

BASIS SCOTTSDALE GAZETTE

Third Time's A Crime

In an unexpected twist of events, two juveniles were arrested for orchestrating a whimsical, albeit costly, artistic endeavor at BASIS Scottsdale a few weeks ago.

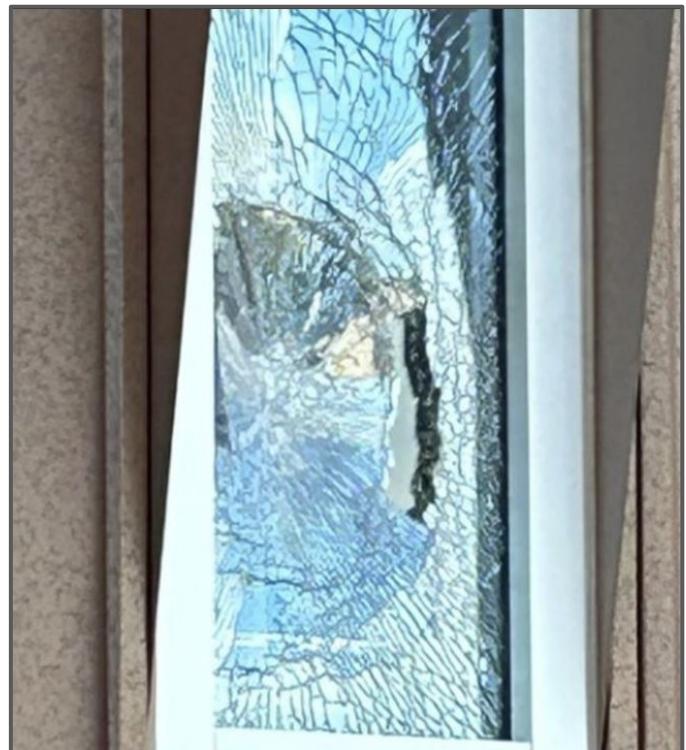
The duo, both under the age of 13, reportedly went on a mission to redefine the school's aesthetic by introducing an avant-garde touch to its architecture. According to officials, the school became damaged on Sunday, resulting in over 30 windows being transformed into abstract masterpieces throughout the campus.

Surveillance footage revealed the young boys entering the school grounds via an unconventional method – under a fence. Armed with rocks as their chosen medium, they skillfully shattered windows, causing approximately \$40,000 in damages.

The unexpected consequence? Upper school students experienced an unplanned day of distance learning on Tuesday as the cleanup crew grappled with the aftermath. The cleanup crew, in an interview with ABC15, lamented the need to order new windows and embark on a meticulous installation process, estimating that the restoration might take three to four weeks or even longer. However, they were successfully replaced during the previous long weekend.

By: Mintra Waram

Scottsdale police announced that the boys would face charges for aggravated criminal damage and trespass, with the intent to file these charges with the Maricopa County Attorney's Office.



Source: 12News

HISTORIC HAPPENINGS

Love Through Time

Everywhere, Valentine's Day is celebrated with hearts, cupids, friendship, love and most importantly, chocolates. But where did these traditions come from and how come it's celebrated like it is today?

The earliest origins of Valentine's Day can be traced back to the Roman Empire under the reign of Emperor Claudius II Gothicus (A.D 268-270). Although Claudius ruled for a relatively short time, and let invaders cause destruction to the Empire, we can thank him for executing a few saints named Valentine, thus starting the hype of Valentine's day. Many people today still argue over which of the three people named Valentine is the Valentine of Valentine's Day.

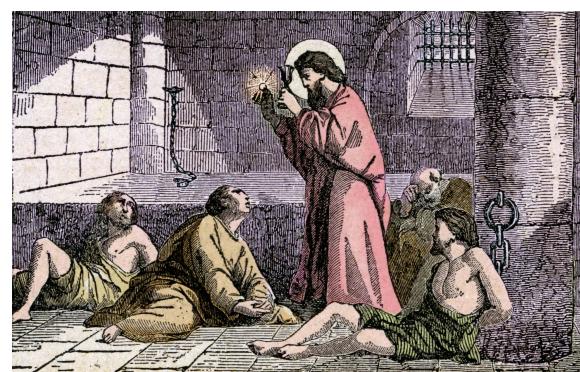
Claudius II thought unmarried men were better soldiers, so he had this brilliant solution of banning young men from getting married. Saint Valentine, a priest during that time, disapproved of his far fetched idea and continued to perform marriages in secret. He was caught, and an enraged Claudius ordered him to be killed. Others argue that another St. Valentine of Terni, also executed by Claudius, is the real Valentine of St. Valentine's day. There isn't much knowledge on this Valentine,

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but we know his body was sent back to Terni after his death. Some people argue that both of these Valentines are actually the same person. Most believe both of them were executed on February 14th in 270 A.D.

Some people also believe Valentine's Day originates from the pagan festival Lupercalia that celebrated fertility. Later this festival was replaced with the name of St. Valentine's Day, but that day wasn't associated with love until the Middle Ages.

The Middle Ages really got Valentine's Day associated with love. Shakespeare also popularized Valentine's Day with his plays. Even though the origins of Valentine's Day are obscure and vague, those legends come together to shape February 14th into a truly special, widely celebrated, day of love.



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MEDIA REVIEW

Disney's a Dime a Dozen

By: Ethan Kim

Recent releases of re-told Disney stories, tend to have pretty bad ratings due to many different reasons. One of the newer Disney movies released is *Elemental*, in which the main plot revolves around racial segregation but represented through elements such as fire and water.

Many new movies produced by Disney seem to be watered down and not as emotional for the audience. For example, older movies like *Bambi* and *Bridge to Terabithia* have elements of death and grief that new Disney movies tend to not include. In these movies, the deaths of important characters in the story make it much more impactful and memorable. In *Elemental* one of the main characters dies towards the end of the movie as a sacrifice; however, he is revived five minutes later.

Additionally, the way the movie handles social issues, such as racism, is different than how it had been touched upon in previous Disney movies. In *Princess and the Frog*, the main character, Tiana, who is African American, is in New Orleans where she faces microaggressions against her in the beginning of the movie. However, the main difference between having the topic of racism in

New Orleans where she faces microaggressions against her in the beginning of the movie. However, the main difference between having the topic of racism in *Princess and the Frog* and *Elemental* is that *Princess and the Frog* doesn't use the social issue of racism as the main plot. The main action is Tiana being turned into a frog after kissing another frog; however, *Elemental* is about breaking the norm of being segregated from another based on elements, aimed to represent different ethnicities.



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HOROSCOPE

By: Neha the Precognitive and her Loyal Scribe, Valerie

Aries (March 21st - April 19th): You fed the flames a hefty yule log this year. Prepare for the luck that wafts your way.

Taurus (April 20th - May 20th): The flower crown you wear during the month of love will do you well; a new love will enter your life.

Gemini (May 21st - June 21st): Abundance springs around you like roaming the aisles of Costco. Be prepared to harvest some.

Cancer (June 22nd - June 22nd): Keep your eyes peeled for potholes this month, for if you sink inside, your mind may never recover.

Leo (July 23rd - Aug. 22nd): You have been searching for a needle in a haystack for what feels like eternity, but perchance, this month, you will discover it.

Virgo (Aug. 23rd - Sept. 22nd): There is a shadow following you this month, carrying a knife, ready to stab you the moment you drop your guard.

Libra (Sept. 23rd - Oct. 23rd): You will hop a trend this month and bide your time, waiting in that long snaking line. But when you finally get what you desire, the product will dismay you.

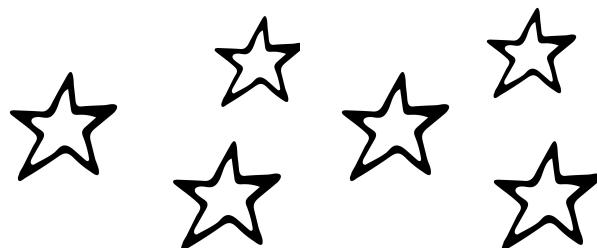
Scorpio (Oct. 24th - Nov. 21st): Beware of who you trust. The hand that shares a mandarin is not your friend.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22nd - Dec. 21st): You will drown in an ocean of your despair, and no one will hear your cries as you choke on water.

Capricorn: (Dec. 22nd - Jan. 19): The dream you thought faded last year will be reborn this month. Make sure to capitalize on its longevity, for we can already see its light ready to fade.

Aquarius (Jan. 20th - Feb. 18th): One of your new year resolutions will shatter like glass this month, and you will be left to carefully tread the ground in the remains of sharp shards.

Pisces (Feb. 19th–March 20th): Your very understanding of the world will shake like an earthquake. Don't resist this change in your philosophy.



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P.S. MUSIC RECOMMENDATIONS!

By: Payton Dymek and Stephanie Lobodanescu

P.S. What are YOU listening to?

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Based on your recent listening

LADY GAGA
THE FAME MONSTER

Bad Romance: Lady

Creepin': Metro Boomin

Honesty: Billy Joel

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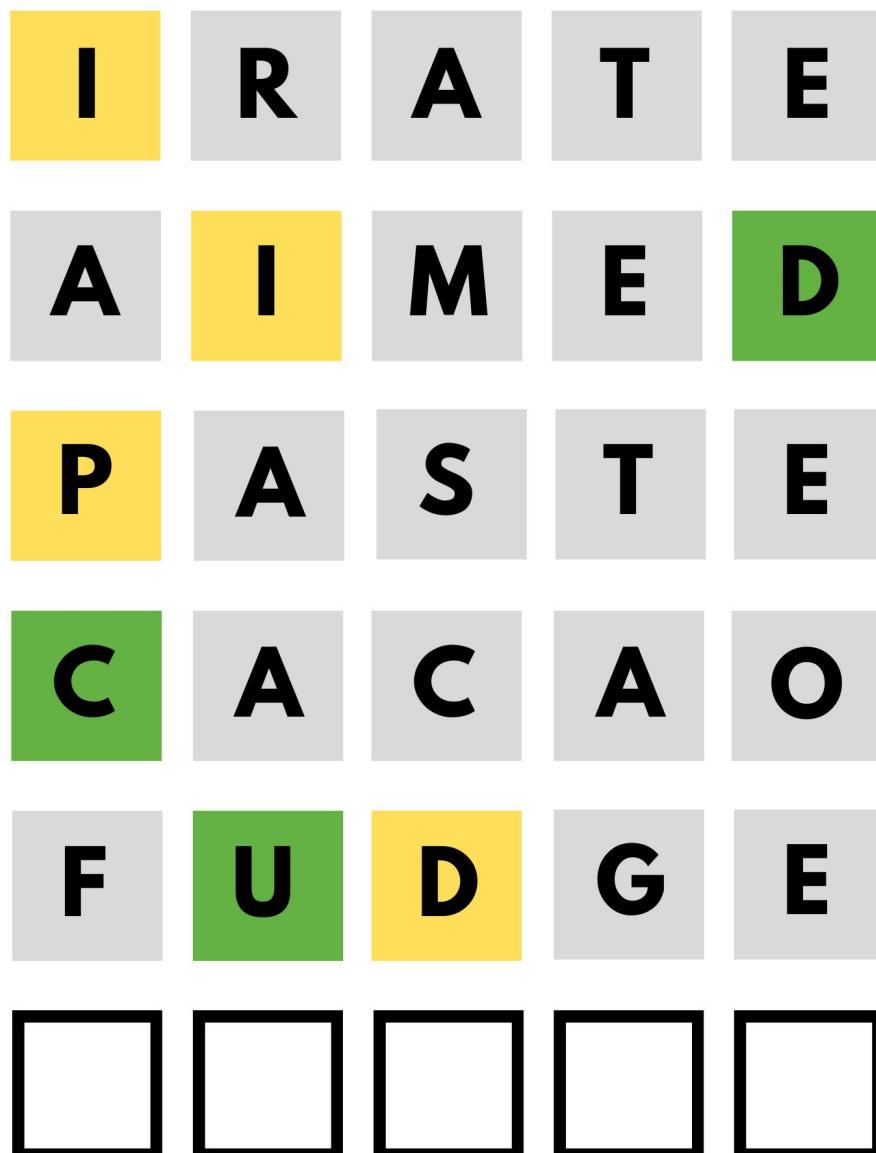
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By: Payton Dymek



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Answer: Cupid



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