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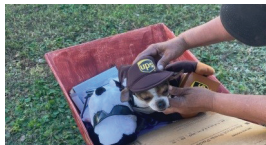
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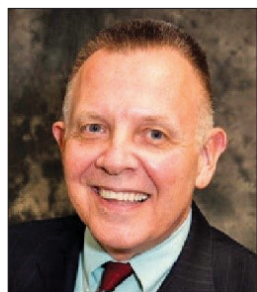
In the *Heart* of the Northwest Valley



TOWN OF YOUNGTOWN
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G.A.I.N. EVENT
SUNDAY
OCTOBER 30TH, 2022
5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
YOUNGTOWN GREER PARK
112TH AND ALABAMA
AVENUES

BRING YOUR CHILDREN TO A FUN EVENT
TO TRICK OR TREAT
★
GETTING ARIZONA INVOLVED
IN NEIGHBORHOODS
FUN TIME FOR THE WHOLE
FAMILY





From the Mayor... Is There Any Their There?

This is a lightly edited reprint of an article from December 2021

Have you noticed that with the advent of ever more immediate and succinct communication vehicles like email, texting and instant messaging there is a growing tendency to get sloppy with our English? Look at the common misuse of similar sounding words.

For example, look at the use (or misuse) of there (in that place or in that location) and their (relating to or belonging to certain people, animals or things). This actually

used to be a pet peeve of mine, but has become so ubiquitous I've become immune to it.

Then there's the story about the guy who lost his best friend because he didn't know the difference between the words antidote and anecdote. So when his buddy was bitten by a rattler, instead of dialing 9-1-1, he began reading him amusing short stories out of Readers' Digest.

And how about the demand that we learn a whole new language in

order to accommodate the need to convey an entire message in 140 characters or less. Like BTW or "by the way" which, I suppose, could also mean "bring the wheelchair"-especially for us baby boomers. How about BFF-"best friends forever"- or again for us baby boomers, could also mean "best friend's funeral".

CYA says "see ya" but I remember when it used to warn "cover your a##". Then there's the environmentalist's

NIMBY- "not in my back yard"-which has actually been replaced by BANANA-"build absolutely nothing, anywhere, near anything". LOL means either "laughing out loud" or "living on Lipitor".

ROTFLMAO says "rolling on the floor laughing my a## off" immediately followed by HIFACGBU-"help, I've fallen and can't get back up".

I even remember when you could abbreviate "stand by" to STBY, but be careful because now it could also mean "s##ks

to be you".

So, I guess you can either take the time and care to properly and precisely convey your message, keeping in mind who is in your audience, or you could just do what seems to be the norm today and practice SWAG "some wild a##ed guessing".

Fall and blessedly cooler weather are right around the corner along with Halloween-one of my favorite holidays. So enjoy and B4N-"bye for now"!



Michael LaVault
Mayor



Charles Vickers
Vice Mayor



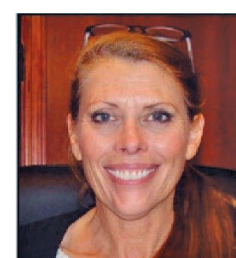
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Councilmember

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9-Volt Battery Storage



By: **Jim Fox**
Fire Marshal
Sun City Fire District

9-volt batteries power our smoke alarms, household items and toys. They can be found in most homes. But these batteries can be a fire hazard if not stored safely or disposed of with care. In the recent past, one particular video has been present on social media, warning of improperly stored 9-volt batteries sparking devastating house fires. I thought this would be a good time to discuss this topic.

We all have junk drawers in our homes, but did you know what's in there could actually start a fire? Here's the bottom line on the potential dangers of 9-volt batteries and what you need to know before the flames start. The video clip, recounts how a battery fire destroyed the home of Fort Collins,

CO, resident Dave Miller. It begins with the dramatic audio recording of Miller's call to 911. "I have a fire," said David Miller of Fort Collins, Colorado while on the phone to 911. "I need the fire department here," he added in a distressed tone. "Inside your house?" the operator asked. "Yes, inside my house," Miller said. "Sir, hang up the phone and evacuate," the dispatcher directed. Miller barely made it out alive, but watched his house burn down.

That day in April of 2011 is a day Miller will never forget. "I couldn't believe it... It's real... batteries can be dangerous," said Miller while the Fire Investigator interviewed him at Fire Station #1 in Fort Collins.

Miller's home in Fort Collins, CO caught fire after he changed the 9-volt batteries out of his smoke detectors and he put the old ones in a paper bag to be recycled. "The morning of the fire, I had moved the bag around and that's apparently what caused the batteries to get into the right position to



short against each other," explained Miller.

How can this happen? Well, first of all, these batteries carry 9 volts compared to some other batteries such as a AA battery is 1-1/2 volts. Sun City Fire Marshal, Jim Fox, states that a coin can go from 74 degrees to more than 150 degrees within

minutes of touching the two terminals on a 9-volt battery. The thinner the metal, the more tendency it will have to heat up to an even higher temperature.

There have been documented tests to verify the dangers of 9-volt batteries and their exposed terminals.

One of the experiments involves putting the open batteries in a junk drawer with all kinds of stuff including keys, a coffee filter, steel wool for washing pots and pans, misc. tools, pens, paper and more. After several tries of opening and closing the drawer, on the third try of closing the drawer with a 9-volt battery inside, the battery slid and made contact with the steel wool. Any one of the metallic items in the drawer can short the two terminals of the battery and generate that heat to where it will catch the paper on fire, then it will catch your cabinets on fire and then pretty soon your house is on fire. Just like the fire in Colorado, once the terminals of that battery come in contact with something metal, the result is heat; and with the other items in the drawer, the flames got going.

What does this all mean to you? You can prevent these fires by simply putting the plastic caps back on the terminals of the 9-volt batteries, putting electrical tape over the terminals or

storing the batteries in their original packaging.

The 9-volt batteries are the focus of concern because of the placement of the terminals side-by-side and their more common use in typical homes. Maybe not every battery is going to start a fire but we know that they can, so it's a simple thing to prevent.

However, maybe the most ironic thing about 9-volt batteries is that these same batteries are used to power your smoke detectors. And it is kind of ironic that this life-saving battery can also start a fire as well. It's a rare phenomenon that does happen. When you just throw the batteries in your drawer and you don't think about it, but in that drawer is all that other junk that it could come in contact with and then you have that potential for the fire.

Keep batteries in original packaging until you are ready to use them. If they are loose, keep the posts covered with masking, duct, or electrical tape. Prevent the posts from coming in contact with metal objects.

LGI Homes, Ground Breaking Ceremony

New subdivision coming soon!



Left to right is
Councilmember
Chittenden, Mayor
LeVault, Vice Mayor
Vickers, Inspector
Collins, Councilmember
Francis



Youngtown Public Library

October 2022

Storytime is one of the most beloved and remembered of library traditions. Almost everyone has a memory of going to the library to listen to stories. But library storytime is more than just listening to a story being read. Storytime is a literacy-based program that lays the foundations for early reading skills. Youngtown Library's Storytime with Miss Mary is no exception. Every Wednesday morning, Miss Mary is bringing us a literacy-based storytime filled with songs, rhymes, movement, and (of course!) stories. Storytime with Miss Mary is preparing our youngest to become readers.

OCTOBER IMPORTANT DATES

October 10: Columbus Day – Library closed
October 13: Rather be Reading Book Club at 10am
October 26: Storytime with Miss Mary Harvest Festival @ 10:30

UPCOMING EVENTS

HARVEST FESTIVAL @ STORYTIME WITH MISS MARY: Join Miss Mary on Wednesday, October 26 at 10:30 for a special storytime with Fall crafts, outdoor games, and delicious goodies!

RATHER BE READING BOOK CLUB: The Rather Be Reading Book Club will meet on Thursday, October 13 at 10am in the Library. Our book is *The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald. For more information contact Mary Vass, Library Manager 623-974-3401

LOCATION

The Youngtown Library and the Youngtown Historical Museum are located in Town Square, between Alabama and Youngtown Avenues, just west of 112th Avenue. For additional information about the Library or the history of Youngtown, call (623) 974-3401 and speak with Mary Vass, Library/

The Youngtown Public Library offers many services, including:

- **FREE Book and DVD checkout** (with a Youngtown Library card)
- **FREE WI-FI**
- **FREE use of 6 Public Computers**
- **FREE Tax and Legal Forms**
- **FREE faxes (with a Youngtown Library card) – 10-page limit**
- **Printing/Copies \$.15 each**

Museum Manager.

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday – Thursday: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Friday – Sunday: Closed

Clubs and Organizations

AARP Board

MEET: 3rd Tuesday of the month 4:30 p.m.
Jay Lickus – 623-734-5438

AARP CHAPTER 1

MEET: 1st Friday of the month 5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Jay Lickus – 623-734-5438

CRAFT CORNER

MEET: Every Monday 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Betty Trollen – 623-974-9130

AGUA FRIA RANCH HOA

MEET: 2nd Wednesday of the month 7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
OFF: October
Ogden & Company/Jackie Monty 623-628-4708

YOUNGTOWN CITIZENS' DOG PARK

MEET: 3rd Saturday of the month 10:30 p.m. to noon
OFF: June, July and October
Margaret Chittenden – 480-861-1576

YOUNGTOWN ART COMMISSION

MEET: 4th Wednesday of the month 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
OFF: June, July and October • Val Wilson – 623-810-3137

YOUNGTOWN COMMUNITY FUND

MEET: 4th Wednesday of the month 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.
Madelon Jeffreys – 623-977-4661

All clubs meet in the Clubhouse unless otherwise noted.

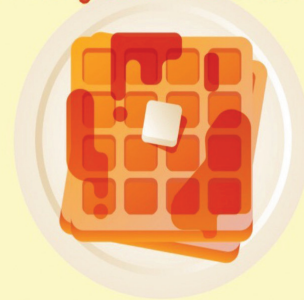
INSPIRE PROJECT

The Youngtown Library would like to thank the Inspire Project, a local nonprofit agency that focuses on literacy projects, for the generous donation of \$250. The Library was able to purchase 167 books to benefit all Youngtown readers!

Susan Josephson of the Inspire Project and Mary Vass, Library Manager



Everyone welcome!



What's happening
Youngtown
meetup!

Sunday 9/25 @9:00am

Brenda's Kitchen
13200 N. 113th Ave
Theme park Golden
Malted Waffles!



News You Can Use...

Canine Happenings at the Dog Park!

Thank you to Board Chair Chittenden for an informative article last month as so many of us travelled with pets. We also want to say thank you to all those who submitted their vacation pictures starring their four legged friends. Looks like everyone had a great vacation! Please continue to submit your pet photos. We would love to share them in our paper.

Please save the dates for our upcoming events! **Costume Contest and Pet Parade** You are welcome to join us Saturday, Octo-

ber 29 11:00-1:00 for our annual costume contest and family friendly pet parade around Maricopa Lake. Meet us on the eastern, shady side of the park on the corner of Connecticut and 114 Ave. Enter to win most unique, best group or best overall costume! Please consider joining us, even if it is just to watch! Careful of the dog catcher though!!

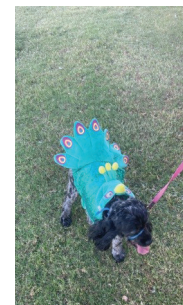
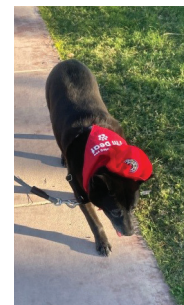
GAIN Event

Then, on Sunday October 30, Get Arizona (YOU) Involved in (YOUR) Neighborhood at the GAIN event! The Town of Youngtown in part-

nership with Maricopa County Sheriff's Office is hosting this event from 5:00-8:00, at Greer Park. Don't forget to visit the dog park tale, we will have pet safety items available for donations. So come out and get to know your neighbors!!

Other events are in the pipeline, we will keep you posted. Our first meeting back from hiatus did not happen in time for this article's due date so I'm afraid there's not too much else on which to report. Enjoy the countdown to cool, we are almost there!

Some of last year's event pictures:



Word Search: Poisons to Pets (solution on page 6)

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CENTURY PLANT CHOCOLATE FRUIT PITS GARLIC GRAPES
HUMAN MEDICATION OLEANDER ONION RAISINS YEAST

now find seven commands and three secret words



Nine Toxic Foods for Pets

- Raisins and grapes can cause irreversible kidney failure, and raisins are more toxic than chocolate.
- All chocolate contains a compound called theobromine and dark chocolate has the most.
- Xylitol is sugar free food. This sugar substitute is used in candy, breath mints, toothpaste and desserts which is highly toxic to dogs!
- Rising bread dough, yeast and sugars in raw bread dough that causes raw bread to rise to give off ethanol as a byproduct causing the bread to swell in your pet's stomach.
- Onions, garlic, chives, leeks shallots. No matter how you slice it, plants in the alacran family which are toxic, even in powder or cooked form.
- Macadamia nuts, if your pet is sensitive to nuts, may start toxic signs withing 12 hours.
- Raw meat and eggs. These run the risk of salmonella and E.coli to our pets and us.
- This information is from VET IQ website.

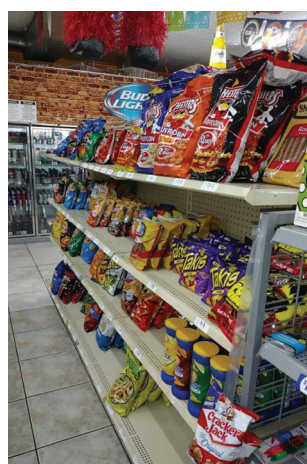
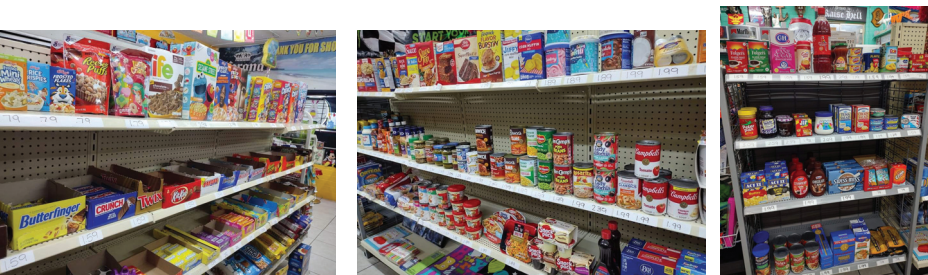
In The Spotlight

The Youngtown Market Place

The Youngtown Market Place was established in 2007. It is located at 12236 North 111th Ave in the Town of Youngtown. Recently it was purchased by the Lang family. They have renovated the Market from top to bottom adding lots of new grocery items, beer, soda, snacks and tobacco items. They even set aside a corner of the market to do hand scooped Thrifty Ice Cream. You can get it in a cup, cone, float or shake. The market has two fountain machines. One serves pepsi products and one that serves Coke products. They carry cans

of soda, 20 oz bottles, six packs, twelve packs, two liters, glass bottles and the list goes on. They also carry things like bread, eggs, milk, water and other fresh food items. If your looking for a cold drink and a quick snack, this is the place to be. The new owners said that they care about their customers' shopping experience as much as they care about their customers. Their mission is to provide exceptional service, deliver their personal best, exceed customers' expectations and offer quality products at competitive prices.

They are committed to serving the community that they live and work in. Two months ago they opened their drive thru window located on the south side of the market. It allows customers to drive up and order their items without having to leave the comforts of their vehicle. The drive thru is open from 10:00AM until closng. The Market is family owned and operated. Please feel free to stop in and look around. If they don't have what you are looking for they will get it for you. It just doesn't get any better than that!



In The Spotlight

The Merciful Grace Center a "handUP" ReSale Shop

The Merciful Grace Center – a "handUP" ReSale Shop is a nonprofit, faith base nondenominational organization. Our resale shop is operated through donations which are tax deductible. We resale quality furniture, clothing, jewelry, home décor, antiques, collectibles, and much



more. We also provide a free food pantry. Become a "handUP" supporter by donating or purchasing at our shop. Open Tuesday through Saturday 8 am to 5 pm.

The Merciful Grace Center provides life, healing, and prosperity by hosting prayer services on Wednesday at 9 am and Bible Studies on Thursday at 9 am. Open to everyone and all are welcome to attend free of charge. Located at 12201 W. Alabama Ave., Youngtown, AZ 85363 623-377-8107.

Word Search Solution

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In The Works

October 2022



Marty Mosbrucker
Public Works Manager

Sometimes we had our doubts that the weather would change on us as we were living and working in the hot and often humid conditions in the valley of the sun. As in life, when we are in the middle of an uncomfortable situation, it can be hard to see that it is temporary and that we must get through it in order to reap a reward. Our reward is living with beautiful Sonoran Desert weather, for the next 6 months. The cooler air is so welcoming, we feel renewed and refreshed!

Halloween will be here soon, with many children parading through the streets

going door to door in search of their next cavity. Please be careful driving through Town, as many ghosts and goblins will be walking after dark.

This Monsoon season has blessed us with an abundance of rain, making up for the last two monsoon seasons that were very dry. The abundance of rain has also produced an abundance of weeds. Public Works sprays weeds in the alleyways two times a year, once in the spring and once in the fall. You may not be aware of this, but the area in the alley behind your home, actually is your property. You the resident are responsible for the maintenance of this area. The Town does have right of way easements to conduct utility repairs and upgrades in this area as well as, conducting right of way operations in the front area of your home along the street side. Regardless of the Town's right of way jurisdiction, it is the residents' responsibility



to maintain these right of ways, keeping them weed free and debris free. Just as the resident must maintain their entire front yard to the street, they must also maintain their back yard from their fence to the alley. Community Pride starts with the residents in the community. Maintain your property; improve your neighborhood and property values rise. Your community also becomes a more desirable area to reside in when the homes are well maintained and attractive. The Broken Window Theory is a criminological theory

that states that visible signs of crime, anti-social behavior, and civil disorder create an urban environment that encourages further crime and disorder, including serious crimes. The theory suggests that policing methods that target minor crimes, such as vandalism, loitering, public drinking and jaywalking, help to create an atmosphere of order and lawfulness.

Along with the cooler weather and more people getting out and about, the Town seems to experience an increase in vandalism. Vandalism is "action

involving deliberate destruction of or damage to public or private property". The term also includes criminal damage such as graffiti and defacement directed towards any property without permission of the owner. Graffiti is the most common type of property vandalism (35%) according to the Bureau of Justice Statistics. How can Youngtown citizens help to stop vandalism? Get to know your neighbors. It is important that you know the people around you and in your community. This makes it much easier to spot someone that doesn't belong and may be there to simply cause problems. Form a community association or neighborhood watch program. You can't fight vandalism on your own, so it is important that you engage your neighbors and others in your community in your battle as well. This not only helps them take a more active interest, but it also provides them with the

opportunity to get to know each other. Hold parties and social activities in your neighborhood. Getting to know your neighbor goes beyond knowing their name and face. You should develop a friendship or trust of some type so they know to watch your back while you are watching theirs. Meet new neighbors as they move in. A great way to spot new neighbors is by watching homes that are for sale. Once you see the sign disappear go over and introduce yourself. Talk to your neighbors if you see something suspicious. Even if it is nothing, talking to them allows them to see you are concerned and take an interest, which will encourage them to do the same. If you live next to one of the Town's parks, please be observant for potential vandalism. If you observe someone damaging something in the park, place a phone call to the MCSO office at 602-876-1011. The residents are the eyes and ears of the community.

NEWS FROM THE COMMUNITY

Email your article to Jeanne Blackman: jblackman@youngtownaz.org

The right to accept or reject rests with the publication editor.

Youngtown Community Fund Medical Lending Center

We are here for your mobility rehabilitation needs. We serve El Mirage, Peoria, Surprise and Youngtown. We are a short-term lending facility and loan for up to 4 months at no charge to the client. We have wheelchairs, walkers, toilet risers, bedside commodes, crutches and



so much more!

Thank you to the community for donating



your gently used mobility equipment. These items help us to help others in

their time of need.

Items we DO NOT ACCEPT or loan are CPAP equipment, oxygen appliances, IV poles, hospital beds, etc. Please call prior to bringing these items and we appreciate if you will not drop them at our door.

AARP Historic Chapter #1

Come one, come all! AARP Historic Chapter #1 is one of the oldest and best clubs in the west valley! We meet the first Friday of every month for a delicious potluck and an informative meeting usually with a guest speaker. We meet in the Youngtown Clubhouse/ Council Chambers with dinner starting at 5:30pm. Bring a dish to share. All plates, utensils, cups, and

coffee are provided.

If you are a member of National AARP, join the local club. Dues are just \$10 per year and are not due until 1/1/23. So come for a couple of months to see what we are all about at no cost to you. Any questions, call President Jay Lickus @ 623-734-5438 or VP Charlene @ 623-363-4608. Hope to see you there!

SAVE THE DATE

YOUNGTOWN

WINTER MIRACLE

SATURDAY

DECEMBER 10, 2022

5:00 P.M.

TO

8:00 P.M.

Santa and his Elves
Lots of fun for the
Family!

COLUMBUS DAY

OCTOBER 12

Happy Halloween

Hope it's a real treat!

In The Spotlight

Banana Tattoo

Established in 2016, **Banana Tattoo** is coming up on year six of operating in Youngtown. If we have already had the pleasure of meeting, Hello again. And for those I have not met yet, my name is Kate, and Banana Tattoo is my studio. I have been tattooing going on 14 years, originally starting in Southern California and moving to Arizona in 2009. The wild west is where my children & I now call home. I wanted to bring a new concept to the tattoo industry by opening a classy and kind tattoo studio where everyone is accepted and treated with respect. Regardless if it's your first tattoo or hundredth, if you have not yet stopped by the shop, please do. Come and check out a clean, friendly & welcoming Tattoo studio.

Here at Banana Tattoo we offer numerous services Including:

Custom Tattoos:

- Coverups are a specialty of mine
- Also, upon request, your loved one's ashes can be added to your tattoo ink, so you can carry your loved one with you, always.

Permanent Make-up:

- Eyebrows, eyeliner, lip liner, blushing, scarification corrections, hairline corrections and enhancements.

- Also, for healed mastectomy clients... I gift back to them areolas, completely free.

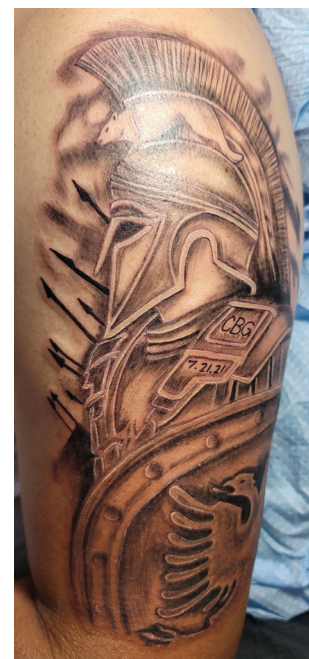
Because no woman who has battled that breast cancer nightmare, should ever have to feel incomplete.

(Must be in remission at least 6 months.)

I'm a non-denominal Ordained Minister, So I can marry people here at Banana Tattoo.

I commission art for logos, t-shirts, companies, etc.

Why BANANA you ask? Well, I thought it was appealing. :) I wanted to set the bar with a fun friendly inviting tattoo studio that is not only happy but consoles you through your entire tattoo process. I do not just throw in earbuds and ignore you through your appointment I actually talk to you the entire time. It's like a therapy session most of my customers



tell me. I take great pride in what I do and the satisfaction I get is seeing the joy in my customer's eyes when they see their completed tattoo. Truly I love what I do, And I couldn't do it without you guys, the community. Thank you.

If you would like to make an appointment, please call 623-BAN-ANAS (623-226-2627) & I look forward to talking with you.

Please also be sure to check out my shop pages on Facebook @ banana tattoo AZ and on Instagram @ fresh Banana ink... & don't forget to like and follow.

Happy Vibes!

Kate @BANANA

TATTOO

