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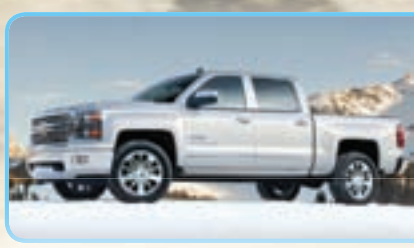

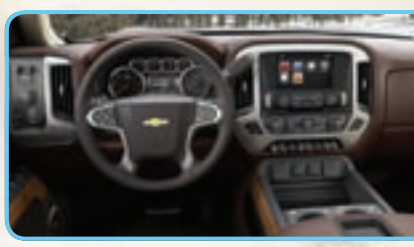

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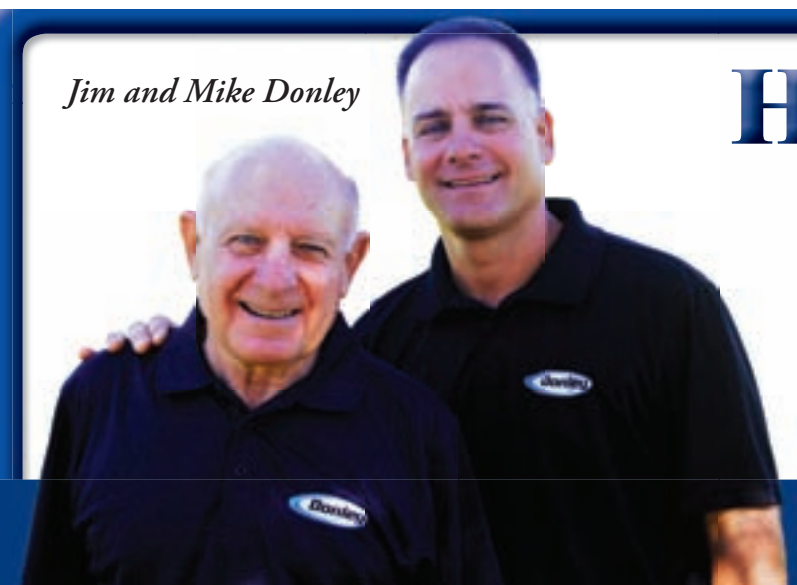

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Images of Arcadia should make for interesting book

By Dale Messmer

Editor's Notes

History was one of the best classes in school, so it's no wonder I'm looking forward to the publication of *Images of America: Arcadia*.

The book, by *Arcadia News* publisher Greg Bruns and published by Arcadia Publishing (no relation to the paper), chronicles the history of the area from the late 1880s through present time.

"It's been an interesting journey," Bruns said of the project. "The historic organizations have some images, but it's difficult to come across something we haven't seen in other publications."

The key was to tap into the neighborhood's well-deserved reputation for sense of ownership.

"We've had the most success reaching out to our community," he said. "It's gratifying to see the pride and enthusiasm that Arcadia residents have in our community."

An Arcadia native, Bruns had little trouble convincing himself to write the book.

"I have always been fascinated with the trees, green grass, large lots and distinctive character of the neighborhood," he said. "When the publisher came to me to ask if we knew anyone who wanted to write about the history of Arcadia, it was pretty clear that this was a 'must-do' project."

The process, however, proved to be more daunting than Bruns had imagined.

"The research has been fun, although it's easy to get distracted," he said. "It's sort of like going back to college, although the stakes are higher."

College history classes were great, so I figure the book will be, too. Neighbors' contributions should lend a "photo album" feel that will be interesting.

The book will be available at several retail outlets, online and at the *Arcadia News* office. We'll keep you posted.

In the meantime, there are some fascinating stories in this month's paper.

I remember Jimmy Arwood when he was in Little League, and now the young man is running for President. Well, President at Boys Nation anyway. His story is on page 18.

There's also a new little library in town (page 15), a deck of cards featuring Phoenix history (page 32) ... too many stories to detail all of the good ones here. Enjoy reading them, and thanks for spending time with the *Arcadia News*.

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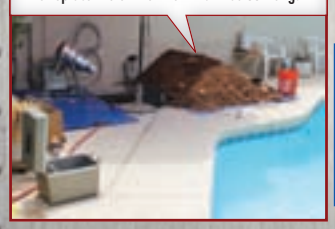

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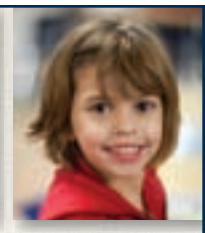

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'The Way, Way Back' both witty and charming movie

The Way Way Back
Director: Nat Faxon and Jim Rash
Starring: Liam James, Sam Rockwell, AnnaSophia Robb, Toni Collette, and Steve Carell

One of the best films to come out recently, *The Way Way Back* is witty and charming.

With school out, summer vacation should be something to look forward to. However, teen Duncan (James) is dreading the "family" trip he's being dragged on by his mother (Collette) and her boyfriend, Trent (Carell).

Trent's vacation spot near the beach, surrounded by Trent's friends, is the last place Duncan wants to be, but he doesn't have much say in the matter. So he tries to make the best of it and finds a friend in Owen (Rockwell), who gives Duncan a job at the local water park to keep him busy. Duncan also takes an interest in the girl next door to Trent, Susanna (Robb), who seems to him like the only sane person in the area his age.

While things may not run smoothly in Duncan's family life, these unlikely friendships can support him as he tries to change things for the better and save this summer vacation from Hell.

The Way Way Back is similar to other movies with a teen outcast as a protagonist, but with quirky characteristics that make it original, much like Collette and Carell's past film *Little Miss Sunshine*. The story and dialogue are well written, earning laughs while still managing to hit the more serious notes of the film.

This movie also has a wonderfully talented cast.

Liam James is perfect for the role of Duncan, getting all the little details of his character down to the way he holds himself throughout the film spot-on. He may not be a well-known name now, but hopefully that will change because he deserves proper recognition.

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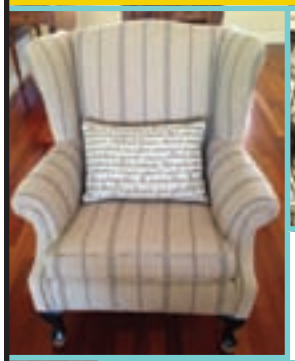

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Active Homes -	162 homes
Homes Sold -	131 homes
Average Sale Price -	$910,407
Average Sold $ Per SF -	$257
Average Days On Market -	95 days

- There is currently 7 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 14% this year. (based on 2012 sales results)
- $ Per Square Foot prices have increased 8% this year. (based on 2012 sales results)
- Homes are taking 6% 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
(1/1/2013-5/31/2013)

Active Homes -	68 Homes
Homes Sold -	129 Homes
Average Sale Price -	$341,843
Average Sold $ Per SF -	$165
Average Days On Market -	63 days

- There is currently 4 months of home inventory (based on 2012 sales results)
- 2013 home sales have increased 33% this year. (based on 2012 sales results)
- Home prices have increased 4% this year. (based on 2012 sales results)
- $ Per Square Foot prices have increased 4% this year. (based on 2012 sales results)
- Homes are taking 4% 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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2012-13 accomplishments numerous for District 6

By Sal DiCiccio

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Business reforms/jobs creation

Earlier this year I chaired a committee with the goal of making Phoenix the best place in the nation to create jobs. We did it.

We instituted 24-hour permitting and inspections. Additionally, we sped up the site plan-approval process by months. This clears the way for business to get permits faster so they can open their doors, create new jobs and continue to make Phoenix one of the best places in the country to do business.

Fiscal accountability

My effort to force the city to look at cutting waste and inefficiencies has created tremendous savings to the hard-working taxpayers. To date, the city of Phoenix has already seen $79 million in savings by becoming more efficient. In addition, the city has a $43 million contingency fund, the largest in city history.

Domestic violence

With the help of my colleagues Michael Nowakowski and Thelda Williams, we were able to pass the best-in-the-nation policy on addressing domestic violence. We now have a plan that deals with helping the victims better, but to start a campaign to end this devastating burden on families will take all of our best efforts. If you want to help, text GiveDV to 20222, to contribute.

Crime

We have made significant progress dropping the crime rate for our district. The statistics are out and I am happy to report that crime in the district is down 14 percent since I took office. Supporting our police is a top priority to me, and our efforts at the city are paying off.

Echo Canyon update

The council recently passed the final item on the Echo Canyon improvements. For the first time in 20-plus years, the Echo Canyon Trail is receiving much needed renovations.

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County's Human Services Campus helping homeless

By Steven Sarkis

On any given day, an estimated 14,000 people are living on the streets of Maricopa County. Working within the justice system, I see this cycle of homelessness and poverty firsthand.

Likely just trying to find a place to rest, homeless people often get cited with such violations as loitering, vagrancy or trespassing. With no money for transportation and certainly no money to pay fines they often don't show up to court. Court dates come and go, delinquent fines increase over time and warrants get issued.

And when warrants are issued, it becomes nearly impossible to get a driver's license, find housing or obtain meaningful employment. That's the cycle in a nutshell

Maricopa County has a Human Services Campus in downtown Phoenix. The goal is simple: Help the homeless get back on their feet. Home to over a dozen social services agencies, each day more than 1,000 individuals find refuge on the campus. Also located on the Human Services Campus is the Maricopa County Regional Homeless Court.

The homeless court allows all 50 municipal and justice courts in Maricopa County to transfer over qualifying cases.

This means when a municipal or justice court judge sees an individual trapped in the cycle of missed court dates, delinquent fines and warrants being issued, we can send these cases to the Regional Homeless Court. Equipped to handle exactly these types of cases, the homeless court requires individuals be sober, complete community service in lieu of fines and go through transitional programs such as substance-abuse treatment with the ultimate goal of getting them on a path to meaningful employment.

If you have never visited or even heard of this campus, it's definitely worth the trip. Located at 230 S. 12th Ave. in downtown Phoenix, the campus is filled with an amazing staff that genuinely cares about ending the cycle of homelessness in Maricopa County.

This year, the campus has launched a campaign called Thirst Aid 2013 with the goal of collecting 300,000 bottles of water. In 2012, they collected more than 220,000 bottles. They also are requesting donations of sunglasses, hats, and sunscreen.

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STRAIGHT UP with a TWIST

[Greg is currently writing a book about the history of Arcadia, so we're printing some of his personal favorites until his return this fall. Enjoy this summer travel theme column from July, 2007.]

By Greg A. Bruns

A couple I know jetted off to Naples, Italy last month for a vacation they have waited an agonizing long time for. As it turns out, they learned all sorts of new definitions for agony. They probably should have waited just a little longer to take this trip – at least until the garbage fires go out.

Naples was recently hip-deep in a garbage and landfill issue that boggles the mind of an American city dweller. It's a political problem that would seem likely to only happen in a country run by a bunch of nine-year-olds—some moony bunch of juveniles who call their country something clever like Pokémonistan.

Details are a little hard to come by (who wants to travel to the garbage capital of the E.U. to cover this story?). From what I can gather, the ultimate passive aggressive movement in global history went down something like this:

Landfill space in Italy was running out and everyone knew it. So last year, work was started on expanding the facilities. Environmentalists were outraged and staged massive protests to beg the municipalities to consider alternative sites. Classic NIMBY (Not In My Back Yard) stuff, it would seem.

Political officials, recognizing the issue, but not willing to change their stance, just smiled absently and said (I'm paraphrasing all of this), "Nope. We dig *here*."

NIMBY guerillas countered with, "We will chain ourselves to the heaping piles of discarded foodstuffs and medical waste if you don't find another location."

Politician's retort: "Nope. *Time's a wastin'* – if we don't dig now, the streets will be a sea of trash. It'll be like Venice, only with garbage instead of garbage floating in a little bit of water."

NIMBY guerillas: "We'd rather live with the trash in our city than have *you* wreck more of the gorgeous, highly-sought land right next to the dump."

Politicians: "You want it? Youuuuuuu got it!"

And that was it. In a month the dumps were full and the trash workers had no place else to drop off the goodies. So they halted service. And the piles of refuse in the streets started growing. And growing. And growing.

It wouldn't be long before they swelled into gigantic rotting mountains of maggot-crawling trash. Rumor has it, some of the more "odiferous" piles actually created motion, like The Blob.

Most of the restaurants in Naples had to close. The smell was so bad, customers couldn't eat without retching. The heaps of rubbish toppled over into the roads, reducing the streets into slim paths that only mopeds could navigate.

People complained. The politicians pointed at the NIMBY guerillas and said, "Talk to *them*. They said they wanted to live with the slag. We're just giving them what they said they wanted – you certainly can't fault us for that."

Another month goes by and summer starts rolling in. Stuff starts stewing in the heaps of waste. That's when the fires started. People who couldn't stand it anymore ran outside in a fit of grappa-induced rage and set the streets ablaze.

As the black, greasy smoke rolled skyward, the environmentalists lost some of the footing in their original argument. Naturally, those who end up with half the city on fire as a result of their position on an issue, are going to have some explaining to do.

It's high time passive aggressive becomes a new branch of democratic government. We can call it the Pagro party. The campaign slogan is already done: "You want it? You got it!" You want heroin legalized? Done. You want bloody puppy fights? Done. You want to stop poverty in Africa? We'll move them all here and they can live with you and Bono.

You want to save the spotted owl? There will be so many screeching owls flying around here your kids will need diving belts to play outside.

Then, as the country crumbles into mass chaos, the Pagro party can sit back with their feet up on the table and say, "*What*?

This is what you said you wanted! Don't even start blaming *us* for this – you said you wanted puppies to fight to the death.

What's that? You want me to *fix it* now? Okay. But don't ever question me again. Also, taxes are going up."

Okay, so it's kind of like a dictatorship in a way. As with any overwhelming form of government, it will eventually be debated in a violent, wild war in the streets in the form of a coup d'etat.

Such is life in Pokémonistan.

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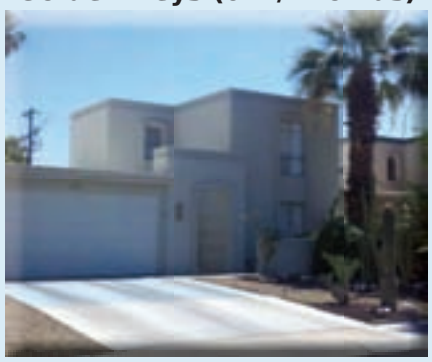

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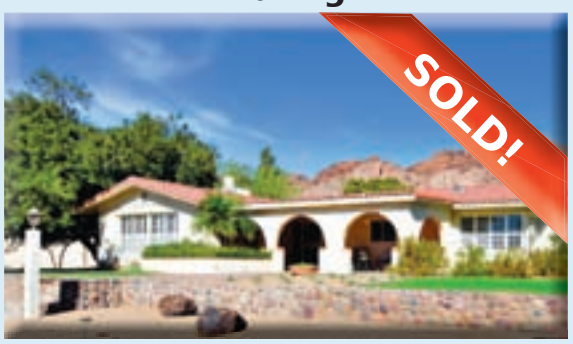

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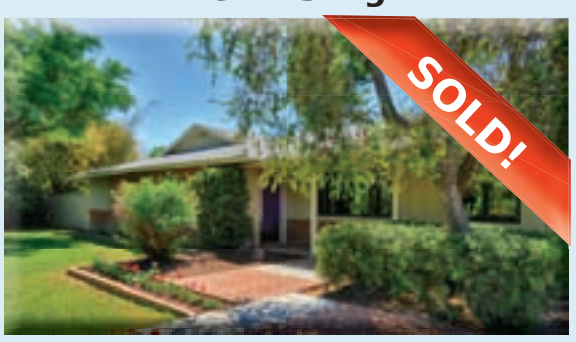

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Movies

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Sam Rockwell is excellent at capturing the seemingly carefree Owen, who became something akin to a brother for Duncan. Toni Collette is one of the most versatile actresses on screen, able to portray many different characters just as well as another, and her role as Duncan's mild-mannered mother is no exception. Steve Carell doesn't often play someone as hard to like as Trent, but when he does it's something of a bittersweet treat because while his character may be despicable it's because Carell's doing his job well.

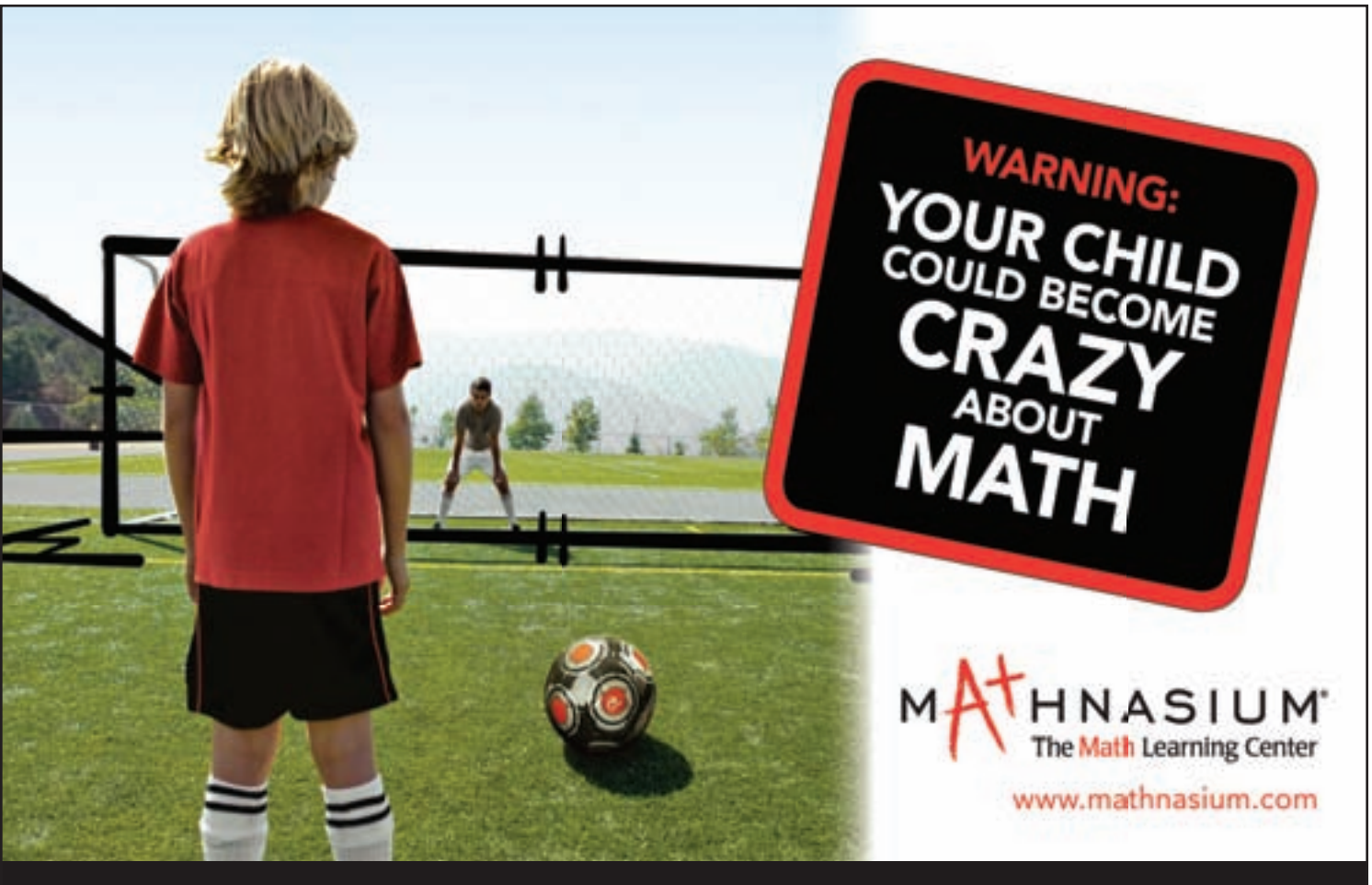
Though they don't get as much screen time, the side characters deserve mention.

Each has a distinct personality and interacts differently with each of the other characters, making them all seem real and believable. While they may not be the focus of the story, no one the audience meets is unimportant from the neighbor's kid with the lazy eye to the man who has quit his job at the water park too many times to count – but never left.

Another redeeming quality is the love story between Duncan and Susanna, which progresses slowly and naturally, not taking over the movie. The main plot isn't about them, but all the people Duncan meets and how the trip started as one of the worst things that could happen to him and becomes one of the best.

Earning 4 ½ stars, *The Way Way Back* is definitely one I want to own when it comes out.

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



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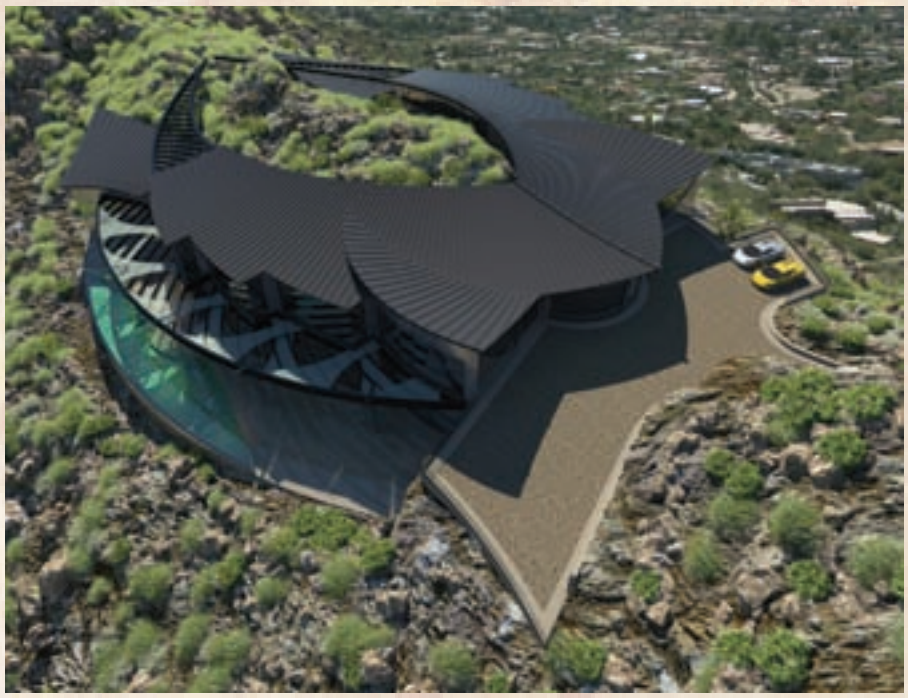

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There's a new library in town

Photos and story by Valerie Demetros

Sherrie Zeitlin and Ron Landon have added a new library in Arcadia on the corner of Weldon Avenue and 49th Place. But no library card is needed, just the desire to read and share. Neighbors are encouraged to leave a book or take a book, or even better, do both.

Landon built the newest Little Free Library in the neighborhood to reflect the colors and style of his home and even included a solar-powered interior light for anyone interested in book browsing in the cooler summer evenings.

The couple, who has an eclectically landscaped corner lot in Arcadia, enjoys hearing people stop to look through the books, especially children who get excited about finding a new book.

"I love the gathering of our neighbors and sharing the love of reading," Zeitlin said.

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DiCiccio

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from. Preserving our past is something that benefits our community and we should be creative in our ways to preserve the historic properties in our community.

Earlier this year, I led the efforts to save the Wright House. We worked with private investors to buy the property and save this unique historic property.

These are just a few of the accomplishments this year.

I look forward to continuing to do more of the same in the coming years; we still need to be challenging ourselves to do better.

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Body Mass Index is most accurate picture of health

By Dr. Kristin Shealey

Like a lot of us, you might dread stepping on the bathroom scale. After all, the number corresponds to a clothing size you consider ideal for yourself.

But the number on the scale doesn't tell the entire story. For starters, it doesn't take into account how tall you are, an important variable in determining healthy body composition.

To gain a more accurate picture of an individual's weight, medical practitioners use the Body Mass Index, or BMI. This tool calculates an individual's body fat based on their height and weight.

According to the National Institutes of Health, a BMI below 18.5 is considered underweight, a BMI between 18.5 and 24.9 is normal and a BMI between 25 and 29.9 is overweight. You're obese if the number hits 30 and above. You can determine your own BMI using a BMI calculator easily found on the Internet.

Knowing your BMI will give you and your doctor an idea of your health risks, including those for obesity-related conditions, such as diabetes, high cholesterol and high blood pressure. As you work toward maintaining a healthy lifestyle – one that includes regular exercise and a healthful diet – your BMI gives you a way to measure your progress.

In addition to BMI, you're encouraged to monitor your waist size, a risk indicator for cardiovascular disease. Ideally, a woman's waist should measure less than 35 inches, and a man's less than 40.

Though BMI is not a perfect tool – it doesn't differentiate between fat and muscle so a bodybuilder might incorrectly fall into the obese category – it offers a simple way for you and your doctor to monitor weight and any associated health risks. Finding out yours can help you stay on track with your health.

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The school's on fire! Not really, just a party

St. Theresa Catholic School and the Phoenix Fire Department coupled for a spectacular end-of-the-year water party for students. With a demolition project scheduled this summer to build a new Early Childhood Center, the Fire Department put on a show on some old buildings that will be torn down. The demonstration included smoke, water, body dummies and cutting holes in the building. And a good splashing for the students afterward.

Photos by Craig Richardson
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Arwood for President: Arcadian plans for Boys Nation

By Danika Worthington

With a term as governor and a successful bill under his belt, an Arcadia resident is aiming toward the presidency.

Valley Lutheran High School senior Jimmy Arwood was one of two high school students selected from Boys State, a camp where participants create their own local government, to represent Arizona in Washington, D.C. at Boys Nation in July.

Boys Nation is a simulation of Congress – high school students act as senators and congressmen.

But only one of the 98 participants is elected president. A position Arwood said he hopes to fill.

"I think a lot of people are going to try for it because they've already made it to this point. Why not go the extra mile and try it? The president has it all," Arwood said.

Contemplating pursuing a political career, Arwood said he is looking forward to Boys Nation and the experience it will provide.

While in the nation's capital, Boys Nation participants meet with President Obama, something Arwood said he is excited about.

If Arwood's presidential ambitions fall short, he said he will turn his attention toward presenting his energy bill as a senator.

All participants must write a bill and present it on the senate floor.

Debates are held, committees formed and bills voted on.

Arwood's bill mandates that every state must require utility companies to have 25 percent renewable energy by 2025.

"I think it would be a prosperous future for our country," Arwood said.

"I think renewable energy is the way to go. I think there's a lot of perks to it. We should take the free energy where we can get it."

Renewable energy is not a new field for Arwood, who wrote a similar bill while in Boys State.

At Boys State, Arwood ran for governor and won.

The well-sought-after position came with dangers, however.Kidnapping the governor is a tradition at Boys State, Arwood said.

"I was in my room and I hear my friend say, 'Quick, we gotta hide Jimmy in another room. There are people coming to take him.' So I ran into my friend's room," Arwood said.

Despite numerous attempts, Arwood was never kidnapped.

"It's definitely been a ride," Arwood said. "A lot of teachers at my school have really prepared this for me very well and I think it shows in the fact that I won governor.

"I don't think I could have done it without my teachers and the faculty at Valley Lutheran."

The school chose Arwood and another junior to represent the school at Boys State, principal Bob Koehne said.

Arwood's interest in politics and his student-council experience sets him apart.

"We're very proud of him for being able to go to Boys State and do as well as he did and be selected to go to Boys Nation," Koehne said.

"We're excited for what he learns from that."

Arwood will be student body president next school year, Koehne said.

AP government and politics teacher Mark Doebele said Arwood was one of a few junior boys in the advanced placement government class.

Doebele also said the teen was active in student council and sports but still makes academics a priority.

"He's impressive with how much he gets done and still keeps his sanity," Doebele said.

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Vocal Edition sets sight on international contest

By Cristina Peralta

It's a Saturday evening in Phoenix, and the harmonious musical arrangement of voices can be heard through the halls of a small church. Unaccompanied by drums or guitars, these are the powerful voices of four men.

Vocal Edition Barbershop Quartet, formed in March of 2011, is four men who met after having sung or competed with one another while in other quartets.

Eric Bjornsen, an Arcadia native, sings tenor, which is a chord sung mostly in falsetto. Tim McMullan of Surprise sings the lead, carrying the melody most of the time. Danny Ryan of Phoenix sings baritone, which requires him to master harmonic voice crossing with the lead singer's. Dan Davenport of Mesa sings the powerful bass section for the quartet.

"Quarteting is a lot like marriage," Bjornsen said. "You get together and hopefully it works out. It doesn't always, but if you're still interested, you start up another one sometime."

The Barbershop Harmony Society is one of the largest barbershop harmony groups in the United States, with over 25,000 members that preserve and sing the art form, according to the society's website. Generally, the focus of barbershop harmony is a cappella music.

Bjornsen began singing at a young age after being inspired by the Dapper Dan Barbershop Quartet in Disneyland. He sang in church groups and choirs, which eventually led to singing in quartets and choruses.

Arcadian Eric Bjornsen (far right), Dan Davenport, Tim McMullan and Danny Ryan are Vocal Edition.

Vocal Edition formed after Bjornsen had joined and competed with The Spirit of Phoenix Chorus, the Greater Phoenix Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society. Each member of Vocal Edition had competed with each other at one point and was looking to form a new quartet.

"I had yearned for a quality of sound that I knew we could put together," Bjornsen said. "I asked if they wanted to get together to sing, and when we did, it was magical."

One month after the quartet was formed, it won its first title, the AZ Division Quartet Championship of the Barbershop Harmony Society. Two years later, they won again.

"When we won, it was rewarding and fun to be at the top of the Arizona game," Bjornsen said. "You always try to be the best you can be. There's a lot of fanfare and fun that goes with that. Those things happen when you make it for yourself."

Vocal Edition has always found a way to overcome the ups and downs of their quartet "marriage," Bjornsen said. Having fun together and recognizing each member has a different life is important, he said. It's what really brings them closer together.

Lynnie Nguyen, a junior at Arizona State University, said she loves the special sound of Vocal Edition because music gives her a nostalgic feeling of childhood.

"They are beautiful singers," Nguyen said. "They remind me of the Christmas carolers that would come to the door when I was a kid. They are so timeless."

Vocal Edition will compete June 30-July 7 in Toronto in their biggest competition yet. They are among hundreds of quartets competing for the international gold.

Bjornsen said even if the group doesn't win, members are excited to entertain the audience, especially those who aren't familiar with barbershop vocal harmony.

"We remind ourselves, let's go out there and have fun, because that's what it really is all about," Bjornsen said. "If you've entertained the audience, you've probably entertained the judges."

This Month's Theme:
SPORTS!

Winning Entry by Lou Parker

Runners Up (Clockwise from top left): Bianca Forst, Jennifer Turelli, Alex Lebel, Melissa Erickson, Allison Johnson.

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Teachers We Love... 2012-13 school year

The Arcadia News team would like to pay tribute one more time to all of the winners of the "Teachers We Love" contest.

Kelly Plowman

Jordan Lard nominated Kelly Plowman, who teaches 3rd/4th grade at ANLC. "Ms. Plowman is sweet because she never yells at us and treats us all fairly. She has us do fun projects. She is the best book reader because during read aloud she always reads to us with a lot of feelings and that makes the book more realistic. My teacher knows everything! No matter what subject she is teaching, she knows the answers to our questions."

– January 2013

Cathy Rathburn

Cathy Rathburn, hearing services teacher at Ingleside Middle School, was nominated by Shannon Gough. "She has been my teacher of the hearing impaired since kindergarten. I am now in 6th grade. She has not only helped explain my needs to all of my other teachers, she also helps me when I don't understand a lesson. Her caring and compassion have come through in multiple ways."

– November 2012

Mary Sleasman

Mary Sleasman received praise for the positive impact she has on her first grade students at Biltmore Preparatory Academy. "She is the most caring and compassionate teacher. She is able to meet each child at their level of need, teach them, excite them into the world of learning and I have had the chance to see my child soar!" Nominated by: Karin Szymanski

– February 2013

Dianne Ruderman

A fourth grade teacher at Hopi Elementary, Dianne Ruderman was nominated by Katherine Brown. "She challenges each student to do his or her personal best. She finds out what each kid is best at and challenges that kid in that area. Mrs. Ruderman is an outstanding teacher and the least I can do to pay her back for her wonderful teaching is to nominate her for this award."

– March 2013

Gloria Pineda

Gloria Pineda, who teaches preschool at St. Theresa Catholic School, was nominated by Erin Ferguson. "She is warm, loving and embraces the children as if they were her own. She has made us feel comfortable as parents to leave our children in her care. Mrs. Pineda is a true example of a teacher who not only teaches basic principles to the children, but has added spirituality the way children can understand and portray in life."

– May 2013

Kristine Krause

"Kristine Krause, kindergarten teacher at Christ Lutheran School, was nominated by Jennifer Kalos who states, "She is the most loving, kind, nurturing teacher I have ever met. Mrs. Krause exudes each of these qualities all while running an organized class, which fosters learning. She is so deserving of recognition as an exceptional teacher."

– April 2013

Ana Contreras

Ana Contreras, a kindergarten teacher at Biltmore Preparatory Academy, is described as an amazing Spanish immersion teacher. "She is exactly the type of kindergarten teacher you want your child to have…warm, loving, kind and intelligent. The kids just soak up language from her via poems, games, songs and math. She makes kindergarten a place they want to be!" Nominated by: Kate Hogarty

– June 2013

We wish all of the teachers and students a great summer and look forward to seeing your nominations in the Fall. Many thanks to all of the teachers who make a difference!

Special-needs children focus of photographer's lens

By Margaret Ann Lippincott

Wendy Imbornoni has had a camera in her hand since she was 13, taking photographs of children in Tokyo and Hong Kong where her father was employed.

Back then it was a half-frame black and white camera and did the job well. She even learned some Japanese from interacting with the parents of the children she was photographing. Now a professional photographer and artist with her own business, her specialty is photographing children with special needs.

Years ago after obtaining a special-education degree from ASU, Imbornoni worked at a daycare center in Tempe where she mainstreamed children with special needs into a regular preschool program. She oversaw the occupational therapy,

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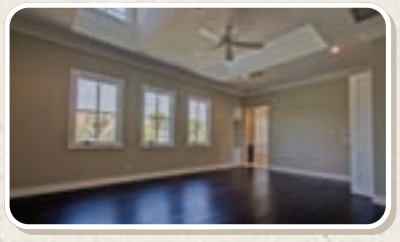

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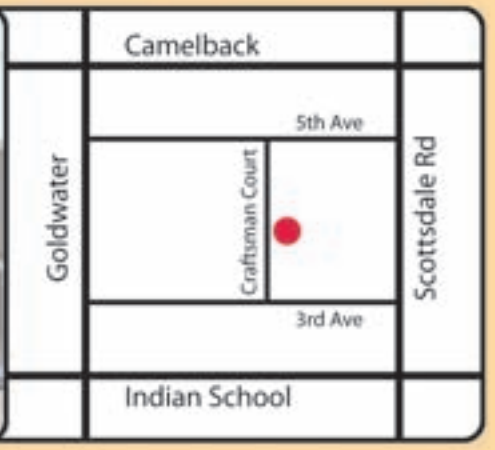

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Monsoon season means taking special precautions

Submitted by AAA

From high winds and heavy rain to lightning and flash floods, monsoons deliver some of the most hazardous weather Arizonans experience all year.

"Because of the rapid nature of a monsoon, it's imperative that homeowners and motorists are prepared regardless of where they are when a storms strikes," said Brad Oltmans, vice president of insurance for AAA Arizona.

To help Arizonans prepare for Monsoon 2013, AAA offers the following tips to protect your home, prepare your car and to stay safe on the road:

At home, consumers should:

Review your homeowner's policy to ensure your home is protected against monsoon damage. Standard home insurance policies do not have flood coverage. Nationwide, 30 percent of flood insurance claims each year are filed by people who don't live in high-risk zones, according to the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Secure outdoor furniture, fixtures and garbage cans. Even in weak storms, these can easily be blown over, causing damage to the object, your home or people.

Stake and prune trees. Drive wooden stakes at least two feet into the ground and secure young trees to them. For larger, more mature trees, trim down heavy or dead branches. These branches can damage your house by striking it in the wind or falling on it.

Prepare for electrical surges and outages. Protect sensitive electronics, such as computers, gaming systems or televisions by plugging them into surge protectors. Also, keep flashlights and fresh batteries on hand.

On your car, drivers should inspect:

Windshield wipers. Direct exposure to the sun coupled with Arizona's dry heat can cause wipers to crack and fall off.

Head and brake lights. Bad weather creates poor visibility making it difficult to see other drivers, and difficult for other drivers to see you.

Brakes. Faulty brakes can lengthen your stopping distance, so ensure your brakes are in proper working order so you can stop safely.

Tire tread. As tread wears, tires lose their ability to grip a wet surface. To ensure you have adequate tread, place a quarter head first into the grooves of your tire. If you can see any space above Washington's head, it's time to replace the tire.

Insurance policy. Motorists generally need a comprehensive policy to be protected against storm damage.

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compensatory damages. This amount was reduced to $160,000 as the jury found Stella 20 percent at fault for the incident.

The jury then awarded $2.7 million in punitive damages for the company's ongoing failure to correct their policies. The jury awarded this specific number because it represented two days' worth of McDonald's coffee revenues.

Following the trial, the judge reduced the punitive damages to $480,000, three times the compensatory award.

After Stella's counsel appealed, the parties eventually reached a confidential settlement.

People love to play juror, and there is a natural inclination to view some cases resulting in large awards brought by plaintiffs as "frivolous" by people "out to make an easy buck."

Still, this decision serves as an important reminder that one must hear all the facts presented during trial before jumping to conclusions.

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Prep wins book contest

Biltmore Prep's fourth-grade team (above) of Katelyn Brown, Caleb Warren, Tatiana Flom, Leslie Garcia, Meseret Berhane, Giana Lopes, and Emily Medina won the junior division in Creighton Elementary School District's Battle of the Books competition.

In the district-wide literary academic competition, students read 12 assigned books, form teams, and work together to answer questions about the books in an oral "family feud" style competition.

Biltmore Prep's fifth-grade team was second in the junior division.

In the Senior Division, the sixth-grade team tied for third place with the seventh-eighth-grade team.

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physical therapy and speech therapy programs while teaching some basic sign language to the children.

"I loved taking pictures of babies and children from a very young age," Imbornoni said. Once her youngest child was 3, she turned her passion into a career. Her children are now in college and she has plenty of time to devote to her Arcadia-based business.

She said she particularly wants to grow her special-needs client base, including blind people, individuals with terminal illnesses like cancer and preemies in the NICU.

"I feel very, very blessed to do what I do whether the children are typical or have special needs," Imbornoni said. "It is a privilege to capture the love and connection they have with their families."

She is certified by Special Kids Photography, a worldwide organization, and her work has been recognized by the Professional Photographers of America. Her Web page includes a portrait of a bald woman undergoing cancer treatments, yet she looks anything but sick in the photograph.

Imbornoni said her technique is to apply transparent, oil-based paints to black and white photographs. She blends the oils on a palette to get the desired tone and then hand paints onto the paper.

"Oil lends life, warmth and softness, turning a black and white image into a three-dimensional piece of fine art," she said. She loves black and white film because it lets the photographer see right to the soul.

Friend and client Lori McClelland said, "Wendy did a photo shoot of our family when my husband was very sick with cancer." A few months later he passed away. "It is such a treasure to have those pictures and memories of that special time our family had with him."

McClelland said, "Wendy suggested that we all bring sunglasses for a fun picture. Since we didn't wear sunglasses, we brought hats. Those photos are so much fun. We all remember that day."

Imbornoni won a marketing award from Professional Photographers of America for her Down Syndrome Network calendar.

"Everyone is special and is worthy of being photographed," Imbornoni said.

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Liability coverage only, for example, does not typically cover hail, wind and rain damage.

On the road, drivers should:

Slow down. Roads become slippery when water mixes with oil, dirt and grease making it harder to control a vehicle.

Do not tailgate. Stopping distances are greater on wet, slippery roads.

Allow extra time to get to your destination. Traffic is heavier in bad weather.

Refrain from driving through flooded areas. It only takes a few inches of rushing water to move a vehicle. Arizona's Stupid Motorist Law allows agencies to collect up to $2,000 for rescues if drivers get stuck after purposely driving in flooded areas.

Be patient. Bad weather results in a higher-than-normal call volume for roadside assistance. Coupled with road closures and flooding means service delays.

If you get caught in a severe storm and cannot drive safely, get completely off the roadway and stop with your lights off.

Lift your foot from the brake to ensure your brake lights are not on. This will prevent other drivers from following your taillights, thinking you are still on the road. Never stop in the roadway.

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Shannon River.

"The coastal area in southwest Ireland is mostly grassy, not a lot of trees," Riley said.

"The coastal dunes make it perfect for links-style courses. (The) Doonbeg, Ballybunion, Lahinch and Tralee (courses) were all similar in this regard. Many people rank Ballybunion in their top five in the world."

The group spent the last four nights further inland at the Plaza Hotel in Killarney. Throughout the trip, Riley enjoyed traditional Irish meals such as black and white pudding, fish and chips and lamb stew.

"I sampled several Irish beers," he said. "I stayed mostly with Harp, but also had Guinness. It'd be a sin not to try a Guinness in Ireland."

Without hesitation, Riley said the highlight of the trip was The Laurel's Restaurant in Killarney.

"That's where Caoimhe (pronounced Keeva) and I made our 'Danny Boy' video. One of my goals before I left was to sing 'Danny Boy' (my dad's favorite song) in a pub. I figured they're not going to deny a Riley his dream in Ireland."

Riley met quite a few characters throughout his Ireland adventure, including Tom, his coach driver.

"He was great at filling us in on local tidbits and Irish history. He also trained me to pick up an Irish independent newspaper from the hotel front desk every morning, thus saving him two euros."

Riley encountered some cold and wet weather throughout his week in Ireland.

"Every day we had 20+ mph winds and temperatures in the mid-50s. Try swinging with three layers on. It's like playing here in January early in the morning," he said.

Riley enjoys travel and has visited Australia multiple times.

"It's great to get out of your shell to see how others live and what other areas are like," he said.

One day, he said, he would like to visit Scotland "…since that's where golf basically began."

As far as feeling at home in Arcadia, the long-time resident had this to say:

"I love the sense of community. There are four families (including mine) on our street who have been in the same location for at least 40 years. That's the definition of a strong neighborhood."

Look for Riley at this month's local Fourth of July Parade. He'll be the one wearing an American flag shirt and hat, navy blue shorts and red socks.

To read more about his hole-in-one of a vacation, visit http://irelandgolf2013.shutterfly.com.

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Brian Chesnut of BSA Troop 6, an active Scout for 12 years, has earned his Eagle Scout rank. His Eagle Project benefited Arcadia High School's News Network studio and stage. As an Arcadia senior and active student of the Media Communications program, he worked with teacher Paul Hoperich to design and implement updates agreed upon by the department. Troop 6 Scouts, parents, friends and Arcadia student volunteers were key in completing the project.

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knows? Maybe you'll meet someone worth keeping in touch with. Please remember to always drink responsibly.

Nap

Closing your eyes for a little while is never a bad idea, especially if your itinerary is packed upon landing at your destination. Airport travel is stressful and can leave passengers feeling tenser than they realize. Take some down time to just relax for a bit.

When was the last time you did nothing for 30 minutes? Your mind and body will thank you and you'll feel fresh and rejuvenated for your flight.

Paint your nails

This one may sound odd, but plenty of female travelers don't end up having enough time to paint their nails before a vacation like they had planned. Pack your favorite color and a clear, top coat in your plastic baggy of liquids in your purse.

Once you've made it through security and to your terminal, find an empty spot in the corner where there are no other passengers close by. Most people don't particularly like the smell of nail polish, so it's important (and polite) that you find a space all to yourself. Also, avoid painting your nails around any food vendors.

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Pick a card: It will be a part of Phoenix history

By Cristina Peralta

A passion for photography and history has led one senior at Phoenix Country Day School to create a deck of playing cards featuring photos of historic landmarks from all over the city of Phoenix.

Seventeen-year-old Alexandra Melikian came up with the idea for the *Explore Phoenix Historic Landmarks* card deck after years of traveling with her father to historic areas around the country, including downtown Phoenix.

"History has always been a big part of my life," Alexandra said. "I wanted people to realize that Phoenix should embrace all of its historical landmarks and find better uses for them rather than tearing them down."

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That original Wilhelm Automotive still operates in the very spot in historic downtown Peoria, Arizona today.
In 1928, the shop was opened as Wilhelm Garage, and Joe continued the tradition of providing farmers in Peoria a place to repair their farm equipment. During the early 40s, Joe built cotton wagons to support the war effort, and a welding shop in full production in 1945 produced thousands of wagons for hauling cotton.

The business expanded over the next two decades, supported by the farming community and newly sprouted Sun City community nearby.

It was in 1979 that Joe sold the business to the Gyder family, who still own and operate the shop today. For a few years, Joe continued to provide guidance to the family including Charley, Mary and their five sons.

It didn't take long for the business to begin to grow, and by the late 80s, another shop opened in the city of Litchfield Park in the southwest valley. Since that time, growth has been steady and five more stores — including the newest location at 52nd Street and Thomas, have opened.

But even as the business grew, Wilhelm never lost sight of their focus on family and community.

"The people that work for us, live in the communities around our stores and the customers who support us — they are the reason we have been successful for 85 years," said Wilhelm Automotive President Chris Garman.

That philosophy has driven a spirit of 'giving back' that drives Wilhelm to reach out to the community in a variety of ways—whether it is giving internships at their shops to area high school seniors, or by repairing a car at no cost to a single mom in desperate need of a working vehicle. They also support a variety of local non profits including arts organizations, area schools and groups like Empty Bowl pet food pantry that provide pet food to pets of families in need.

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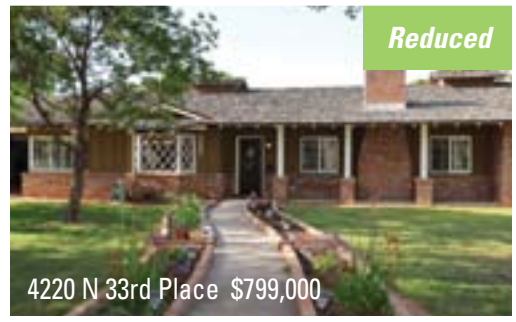

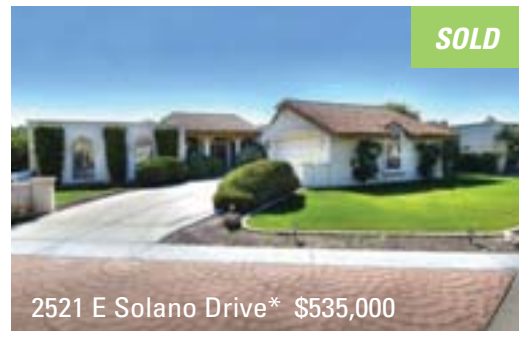

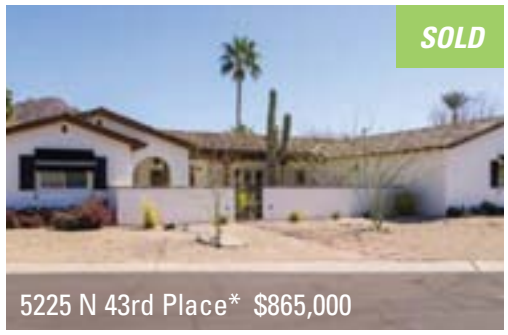

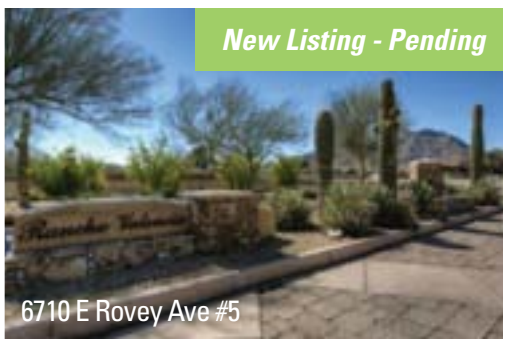

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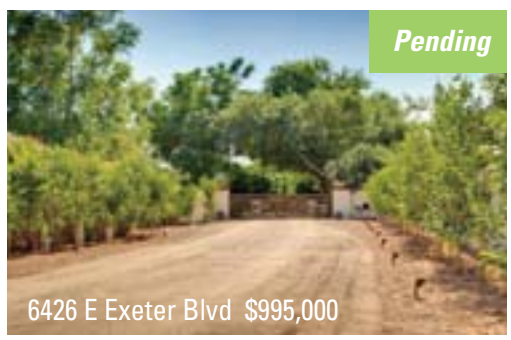

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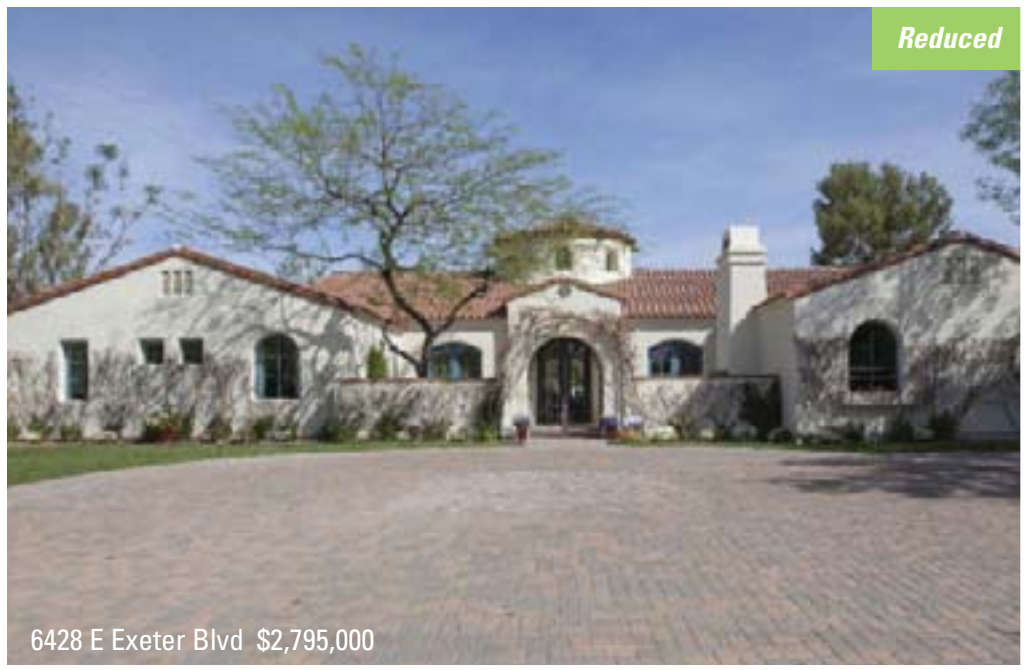

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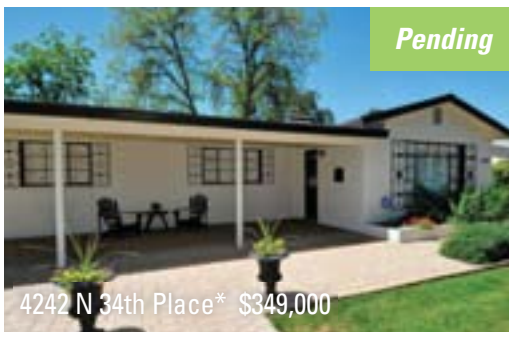

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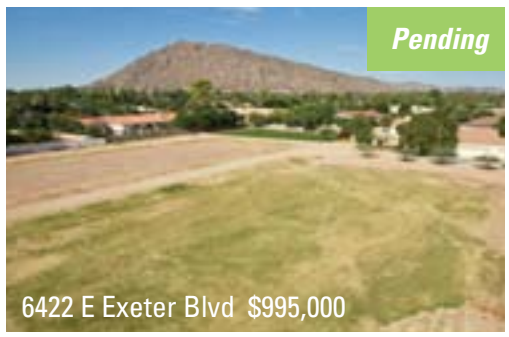

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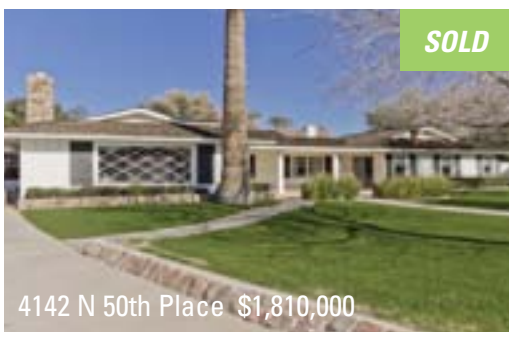

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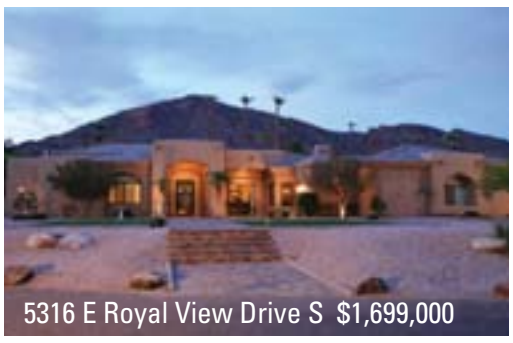
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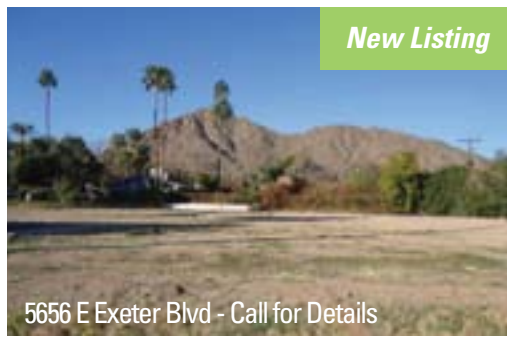

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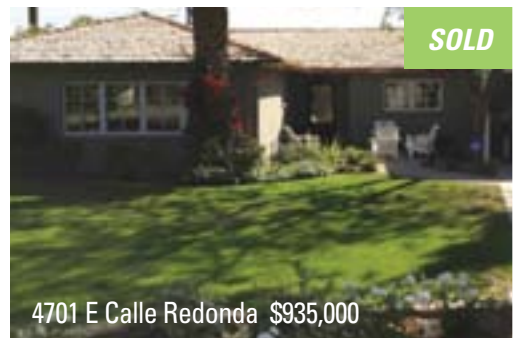

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address. The set currently is being sold at the Phoenix Art Museum and on Amazon.com for $10 a set. So far, about 100 sets have been sold.

Much of her inspiration comes from father and role model Robert Melikian, a real estate lawyer and author of *Vanishing Phoenix*, a collection of 200 photographs that depict some of Phoenix's most remarkable landmarks. The book discusses the significance and memories of once-standing landmarks such as the Fox Theater, Clark Churchill House and Kon Tiki Hotel.

Melikian said as many as 50 percent of the historical landmarks in downtown Phoenix have been torn down to accommodate new commercial buildings and other business plans. After his father became the owner of the famous San Carlos Hotel in 1973, he decided to advocate preserving Phoenix's history.

"It's a tragedy and people don't realize how much has been lost," Melikian said. "These landmarks are like time machines that can teach us a lot about the past and about ourselves. I want them to stand for future generations."

Melikian said his daughter has always felt a special connection to the San Carlos Hotel.

"She sees history and historical buildings as a connection between people."

After Alexandra enrolled in a photography course at PCDS she decided to play her own role in preserving the city's history. Rather than focusing on buildings that have been torn down, she focused on ones still standing.

"I've always been pretty interested in photography," Alexandra said. "I wanted to take these pictures to show the potential Phoenix has. The buildings have a lot of historical meaning."

According to her website, Alexandra plans to donate 5 percent of the cost of a deck to the Arizona Preservation Foundation, a nonprofit historic preservation organization.

Some of Alexandra's favorite cards include the San Carlos Hotel, the Arizona Biltmore and the Rosson House Museum. Being able to see the different ways people have used the cards has also been one of her favorite parts of the entire process.

"I didn't realize it would actually take off the way it has," she said. "For the most part, people are surprised that I made playing cards because I am only 17. It's not something an average teenager does."

Now, Alexandra is brainstorming ideas for her next historical card set. She said she hopes to incorporate some different cities from around Arizona and create card sets for different states.

"Alexandra's project is amazing and the cards are so professional looking," said Gina Bridgeman, communications director at PCDS. "She deserves to have her story told."

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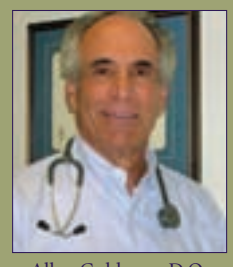
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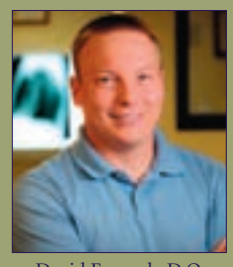
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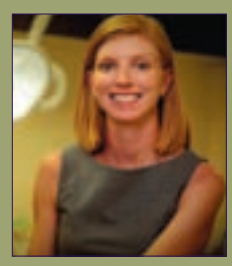
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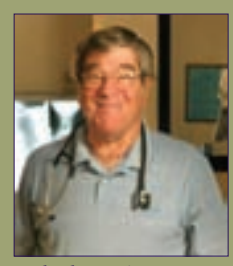
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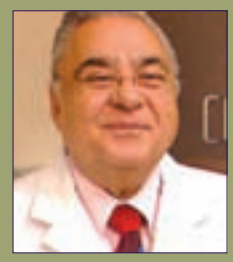
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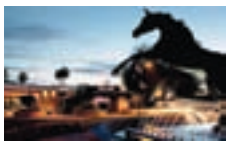

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Brat Haus evokes memories of long-ago trip to Germany

By Amanda Goossen

Ten years ago, as a 21-year-old girl, I took a spontaneous trip the German city of Kiel. Few people have stepped on foreign land and felt so lost.

All that changed, however, on the fourth day of the trip when I fell upon a German Christmas festival. People were celebrating. Laughter filled the air. And brats were being grilled to perfection. It was a party, and brats were the stars of the show.

After three days of odd food and all things unfamiliar to this all-American girl, I was in heaven.

So imagine my thrill when The Brat Haus opened in Old Town Scottsdale in the space that once housed Oregano's.

Sentimental as I am, I was excited to visit a spot that was not only casual and cool, but had a menu that promised pretzels, brats and beer, my favorite parts of that trip.

Owned by local restaurateur Dave Andrea and Chef Payton Curry, former chef of Caffe Boa Bistro, the men shared their individual knowledge and skills to create great food and atmosphere.

"After being out of the business for a few years I came upon the opportunity to take over the original Oregano's space and just knew I had to do something with it," Andrea said.

What he's done is exciting.

Walking into The Brat Haus, guests will notice there are choices to be made right off the bat. Would you like to sit in the hip-and-happening patio area with strings of lights and a spectacularly colorful and unique mural painted on the wall, or in one of the two indoor spaces, each inviting and comfortable?

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With dark wood, both in the form of individual tables and picnic tables, the rooms call for a gathering of sorts whether with your 12 closest friends or the love of your life.

The menu may be burgers and brats, but that doesn't mean it lacks pizzazz.

Handmade brats are spiced to perfection. The Haus Brat has parsley, oregano and allspice. The Spicy Brat is with cayenne, paprika and crushed pepper and the Southwest Chicken is made extra special with roasted chilles, cumin and cilantro. Other meat choices range from Moroccan lamb, rabbit and duck.

Each brat is served on a crunchy French roll and topped with one topping: sauerkraut, spicy peppers, root beer onions, pickle relish, apricot onion chutney or pickled red onions.

The pretzels are a must-have.

Served with a selection of mustards or a three-cheese-beer dipping sauce, no matter how many you eat, you'll wish you had one more. They are perfectly crisp on the outside, soft and fluffy inside, and the salt is done just right.

The German potato salad contains sauerkraut, smoked fingerling potatoes and Haus Bacon. The tartness of the kraut and the salty, crunch of the bacon make this plate an ideal comfort food.

If joining a group, the Charcuterie platters are an ideal choice. Served with toasted bread and mustards, selections range from sliced sausage and crumbled blue cheese to Haus bacon-wrapped dates and sliced pears and bee pollen.

A Whole Pig is also an option for the group. Take it home or enjoy it in-Haus. With a little notice, Chef Curry will roast an entire pig for you and your friends, served family style with four sides.

With 30 craft beers on tap and another 40 in bottles and cans, The Brat Haus admits "We didn't create a beer list to complement our food…we created our food to show off the beer."

And for the kids there are a variety of vintage bottled sodas. The adults, however, can also find joy in these specialty sodas.

"We like featuring items you don't see very often or that invoke a memory from another place. Our bottled sodas bring back lots of childhood memories for many of our guests," Andrea said

The Brat Haus slogan states: "The Art of Swine Dining."

To me, it's a comfort place, with comfort food.

I most definitely will be back.

It's not the Fourth without special ice cream recipe

By Amanda Goossen

At the Jonovich home in Arcadia, it wouldn't quite be the Fourth of July without Chocolate Chippy Ice Cream. It's simply tradition.

Joyce Jonovich grew up in Michigan. To her family, the patriotic holiday meant boating on the lake, fireworks, watermelon, bare feet and stubbed toes.

Her husband, however, had a different experience.

"Greg grew up in Phoenix. His family always made homemade ice cream and sat on the roof to watch fireworks," Joyce said. "Back then, firework shows could be seen all over the city."

Thirty-five years ago, when Greg and Joyce were married, they agreed that homemade ice cream would become a Fourth of July tradition for their family.

Now, with three grown children and 11 grandchildren, America's birthday is important to them all.

"We spend the day in the pool, we barbecue and watch the firework show done nearby at the Arizona Country Club," Joyce said.

And this year, a new element will be added to the fun.

"We are going to set up a movie screen and use an outdoor projector to show 'The Sandlot.' I'm hoping this will become a yearly event for our family, to go with the ice cream."

As Joyce prepares the ice cream mixture, her love for the family recipe is apparent. She looks at the old Dolly Madison Family Fun Ice Cream Book, falling apart from decades of use and points out the handwritten changes she's made over the years.

Arcadia's *Cookbook*

"I'm extremely careful of cooking the eggs to the right temperature," she said. "I add the vanilla at the end when the pan is removed from the heat. Heating the vanilla causes it to lose some of its flavor."

Stirring and measuring, the oversized ice cream maker is sitting on the counter waiting for her to pour the mixture inside.

"When I was growing up, my parents had an ice cream maker that had a hand crank on the side. It was terrible to use," Joyce said. "When my husband mentioned this tradition I was horrified that I'd be cranking the machine for hours."

The oversized maker sitting on the Jonovich counter is void of a handle. Joyce couldn't be more thrilled.

The Chocolate Chippy recipe has been designed by Joyce's modifications to the vanilla recipe in her old cookbook. Chocolate was chosen because it's her husband's favorite.

Joyce Jonovich *Photos by Heather Kinkel*

"Greg is a chocoholic," she said. "And we call it Chocolate Chippy because I melt one cup of the chocolate chips and leave a half cup to be added at the end. The chips slightly melt and break apart, but not completely, making it chippy."

And for her 5-year-old grandson who is galactosemic (a rare genetic metabolic disorder that affects an individual's ability to metabolize the sugar galactose properly) and can't have any milk products, a special treat is always on the menu.

"I make him sorbet. And each year, more of the other kids are enjoying it as well," Joyce said.

Chocolate Chippy Ice Cream
By Joyce Jonovich

- **1 sm. can evaporated milk**
- **2 qts. half and half**
- **2 cups sugar**
- **4 eggs**
- **2 tsp. vanilla**
- **1 ½ cups chocolate chips**

Thoroughly combine milk, eggs and sugar in a saucepan. Cook slowly over low heat until mixture thickens. Remove from heat and add chocolate chips (1 cup). Add vanilla and stir.

Pour the half and half into the ice cream maker, along with the other mixture and the last ½ cup of chocolate chips. Turn on your ice cream maker, following its directions for use.

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Foodie finds camp cook creative job

By Amanda Goossen

Three years ago, Phoenix resident Kim Hanna was desperate for a stress-reliever. As a business developer for Municipality, Hanna was wearing numerous hats on a daily basis and struggling to find time for herself.

When her sister recommended camping, Hanna wasn't convinced.

"The first camping trip we took together, I showed up straight from work, in my suit. My sister almost died laughing," Hanna said.

After only a few camping excursions, Hanna was hooked. The entire experience was great, but as a true foodie, she was looking for a better way to eat.

"At home, during the week, it's a rush to get a meal on the table. When you're camping for the weekend, you have plenty of free time to cook and experiment," she said.

As the camping trips became a regular part of her life, Hanna's outdoor cooking knowledge was expanding.

"With fire restriction often a part of the camping trip, I've been learning more about cooking without an open flame," Hanna said.

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Bar owner offers cocktail that is different, original

By Amanda Goossen

Bar Crudo in Arcadia isn't your regular neighborhood drinking hole. For mixologist and bar owner Micah Olson, handcrafted cocktails are the only way to go.

And as the many loyal followers of his masterful concoctions know, if Olson is at the helm, you will be sipping a gorgeous glass of something you can't explain but thoroughly enjoy every time.

Now, with summer in full force, Olson is working on a new beverage: Handmade Strawberry Balsamic Soda with Basil and Cracked Black Pepper, which he bottles himself.

In the Colonial days, it was common practice for people to preserve the fruits that were about to spoil by macerating them in sugar and adding vinegar, allowing them to enjoy the summer flavors well into the winter. This creation was knows as a shrub.

A shrub can be used for many reasons, often by home canners.

But in the world of mixology, shrub syrups are a favorite element in creating cocktails.

And with Olson guiding us along, you, too, can get in on the Colonial practice of preserving fruit.

A shrub not only is good for you, but when turned into a soda, becomes a flavorful and refreshing drink to sip all summer long.

Stop by Bar Crudo for a bottle or get to work making your own.

Sweet *Treats*

Strawberry Balsamic Soda with Basil and Cracked Black Pepper

Strawberry Balsamic Shrub:

3 cups sliced strawberries

1 cup apple vinegar

1 cup balsamic vinegar

2 cups sugar

Slice strawberries and cover with sugar in a large container. Muddle the sugar into the strawberries and let sit in the refrigerator overnight.

The next day pour in the vinegar and mix well, integrating all of the sugar into the vinegar. Let this sit overnight in the refrigerator again.

Now strain off the solids and bottle the liquid shrub into clean bottles.

Creating the soda:

2-3 basil leaves torn and lightly muddled

4 turns of black pepper mill

1.5 oz Strawberry Balsamic Shrub (see above)

2 oz. bottled water

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Tear and lightly muddle the basil in the bottom of the Perlini Carbonating Shaker. Add four turns of black pepper. Add the liquid ingredients and ice and screw the top of the Perlini.

Carbonate according to Perlini specifications. Either pour out over ice or bottle for later. Garnish with basil leaf and fresh sliced strawberries.

Camp cook

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Two years ago, after almost a year of regular camping trips throughout the state, Hanna decided she wanted to share her love for campsite cooking with friends and family.

Almost overnight, CampingForFoodies.com was born.

"The entire website has been a great stress-reliever. I look forward to it all. And I'm learning about websites, photography, cooking," Hanna said.

The website includes such delicious recipes as the Southwestern breakfast burrito, shrimp tacos with jalapeno lime sauce, prosciutto and basil on Ciabatta and Fruity-Tini Cocktail.

Each have been tested in the wilderness and are a far cry from the franks and beans of the past.

"At home, in the city, I never take time to sit back and enjoy the things around me. The first time I heard a bird fly at the campsite, I knew I had reached my ultimate relaxation," Hanna said.

"I didn't hear the bird chirp, I heard it fly. It was amazing."

Kim Hanna

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MIM offers free days for educators

By Jacob Green

For the second year, the Musical Instrument Museum will grant Arizona K-12 educators the opportunity to explore the museum for free during July.

The initiative is intended to provide educators a way to introduce the arts into their curriculum, despite cuts that have been made to arts education programs across Arizona.

"At MIM, we believe educators are both leaders in their communities and vital partners of the museum," said education manager Carly Ofsthun.

Two Teachers' Preview Days will be offered on July 20 and July 21, giving educators the opportunity to enjoy live performances, as well as receive information about school field-trip opportunities, pre- and post-visit curricula, and Artist Residency Programs.

"When informal educational institutions such as MIM unite with formal educators, our mutual goal of a strong, informed community is greatly enhanced," Ofsthun said.

The museum offers educational opportunities in such subjects as music, geography, social studies and science.

The free admission is extended to Arizona teachers, school and district administrators, registered student teachers, teacher aides and homeschool educators.

Educators who can provide a school- or district-issued ID, fingerprint clearance card or (for homeschool educators) an affidavit of intent can register by visiting s.zoomerang.com/s/mim2013teacher_preview_days. Call 480-478-6000 for more information.

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Mobile facial salon brings services

By Danika Worthington

Alysha's Esthetic brings such spa and salon services as waxing, facials and makeup to Arcadia homes.

"It's just more comfortable," Alysha Cowgill said of her mobile business.

"Like say (after) the microdermabrasion or chemical peel, sometimes you're real red or you can't go into the sun right afterwards.

"So you're already at home and no one sees you looking crazy."

Microdermabrasion is a process in which a diamond tip is used to remove the outer layer of dead skin, and a chemical peel is a similar process but with a chemical solution instead of a diamond tip, according to Deseret Aesthetic & Lifestyle Institute.

If a client does not have space for the mobile esthetic service, Cowgill has a room in her Arcadia home for clients to use.

The spa day doesn't have to be a solo experience either. Cowgill provides A-Peeling Parties for clients and their friends.

Jamie Cowgill, Alysha's aunt, hosted an A-Peeling Party for eight friends at her home. With mimosas and wine in hand, the women each had 30 minutes to an hour with Alysha or the other cosmeticist working the event.

"Some of the other gals had just regular facials," Jamie Cowgill said. "A couple had chemical peels and some of the gals got microdermabrasions, and they all came out of the little room glowing."

Mobile spas became a national trend in 2005, according to SpaFinder Wellness. Home parties, such as the A-Peeling Party, are commonly used for baby and wedding showers.

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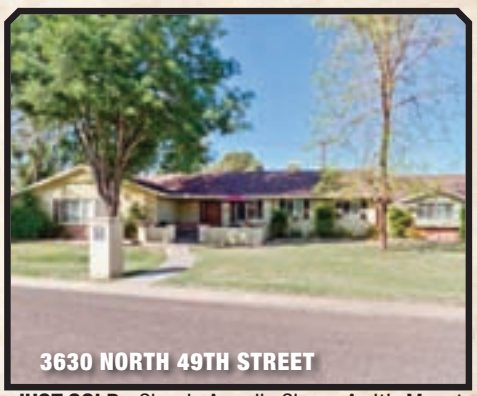

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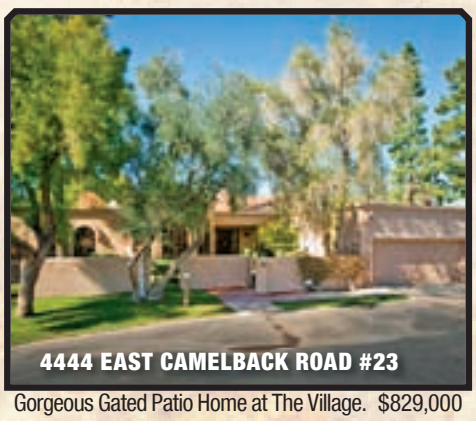

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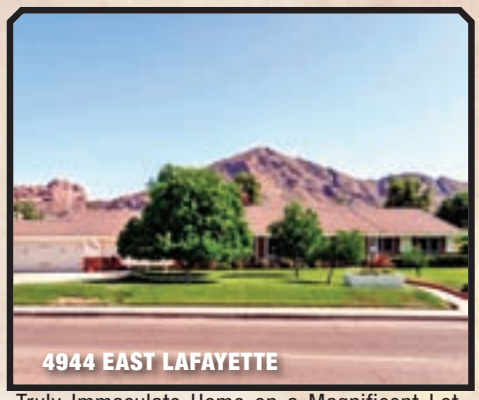

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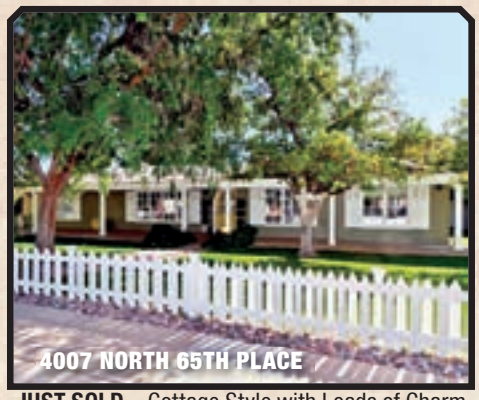

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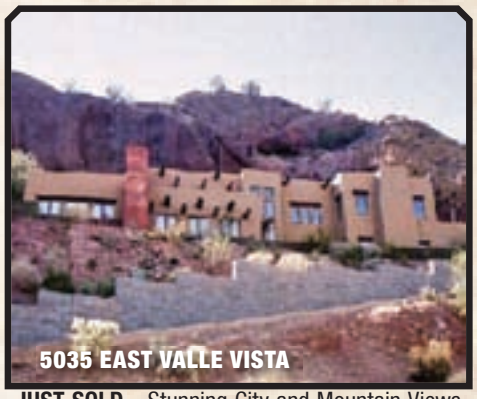

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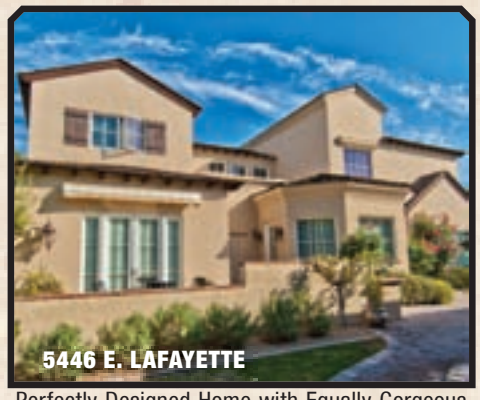

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‘Sandcastle Girls’ author will speak to book club

By Amanda Goossen

At the beginning of 2013, this self-proclaimed “book junkie” found herself invited to the Brandeis National Committee’s Annual Book and Author Event at The Phoenician.

The event is a community favorite every year, welcoming four to six authors to speak to the hundreds of guests enjoying lunch and listening to writers speak about their books, their careers and their lives.

To say I was entertained would be a massive understatement. The only way to describe my afternoon with Brandeis: life changing.

I listened to the authors speak that afternoon and was truly blown away. Each had their own way of using their 20 minutes. Some were shy, yet spoke beautifully, and others took over the stage and demanded attention with powerful, humorous and inspirational stories.

They made me desperate to read their books. And now that I have, the written words have proven to be just as commanding as the people who penned them.

I’m honored to say that for the July meeting of the *Arcadia News* Book Club, Chris Bohjalian, author of *The Sandcastle Girls*, as well as 12 other novels, will SKYPE with us.

Listening to Bohjalian speak on stage at The Phoenician that afternoon, I sat awestruck. At one point I wondered if my jaw was on the table. His stories are captivating, his conviction for his topic, real.

Join us 7 p.m. Aug. 1 (this is in fact the July meeting; there will be an August meeting at the end of the month). We will meet at Terra Java Coffeehouse, 3619 E Indian School Road and enjoy dessert, coffee, tea and lemonade.

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

BOOK CLUB SELECTION
The Sandcastle Girls
By Chris Bohjalian

Author Chris Bohjalian was determined to write the story of his family’s history. As the grandson of Armenian survivors, Bohjalian knew the most important story he would ever tell would be that of the 1915 Armenian genocide. His passion for this story pours off every page.

Masterfully weaving between past and present, the author tells the story of two women. Elizabeth Endicott is a young American volunteering to deliver food and medical aid to refugees of the Armenian genocide at the beginning of the First World War. When she meets Armen, an Armenian engineer desperate for revenge after the death of his wife and daughter, they quickly find comfort in each others arms.

Decades later, Elizabeth and Armen’s granddaughter, Laura, begins to unravel the mysterious past of the grandparents she adored yet never understood. The more Laura learns, the more her research becomes a mission to understand the family history that has been tragically hidden for generations.

The history, the characters, the love, passion and heartache that fill *The Sandcastle Girls* work together to make it quite simply one of the most well-written and stunning novels I have ever read. I beg you to read Bohjalian’s words and learn about a part of history rarely spoken of.

SUMMER READING RECOMMENDATIONS
The Kings and Queens of Roam
By Daniel Wallace

Daniel Wallace, beloved author of *Big Fish*, brings fans a beautiful new novel with his same imaginative style. Once again, Wallace uses elaborate stories and colorful phrases to design a world of make believe, only this time, between sisters. What comes next are tall tales meant to deceive and one sister forced to fight for her freedom.

Carry On Warrior: Thoughts on Life Unarmed
By Glennon Doyle Melton

In 2012, Glennon Doyle Melton wrote an essay on her blog, Momastery.com, titled “Don’t Carpe Diem.” The essay was shared online more than a half a million times in one week and was eventually picked up by the Huffington Post.

Literary agents went crazy for the woman who wrote honestly about her experience as a mother.

The result is *Carry On Warrior: Thoughts on Life Unarmed* and is an honest and funny take on the life so many of us lead, but few admit.

Motherhood is hard, frustrating and full of insanity. Melton tells it like it is, reminding everyone that we’re all in the same boat and rarely is there even a bit of perfection.

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In the Valley, we're lucky that music is so close by

By Craig Goossen

A nice guy I know was telling me about the town where he lives. It sounds like a fine place, but when he wants to see good live music, he has to journey many hours away.

Thankfully, we Valley folk have great venues all around our city, from state-of-the-art arenas down to funky art spaces. This July mix features a great lineup of acts playing Phoenix, so be supportive of what we have right under our nose and have sympathy for that nice guy who's driving 200 miles to get his kicks.

TODD RUNDGREN
I Saw the Light (1972)

This artist is so accomplished you tend to forget just how heavy he is. The Crescent Ballroom is a perfect setting to see this wizard and true star.

Todd Rundgren performs July 5 at the Crescent Ballroom, 308 N. 2nd Ave. Tickets are $46; 21 and older.

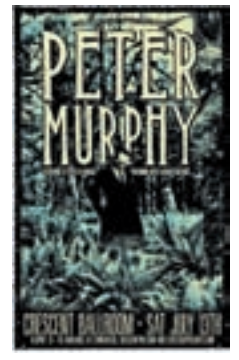
JETHRO TULL
Thick as a Brick Pt 1 (1972)

Ian Anderson comes to Arizona to perform Thick As A Brick in its entirety and the venue could not be more appropriate. Come downtown and enjoy some rocking flute jams.

Ian Anderson performs July 10 at Symphony Hall, 75 N. 2nd St. Tickets start at $43.

BAUHAUS
Ziggy Stardust (1982)

Slapped with the goth tag, but the band was so much more. When Bauhaus broke up, Peter Murphy, the band's lead singer, went on to a notable solo career, while the other three members of Bauhaus went on to form Love and Rockets. That's pretty serious stuff kids.



Peter Murphy performs July 13 at Crescent Ballroom, 308 N. 2nd Ave.

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Books

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All the Summer Girls
By Meg Donohue

Bestselling author Meg Donohue takes readers to the beach with three childhood friends who must face the secrets of their past to move forward in their current lives.

Kate, Vanessa and Dani have been friends most their lives, but have moved forward on very different paths.

When each of them find their lives falling apart at the same time, they decide to gather on the island of Avalon, N.J. to reconnect and revisit the mistakes of their past.

The Smart One
By Jennifer Close

Weezy Coffey was always the smart one. Her parents told her so.

It was her sister Maureen who was the pretty one.

"Maureen will marry well," her parents always told them.

But now, as adults, it seems Weezy was the one to marry well, completely throwing off everything her parents had expected.

In her latest novel, best-selling author Jennifer Close takes a look at the meaning of family and the roles each of us take, whether we mean to, or not.

Music

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This show is sold out, but you should try and figure it out.

SONNY VINCENT
That Sound (2003)

The Rhythm Room is getting a visit from a veteran punk rock shredder and we should pack the venue.

Sonny Vincent performs July 16 at the Rhythm Room, 1019 E. Indian School Road. Tickets are $12; 21 and older.

FORMER FRIENDS OF YOUNG AMERICANS
Emoticon Paradigm (2012)

The Yucca Tap Room is a great venue for live local music with a bourbon selection that can hang with any in town.

FFOYA perform July 19 at Yucca Tap Room, 29 W. Southern Ave., Tempe. The show is free; 21 and older.

RANCID
Side Kick (1994)

Green Day grabbed the riches, but in the end Rancid was and still is the real deal. No pop here, just the raw goods.

Rancid performs July 24 at the Marquee Theatre in Tempe, 730 N. Mill Ave. Tickets are $27.50.

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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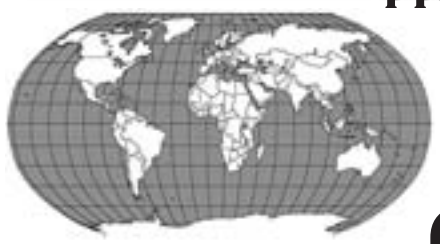

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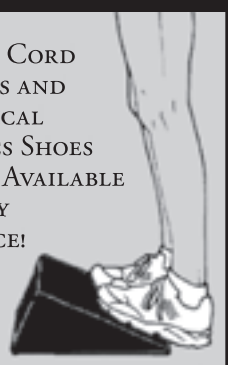

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Alysha Cowgill

Facials

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The trend is popular in big cities such as Houston and Seattle, and there are several mobile salons in Phoenix and Scottsdale.

After moving to Arcadia from Texas in February, Alysha Cowgill said she hasn't found much competition; most customers have not heard of the concept before being referred to her.

Although her prices are comparable, Cowgill said Groupon, a website with deals to surrounding businesses, is her main competition.

Hair Affair salon owner Susan Shojaee, who previously worked with Cowgill, said clients have reported positive experiences after she referred them to Alysha's Esthetic.

"She can come to your home and you don't have to do the traveling," Shojaee said.

"Usually after the facials and stuff you can relax and just be at your home and not have to drive back."

With convenience also comes flexibility, Cowgill said. Unlike salons with multiple clients scheduling for slotted appointments, Alysha's Esthetic works around the client's schedule.

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In the desert, Brophy finds success in the water

By Lupita Juarez

The Brophy crew team qualified in a four man boat for the U.S Rowing Youth National Championships in June.

The four rowers qualified with an outstanding time of 6:47:612. The four qualifying rowers were senior and team captain Cole Garcia, senior Sean McMhon, junior Benjamin Crozier and junior Max Hall.

This year marked Brophy's seventh year of rowing and second year approval of being their own scholastic program. The Broncos rowed both fall and spring with 60 rowers, which included freshmen, sophomore, juniors and seniors.

In early May, the boys trained all year for the regional championship held in Sacramento, CA in the Southwest Region. The four qualifiers rowed past two competitors in the last 700 meters of 2,000-meter race to take the bronze medal in a field of 20 boats.

"Some of the Southwest teams have about 300 team members, where we sometimes only have 40-60, so competing against both scholastics and club teams can be challenging at times", said Hall.

And even though the team has made it to nationals in past years, this year they went into the Grand Final A, qualifying them into the Junior Nationals, which was their junior men's quad race.

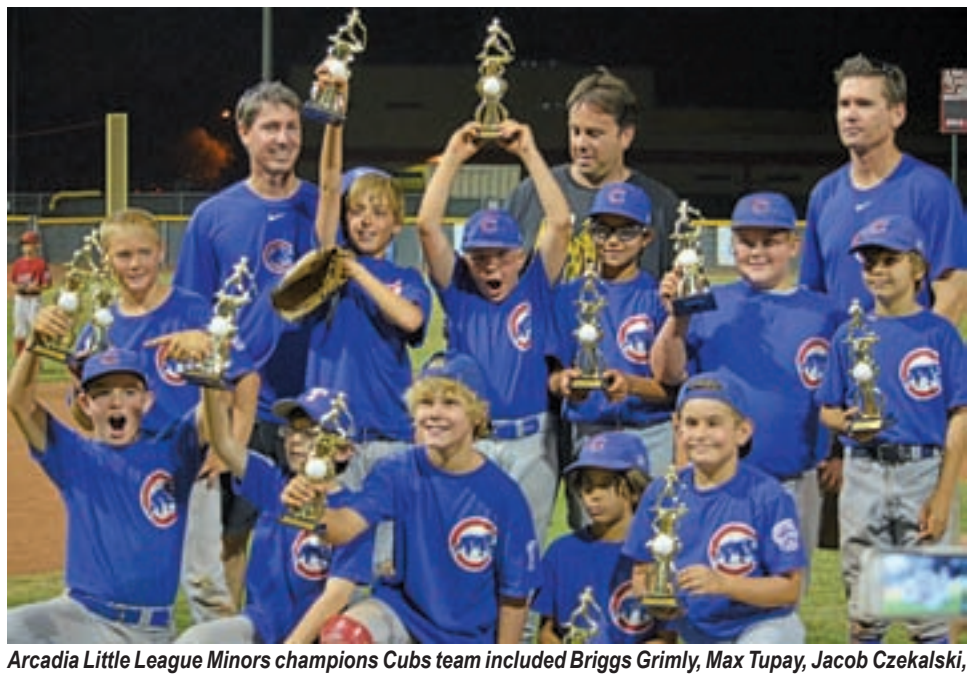
"It wasn't the easiest race," Laity said. "We took the hardest path to get into the Grand Final because of some boat trouble, but well worth it at the end.

"Sometimes it's hard competing with teams with a lot of alternates and that have also been rowing together for years, so with a smaller team, it takes more team communication and mental engagement."

For Laity, the teams Coxswain, not only did his high GPA get him into UC Berkeley this Fall but his commitment and discipline to his Brophy Crew team also won him a spot on the Cal crew.

"We want new faces," Hall said. "We like to advertise rowing as a no-cut sport.

"We like everyone to come give it a chance, and most kids like it and stick with it."



Arcadia Little League Minors champions Cubs team included Briggs Grimly, Max Tupay, Jacob Czekalski, Cael Herrera, Parker Dahlgren, Cole Smith, Nathan Pankow, Duncan Ellery, Kellen Slade, Aaron Mazzini and Jacob Resnick. Coach was Jarrod Smith, assisted by Rob Pankow and Steve Resnick.

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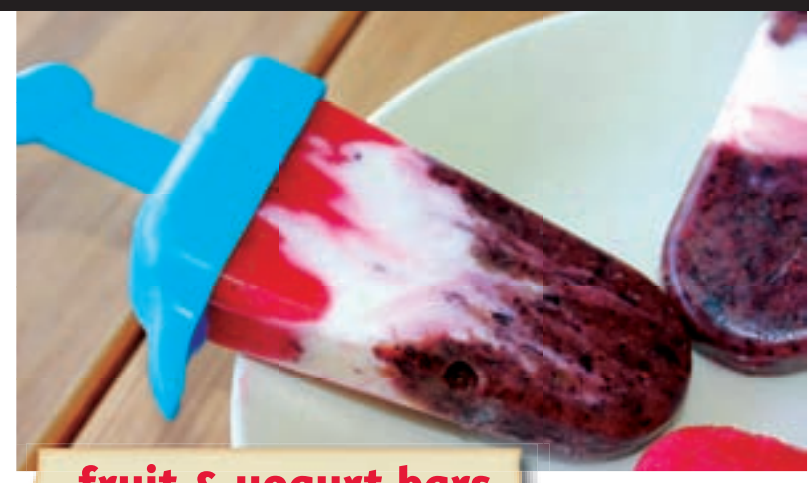

fruit & yogurt bars

Ingredients

- 2 cups fresh or frozen blueberries
- 2 cups fresh or frozen strawberries
- 1 cup plain greek yogurt
- Popsicle molds
- 3 tablespoons Agave Nectar *(Honey can be used as well)*

Directions

1. Place strawberries in a blender. Add one tablespoon of agave nectar. Blend until almost smooth. Transfer strawberries to a bowl, set aside.
2. Place blueberries in blender. Add one tablespoon of agave nectar. Blend until smooth. Transfer blueberries to a bowl, set aside.
3. Place Greek yogurt in a small bowl and mix in one-tablespoon agave nectar.
4. One at a time, layer the fruits and yogurt in to the popsicle molds. Once the ingredients are layered inside, use a chopstick or skewer to slowly mix, using an up and down motion, about 3 or 4 times. Place tops on the popsicle molds and freeze for approximately 4-6 hours.

ice cream sandwiches

Ingredients

- 6 Regular Size Rectangular Ice Cream Sandwiches
- ½ cup Red Sprinkles
- ½ cup Blue Sprinkles
- 12 Paper Straws or Popsicle Sticks

Directions

1. Remove ice cream sandwiches from their wrapper and cut in half, in to two squares
2. Pour red and blue sprinkles on a plate. Roll the four ice cream sides of the sandwich in the sprinkles.
3. Place the popsicle stick or paper straw into the ice cream on one side of the sandwich

s'mores on a stick

Ingredients

- 12 Large Marshmallows
- 1 cup Milk Chocolate Chips, melted
- 3 Graham Crackers, crushed
- 12 Lollipop Sticks or Paper Straws

Directions

1. Place a lollipop sticks or paper straws into a flat side of each marshmallow.
2. Holding the stick, dip one marshmallow at a time, into the melted chocolate. Cover about 1/3 of the marshmallow in chocolate. Then immediately dip into the crushed graham crackers, rolling over most of the melted chocolate.

fruit kabobs

Ingredients

- 12 Strawberries, sliced in half
- 24 blueberries
- 24 mini marshmallows
- 12 large marshmallows

12 wood skewers

Directions ★ In any order or pattern, slide fruit and marshmallows on to the skewers, one at a time.

Bleach t-shirts... 4th of July STYLe!

Here's a fun one! To create your own bleached t-shirt you will need:

- ★ **T-shirts** *(blue and pink are great choices, but certain colors, like black, don't "bleach" as well)*
- ★ **One-time use spray bottle**
- ★ **Bleach**
- ★ **Clear contact paper**

***All items were purchased at the dollar store, making this a VERY inexpensive project!*

HINT: don't go too crazy with that bleach, notice how the pink shirt was sprayed less and the blue one was sprayed more?

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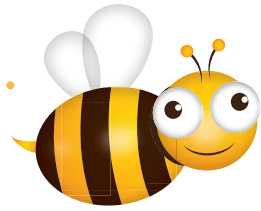
How to make your own:

1. Cut contact paper (unpeeled!) into desired shapes.
2. Stick shapes onto t-shirt.
3. Spray the stickers and immediate area around them with bleach (full strength Clorox®, not Clorox® Clean-Up®).
4. Immediately after spraying, wash on an express cycle (warm) stickers and all!
5. Remove what's left of stickers after washing, then dry and enjoy!

Summer GAMeS



Created using materials purchased almost entirely from the hardware store, these great summer activities are low-cost and imaginative, perfect for kids of all ages!

the BLoB

Materials Needed:
3.5 mil, 10ft x 25 ft plastic sheeting
Two rolls of duct tape
Hose

CAUTION: *The Blob should only be played with on a flat grassy space with complete adult supervision. Under no circumstance should children be left alone to play on or around the Blob.*

- ★ Roll out the plastic sheeting on a flat surface. Fold in half.
- ★ Using the duct tape, tape the three open sides together, leaving a 6-inch open space on one side.
- ★ Move the plastic sheeting to a flat, grassy space. It is very important for the space to be entirely flat; otherwise The Blob will roll and move.
- ★ Place a hose into the 6-inch open space and tape the space completely around the hose.
- ★ Turn on hose and watch The Blob fill up.
- ★ When completely full, turn off the hose and let the kids jump, roll on and squish The Blob.

frog RACeS

Materials Needed:
Plastic rain gutters, with end caps
Plastic frogs (or ducks)
Squirt guns

- ★ Place rain gutters next to each other on a flat surface and fill with water.
- ★ On one end, place one frog in each gutter.
- ★ At each gutter, one child stands with their squirt gun and sprays their frog, moving it along the gutter.
- ★ The first player to move their frog to the other end of the gutter by spraying it, wins!

tips

****Rubber ducks can also be used. Also, try without water and slightly elevate one end, making it a great race track for small cars.*

****Spray painting the gutters different colors makes it extra fun, differentiating the teams.*

Ice Chalk

Cool drawings to brighten up your sidewalk! To get started you will need:

- ★ cornstarch (LOTS)
- ★ water
- ★ washable paint
- ★ ice cube trays

How to make your ice chalk:

- ★ equal parts cornstarch to water (I used 1/2 c. each)
- ★ 2 T. washable paint
- ★ mix them together, then pour into ice cube trays.
- ★ freeze for a few hours, then PLAY!

GReAT Books for Kids!

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Ellray Jakes the Dragon Slayer

By Sally Warner

RECOMMENDED BY:
Carter, *Age 7*

Q: What makes Ellray Jakes a dragon slayer?
A: Ellray is a dragon slayer because he is trying to protect his little sister Alfie from the mean dragon-like bully at school.

Q: What did you like about this book?
A: I liked this book because it's a little bit funny. I really thought it was funny when Ellray would pull out his tablet and start playing his video games right in the middle of something important. His mom would say, "Come on, Ellray."

Q: Why should someone your age read Ellray Jakes the Dragon Slayer?
A: This book is good for kids because it talks about protecting your siblings from bullies.

Heidi Heckelbeck and the Cookie Contest

By Wanda Coven

RECOMMENDED BY:
Sophia, *Age 7*

Q: What did you like about this book?
A: I liked this book because it's about a girl and her five-year-old brother, just like my brother and I. The main character, Heidi, loves cookies just like me, too.

Q: What was the best part of the book?
A: I thought the best part was when Heidi was judging her dad's cookies and thought they were disgusting, even though everyone else liked them. Then when she made her own cookies she used terrible ingredients and they really were gross. It was really funny.

Q: Why should girls your age read this book?
A: This book made me laugh and Heidi is funny. She does silly things that make it a really good book.

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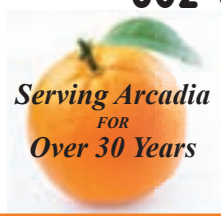

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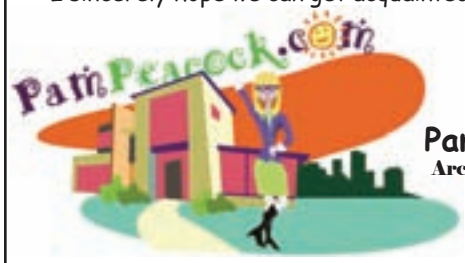

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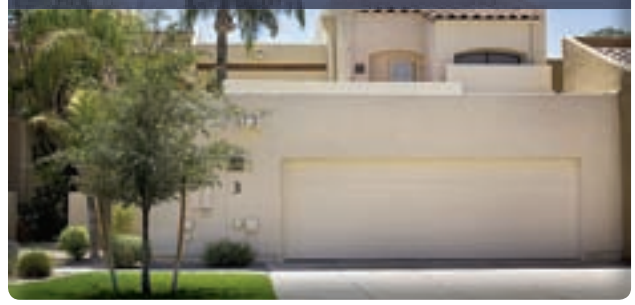
2626 E Arizona Biltmore Cir #3 • $489,000

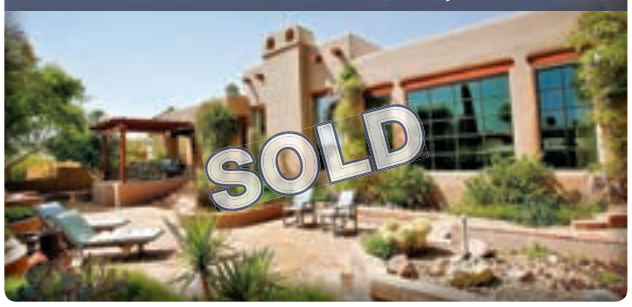


GATED COMMUNITY - Coveted guard gated Biltmore Square community. This 3 bedroom 2.5 bath patio home with a private pool has been updated and shows beautifully. Gorgeous eat in kitchen with stainless steel appliances, slab granite, breakfast bar and built in desk. Vaulted tongue and groove ceilings in 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 • $271,500

SOLD - 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

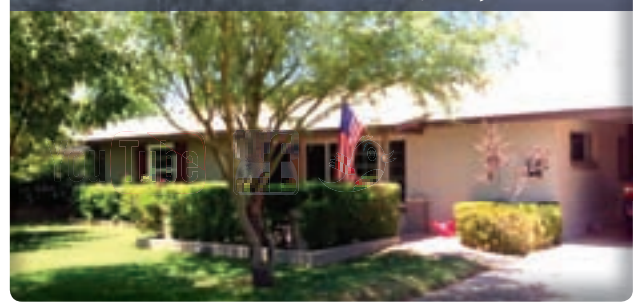


SOLD - One of the highest, most sought after lots in Biltmore Greens. This captivating home will leave you speechless from the moment your walk under the most beautiful Mesquite tree to the front door. Lovely split floor plan with soaring log/beam ceilings, massive view windows to allow the outdoors in, rich dark hardwood floors in all of the living areas and custom details everywhere you look.

6305 N 30th Court • $479,000

PENDING - Situated on Arizona Biltmore Golf Course, this wonderful 1,945 square foot 3 bedroom (or 2, plus den) two bath home is also located in a guard gated community. Large master bedroom with built-ins, remodeled master bath and walk in closet. This would make a great primary residence or 2nd home!

4036 E Weldon Ave • $374,900



JUST LISTED - Nestled in a quaint neighborhood, this 1600+/- sqft, 3 bedroom plus office, 1 3/4 bath home is set on 1/4 acre lot with large charming patio, huge grassy yard and even a chicken coop! New Roof, designer paint tones, wood flooring, renovated kitchen with cherry cabinets/granite and stainless appliances and updated baths. This will not last long!

3021 E Rose Lane • $360,000

PENDING - Fabulous 2 Bedroom, 2 Bath condo totally remodeled with designer finishes and located on the Biltmore Links golf course. Features include, beautiful ebonized hardwood floors, marble floors in entry, kitchen, and bathrooms, new stainless appliances, granite countertops throughout, new cabinets and hardware, lifted ceilings.

3307 E Medlock Dr • $619,000

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

4019 E San Miguel • $829,000

SOLD - Totally rebuilt in 2001, this 3164 sqft, 3 bedroom plus office home will simply take your breath away. Chefs dream kitchen with / 6 burner cook top, stainless appliances, 2 sinks, warming drawer and huge walk in pantry. Custom Alder cabinets, Hand scraped hardwood floors.

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5748 N 41st Pl • $919,000

PENDING - Perfectly balanced modern Arcadia ranch home set on a beautiful large corner lot that has been redone for the most discriminating of tastes. Once inside this 3511 sqft home you will find 4 spacious bedrooms plus a split office. Perfected amenities that include a 1500-bottle wine cellar, new kitchen w/Wolf & Miele appliances and endless custom cabinetry, large mud room and laundry room, 3-car garage.

3700 E Camino Sin Nombre • $1,495,000

SOLD - Set on nearly 2 flat acres of prime Paradise Valley land with Mountain views in every direction, this 4100 sqft home is truly the entertainers dream. Arizona ranch charm oozes from this property boasting hardwood flooring, tea stained cabinets, stone fireplace, renovated baths and numerous built in niches. Once outside you will find fabulous Cantina, walking paths, golf chipping area, 3 car garage and more!

5250 N 37th Pl • $650,000

SOLD - This outstanding 3/4 acre home has been owned by the same family for generations! Tucked at the end of a quiet cul-de-sac street this awesome property has all of the classic charm of days gone by with million dollar+ homes of today, surrounding it. 2200 sqft, 3 bedroom and 2 bath. This home is what people dream about looking to create their own canvas.

4451 E Campbell Ave • $235,000

SOLD - This home is the whole package! Great Arcadia location, walking distance to LGO and Postino, views, and completely immaculate! Designer colors and touches throughout. Formal living room, with spectacular views of Camelback right through the front window. Kitchen with granite counters, breakfast bar, and eat-in area, which opens up to the family room. The home lives bigger than the square footage suggests. Inside laundry. Lush green backyard with covered patio, plus bonus side patio. Easy maintenance front yard with great desert landscaping. 3 car, carport with back side entry and storage shed.

4353 E Palo Verde • $660,000

SOLD - 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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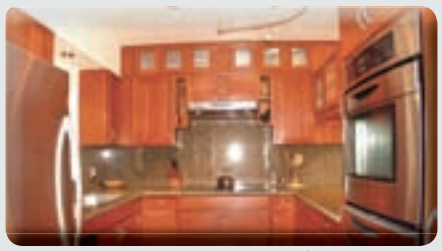
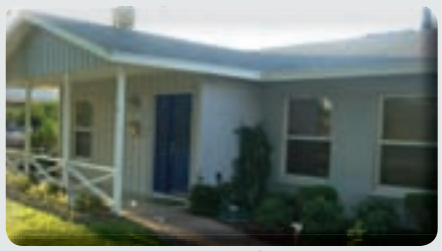


7209 E McDonald Drive #40 • $2,195/mo.

JUST LISTED - In the heart of Scottsdale, 2 bedroom / 2 bath 1800 sqft home in private gated community. Home features 2 master suites, with one located on the first floor. The great room has 12" Saltillo tile while each master has Brazilian cherry wood floors. Two large brick patios surrounded by lush greenery provide privacy.

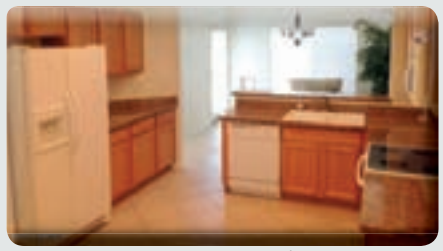


4708 E Virginia • $1,895/mo.

You will notice the charming curb appeal the minute you drive up to this home! The interior offers a sleek remodeled kitchen with stainless appliances and accents, maple cabinetry, center island, pendant lighting and granite counters. The living areas offer travertine flooring, an open floor plan with a fireplace and views to the sparkling pool. Covered patio, pool house and lushly landscaped yard with mature fruit trees. This home is conveniently located on a quiet street.

4942 E Sheridan • $1,595/mo.

Tucked back in a quiet cul-de-sac, this sweet home has been update and is ready for someone to move it! This freshly painted home has 3 large bedrooms, 1 3/4 baths, a remodeled kitchen with stainless appliances and slab granite countertops. Plantation shutters, spacious Arizona room with bar area and windows viewing out to the awesome backyard with covered patio and diving pool. Lots of fruit trees and grass...this is cute as can be!



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