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Arcadia residents sent us hundreds of Photo Contest entries over the past year, and lots of good ones, too. There has to be a winner, and this is the month of decision. *See who is the Grand Prize winner on page 19*, and learn about the new themes for the photo contest in 2011.

Your furry friends the roof rats are coming back soon, and the tried-and-true control methods that have served the neighborhood well remain your friend in the fight.

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This collage of photos is only a portion of the large collection of reader-submitted photos we have received over the last 12 months. Layout: Jennifer Sand. Photos submitted. Thank you to our loyal readers!



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Editor's Notes

By Dale Messmer

We think we have a great addition to this unique neighborhood, and we'd like you to take a look.

With the revamping of our website, now at ArcadiaDaily.com, we are in a position to bring our neighbors news of their schools, restaurants, museums, galleries and parks on a daily basis.

Coupled with our monthly look at life in Arcadia, we are positioned to bring the area media coverage available in no other neighborhood in the Valley.

We're pretty excited.

There's a lot of work still to be done, of course. New ventures always have unexpected pitfalls.

That's where we could use your help.

Obviously, a daily news presence means we can tell fellow Arcadians about what's going on in your life.

Material that often doesn't make the finite space and deadlines of the newspaper – church and school fundraisers and announcements, sports team results and photos, kids' accomplishments, so much more – can easily find an online home. Unlimited space, updated daily.

Drop me a line at editor@arcadianews.com if you want help with a submission.

But the number-one reason I'm writing to you this month is to get you to test drive ArcadiaDaily.com.

We've tried to test everything ourselves, of course. Tried to make it to Jan. 4 without breaking New Year's resolutions, too.

So if you'll drop in, click around, see what you like and don't like, let me know. We're especially interested if there was something you expected but didn't find.

A very cool feature is the Flikr Photostream. You can upload your photographs to Flikr, give them a tag of arcadianews (one word), and they'll automatically appear in the lineup randomly. And if someone clicks on the photo, they'll be taken to your Flikr page.

One way we think the site will be as unique as the neighborhood is the relationship between the site and the paper.

Rather than give you the same material twice, the industry norm, our online content will be timely news and our paper's will be monthly features. Best example is our next-day coverage of Arcadia High sports online and season wrap-ups in the paper.

As always, thank you for reading the *Arcada News*. And thanks in advance for checking out ArcadiaDaily.com.

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It's roof rat time again and collection sites mean help

By Wayne Schutsky

For more than a decade, the Arcadia Citrus Program has helped residents deal with the roof rat population while providing fruit to a number of causes and organizations.

The program, started by Arcadia residents Barry and Joan Paceley, encourages local residents to glean all citrus fruits from their trees and limit food and water sources available to roof rats.

"These neighbors are engaged in a program to remove citrus fruit from their properties, which results in fewer roof rats," Barry Paceley said.

Additionally, residents are asked to donate all excess, usable fruit to the citrus program.

People can drop off all citrus fruits at the Elks BPOE Scottsdale Lodge at 6398 E. Oak St. on Saturdays from 8 a.m. to noon through March 26. Commercial drop-off is 8 to 10 a.m.

With the help of volunteers and Maricopa County jail inmates, the fruit is sorted and packed for distribution to such statewide beneficiaries as the East Valley Men's Center, Saint Matthews Food Bank, Heard Museum Artisan Fair, Maricopa County Sheriff's Office, City of Guadalupe, and several of Arizona's Indian communities.

"At the same time, they (donors) have saved more than $350,000 in tax dollars in the first nine years of the program," Paceley said.

"This good quality fruit will be made available to food banks, senior centers, Arizona Indian tribes and Maricopa County jails."

Those making donations also are encouraged to attend a Roof Rat Clinic 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. on-site.

The Paceleys discuss the best methods for rodent eradication, home-proofing and landscaping.

The Arcadia Citrus Program currently is looking for volunteers to help senior homeowners who can no longer collect fruit. To schedule a volunteer opportunity, contact Paceley at barry@paceley.net.

For more information on the program, visit *roofrat.net*.

Community Happenings

Free Reading Level Screening

Specially trained staff will screen first-third grade students to determine their reading level. Registration is required.
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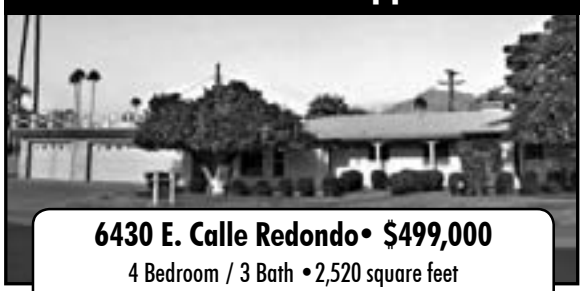
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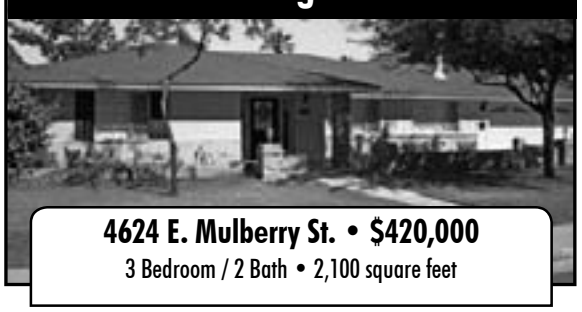
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Arcadia Ranch



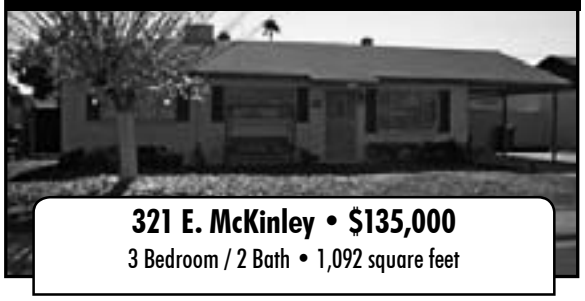
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Homes Sold -	202 Homes
Average Sale Price -	$670,142
Average Sold $ Per SF -	$200
Average Days On Market -	156 Days

- 2010 home sales have increased 30%. (Based on 2009 sales results)
- Home prices have decreased 11% this year. (Based on 2009 sales results)
- $ Per SF prices have decreased 16% this year. (Based on 2009 sales results)
- Homes are taking 15% less time to sell this year. (Based on 2009 sales results)

2009 Hopi School District Year End Sales Results

Homes Sold -	140 Homes
Average Sale Price -	$754,006
Average Sold $ Per SF -	$239
Average Days On Market -	185 Days

2008 Hopi School District Year End Sales Results

Homes Sold -	121 Homes
Average Sale Price -	$1,002,622
Average Sold $ Per SF -	$307
Average Days On Market -	133 Days

2007 Hopi School District Year End Sales Results

Homes Sold -	151 Homes
Average Sale Price -	$1,079,446
Average Sold $ Per SF -	$361
Average Days On Market -	131 Days

2006 Hopi School District Year End Sales Results

Homes Sold -	189 Homes
Average Sale Price -	$1,043,958
Average Sold $ Per SF -	$362
Average Days On Market -	99 Days

2010 Tavan School District Sales Results (1/1/2010 – 1/1/2011)

Homes Sold -	145 Homes
Average Sale Price -	$294,278
Average Sold $ Per SF -	$142
Average Days On Market -	140 Days

- 2010 total home sales have increased 6% (Based on 2009 sales results)
- Home prices have decreased 8% this year. (Based on 2009 sales results)
- $ Per SF prices have decreased 7% this year. (Based on 2009 sales results)
- Homes are taking 7% more time to sell this year. (Based on 2009 sales results)

2009 Tavan School District Year End Sales Results

Homes Sold -	135 Homes
Average Sale Price -	$321,858
Average Sold $ Per SF -	$154
Average Days On Market -	129 Days

2008 Tavan School District Sales Results

Homes Sold -	107 Homes
Average Sale Price -	$412,687
Average Sold $ Per SF -	$203
Average Days On Market -	140 Days

2007 Tavan School District Sales Results

Homes Sold -	147 Homes
Average Sale Price -	$486,045
Average Sold $ Per SF -	$238
Average Days On Market -	113 Days

2006 Tavan School District Sales Results

Homes Sold -	155 Homes
Average Sale Price -	$489,087
Average Sold $ Per SF -	$246
Average Days On Market -	84 Days



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This month's report from Judge Sarkis

"By failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail."
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Preparedness is essential in every aspect of life, and security is no exception. In light of recent events, the need for security is as important as ever. It goes without saying that we live in a dangerous world and yet personal security is often taken for granted until something bad happens.

For those of us that work in the court system, one of the areas most likely taken for granted is our personal safety and security.

Yet with the dedicated efforts of trained security professionals, court employees and the public are provided with a safe and secure work environment.

Court security is always present and assists in a variety of ways, such as responding to alarms, threats, assaults, emergency evacuations and other situations that require security and medical attention.

Any individual that passes into a superior court, municipal court, or justice court may be subject to a security search. Handheld possessions such as purses and briefcases also are subject to search and inspection - and for good reason.

In 2010, among the millions of individuals who passed through Arizona courts, including the Justice Courts, Superior Courts, Municipal courts, and other smaller courts, there were approximately 100,000 items described as weapons detected at security checkpoints.

These various prohibited items ranged from standard weapons such as knives and firearms to far more bizarre weapons, such as swords, ice picks and meat cleavers.

It's difficult to say what many of these individuals would have done if permitted entry into our facilities with weapons. Some may have had them for self-defense and forgot to leave them at home prior to coming to court. Others might have had the intention to do harm to someone.

However, thanks to the diligent and hard-working members of the courts' security force, the judiciary and its employees are kept safe and secure

With that said, in all aspects of life, and especially with regard to personal security both at home and in the workplace, take time to prepare.

Steven Sarkis is the justice of the peace for the Arcadia Biltmore Justice Court.

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Am I Prepared?



David Jazo
Financial Advisor

We've prepared a list of thought-provoking questions that pertain to financial fitness and crisis preparedness. It will be time well spent to review this list, determine what you have already done and talk with your Financial Advisor about any issues that affect you and/or your family.

Asset Management
- Do I have a clear picture of where my assets are located?
- Will my retirement assets provide a comfortable and secure retirement for my life expectancy?
- Do I have a well-diversified portfolio?
- Are my investments appropriate in today's economy?
- Are my assets titled properly?
- Do I have an emergency fund?
- Am I taking advantage of techniques to reduce my taxes?

Estate Planning
- Do I have a will?
- Is my will current?
- Have I determined what I will owe in estate taxes?
- Have I funded my estate-tax liability?
- Have I explored and taken advantage of wealth-transfer techniques?
- Do I wish to provide for charitable giving?
- Are my power of attorney and my living will up to date?

Debt Management
- Do I know my credit rating?
- Could I get a loan if I applied?

Medical/Insurance Planning
- Do I have enough insurance coverage to cover medical expenses?
- To provide for disability/long-term care?
- To provide for family members' security?
- To fund estate-tax liability?

And...
- Have I coordinated my advisors' (attorney, CPA, banker) activities?
- What changes in my life are likely to occur within the next three years?
- Do I know the status of my parents' financial situation and the implications for my financial well-being?
- Would I be prepared for a family emergency if it happened tomorrow?

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This month's report from Sal DiCiccio

The ongoing debate over the city's water-rate hike completes a trilogy of misinformation over tax and rate increases you have seen this past year and poses serious concerns over Phoenix's credibility with taxpayers.

Let me present three myths from the past year and what story the evidence truly supports:

Myth 1: Tax food to save police and fire or to pay for raises and bonuses.

Phoenix declares a fiscal emergency and on Feb. 2 passes a $50 million per year food tax with barely 24 hours notice. The claim was that without the tax, police and fire would be cut.

Fact: *On June 23, the city granted $29.6 million per year to city staff in pay raises and bonuses.*

Myth 2: Increase property tax to save bond integrity or to pay staff.

Phoenix declares a fiscal emergency in June saying that the secondary debt (used to pay off citizen-approved debt) is in dire shape and will have a structural deficit if the Council does not approve a huge property-tax rate increase.

Fact: *On July 7, the city shifted $18.9 million from this fund to pay employee and operational expenses, creating the crisis it sought to avoid. Eventually, it will come to you again for a property-tax increase to stabilize the debt fund.*

Myth 3: Increase water rate for health and safety or to pay staff.

Phoenix declares that the health and safety of your water is in jeopardy unless the Council raises your water rates $22.9 million per year, or 7 percent on top of 40 percent in the past five years.

Fact: *On Dec. 14, the city reports that 303 people cut from other departments are being shifted to the Water Department, at a cost $19.3 million per year*

Two solutions:

Compensate public employees commensurate with what the area's private sector employees get.

Even if we exclude police and fire, Phoenix would save more than $300 million per year as the average employee cost is $100,000/year for more than 15,000 employees.

This alone would solve our fiscal crisis.

Seek competitive bids for all non-strategic city government functions (excluding police, fire and judges).

We should at the very least get bids to see what the market provides.

We may need to appeal to the state to

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44th - 56th St., Indian School - Thomas
Active Listings: 30 homes from $149,900 - $550,000
Under Contract: 11 homes from $149,000 - $425,000
Closed Sales: 34 homes from $149,000 - $425,000

HOME SALES <2,500sf
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Average Sale = $244,929 or $130/sf

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Average Sale = $420,000 or $148/sf

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Family moves, but not far

By Valerie Demetros

When Paul and Jill Jungkeit began to look for a new home, leaving the Arcadia area was never an option.

Moving just a few houses away didn't seem like a possibility either.

"We love our neighborhood," Jill said. "We just couldn't see leaving. It feels like a real community."

The couple originally planned to remodel their home on 49th Place and Weldon Avenue, Jill said, and even spent thousands of dollars on architects.

"We went all the way to the permits," she added, "but the final quote was $220,000, and that didn't even include the pool."

So they turned to Plan B and decided to buy a home.

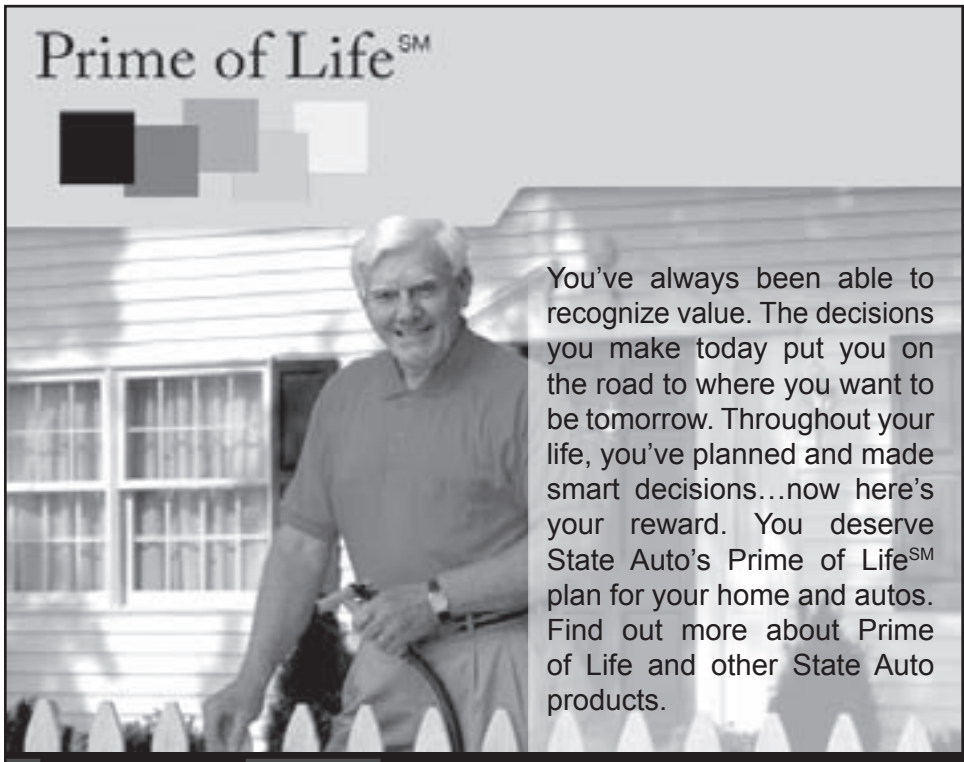


Paul and Jill Jungkeit with daughters Jasmine and Julie.

That decision brought up a few more issues, including leaving the neighborhood they had grown to love, finding the perfect house, changing schools and moving away from their children's friends.

"It was really hard to put our dreams

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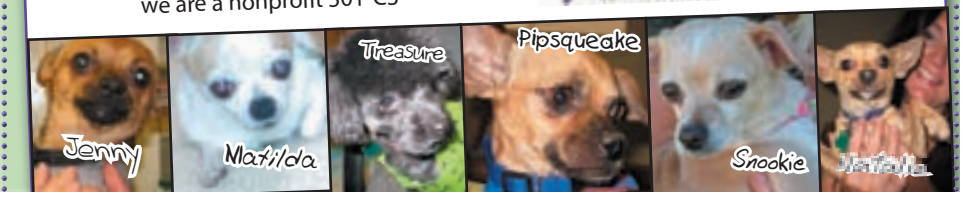
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ANLC teacher's classroom fun includes 'Stinky Feet'

By Katherine Torres

Judy Stall's shelves in her Arcadia Neighborhood Learning Center classroom are filled with books, games, and other activities.

On the board, phonics phrases are taped up. In a plastic baggie is an Old-Maid-type card game Stall made herself and jokingly calls "the Stinky Feet Game."

Stall has been the literary specialist at ANLC for four years. Previously she worked as a substitute teacher and volunteer specialist for the Scottsdale Unified School District. She has worked 18 years at Scottsdale First Christian Church.

Stall said her decision to come back into the classroom was influenced by her love of working with children.

"I was working with adults so much," she said. "I wanted to work more with kids again."

After school on Wednesdays and Thursdays, Stall stays late to tutor English language learners.

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Stall also started a free aftercare program at First Christian a few years ago that cares for children from ANLC and Scottsdale Pueblo Elementary School.

The program runs Tuesdays during the school year and is open to anyone with transportation.

Stall is an outreach minister there and has taken part in the church's annual mission trip to Mexico with her family.

The mission trip, which takes place yearly around President's Day, serves as a chance for volunteers to build shelter for those in need.

Stall brings food, books and crafts to a nearby orphanage and does recreational activities with the children.

Stall said one of her main motivations in her career and volunteer activities is her love of being around children.

"It's the kiddos," she said. "Oh they're so cute and they're so dear."



Judy Stall

During class, Stall keeps things interesting by incorporating games and activities to help her students learn better.

"What I try to do in class and after school is make learning fun," she said.

Stall said there is never has a dull moment in her classroom.

"These kids are so funny," she said. "Every day I go home and tell my husband stories. My husband tells me, 'You have to write this down; you have to write this down.' "

Although Stall dedicates much of her time to her career and volunteering, she said she always has her family on her mind.

The couple has two children, and on her desk are pictures of their three grandchildren.

"I love being a teacher, but I also love being a grandmother," she said.

Stall said she gives full credit to her husband Bob who has always been very supportive of her.

Currently, Stall is working on a food distribution program at ANLC that would provide canned food each weekend to children in need.

Stall said the program, which would run on donations and volunteer work, should be up and running in the near future.

Tonopah farmer provides Phoenix Zoo koalas' food

By Michaela Encinas

Two-year-old Sooky and her 4-year-old brother Kobi have fellow Aussie Paul Chambers to thank for their daily meals at the Phoenix Zoo.

The two koalas relish the tips of the leaves from the eucalyptus trees Chambers grows on his 240-acre Tonopah farm.

Chambers came to the U.S. with thoughts of being a mechanic and maybe a driver for the Indy 500, but seeing eucalyptus growing on the side of the freeway steered him a much different direction.

"I can do that," he figured.

Arizona's weather is ideal for growing the plant because of the similarity to the Outback with its high heat. "Being a farmer isn't easy," Chambers said. "You have to look at the leaves every day."

Amy Evans, the keeper of the koala siblings, said once the koalas wake from their 20 hours of sleep, the pair receive about 15 pounds of eucalyptus a day, but eat about 2 pounds of leaves a day.

"Eucalyptus is the koalas' sole diet," Evans said. "Everything nutritionally the koalas need, they get out of eucalyptus. Even their liquids come from leaves."

Eucalyptus is toxic to other animals. However, the koalas possess special bacteria in their stomachs that break the toxins down.

Suggested viewing times for the koala exhibit are at 9:30 a.m. when they are fed and at 1:30 p.m. when they are weighed.

For more information on the Zoo's koala exhibit go to www.phoenixzoo.org.



Koala Kobi crunches lunch at the Phoenix Zoo's exhibit.

Repair shop logs more than 50 years in neighborhood

By Brittany Morris

Amid Arcadia's orange trees, restaurants and views of Camelback Mountain, the Guido family has been working on cars for more than 50 years.

First at 49th Street and McDowell Road, and since 1988 at 56th Street and Thomas Road, Tony's Auto Service Center has served multi generations of families with its own multi generations.

"We have had people that started with my dad in 1959," said general manager Catherine Guido. "They were so satisfied with their repairs that since then their children and grandchildren often come in, having heard the stories about the early years.

"It's great."

When Tony Guido Sr. died in 1991, the shop passed to his eldest son Tony, and now sister and brother run the show.



Changes over 50 years at Tony's include solar panels on the roof.

"Three generations have run the business," Catherine said. "First my father, now my brother and I, and then our children."

Arcadia resident Jim Demetros has been a customer for nearly 10 years.

"They have been here for so long, they really know how to deliver great service," Demetros said. "They give an honest estimate, always only what you need."

Catherine tells the story of another kind of customer trust.

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Film Festival offers moving experience for all ages

By Kaila White

The Greater Phoenix Jewish Film Festival is coming up this month, and in its 15th year is bigger than ever.

"The last couple years we've sold out theaters; it has definitely been very successful the past few years," said Roni Zee, the festival's artistic director.

"Turning people away in a 425-seat theater is impressive,"

When she first joined the festival's board seven years ago, the festival usually only sold out one or two films, now theaters are near full every night.

The festival will offer 13 films from Feb. 12-27, bringing movies from around the world with Jewish content to Phoenix, she said.

Its development increased when the Greater Phoenix Jewish Film Festival merged with the Sun Lakes Jewish Film Festival in the East Valley three years ago, Zee said.

The merger has been so successful that this year it's expanding further.

"We show at Harkins Camelview and Crossroads, and for the first time this year at Arrowhead," Zee said.

"It has been so successful that this year we thought we'd try it in the West Valley."

The goal for this year is equally expansive.

"As the artistic director, I set the tone and flavor of each year. This year we wanted films that appeal to all ages," she said.

"So we have a film about music, baseball, history, a love story, even one about the Holocaust, about a Christian family in Germany that hid a Jewish family for three

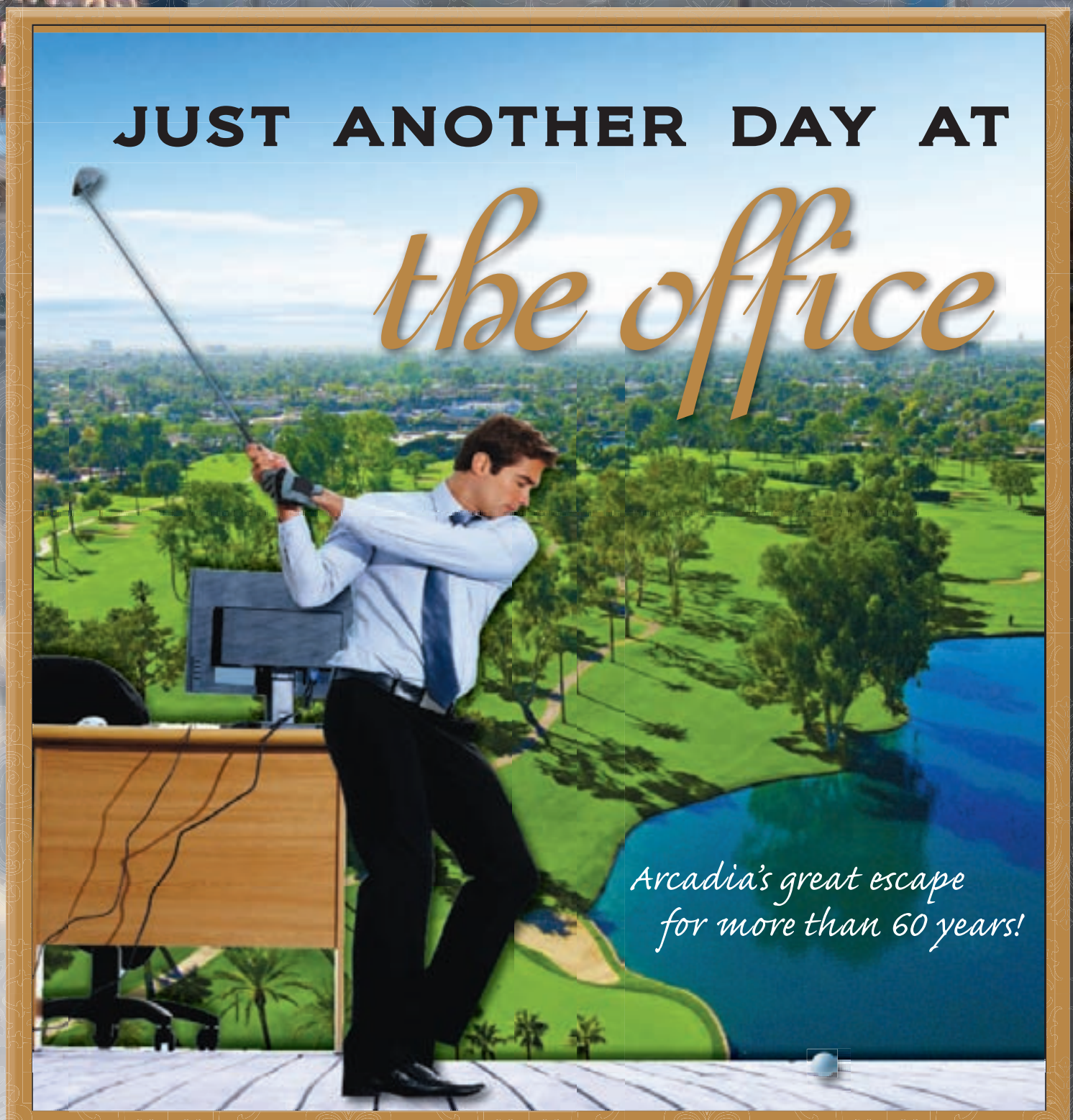
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aside, but we started looking," Jill said.

Paul, a director of operations with McDonald's Corp., set the radius at 5 miles with specific boundaries, including staying in the same school district and not moving too far from their friends.

The rest of the list included a specific price point, a three-car garage, four bedrooms and a corner lot, all of which just happened to be for sale a few houses away.

Their neighborhood home, which was across the street from one of their daughter's best friends, had just come up for sale.

It sported all the specifics on their list and more, including the garage, a huge kitchen and a space for Jill's jewelry design.

It didn't take long for the couple to make a decision.

This was their chance to stay in the neighborhood they had grown to love and have all the features they had wanted to add to their home.

Since their daughters, Jasmine, 12, and Julie, 8, were so upset at the thought of leaving their friends and neighborhood, the couple decided to surprise them when they bought the house.

But the most difficult part of the purchase was keeping it quiet from everyone, including the girls.

The night they closed on the house, the couple took the girls to visit their neighbor and say goodbye.

When they entered the back yard, the girls saw their grandparents sitting around a fire pit and holding a large sign that read, "Welcome to Your New Home!"

"Do you know how hard it was to keep it a secret for over a month?" Jill asked. "I couldn't tell anybody, just in case.

"The girls were a little suspicious when we walked into the back yard."

It didn't take long until the kids were inside deciding which rooms would be theirs and what color to paint the walls.

And that was just the beginning of the hard work.

The previous owner had a penchant for dark colors, including black ceilings, gray walls and a fortress-like iron gate blocking the entry to the house.

The first thing to go was the gate.

"All the neighbors keep telling me they are so glad we took it down," Jill said.

She also spent three weeks painting the interior of the house and replacing the dark flooring before the family could move in.

Julie is happy with her new room, complete with lavender walls and sparkly curtains on the window.

And now that the girls live just four houses from their old home, Jasmine is looking forward to walking to Ingleside Middle School next year with her friends, just as she had always wanted to do.

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Julie @ the Movies



By Julie Demetros

Season of the Witch
Director: Dominic Sena
Actors: Nicolas Cage, Ron Perlman, Stephen Campbell Moore, Claire Foy, Ulrich Thomsen and Robert Sheehan

Season of the Witch is exciting, dark and adventurous. Set in the 14th century, Behmen (Cage) and Felson (Perlman) are knights who have survived and fought together for years during the Crusades. They decide to give up killing and leave, but not long after that they are hired to escort a girl (Foy) suspected of witchcraft and the creation of the Black Plague to a temple where monks are to decide her fate.

Along with priest Debelzaq (Moore), knight Eckhardt (Thomsen), and a young man (Sheehan), the two knights set off with the witch imprisoned in an ironclad carriage. During the long trip, tricks are played, lives are lost, wolves rise and a dark truth is revealed.

One of the best decisions made on this movie was casting Cage and Perlman. They have good chemistry, and you can easily imagine them being the best of friends. On top of that, the movie isn't dominated by either one. If it had been written or directed differently, the focus of it could've been either Cage or Perlman, which would have taken the attention away from the story and the characters.

But the way it's written, you really come to see the characters more than the actors.

Another point about the writing is the dialogue, which is great. It flows naturally,

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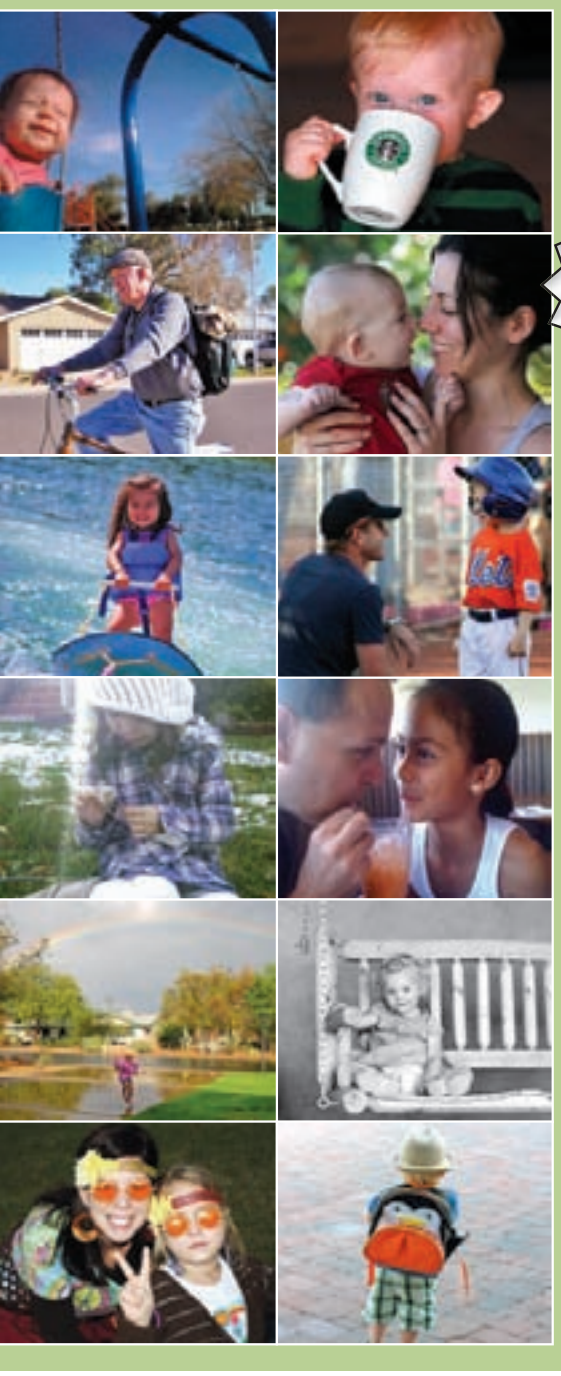
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Susan Hamilton captures her cute pooch, Ted with her even cuter father-in-law, Pat.



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HONORABLE MENTION:
Best buds Parker and Dottie Dahlgren wear their snack bowls Devo-style. Photo by dad, Michael.



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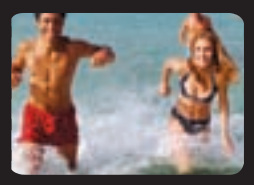
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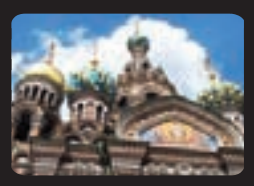
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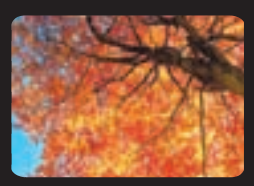
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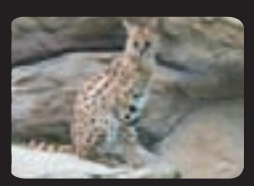
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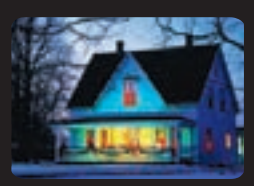
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Heart health manageable with effort

By John Woellner, M.D.

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Two sets of risk factors exist for heart disease. One you can control, and one you can't.

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Men have a greater risk of heart attack than women, earlier in life, although when women reach menopause, the risk is more even.

If you have family members who have had heart attacks or strokes, especially at a younger age, you are at greater risk.

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Dr. John Woellner

Things such as high cholesterol and diabetes and cigarettes clog up the inside of the garden hose – your vessels – over time.

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Basie concert

The Count Basie Orchestra celebrates 75 years of swing with a concert at Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts.

The concert is 2 p.m.-5 p.m. Jan. 29. The Arizona Lindy Hop Society is offering a free hour of swing dancing, lessons, demonstrations and open dancing in the lobby before the performance.

The Count Basie Orchestra was founded by jazz pianist William "Count" Basie in 1935 and made history as one of the greatest big bands.

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Film

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years, which is based on a true story."

She said she hopes the diversity of films will attract a younger audience and help the festival reach new communities.

"You don't have to be Jewish to go to the film festival," Zee said.

Along with building a sense of camaraderie in the community, the festival can affect moviegoers in another way, she said.

"If we do our job correctly, they will enjoy the film, and it will be thought-provoking," she said. "If it's about a social issue, it can help them think about it.

"I think any film festival is like a museum," she said.

"Here in Arizona it gives us the opportunity to hear and see stories of people from around the world."

More information is available on the web at http://gpjff.org.

Rural/Metro assists B&GC

Rural/Metro Corporation, which is celebrating more than 60 years of providing ambulance and fire protection services, has announced a long-term commitment to the Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Scottsdale to maintain the organization's fleet of 26 vans.

The clubs use these vehicles to transport children from school districts in the Greater Scottsdale area, including Arcadia, Fountain Hills, Desert Ridge and the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community.

Michael DiMino, president and chief executive officer of Rural/Metro, said, "When we met with the Boys & Girls Clubs and heard about the programs, the children, the great work and the challenges that go along with managing a community program of this magnitude, we knew we

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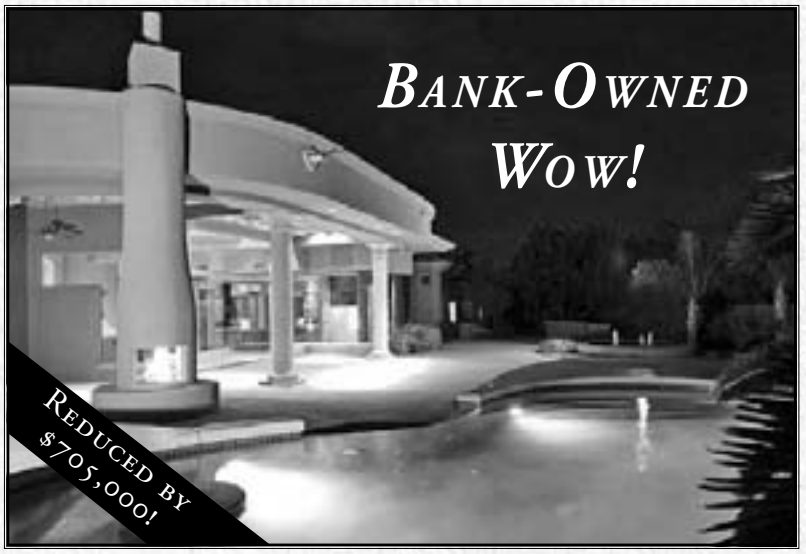
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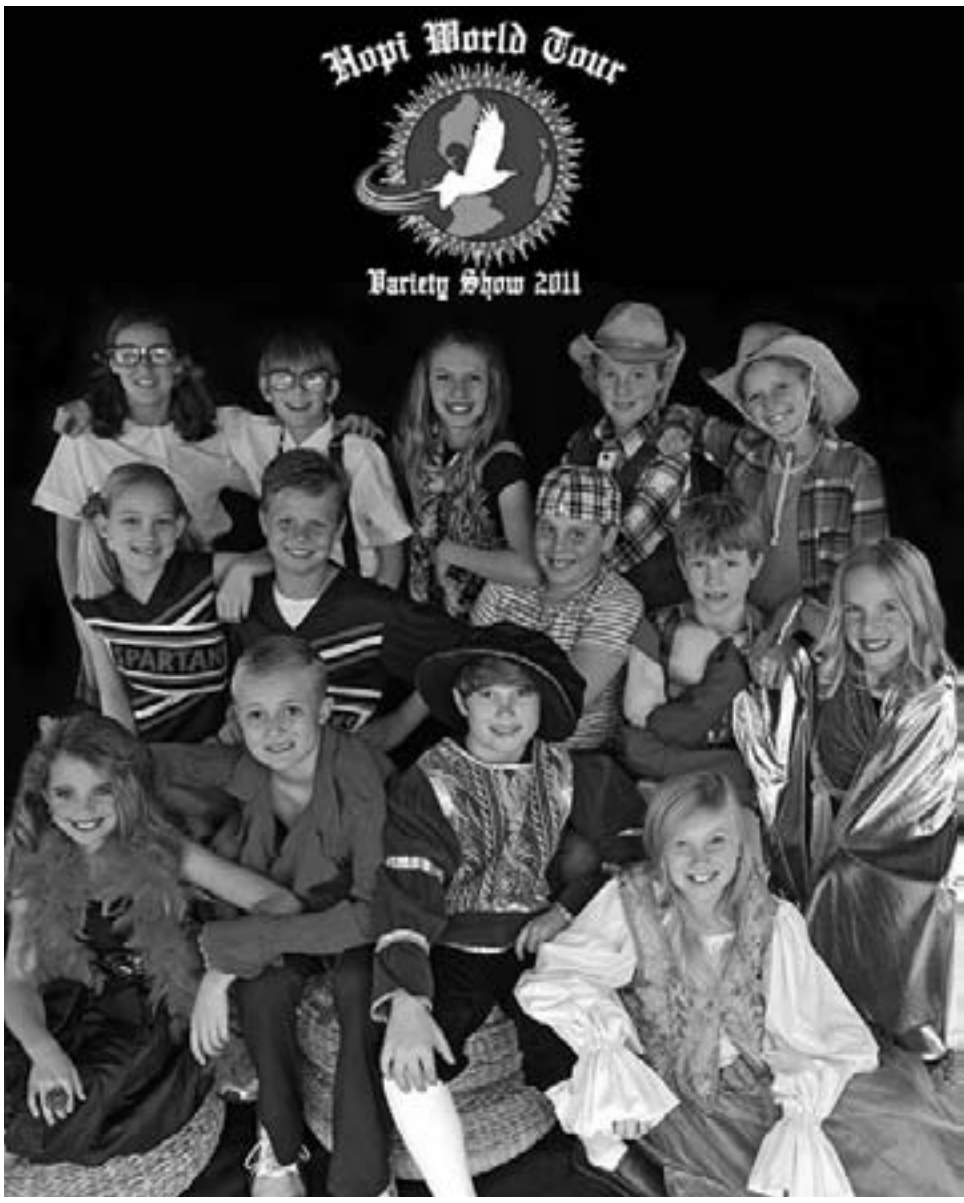
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STRAIGHT UP with a TWIST

By Greg A. Bruns

"Is that another communist trying to save gas in front of us, Daddy?" – Hambone[1]

The missus and I have tamed our tongues since having children. Like most parents, we have made an effort to improve our "communication skills" in a positive manner. In doing so, we've come up with euphemisms and shortcuts to quickly float messages that are deciphered by each other, but are certainly not for children's ears.

One of the methods I have adopted is using some of the more complicated words in our language, as I figure our boys won't understand it all yet. I also speak these words really fast, like I'm auctioning off a set of crystal whiskey glasses once owned by Elvis. Sometimes it may sound like I'm calling the fillies in the 10th race at Santa Anita Park (located in Arcadia, California – huh).

Anyway, on the way to Hambone's martial arts class the other day, I was astounded to hear the boy utter the sentence in the lead quote of this column.

At the time, it had been two solid weeks since I called out some buffoon in a "Smart Car" who was hogging the HOV Lane on the I-10 while Hambone and I were trying to get to the Suns game (his first NBA game and all, so I was in a bit of a rush).

I may have openly questioned Smart Guy's political affiliation as one originating in the era of C.C.C.P. (My thinking is we're never going to get to tool around in rubbish-powered DeLoreans unless we burn up all the oil and create a necessity. Why wallow in the past and drive around in a car that has the tensile strength of a tin of smoked oysters in order to save resources? You've seen the DeLorean with the food processer attachment in *Back to the Future*, right?). But I had no idea my boy heard me, as the stereo was on and I didn't think I said it that loud.

So the lesson was learned, indeed, and I realized later I better watch what I say *and* write, as Hambone is reading pretty well right now, and it's only a matter of time before he picks up an *Arcadia News* and gets to this column.

I mention this now because I just finished covering the Russo Steele Auto Auction last week and there are some things that I thought of that I need to get out before I can allow the kid to start perusing my work.

I've no idea when my obsession with speed began, but I imagine it was around the age of five or six, which is where Hambone is now. I remember a guy who lived next door to us in Indiana who always seemed to be working on race cars in his driveway and garage.

I remember thinking the guy was A.J. Foyt, but he just gave me all sorts of Indy 500 beer mugs and highball glasses that bore the name of the racer, who was the winningest Indy 500 driver at the time. After I became a fan, A.J. lost every race afterwards.

The 'speed need' would later surface in high school during driver's education simulator training. The simulators at Saguaro High School back in the 80s had some sort of gyroscope that gave vibration and steering wheel feedback that varied at different speeds, in order to give students a feel for what driving a real car would be like. At speeds in excess of 60 mph, this gyroscope made a lot of noise and made the simulators rattle and hum like old wooden rollercoasters.

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Twist

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movie, in which all of us should have been slamming on our brakes in order to avoid a little girl (who was an atrocious actor who did a terrible job of looking surprised when she chased a ball into the middle of the street and turned to see my black, 6.4-liter Trans Am boring down on her at 70 mph.

At that time, my classmates had already stopped their "vehicles" and avoided the child, so their simulators were serene and peaceful. Mine on the other hand, was practically screaming, and rattling like a bird cage tossed down a flight of stairs by a gorilla. I was surprised to see the speedometer bouncing wildly around 75, as it took quite a while to reach that speed.

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I let off the gas and the simulator started its noticeable drop in howl and hum. It was readily apparent who was driving car 15.

I never did break the classroom speeding habit, so I ended up taking the class over that summer. It wasn't too terrible, though. Car 10 turned out to be a DeLorean.

Sometimes Greg can be reached via e-mail: greg@arcadianews.com.

[1] To prevent preschool ostracization, this is the name our first son has been given for this column.

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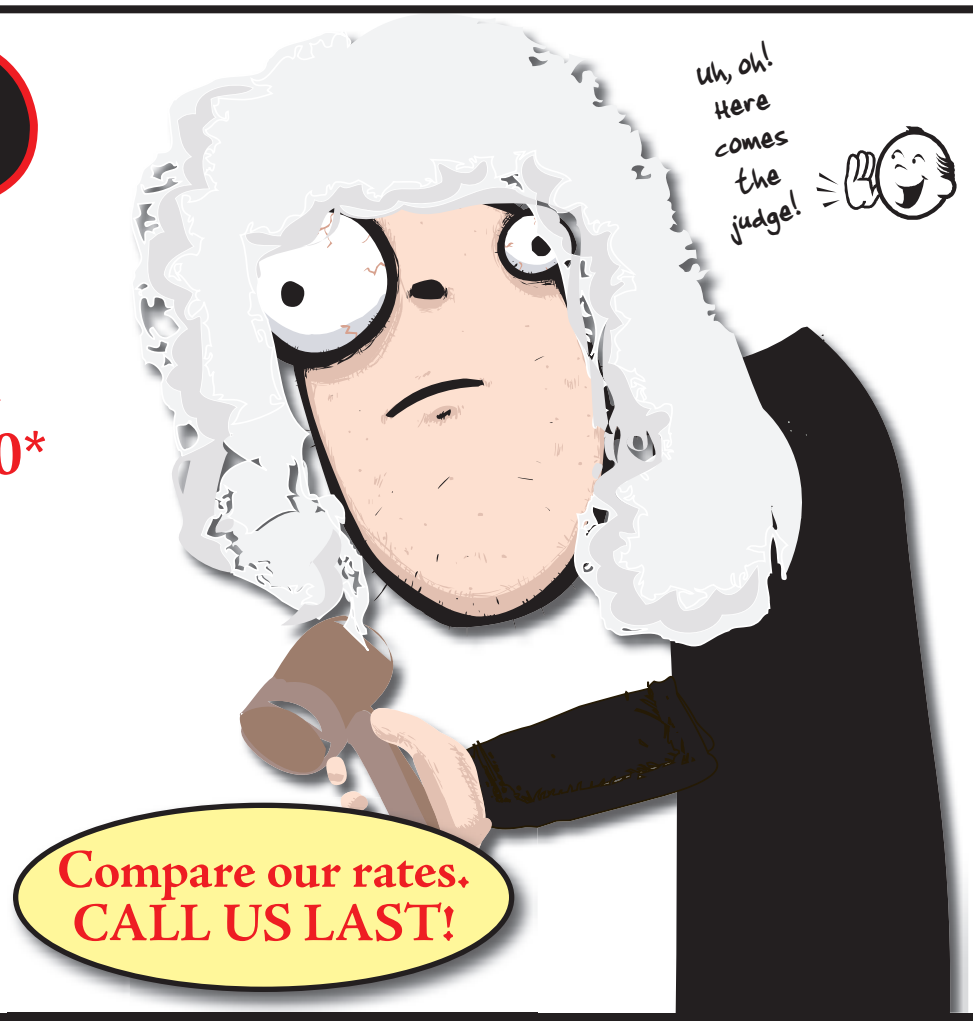
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Tony's

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wasn't very happy."

She said the joy in her job is spending time getting to know customers.

"I see most of them not only in the shop, but also at the grocery store."

Beyond car repair, the family auto shop is involved in the community and has been of service to several local churches, local sports teams and such non-profit organizations as the Salvation Army.

Tony Guido said he believes wholeheartedly in participating in the community.

For instance, Tony's bought a 19-passenger van for a group of mentally handicapped adults that puts on plays for the Arcadia public, the Detour Theatre Company.

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Walks help find fitness and friends

By Rae Aaron

Wallace Reed has walked a mile nearly every day for the past 80 years, 50 of those in Arcadia.

At 94, the retired M.D. said his motivation is to keep healthy, but he also enjoys the fresh air, quiet neighborhood and friendly neighbors.

"I liked the beauty of the Arizona desert and the comradeship that fellow practitioners have in this environment and the welcome feeling that was given to me," he said.

Meredith Savage, a neighbor not too far from Wally, said she sees him often during her own walks through the neighborhood.

"I walk early in the morning at least six days a week, and Wally is one of the 'regulars' I see out and about," she said. "He stops to give a salute whenever I see him.

"He clearly cares a lot about the neighborhood, because the morning after Halloween, I saw him stop to pick up candy wrappers that were in the road."

Wally's wife, Maria, found the house on Exeter and liked it, Wally said, because it allowed her to bring the groceries right into the kitchen from the garage.

In order to make Maria happy, he said,


Wally Reed

they moved in with, at that time, their three kids.

The couple met when Maria was a German exchange student he met at summer school. They were married for 60 years.

Now, three of his six children are doctors. One, Michael Reed and his family, also live in Arcadia.

Wally grew up in Covina, Calif. with two sisters, and a younger brother, Bob, who is living in San Diego. He has nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Starting his own business with his

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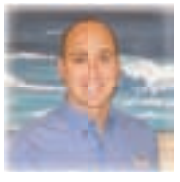
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Wally

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partner, Ford, in 1963, a surgery center, Wally said he enjoyed his long career as a family practitioner.

Theirs was the first outpatient surgical center opened in the nation, Wally said.

That was when he met Jerri Rice, who worked for him scheduling surgeries at the center for 40 years, and is still with him part-time at his house.

Wally recently won an award in the Health Care Heroes magazine for Lifetime Achievement.

Arcadia resident Rae Aaron is an eighth-grade student at Phoenix County Day School.



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Italian Food Valley beckons during holiday trip

By Gabe Bertaccini

Places *We Liked*

SPECIAL TREAT

***[Editor's note:** This month, food writer Gabe Bertaccini files his report from his home in Italy.]*

This year, during my yearly trip back to Florence to spend the holidays with my family, I couldn't help but take them all to what we call the Italian Food Valley.

Located between the pointed peaks of the Alps and the green slopes of the Apennines, there is a vast plain created by the gentle waters of the great Po River, the largest in Italy.

To the west you will find the farmlands of Piedmont and Lombardy, the land of rice fields and pastures; while to the east the Po River delta fans open before it joins the Adriatic Sea. At the center of this expansive territory, covered with rows of trees and streams, tended to like a garden, you will find the Italian Food Valley.

The fertility of the land, ancient traditions and entrepreneurial spirit of its inhabitants has given birth to incredible food products.

And then there is Parma and its province, nearby Reggio Emilia and Modena, where you can find many of the best local salumi, Parmigiano-Reggiano, pastas and vegetable preserves in all of Italy.

Its piazzas are like living rooms and every building is a work of art. In this elegant, Northern Italian city, you live well and eat even better.

The quality of life is very high, the people are well educated and the pace is slow and relaxed. It has always been considered the capital of the area, with its culinary specialties known throughout the world, one of which is prosciutto.

Since the Roman Age, there has been a demand and an appreciation for aged prosciutto from Parma, and more specifically Langhirano that is known as the land of prosciutto.

The men who work at the Istituto Parma Qualità decide the fate of tens of thousands of legs of prosciutto crudo per year.

While there are more than 30 types of prosciutto, most Americans have heard of Prosciutto di Parma, which has been praised for its flavor for over 2,000 years. However, every region in Italy that has pigs makes some variety of prosciutto, but only a few are available outside of Italy.

The quality controllers stick a thin horse bone into each leg, remove it and then smell it. In silence, the quality controllers carefully select the prosciutto based on experience. The hams that pass the test are branded with the ducal crown with five points.

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The wind softens as it passes through the olive and pine groves of the Val di Magra, dries as it reaches the Apennines and is enriched by the perfume of chestnut before it arrives in Parma, giving the prosciutto its unparalleled sweetness.

Prosciutto di Parma is made by rubbing and massaging the hind legs of pork with an amount of salt proportionate to the weight of the meat. After the ham has been salted, it is washed, dried and left to age in aging rooms for 10 to 12 months.

Located along the road indicated as "la strada del Prosciutto e dei vini dei colli di Parma," the town of Langhirano has become what it is today thanks to the resourcefulness of its butchers and the favorable climate.

In *De Re Rustica*, Varrone wrote that the local inhabitants raised large herds of pigs and were particularly skilled in curing ham. In the 2nd century, Cato wrote *De Agricoltura* and included a technical explanation for making prosciutto, a process that has essentially unchanged.

Culinary references made to Prosciutto di Parma can be found in the *Libro de Cocina*, written in the second half of the 14th century, the wedding menu of Colonna in 1589, and the precious text written by Carlo Nascia, Ranuccio Farnese's private chef in the second half of the 17th century.

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Family seeks fun, from sky diving to scuba diving

Arcadia's Cookbook

By Christia Gibbons

"Why wouldn't you want to go sky diving?"

Eighteen-year-old Jonathan Charlton pretty much sums up the spirit of his family, which includes parents Susan and Paul and 15-year-old brother Kipp, when he poses that question.

And that's just the beginning. From meeting in Spain during college semesters abroad – Susan from Simsbury, Conn., and Paul from Arcadia – the Charltons have lived a family life of travel and adventure.

The sky diving was Jonathan's 18th birthday wish come true. Not to be outdone, Kipp and dad are going heli-skiing this month in Telluride.

Back on solid ground, the boys and their father have been rock and mountain climbing for years. Paul grew up on Exeter and has been climbing Camelback Mountain since his family moved to the area in 1970 when he was 10.

The Charltons and their three dogs Sam, Bob and Shiloh claim East Calle Rosa as their home base. Susan and Paul are both attorneys at Gallagher and Kennedy. Paul is a former U.S. District Attorney for Arizona and Susan a former counsel to the GOP majority in the state senate.

Jonathan is a senior and Kipp a freshman at Brophy.

Activities have included scuba diving in the Red Sea (the family), flea-market shopping in Paris (Susan) wrestling at Navy Seal camp in Annapolis (Kipp), skiing in holiday trips to Telluride (family), traveling to do good works in El Salvador (Jonathan), and napping on Mount Kilimanjaro.



Susan and Paul Charlton flanked by sons Kipp and Jonathan.

That latter needs a little explaining.

The entire family climbed Mount Kilimanjaro in 2008. On the way up Kipp got sick, but insisted he wanted to go on, and could go on.

At 19,200 ft. where the view and achievement were "euphoric" and the oxygen half of what's available at sea level, Paul said, "I was doing a family head count and coming up one short."

He turned to find Kipp asleep on the mountain. "He just laid down and took a nap on Kilimanjaro, but he made it."

A climb up Mount Rainier is planned for May.

The family is just as happy at home, though. Susan said they love to have dinner parties. (Her flank steak is this month's Arcadia Cookbook recipe).

"We love to entertain," Susan said. "Seems like everybody goes out to restaurants these days, but I love to have people over."

Every Sunday the Charlton family – and there are five to 18 in any given setting, including Paul's pediatrician father Kipp Charlton – gets together at someone's house.

Susan currently is on sabbatical to be home with her sons and start an online "thrifty purveyors of treasures" antique business with a friend.

As for the next big adventure, Kipp pointed out:

"Don't I start driving lessons?"

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Make marinade by mixing all ingredients together. Pour marinade into gallon size plastic bag. Add steak, seal, refrigerate and let marinate for between 2 and 12 hours, turning bag over now and then.

Remove meat from marinade and grill for 4 minutes on each side for rare meat. Let meat sit for a few minutes, uncovered, once removed from grill. Slice on diagonal and serve

For a party of eight, I usually make three steaks. Leftovers make a delicious lunch for the next day.

Recipe from the Junior League Centennial Cookbook

One more time: Vatra changes gears in former garage

By Dale Messmer

The New Year meant a new restaurant at the beleaguered corner of 56th Street and Indian School.

Vatra Grillhouse has abandoned ... well everything. New name (Kitchen 56). New menu. New management. New staff. New atmosphere. Even new parking (described as a "generous new self-parking area").

The former garage was opened as Vatra in August. Just four months later, Peter DeRuvo, former executive chef at AAA Four Diamond Award winner Sassi, was brought in.

Dining Notes

After a month, he left to become chef de cuisine at Prado at the InterContinental Montelucia resort, replacing Arcadia resident Claudio Urciuoli.

Urciuoli has joined Chris Bianco at his downtown pizzeria and Central Ave. restaurant.

Spirits of the island

The New Year also brings a unique bar to the Valley's most unique restaurant.

Dwayne Allen and his partner, Arcadia High graduate Danielle Leoni, have added a rum bar to their Jamaican grill in downtown Phoenix. The plan is to offer 108 different rums from throughout the Caribbean.

Just like their charming restaurant next door, Allen and Leoni have created an intimate environment with unique offerings. Allen did most of the build-out himself (as in the restaurant), including making the bar, stools and booths.

The rum selections cross all price points. Included are some spectacular spirits meant for sipping, like a fine brandy.

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Staying power

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When: 8 p.m. Feb. 25, 8 p.m. Feb. 26, 2 p.m. Feb. 27
Where: Phoenix Symphony Hall
Admission: $18-$93
More info: 602-495-1999.

Leafdog Art Challenge

Arizona artists who challenged each other to create art around themes during the summer months are featured in this exhibition. A reception will be held from 7 p.m.-9 p.m. Feb. 24.
When: Feb. 24- April 13
Where: Shemer Art Center & Museum
More info: 602-262-4727.

Music in the Garden Winter Series

A variety of musical styles are featured in the Garden's Winter Concert series.
When: Noon - 2 p.m. Sundays until Feb. 20
Where: Desert Botanical Garden
Feb. 6 Traveler (Mediterranean, world beat)
Feb. 13 Fuerza Caribe (mambo, salsa, bachata)
Feb. 20 Big Nick and the Gila Monsters (blues, Chicago soul)
Admission: $21 general public, members $15, children (3-12) $8
More info: 480-941-1225.

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Participants will learn what makes different flowers attractive to different pollinators, prepare a take home field guide, preserve favorite flowers in a plant press and enjoy a healthful snack.
When: 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. March 16
Where: Desert Botanical Garden, 1201 N. Galvin Parkway, Phoenix
Admission: members $15, general public $18
More info: 480-941-1225.

Colored Pencil Drawing

Designed for ages 13-18, will teach techniques of color pencil drawing. Students should expect to spend from $30 for supplies depending on personal selection.
When: 9 a.m.-noon, March 5-19
Where: Shemer Art Center & Museum
Tuition: is $100 for non-members
More info: 602-262-4727.

Book Discussion Group

The group meets the second Thursday of every month for a lively discussion of books. No registration is required.
When: 1 p.m.-3 p.m.
Where: Saguaro Library
More info: 602-262-4636.

You'll never just remain the same

Staying Healthy

By Julie Poplawski

Drew Brees is one of the good guys in football as the quarterback for the New Orleans Saints. He's a philanthropist, a Christian, and takes his role as a community leader to heart. My son is reading his book, and together we both took special note of this quote:

"You are either getting better or you are getting worse, but you are never staying the same."

It is month two of your New Year's fitness resolution, are you getting better or worse today? Do you have exercise scheduled somewhere, somehow, every day this week? Or, three days per week?

As you wake up in the morning and evaluate your current plan for the day ask yourself: Does this plan make me better or worse? Will I get stronger or weaker? Will I get thinner or fatter?

If the status quo is no longer an option we are forced to consider our daily choices directionally, like an arrow.

Are you moving toward your goal, or missing the target?

Arcadia resident Julie Poplawski teaches Pilates at Village Racquet & Health Club and is the author of "Fill You Cup."

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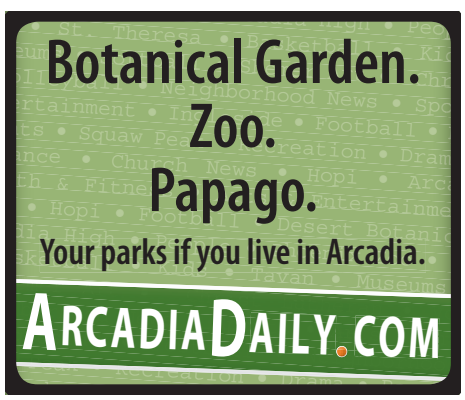
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But Parma is also known for its wonderful Parmigiano Reggiano.

During the High Middle Ages, the Benedictine monks started producing Parmigiano-Reggiano and it is still made the same way today. Beginning in the 19th century, Parma became the center of an industrialized food industry, thanks to the mechanical companies located in the region and the extensive network of steam-powered trams.

In 1877, a small bread store opened named Barilla, today the world's leading industrial pasta producer and Europe's leading baked-goods producer.

I'll be honest, I had a hard time leaving this slice of heaven, but at least we have got a whole prosciutto in our trunk to take home.





Writer's recipe this month: Tuscan Vegetable Soup

By Gabe Bertaccini

Though the famous popular Acquacotta soup has a very mysterious and unusual name, it is a well-known soup dish that originates from the Maremma area of Tuscany. The Italian name of this soup literally means "cooked water."

Legend has it that the inventors of this dish, the herdsmen and coal men of Maremma, were accustomed to frequent journeys and traveled with stale bread, dried meat, oil, garlic, onion, and a few herbs in order to prepare acquacotta.

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Contrary to its origins as a peasant dish made simply of water and a few flavors, acquacotta is a very hardy soup. There is an assortment of recipes for acquacotta among the different areas of Tuscany, yet acquacotta is distinguishable from other Tuscan soups due to its use of eggs and stale bread at the end of (and not during) its preparation.

The Arcadia News *food writer and a local chef, Gabe offers his favorite recipes each month.*

Community Happenings

Corks & Cactus

Boutique wines and gourmet appetizers.
When: 1 p.m.-6 p.m. Feb. 26-27
Where: Desert Botanical Garden
Admission: One-day ticket: members: $20, general public $30. Two- day ticket: members $35, general public $55
More info: 480-941-1225.

Community Happenings

Petals & Parasols Luncheon

A show of food and fashion benefits St. Vincent DePaul Family Assistance Program and Foothills Caring Corp.
When: 11 a.m. Feb. 19
Where: J.W. Marriott Hotel
Admission: $65.
More info, reservations: 480-488-2229.



The shop name in this Spasso mural is named for the owner's father.

Muralist fills big spaces at restaurants everywhere

By Amy Vogelsang

You've seen his work throughout the Valley at Spasso, Oregano's, My Big Fat Greek Restaurant, Gallagher's, U.S. Egg, Los Sombreros, and Athena Temple Day Spa.

Scottsdale muralist Joe Borik has been taking on big spaces for the past eight years.

"When people walk into a restaurant it can't be too intimidating," Borik said. "They will immediately judge whether it looks too expensive and make an opinion about the place based on what they see."

Sometimes owners have no idea what they want, Borik said, and he needs to create on his own. In the case of Spasso's, though, owner Michael Lepore wanted two scenes in memory of his parents.

"Conceptually I wanted an outdoor theme, an outdoor environment," Lepore said."There's not a lot of room, but I knew strategically I could fit two store-front windows."

One is a tailor's shop window saying "Sartoria Antonio" for Lepore's father, and the other a bakery window labeled "Pasticceria Anna" for his mother.

After seeing Borik's work at Oregano's, Lepore said he knew he wanted the artist creating his murals.

There is a psychology about a restaurant, the self-taught artist said. A lot of aspects go into making a dining experience worth having more than once.

"It should be stimulating, visually and audibly, with good food and service," Borik said.

Borik also enjoys painting portraits.

"It's more of a side hobby, but I love casual, un-posed portraits," Borik said. "I like the human message and story being told in the painting."

As far as a business is concerned, however, he said, "My favorite thing is what comes next."

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Gabe's Recipe this month

ACQUACOTTA – Tuscan Vegetable Soup

INGREDIENTS

5 tbsp. extra-virgin olive oil
2 onions, thinly sliced
2 cups fresh or frozen peas
1 and 1/4 cups freshly hulled broad (fava) beans
1 medium carrot, sliced
1 stalk celery, thinly sliced
1 crumbled dried chili pepper
salt to taste
12 oz. trimmed young Swiss chard or spinach leaves, washed and shredded
10 oz. firm, ripe tomatoes, skinned and chopped
6 and 1/2 cups boiling water
4 large fresh eggs
freshly ground black pepper
1/2 cup freshly grated Parmigiano Reggiano or pecorino cheese
4 slices firm-textured white bread, 2 days old
1 clove garlic

Suggested wine: any dry white wine

PREPARATION

Pour the oil into a large, heavy-bottomed saucepan. Add the onions, peas, fava beans, carrot, celery, chili pepper, and a dash of salt.

Sauté for about 10 minutes until tender and lightly browned. Add the chard or spinach and the tomatoes and simmer for 15 minutes.

Pour in the boiling water and leave to simmer gently for 40 minutes, adding more salt if necessary.

Using a fork or balloon whisk, beat the eggs with salt, pepper, and the grated cheese.

Toast the bread and when golden brown, rub both sides of each slice with the garlic. Place a slice in each soup bowl or in individual straight-sided earthenware dishes, and pour a quarter of the beaten egg mixture over each serving.

Give the soup a final stir and then ladle into the bowls. Drizzle with extra-virgin olive oil and add a pinch of pepper. Serves 4.

Serve immediately and enjoy acquacotta sharing it with others, as in Christian Carmosino's award-winning short movie.

Ex-statistician has number on chocolate

By Dale Messmer

Your sweet tooth should be happy that Julia Baker chose chocolate over statistics.

The trip from a statistician to a pastry chef running a business has Baker on a road to sugar success.

"Statistics still help me when I'm back here," she said from behind her desk at Julia Baker Confections. The kitchen and offices are in the Scottsdale Airpark.

Baker, who graduated from Paris' prestigious Le Cordon Bleu at the top of her class in 2002, said her business, begun in 2006, is approximately a 50/50 split between luxury chocolates and custom wedding cakes.

She produces six cakes a weekend – nearly a dozen on select holidays, such as Valentine's Day – as part of wedding packages with the InterContinental Montelucia resort in Paradise Valley. She once made a $50,000 wedding cake for famous Valley golfer Billy Mayfair.

It's her chocolates, though, that make her kitchen an indispensable part of everyday life. You get married, usually, less than a half-dozen times, but chocolate is forever.

Julia understands: "I eat chocolates all day long."

That's just one of the ways the Midwest born and bred chef belies her rising stardom.

There are the requisite celebrities (juliabakerconfections.com has all the details) and television appearances (Food Network, Travel Channel among others), but Baker seems like a down-home gal.

With a business growing at 200% the last three years despite the poor economy.

"It's that Midwest work ethic," she said. "Do your job, do it well, and the key to success is to work hard."



Julia Baker

Her company was able to step in, she said, as pastry chefs were cut in budget reductions.

Retail sales are increasing, too. Products can be found at Neiman Marcus, AJ's and Whole Foods among others.

"The AJ's on 44th Street is our best performing outlet," she said.

The quaint shop at the Montelucia, with its Parisian decor, is her first company-owned store.

It opened in mid-September and is an instant success. So much so that it's difficult to keep Baker's signature French Caramel Truffles in stock.

There's good reason, too.

The caramel, made from scratch (requires two-and-a-half hours of stirring) is encased in milk chocolate and covered in toffee. Has to be the best truffle on the planet.

Julia's favorite is the passion fruit. Can't argue with the choice, either.

Hand-cut white-chocolate squares cover a delightful passion-fruit filling hard to describe. It's creamy and yet like jelly. Very rich jelly.

It's almost tropical.

Chocolates like Baker's are the reason candy fights it out with flowers for the Valentine's Day gift crown.

Oh, and jewelry.

Stick with chocolates. You can't eat flowers or jewelry.

Florist gears up for big Valentine's rush

By Lindsay Ivins

Arcadia florists are busy designing, arranging and taking orders for Valentine's Day.

One such florist, Teresa Wilson of Camelback Flowershop, said she and her team of designers will pull all-nighters and recruit husbands and boyfriends to help with deliveries.

With five times more orders than other holidays, Wilson said she and her three most trusted employees concentrate on the "new five" designs released every year prior to Feb. 14. The shop's traditional black and white ribbons are tied around every vase, which is then checked for unwanted water drop marks.

The crew is gearing up for the average of 250 floral pieces that go out for Valentine's Day.

The flora that fills the shop comes from such places as Holland, Thailand and Ecuador and gives the clients a "New York meets Paris" feeling as soon as they walk through the door, Wilson said. She travels to Paris often and said she has been inspired by its architecture and designs.



Teresa Wilson





All of England by hiking

By Kaley Kalil

Where's the *Neighbor?*

Chuck and Mandy Thomson have lived in Arcadia for more than 20 years, moving into their home on Exeter back when it was a single-lane paved road.

When the active couple turned 60 last year, they chose to celebrate their birthdays with a trip to Great Britain.

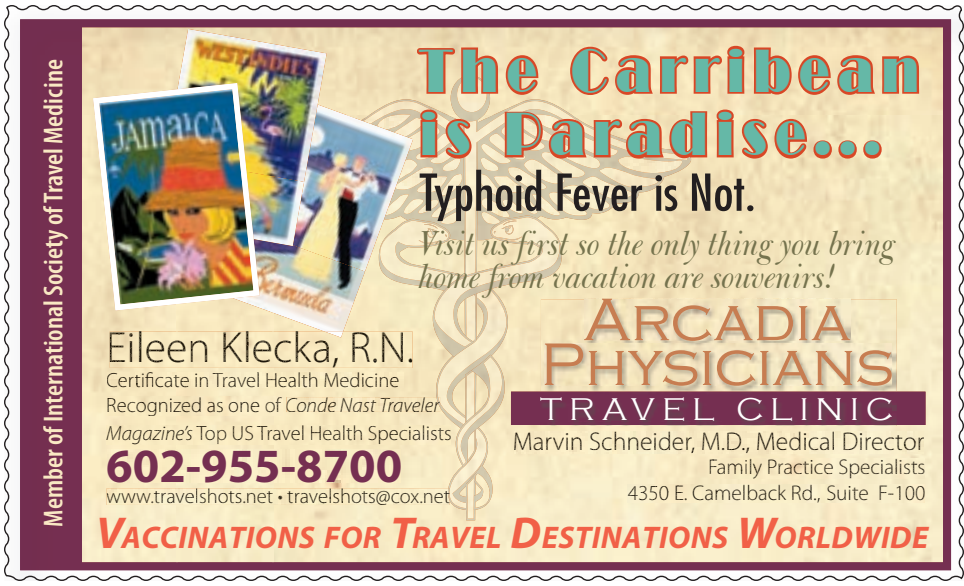
"Wanting to prove we weren't over the hill, we decided to tackle the hills of England by hiking the country coast to coast," Mandy said.

On Sept. 2, with 15 fellow hikers from the U.S. and Canada, the two embarked on a journey that began in Grange-Over-Sands on the Irish Sea. For the next six days, they

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Movies

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and there's even some comic relief added in just the right places.

There are some parts of the story that are a little predictable, and it's not without a couple of holes, nor is it the most original. But the movie itself is so interesting that the rest fades into the background.

Foy does a great job as the girl accused of being a witch. She barely says a thing, almost never raises her voice, and yet she can scare you senseless. In fact, all she has to do is give you a look and you're shivering.

The movie is dark, and there is plenty of blood, death and fighting, but it isn't over-the-top dark. It's creepy enough to keep the audience on the edge of their seats, but it won't give people nightmares.

Something else that isn't overdone in this movie is the graphics. These days, so many movies overuse the graphics to the point where the story is lost. But in *Season of the Witch*, that doesn't happen.

Hoping to own this on DVD, I rate *Season of the Witch* 4 stars out of 5!

The Green Hornet
Director: Michel Gondry
Actors: Seth Rogen, Jay Chou, Christoph Waltz, and Cameron Diaz

Exceeding expectations, *The Green Hornet* is a good action film that any teenage boy would love. This new film, based on the radio show, follows the story of Britt Reid (Rogen), whose father's sudden death lands him at the head of his late dad's newspaper empire. After having lived a life of leisure and partying, it is difficult for him to jump into life as a publisher. Things take an unexpected turn when Britt forms an unlikely friendship with his dad's auto mechanic, Kato (Chou).

After an unplanned fight with a gang trying to mug an innocent couple, the two decide they haven't been reaching their full potential and that they should start fighting crime together. Britt comes up with the idea that they should do it posing as criminals -"Protecting the law by breaking it."

Britt's new secretary, Lenore (Diaz), is to be credited for unknowingly helping Britt and Kato with their scheme by using her knowledge in the study of criminal minds.

Britt uses his newspaper to spread the word about the Green Hornet, the newest addition to the criminal world. His toughest enemy is Chudnofsky (Waltz), an insane drug lord who's jealous of all the attention the Green Hornet is getting.

Watching the trailer, *The Green Hornet* doesn't look that good. But once in the theater, the movie is enjoyable. It's the typical comic-book-on-screen movie, but that's a good thing. They managed to make it more like a comic book movie than a cheesy shoot 'em up, and the line between the two becomes more blurred as time goes on.

Like any action film these days, *The Green Hornet* is not without explosions and shooting. However, there doesn't seem to be an overdose of it like usual.

Also, the dialogue is good and witty. There's some comic relief that's actually funny, and there's some that isn't.

Waltz is great as Chudnofsky. He pulls off the insane, trigger-happy, egotistical bad guy with ease.

Rogen and Chou work well as a team, and it's nice that they're not always (or usually) nice to each other. They do get in fistfights with each other every once in a while, managing to trash Britt's house, and it seems to make their brother-like relationship more realistic.

Overall, it was somewhere between good and great. Good sounds too low-key, but great seems to be stretching it a little. Either way, it was definitely better than expected. I'd go see a sequel or two. I give it 3 ½ stars out of 5!

Julie Demetros is a 15-year-old homeschooler from Arcadia who writes about movies and books at http://kidmoviekritic.blogspot.com.

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By Kaley Kalil

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averaged 15 miles a day, traveling from Cumbria to Yorkshire and through three national parks, until they reached their goal at the North Sea.

"Brits are born walkers," Mandy said. "The number of public footpaths crisscrossing the countryside reflect this."

With their North Yorkshire native guide in the lead, Bill Glover, they began each day on the trail by 9 a.m., sleeping at hotels along the way every night.

Their first two days were spent walking through the Lake District, up and over hills and on routes with names like Coffin Road.

"We kept a lively pace, stopping only when our guide did to share a story with the group," Mandy said. "The terrain was both rugged and amazing beautiful; Bill's stories always a welcome relief."

Days three and four, they followed paths across the Yorkshire dales where they encountered wide-open pastures, passed royal castles and explored the hauntingly beautiful Gothic abbey of Rievaulx.

"As an amateur historian I am fascinated by what people have been able to accomplish throughout time by hard work and dedication," Chuck said. "I was literally awed by this massive structure that dates from the mid-1100s."

By day five, they were walking across the North Yorkshire Moors and their goal of reaching the North Sea was within their grasp.

"On the sixth day, we awoke to a light rain," Mandy said. "Not only did the sun come out within 10 minutes of our starting on the trail, but it continued to shine on us all the way to the east coast of Britain."

The first sighting of the North Sea brought jubilation and cheers from the entire group.

"It was a beauty to behold," Mandy said. "The march to the sea was festive. The nearer we got, the lighter our steps. All bum knees, swollen ankles and blistered feet forgotten."

Greeted with glasses of champagne, the group toasted to their success and accomplishments with arms raised high in victory as they paraded into the sea.

Chuck said he "reflected both on the culmination of this one-week journey as well as the larger journey Mandy and I have been traveling together for many years."

The couple also celebrated their 85-mile, cross-country accomplishment privately.

"We shared a bottle of wine while sitting on the hotel patio, surrounded by your typical gorgeous English garden, and watched the sun sink below the horizon," Mandy said. "It was the ending movies are made of."

The two are no strangers to the concept of globe-trotting, and this six-day, coast-to-coast hiking expedition through England wasn't their first trekking experience. They

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completed a similar itinerary in Scotland 10 years ago, where they hiked the Isle of Skye. They've also been to Mexico, Germany, France, Italy, Austria and Ireland.

Since their first trip to England in 1985, they have made frequent trips back to explore its countryside and villages at leisure. They also have participated in family home exchanges and summer study programs at Oxford and Cambridge.

"If you were to look through Thomson family photo albums, you would notice very little changed inside our home for nearly 20 years," Mandy said.

"That's because when faced with deciding between replacing living room furniture or taking a trip with our two children, Matt and Meredith, we always chose the trip. Who's going to remember a new lamp? On the other hand, such stories we have to tell."

Kaley is a 24-year-old traveler from Arcadia who has lived in and traveled to roughly 30 countries. Follow her journey at http://www.kalilsays.wordpress.com.

Heart

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vessels in your eyes, kidneys, and brain, as well as to the walls of big blood vessels such as your aorta, carotids and coronaries.

For a healthy man or woman without family history, a screening physical should start by age 40.

For someone with a family history, screening should start by age 30.

The sooner you know your risk, the sooner you can change your lifestyle.

Healthy blood pressure is 120/80. Total cholesterol should be 200 or lower, with LDL part of the number considered elevated at 100.

I see a lot of people in their 20s with high blood pressure and cholesterol, so the sooner you commit to a healthy lifestyle, the better your heart health will be for your entire life.

John Woellner, M.D., is a family practice physician at Arcadia Family Clinic. Reach him at 602-955-6632 or JCL.com/practices.

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helped friends do it.

And here are some tips and information to help you get started on your next great adventure living and working as an English teacher in a foreign country:

Pick a country

Honestly, this is the biggest decision you'll have to make throughout this entire process.

When it comes to teaching English, some countries pay more than others.

Although Latin and South America do have a growing need to learn English, there's not a lot of money or resources there to pay for it. The monthly income for foreign teachers in these countries is rarely higher than $600-$700 a month, and often accommodations are paid for by the teacher out of those wages. The upside is that the cost of living is ridiculously low.

In Europe, the wages are higher, but so is the cost of day-to-day life. Teaching positions also tend to take longer to find.

The Middle East pays the most, yet they often require a master's degree and, like Europe, positions come up less often.

Asia seems to offer the best opportunities right now for English teachers of all ages, and the demand is high across the continent.

Because Asian countries need, want and can afford to import native English speakers today, the deal that comes with signing a standard one-year contract is enticing to say the least.

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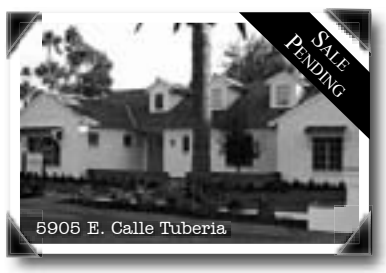
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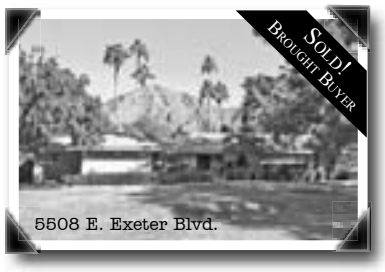
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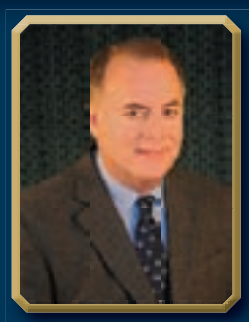
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Kaley is a 24-year-old traveler from Arcadia who has lived in and traveled to roughly 30 countries. She taught English in South Korea from March 2009 to March 2010. Follow her journey online: www.kalilsays.wordpress.com.



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The Titans were undefeated at press time and ranked first in division 4A-II. Arcadia closes out the regular season in February at home.

The Titans travel to Tempe, arguably their toughest conference competition, on the 1st, then host the Buffaloes for the last game of the regular season on the 8th. In between, Arcadia hosts Williams Field on the 4th.

Photo by Dale Messmer

Diamondbacks to move into new Spring Training home

By Wayne Schutsky

In addition to some new faces in the front office and on the field, the Diamondbacks will unveil a brand new Spring Training facility when Cactus League play begins at the end of February.

After spending years in Tucson, the Diamondbacks have decided to move northward. Many Scottsdale-area commuters have probably noticed the dusty haze that settled over the Loop 101 freeway just past the Via de Ventura exit over the past year. Well, that dust is about to settle down, and the Cactus League's newest stadium will emerge out of the haze.

Salt River Fields at Talking Stick, spring home of the Diamondbacks and Colorado Rockies, is a new 11,000 square foot stadium located on Pima Road just south of the 101 on the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community.

Spring Training is the time for fans to really get to know their team. It is the time for questions to be answered and more quandaries to be made. In the spirit of this relationship, it only makes sense that the Diamondbacks would move closer to their largest fan base in the Phoenix area.

Who will replace Mark Reynolds at the hot corner? Are any of this year's relievers worth their weight in Vaseline? Can the Diamondbacks' hitters set the Cactus League strikeout record? The answers to all of these questions and more just became a whole lot closer.

The new field gives fans in the Phoenix area a unique chance to get acquainted with the hometown team, a chance many

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didn't have when the squad played its home games in Tucson. Now, fans can see new players before tickets skyrocket to regular-season prices. They also can see rising stars within the organization before they are inevitably sent back to the minors to develop for another year or two.

The field is named for the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, which collaborated with the two teams on the project. Salt River Fields denotes the location of the stadium within the Indian community, and Talking Stick is a reference to the traditional Pima Calendar Stick.

Salt River Fields will be the third Talking Stick facility, joining Talking Stick Golf Club and Talking Stick Resort.

Salt River Fields can accommodate up to 11,000 fans, said David Dunne, Spring Training operations manager. The main field has 7,000 seats and can accommodate an additional 4,000 fans in the grass area beyond the outfield wall, giving it the largest grass seating area in Spring Training, said Dunne.

"There is a great deal of shade here," said Dunne. "About 75 percent of seats are in the shade by normal game time (1 p.m.)."

The facility also has 12 practice fields. Through a system of elevated walkways, fans will be able to view players working out and practicing on these fields and in the batting cages as they walk throughout the grounds.

"I think the fans will really enjoy it here," Dunne said.

The main field also has bullpen terraces that will give fans a view of pitchers preparing to enter the game.

"This is a very fan-friendly place, and there are lots of chances for up-close and personal contact with the players," said Dunne.

The stadium also will contain a Wiffle Ball field for children whose attention span doesn't quite last nine innings.

Fans also can expect a wide array of food options at Salt River Fields. Ovations Food Services will provide everything from hot dogs to Southwestern food, and a variety of local vendors will also add to the flavor. Restaurants and outlets such as the Native New Yorker, Salty Senorita and Coldstone Creamery will be on site.

The Diamondbacks make their Salt River Fields debut against the Rockies on February 26. The real fireworks will happen on February 27, though, when the Diamondbacks host the defending world champion San Francisco Giants.

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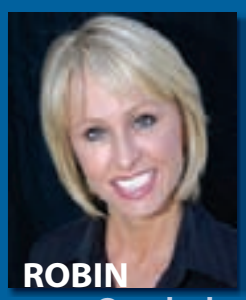
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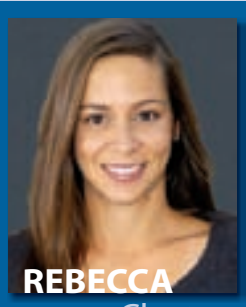
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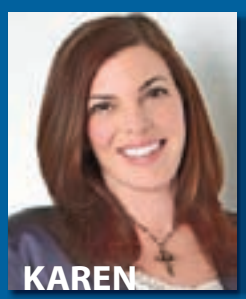
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This is a fantastic opportunity on more than an acre lot! It's priced right and has mounds of potential. With 4 bedrooms, 5 baths, a large kitchen and breakfast room, an amazing library with custom built-in cabinetry, a terrific Arizona room and wood floors, this classic Arizona ranch has 4,421 square feet of living space, limitless grounds and gorgeous mountain views!! $649,000. Call Robert 602-989-8300 or Chris 602-228-6296.



Built in 2007, this tasteful replication of Classic Arcadia is a rare find for those with an enviable up to date sense of style. 3,500 square feet, 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, plus an office give way to a Restoration Hardware and Waterworks atmosphere that is timeless and high in demand. $1,495,000. Call Robin 602-380-8735.



This is a truly darling Arcadia ranch with a beautiful kitchen including custom cabinetry and fantastic stainless steel appliances, terrific family room with a charming fireplace, great living room and gorgeous dining room with French doors leading out to a wonderful entertaining patio overlooking the sparkling swimming pool. All four bedrooms are perfect, including a large master suite, and the baths are beautifully remodeled! Magnificent slate floors adorn much of the home, yet the entry and master have beautiful wood flooring. You'll love the comfort of this fantastic family home located in the heart of Arcadia and will immediately visualize backyard barbecues with friends and family entertaining under the amazing ramada. This home beautifully represents traditional Arcadia living! $749,000. Call Robert 602-989-8300.



This home is brand new and absolutely beautiful! From the gracious entry to the private second story deck that offers amazing mountain, city and sunset views, every inch was designed with quality living in mind. The gorgeous kitchen has beautiful custom cabinetry, stunning granite and glass tile backsplash and the great room is simply spectacular with a mahogany wood carved mantle framing the dramatic fireplace. All of the bedrooms are delightful, including a fantastic master suite, and the outside is just as impressive with a large covered patio, fireplace and huge grassy area with plenty of room for a pool. Travertine and wood flooring, custom stone and tile design, gorgeous iron and wood work, art niches, solid mahogany doors and numerous other phenomenal finishes make this a very special home! Call Robert 602-989-8300 or Karen 602-628-3842.



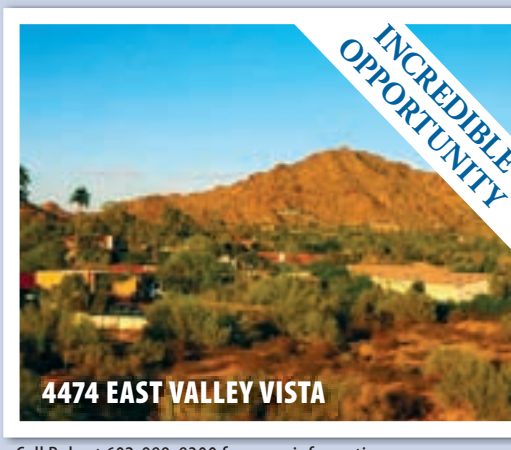
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This charming hacienda is a hidden treasure that is definitely worth seeing! From the moment you enter through the hand-forged gates, you'll be swept away by the serene beauty of the courtyard that leads to a home full of historic charm and wonderful finishes. The colorful island kitchen has new appliances, a built-in wok and a Wolf French cook top. There are two guest suites, a wine bar with custom stone walls and a built-in onyx table. The special grounds offer two covered patios, a custom bar, outdoor fireplace and fountain, which all contribute to the home's peaceful existence. Antique doors, wood and saltillo flooring, wood ceiling beams, a gorgeous pool and mountain views are more of what this special Spanish style retreat has to offer! Call Robert 602-989-8300 or Karen 602-628-3842.



This exquisite custom home is thoughtfully built with the finest quality design and finishes. The fabulous exterior includes canterra and wood details rarely seen and the interior is every bit as impressive. The gracious entry leads to a regal dining room and magnificent great room that are so architecturally interesting you'll hurry to see what's around the corner. The upscale dream kitchen will satisfy the most discriminating of chefs, and all of the bedrooms are simple perfection including a master retreat that most only dream of. The amazing master bath has his and hers sinks, water closets and huge wardrobes and the fully finished basement is home to a phenomenal media room! Built by an award winning builder for his family! $2,395,000 Call Robert 602-989-8300.



This is the only lot left on the highly coveted Exeter Boulevard. It sits on the north side of the street with pristine mountain views and a perfect building envelope, this ¾-acre lot is an amazing opportunity to build your dream home at a dream address! Call Robert 602-989-8300.



This is a fantastic family home on one of Arcadia's most charming streets. It's just a darling inside as it is on the outside. It's light, bright and open with a beautiful eat-in island kitchen, a large dining room with a gorgeous fireplace as its focal point, a fabulous family room with room to spare and five large bedrooms including a glorious master suite with a dreamy bath. The awesome finishes include stainless steel appliances, glass front custom cabinetry, wood flooring, granite, marble, subway tile, substantial trim work and wainscoting. The great backyard has lots of room to play and beautiful mountain views! $849,000. Call Robert 602-989-8300.



This is a fantastic rental located just minutes away from the best shopping and dining Arizona has to offer! The gated estate has huge sun soaked rooms, each with breathtaking views of Camelback Mountain shining through large custom picture windows. Fabulous dining areas and cozy living spaces are endless and there's even a dramatic bar and billiards room that is so much fun! This sprawling home has 5 bedrooms, 4 baths and is nearly 6,000 square feet with a 4-car garage. The grounds are limitless with 6 separate deck and lounge areas, a gorgeous pool and spa and terrific yard. This is an amazing rental opportunity! Lease $5000 per month. Call Robert 602-989-8300 or Chris 602-228-6296.



This is a perfect family home and an incredible value on a very charming lot in the heart of Arcadia! Every inch has been remodeled from the beautiful kitchen with granite countertops and stainless steel appliances, to the fantastic guest house with a full kitchen, bedroom and bath! With four terrific bedrooms, a spacious family room, great living room with beautiful built-in cabinetry, custom stone accents, travertine flooring, and gorgeous pool and spa, this home has a great feel, is offered at an amazing price and is ready for someone to simply move in their furniture! $499,000. Call Robert 602-989-8300 or Chris 602-228-6296.



This gorgeous home is located in a phenomenal cul-de-sac. The circular drive has a beautiful fountain and sets the tone for the home's true beauty! Island kitchen with double ovens and double dishwashers, regal dining room, breathtaking living room, magnificent great room, soaring ceilings and truly special bedrooms and baths. A perfect office, kids wing, dramatic fireplaces, gorgeous picture windows and custom built-ins. Glorious grounds with a magnificent pool, fountains, spa, huge patio with canterra columns, fireplace, kitchen, 6-hole putting green and outrageous mountain views! This home is simply exquisite! Call Robert 602-989-8300 or Christy 602-327-0697.



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This sprawling Arcadia ranch is absolutely fantastic! The massive horse property is nearly 2 acres and includes 2 homes! The long gracious drive leads to the main house that screams for family gatherings for generations to come. The beautiful kitchen has a butcher block island, 3 dishwashers, 2 ovens, 2 warming drawers and 6 commercial grade refrigerators! The warmth of the home shines throughout every room including the great family room, huge living room and dining room, and terrific master suite which is only one of 6 bedrooms in the main house. The gorgeous pool is surrounded by a phenomenal brick deck and huge entertaining patio with an outdoor kitchen. The second home is perfect for guests, a mother-in-law, or even a rental with 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, a beautiful great room and a terrific kitchen. The address is perfect, the grounds are pristine and the character and charm are unparalleled in this market! This rare find is truly something to be seen! Call Robert 602-989-8300 or Rebecca 602-799-8229.



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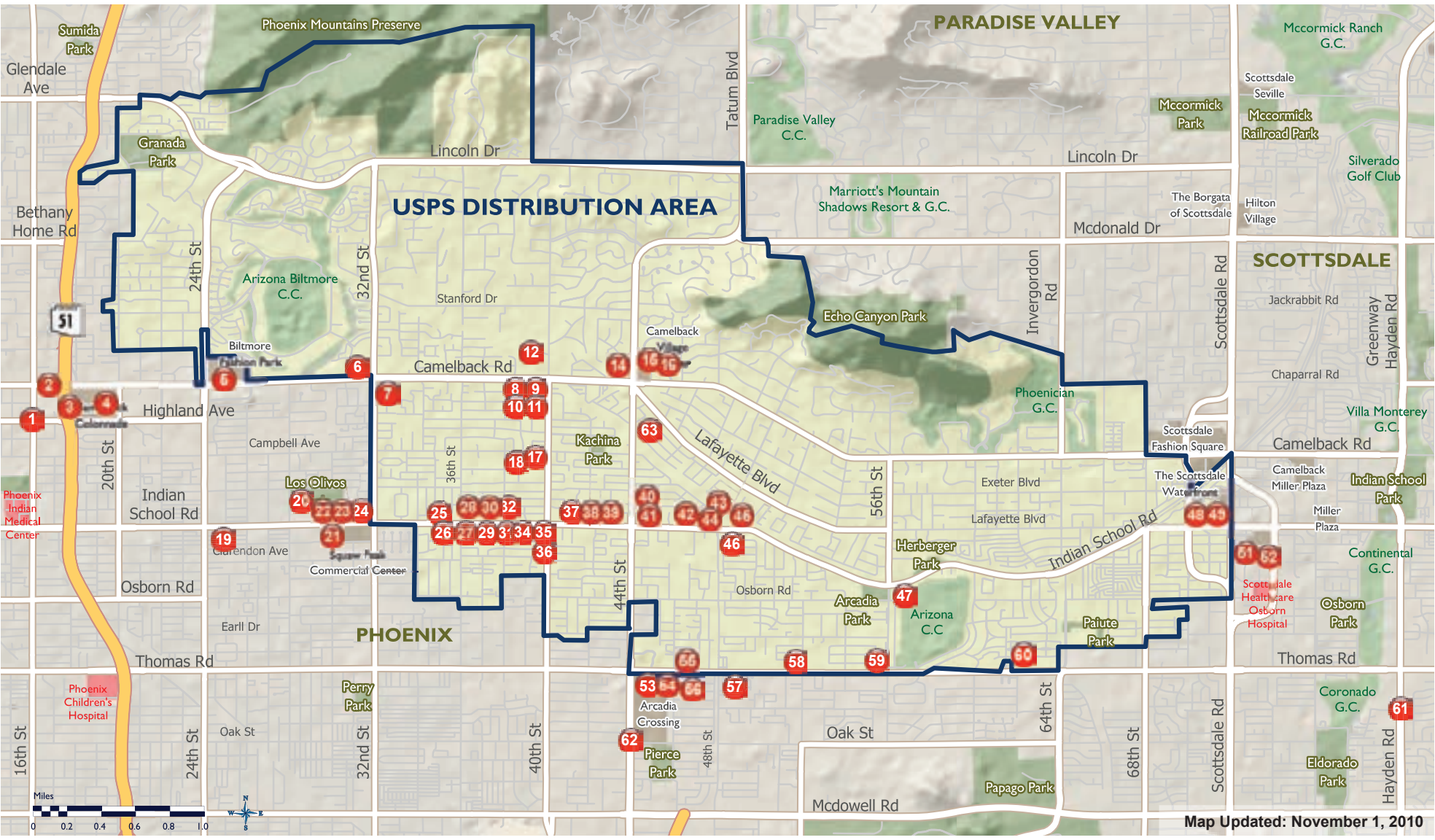
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44 Biltmore Estates • $3,950,000

This 6176 sq ft, 5 bedroom, 5.5 bath Frank Lloyd Wright inspired home boasts uniqueness! Floor to ceiling glass in the great room, soaring ceilings, master suite complete w/his and her dressing/exercise areas, private balcony, a sauna & views of the lushly landscaped grounds & pool area. Sleek kitchen features granite, kitchen island, custom cabinetry and opens to two separate formal dining areas. Gorgeous grounds w/ lush landscape, fountains, conversation areas & fireplaces perfect for entertaining with a resort style feel! Separate guest quarters, 3 car garage, gated entry.



7035 E. Balfour Road • $1,295,000

This 5 bed, 4.5 Bath, 4375 square foot home is simply immaculate & provides comfort amongst elegance. Open formal dining room & living room serve as the focal point of this home & offer views to the back yard & sparkling pool w/rock waterfall feature. The kitchen features granite counters, alder cabinetry, center island & opens to the cozy family room w/marble faced f/p. The master suite provides plenty of space w/a large sitting area & 2-way fireplace. The master bath features a large tub, separate shower + his/her vanities. Large bedrooms w/privtae baths in 3 of the 4 additional bedrooms. Plenty of storage, 3 car garage, pristine landscape. This gated community is meticulously maintained.



5314 Royal View Drive • $1,200,000

This one-of-a-kind property is an absolute must-see! Situated on a 58,000 square foot lot, the possibilities are endless. The home has more than 4,300 sqft and has been meticulously maintained by its owner of 53 years. Designed by famed architect Fred Guiry, the home is ahead of its time with large rooms and high ceilings. You must see it to believe it. Please call Kelly Knapp, 602-882-1332.



330 W. Lawrence Road • $1,110,000

This 5 bedroom, 4 bath, 4753 North Central home is a true charmer! This home was completely remodeled in 2007 with the finest touches. The gorgeous oak flooring guides you through the house. The custom gourmet kitchen features top of the line stainless appliances, granite counters, chic cabinetry, a center island that also serves as a breakfast bar & custom tile backsplash. Large open living area w/floor to ceiling brick fireplace, beverage bar equipped w/wine fridge and wonderful for entertaining! Separate home office/exercise room, additional computer area w/2 desks that makes for a perfect children's study are or computer room. Enter the backyard oasis through the sliding doors. Gorgeous sparkling pool w/waterfall feature, separate spa and large green yard w/lush landscape. This homes boasts perfection both inside and out!



4322 E. Palo Verde Drive • $799,000

Outstanding value in the heart of Arcadia. Over 3,300 square feet with 4 bedrooms and 2 Chic 3295 square foot, 4 bed, 3.5 bath home. Travertine flooring guides you through this immaculately remodeled home. Open kitchen w/top of the line stainless appliances, granite counters and sleek cabinetry w/stainless accents. Huge master with sitting area, French doors leading to a private patio and spa like master bath, fully equipped w/spa tub surrounded by windows, double sinks, granite counters and separate shower. Entertain indoors or out! Large covered patio overlooking the resort like sparkling pool w/waterfall feature, green grass yard and interior beverage bar perfect for entertaining even the pickiest of guests! This house will not disappoint you!



3425 E. Valencia Lane • $749,000

This is truly the quintessential Arcadia ranch home with all of the charm you would hope for, and more! Set on a double lot in the 17th fairway at the Arizona Country Club, this English garden property will leave you speechless. 4 bedrooms and an office or 5 bedrooms, saltillo flooring, fully remodeled kitchen, French windows and doors in every room. Huge master suite with fireplace and bear claw foot soaking tub, white picket fence & potting house. This home has more charm then you have probably seen in a long time! Truly a secret garden property that you will not want to walk out of!

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3037 N. 52nd Place

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4431 E. Calle Allegre Street

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4717 E. Osborn

A beautifully fully remodeled 2,300 sq ft home with three bedrooms and two baths. All new stainless steel appliances. The yard was professionally landscaped and has a sparkling diving pool. There is a two car garage. A great buy!

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