seasonal produce often coming from the herbs, citrus and vegetables from the restaurant's own 1/2-acre garden just outside the kitchen doors.

A new weekly Chef's Tasting Menu is offered to showcase both the culinary skills of the masterful kitchen team as well as seasonal products from local ranchers and farmers.

"The tasting menu is our chance to do something different that is not on our regular menu; our chance to have fun with different items and a chance for our cooks to explore different ingredients and get creative," Pacheco said.

The tasting menu consists of five courses with the possibility of wine pairings. Elements are beautifully matched and the flavors exquisite.

My own experience included cellar-cured barley prosciutto with local dates and arugula; smoked Mt. Lassen trout with sunflower sprouts, shaved radish and kimchee vinaigrette; a deconstructed "paella" with saffron arancini, shrimp, mussels, halibut and arabiatta sauce; Australian "wagyu" strip loin with truffle parsnip, grilled bok choy, tempura maitake, and white soy demi; and warm blackberry sundae with chocolate soufflé cake and chocolate cookies.

Each course was more extraordinary than the previous one.

My husband and I spent hours afterward discussing our favorites, debating on a plate or a simple portion of the recipe more outstanding than the other. Never could we settle on one aspect.

Each bite, vegetable, sauce and bit of protein stood out and made an impression that will last a lifetime.

Renae Chamberlain. Photos by Heather Kinkel.

Fresh ingredients bring childhood recipes new life

Arcadia's Cookbook

By Amanda Goossen

Renae Chamberlain has a special place in her heart for the Latin culture. Her life and family are living proof.

Born and raised in Buckeye, Chamberlain has lived in Arcadia with her husband and five children for seven years.

"My husband Rick and I enjoy the laid-back, minimal stress and easy-going lifestyle of the Latin culture and try to create that environment in our home," she said.

Her parents were both second-generation migrant workers. Chamberlain's father was born in Eagle Pass, Texas and her mother in Laredo.

Beans and rice were a main food for both, while bologna sandwiches were special childhood treats on the weekends. Married in 1970, they moved to Arizona, looking for a better life.

Chamberlain grew up poor, eventually moving into the middle class. The family rarely ate out and enjoyed authentic Latin meals on a regular basis.

Tacos, which come from the Spanish word meaning "light snack," were a childhood staple.

Now, as a mother to her own, Chamberlain works hard to continue traditions of her past while also establishing healthy eating habits and using fresh, seasonal ingredients.

"I've had to modify the recipes I grew up with to enhance the nutritional value and still keep the authentic flavors," she said.

"Except birthdays. Authentic enchiladas are a birthday treat."

Using fresh herbs from her garden and citrus from the trees in their yard, Chamberlain works hard to develop nightly meals.

With five children, as well as many of their friends staying for dinner on a nightly basis, meals are a large production.

"I like to apply simple American twists to recipes I grew up with," she said.

Using coconut oil to replace other oils, putting strawberries and other fresh fruit in the salsa, adding mint to the margaritas and dressing up black beans with garlic, lime juice and a sprinkle of goat cheese are all accents helping bring Chamberlain's childhood memories to her present table.

Entertaining at home is one of the family's favorite pastimes.

"Laughter, food and music is a lifestyle for us," Chamberlain said. "Friends and guests are always welcome. There is always something to eat and drink at our 'casa.' "

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1 tsp. chili powder
1/4 tsp. cumin
2 tbsp. chopped red onion
2 cloves garlic, minced
1 tbsp. extra virgin olive oil
1/2 lb.-3/4 lb. flank steak

Strawberry Mint Salsa

1 cup chopped strawberries (about 8-10 strawberries)
1/4 cup chopped red onion
1 jalapeño, diced
2 tbsp. chopped mint

In a small bowl, mix lime juice, chili powder, cumin, chopped onion, minced garlic and extra virgin olive oil. Set the flank steak in a shallow baking dish and pour on the marinade. Flip the steak over to make sure the marinade gets everywhere. Put the steak in the fridge for about an hour.

While the steak is marinating, whip up the strawberry mint salsa. Mix together the strawberries, red onion, chopped mint and jalapeño. Pop the bowl in the fridge while you finish the steak, so the flavors can meld together.

When the steak is done marinating, cook it in a grill pan (or on the grill or regular pan) to the temperature of your liking.

When the steak is done grilling, place it on a cutting board and slice it into thin strips.

Take one of the lightly grilled tortillas and lay a few strips of steak down. Top with the strawberry mint salsa and sprinkle with gorgonzola.

Serves about 2 with some leftover salsa.

Mint Margarita

5 tbsp. (packed) fresh mint leaves
2 tbsp. fresh lime juice
1 tbsp. organic blue agave
3 tbsp. tequila
1 tbsp. orange flavored liqueur
Ice
Kosher salt
Optional limes slices for garnish
Mint sprigs for garnish

Place 4 tbsp. of whole mint leaves in the bottom of a cocktail shaker along with the lime juice and agave. Using a muddler, press down and twist repeatedly until the mint is quite fragrant.

Add the tequila, orange flavored liqueur and about a cup of ice. Shake well until really cold.

If you like margaritas with salt, pour some kosher salt into a small plate, rub a lime wedge around the top of the glass and dip into the salt.

Take the remaining mint leaves, roll them up like a cigar and slice thinly with a very sharp knife.

Add some ice to the glass, strain in the margarita and stir in the sliced mint.

Serve with a few slices of lime and a sprig of mint as desired.

A gluten-free recipe serving 1.

Rustic Jicama Appetizer

1 medium jicama (about 1 lb.)
3 navel oranges, peeled, halved lengthwise, and cut crosswise into 1/4-inch-thick slices (about 1 1/2 cups)
2 small cucumbers, peeled, halved lengthwise, seeded, and thinly sliced (about 3 cups)
1/2 cup thinly sliced radishes
1/3 cup fresh lime juice
2 tsp. dried ground guajillo chile or hot chili powder
1/2 tsp. salt
1/3 cup coarsely chopped fresh cilantro

Peel and cut the jicama in half. Place halves cut sides down, and cut into 1/4-inch-thick slices.

Combine jicama, oranges, cucumbers, radishes and juice in a bowl.

Let stand 30 minutes.

Add the ground chile and salt and toss well.

Sprinkle with cilantro.

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The NCL Cactus Wren chapter working at the Scottsdale Cultural Council's Scottsdale Arts Festival to assist with the children's art program.

New local chapter formed of National Charity League

By Margaret Ann Lippincott

The newest local chapter of the National Charity League currently is accepting 2013-2014 membership applications. While Arcadia already has a chapter called NCL Camelback, the new one is called NCL Cactus Wren.

National Charity League is a 501c3 mother/daughter organization providing community service, leadership development and cultural experiences for girls seventh-through-12th grades.

"It is kind of a combination of the Junior League, the Girl Scouts and a sorority," said Arcadia resident Anne Price, president of the Cactus Wren chapter.

National Charity League was founded in Pasadena, Calif. in 1925 and there currently are 51,000 members in 176 chapters in 21 states.

The Arizona chapters began forming in the 1980s and there are about a dozen in Phoenix.

"When there is consistently an overflow of applicants to a chapter, the national NCL considers opening a new chapter," Price said. "We founded NCL Cactus Wren in August 2012 with 70 members."

Price got involved with her daughter Carolyn, a seventh-grader at Basis Scottsdale, because Basis did not have a community service element in its curriculum.

"I wanted her to know the importance of public service," Price said. "Plus it gives her a chance to develop leadership skills."

Freya Irani, a ninth grader at Phoenix Country Day School, said her most rewarding experience so far has been volunteering at the Sunday A'Fair at the Scottsdale Civic Center put on by Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts.

"I really enjoyed helping the little kids with art projects there," Freya said.

She said she got into the National Charity League mainly because other girls in her grade recommended it and her mom thought it would be a good experience to do community service and have fun.

Cactus Wren's membership spans Arcadia, Paradise Valley, Scottsdale and Tempe with 10 or 12 different countries also represented. Last year girls from 25 different schools participated.

Daughters learn to plan events like the chapter tea, run their own meetings, learn about conflict resolution, develop an agenda, give presentations and work on poise and articulation.

It costs $75 to join (both mothers and daughters) and $125 in yearly dues.

The Cactus Wren chapter supports, among other organizations, the Welcome to America Project where mothers and daughters help organize and distribute food; Homeward Bound, where they work in the nursery holding babies, playing with the children and reading stories; Feed My Starving Children, where they pack meals; and the Scottsdale Cultural Council where they support children's art and performing arts programs.

More information is available at NCLCactusWren.chapterweb.net and NCLCactusWrenPresident@gmail.com.

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Move from Philadelphia includes bringing Italian Ice

By Amanda Goossen

When Joe Natale moved to Phoenix from Philadelphia in 2011, he knew his life was about to change in more ways than one.

Sweet *Treats*

"I had signed a contract to work a sales job for 13 months. The job would require me to work three days a week. I knew if I was ever going to start my own business, this was the time," Natale said.

Growing up in Philadelphia, Italian water ice was a major part of Natale's life.

Italian water ice is different than shaved ice. It's a sweetened frozen dessert similar to sorbet. Italian water ice is made in a way similar to ice cream, first freezing the ingredients and then mixing them. The consistency is smooth and slightly delicate.

"My brother and I shared a paper route when we were kids," Natale said. "Every day we ended by riding our bikes to get an ice."

While the move to Phoenix made it possible for Natale to open his own business, friends back home with their own mobile ice companies offered up advice from years of experience.

"I shadowed two friends, watching what it took to run the business. They offered up recipes as well, but I eventually learned that tinkering with ingredients and creating my own recipes was what I preferred to do."

LuLu's Italian Water Ice was born in October 2011. Starting with one cart and a handful of Italian Ice recipes, Natale began spending evenings and weekends at farmers markets, outdoor concerts and festivals. Handing out samples to everyone who walked by, Natale hoped word would get out his ice was like nothing else in Phoenix.

Twenty months later, LuLu's Italian Water Ice has spread like wildfire. Now with six carts and a group of part-time employees, Natale no longer works his sales job. He spends his days in his commissary kitchen, developing flavors and working to create the best product possible.

And, because Natale found an interest in health and fitness classes in college, his studies changed his life and influenced his business.

"I believe this product fills a void in people's regular dietary lives," Natale said.

All-natural, fat-free, dairy-free and gluten-free, LuLu's Italian Water Ice is luscious and refreshing. Made with fresh fruit, the flavors are never overly sweet because they are balanced with other ingredients such as Tahitian vanilla and a variety of natural fruit juices and purees. Each spoonful is vibrant, delicious and memorable.

Flavors such as Mango, Strawberry-Lemon, Blood Orange Creamsicle, Passion Fruit, Cherry, Mango Margarita, Blue Raspberry, Pure Coconut, Pure Pineapple-Coconut and Acai are just a few of the beautifully constructed recipes.

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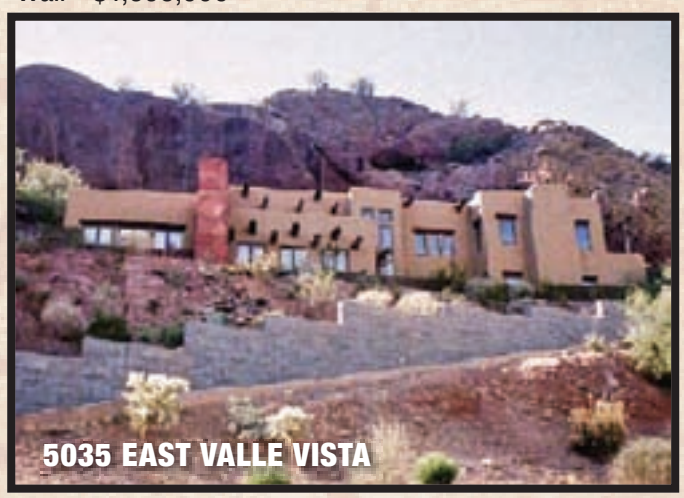

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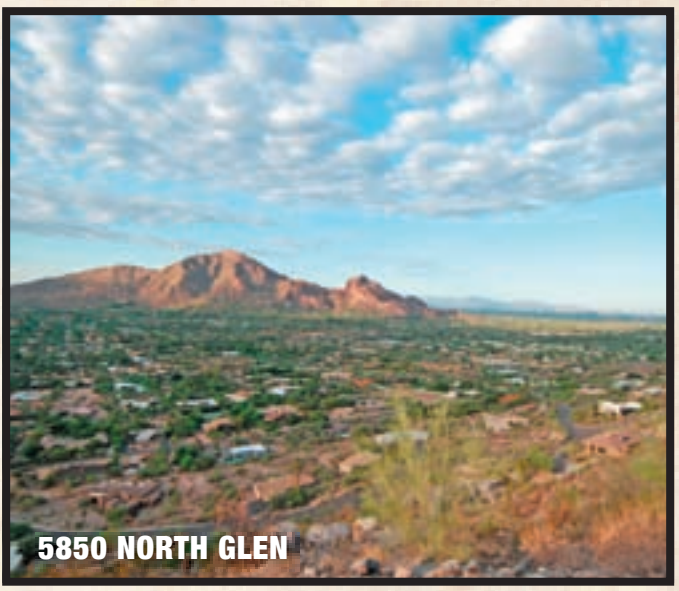

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Zombies also mean opportunity

By Josh Thrall

Zombies are in. Or, at least killing them.

AMC's "The Walking Dead," a show about a small group of survivors trying to make it in a world infested with zombies, broke cable ratings records with the finale of its third season. Author Max Brooks' zombie novel "World War Z: An Oral History of the Zombie War" spent four weeks on "The New York Times" Bestseller List.

The Arizona Department of Zombie Defense takes up the cause of fighting zombies with its slogan: "If it's dead, we'll kill it." D.O.Z.D Commander Shaun Hayes said his Valley-based group also uses zombies to educate people about survival techniques and self-defense for real life disaster situations.

"If you do something in a fun way, people remember it" Hayes said. "The scariest thing isn't the zombies; it's what could really happen. Bad stuff happens all the time. Look at Hurricane Katrina. If you take water and food away from someone for a few days, people start hurting each other."

Hayes said he and the other founding members of D.O.Z.D. have backgrounds in the military and law enforcement, with Hayes having worked as medic for a Special Weapons and Tactics (S.W.A.T.) unit.

He said they wanted to teach people survival skills and gun safety, and zombies allowed them to provide a fun outlet for that, as well as an opportunity for them to embrace their nerdy sides.

"If everything went crazy, what would you do?" Hayes asked. "Most people have never been in a situation like that. Zombies were a good way to bring that up. They are an easy monster to hate."

Near Halloween D.O.Z.D. hosts zombie walks in Downtown Phoenix where thousands of people don zombie makeup and walk around as if they were the living dead. The annual event, which features live bands and activities, had 5,600 participants last year. Proceeds for D.O.Z.D events go to the Wounded Warrior Project, a charity for injured U.S. veterans.

"It's just a fun way to introduce people to our ideas," Hayes said. "People just want to have fun and meet people. Dressing up as zombies is a good way to do that. We want to be as accessible as possible."

D.O.Z.D lets anyone establish a "squad" with as many members as they want and become members of the group. Every new member fills out a personal bio on the group's website and submits pictures of themselves, with the chance of becoming a character in D.O.Z.D.'s official comic book series.

"We took our love of the outdoors and tactics and decided to do something fun with it," Hayes said.

AAA

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Donati likes to collect Buddha statues, loves haikus and considers El Caminos to be her lucky charm. She described herself as loyal and a nerd.

"I would describe her as classy because she's always doing the right thing," Grayman said.

She's passionate about volunteering and giving back to the community.

"In giving, we receive. Getting involved is a huge way to learn and grow," Donati said.

In the fall, she began mentoring freshman students at Central High School for the program Destination Graduation. She goes two to three times a month and talks to students about real-life issues.

"They are my favorite days of the week," Donati said. "I love my class – they're a great group of kids. They crack me up."

Donati has traveled to Honduras where she built a house and spent time in an orphanage.

AAA also does some volunteer work, which is another reason to love it, Donati said.

AAA is involved, among others, with St. Mary's Food Bank, St. Vincent de Paul and Habitat for Humanity.

"She's an asset to any community with all her volunteering," Grayman said.

"If she says she'll do something, she'll do it."

Three years ago her older sister, Melissa, died of a heart condition she didn't know about. Donati went to grief counseling and afterward became a facilitator for a grief support group.

"It was instrumental in my healing," Donati said.

Her sister had three children, so she spends a lot of time with her two nieces and nephew.

Donati said she is more involved than most aunts as he tries to fulfill things her older sister would do with the kids, such as mother-son treasure hunts at school.

Donati completed the PF Chang's full-marathon in 2009 and 2010, and PF Chang's half-marathon in 2011.

She also participates in a number of runs throughout the year such as Pat's Run, she said.

After her sister died, Donati said she runs every race in her memory so she always writes "Team Melissa" somewhere on her body.

Sundays she goes to Ahwatukee to spend time with her family where there's always a minimum of 10 people, she said.

"It's a little crazy but a lot of fun."

Now as a new resident of Arcadia, she said she loves eating out and trying new restaurants because "Arcadia has so many great ones,"

Her favorite thing about Arcadia is the community feel and how her neighbors watch out for each other.

"It's cool to live in a neighborhood that's so thoughtful and generous. I never had that in other places I've lived," Donati said.

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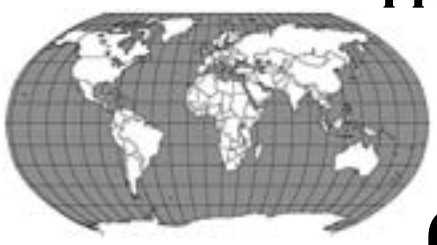
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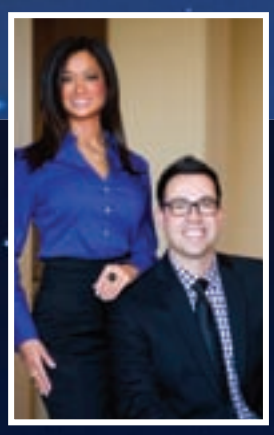

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With tall buildings as a backdrop, the New Roots program enables refugee farmers and local citizens a chance to grow crops within the city.

Expanded program grows crops in the center of city

By Audrey Luzader

On the northeast corner of Indian School Road and Central Avenue, across from a busy light-rail stop, a garden of numerous vegetables grows as a product of the New Roots program.

The International Rescue Committee in Phoenix has teamed up with PHX Renews to expand its New Roots program, an initiative to integrate and assist refugees through the rescue committee program, coordinator Timothy Olorunfemi said.

PHX Renews is an initiative of mayors to tackle the large percentage of vacant lots around metro Phoenix, said Colin Tetreault, Mayor Greg Stanton's senior policy adviser for sustainability.

Tetreault said the project's goal is, "To use vacant land … to transform and provide a positive outcome for the community."

The nonprofit organization Keeping Phoenix Beautiful is administrating the project, he said.

Tom Waldeck, executive director at Keeping Phoenix Beautiful, said the group is subletting pieces of the property to different groups, one of which is the IRC for its New Roots program.

New Roots occupies 2.35 acres. At least a dozen families have planted on about a quarter acre. Nine of the families are refugees; three are from the community.

Olorunfemi said New Roots was started in October 2007 and was, "designed to help refugee farmers who fled their countries coming to Arizona and wanted to continue farming."

The programs objectives also are to help refugees integrate into the community, connect them with resources and aid in self sufficiency and economic empowerment, Olorunfemi said.

While the group has different land around Phoenix, use of the 2.35 acres on the PHX Renews lot kicked off in the beginning of December.

The families can use their food to help feed their own family, as well as to sell in the community, Olorunfemi said.

These families are from Congo-Brazzaville, Congo Democratic, Bhutan, Sudan, Iraq and Somalia. They are planting everything from peas and carrots, to different spinach mixtures and onions from their home countries.

Olorunfemi came to the U.S. in 2006 as an immigrant from Nigeria where he grew up on a farm, he said.

The entire program is broken up into three groups: farmland, community gardens and backyard gardens.

Olorunfemi said the farmland is a more independent group, while the community garden contingent consists of groups of people coming together on the same land. The backyard gardens are where refugees farm little gardens at their own homes.

New Roots first started in Phoenix with 17 families and has grown to around 80.

Nicolle Walker, IRC development manager, said the program tries to "bring refugees to the forefront of the Phoenix community," and has brought more than 1,200 refugees to Phoenix since 1994. The New Roots program allows them to be more visible.

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Book of childhood images helping children's groups

By Michelle Milan

Arcadia photographer Mara Blom Schantz donates some of the proceeds from her book *A Celebration of Childhood – Lessons From the Young* to children.

Ten percent of the wholesale cost from the book are being donated to CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) for Children and Arizonans for Foster Children. The book is sold at Blueseeds, MomBomb, and Artistic Impressions by Mara Fine Photography.

"It's very part of who she (Schantz) is to help children," said Megan Hull, photography studio manager. "She has a real special place in her heart for children who have gone through the court system."

Schantz has been a CASA volunteer since October 2010 and has served eight children since being with them, said Holly Prasetio, program coordinator of CASA of Maricopa County.

The "simple lessons" imparted in the book, Schantz said, are basically a way to live one's life, as in these quotes from the book:

"Be wild and free, twirl, jump and just be."

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‘Nowhere But Home’ is Book Club selection for June

By Amanda Goossen

Like it or not, summer has arrived. And with the Arizona heat comes a couple great things. It’s time to lay by the pool, hop on a plane or lounge about just a bit with a book, or two, or if you’re like me, maybe 15.

Summertime, one way or another, offers up a little extra time to read, even if it’s a quick hour after doing the dishes and before folding laundry, late at night. As a busy mom, I know it’s hard to find the time, but I promise you it’s there.

So open a book, dive in for an adventure and give yourself some time to relax. You deserve it, we all do.

The Arcadia News Book Club is the gathering place for neighborhood book lovers and in June we will discuss *Nowhere But Home* by Liza Palmer.

We’ll meet at 7 p.m. June 27 at Terra Java Coffee House, 3619 E. Indian School Road.

Book Club attendees will enjoy 30-minutes with Palmer via SKYPE as well as coffee, tea and treats.

For more information or to let us know you’ll be attending, please email amanda@arcadianews.com.

BOOK CLUB SELECTION
Nowhere But Home
By Liza Palmer

Queenie Wake has been running from her past for far too long. Ten years ago, she vowed to never return to North Star, Texas, but life has given her no choice. Driving into her small town, she feels like a failure. And the gossipy, mean girls of her past don’t make it any easier.

The Wake family has been long regarded as the trash of North Star. Queenie and her sister, Merry Carole, have been cast in the shadow of their mother’s reputation their entire life. Going home means facing the demons that have haunted her. Not to mention facing the man who broke her heart. Can she do it?

Queenie Wake is a spirited character, who’s not only fun to read but fascinating to watch as she learns about herself, her past and the painful fears that have plagued her very existence. Author Liza Palmer takes readers to a small Southern town and unravels a series of characters you simply can’t get enough of. *Nowhere But Home* is sweet and charming, heart wrenching and smart.

The Avalon Ladies Scrapbooking Society
By Darien Gee

From the author of Friendship Bread comes a story of small town friendship and love with many of the same characters from the first book, but with many new faces to discover and understand.

Filled with all the things you’d expect from any small town, *The Avalon Ladies Scrapbooking Society* is a feel good story about the people who make up Avalon, Ill. and the things they’ll do for each other to survive the good, the bad and the ugly.

Author Darien Dee does a beautiful job with a story not only about creating memories, but about preserving them along the way.

CHILDREN’S BOOKS
No Fits, Nilson
By Zachariah O’Hora

Award-winning author and illustrator Zachariah O’Hora brings young readers an adorable picture book about something kids and parents know well, tantrums.

Little Amelia and her giant blue gorilla friend, Nilson, do everything together. But when Nilson throws the biggest, most “house shaking-est” fit ever, they both get a time-out. Amelia must learn how to calm her dear friend whether through compromise, small surprises or teaching him tricks for better behavior.

No Fits, Nilson is a precious story filled with vibrant illustrations. The colors and characters jump off the page, while the words touch your heart and remind young and old that patience and love is the key to life.

Don’t Eat the Baby
By Amy Young

Tom’s little brother Nathaniel just arrived. He isn’t so sure about the baby who has stolen all the attention and to him, “can’t do one single interesting thing.” Tom is frustrated that everyone thinks he is adorable and wants to “take a bite out of his fat cheeks.”

But when friends and family start mentioning that Nathaniel is so cute “they could swallow him whole,” or that he is so “yummy,” Tom grows concerned. He can’t let people eat his brother.

A heart-warming story for the youngest kids in your life, *Don’t Eat the Baby* is funny and cute. Whether a new baby has just arrived in your home or not, all will thoroughly enjoy this terrific book.

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Don't let the heat keep you from enjoying the concerts

By Craig Goossen

The heat is on, but we can't be held captive.

It's a long haul through the summer season, however as many leave the state for cooler environs, it's we locals who hold it down.

It's up to us to keep the city pumped with life, so when traveling musicians come to town we can show them what we're made of and that we appreciate them swinging through our city.

Enjoy the new mix, stay cool and get out to the music.

CEREMONY
Hysteria (2012)

The word punk gets thrown around a lot these days, but the reference is rarely applicable. Ceremony is the raw goods and the Rhythm Room will be the perfect setting.

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Music

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TWO GALLANTS
My Love Won't Wait (2012)

There's something about this song that signals the realization the Crescent Ballroom will be a lot of fun on this night. The bar at Crescent is a great pre-show hangout so don't be afraid to get there early to have some chips and salsa and a Honey Badger.

Two Gallants perform June 9 at Crescent Ballroom, 308 N. 2nd Ave.

The show is for people 21 and older; tickets are $17.

EX-CULT
Better Life Through Chemistry (2012)

This Memphis band will without a doubt get things moving inside Trunk Space on a hot summer night. The group's latest release on Goner Records was produced by Ty Segal and is a nice little garage nugget.

Ex-Cult will perform June 15 at Trunk Space, 1506 N.W. Grand Ave.

The show is for people 21 and older; tickets are $10.

ROBERT EARL KEEN
The Road Goes On and On (2011)

The respected Texan released one of his career bests, *Ready For Confetti* with production from Lloyd Maines.

If you're into folk, country and Americana get downtown on this Tuesday night.

Robert Earl Keen performs June 18 at Crescent Ballroom, 308 N. 2nd Ave .

The show is for people 21 and older; tickets are $26.

JUAN MACLEAN
Let's Talk About Me (2011)

Electro DJ, versed in the art of house music and a master of the mix, will take over the rooftop at Hotel Palomar. A great way to extend or end the weekend.

Juan Maclean performs a DJ set June 30 at Lustre Bar at Hotel Palomar, 2 E. Jefferson St.

The show is for people 21 and older; tickets are $10.

Los Angeles native Craig Goossen grew up in the night clubs, bars and record stores of the L.A. music scene. Now an Arcadia resident, he finds enjoyment through his music collection and the venues and shops dispensing sounds in the Phoenix area.

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everything about you and loves you anyway."

"Be curious."

The images from the book were culled from Schantz own work over her 14-year career as a photographer.

Children are her favorite subject, she said.

Children are in a "curious state," she said. "Their emotions are close to the surface and you can easily tell if they're mad, sad, angry or glad."

Schantz specializes in black and white film, "keeping things simple," she said.

"(The old-fashioned way) allows you to see subjects with simplicity and honesty," she said. "You can see their inner beauty and not be distracted by colors."

She gives the negatives to her clients because they are one-of-a-kind and cast forever.

Hull said even with two kids at home and a husband, Schantz is never frazzled.

"She is someone to admire," Hull said.

Schantz currently is looking for models for a new book theme, *A Celebration of Motherhood*.

She seeks mothers and children of any age.

She can be reached online at ArtisticImpressionsByMara.com.

Mara Blom Schantz

Community Happenings

Children and parents are invited to Summer Time Storytelling programs at Pueblo Grande Museum beginning June 22.

All stories are presented by the author of each book and geared toward children 6 years old and younger. Each storytelling session is $5 per child and includes a story related craft activity. These drop-in programs begin at 10 a.m. Pre-registration is not required.

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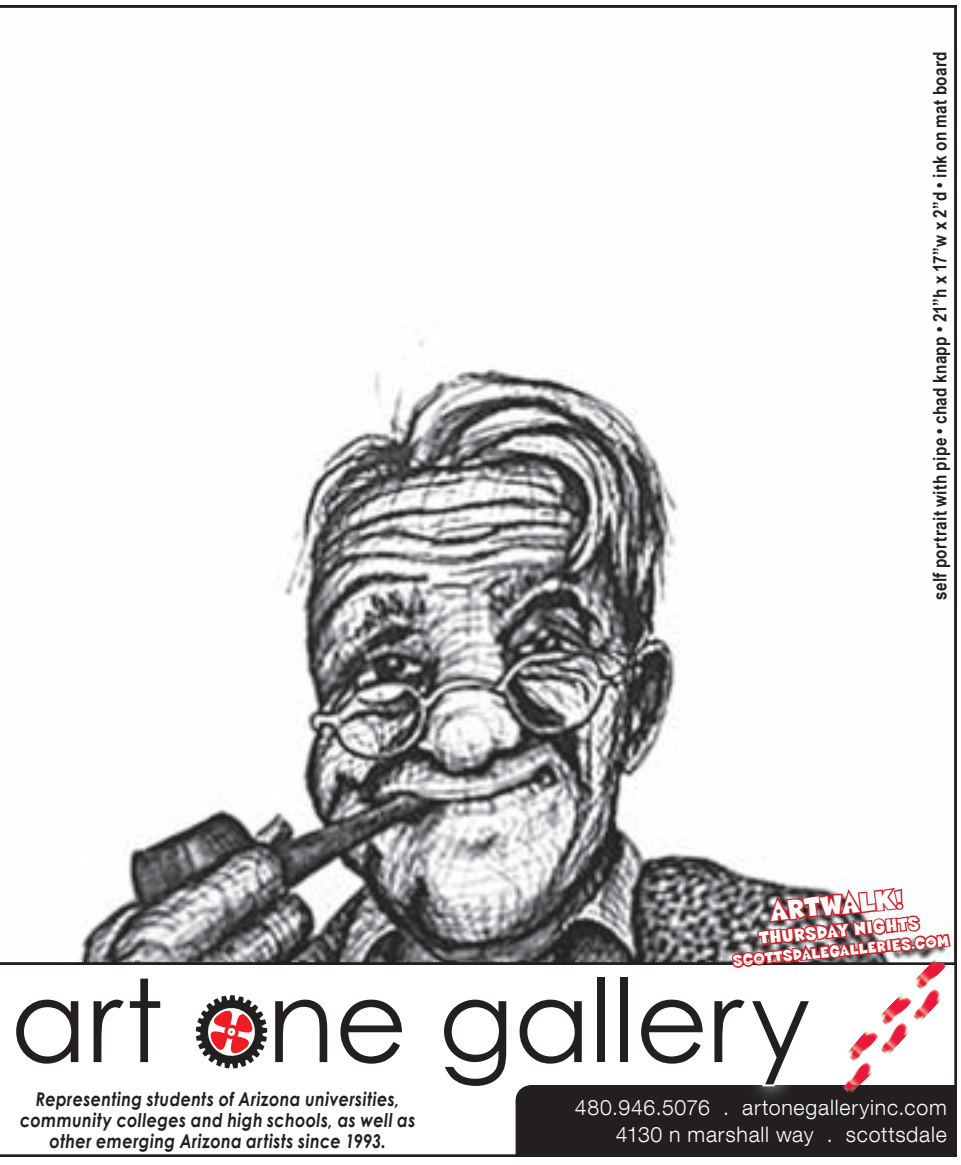

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Arcadia High's Reynolds selected Athlete of Year

By Nathan Humpherys

Alex Reynolds' nomination for the Phoenix Regional Sports Commission's Athlete of the Year Award began when Vice-Principal and Athletic Director Kevin Mooney noticed a trend around campus.

"Just about any time I look around and see something good happening, Alex is there in the middle of it," Mooney said.

The anti-bullying campaign at Arcadia? Reynolds was there. Food drives? Reynolds was there. Coordinating last year's graduation? Tutoring for other students? Throwing a holiday party for the kids at Tavan Elementary? Reynolds, as always, was there.

In fact, not only was Reynolds involved, most of the time he was leading the way.

"He's the epitome of the excellent student athlete," Mooney said. "Again, a great athlete, but so much more than just a great athlete."

Reynolds has played year-round baseball since he was 8 and played football for the first time as a freshman at Arcadia. After a standout year as a wide receiver on the freshman team, he was called up to varsity during his sophomore season. Once on varsity, he earned a starting spot, averaged nearly 28 yards per catch, and continued to start his junior and senior years.

In baseball, Reynolds was the MVP of his freshman team. He began starting in the varsity outfield as a sophomore, a role he continued in while also making regular appearances as a pitcher during his senior year.

Though Reynolds is a gifted high school athlete, his true talent appears to be his world-class ability to juggle a schedule. Where most high schoolers would be busy enough with classes, a girlfriend and playing two sports, he somehow found the time to be a three-year member of Club Interact (which focuses on community service and the environment), a member of Club DECA (a club for students interested in business and marketing), one of the founders of Arcadia's Student Advisory Board, not to mention the president of National Honors Society. He also helps out with Little League, walks dogs at the Lucky Paws Animal Shelter and donates blood so often, his mother has started a collection of the "Thank You" cards the blood bank sends him. And this is all on top of a full load of honors and AP classes.

"The grades are definitely a big deal," his mother, Shawna, said. "He has literally never gotten a 'B' on his report card," a goal she says he set for himself when he started high school. Getting straight 'A's in difficult classes has earned Reynolds a 4.7 weighted grade-point average, ranking him sixth in his graduating class of 455.

With all he's achieved, it would seem inevitable that someone should take notice. Still, Reynolds was surprised to learn he had not only come to his vice-principal's attention, but that Mooney wanted to nominate him for the award.

"It's such an honor, to have an administrator at Arcadia recognize me and go through the trouble and take his time to do this for me . . . It feels so rewarding," Reynolds said. "I never would have imagined it. It caught me off guard, but it feels amazing."

The Youth Sports Awards were presented as a part of the PRSC's Arizona Sports Hall of Fame induction ceremony. Reynolds walked down the red carpet outside the Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts with his dad, Scott, his mom, and his girlfriend, Hannah Zweig.

During the reception that preceded the ceremony, the movers and shakers of the Valley's business and athletics communities flooded the venue, sipping cocktails, eating shrimp hors d'oeuvres and bidding on memorabilia in the silent auction while the Cardinals' mascot and the University of Arizona spirit squad mingled with the crowd.

A couple of hours passed, then the doors to the auditorium opened and everyone filed in. There were opening remarks and a video presentation, then the Youth Sports Awards were announced. Contributor of the Year was awarded first, given to John Wilborn for his work with Horizon Huskies Boys Lacrosse; Coach of the Year went to LPGA-USGA coach Kathy Knadler.

"It was pretty hard to contain myself while we sat there," Reynolds said.

Finally, the emcee announced, "The Athlete of the Year award goes to: Alex

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9-year-old fires an ace

By Michelle Milan

Nate Holloran, a third-grader at Hopi Elementary School, recently scored his first hole-in-one while golfing with his family at Mountain Shadows Golf Club.

The 9-year-old was at hole No. 13 and swung from 90 yards, hitting with a 7-iron. Nate has been golfing for about five years and golfs with his family five to seven times a year.

His mom, Keri, said he's been swinging a golf club since he could walk.

"It was kinda hard. My parents were like 'I'm not gonna say anything,' and I just swung and did it," Nate said.

His parents were jumping up-and-down and yelling, Nate said.

According to HoleinOne.com, the average age of a hole-in-one golfer is around 45, and the number of years playing is around 13 years. National Hole-In-One Registry states the odds of an average player making an ace is 12,000 to 1.

Nate's dad, Patrick, was a club professional for 13 years, most recently at The Phoenician Resort in 2000, so to see his own son swing a hole-in-one was pretty amazing, he said.

Keri won the 1999 Phoenix Women's City Championship, Patrick said in an email.

"He has good golf genes," Patrick said.

Keri said her son was very excited and shocked when he scored the hole-in-one.

"I like it (golfing) because I get to see different courses and I get to play with family and friends," Nate said.

Nate's other hobbies include baseball, flag football, basketball, soccer and swimming.

9-year old Nate Holloran skews the odds, hitting his first hole-in-one in only five years of playing golf.

Schuman wins award from Charros

Arcadia High School catcher Max Schuman won the Spring $500 scholarship from the Scottsdale Charros.

Schuman and teammate Josh Arndt, a third baseman, were two of 11 AHS athletes named to All-City teams for Spring sports. The Scottsdale Union School District and the Charros select All-City teams and scholarship recipients, respectively, three times per school year.

Tim Werner, Sabrina Barkdull and Katherine Byrne were named to the All-City tennis team as singles players.

Amanda Byler and Shannon Feeney made the softball team, Byler as an infielder and Feeney as an outfielder.

Four track athletes were honored with All-City designation: Sofie DeWulf in the 800 meters, William McClelland in the 400 meters, Timothy Duckworth in high jump and pole vault and Stephon Wells in long jump and triple jump.

In addition to their All-City awards, Schuman and Arndt were named to the All Section team. Schuman was a first-team selection, while Arndt and Tyler Murphy were picked for the second team.

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Reynolds

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Reynolds," and the amphitheater filled with applause as Reynolds made his way to the stage.

"I never imagined it feeling that good," he said of his walk to the podium.

"The other two people that went up (Wilborn and Knadler) were just so qualified, I was like, 'Wow, it's really an honor to be up here on the same stage as all these people,' and to have it presented by Sports Authority was so cool – I didn't expect that at all."

Standing in the lobby afterwards, plaque in hand, Reynolds breathlessly tried to put the experience into words. Some of the ones he came up with: "incredible," 'insane," and "surreal."

"It just continued to blow me away and beat my expectations of what was coming," he said.

Unsurprisingly, his parents couldn't have been prouder as they watched their son receive his award.

"I know how hard he has worked, so to see him get recognized – beyond our own recognition – is something that will stay with me the rest of my life" Scott said, describing the moment as "one of those life things that you will always share with your child."

Reynolds, used to having his parents in the stands behind him, was nevertheless excited to know they were there yet again.

"My mom and dad have been so supportive of me my whole life," Reynolds said. "They've dealt with far too many youth baseball games and freshmen football, J.V., varsity football and all the baseball games – even the ones I didn't play. I'm just so glad that they can be here to experience this with me."

He was also glad that his girlfriend, who has gone to many of his games (even though, as Reynolds put it, "baseball isn't the most exciting sport for girls"), was able to share the special evening with him.

"It's just so nice to be able to spend it with people you care about, that have been there for you for so long," he said.

In a way, the award could be seen as a capstone for his high school achievements, marking the ending of one era and the beginning of another, which will start when Reynolds heads off to Columbia University in New York City to begin his fittingly ambitious studies in Economics and Mandarin.

AHS prepares for football

By Nathan Humpherys

As the Titans ended their spring ball program, Lenny Abt was looking forward to the upcoming football season.

"Obviously having the interim tag off helps," said Abt.

Abt became the interim head coach just before the start of last season, after then-coach Jim Ellison abruptly resigned on the eve on the team's summer training camp. Given the reins with such short notice, Abt's biggest concern was keeping the young team focused. He described the team's greatest success as "playing together as a team, watching each other's backs, growing together" as well as "moving past any distractions that might have been."

That the team has around 30 returning players should also help the preparations go smoothly. The defense will have eight or nine players with starting experience returning, whereas last year, they only had two returning players (neither of them starters). On the offensive side, the team is returning four linemen with extensive varsity experience (three of them starters), and should have experienced hands at the quarterback and fullback positions as well.

The program will see a few new coaches next year, and Abt plans to install new looks for the offense and a new defensive scheme.

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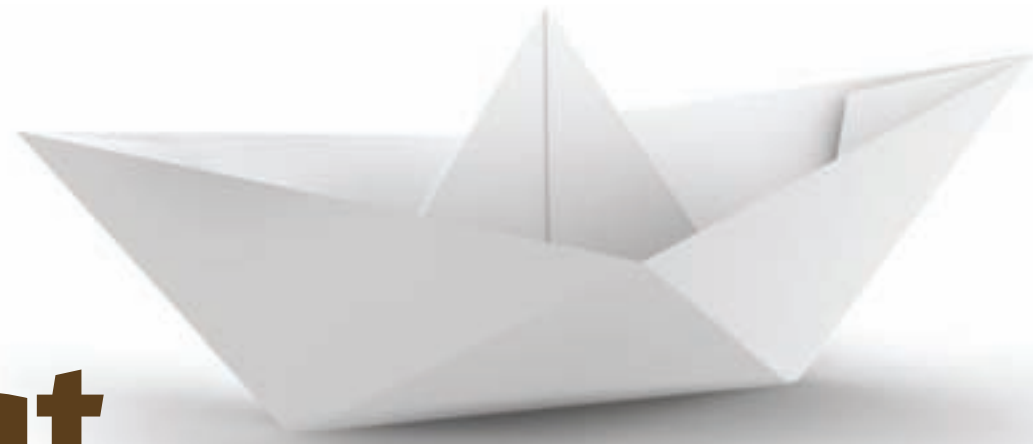

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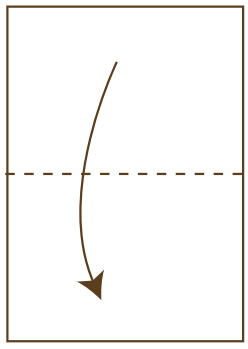

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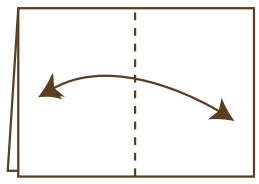

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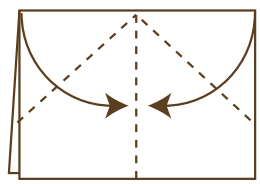

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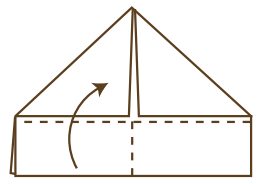

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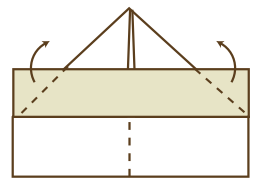

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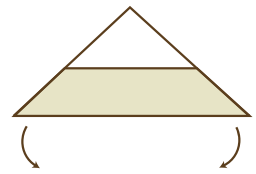

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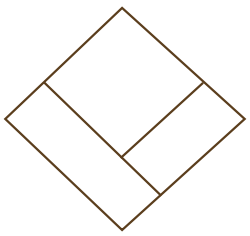

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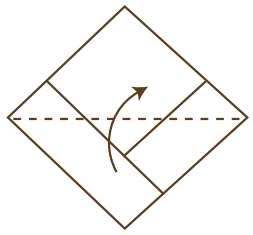

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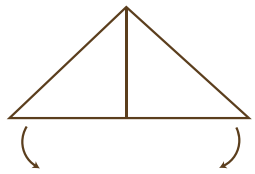

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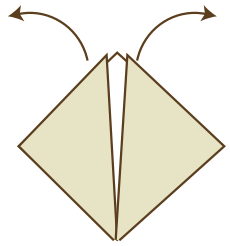
TIP: Open like a hat. Hold bottom corners and push together.



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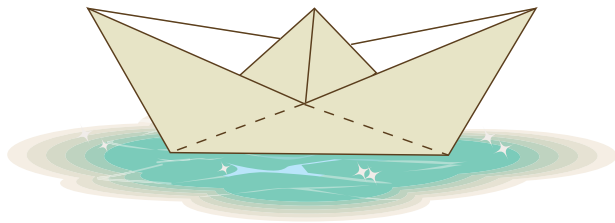

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Summer Bucket List

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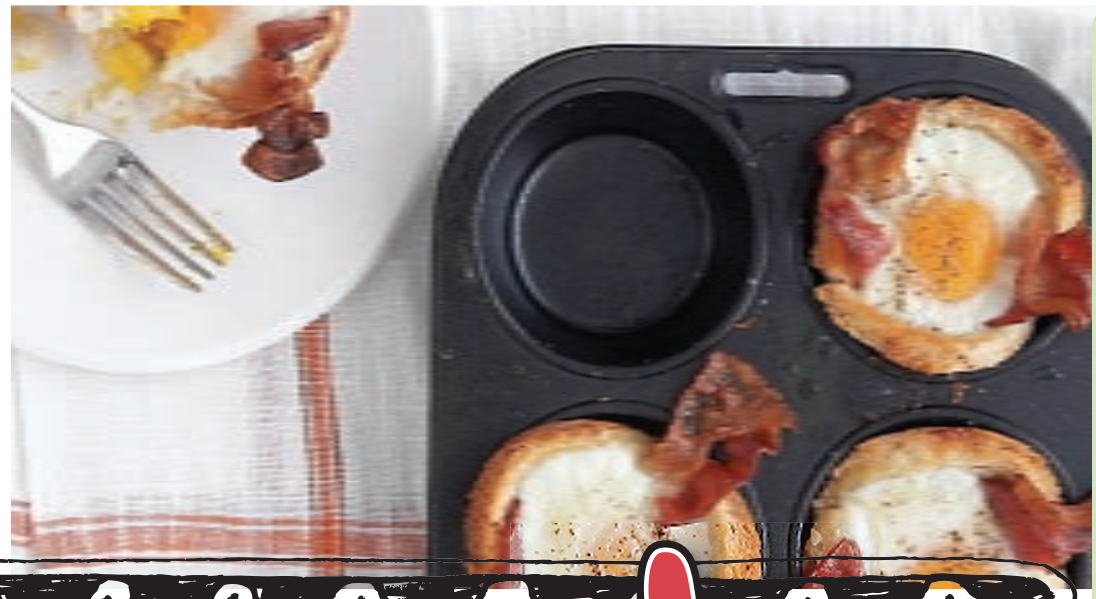


Egg & Bacon Toast Cups

A Father's Day Breakfast the Kids Can Do!

From *Everyday Food,* September 2010

Ingredients

- 3 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted
- 8 slices white or whole-wheat sandwich bread
- 6 slices bacon
- 6 large eggs
- Coarse salt and ground pepper

Prep Time	Total Time	Yield
15 minutes	35 minutes	Makes 6

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Lightly butter 6 standard muffin cups. With a rolling pin, flatten bread slices slightly and, with a 4 1/4-inch cookie cutter, cut into 8 rounds. Cut each round in half, then press 2 halves into each muffin cup, overlapping slightly and making sure bread comes up to edge of cup. Use extra bread to patch any gaps. Brush bread with remaining butter.

2. In a large skillet, cook bacon over medium, until almost crisp, 4 minutes, flipping once. (It will continue to cook in the oven.) Lay 1 bacon slice in each bread cup and crack an egg over each. Season with salt and pepper. Bake until egg whites are just set, 20 to 25 minutes. Run a small knife around cups to loosen toasts. Serve immediately.

My dad is the BEST because...

He takes me to race remote control cars with him. And sometimes, on Wednesdays, I win.

– **Clay,** *Age 5*

He plays baseball with me and I love baseball.

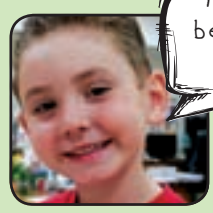
– **Barry,** *Age 5*

There are so many reasons I can't even pick. But mostly because he's silly.

– **Aubrey,** *Age 6*

My dad takes me to the movies and plays baseball with me and BBQs chicken. He likes to play in the pool. And he took us to Hawaii.

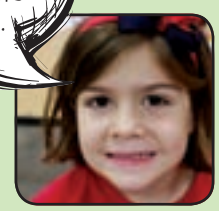
– **Matthew,** *Age 6*



My dad is the best because he loves me.

– **Colin,** *Age 5*

My dad makes good food. Banana muffins are the best.



– **Audrey,** *Age 5*

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By Heather Kinkel
Photos by Heather Kinkel

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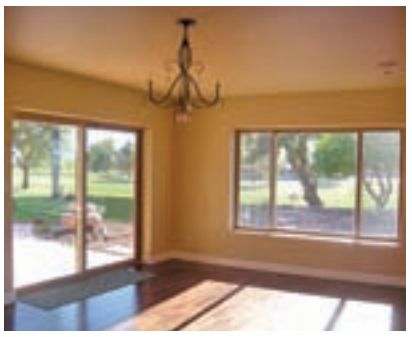

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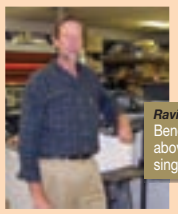

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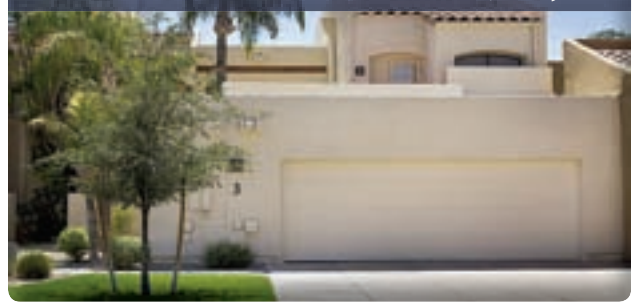
2626 E Arizona Biltmore Cir #3 • $499,000



JUST LISTED - Coveted guard gated Biltmore Square community. This 3 bedroom 2.5 bath patio home with a private pool has been updated and shows beautifully. Gorgeous eat in kitchen with stainless steel appliances, slab granite, breakfast bar and built in desk. Vaulted tongue and groove ceilings in living room with fireplace and a wall of French doors. Wide plank wooden floors and tile in all the right places. Master bedroom suite has access to the patio and pool. HOA includes front landscaping.

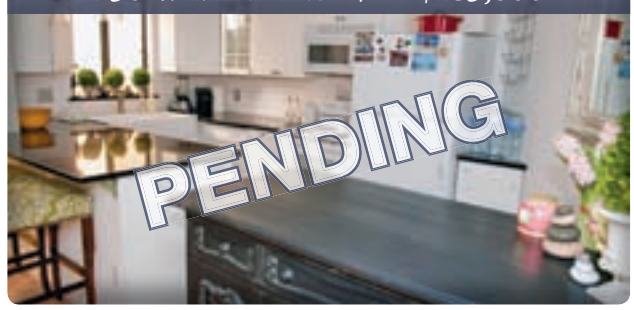
4242 E Amelia Ave • $249,900

COMING SOON! - Set on a 1/4 acre pie shape lot, this original owner home has been lovingly maintained since 1953. Perfectly kept vintage charm is oozing from this 3 bedroom, 1 3/4 bath, 1,350 sq ft home with interior laundry! Some items have been updated over the years and it is dated but oh so quaint! Perfect for someone looking to get into the neighborhood or for someone wanting to create their own home!

6269 N 31st Pl • $739,900

JUST LISTED - One of the highest, most sought after lots in Biltmore Greens. This captivating home will leave you speechless from the moment your walk under the most beautiful Mesquite tree to the front door. Lovely split floor plan with soaring log/beam ceilings, massive view windows to allow the outdoors in, rich dark hardwood floors in all of the living areas and custom details everywhere you look. Open yet intimate greatroom plan with a Chef's Viking/ Subzero kitchen, 2 cozy fireplaces, updated baths and more. The master retreat has a wall of windows viewing smack at the Mummy and the magazine worthy outdoors. Once you step outside...be prepared to have your breath taken away. One must see this space to fully understand it. It is BEAUTIFUL....

130 W Maryland #7 • $183,000

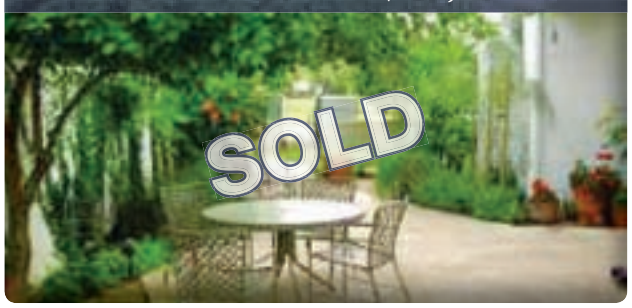


Shabby chic fantastic! Hardwood flooring & tile thru-out, chandelier lighting, newer kitchen & baths, cozy family room w/tile faced fireplace & warm walls. The kitchen opens to the lower living area & has views of the back courtyard/patio area, sleek black granite counters, white subway tile backsplash, white cabinetry w/stainless accents, pendant lighting over the breakfast bar. The upstairs master offers wood floors, chandelier lighting, French doors leading out to the patio. Master bath w/gorgeous vintage looking vanity, framed mirror & tiled walls. This is a rare find & is a true gem – nothing was overlooked in this home!

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!

3307 E Medlock Dr • $619,000

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4019 E San Miguel • $829,000

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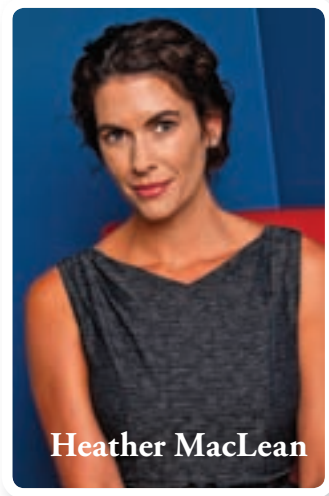

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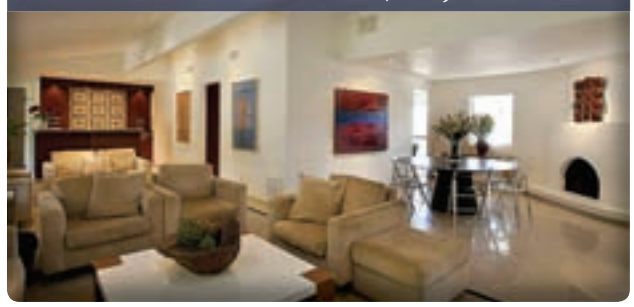

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5250 N 37th Pl • $650,000

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4451 E Campbell Ave • $235,000

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4353 E Palo Verde • $660,000

This classic mid-century modern home is located in a wonderful neighborhood. With 2200 sq ft, 3 bedrooms and 2.5 baths, it has been beautifully remodeled with rich cherry hardwood floors, dream chef's kitchen with Dacor appliance, slab granite and 6 top gas burner, new cabinetry throughout, floor to ceiling windows with "to die for'' mountain views, 700 bottle wine room, 1 fireplace in living room and firepit outside. Spacious master bedroom, spa like bath. All of the traditional Mid Century lines have been maintained and it is beautiful! Great outdoor kitchen and much, much more!

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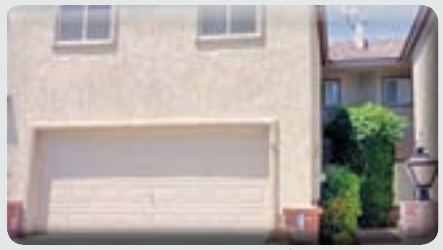

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