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Sahuarita Water Company Awarded "Best in State"

SAHUARITA, AZ (May 24, 2010) – Sahuarita Water Company (SWC) is pleased to announce that it has been awarded "Best Small Water Utility" in the state of Arizona by the AZ Water Association.

As an added convenience to their customers, online bill pay has also been launched and is now available by logging onto sahuaritawater.com.

"I want to thank the management and staff of SWC for their hard work and dedication that led to receiving this award. It's an honor to be recognized as the Best Small Water Utility in Arizona for 2010," said Mark Seamans, President, adding, "I set out 3 ½ years ago when I joined the company to create a "Best in Class" water utility within 5 years to serve the residents of Rancho Sahuarita, and we've accomplished that goal in 3 years."

Some of the key points that contributed to this award are:

- In 2009, SWC designed, attained



The management staff of Sahuarita Water Company

funding (including Federal Stimulus funds), contracted, constructed and commissioned a 2000 gallon per minute (gpm) Arsenic Treatment Plant and 2.5 miles of connecting transmission mains. The plant is currently the first to use a new removal process and is also currently the largest in operation in the US to use that process

- SWC commissioned a new production well that will meet the water demands of the residents of Rancho Sahuarita and Rancho Resort
- Efforts to reduce water usage through water conservation efforts and education
- Improved customer service by training staff

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Rancho Sahuarita and KGVY Team Up for Teachers

SAHUARITA, AZ - KGVY Radio, the local radio station for Sahuarita and Green Valley, and Rancho Sahuarita, one of America's top Master Planned Communities, are helping area teachers on Saturday, June 5th from 8 am to 12 noon at Club Rancho Sahuarita.

U.S. teachers, including those in Sahuarita and Continental school districts spend an average of \$750.00 of their personal money to supply classrooms with the basic essentials. This includes pens, pencils, paper, chalk, and other basic items.



Rancho Sahuarita and KGVY focus on helping teachers

For the past two years KGVY and the Green Valley Rotary Club have raised funds for local teachers to equip their classrooms. Teachers have presented receipts and been reimbursed by the "Teacher's Fund," administered by the Green Valley Rotary Club.

The Teacher's Fund is expanding to meet the needs of more teachers and is holding a "Businesses Helping Teachers" Family Expo on Saturday, June 5th. Local businesses will be providing information and selling products to adult patrons while the kids get to enjoy face painting, jumping

castles, and other family events.

There will be giveaways for early attendees. Local food vendors, like BK Barbecue who recently opened in Amado, will be introducing their products to Rancho Sahuarita residents. More food vendors will be announced soon.

Proceeds from the Expo will be added to the "Teacher's Fund" and distributed by the Green Valley Rotary Club.

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SAFETY TIPS

Burn and Dehydration Prevention

During the hot summer months it's more important than ever to stay hydrated and find some shade. In particular, the elderly, children and those are not native to this area are at risk for sun burn and dehydration. Rural/Metro Fire Department suggests these easy to follow tips to keep you cool this summer.

- Drink 8-10 glasses of water a day.
- Avoid drinking alcohol or caffeinated beverages.
- Use an umbrella for additional shade when outdoors.
- Wear light colored clothing, long sleeves and pants when outdoors.
- Wear and re-apply sunscreen according to product instructions.
- Keep water, non-perishable snacks and sunscreen in your vehicle.
- Try to keep outdoor activity to a minimum during the hottest parts of the day. Early morning and late afternoon and evening are cooler.
- Never leave children or pets in your vehicle!
- Call 9-1-1 if you or someone else thinks they may be experiencing an emergency.

Monsoon Safety

Every summer Tucsonans look forward to the refreshing monsoon rains. While they are a welcome change in weather by many, they pose a serious threat to life and property because of their severity and sudden onset. Rural/Metro Fire Department suggests the following to keep you and your family safe during monsoon storms.

- To anticipate for possible road closures, look into alternative ways to get to and from your home to frequently visited places.
- Follow weather advisories and check weather reports frequently during the day to prepare for possible storms.
- Stay indoors during a thunderstorm, the safest place for you to be when there is lightening is in your home.
- If you are driving during a storm, reduce your speed and increase your following distance.
- Never enter a flooded wash.
- Call 9-1-1 if you are stranded in a flooded wash or if you see someone stranded in a flooded wash or road.

— Announcements —

“You Talk, We Listen” with Rancho Sahuarita Executives for Rancho Sahuarita Residents

Do you have questions about the community? Would you like to learn more about planned initiatives and community events? Rancho Sahuarita residents are invited to an exclusive “You Talk, We Listen” evening with Rancho Sahuarita executives at Club Rancho Sahuarita on Tuesday, June 15 from 6:30 pm-7:30 pm.

Buz Mills, Republican Candidate for Governor, will be speaking on his “Taxpayer Protection Pledge For Arizona” and his run for Governor at The Quail Creek Republicans Club Thursday, June 10th at 9:00 am. The meeting will be at the Madera Clubhouse Ballroom, 2055 E Quail Crossing Blvd. Everyone is welcome to attend free of charge. Contact Karen Schutte at 520-877-3230 for more information.

Blood Donors Get a Voucher to Ringling Bros. FUNundrum & Earn Ice Cream from Blue Bell

Perform a lifesaving act during June and receive a voucher for a free ticket to the newest Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey’s circus production, Barnum’s FUNundrum!SM June 30 – July 4 at the Tucson Convention Center. All June donors will receive a voucher for a free pint of ice cream, courtesy of Blue Bell Creameries! To make an appointment call 877-448-GIVE (4483) or visit www.UnitedBloodServicesAZ.org
June 6, 8 AM-1 PM, Tucson Church International, 6901 N La Canada Dr
June 7, 10 AM-2 PM, Northwest YMCA, 7770 N Shannon Rd
June 10, 10 AM-3 PM, Tucson Parks & Recreation, 900 S Randolph Way
June 20, 8:30 AM-1:30 PM, Our Lady of Fatima, 1950 W Irvington Place

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Please send any comments or informational pieces to the above address.

VIEWS *of the town* S

Sahuarita Welcomes New Town Prosecutor



Jessica Silva has joined the Town of Sahuarita as Town Prosecutor. The daughter of a U.S. Air Force veteran and two-time chief of police, Jessica learned early the importance of fair-minded law enforcement and public service. Hailing from the small White Mountains community of Eagar, Arizona, Jessica also developed a respect and fondness for close-knit communities. It was this fondness that led her to move

her family to Sahuarita several years ago. Jessica received a B.A. in Psychology from the University of Arizona in 2002. Shortly thereafter, she enrolled at the University of Arizona's James E. Rogers College of Law. During law school Jessica continued her family's tradition of public service by actively participating in the Southern Arizona Legal Aid Volunteer Lawyers Program as well as Child Advocacy and Domestic Violence Law Clinics. After taking the bar exam in 2006, Jessica clerked for the Hon. Kenneth Lee in Pima County

Superior Court. In February 2007, she joined the Santa Cruz County Attorney's Office as a prosecutor where she acted as the county's sole misdemeanor prosecutor for 18 months. Following her stewardship of the misdemeanor division, Jessica accepted an assignment prosecuting serious felony victim crimes and drug offenses and served in this capacity until coming on board as the Sahuarita Town Prosecutor.

In her spare time Jessica enjoys working out, yoga, reading, cooking and spending time with her family. Additionally, her six years at the University of Arizona created somewhat of a Wildcat super fan. You can find Jessica, her husband and three daughters at every Arizona football home game proudly tailgating in their U of A adorned motor-home.

Jessica is excited to bring her passion for public service and her devotion to the interests of justice to bear in the town where she lives and works. She looks forward to engaging with the citizens of Sahuarita and developing a strong law enforcement and community partnership that advances the ideals that continue to make this community great.

Be Aware: Bees and Snakes

It's that time of year when venomous reptiles and insects are coming out of hibernation. Be vigilant and protect yourself and others to avoid coming in contact with them. Most of the town parks are adjacent to natural desert so there is always a chance that rattlesnakes could be nearby. Also, be careful in desert areas on your property or adjacent to your neighborhood.

Africanized Honey Bee Facts:

- Africanized Honey Bees (AHB) have colonized all of Pima County, including the Town of Sahuarita.
- Most all bee colonies are now Africanized.
- There are precautions that YOU can take to minimize the threat of an AHB attack.

Africanized Honey Bees are living among us here in Sahuarita. They are virtually identical in appearance to common European Honey Bees. They swarm more frequently to search for new nesting sites. They respond very quickly to a perceived threat to their colony, stinging in large numbers.

If attacked by bees, leave the area immediately; covering your eyes and mouth. Run to a safe area of refuge such as a car or inside of a building.

Africanized Honey Bees have similar qualities to common European Honey Bees. Bees flying around flowers or water are only foraging and should not be considered a threat. All honey bees travel in swarms when searching for new nesting sites. When traveling in swarms, AHB's are far less aggressive because they do not have an established nest to defend. These swarms will often leave an area within a few hours.

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Rancho Sahuarita JUNE EVENTS

All events are held at
Club Rancho Sahuarita

PUBLIC

Community Yard Sale

June 5th
7 am – 12 pm

Businesses Helping Teachers

June 5th
8 am – 12 pm

Movies Under the Stars

June 12th & 26th
Starts at 8 pm

PRIVATE

Teen Pool Party

June 6th
6:30 pm – 9:30 pm

Fiesta Friday

June 11th
5:30 pm - 8 pm

Dad & Me Camp Out

June 18th
5:30 pm – 7 am

Father's Day Card Making

June 19th
10 am – 12 noon

Class Notes

2010-2011 School Calendar

Sahuarita Unified School District No. 30
2010-2011 Teaching Calendar

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School in Session Days - 180 Teacher Work Days - 184 New Teacher Work Days - 188

Holidays/Vacations/No School (27 Days)
 First Day of School - August 3, 2010
 First Day of 2nd Semester - January 3, 2011
 Teacher Special Assignment Days No School (4 Days)
 Early Release Days (30 Days) (Wednesdays)
 ***F TWO DAYS OF VACATION OR PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES FOLLOW A WEDNESDAY, IT IS NOT AN EARLY RELEASE DAY WITH THE EXCEPTION OF OCTOBER 20, 2010**
 Parent/Teacher Conferences (4 Days) - Student Half Days
 End of Quarter (4 Days) - Student Half Days

- Jul 26* - 29* New Teachers
- Jul 30 & Aug. 2 Returning Staff
- Aug. 3 First Day Students - Full Day
- Sept. 6 Labor Day/No School
- Sept. 28 40th Day
- Oct. 4 Staff In-Service/No School
- Oct. 8 End of 1st Qtr. (47 Days)
- Oct. 8 Half Day Students
- Oct. 11-15 Fall Break
- Oct. 21 & 22 P/T Conferences/Half Days
- Oct. 26, 27, 28 High School AIMS Testing
- Nov. 11 Veterans Day/No School
- Nov. 25 & 26 Thanksgiving Break / No School
- Dec. 17 End of 2nd Qtr. (42 Days)
- Dec. 17 Half Day Students
- Dec. 20-Dec. 31 Winter Break / No School
- Jan. 3 1st Day of 3rd Qtr.
- Jan. 17 MLK Day/No School
- Jan. 18 100th Day
- Feb. 24 & 25 Rodeo Days/No School
- March 1 & 2 High School AIMS Testing
- Mar. 11 End of 3rd Qtr. (47 Days)
- Mar. 11 Half Day Students
- Mar. 14-18 Spring Break / No School
- Mar. 21 1st Day of 4th Qtr.
- Mar. 24 & 25 P/T Conferences/Half Days
- Apr. 4 - Apr. 8 High School State Testing - Full Days
- Apr. 11 - 15 Grades 2-8 State Testing - Full Days
- May 19 End of 4th Qtr. (44 Days)
- May 19 Last Day Students
- May 19 Half Day Students/Full Day Staff
- May 19 High School Graduation - 8:00 pm
- May 20 Last Day - Staff

Board Approved on February 10, 2010

Parents: Stress Safety with Teen Drivers this Graduation Season

This is the most exciting time of year for many Arizona teens. But celebrations surrounding graduation and end-of-school year festivities are all too often followed by tragedy. As a result, AAA wants to make sure teens commemorate these milestones, while also staying safe.

Seek additional training. AAA has an approved network of driving schools that must meet stringent standards including approved course curriculum and AAA-certified instructors. AAA members also receive a discount.

"It's easy for teens to get distracted and caught up in end of the school year excitement and make a decision behind the wheel that has very high stakes attached to it," said AAA Arizona Public Affairs Director Linda Gorman "Parents need to get involved and stay involved with their teen drivers so that they are as prepared as possible before they get behind the wheel."

Parents of pre or newly licensed drivers can attend AAA Arizona's award winning Dare to Prepare workshop with their teen. The workshop provides families with critical information they need to know before teens take the wheel as well as useful tools and resources available during the learning-to-drive process. Upcoming workshop dates and locations can be found on AAA's website. To register, call 602-241-2945 or email publicrelations@arizona.aaa.com

AAA Arizona encourages parents to discuss the following with their teens before handing over the keys:

Distractions. Limit the number of passengers allowed to ride in your teen's vehicle to no more than one in order to reduce the risk of being distracted while driving. Also be sure to discuss other distractions including texting, cell phone usage, music and food.

Buckle up. Make sure your teen wears their seatbelt and knows the importance of buckling up every single time they get into a car, even if they are just driving or riding a short distance.

Other drivers. Make sure you know who they will be riding with. If their plans change, make sure they let you know so you know who they are with at all times.

Be there. Make sure your teen knows that if they need help, advice or a ride, they can call you at any time. Let them know that they will not be judged or punished should they need your help.

Consider limiting nighttime driving. Putting a driving curfew into place can help minimize the risk of a crash among teen drivers.



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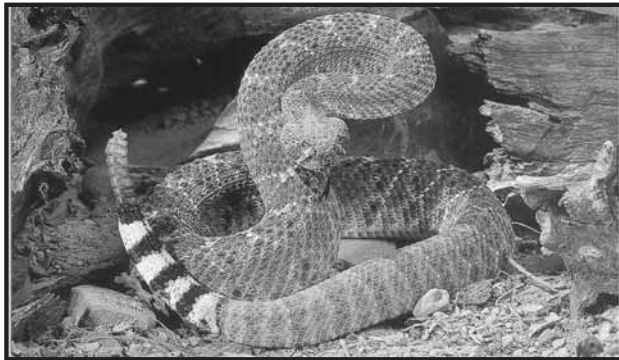
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There are certain precautions that you can take to live safely with Africanized Honey Bees. Keep your distance away from all bees to prevent stings. Bees remaining in an area for several days may be constructing a nest and should be removed by a Pest Control Operator. Bee-proof your home to eliminate as many potential nesting sites as possible. AHB's are less picky about nesting sites and will often choose small sheltered areas such as, old tires, water meter boxes, flowerpots, and inside walls of homes.

Make routine inspections of your home and yard. Look for increased bee activity before using loud or vibrating equipment such as lawn mowers or other power equipment. Bees can enter any opening as small as 3/8 inch. Remove junk piles and any other items that bees could use as a nest. Seal openings and cracks in walls and chimneys larger than 1/8 inch, using caulking, steel wool, or expanding foam products.



Rattlesnake Facts

The Sonoran Desert has more species of rattlesnakes (11) than anywhere else in the world. Venom breaks down blood and/or paralyzes nerves, useful for subduing prey and beginning the digestive process (and warding off threats).

A rattlesnake uses many senses to find prey, for example, its body feels ground vibrations, allowing the snake to "hear" animals approaching. Like adult rattlesnakes, the bite from a young rattlesnake is poisonous.

Rattlesnakes tend to nest in brush, tall grass, or rocky areas, so be careful around these natural features. At night, snakes may slither onto roads, sidewalks, or trails to absorb the heat from these surfaces. Avoid rattlesnakes altogether. If you see one, don't try to get closer to it or catch it.

What to do if you are bitten by a snake:

- Look for symptoms. If the area of the bite begins to swell and change color, the snake was probably poisonous. For specific symptoms that may occur after being bitten by a snake, visit the About Health Care Center.
- Keep the bitten area still. You can immobilize the area with an improvised splint made from a board, magazines, or other stiff material tied to the limb. Don't tie it too tight---you don't want to reduce blood flow.
- Remove any jewelry or constricting items near the affected area in case of swelling.
- Keep the area of the snake bite lower than the heart.
- Go to a hospital immediately. If you cannot get to a hospital, call the Arizona Poison Control and Drug Information Center at 1-800-362-0101 immediately.
- DO NOT use ice to cool the bite.
- DO NOT cut open the wound and try to suck out the venom.
- DO NOT use a tourniquet. This will cut off blood flow and the limb may be lost.

Marketplace Update



New Day Cleaners

New Day Cleaners is owned by Kevin & Tanya Baker. Initially, they saw the developing area of Sahuarita and thought the residents would benefit from a drycleaners nearby. The Bakers' now enjoy being a part of a growing area that is also a family-oriented community.

New Day Cleaners consists of providing dry cleaning, laundry services, wash-n-fold services, and tailoring. Their dry cleaning service provides cleaning for most garments, comforters (and other household items), and leather items. Customers can pick up their dry cleaning the next day if dropped off before 2pm. Our wash-n-fold service is something that many people are not familiar with and anyone can use this service to help with their weekly load of dirty laundry. Customers may drop off their clothes or household items and we will pre-spot, wash, dry, and package all items so that they are ready to go right back into the closet. With wash-n-fold, the items are not pressed and the cost is much less expensive than using a dry cleaning/laundry process. Spend just 2 minutes dropping off clothes and 2 minutes picking them up to save several hours every week doing tedious laundry chores. Businesses are also welcome to use wash-n-fold. They have recently added tailoring to their list of services so please call or stop by with any questions.

New Day Cleaners has a 48 hour redo policy for items that are dry cleaned or laundered. If for any reason a customer is not satisfied with their laundry, they have 48 hours from the time the items were picked up to return them to New Day Cleaners for a free redo. The Bakers' always encourage their customers to let them know of any concerns or problems that might arise. Their goal is to provide a quality end product with excellent customer service and to become a part of the growing community.

Laundry Tip For Your Personal Use: Ink/Ballpoint
Sponge stain with rubbing alcohol, or spray with pre-treat product or hair spray until wet looking. Rinse thoroughly. Pre-treat stain and launder in hottest water safe for fabric. Use appropriate bleach. Referenced from Coin Laundry Association

New Day Cleaners
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Hours of Operation:
Mon-Fri 7 am-6 pm
Sat 8 am-4 pm



GET HIM TO THE GREEK

Rated R
June 4



Aaron Green (Hill) gets things done. The ambitious 23-year-old has exaggerated his way into a dream job just in time for a career-making assignment. His mission: Fly to London and escort a rock god to L.A.'s Greek Theatre for the first-stop on a \$100-million tour. His warning: Turn your back on him at your own peril. British rocker Aldous Snow (Brand) is both a brilliant musician and walking sex. Weary of yes men and piles of money, the former front man is searching for the meaning of life. But that doesn't mean he can't have a few orgies while he finds it. When he learns his true love is in California, Aldous makes it his quest to win her back... right before kick-starting his world domination.

THE A-TEAM

Not Yet Rated
June 11



"The A-Team" follows the exciting and daring exploits of Hannibal Smith and his colorful team of former Special Forces soldiers who were set up for a crime they did not commit. Going "rogue," they utilize their unique talents – and eccentricities – to try and clear their names and find the true culprit.

TOY STORY 3

Rated G
June 18



Andy is now a young adult, departing for college, and his toys, including Woody and Buzz Lightyear, are being sent to storage. Before his toys can be put in the attic, they are accidentally thrown away and are picked up by the garbage men. The toys find themselves at a local day-care center where they must try to survive pre-school children.



WEBSITE OF THE MONTH

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SNOPE.COM *Snope.com Rumor Has It*

Snopes.com, officially the Urban Legends Reference Pages, is a web site discussing urban legends, Internet rumors, e-mail forwards, and other stories of uncertain or questionable origin. It is the best-known resource for validating and debunking such stories in American popular culture.

Snopes is run by Barbara and David Mikkelson, a California couple who met on the alt.folklore.urban newsgroup. The site is organized according to topic and includes a message board where stories and pictures of questionable veracity may be posted. The Mikkelsons also founded the San Fernando Valley Folklore Society, and were credited as the owners of the site until 2005.

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SPA Today A Tan... Naturally

As summer approaches I yearn for a nice healthy glow. But the days of endless sun on my skin are gone. So off to the spa I go. The spa does not have tanning beds, so what I opted for was a sun treatment like no other...

First, the therapist starts with an exfoliation scrub, which takes off any loose or dead skin cells-this feels luscious in itself. After a quick shower I return dried to the table, where a natural skin bronzer is applied in a therapeutic massage fashion. I wonder if this is a bronzing session or a massage? When each portion of the body is completely dry, I turn over for the continuation of the massage. Come to think of it, it feels like an intensive moisturizing treatment as well. Once finished, I remain there until completely dry. Then it's time to get dressed.

As I look in the mirror, I'm amazed at the subtle glow-even,

with no tan lines. Was it Hawaii? Maybe the Bahamas? No, it was all done at the spa. I'm given a lotion that I put on myself daily to continue the bronzing effect. In less than an hour I have a natural, healthy-looking tan. Perfect to start off a summer vacation, a class reunion, or a 4th of July party.

P.S.-Don't forget your sunscreen!!



Pulse

Father's Day Gift Ideas

Sunday, June 20 is Father's Day, a day to let Dad know how special he is. Listed here are the top 10 gifts to consider for Father's Day to let him know you care.

10. Time. Dad likes nothing more than to learn his normal "honey-do" list has been temporarily put on hold. He can do what he wishes for the whole day. This gift is often not really seen as a gift but more of a standard guideline for his special day but, he will love it none-the-less.

*One thing, he does still expect a present.

9. Outdoor or Summer Items. Father's day has been strategically placed in the beginning of summer to the benefit of the manufacturers of seasonal items to help move along all of those hammocks, grills and lawn mowers they always seem to have too many of. Buying Dad a summer item is easy because they are stationed in the front of almost any hardware store and sometimes even in the parking lot. He will be able to use whatever it is right away. Nothing is more annoying than to receive a gift that you are excited about and then have to wait weeks until the weather is good enough to use it.

*Items with assembly required that are not assembled by the presenter of the gift seriously loses you points.

8. Media - Books, Music and Videos. This type of gift works for almost everyone and for almost every occasion. You can tailor it to your dad's likes and interests to personalize this gift. Is he into History? A great book on the civil war might be just the ticket. Does he like Irish Bands? Pick up a few CDs for his car.

*This gift choice can sometimes feel a little "last minute" so unless it is highly thought out use it with caution.

7. Auto add-ons. If your dad is like most dads he has a special relationship with his vehicle (or, in cases vehicles). Whether he is the neat-nic type that will run it through the car wash every weekend and vacuum the inside regardless of whether it needs it or not and changes the oil every 3,000 miles because the engine stays cleaner that way. Or, if he is the hobbyist that likes to tinker and collect cars no matter what shape they are in. He will love anything and everything to do with his mode

of transportation. There are even a certain set of stores that literally survive on this passion for automobiles and all that you can purchase to maintain them, clean them and trick them out.

*If your gift is something he has REALLY been wanting, you may not see him for a while.

6. Electronics. What man doesn't love an item that can be plugged in? If your dad is not up to speed in the latest electronic items out there then there is plenty for you to choose from. A new computer or LCD TV will bring a tear of joy to his eye. A Navigation system for his car or a digital camera could be his favorite gift of all time.

*Electronics are expensive and choosing the one that is right for you can be personal choice. Consider this option only if you have deep pockets.

5. Sports. Okay. This was a no brainer. Take your dad to a sporting event and make a memory. This especially works out great for a Father-Son activity. There is nothing like sharing some Dogs at the Arena or park to bring to people closer.

*Warning-a serious beating to the team your dad is cheering for could bring this special event down quicker than a lead balloon. Plan accordingly.

4. Hobby Supplies. Almost every dad has a hobby or two. Gifts for Father's Day tend to bring out the most inane items for an avid golfer or a big time fisherman. Most people can't resist the impulse to buy it if it remotely matches their loved one's interests.

*The constant barrage of hobby presents at every gift giving occasion can become boring and predictable - for best results use sparingly.

3. Tools. Men can't resist a new tool or gadget if it promises to do the job quicker and easier. The win-win to this type of gift is they instinctively want to start using it as soon as possible! Do you have a kitchen sink that needs some attention? Easy, give your husband or dad a cool new tool that is necessary to getting the sink fixed and viola! Problem solved. You have a working sink and he has a new tool he will quite possibly never use again.

*Warning-cool new tools bright and shiny

newness wears off the minute they are used and decreases their desirableness in the eyes of their owners - the good news is that if your neighbor's husband doesn't have this cool tool but has another that say, allows you to hang pictures perfectly straight, then a trade could invoke a new round of win-wins.

2. Food. Nothing says "I love you" more to a man than a gift from his favorite food group. Whoever said a way to a man's heart is through his stomach really knew what they were talking about. Whatever his soft spot is there is a gift option for it. Does he like Beer or Coffee? Easy - an of the month club. Does he love Hot Sauce or backyard BBQ'ing? Easy again - an of the month club! Or, you can put together a gift basket or purchase a pre-selected gift pack. This is one gift item that doesn't disappoint.

*Buy extra if it is something you like too.

1. Accessories. This is a wide topic covering everything from the notoriously maligned "Father's Day tie" to the much needed and would never purchase on his own new belt. Accessories work so well as a Father's Day gift, I believe, because this is one area that he does not venture in without back-up or serious goading on his own. There are a plethora of things to choose from that - I Am Sure - he needs. Does your dad or husband wear the same sneakers until they look like he quite literally did the 1000 mile march in them and they can possibly be smelled from that distance? Or how about that ball cap he has been wearing since the Mets won the pennant? This holiday is all about getting him those things he would not go buy himself and accessories are top on the list. New white socks so he stops wearing black ones with shorts or, something, anything other than those damn earth sandals he wears out in public no less!! This area is all about helping him help you not be so embarrassed when you are out together all wonderfully disguised as a gift! What ever it is, go for it - it can only help.

*As with every group on this list there is a caveat, just because you want him to embrace this new accessory doesn't mean he will. You purchased it but he doesn't have to wear it.

Happy Father's Day!!

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Arizona's Rural Communities Rescue State Parks from Closures

(Phoenix, AZ - May 19, 2010) - The Arizona State Parks Board voted today to keep five more State Parks from closing on June 3 by directing Executive Director Renee Bahl to sign unique management and financial agreements with rural communities to keep each one open.

"The State Parks Board, a volunteer group of seven members, has voted in the last three months to negotiate with counties, cities and parks friends groups to fund a total of 23 State Parks to be open into the next fiscal year. The real key now is that we need every Arizonan to use their State Parks as often as possible," said Bahl. "We want the public to know that the Board and staff are focusing on keeping State Parks open because the fiscal impact and loss of jobs from closed parks would be devastating to these rural towns and we believe every Arizonan deserves a robust State Park system."

According to Parks Board Chairman, Reese Woodling, "We have been successful in finding solutions to keep State Parks open, but these are only short term measures. It is a miracle that these communities have raised the funds to keep these parks open so far this year. Arizonans should be proud that so many concerned individuals have stepped forward to lead the communities to cobble together these monies."

"Unfortunately we have lost \$10 million dollars from the Heritage Fund to support State, County and City parks and our

operating budget has dropped significantly. In two years, the total amount of sweeps and diversions from twelve fund sources that benefit Arizona conservation projects has been \$71 million."

Here are some of the highlights of the community efforts: Bashas' Family of Stores (130) raised \$20,000, Dasani Water raised \$5,000 for recycling programs, Apache Junction businesses raised \$26,000 (Lost Dutchman), Tubac Historical Society raised \$35,000 (Tubac Presidio), Friends of Tonto raised \$8,000 (Tonto Nat. Bridge), Wickenburg/Salome raised \$30,000 (Alamo), Riordan Action Alliance raised \$40,000 (Riordan Mansion), the City of Eloy has raised \$20,000 (Picacho Peak), Benefactors of Red Rock State Park have raised \$60,000, Friends of Oracle State Park have raised \$50,000 and Yuma raised \$70,000 (Territorial Prison). The Arizona Game and Fish Department helped Graham County rescue Roper Lake State Park and Apache County will keep Lyman Lake open this summer. Arizona Highways Magazine has already sold more than 100 magazine subscriptions to support State Parks and the increased tourism these subscriptions will generate will help increase park revenues.

Please call ahead to find out the latest information about the State Parks by calling (602) 542-4174 (outside of the Phoenix metro area call toll-free (800) 285-3703) or visit AZStateParks.com. Follow us on twitter. com/AZStateParks.

Amateurs Alert NASA to Saturn Storm

With Saturn now well placed high in the evening sky, it's been getting a lot of scrutiny from high-end observers around the world. On March 13th, Philippine observer Christopher Go recorded a localized brightening in the planet's South Tropical Zone, and soon others were posting images on the website of the Association of Lunar and Planetary Observers.

One of them was Anthony Wesley, the Australian made famous last year when he noticed the black smudge caused by an impact on Jupiter. After recording the outbreak on March 22nd, Wesley notified scientists coordinating observations of NASA's Cassini spacecraft. By March 25th the spacecraft's Composite Infrared Spectrometer (CIRS), which already had observations planned near the spot's latitude, had homed in on it.

Early results from Cassini's quick look reveal that the spot contains traces of phosphine (PH3) and slightly cooler temperatures than its surroundings. This implies that the storm cell had dredged up gas from deeper down; after reaching higher altitudes, ammonia in the plume condensed into highly reflective ice crystals.

Disturbances like this one seem to be concentrated in this latitude band of Saturn's southern hemisphere — so much so that observers refer to it as "Storm Alley." It was there that Cassini's cameras recorded a series of lightning flashes last November.

DAN Announces the Return of DES Quest

DAN® Education is starting the summer with a special incentive to complete its most popular recognition program, Diving Emergency Specialist (DES). Any diver who completes the requirements between June 1 and Dec. 31, 2010, will receive a specially designed T-shirt in addition to the usual patch, waterproof card and wall certificate. The first 100 divers to complete the challenge will also receive a bonus gift. The DES Quest has returned!

DES is a recognition divers can earn any day of the year, but DAN Education wanted to celebrate it this summer because two changes to the DAN lineup now make it easier to achieve.

Last fall, DAN Education launched Basic Life Support and First Aid, the long-awaited DAN CPR/First Aid course. CPR and First Aid certification is the second requirement of becoming a DES diver.

Also within the last year, DAN Education

revised its Diving Emergency Management Provider (DEMP) program to include Advanced Oxygen First Aid for Scuba Diving Injuries as a required component (it was previously optional). A diver who takes and completes DEMP will satisfy in one shot the third requirement of becoming a diving emergency specialist.

"DAN has always worked to offer divers the education they need to be able to assist in a diving emergency," said Eric Douglas, director of DAN Education. "In the last year, we've made two key changes that make a DAN education even more well-rounded and complete. Both changes create a much more direct route to becoming a diving emergency specialist, and we wanted to celebrate that by bringing back the DES Quest."

To be a DAN Diving Emergency Specialist, a diver must:

1. Be a rescue level (or higher) diver with his training agency
2. Hold a current CPR and First Aid

certification (DAN Basic Life Support and First Aid satisfies this.)

3. Hold a current certification in Diving Emergency Management Provider (DEMP) OR

4. Hold a current certification in Oxygen First Aid for Scuba Diving Injuries (or equivalent) and three of the following:

- Advanced Oxygen First Aid for Scuba Diving Injuries
- First Aid for Hazardous Marine Life Injuries
- AEDs for Scuba Diving
- On-Site Neurological Assessment for Divers

In addition to the incentive for divers to complete the DES Quest, there are special DES recognitions available for DAN Instructors and Instructor Trainers as well.

For more information on the return of the DES Quest, visit www.DiversAlertNetwork.org, call (800) 446-2671 or email oxygen@diversalertnetwork.org.



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Frozen Banana Cooler

Dissolve sugar in water. Add orange, pineapple, and grapefruit juices. Puree bananas in blender and stir into mixture. Pour into 2 (1/2 gallon) freezer containers and freeze overnight or up to 6 months. Remove containers from freezer 1 to 2 hours before serving (until slush-like). Break up large chunks with spoon. Add lemon-lime soda or club soda; stir well. Serve in punch bowl. Serves 10

1 1/2 c Sugar or Substitute
6 c Water
1 12 oz can frozen OJ can, thawed
3 c Pineapple juice
3 c Grapefruit juice
5 Bananas
1 32 oz bottle carbonated lemon/lime soda
or 1 28 oz bottle Club soda, chilled

Iced Coffee Cream

Dissolve coffee and brown sugar in boiling water. Add cinnamon and Mixed Spice. Add cold water and stir well. Add milk, vanilla and whipping cream. Whisk lightly until evenly combined. Put 2 ice cubes into each glass. Half fill with coffee mixture. Add a scoop of ice cream to each glass and top up with remaining coffee. Sprinkle with unsweetened cocoa powder. Garnish with cinnamon sticks, lime slices and grated chocolate, if desired. Serve at once with long-handled spoons.

VARIATION: For a sweeter version, increase brown sugar to taste. If desired, top each with a little whipped cream.

2 tablespoons Instant coffee
4 teaspoons Light-brown sugar
1/3 cup Boiling water
1/4 teaspoon Ground cinnamon
3 pinches Mixed Spice
2/3 cup Cold water
1 1/2 cups Chilled milk
1 teaspoon Vanilla extract
5 tablespoons Whipping cream
8 Ice cubes
4 small Scoops vanilla ice cream
1/2 teaspoon Sweetened cocoa powder
4 Cinnamon sticks (3")
Lime slices (opt)
Grated chocolate (opt)

Frosty Fruit Cooler

Combine the apricot nectar and fruit juice in a punch bowl. Add the ginger ale just before serving. Float scoops of sherbet on top. Serve immediately.

3 Cups Apricot Nectar ~ Chilled
4 Cups Ginger Ale ~ Chilled
2 Cups Pineapple or Orange Sherbet
3 Cups Pineapple or Orange Juice - Chilled

Orange Ice

Make a syrup of water and sugar; when cool add lemon juice and orange juice; freeze and when half frozen add egg white, beaten well with sugar. Thoroughly beat it with the ice, finish freezing and serve. Strawberries or slices of pineapples gently stirred through just before serving (if added too long before, they freeze and are unpleasant to eat) make a delicious variety.

3 pints Water
4 cups Sugar
1 cup Lemon juice
1 1/2 cups Orange juice
1 Egg whites
1 tablespoon Sugar



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SWC has been providing the drinking water to Rancho Sahuarita and Rancho Resort since 2000. SWC serves over 5000 connections that include over 4800

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The source of SWC water is groundwater drawn from the aquifer system below the development. The water system consists of production wells, reservoirs, boosters and other equipment necessary to store and distribute water. SWC holds a 100-year Designation of Assured Water Supply with the Arizona Department of Water Resources and complies with all the rules pertaining to groundwater pumping.

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SWC complies with all sampling requirements set for the in the Federal Clean Water Act. SWC also complies with all Arizona Department of Environmental Quality monitoring requirements for drinking water systems. The results of all compliance testing are reported in the annual Consumer Confidence Report mailed to each customer in July of each year. Additional reports are available upon request.

SWC meets or exceeds all applicable Federal, State and Local regulations, including those set forth by the Arizona Corporation Commission, ADEQ, Pima County Department of Environmental Quality and the US EPA.

Arizona Housing Association Members Honored with Prestigious National Awards

PHOENIX, AZ (May 17, 2010) – The Arizona Housing Association (AHA) is proud to announce that four member companies received top honors at the 2010 National Congress & Expo for Manufactured and Modular Housing, presented by the Manufactured Housing Institute (MHI).

"Never before have this many members of the Arizona Housing Association garnered such prestigious national honors at one time," said Ken Anderson, AHA President. He continued, "We commend the level of excellence that these member companies have achieved, and hope that our membership will look to them as a source of inspiration."

The recipients of these awards are:

National Awards:

Manufacturer of the Year – Cavco Industries, Phoenix, AZ

Floor Plan Lender of the Year – 21st Century Mortgage Corp., Knoxville, TN

Manufactured Home Community Operator of the Year – Yes! Communities, Denver, CO

National Lender of the Year – Triad Financial Services, Inc., Jacksonville, FL

Manufacturer of the Year – Arizona's Own Cavco Industries

The Arizona Housing Association would also like to add special recognition to Cavco Industries. Their commitment to providing the American dream of home ownership is evident. Throughout Arizona and our

industry, their dedication is apparent in their leadership and overall status of excellence. As a state association, we applaud their commitment and dedication to Arizona.

"We are honored and excited to receive this recognition, which reflects the outstanding efforts of our team members throughout the country," said Joe Stegmayer, chairman and CEO of Cavco. "We are grateful that our industry peers selected our company for this award."

The second largest producer of manufactured homes in the United States, Cavco Industries builds homes under the Cavco Homes and Fleetwood Homes brand names. The company is also one of the nation's largest producers of park model homes and vacation cabins.

YES! Communities is committed to bringing true value, pride of ownership of new manufactured homes, and a sense of community to all their manufactured housing communities nationwide. YES! Communities is the management company for Glendale West, Rosewood Estates and Mountain Gate manufactured home communities in Arizona.

21st Mortgage Corporation is a full service wholesale lender specializing exclusively in manufactured home loans, offering a variety of loan types to manufactured housing retailers and directly to consumers nationwide.

Triad Financial Services has helped numerous dealers finance homes with over 49 years of lending experience in the manufactured home industry. Triad

Financial Services, Inc. has been chosen the "National Lender of the Year" for the third consecutive year. This is the ninth time Triad has been recognized by MHI, winning "Regional Lender of the Year" in 2006, 2005, 2003, 2002, and 2001.

"These excellent industry role models are leading the way in providing more value, better products, creative solutions, and excellent customer service. They are being recognized today for their vision, their dedication, and their energy in enhancing and moving the manufactured and modular housing industries forward," said MHI Executive Vice President Thayer Long.

MHI is the national trade organization representing all segments of the manufactured and modular housing industries including manufacturers, retailers, community owners, suppliers, financial institutions, state associations and developers.

About the Arizona Housing Association The Arizona Housing Association is dedicated to increasing home ownership opportunities in Arizona by focusing on image improvement, zoning equality and customer satisfaction. Its membership includes Manufacturers, Retailers, Developers, Lenders, Contractors/Installers, Suppliers, and Brokers of Pre-Owned Homes. AHA has a legislative and regulatory program designed to protect and promote the interests of the manufactured housing industry. It also conducts educational programs designed to address members' needs and industry issues. For more information, please visit www.azhousing.org.



SPORTS



FIREFIGHTER COMBAT CHALLENGE RETURNS TO DESERT DIAMOND CASINO

TUCSON, Ariz. – Desert Diamond Casino and On Target Challenge Inc. are teaming up once again to bring an ultimate firefighter showdown to Southern Arizona. The Firefighter Combat Challenge is a two-day event where firefighters go head-to-head testing strength and skills. The event starts on Saturday, June 12 and runs from 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.; on Sunday, June 13, competition begins at 7:30 a.m. and ends at 10:00 a.m. This event is open to the public and is free of charge. It will be held at Desert Diamond Casino located on Pima Mine Road.

Firefighters participating in the event are outfitted in full gear and compete against one another in a series of tasks, including: climbing a five-story tower, hoisting, chopping, dragging hoses and rescuing a “victim” weighing in at 175 pounds.



Agencies from across Arizona will be represented at this event, including Tucson Fire Department, Green Valley Firefighters Association, Three Points Fire Department, Bisbee Fire Department, Sierra Vista Fire Department, Rural/Metro Fire, and others.



Trenea Parvello, Director of Marketing and Public Relations for the Tohono O'odham Gaming Enterprise, said, “Desert Diamond Casino couldn't pass up the opportunity to bring the best of the best together again in an ultimate showdown of talent and athleticism. Bring your family out on June 12 and 13 and watch America's heroes battle for top honors! Best of all, it's free!”

The Firefighter Combat Challenge has been aired on ESPN and is currently televised on

Versus. Competitions are held throughout the United States and have recently been expanded to other countries, such as South Africa, New Zealand and Germany. This is the second time the event has been held at Desert Diamond Casino. More information on the Firefighter Combat Challenge can be found at www.firefighter-challenge.com.

Desert Diamond Casino on Pima Mine Road, Desert Diamond Casino-

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IS THERE LIFE AFTER THE HOME BUYER TAX CREDIT?

(TUCSON, AZ) Now that the April 30, 2010 homebuyer tax credit deadline to enter a qualified purchase contract has passed, many people have started asking is: "Is there life after the tax credit"?

Long Realty Company recently conducted a survey of its agents to find out what their perception is on how much impact the homebuyer tax credit has had here in Arizona and in what direction the housing market will go for the remainder of 2010.

Almost half of the 230 agent respondents said that the tax credit will impact less than 10 percent of their buyers, and 58 percent of the respondents said they thought that buyer activity will stay the same for the balance of the year. 846 closed transactions and 606 pended transactions were reported in the first three months of 2010 from these respondents.

"While it is certain that the homebuyer tax credit has had some impact to the market, it appears that, at least from a Long Realty agent perspective, that it may not have been the primary driver of business so far this year," said Rosey Koberlein, CEO of Long Companies.

"Agents feel that the right house at the right price, with low mortgage rates, is driving buyer activity, and that the tax credit has been a secondary incentive, which, if true, means that those primary drivers of the housing market remain after April 30th. With attractive pricing and historically low interest rates, we're sure to see an exciting summer for Arizona real estate," she said.

To view the complete survey results, visit Long Realty's Arizona Housing Statistics blog.

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THE MINI-TIME MACHINE MUSEUM OF MINIATURES TO PARTICIPATE IN BLUE STAR MUSEUMS

TUCSON, ARIZONA-- May 24, 2010- The Mini-Time Machine Museum of Miniatures announced the launch of Blue Star Museums, a partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts, Blue Star Families, and more than 600 museums across America to offer free admission to all active duty military personnel and their families from Memorial Day through Labor Day 2010.

"America's museums are proud to join the rest of the country in thanking our military personnel and their families for their service and sacrifice," said National Endowment for the Arts Chairman Rocco Landesman. "I cannot imagine a better way to do that than welcoming them in to explore and enjoy the extraordinary cultural heritage our museums present. The works of art on view this summer will inspire and challenge viewers, and sometimes they will just be a great deal of fun."

"There have always been wonderful examples of partnerships between museums and

military installations, but the scale of this gift from the museum communities to military families is thrilling," said Blue Star Families Chairman Kathy Roth-Douquet. "Military families work hard for this country, and it is gratifying for us to be recognized for that. We anticipate that thousands of military families will participate in the program and visit museums this summer - many of them for the first time. Blue Star Families will work hard to help our military families make the most of these opportunities."

In addition to being Chairman of Blue Star Families, Ms. Roth-Douquet is married to a Marine Corps officer, who is currently deployed to Afghanistan. They have two children, and Ms. Roth-Douquet and the children plan to take a road trip this summer to visit Blue Star Museums up and down the East Coast.

More than 600 museums in all 50 states and the District of Columbia are taking part in the initiative. The American Association

of Museums, the Association of Art Museum Directors, and the Association of Children's Museums each sent a letter from NEA Chairman Landesman inviting museums to participate in this program. In addition to thirty children's museums across the country, participating museums represent a broad range of art, history, science, and cultural topics -- from the Museum of Fine Arts in

Houston, Texas, to the California Surf Museum in Oceanside, California, to the Mission San Luis, a living history site and historic landmark in Tallahassee, Florida, to the International Quilt Study Center & Museum at the University of Lincoln - Nebraska, the Art Institute of Chicago, Illinois, and the Seacoast Science Center in Rye, New Hampshire.

Blue Star Museums runs from Memorial Day, May 31 through to Labor Day, September 6, 2010. The free admission program is available to active duty military and their immediate family members (military ID holder and five immediate family members), which includes active duty Reserve and active duty National Guard. Some special or limited-time museum exhibits may not be included in this free admission program. For questions on particular exhibits or museums, please contact the museum directly. To find out which museums are participating, visit www.arts.gov/bluestarmuseums. The site includes a list of participating museums and a map to help with visit planning.

This is the latest Arts Endowment program to bring quality arts programs to the military, veterans, and their families. Other NEA programs for the military have included Operation Homecoming: Writing the Wartime Experience, Great American Voices Military Base Tour, and Shakespeare in American Communities Military Base Tour.

Blue Star Families is a national, non-partisan, non-profit network of military families from all ranks and services including guard and reserve, with a mission to support, connect and empower military families. In addition to morale and empowerment programs, Blue Star Families raises awareness of the challenges and strengths of military family life with civilian community and leaders. Membership includes spouses, kids, parents, service members, veterans and civilians.

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