

30 THINGS WE LOVE

ABOUT THE VALLEY
OF THE SUN



1 The sleek **contemporary** lighting fixtures in the Judith Testani-designed dining room at Olive & Ivy (p. 59)



6 Hearing Johnny Cash's anthem "**Ring of Fire**" over and over at TT Roadhouse (p. 28)



15 **Designer denim for days** at blue jean buffet Scottsdale Jean Company (p. 51)



25 **Donning green** in celebration of St. Patty's Day



2 **Shaquille O'Neil** joined the Phoenix Suns!



26 The new monument to the **Hashknife Pony Express** (Marshall Way & Camelback Rd., Scottsdale)



12 **Reaching the summit** of Piestewa Peak in less than an hour (p. 82)



14 **Inspiring children** to embrace art during Art Detour (p. 36)

3 **Super-cool lowrider bikes and cars** on display for Radical Mod (p. 32)

4 Smelling the **sweet blossoms** of citrus trees all over town

5 **Up-and-coming photographers** exhibiting at Tilt Gallery (p. 44)

8 Shelling peanuts and calling "Hey, batter!" from the **lawn seats** at a **Cactus League game** (p. 19)

7 Snuggling post-massage at **co-ed day spa** The Lamar Everyday Spa (p. 57)

4 Fluffy **blueberry pancakes** at breakfast-only Overeasy (4031 N. 40th St., Phoenix, 602-468-3447)

11 Welcoming warm weather by finding the **perfect swimsuit** at The Beach House (p. 57)

13 Bentley Projects' **sweeping space** for modern art (p. 44)

16 Learning (and tasting!) the difference between lager and ale at the Great Arizona Beer Festival (p. 16)

17 **Feathered Dinosaurs & the Origin of Flight** at **Arizona Museum of Natural History** (p. 34)

18 **Scoring just over par** on the same course that recently tested PGA greats, TPC Scottsdale (p. 47)

10 **Free movie screenings** with admission on Sunday afternoons at Phoenix Art Museum (p. 27)

19 Finding the **perfect glassware** to complement any beverage at Di Sciacca (p. 53)

20 **Talented students** on stage in *dark play or stories for boys* (Mar. 1, ASU Lyceum Theatre, 901 S. Forest Mall, Tempe, 480-965-6447)

21 Onesies that are made with **organic materials** and assert a **rock n' roll attitude** at Twig & Twill (p. 51)

22 **Successfully navigating** the maze of shops at The Mix at SouthBridge (p. 48)

23 **Selecting a slice** from the soap bar at LUSH (p. 55)

24 **Bacon-wrapped grilled shrimp** with spicy sauce at Richardson's Cuisine of New Mexico (p. 68)

27 The wait for spring is over, and with it the wait for Mayme Kratz **living sculpture garden** (p. 33)

28 **Sid the String Doll**, made in Thailand from one continuous piece of string and available here in town at frances (p. 49)

29 **Milling down Mill Avenue** during a bustling street festival (p. 26)

30 Getting the better of **Stringray's Godzilla** roll before it topples (p. 66)

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NAME-DROPPING

» **Cartier** has released the Marcello de Cartier, a handbag in three sizes and three hides (leather, croc and rabbit) that has already been compared to the iconic Must de Cartier purse from the early 1970s. Look for a second wave of Marcellos to surface in wintry colors and hides in Cartier boutiques (p. 39) next month.

» Speaking of leather goods, another **Coach** store (p. 36) has opened in Arizona, this time bestowing "C" signatures unto the West Valley's Arrowhead Towne Center.

» **Tiffany & Co.** (480-946-9100) has taken one small step inside Scottsdale Fashion Square, but one giant leap for lustful silver jewelry devotees everywhere: into a super-deluxe 8,000-square-foot suite not far from its prior spot. Be sure to check out the Tiffany Novo engagement ring, featuring a T & Co.-exclusive diamond cut.

» While at Fashion Square, say hi to **Salvatore Ferragamo** (p. 37), whose luxurious accessories, elegant bags and fragrances now neighbor those of **kate spade** (p. 36).

THE \$39 FACIAL

First-time visitors to **Fuchsia**, a perky storefront day spa in Mesa, can receive a 50-minute massage or facial for just \$39. And Fuchsia is a legitimate, plush, indulgently girly studio and gift shop—not a training facility or a bare-bones wanna-be. Clients choose their own feature fragrance, enjoy mood lighting and soft liners, and can even touch up their makeup when their service is complete. On subsequent visits, the same massage or facial costs \$75, or \$59 with membership (an option that makes sense if you plan to be back in town on a monthly basis; p. 41).



TIP OF THE MONTH

SHOP AND SNACK The cottage-chic adornments of **The Willows** (p. 39) have been known to elicit a so-cute-I-could-just-eat-it-up reaction, so it's fitting that a spinoff from the primary Phoenix shop has opened inside the adorable breakfast/lunch house called **Palatte** (606 N. 4th Ave. at Fillmore, 602-462-9400).

NOT FOR TOTS

Engage in grown-up tricking n' treating by hiding these scary-but-sweet collectibles in a cubicle or briefcase near you ...

» UGLYDOLLS

Plush characters invented by long-distance lovebirds, each with a name and a bizarre backstory. Wedgehead, for example, "sees things the way you see them [but] has to stand on his head to do so." **Retail Laboratory** (p. 37)



» STRING DOLLS

Expressionless yet funnily evocative characters, each made from one continuous piece of string by crafters in Thailand, discovered by an American husband-wife duo who got hooked on Asian arts and textiles while teaching in Japan. **frances** (p. 37)

» ICEBOTS

Mysterious, pointy-hat-clad vinyl figurines said to prefer cold temperatures (can't imagine how they ended up in Phoenix). Their New

York-based creator notes, "Some are fun, some are mean, some are sad." Choose accordingly. **Red Hot Robot** (p. 38)





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