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This month's photo contest theme is "Summer Vacation and Travel" and Arcadians came through strong! We received numerous spectacular entries, which made the judging so difficult we decided to give prizes to every family that entered!
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Christmas crayons similar to kids' summer coloring

By Dale Messmer

Editor's Notes

One of my favorite memories (forgive me if I have shared this in the past) is the 72-crayon set and coloring book I received each Christmas.

And, yes, I was one of those children who got a kick out of listening to adults tell me I should color between the lines.

The smell of that big box when it was first opened is much more a holiday scent for me than the smells of cooking from the kitchen or the smell of pine from the decorated tree. I have a smaller box in my office so I can take a whiff of childhood when adulthood gets to be such a pain.

My siblings and I always got to open our personal set on Christmas Eve. Only as an adult did I realize it was more to keep us quiet while Santa-mom tried to remain sane than it was because we were so special.

That's one of the great things about crayons, though. They do make you special. Even those of us whose idea of drawing was stick men could, on that magical evening, be artists.

That's why Shawn Bellamak's annual coloring contest is one of the summer's coolest traditions.

For 10 years, the Arcadia Realtor has given local kids a chance to be pretend Rembrandts.

Every July, he takes entries from children of all ages. Every September, he announces winners of gift certificates. And everyone who enters gets free pizza and ice cream.

Even if they don't color within the lines, by the way.

This year, the number of winners was raised from three to five.

Everyone in the neighborhood is a winner, though. The contest is just another example of what makes Arcadia a special place to grow up. Neighborhood kids are very lucky.

Now, I'm not naive enough to think that the contest doesn't also earn Shawn some publicity. Note, though, that I choose the word earn. Anyone who gives back to the neighborhood to that degree should get what he deserves. Unfortunately, not everyone does.

Which gives me my monthly opportunity to let you know that we are interested in neighborhood stories. If you know someone who is giving back to the community, please let me know.

And please continue to read the *Arcadia News*. I appreciate it almost as much as a 72-crayon box at Christmas.



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This month's report from Justice Steven Sarkis

I was recently summoned for jury duty in the Maricopa County Superior Court. Although I would actually like to sit on a jury, having an active judge on a jury invites various potential issues.

So naturally, I was not picked. Yet the whole process once again reminded me just how important this civic duty is not just to my court, but all courts.

From the beginning, American law has long viewed the jury system as an effective means of drawing on the collective wisdom, experience and fact-finding abilities of everyday people. Most citizens likely underestimate just how fundamental they are to the legal system in this respect.

Without the ability to summon a jury of one's peers, the justice system would likely grind to a halt.

Without jury trials, each and every case would be left to the discretion of a judge.

Understand that judges try to do their very best to apply the law to each and every ruling. Some cases, however, are so evenly split, with both sides presenting valid cases, that a judge must use discretion.

With a jury, this is not an issue. Jury trials enable a panel of one's peers to draw upon the above mentioned attributes in an effort to decide a person's fate.

On a side note, it's worth mentioning that when compared with many other communities around the Valley, ours has a much smaller percentage of DUI cases.

In my opinion, this can be attributed to the limited number of bars, night clubs, or other alcohol establishments in the Arcadia/Biltmore area. Fewer alcohol establishments likely equates to fewer alcohol-related incidents, such as DUI.

Courts in some parts of the Valley, such as those with Tempe's Mill Avenue or Old Town Scottsdale within their jurisdictions, do indeed have more DUIs and more jury trials.

While it may be an occasional inconvenience, or worse, jury service is one of the most necessary civic duties that we possess as citizens of this great country. In addition, the ability to hold jury trials is imperative to the justice system.

So, next time you are summoned for jury duty, please remember how important this duty is as a citizen, how much weight it can occasionally take off the shoulders of judges and just how much it means to our legal system as a whole.

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

This month's report from Councilman Sal DiCiccio

The biggest myth or misrepresentation in the city election is that there is no grand vision being discussed. I disagree.

While the vision being discussed is not new or complicated, it is both jolting to the system and necessary if Phoenix is to be the great city many of us envision.

Our world changed big about five years ago. Citizens and businesses have struggled to figure out how to survive in this new environment. Some have done so better than others. But Phoenix city government leaders continue to play hold and hope – following the same path that got us here and hoping that the economy bounces back and saves them from having to do hard things.

Well, the real estate-driven business environment that buoyed Phoenix through multiple national recessions is not coming back, at least not for a while. When the business cycle kicks back up, it won't be to the same local economy that was so (some say solely) dependent on real estate growth to sustain itself.

Cities and other governments had grown fat counting on the ever-rising real estate prices to drive tax revenues. That's over, and it's time to think differently. The "how you think differently" is the vision that is being discussed.

The pundits who fail to see the vision discussion are those who can only think of vision as an expensive and expansive new government project. Rather than adding another project we can't afford and that government doesn't do well, the new vision for Phoenix is to do fewer things and do them a lot better.

Phoenix can lead the nation out of the recession by creating a well-run, business-(and jobs) friendly structure, one that focuses on its core responsibilities and gets out of the way of the rest of the economy rather than trying to bleed it for its own benefit.

That means that businesses would be able to get plans approved and through the permitting process at their own pace, paying private, certified professionals, rather than begging bureaucrats to let them start creating jobs. The city would act as an auditor, a check and balance.

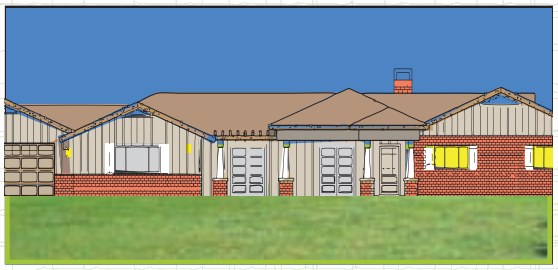
The city should also slowly move to the private sector functions that can do as well or better, and do so without expensive, life-long pensions that taxpayers have to fund forever. Left to focus on such duties as public safety and libraries, with a fairly but not extravagantly compensated work force, Phoenix will get out of the way of job-producing businesses that create a robust and prosperous economy.

Phoenix no longer can afford to pay itself and its employees market rate and a half, banking on taxpayers' home equity to fund that.

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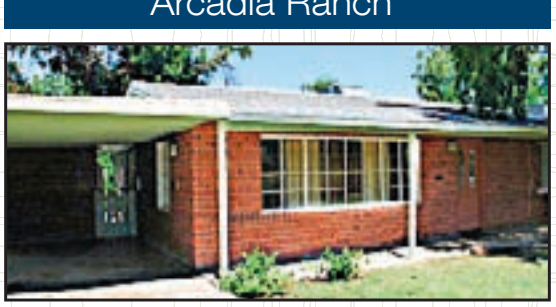
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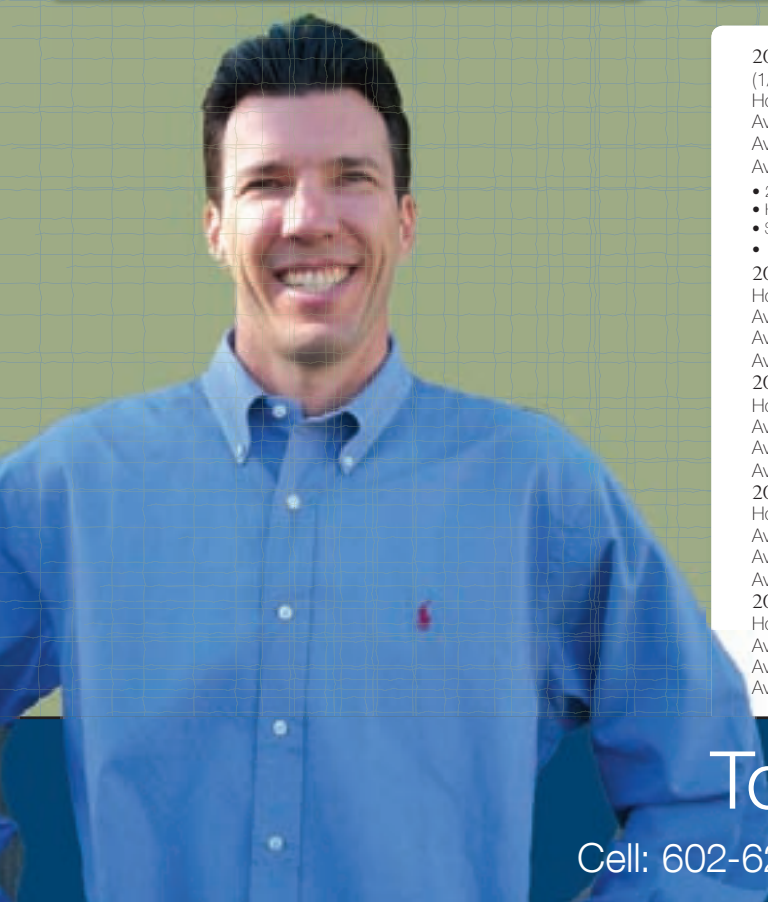
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Homes Sold -	158 homes
Average Sale Price -	$621,770
Average Sold $ Per SF -	$196
Average Days On Market -	132 days

- 2011 home sales have increased 25%. (Based on 2010 sales results)
- Home prices have decreased 7% this year. (Based on 2010 sales results)
- $ Per SF prices have decreased 2% this year. (Based on 2010 sales results)
- Homes are taking 15% less time to sell this year. (Based on 2010 sales results)

2010 HOPI SCHOOL DISTRICT YEAR END SALES RESULTS

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

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
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Average Sold $ Per SF -	$361
Average Days On Market -	131 Days

2011 TAVAN SCHOOL DISTRICT SALES RESULTS
(1/1/2011 – 7/31/2011)

Homes Sold -	142 homes
Average Sale Price -	$215,776
Average Sold $ Per SF -	$110
Average Days On Market -	108 Days

- 2011 total home sales have increased 40% this year. (Based on 2010 sales results)
- Home prices have decreased 26% this year. (Based on 2010 sales results)
- $ Per SF prices have decreased 22% this year. (Based on 2010 sales results)
- Homes are taking 22% less time to sell this year. (Based on 2010 sales results)

2010 TAVAN SCHOOL DISTRICT YEAR END SALES RESULTS

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

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 YEAR END SALES RESULTS

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

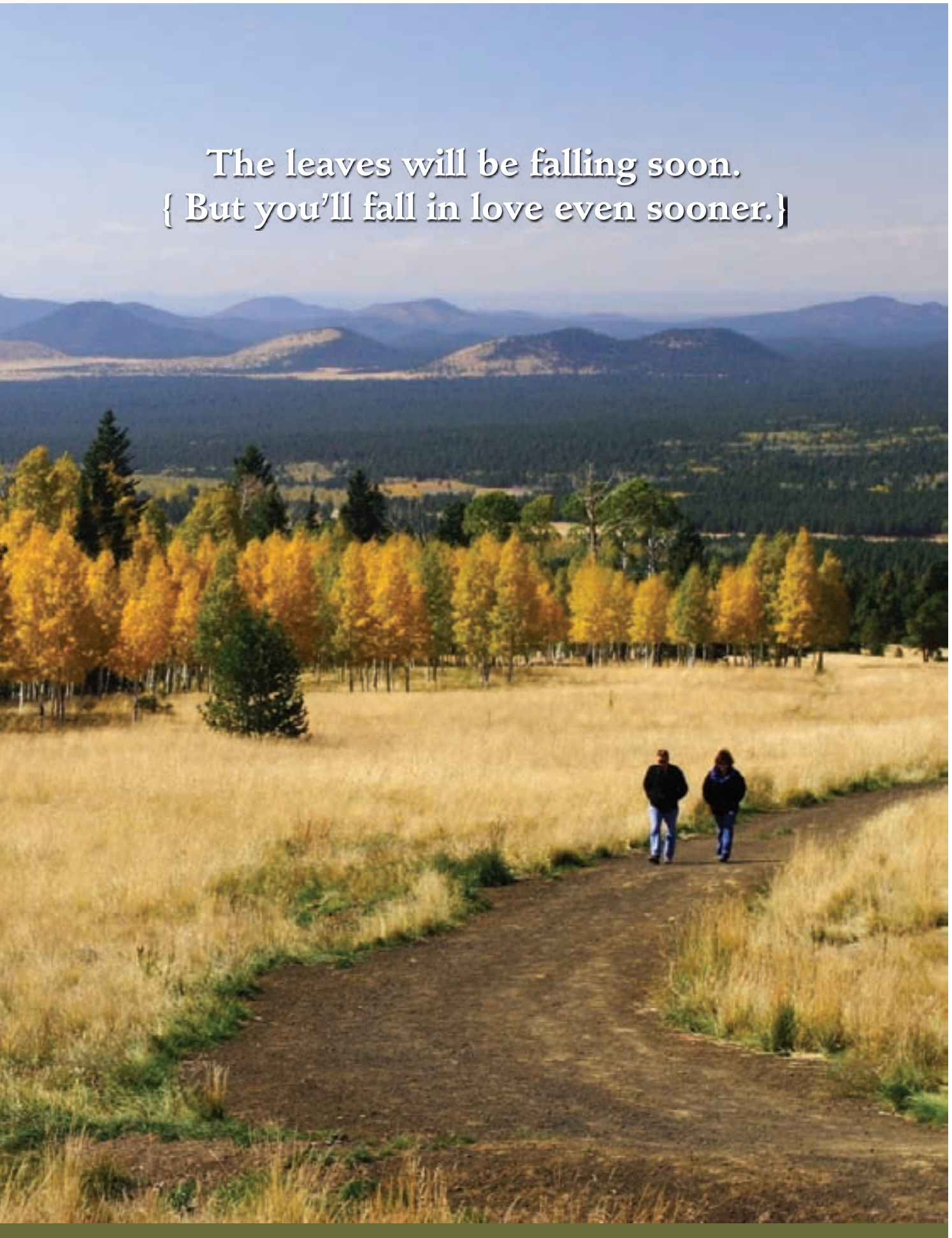
2007 TAVAN SCHOOL DISTRICT YEAR END SALES RESULTS

Homes Sold -	147 Homes
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By Kristin Shealey, M.D.

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Acid reflux causes the symptoms of heartburn as stomach acid pushes out of the stomach and into the lower esophagus. The esophagus does not have the same protective lining as the stomach, and the irritation you feel is heartburn.

Start with these tips to avoid heartburn:

Eat smaller meals instead of larger meals.

Do not eat late at night.

Do not lie down after meals.

Raise the head of your bed. Pillows aren't good enough, but cinder blocks under the mattress will raise it about 30 degrees.

Lose weight if you are obese. Extra fat pushing on your stomach can make symptoms worse.

Avoid aspirin or ibuprofen as both can irritate the stomach lining.

For some people, spicy foods or fatty foods may cause symptoms. Avoid foods that seem to make heartburn worse.

If symptoms do not subside, try an over-the-counter medicine designed to neutralize acid in your stomach such as Prilosec or Zantac (or a generic equivalent) and carefully follow the directions on the packaging.

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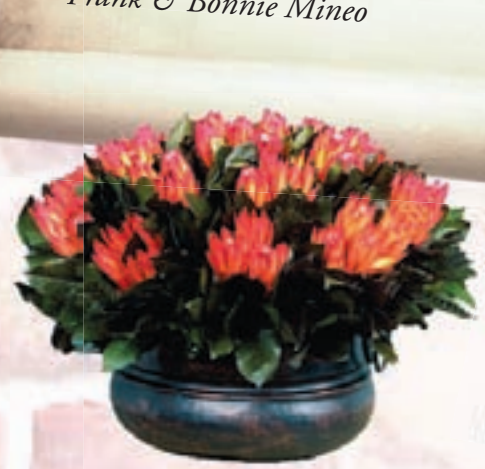
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Julie *@ the Movies*

By Julie Demetros

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The TV show *Glee* is popular for a couple of things: mainly the story and the music.

This concert movie focuses on the more entertaining of the two. And though they don't touch on much of a story, that's not necessarily a bad thing.

Interviews with "Gleeks" add a more personal side to it all and accentuate the message of both the show and the movie: acceptance of everyone and their differences.

In the beginning, the movie seems to drag a little. It gets going with the interviews with specific *Glee* fans, who say the show has really helped them. And all the songs hook and entertain to the end.

An appearance from Gwyneth Paltrow is surprisingly a good thing, since her singing is much better than her acting.

However, one can only hear her sing the same song so many times before starting to dislike the song a little just because she keeps singing it. After only three times of hearing her sing the clean version of Cee Lo Green's "Forget You," I'm at that point.

I could listen to the rest of the songs sung throughout the movie all day. Each of the singers has a great voice in different ways.

Rachel (Michele) with her Barbra Streisand-esque voice to Mercedes (Riley) with her soulful voice that echoes in your ears to Blaine (Criss) and his version of "Teenage Dream" that's more addicting than Katy Perry's original version.

On top of the surprisingly great performances and vocals from the actors, the songs they sing are a mixture of older and newer tunes.

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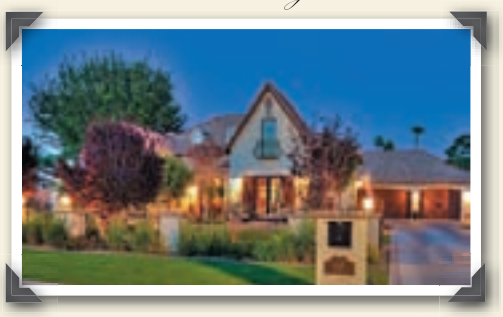


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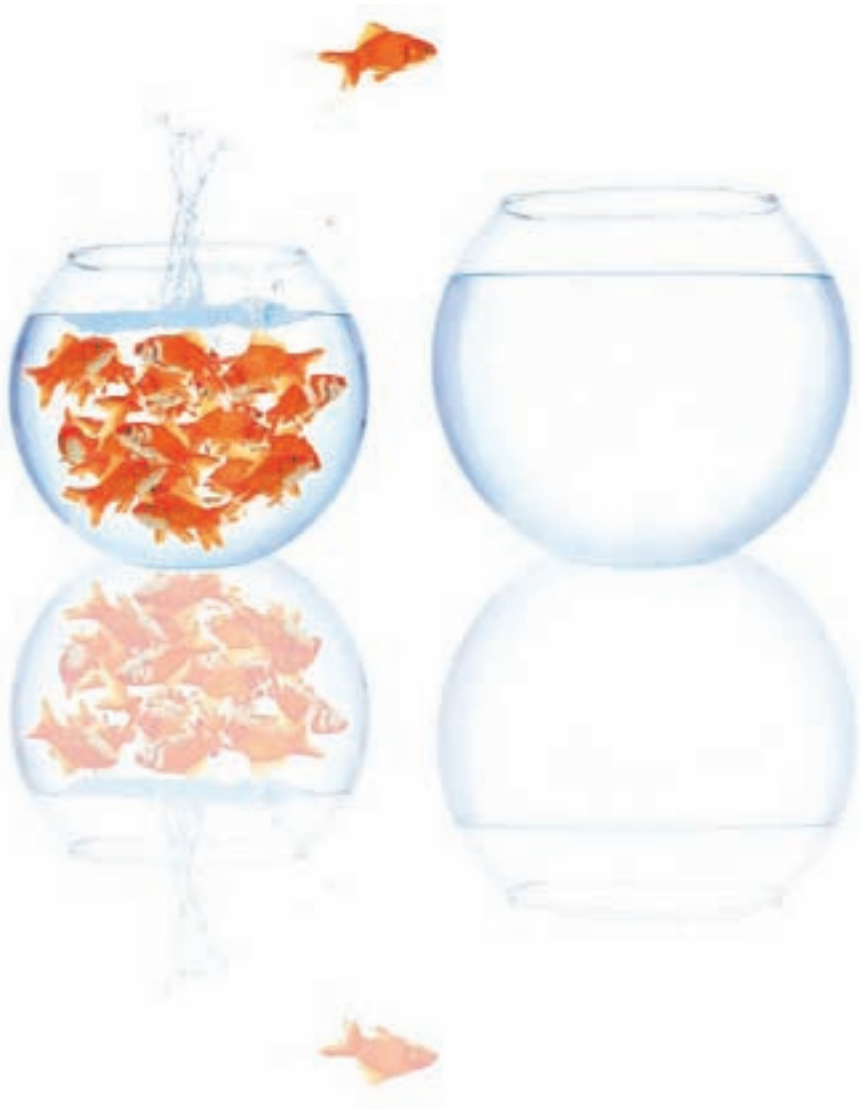


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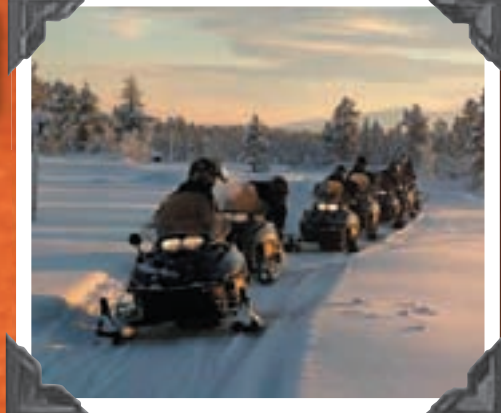
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Heartburn also can contribute to other problems, for example, making asthma worse. The esophagus is next to the bronchial tubes, and the irritation can contribute to a chronic cough.

The symptoms also might not be heartburn at all, but a condition that is more serious such as cardiac problems or a hiatal hernia.

Your gallbladder, liver, pancreas, stomach, lungs and heart are all in the same area.

When heartburn symptoms do not decrease with treatment, physicians look for other causes.

That's why it's important to get heartburn symptoms under control and seek help when symptoms do not improve.

Kristin Shealey, M.D., treats patients of all ages at Arcadia Family Clinic, 4131 N. 24th St., Suite B-102, Phoenix, 602-955-6632 or JCL.com/practices.





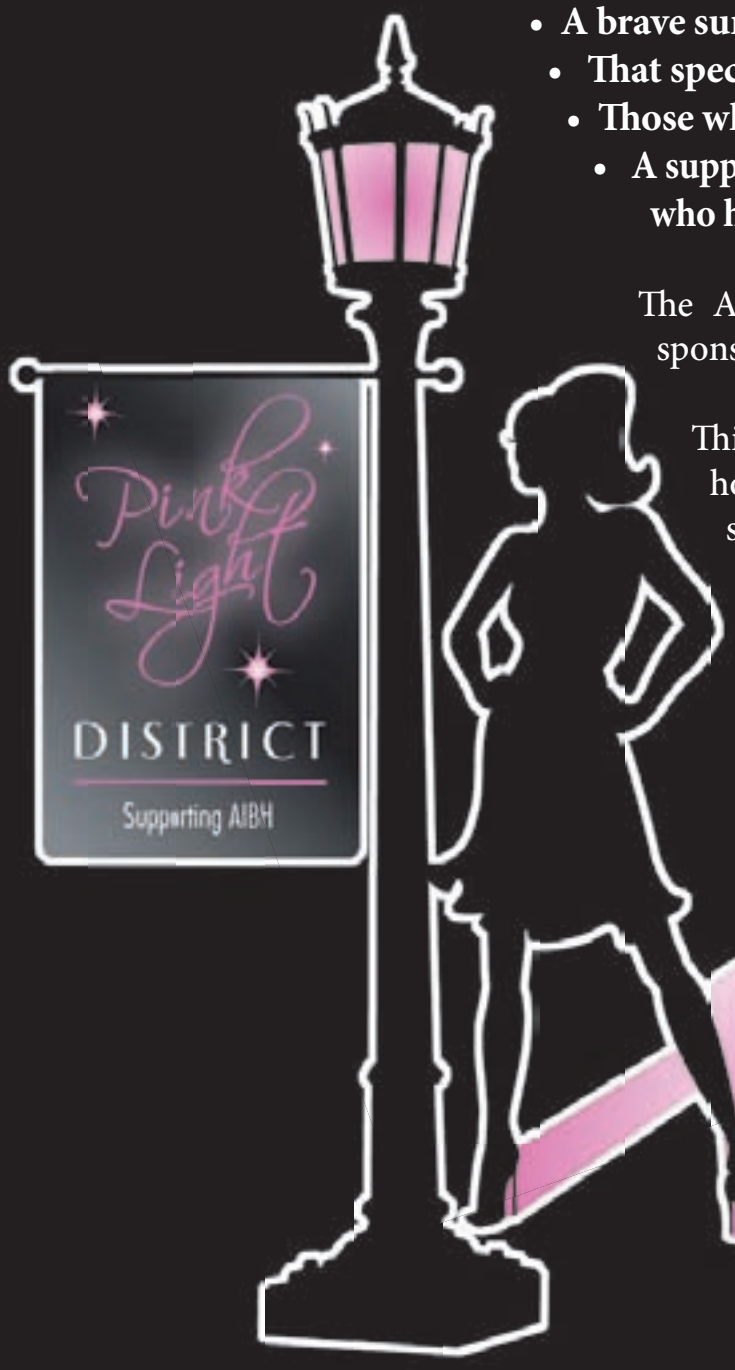






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Giant sculptures of bugs along the trails at the Desert Botanical Garden will feature three ants and a dragonfly. Photos supplied by the artist.

There are really big bugs (on purpose) in this Garden

By Elias Tolano

The Desert Botanical Garden is going buggy this month – in a big way.

Beginning Sept. 12, David Rogers' Big Bugs exhibit will feature 11 dinosaur-sized insect sculptures along the Garden's trails, including three 12-foot high ants, a dragonfly with a 17-foot wingspan, and a giant daddy long legs spider.

It will be the Garden's second showcasing of Rogers' Big Bugs. The first was nearly 10 years ago.

The Garden's exhibit manager, Grace Soave, said the traveling exhibit was a success the last time around, but Big Bugs will have a different feel this fall.

"It won't be the same exhibit," Soave said. "It's a different Garden with different cactus and locations."

Big Bugs also will feature oversized sculptures of a praying mantis, grasshopper, ladybug, damselfly, and assassin bug.

The sculptures are created using combinations of standing or fallen black locust, red cedar, and willow trees.

DAVID ROGERS' BIG BUGS
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Dry branches and other forest materials are used as well.

Rogers, a New York native who previously worked with all natural materials to build rustic furnishings, said he found inspiration for the larger-than-life insects in 1990, when he was drawn to the curvature of a maple sapling hunched over from a winter ice storm.

Rogers imagined the ravaged tree as the "backbone to a large beast," and 12 days later a "dinosaur" sculpture was created.

By 1994, the first 10 sculptures of the Big Bugs exhibit were created, and they would soon make their debut in Dallas. Since then, Rogers' insects have been displayed at more than 60 exhibits and toured 35 different gardens, but he said his real success as an artist came much sooner.

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A Praying mantis will be among the big bugs in the Garden.

Women writers band together to provide each other aid

By Brittany Morris

September marks the sixth year members of the Scottsdale Society of Women Writers have met to share stories, memoirs, poetry and plays, as well as non-fiction compositions with one another.

The president and founder of the group, Patricia Brooks said she remembers when she traveled the Valley, frequenting various groups in hopes of finding her literary niche. She ended up putting an ad in a newspaper trying to drum up interest in a women's writing group.

Sixteen members have grown to 65 in the Scottsdale Society of Women Writers.

Brooks, who's been in the book business for 12 years, said she provides consulting to budding, hopeful authors seeking to be published. Club members meet frequently and at different venues.

She also hosts monthly showcases at a local Barnes and Noble, allowing new authors in the women's club to speak about and sign their books for fans.

The learning curve in the book industry, she said, is steep and daunting. Her first book, "Gifts of Sisterhood" is a memoir detailing her relationship with her youngest sister, who died of lung cancer.

"My first book came out in 2005, and the two I'm currently working on are being produced in a different way entirely. I am not doing anything the same that I was doing years ago. The industry is always, always changing," Brooks said.

Kitty Kessler, a new member to the group and an Arcadia resident, currently is working on her memoir, as well as a children's chapter book.

"There is no substitute for talking to



Patricia Brooks

other women who are doing the same thing I am, their difficulties help you through your own," Kessler said. "You need a real-life support group."

Working with the group of women on her project has been invaluable, she said. Kessler also works full-time and is taking online courses to complete her bachelor's degree in English literature.

Kebba Buckley Button, a five-time published author and Arcadia resident, has been with the Scottsdale Society of Women Writers for four years. She designed the cover art for her newest title, "Peace Within."

"Books have become a more personal experience, you provide the marketing plan and you take the initiative," Buckley Button said. "Through that process you learn a lot about yourself. And at the (Scottsdale Society of Women Writers) meetings you're uplifted. I come home bubbling, feeling 10 feet tall.

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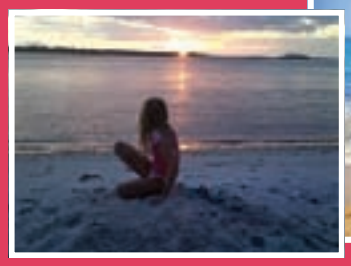


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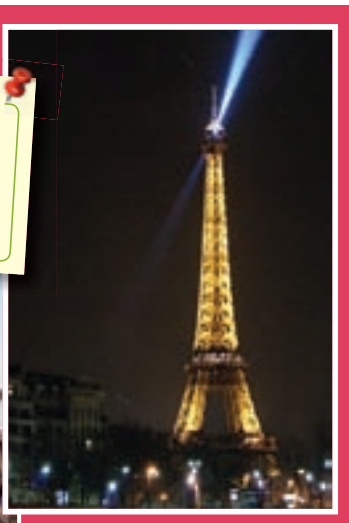


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Tucker Blalock

Ladies Loop designed for online safety

By Brittany Morris

Tucker Blalock, an Arcadia High School graduate and native of the neighborhood, founded www.LadiesLoop.com earlier this year, a website designed for women's everyday needs.

Similar to Craigslist, Blalock said his website is a safe avenue for women to trade, sell and connect online.

"At first women found it funny, me, being a guy, pitching the idea to women," Blalock said.

"Over the past months I've seen growth, and a lot of satisfaction."

The website's creation came shortly after the proceedings of the Craigslist Killer, an East Coast medical student's robbery and abuse of women he encountered on Craigslist.

"I was renting out a condo online, and I noticed that women always brought a male companion because they're hesitant to proceed on their own," Blalock said.

Since its launch in May, Ladies Loop has acquired more than 4,000 Arizona women trading various items from Prada bags to cribs.

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By Greg A. Bruns

[*Part 2 of 2 from August, 2011*]

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The complex is right around the corner from my office, and I have since discovered this loser frequents some of our neighborhood restaurants and bars. I know his name, address, date of birth, and felony record, which *should* include an additional charge for Grand Theft Auto.

I get it. I really do. When it comes to law enforcement in the nation's 6th largest city, where budgets have been cut and officers have to handle larger areas with less resources and support, it's unlikely that we're going to get officers to jump onboard our homemade detective bandwagon.

The Phoenix PD has been understanding, and well-meaning, but at the same time, apologetic, knowing there's not much they can do when murder or violence isn't part of the auto theft equation.

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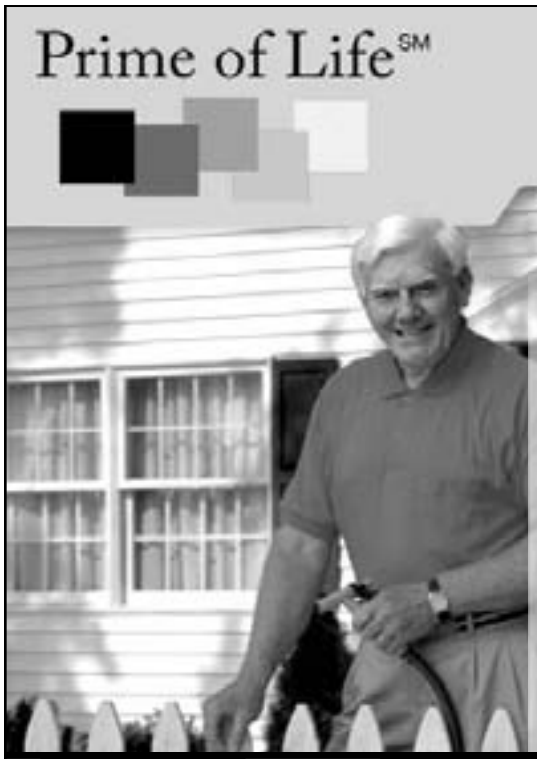
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Straight Up

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window in the apartment, while also perforating every single eardrum in the room.

Some come stumbling out, cochlear fluid running out of their ears in little rivulets down their necks. Instant tinnitus has confused each escapee, making short work of the zip-ties, which get elbows rubbing in the middle of each prisoner's back. Red Leader snaps his right hand through a series of silent gestures that each group responds to, seeking *hard cover* in less than three seconds. It's easy to tell these teams have worked together, with over 400 years of collective experience running FYEO (*for your eyes only*) operations in every corner of the world.

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Instructions are delivered into each squad leader's ears as their radio implants (which double as ear protection for weapons blasts and concussion grenades) burst to life: "Go go go."

Each teams begins their assault, zip-lining in through shattered windows, skylights and attic openings. The entire apartment is razed in a coordinated

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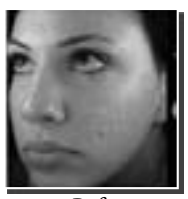
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Netherlands trip includes bicycles and oxygen mask

By Kaley Kalil

Where's the *Neighbor?*

Arcadia native Patrick Touché, 24, recently carried out his pledge to visit Utrecht, Netherlands from June 28 to July 6, but he almost didn't make it off the plane.

"(My roommate and I) made a promise to our old roommate to make it out to the Netherlands because he moved there to play baseball," Touché said.

However, while on a US Airways flight from Philadelphia to Amsterdam, roughly an hour into flying over the Atlantic Ocean, Touché's plane lost cabin pressure and had to make an emergency descent to 10,000 feet.

"The passengers all had to wear oxygen masks and I think there was confusion," Touché said, "because half the plane was wearing life jackets and the other half wasn't."

After the plane was turned around and re-routed back to Philadelphia, passengers waited for about an hour before being transported to another plane and flown safely to Amsterdam.

That's when the real fun began for Touché. His friend picked him up at the airport and they made the 20-minute drive to Utrecht.

"Most of what we did was walk around the different towns, since we were with someone who had been living there for a long time," Touché said.

He visited many bars and restaurants around Utrecht and Amsterdam, and biked or walked just about everywhere.

"In Amsterdam, we made it to the 'I love Amsterdam' sign and outside of the Heineken factory, but we weren't willing to pay extra just for a tour," he said. "Since we were staying with people who lived there, we got a glimpse of how everyday life was for some of the locals; it wasn't a tourist trip."

Touché quickly fell into the outdoorsy routine so common throughout the Netherlands. He attended a game of Honkbal Hoofdklasse (Dutch for Major League Baseball), and played soccer with some local kids.

"We barely ran into anyone who was out of shape," he said. "The average person there has a very active lifestyle, something I think every American should see for themselves. They're also very clean and environmentally friendly. There were no paper towels out there."

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Movies

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They jump from the Beatles to My Chemical Romance, from Queen to Pink, from Barbra Streisand to Lady Gaga.

However, the best part of the whole movie is watching a boy who can't be older than 6 or 7 dance and sing along to Blaine performing "Raise Your Glass." He reenacts the performance well, even wearing the same outfit. His whole performance just makes the film.

What doesn't add to the film at all is the 3D. How many critics have to say it before moviemakers will finally listen and stop making movies in 3D? More than have said it already, obviously.

The 3D doesn't enhance the actors' performances in the least bit. It does so little for the movie that the only reason you remember it's in 3D is because of the glasses you wear, which are a major discomfort for people who already have glasses.

Though it's not a very good introduction to the story of *Glee*, this concert movie is entertaining and leaves you saying, "Encore!" I give it 3 ½ stars. And by the way, don't leave right away because there's a short bit toward the beginning of the credits that you don't want to miss.

Rise of the Planet of the Apes
Director: Rupert Wyatt
Actors: James Franco, Andy Serkis, Freida Pinto and John Lithgow

The prequel to the Planet of the Apes series, *Rise of the Planet of the Apes* starts by diving right into the action, but reaches its peak much too early, which slows down the rest of the film.

It all starts with Will Rodman (Franco), who's found what he believes to be the cure for Alzheimer's. The drug is first tested on chimpanzees, and while the drug seems to have enhanced their intelligence, an attack from one of the smarter female chimps causes the whole project to be shut down and all the chimpanzees to be put down.

A newborn chimp is found in the late female chimp's cell and Will realizes that the mother had been pregnant when she was brought in and that she attacked because she was trying to protect her baby. Will takes the baby chimp, names him Caesar, and teaches him sign language. The drug in Caesar's mom was passed on genetically to Caesar, who excels beyond any of the previous chimps. The drug doesn't work quite the same on Will's dad (Lithgow), who has Alzheimer's and is the reason Will started his research.

When Caesar attacks a neighbor, he's sent to an abusive animal control facility and things take a turn for the worse for everyone. *Rise of the Planet of the Apes* starts out fast and exciting, but dims down for the second half of the movie, making the audience think, "Just end it already!" Though there aren't any surprises in the story, since the beginning of it is shown in the commercials and the end is predictable, it's still fun to see it all the way through.

Lithgow makes a strong performance as Will's dad with Alzheimer's, even though he isn't in the movie as much as he should be. He doesn't say much, but that seems to add even more depth to his character.

Pinto, whose character is the vet who patches up Caesar's wounds, plays the same general, female, love-interest role that's been done a million times. Not much of a stretch there.

Franco does better as Will than Pinto does with her character, though not by much. This is due to a mix of Will being a sort of one-dimensional character, and also because he doesn't get as much screen time as you would think.

The ones who did good jobs are all the bad guys. Brian Cox and Tom Felton make the audience despise them as much as one can and then a little more as the father and son team who run the animal control facility. David Oyelowo plays Will's boss, the one who orders the original batch of chimpanzees to be put down in the beginning of the movie, and practically radiates heartlessness.

Ending with an obvious and expected cliffhanger, *Rise of the Planet of the Apes* gets 3 ½ stars, and thank goodness it's not in 3D!

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

Ladies Loop

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"My friend told me their success stories with Ladies Loop and I found it very interesting, I posted my requests for a job and was contacted within a few days.

Blakock, an Arizona native, is a former U.S. Marine and a senior at Arizona State University. He lives in the Arcadia area and said he plans to live there "forever."

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Choice of school vital for students

Editorial *Commentary*

By Dale Messmer

My son navigates the streets of Tokyo, the world's largest city, with ease, speaking Japanese as fluently as nearly any native of the country.

He started at Scottsdale Community College at 13. He earned his degree from an exceptional liberal-arts college in Ohio, graduating with highest honors.

And he was a homeschool student.

I am convinced that the confident, self-assured and self-efficient young man he has become is due primarily to that educational choice made by our family when he was young.

His temperament and intelligence as a child were not suited for the public school in our neighborhood. We used Montessori for preschool and kindergarten but weren't fond of the approach for first-graders. After a tepid, at best, and expensive experience at a private school, we moved his classroom into our living room.

It remains one of the best times of my life and was the key to his development.

Extolling the virtues of homeschooling, as many of them as there are, is not the point I want to make, however.

What I want to do is point out how lucky children in Arcadia can be if parents tackle the challenge of choice.

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I've been fortunate to meet a lot of Arcadia families, and it seems to me that many are taking advantage of these educational opportunities.

So let's for a moment address those with preschool-aged children. Or those unhappy with their child's school.

At first glance, finances and/or transportation too often seem to determine the school a child attends. And not every parent can afford the time to homeschool.

But there are many options that can, maybe even should, be explored before you send your child off to the closest school.

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And speaking of asking, homeschool parents are more than willing to share their experience and expertise. Email me (editor@arcadianews.com) and I'll show you what I mean.





Emma (top left) and Grace Schlenker and their brother Matt attend three different schools, chosen by the family to meet the individual needs of each sibling. All say they are happy with their choice of schools. Photos by Dale Messmer.

Siblings served by 3 schools

By Jessica Abercrombie

The traditional back-to-school story is anything but for Linda and Brent Schlenker who spent the last days of summer basking in family time and preparing their children to go back to not one school, but three.

Emma, 14, Matt, 12, and Grace, 9, each attend different schools that cater to their individual learning styles and preferences.

"We are in such a unique situation that we can do it, but it's a juggling act," Linda said. "There are some days that roll really smoothly and then other days we consider it a success if everybody's got clean underwear."

Brent and Linda both work out of their Arcadia home and have maximized availability to support their three children.

"Everybody has kind of got to do their part to make it work," Linda said. "That's partially why we have our kids at three different schools, because everybody is really different in doing their part."

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Trent Smoak in his online classroom.

Alternative school found on computer

By Elias Tolano

For ninth and 10th graders Trent and Jordan Smoake, getting to school involves a few clicks of the mouse and typing in a username and password.

The 14- and 15-year-old siblings are enrolled in a virtual school, an online alternative to conventional schooling that is increasing in popularity throughout the U.S.

In the digital world, students like Trent and Jordan can learn at their own pace, take courses not offered in their home districts, and avoid bullying that can make the classic school environment unbearable. Students with behavioral problems can also serve out punishment without falling behind in their academics.

For the Smoake children, enrolling in a virtual school was a matter of safety and accommodating different learning styles.

Yvette Smoake said her special-needs son was a victim of bullying during his middle-school years.

Trent's special education class had students with too wide a range of learning disabilities, and he couldn't get the specific assistance he needed in class, she said.

Outside of class, bullying and teasing were becoming too much to handle.

"We had to change schools twice in seventh grade," Yvette said. "I don't know what happened. We never had those problems in elementary school."

Older sister Jordan, an eighth-grader at the time, was finding it difficult to keep her academics ahead of her social life.

"I was really popular in middle school," Jordan said. "Other kids would distract me during class and I was having trouble focusing."

As the two struggled in conventional school, Yvette decided to go online to research alternative forms of education.

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Coronado hits half-century, celebrates achievements

By Elias Tolano

The Dons of Coronado High School in Scottsdale are celebrating their 50th anniversary this school year.

Celebration events are planned for current students throughout the course of the year, and kick off with the Minds in Motions Awards Ceremony Sept. 19. The academic achievement ceremony will be held in the school's auditorium where Scottsdale Mayor Jim Lane will recognize Coronado's 50 years.

Other events will include homecoming Sept. 30 and a fine arts 50th anniversary reception in February.

Coronado's principal, John Biera, said he is proud to be a part of the school's historic year.

"It's amazing to be involved in such a deep tradition and commitment to excellence," Biera said. "It's nice to know that many of our graduates are now some of the 'movers and shakers' in Phoenix."

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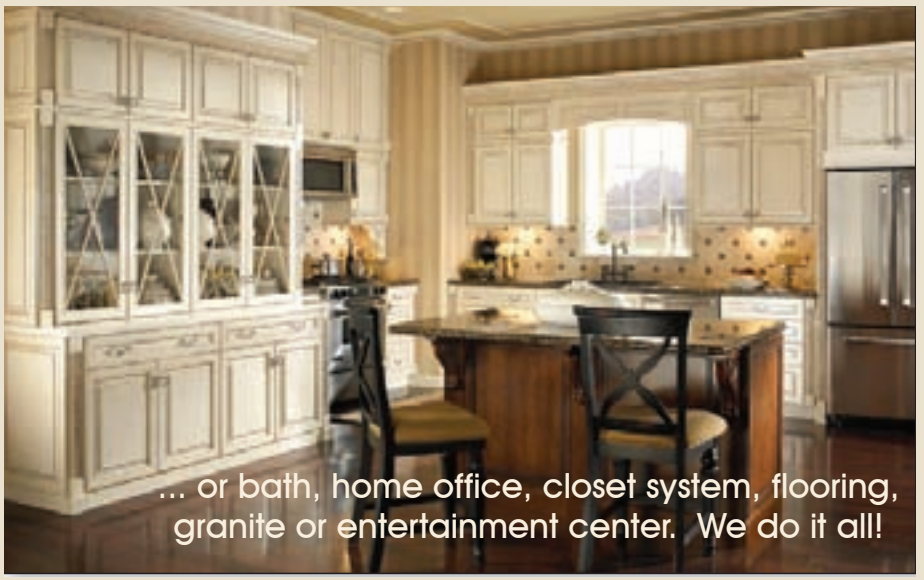
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- Ethan Echeverria
- Finn Rewinkel
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- Lila O'Dowd
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- Mairead Kelly
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- McKenna Douglas
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- Michael Echeverria
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- Samantha Colonna
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And on Sunday, it's a day of chicken and fixins

By Christia Gibbons

Arcadia's *Cookbook*





Heather MacLean and Mark Russell share cooking duties and enjoy creating their traditional, down-home Sunday dinners.

A sign in Heather MacLean's and Mark Russell's kitchen reads: *Home is where your story begins.*

Find the two living their story as they pad around their Biltmore-area kitchen in bare feet cooking a dish they invented to bring the smells of Sunday-around-the-table-with-family into their home.

"I think we both were a little homesick for that traditional Sunday dinner," Heather said.

They looked around and saw they had all the ingredients necessary to create their own special meal.

Key to such a dinner, Heather said, is that it must fill the kitchen with wonderful smells throughout the day. The kind of dish that can be put together before church, slow cooked, and be ready whenever the family gets together to eat.

"We kind of created something that fits for both of us," Mark said.

They experimented with chicken broth, wine and sherry, and with varying temperatures and cooking times until they hit on the recipe they share this month – Sunday Chicken.

The couple has been friends for years. Heather, who is an Arcadia High School graduate and Biltmore-Arcadia area Realtor, even sold Mark several homes.

Mark is the founder of Oregano's Pizza Bistro. He founded his first Oregano's in 1993 in Old Town Scottsdale in honor of his late parents Jack and Shirley, using old family recipes.

"My basic principle is that I never date clients, ever, ever, ever," Heather said.

Still the two had business dealings and business lunches, consulting with each other professionally and personally.

Then, two years ago they found themselves unattached from others, and began dating.

Mark popped the question in June, and the two are planning an April 21 wedding.

"We just enjoy each other," Mark summed it up.

The couple shares cooking duties, cooking at home on average five times a week.

"We both have always loved cooking," Heather said, adding, "My mother is an incredible cook."

The two often eat Sunday dinners with Heather's parents Barbara and Charles, but the folks were out of town that Sunday when the two got nostalgic for an old-fashioned Sunday meal.

"We look at cooking together as spending time together," Heather said. "It's that sweet spot in the day."

Mark added: "It's fun, it's an activity.

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Salt & ground black pepper
1/2 tsp. caster sugar
Fresh oregano, rosemary, sage, basil
2 cloves of fresh garlic
1 tsp. of fennel seeds
Grated Parmigiano Reggiano

Preheat grill on medium high. Lightly grease a grill tray with olive oil or line with foil or non-stick baking paper.

Place the tomatoes, cut-side up, on the tray. Brush the cut side of tomatoes with the olive oil, season with salt and pepper and sprinkle with the caster sugar.

Place under preheated grill and cook for 3-4 minutes or until lightly browned. Before serving sprinkle on top a finely chopped mixture of rosemary, sage, basil, fennel seeds, fresh garlic and fresh oregano.

Sprinkle with extra virgin olive oil, grated Parmigiano Reggiano and serve warm or at room temperature.

Colorful Crown King offers variety of victuals and fun

By Kaley Kalil

If you're looking for a rustic adventure that takes you off the map and back in time, visit historic Crown King, Arizona.

Approximately two hours from Phoenix and 6,000 feet above the desert floor, Crown King is nestled comfortably atop the Bradshaw Mountains.

Dating back to 1870 when the Bradshaw gold and silver rush first began, Crown King was so named five years later, after the discovery of the Crowned King Mine.

With the establishment of a post office in 1888, the first saloon built in 1889 and the arrival of the railroad and General Store in 1904, this small mining town has been booming over the past 100 years.

Occasional snowfall in the winter and summer temperatures 20-25 degrees cooler than Phoenix attract Arizona outdoorsmen year round.

Popular activities include hikin', huntin', fishin', boozin', front porch sittin' and good old pannin'.

Local wildlife includes deer, bears, javelina, bobcats, mountain lions and other varmints.

Don't confuse the coyotes' howlin' or the raccoons' rustlin' with the hootin' an' hollerin' heard from late-night karaoke sessions down at the saloon.

The living ghost town's *"No paved roads to Crown King"* motto has led it to become a wildly sought-after haven for off-road recreation.

Places *We Liked*

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Dirt bikers, four-wheelers and motorcyclists all flock to the Saloon and General Store on weekends - often their lunch destination after a day's work of rompin' around.

The winding dirt road that was once the old rail bed, as well as the visually stimulating hiking trails through the pine-laden Prescott National Forest, all lend breathtaking mountain views during the day and exceptionally starry skies during the night.

If it's history that intrigues you, wet yer whistle at the oldest continuously operating bar in Arizona or rediscover the 1893 Gladiator Stamp Mill housed in a building constructed almost entirely from parts of a school, a church and old mines.

The Mill Restaurant's newest addition of the Engine Room brings with it the opportunity to enjoy perfectly cooked, bacon-wrapped filet mignon complemented by stunning sunsets and live music.

Wake up with breakfast burritos at Crown King Café, grab some gifts at the Crown King Curio and bring home some of the General Store's decadent fudge.

This quaint western town's charm and local color really come to life in annual events such as the Crown King Prom and the World's Shortest Memorial Day Parade.

Don't miss the upcoming Fire Department Dinner, Dance and Auction on Sept. 17, the sixth annual Apple Festival on Oct. 1, or the 27th annual Fall Chili Cook-off on Oct. 8.

With a mere 80-100 full time residents, overnight accommodations are available at various establishments. Check out www.crownking.com for more information.

To visit Crown King, head north on the I-17 freeway and take either the Bumble Bee (248) or Bloody Basin exits (259). Follow the (few) posted signs all the way to the top and be sure to take photos along the way.

Kaley is a 24-year-old traveler from Arcadia. Read about her adventures at www.kalilsays.wordpress.com.









Cookbook

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"We have cookbooks everywhere. Our minds work to come back and create."

Heather called the dish "simple, stupid."

"It's what we try to do every Sunday," Heather said of fixing a traditional meal. "When you're driving to come home, you literally can smell it through the air conditioner."

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1 white onion cut in quarters
12-15 mushrooms
1 russet potato cut into squares with skin on
5 sprigs rosemary
1 shallot sliced
4-6 cloves of garlic left whole
Olive oil
2 cups white table wine
2 cups chicken broth

Place the chicken at the bottom of a 9x13 roasting pan so none is overlapping.

Drizzle olive oil over the chicken to lightly coat, add salt and pepper.

Scatter the peeled carrots, celery pieces, onion, shallots, garlic, mushrooms and potato over the top of the chicken.

Drizzle 2-3 tablespoons of olive oil on top of the veggies.

Remove the rosemary from 2-4 sprigs and sprinkle on top off all, add more salt/pepper.

Pour enough chicken broth and wine to go half way up the side of the roaster, cover with tinfoil.

Place in a preheated 300 degree oven for 5-7 hours. (It's hard to overcook!)

When ready to eat, remove the veggies and place in a serving bowl.

Pour out most of the broth, unless you want to use it for gravy.

Place the chicken back in the oven under the broiler for 3-5 minutes, to crisp up the skin.

Businesses join lineup at Plaza

Business *Briefs*

OPENINGS/CLOSINGS

There's been a flurry of activity in the Arcadia Plaza Shopping Center at 48th Street and Indian School Road during the past six months.

Over Easy seemed to start it off when it took over the space formerly occupied by **Sacks.**

Then, **iRun** opened on the center's west side in April. Inside, customers will find wall-to-wall running, hiking and exercise shoes, as well as clothing and gear.

Continuing south, there's a new **Edward Jones** office occupied by financial planner **Sal Naini**, and a space under construction called the **Black Cat Coffee House.**

A few doors down, an ice cream franchise – **Rita's Italian Ice and Custard** – is in the process of a remodel (no word on opening date).

Upstairs, next to **Arcadia Urgent Care**, a new dentist, **Dr. John Harman** opened his office in April.

In the space formerly occupied by **Bally's** at 40th Street and Indian School, a new **Sky Park Indoor Trampoline Park** is anticipating opening this month.

AREA ENTREPRENEURS

An Arcadia resident for more than 34 years, Dale Lillard spent most of his career as an electronics engineer and president of **Lansdale Semiconductor**, a global, Phoenix-based company.

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Exhibit depicts Depression

The Burton Barr Central Library is hosting a new exhibit about how Arizonans lived during the Great Depression September 1- 27.

"A Dose of Cod Liver Oil: The New Deal in Arizona" combines photographs, maps, and documents to form an exhibit based on the influence of the Great Depression and the New Deal on Arizonans.

"It's a really neat exhibit," said Maria Hernandez of Phoenix Public Libraries.

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$8.75 Eggs Rancheros
$5.50 Egg, Bacon & Cheese Sandwich
$8.75 Chorizo Scramble
$12.50 Steak & Eggs
$7.00 Breakfast Burro w/choice of filling

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The fair-skinned father of four, Lillard was conscientious in the everyday duty of applying sunscreen on his likewise fair-skinned toddlers. He was on the lookout for a sun-block product that could be applied while bathing or showering.

Unable to find what he wanted, he set off to invent his own. Twenty years later, after chemists, scientists and other experts all told him his idea was impossible, Lillard found the answer practically next door.

With Michael Doyle, Lillard's neighbor/inventor, the two came up with a solution, literally. Doyle's bonding method brought UVA and UVB protection to the natural ingredients in Lillard's base, and the SPF15 body and hand washes were born.

Lillard's **Solise Body & Hand Wash** just hit the shelves in health and beauty stores in more than 15 states, including Arizona, as well as Canada and the Bahamas.

Discover more on these businesses eatatovereasy.com; sacks.info; irunshop.com; jumpskypark.com; solise.com; edwardjones.com; theblackcatcoffeehouse.com; ritasice.com; arcadiaurgentcare.com; drharmandentalcare.com.

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"It shows how people survived at the time. We are doing it as one of our centennial projects because it's an opportunity for people to think about what it was like to live at that time and what in their current lives is reflective of back then."

The exhibit is on loan as a traveling exhibit from the Arizona State Department of Libraries, Hernandez said.

An integral part of the exhibit is a community panel where the public can bring their own photos and keepsakes to share their family story.

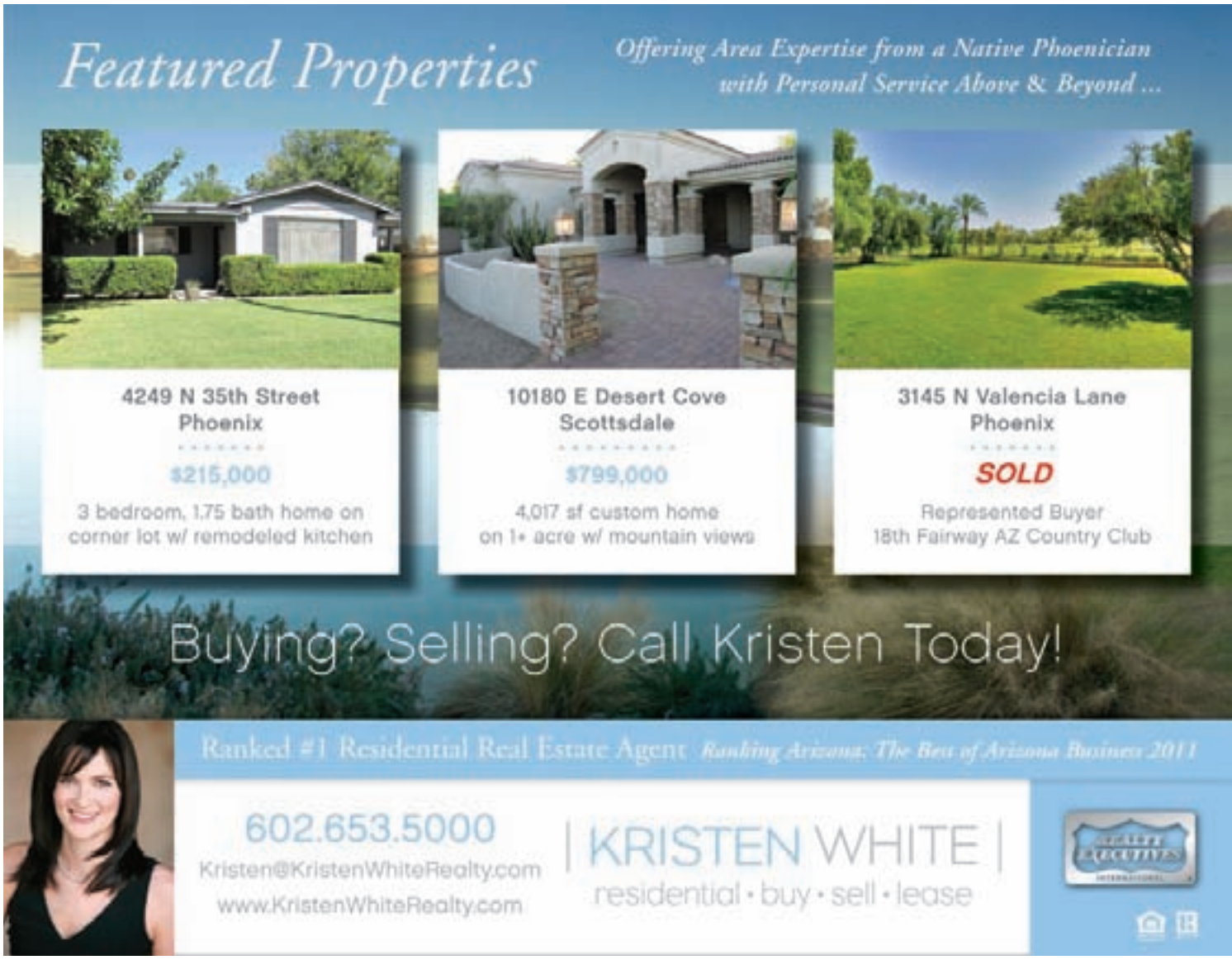
"People can share their own experience and their family experience and history with the rest of the citizens who come to visit the exhibit and be part of the exhibit," Hernandez said.

The exhibit will be displayed on the second floor of the Burton Barr Central Library and is part of the celebration of Arizona turning 100 years old in February.

The library is at 1221 N. Central Ave.

Community *Happenings*

Vendors are being accepted for the annual Prince of Peace craft bazaar Oct. 22 at the church, 56th St. and Indian School Rd. Tables rent for $40. For more information, call 480-947-9240.



Neighbor

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Touché enjoyed local foods such as bitterballen -- a savory, deep-fried Dutch snack similar to krokets and typically made of minced beef, beef broth, flour, butter, parsley, salt and pepper.

"My favorite moment (of the trip) was sitting outside at a restaurant on a busy street eating deep-fried anchovies and calamari in Amsterdam," Touché said. "Nobody ever sat inside if they had the option to sit outside. It gave us a chance to relax and enjoy the city."

Another favorite memory was when he experienced "one of the best bike rides ever while the sun was coming up."

"I wasn't ready to come home; I was enjoying my traveling too much," Touché said. "I mostly have gone to London. My dad lived there for two years, so we try to make it out there as much as possible. It's my goal to live there for a couple of years."

Touché has also traveled to Mexico and France. He just returned from his latest visit to London in mid-August, when he helped his brother move there from Arizona.

"I have always had a passion for trying and seeing new things," Touché said. "I like traveling, even when it's for work. I have had many great and even some bad experiences, but I always feel that I have changed (for the better) even just a little bit every time. The further away I get from home, the more my perspective seems to change."

Touché hopes to travel to Germany in the near future. He said he is currently looking for work in Phoenix.

Kaley Kalil is a 24-year-old traveler from Arcadia who has lived in and traveled to roughly 30 countries. Email her at kaley.kalil@gmail.com.

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DETAILS INCLUDE:

When: Friday, September 23 at 3:30 p.m.

Where: (parade route) Starting at Shemer to Exeter to Rubicon to Lafayette and then back to Shemer.

Who: All types of AHS clubs and groups will be participating and making their own floats. Each grade level will also enter STUGO floats. An added feature will be Arcadia High's own Royalty! Future and past Titans are invited to march in the parade. The neighbors and community are all invited to come out and watch.

For more information or to offer support: contact Kris DeWulf at kdewulf@cox.net or www.arcadiapto.org.

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She said she came across Arizona Connections Academy, a fully accredited, tuition free, virtual public school.

The Smoake children were enrolled for eighth and ninth grade, and Yvette served as their learning coach, the guardian responsible for day-to-day activities.

The academy provided the family with state-certified teachers and free educational materials, including textbooks, art supplies, audio equipment, and a computer equipped with a webcam.

The school also offered technology courses, clubs, field trips, extracurricular activities and electives such as foreign language courses.

This year Jordan, who has aspirations in cosmetology and photography, is enrolled in Web design and digital photography. After her sophomore year, the virtual school also will pay for cosmetology courses at the East Valley Institute of Technology in Mesa.

Trent is provided special education services ranging from curriculum modification to speech therapy.

Yvette said she has been pleased with the results of the Individualized Education Program.

"I can stay in close contact with his teachers, and I am able to modify his curriculum and accommodate his learning level," she said.

Although the brother and sister did not join any clubs like debate or arts, in their first year, they said they would like to be more involved this time around.

By 2015, Connections Academy estimates more than 17 million K-12 students in the U.S. will receive a portion of their education online. Four million of those students will receive 100 percent of their education from a virtual school.

Coronado High School in Scottsdale has begun offering more than 20 online classes to students this fall.





Kebba Buckley Button

Stress leads author to book subject

By Brittany Morris

Kebba Buckley Button, a five-time published author of self-help books, said too often a blind eye is turned to natural treatments and health.

The Arcadia resident said that after several years of stress in her work as an engineer, she decided to work in holistic health to find the proper balance of physical, psychological and social needs.

The inner peace Buckley Button refers to is a state of mind she said can be triggered with meditation. Her latest book is "Peace Within."

"Meditation can be visual, audio, kinesthetic – some prefer to be guided through meditation, and some even walk around," she said.

"It's a personal experience. For me it's a reflexive response, I drop my shoulders, exhale and go to peace within."

The intention, Buckley Button said, is to reset the brain and nervous system. For those who wish to appeal to a higher power, meditation strengthens a person's relationship with the divine.

"I've been meditating for 30 years, and before I was a stress mess. I had no positive tools.

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Writers

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"I get so inspired by all the dynamic women."

Brooks, Kessler and Buckley Button agreed that in the past six years, how books are written and sold has changed.

"I have no doubt that many of my authors would not have been on the shelves if it hadn't been for the dramatic changes in the industry," Brooks said. "We have so much opportunity."

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Big bugs

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"At one point I had to ask myself, OK, how do I build a 25-foot long ant?" he said.

"All the exhibits and good praise pale in comparison to actually physically manifesting the sculptures."

Rogers said that every garden he has toured has been unique but he recognizes the Desert Botanical Garden as the only desert plant exhibit he has been to.

He said he hopes his exhibit will open peoples' eyes to the insect world, as it is sometimes taken for granted.

"There is a lesson to be learned," he said. "The insect world plays more of an important role in ecology than humans do, but overall the exhibit is very playful and about having fun."

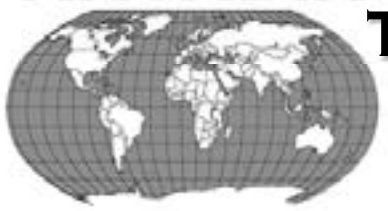
The Big Bugs exhibit will run through Jan. 15.

The exhibit is included with Garden admission. Cost is $18 for adults, $15 for seniors, $10 for students with ID, $8 for children 3-12 years-of-age. Garden members and children 2 years and younger are admitted free.

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Garden docents needed; chance to learn, inform

By Elias Tolano

The Desert Botanical Garden is currently recruiting volunteer docents to lead visitors on tours and share desert knowledge.

Garden officials said no prior experience is needed to be a docent and all necessary training is provided.

The only requirement is an enthusiasm for learning and sharing knowledge about desert plant life.

Training will start this month and includes courses in biology and ecology.

The training also includes an eight-week interpretation course that teaches volunteers how to conduct tours and engage visitors.

Overall, about 100 hours of training are needed.

The Desert Botanical Garden is one of only 44 botanical gardens to be accredited by the American Association of Museums.

The Garden is a Phoenix Point of Pride and showcases more than 50,000 plant displays in outdoor exhibits.

More than 1,000 volunteers and 100 staff members are needed at the Garden, so docents are welcome to apply all year round.

Nancy White, the Garden's assistant director of education, said training does take a certain amount of time.

Being a docent, however, is a fun opportunity to meet people from all over the world and learn about the environment, she said.

Arcadia resident Vicki Motzkin has been a docent for three years at the Garden and said volunteering is a commitment, but isn't overwhelming.

"Docents volunteer one day a week for four hours, and training is equivalent to a school semester," she said.

"You just don't get thrown out there. You become very educated in order to participate."

Motzkin said tours can be small or large but she prefers smaller tours because they are more engaging and everyone is able to hear.

She also said visitors are incredibly diverse and come from all walks of life.

The Garden's volunteers also are an interesting group.

"I have friends there who vary in age, life experiences and careers," she said.

Marilyn Dennett, an Arcadia resident who has been a Garden docent for 11 years, said she gets more enjoyment from volunteering than just visiting the Garden.

"There's nothing like this garden anywhere else in the world," she said. "It's a great learning environment and a chance to meet people from all corners of the globe."

A Hawaii native, Dennett moved to the East Valley for job relocation and said there was no better way to learn about the Sonoran Desert than to become a volunteer at the Garden.

After learning about how desert plants adapt to their environment, Dennett said she has a lot more respect for them.

Dennett's fondest memory of volunteering is when a group of blind visitors walked through the Garden.

"It was beautiful. All the senses were going," she said.

"Anyone can come here and enjoy the Garden."

White said the Garden is looking for docents willing to work weekends and afternoon shifts.

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3 schools

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A classic overachieving and perfectionist firstborn, Emma, who entered her freshman year at Arcadia High School, said she wanted to spend her high school years at a large public school, unlike her siblings.

"We each go to different schools, but we all still have a really good time where we are," she said. "I started Arcadia swim and already everyone has been really welcoming and I'm excited to start something new."

Emma said for now, she enjoys doing the breast stroke, but eventually is interested in possibly perusing a career in medicine and attending Arizona State University.

Also a sport enthusiast, Matt, who Linda described as "the most laid back even though he is trapped between two hyper-verbal, controlling sisters," plays club basketball and thrives in smaller environments.

"We stumbled upon Valley Classical Christian Academy and now we like to call it the best kept secret," Linda said. "It's so small you get to know all the teachers, but it provides a great education."

After describing a time when he received math help from his teacher over the home phone, Matt said he loves the Christian environment at his school.

"My school is small and the kids are all really nice," he said. "I like that they teach you more about Jesus Christ."

Matt, who began sixth grade this year, said although Valley Classical Christian Academy doesn't have a basketball team, he wants to be an NBA player for either the Phoenix Suns or the Boston Celtics.

Grace, the brainchild of the family, is among the first students to attend Archway Classical Academy–Veritas, an academically challenging school for the fourth-grader, Linda said.

"It's a charter school, so it's free and we thought, 'Wow in this economy, if we can get a similar product for free, why not,'" she said. "It's a traditional education heavily based on literature and also offers foreign languages."

When the Schlenkers attended Grace's open house, they said they were impressed with the school (at the old Motorola site on 56th Street) and the administration. Grace said she, too, was amazed and wants to stay with the Veritas program until she graduates and goes to college to study medicine.

"I want to be a couple things," she said. "I either want to be an anesthesiologist or a vascular surgeon."

With an overachiever, a soon-to-be NBA player and a brainchild, Brent said each of the schools are ideal for their children and seamlessly fit their personalities.

"It took us a while to find that fit, but for us that was always the most important thing," he said. "Back when we were all growing up you went to the public school in your neighborhood and there was no other option."

He said it was important to have each child find their own niche, even if that meant three different schools.

"It feels like when you first have kids it's going to be forever, but the time has just flown by," he said. "You blink and then they're gone, of all the sacrifices you make for them, we don't mind one bit."

A family that still has sit-down dinners together, reserved for weekends since the weekday evenings are filled with homework and a variety of other extracurricular activities, the Schlenkers agreed the best thing about their family is how much fun they have together.

"I like the way we work well together," Emma said. "We all hang out, we all have dinner and we all make each other laugh."

Coronado

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Among those people: Tempe Mayor Hugh Hallman; Van O'Steen of O'Steen & Harrison law firm; Gail Johnson, who starred as Mimi on Days of Our Lives during the '60s; East Valley Tribune columnist Mark Scarp; and Jesse Valenzuela, a guitar player for '90s pop rock band Gin Blossoms.

Coronado High School opened in 1961 and was named after Spanish conquistador Francisco Vasquez de Coronado.

The school is widely recognized by its auditorium, which features a historic mosaic near the entrance representing the seven arts. Art teacher Joe Gatti designed the piece that has been in place since the school's first year. It is comprised of more than 100,000 three-quarter inch tiles that Coronado's fine arts students were instrumental in piecing together.

Other notable symbols of the school include the "Donettes," a girls' pom pom line that began in 1961 and lasted 27 years. Most performances by the dance group were at football and basketball games, but their popularity would become a coveted position among female students. The group performed at the 1977 Fiesta Bowl halftime show and reunited for Coronado's 40th homecoming anniversary in 2001.

Coronado was a perennial state champ in gymnastics during the '60s and '70s. Under the reign of head coach Harvey Plant, the school would capture eight state championships in a 10-year period.

Over the decades, Coronado has seen many changes to its student body and diversity. The student population, now at about 1,500, was once almost double that. The student body now consists of larger Hispanic, Asian, black, and Native American populations. Hispanics account for about one-fifth of students.

The school was designed by architect Ralph Haver, a midcentury architect who designed numerous public and commercial buildings. The school rests on 40 acres of land between Scottsdale and Miller roads.

Coronado has been featured in five major motion pictures including "Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventure."

Straight Up

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"You can manage your energies and trade stress in for energy."

Beyond meditation, Buckley Button said food can play a large role in stress levels and the quest for inner peace. Meat and sugar are stress-inducing foods and have dangerously high acidities if eaten in excess, she said.

Rather, she suggested incorporating dark greens into one's diet. Nutrition science, she said, has been her saving grace.

"I had an illness that afflicted my joints from head to toe; I was constantly burning," Buckley Button said. "Rather than taking medications, I educated myself in holistic health and cured myself within eight years through meditation and a healthy diet."

After recapturing her inner peace and energy, Buckley Button said she set out to share her knowledge with others. She speaks at public engagements regularly and conducts stress management seminars across the Valley. Each session varies, because the quest for a naturally healthy life is personal.

"There is no reason for pain and stress. I would love it, if I could help people to reach an inner peace. I would like people to feel good until the day they die. I want people to laugh often and love much," Buckley Button said.

Book series aims to help children

By Brittany Morris

Yellow corn and lessons on obedience are pivotal in an Arcadia local's first children's book.

"The Adventures of Top Hat Crow" by Saundra Greensfelder is the first of many in a series tailored for children. Each installment is designed to tackle conflicting moments in childhood, such as transitions from one grade, age, or day-to-day encounters, and making them easier.

Much like the topics that color the pages of Greensfelder's new book, the events that created the new series seem far apart.

A traumatic event and a plush black crow spurred Greensfelder's desire to write a children's book, she said.

A stroke brought Greensfelder's 39th year of teaching to a screeching halt. She had taught kindergarten classes, as well grades 1 through 5.

"I had been hoping to reach my 40th year and retire. But they say that when God closes one door, he opens another. I couldn't return to work after my stroke, and this gave me time start my book," Greensfelder said.

The plush black crow had been bought in London, England – one of many countries that Greensfelder, a military wife, lived in. A desk ornament for several years, the stuffed animal became her main character.

Named Top Hat, many of the tribulations that the crow encounters are closely related with incidents that Greensfelder witnessed in the classroom and at home with her three sons – and still does today with her two grandchildren.

"'Time to Move Top Hat' features a time when Top Hat is happy with his life, and his parents decide to move. This was similar to my own family and our constantly moving because my husband was in the Air Force," she said.

Both the stroke and a plush crow had combined for an unexpected combination, and the process, Greensfelder said, took nearly a year.

"I sent it out to several publishers, and when it was picked up, we sent it back and forth between one another several times. It was a long process because they couldn't make a change without me. It was a good experience and I look forward to the others in the series."

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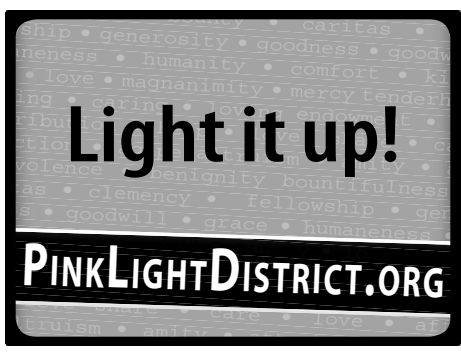
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The Rocky Horror Picture Show is more a cult event than a movie.

'Rocky Horror' draws cult following to MADCAP

By Alli Ligget

In a certain Tempe theater, along with soda, candy and buttered popcorn, moviegoers are encouraged to dress in costume, misbehave and hurl plenty of profanities at the screen.

The theater is MADCAP, and every Saturday night it hosts a screening and live production of *The Rocky Horror Picture Show.*

Tempe's MADCAP theater (formerly the Harkins Centerpoint) started hosting *Rocky* in 2009 after the show bounced around different Valley theaters since the movie's release in 1975.

Cast members of the live show dress up as characters from the movie and act out *Rocky* as it plays behind them.

Producer Matthew Yenkala describes the experience as "fun but sometimes tasteless."

Before the show, audience members are encouraged to buy a bag of props that includes squirt guns, rice, toast and sunglasses. They are then permitted to interact with the live show.

Virgin sacrifices for the people who have never seen the movie before also are a part of the evening's entertainment.

Virgins get red Vs painted on their faces and are invited onstage to play games before the show.

Yenkala calls the tradition "good-natured hazing."

After the virgin sacrifice, *Rocky* is projected on the screen as the cast acts it out word-for-word, along with added lines and sexual jokes and innuendo.

Along with the performance, the audience shouts "call backs" during pauses in dialogue. Call backs are anything from remarks about appearances to calling a character's names, or commenting on bloopers in the movie.

Chelsea Claeys said she knew after her first experience more than a year ago that she wanted to be a part of the movie magic.

"It was the most fun I had had at a movie theater ever," she said.

Claeys contacted Yenkala about joining the cast soon after and joined the show in October.

"Joining the *Rocky* cast has really helped me come out of my shell," said Claeys.

Yenkala said he thinks *Rocky* has maintained its popularity because of the experience and the sense of community it provides for the cast and those who attend regularly.

"*Rocky* opens a door for people at a certain point in their life," Yenkala said. The show provides a place where people are welcome and accepted without judgment, he added.

Claeys said the *Rocky* cast is the first group she has ever belonged to, and its theme – accepting who you are – resonates with her.

"The main character walks around in fishnets and owns it," Claeys said. "Everybody's different and kind of crazy, but they like it."

For the latest updates, follow the group online at www.azrocky.com.

Community Happenings

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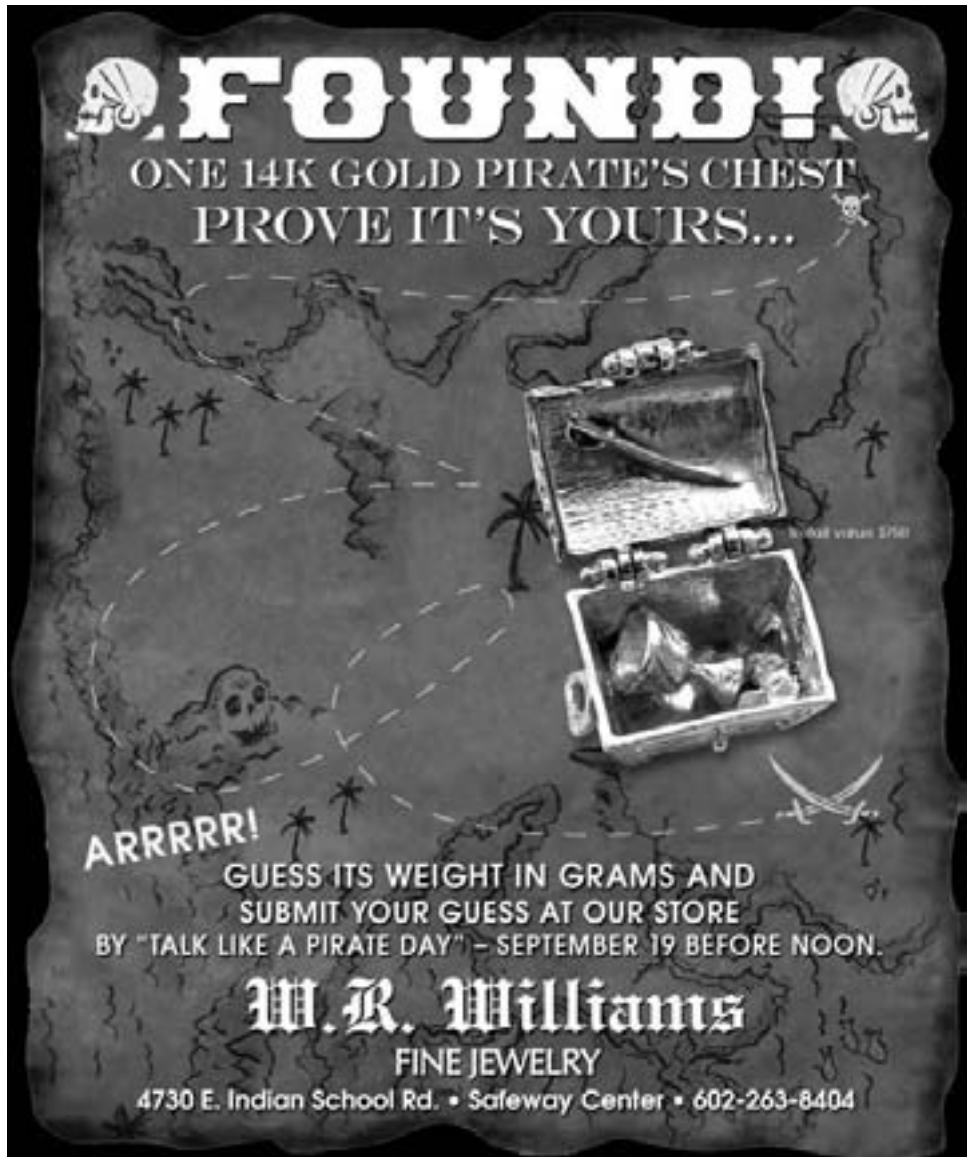
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Criminal justice system 'not like Law and Order'

By Sabrina Desjardins and Christina Bravo

The accused robbers, rapists, killers and drunk drivers would be the ones to make the 6 o'clock news.

But the commissioner, the county attorney and the police are behind the scenes making sure these perpetrators are granted fairness from the time of their arrest until their initial appearances.

The initial appearance is the first step in the U.S. justice system and is guaranteed within 24 hours of a person's arrest in Arizona.

There is a series of steps, however, before a defendant is brought into the courtroom.

"It's not like Law and Order," Sgt. C.R. Price with the Phoenix Police Department said.

"We're more organized than them."

The process leading up to a defendant's initial appearance must be organized because it needs to be quick, Price said.

For the Maricopa County Fourth Avenue Jail, it all begins in the intake area. There, arrestees are kept in one square room until police, sitting at one long row of computers, finish processing bookings, taking mug shots, and determining citizenship, Price said.

The arrestee is then moved to another room where he or she is patted down by police in blue latex gloves and sent through a metal detector.

Now the arrestee waits in a holding cell with other inmates until taken to a pretrial room to be questioned about income, address, marital status, and other information to help the commissioner decide on what bail amount to set.

But the jail has another side to it, said James Charnell, a Maricopa County deputy county attorney.

"You walk through that door there," Charnell said as he pointed to a door a matter of steps from his office that leads to the jail. "That one door at the end of that hallway and it is completely different."

Here, inmates don't line the walls with their faces pressed up against a small glass on a heavy bolted door. Police aren't walking the square of holding cells. Instead, there are a few small offices where a few men and women review paperwork.

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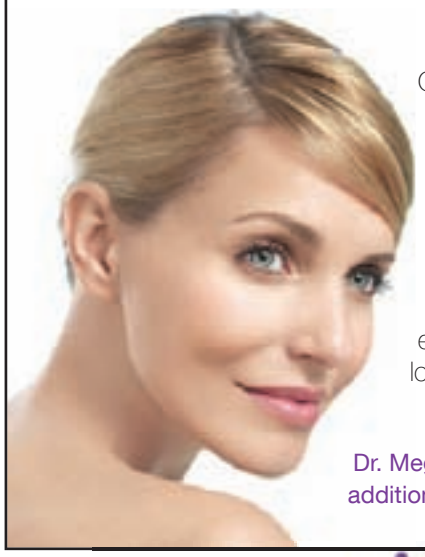
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Ethics institute teaches ways to transform groups

By Daniel Kemp

The Scottsdale-based Williams Institute for Ethics and Management's goal is to build ethics in communities using what it calls transformative ethics instead of conformative ethics.

Whether it be a school, an organization, or law enforcement, the institute focuses on the relationship between people.

"Ethics is ultimately about people and relationships and making responsible decisions," said David Braaten, the institute's president and CEO.

The organization offers training and services to universities, companies, and law enforcement agencies.

It also sponsors a yearly essay contest comprised of 19 high schools, mainly Arizona schools. Each school has its own competition in which a junior and a senior win a $500 scholarship.

"Each essay is read three different times by up to seven different people," said Bonnie McCalley, the scholarship coordinator.

"It is a rigorous evaluation process."

As the essay contest has grown during the past 17 years, so has the institute as a whole.

While traditional ethics programs follow specific guidelines or codes of conduct, the institute teaches looking at decisions through different ethical perspectives.

"People learn that they have an ethical perspective and think 'I didn't know that'," Braaten said.

"Then if I have one, other people must have one too. It takes away the 'I'm ethical and you're not argument'.

"We can realize our differences in this ethical problem are our perspectives and approaches in this decision."

Each person can have a different ethical response or thought process in a decision, but what's important is the communication and relationship between the people.

For instance, "The underlying reasoning between the obligation perspective which looks at the importance of following rules in society differs from the results perspective which is the bottom line perspective," Braaten said.

"Simplified it is a cost-benefit for people all have a right to XYZ in a decision. One is considered cold and heartless and the other is naïve.

"The point is they are both ethical perspectives trying to reach a decision, and are neither heartless nor naïve."

Included among the institute's clients are University of Phoenix, Concordia University, Polk County Florida Police Department and New Hampshire State Liquor Enforcement.

James Delzer, a faculty member of University of Phoenix, said his students never realized there was so much more to an ethical dilemma and how to resolve it until they took the institute's training.

Williams Institute for Ethics and Management breaks down ethics into different perspectives and goes step through step on how to make an ethical decision.

Each situation is a case-by-case proposition and inside of that, the relationships and people involved in the situation are what's important.

"We help provide tools to help transform organizations and people to make stronger and better ethical decisions," Braaten said.

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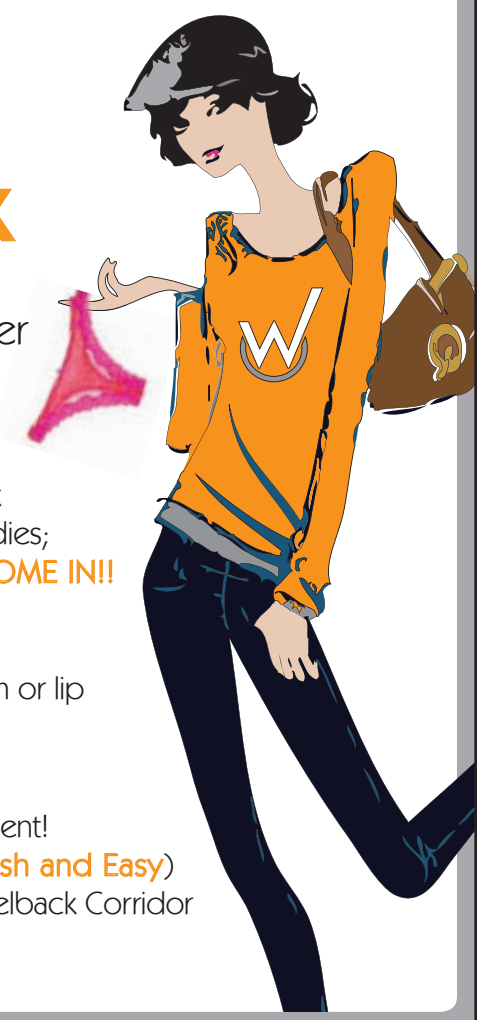
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Courts

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The county attorney and the commissioner must review 10 to 40, quarter-inch thick police reports before their next court session. They can work two to three court sessions in a day, meaning that one judge can process up to 120 sessions a day.

Court sessions are spaced three hours apart during the 24 hours: 2 a.m., 5 a.m., 8 a.m., 11 a.m., 2 p.m., 5 p.m., 8 p.m. and 11 p.m., Charnell said.

The county attorney and commissioner are making sure there was probable cause to arrest the defendant. If there is not, the commissioner must let the defendant go. This can happen when reports are not written well enough or in depth enough by the officer, Charnell said.

"This pc (probable cause) statement has to meet the requirements of the (statute book) or else, it could be a murder case, (and) he has to release him," Charnell said. "(We) deal with serious crimes. That is when your blood pressure goes up."

Before the 24-hour time limit is up, the defendant is brought into the courtroom. It is cold and bright and metal benches are bolted to the floor.

Anyone from a person charged with possession of marijuana to someone charged with homicide sits in the same room waiting to be called to the podium, Charnell said.

This short process is the final step in initial appearances, but it is the only part people on the outside get to see, through a viewing room TV that only shows the defendant.

Here, a commissioner will determine if a defendant should be released, if bond and how much should be posted or if the defendant must remain in custody.

A bond can reach up to $1 million if the commissioner decides that the defendant may attempt to flee or can cause harm or damage if allowed to leave, initial appearance Commissioner Brian D. Kaiser said.

If a county attorney is interested in a case, he or she will appear during one of three court sessions during a shift and announce to the commissioner what he or she thinks the release conditions should be, Kaiser said. The commissioner makes the final decision.

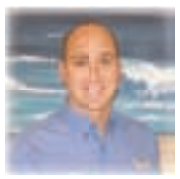
The defendant then sits until all other cases are reviewed and determined by the commissioner.

The jobs held by the people behind the scenes of initial appearance court may not always be easy, Charnell said.

"It's a serious place. I mean you're in a jail," Charnell said. "You hear that door, and that one there locks."

And although he doesn't believe he can say it is particularly enjoyable, "it's more interesting than going to your office and sitting at a desk."

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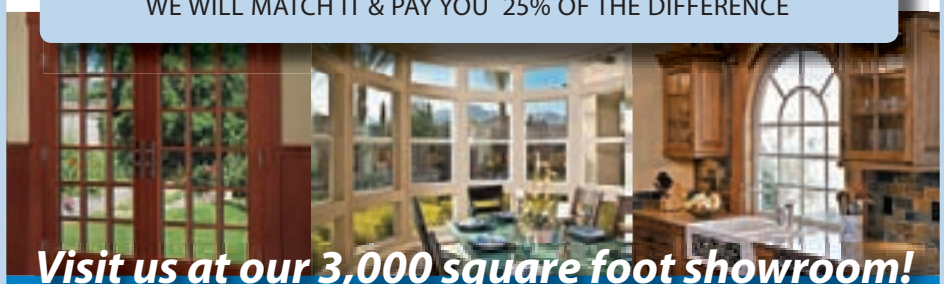
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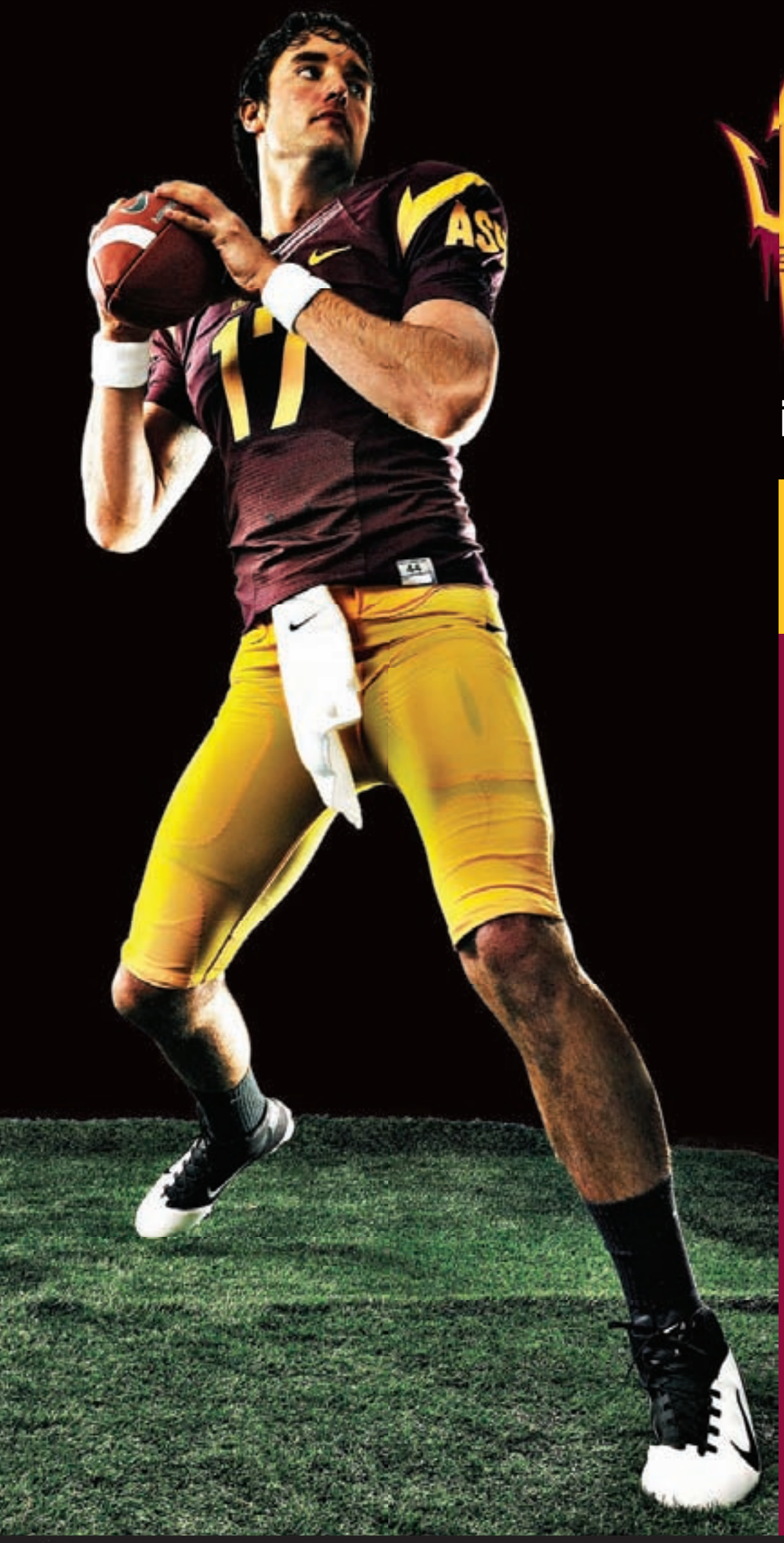
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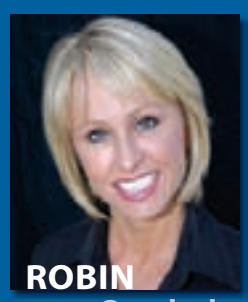


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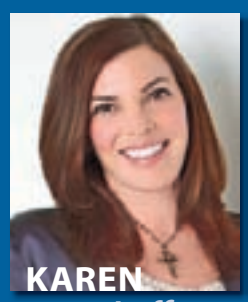
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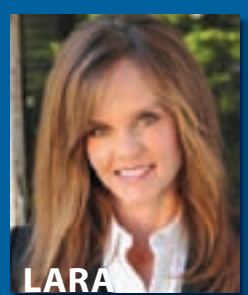
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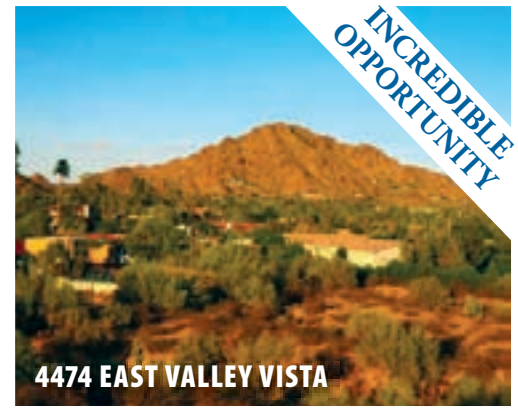
This fantastic lot is surrounded by the most exquisite homes in Arcadia and will soon become the next one to add to that prestigious list. It's more than half an acre with spectacular views and perfect placement on Exeter! Build your dream or check out the approved plans that are ready and available upon request. $799,000. Call Robert 602-989-8300.



This immaculate home is located on a fabulous lot in a terrific cul-de-sac. Five large bedrooms, an open pretty kitchen with stainless appliances, double ovens and a Sub Zero fridge, big dining room and living room, charming family room with fireplace and lots of space for any size family. Sitting on an amazing three quarter of an acre lot with beautiful mountain views and adjacent to magnificent estates, this home can be incredible with just a little TLC! $949,000. Call Robert 602-989-8300 or Lara 602-628-7332.



HUGE LOT!!! This Arcadia home is located on a 38,000 square foot lot with great views of Camelback Mountain. The home is updated with an open floor plan and lots of natural light, including 4 bedrooms with walk in closets, beautiful wood flooring throughout, top of the line appliances and granite counter tops. The master suite has a private patio and the master bathroom is modern and sleek. Lots of space to add on or just to keep as a large yard. Over sized 2 car garage with extra storage. $1,095,000. Call Lara 602-628-7332.



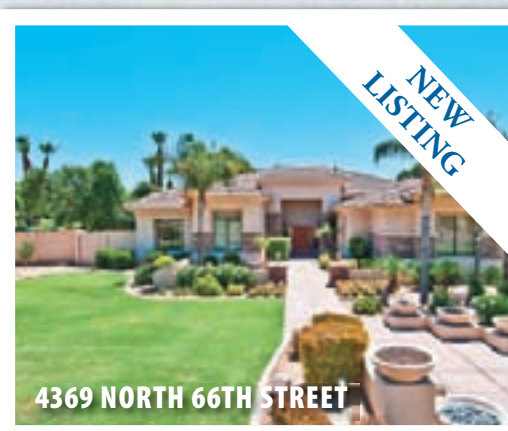
This is a pristine 2.2 acre custom lot nestled in the very special Paradise Valley Sanctuary. It has spectacular views of Camelback Mountain and so much open space from the neighboring lot that it leaves you thinking it's more like 5 acres than 2. This is an extraordinary setting for a private compound! You truly must walk this lot to understand the amazing potential, exquisite views and complete privacy. Plans are available for an 11,000 square foot custom build-to-suit French Chateau. The highly motivated seller has reduced the property $1,000,000 from its original list price! $1,295,000. Call Robert 602-989-8300.



Situated in the beautiful gated community of Echo Canyon at Tatum and McDonald. This beautiful home is absolutely immaculate and captures the true spirit of Southwest living! Each room is filled with sunlight and the open floor plan truly shines. The spacious island kitchen is delightful and the charming breakfast room has its own brick fireplace. Three bedrooms including a grand master suite, five bathrooms, a large living room and dining room, a very nice office, plenty of built-in cabinetry and storage space, and lots of windows. The pristine landscape frames the outdoor living spaces beautifully and the mountain views are truly awe inspiring. $899,000. Call Rebecca 602-799-8229 or Robert 602-989-8300.



This darling Arcadia ranch is the perfect home for the growing family. The very pretty kitchen has bead board cabinetry and stainless and white appliances and the big family room is a great! The dining room has a dramatic brick fireplace and all the bedrooms including the spacious master suite are very nice! The covered patio is a perfect spot for entertaining with a built in barbecue and fire pit and there's a great big yard for the kids to play. This charming home has beautiful wood flooring throughout and is absolutely immaculate! $499,000. Call Robert 602-989-8300 or Chris 602-228-6296.

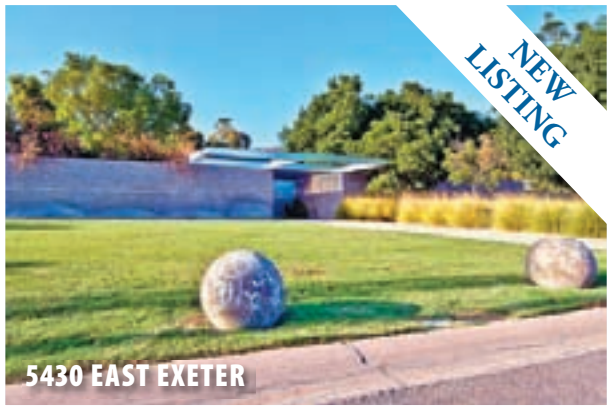


A beautiful gated entry leads to a sprawling ranch with soaring ceilings and grand rooms. Chef's kitchen with honed granite, Wolf and Sub Zero appliances, double ovens and wine refrigerator. More than 5,200 square feet, 5 bedrooms, 6 baths, travertine, granite custom built-ins, full basement with huge family room, exercise room, gorgeous master suite with fireplace, huge backyard with pool, fountain, raised deck and large patio. This phenomenal home has beautiful finishes and is perfect for the family of any size! $1,695,000. Call Robert 602-989-8300 or Lara 602-628-7332.

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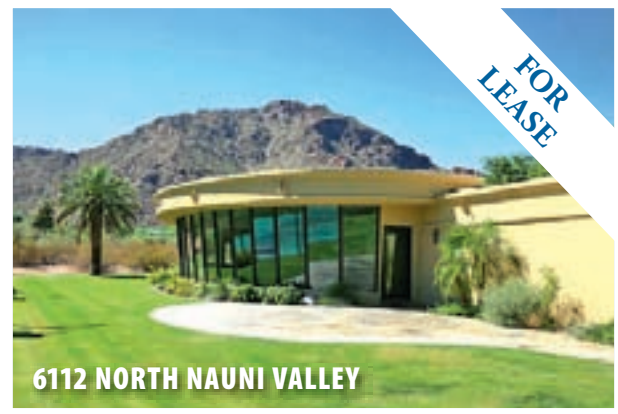
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Perfect for the horse lover or someone who just appreciates the very best! This is truly an opportunity like no other, with six acres of the most prime real estate available in Arizona!! There's an absolutely gorgeous 3,000 square foot home that was been built with the finest quality and adorns custom features at every turn. It will eventually make an exquisite guest house as a counterpart to the home that will be built on the property. The pristine air conditioned horse stables, as well as a fabulous corral and turn out, are perfect for the horses to play and there are exquisite mountain views from every inch of the property! This grand ranch is waiting for the lucky owner to build whatever the imagination can handle! Call Robert 602-989-8300 or Rebecca 602-799-8229.



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! Call for pricing. Call Robert 602-989-8300.



This home is decorated to perfection and couples a wonderful Sante Fe feel with a terrific color palette and exciting style! You'll be impressed by the pristine design as each room has its own custom touches and distinct personality. The gorgeous kitchen has stainless steel appliances, custom cabinetry and granite countertops, the family room exudes warmth, the grand living room has an exquisite stone fireplace, and the dining room is just another great space! The finishes are fabulous including wood beams, scored concrete flooring, granite, travertine, slate, flagstone, alder wood doors, three fireplaces and the list goes on! The outside offers fantastic entertainment options with a magnificent covered patio, gorgeous pool, spectacular fountain and simply glorious mountain views! This home is truly beautiful! $795,000. Call Robert 602-989-8300 or Karen 602-628-3842.



This expansive manor is so much more than words can convey! Each of the exquisite rooms will take your breath away including an unbelievable movie theater, amazing game room, health club caliber exercise room, glorious kitchen and a master retreat that will blow your mind! The awe inspiring grounds encompass nearly 2.5 acres and not only include a pool, spa and outdoor kitchen, but also a full air conditioned barn and riding arena! Certainly not a footnote is the multiple meticulous air conditioned garages that can house up to 13 cars!! This is truly high end living at its best with finishes of the finest quality from dramatic canterra fireplaces, phenomenal lighting, elegant cabinetry and grand scale decor at every turn. If entertaining is your delight, mountain views are your desire and magnificent taste suits your palette, this home is for you! Call Robert for pricing and information 602-989-8300.



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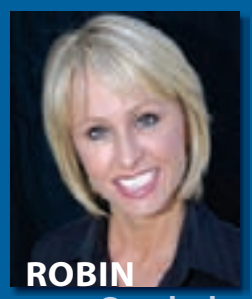
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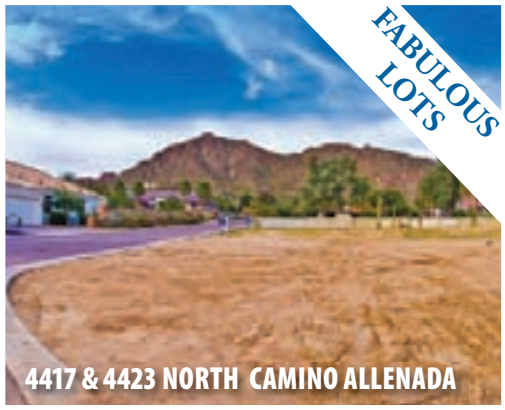
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The value of this one is all in the land. This is a truly amazing piece of property and probably the best lot available in Arcadia at the moment! It measures nearly an acre and is located on a fantastic street with the most exquisite mountain views! It's minutes away from Hopi and surrounded by beautiful homes. If you're looking to build in Arcadia, this one's perfect for you! $995,000. Call Robert 602-989-8300 or Robin 602-380-8735.



This is a perfect rental! Located in the heart of Arcadia, it's very pretty and absolutely immaculate. Bright and open with a huge island kitchen, big family room and living room and a great dining room, all with tons of natural light. It's a spacious 3,091 square feet home with 4 bedrooms, 3 baths sitting on a third of an acre. $4,000 per month furnished! Call Robert 602-989-8300 or Chris 602-228-6296.



This is definitely the best opportunity available in Arcadia. It's a prime 40,000 square foot lot located at the end of a private interior cul-de-sac with no traffic and absolutely pristine mountain views! This is truly an opportunity to have the finest home site available in this incredibly desirable neighborhood. $800,000. Call Robert 602-989-8300.



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! $655,000. Call Robert 602-989-8300.



This is a fantastic home with beautiful finishes! The island kitchen is simply gorgeous and the open floor plan makes entertaining a must. The beautiful family room is the perfect place to settle in and enjoy a movie and the billiards room is amazing! The master retreat is incredible with a fabulous master bath and there's a phenomenal guest house too! Granite countertops, custom cabinetry, stainless steel appliances, magnificent wood flooring, huge covered patio and a gorgeous pool are more of what this special home has to offer! $495,000. Call Robert 602-989-8300 or Chris 602-228-6296.



This elegant home for the truly lucky! It's full of everything beautiful and everything special! Each room has its own breathtaking quality with truly inspired design and décor. This chic European custom home is created with the highest quality craftsmanship and not a single detail is missing. It easily parallels the finest homes you'll find in the entire country and the grounds are simply unbelievable. Any homeowner will pinch themselves if lucky enough to live in this one! $3,495,000. Call Robert 602-989-8300.

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This is a fabulous custom estate located in a phenomenal gated cul de sac. Romantic design and Tuscan charm inhabit every inch from the glorious fountain courtyard to the multiple patios, each its own European style vignette. The magnificent kitchen is a chef's dream with double ovens, double dishwashers, warming drawer, stone, granite and pristine custom cabinetry. The special kids' wing is incredible with oversized bedrooms, a play loft and huge den. The regal dining room and exquisite family room are glorious entertainment spaces and the master retreat gets five stars for sure! The sophisticated design elements include a butler's pantry, elegant wine room, amazing guest house, custom touches in every bath, solid wood doors, wide plank wood flooring, limestone, canterra fireplace surrounds, furniture grade cabinetry, barrel ceilings and more. The luscious grounds have unimaginable taste from the zip line and vine enclosed pool to the exquisite mountain views! This opulent home simply has it all and is truly something. $2,895,000. Call Robert 602-989-8300 or Robin 602-380-8735.



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! $1,100,000. Call Robert 602-989-8300.



This exquisite custom estate is more than words can convey! From the time you enter the gracious courtyard entry lined with vine covered walls, you'll be struck by the elegance, warmth and character of this resort style estate. Its drama mirrors that of Italy's finest, with finishes that are of the finest quality. The beauty of the chef's kitchen, restaurant style wet bar and wine cellar will take your breath away, not to mention the billiards room, regal dining room, full media room with its own kitchen, and wonderful guest quarters. True beauty is sprawling through every inch of this glorious home with extraordinary custom finishes. Wood beams, Venetian plaster, copper fixtures, breathtaking lighting, cantera columns, designer flooring and every bedroom designed and decorated to perfection! This European inspired manor's beauty has equally dramatic grounds with a breathtaking pool, spa, ramada, full kitchen and mountain views that are so pristine that it seems you can reach out and touch them. This home's true elegance will impress even the most discriminating buyer! $3,495,000 Call Robert 602-989-8300.



This exceptional home abounds in all the finer amenities. Completely remodeled making this the nicest home on the market under $2M. Truly one of the nicest kitchens you will ever see!! Warmth and character throughout. A wonderful split floorplan with a spacious home office and a detached two room guest house. Over sized 4+ car garage. All the finishes you expect to see: tumbled travertine, distressed hardwood, granite, canterra fireplaces, Subzero, Viking, etc. Mature desert landscaping with minimal maintenance! Located in a small gated community of Clearview Edition on an extremely private lot. Easy to show. (5155 SF Main/660 SF Guesthouse). Call Robert 602-989-8300.



This exquisite estate captures true southwest style! The custom finishes are too numerous to list as dramatic design elements encompass every inch of this magnificent home. From the chef's kitchen to the full theatre, you'll stroll through each room in amazement as this kind of attention to detail is rarely seen! Sitting in one of the most spectacular spots in the Valley, the city views take you as far as the eyes can see, and it's situated perfectly to accentuate the glorious mountain views as well. This special home is not only grand and elegant; it's also warm and inviting and has every possible amenity from the infinite pool and spa to the beautiful wine cellar and gorgeous guest house. This beautiful place is for someone lucky enough to live the Arizona lifestyle as it's meant to be! Call Robert 602-989-8300 or Chris 602-228-6296.



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.



This elevated hillside estate is elegance personified! From the moment you enter this awe inspiring masterpiece you can't help but be overwhelmed by its elegance and beauty. With its extravagant old world design, every inch is truly opulent and the extraordinary amenities are too numerous to list. Simply imagine a home designed and decorated with so much passion and grandeur that it takes your breath away! From the dramatic gourmet kitchen to the full theatre with projection screen or the perfect kids' wing and regal living and dining room, every inch is custom designed from wall to wall! The sophisticated finishes include hickory floors, venetian plaster, hand laid mosaic tile, antique wood beams, custom ceiling design, canterra columns and surrounds, hand painted European sinks, furniture grade cabinetry, exquisite wine room, walk up wet bar, the finest granite, limestone and marble, imported fixtures and so much more! Lightly lived in and built by the highly acclaimed Bedbrock Construction, this sophisticated show piece has been created with unimaginable taste and offers dramatic style from the inside out including the most glorious mountain views from every vantage point. This is honestly a theatrical masterpiece nestled in the heart of Paradise Valley! Call Robert for pricing 602-989-8300



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Suns Dudley needs family in order to remain happy

By Jessica Abercrombie

Jared Dudley, 26-year-old Phoenix Suns guard-forward, said he enjoys nothing more than watching his daughter interact with animals at the zoo, strolling in the park with his wife and using his Twitter account to prepare for his career after the NBA.

"If I'm not having fun, I wouldn't be happy," Dudley said. "My happiness is success, love and family."

Dudley said he has to spend time with his family or he's just not as happy in life.

"I'm lucky to have a good wife to be there with my daughter in those moments when I am gone," said Dudley, 2007 ACC Player of the Year.

Dudley said he loves the way his toddler daughter resembles him both physically and behaviorally.

"It's crazy because she looks just like me, she has my personality," he said. "She wants everyone to pick her up and take her all over the place.

"She always wants to do something and I love that."

Interning during the summers for such broadcast stations as ESPN, Dudley said when he's not chasing his daughter around he's diligently preparing for life after basketball.

The frequent Twitter user, @jareddudley619, said social media outlets also help build his resume beyond athletic credentials.

"Social media allows me to show my personality especially with things like interviews, talking to the media, JMZ and interacting with fans," he said.

"When I'm done with my career I want people to know that I'm not just a basketball player, but I have this other side to me, too."

JMZ is Dudley's athlete-oriented YouTube version of TMZ, a celebrity news website. Dudley said he doesn't see himself as a celebrity, but rather an athlete that's well known.

"If you aren't on US Weekly, you're not a celebrity," he said.

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Gianna Grumbein and her Arcadia teammates had a strong summer. Photo by David James.

Lady Titans: hot summer

The summer girls basketball team from Arcadia High finished summer play with a second-place finish in the Varsity Black Division of the Desert Hoops Shootout in Glendale.

The tournament featured 43 teams in three divisions, 15 of which were in the Varsity Black (the tournament's highest) division.

The Arcadia roster included Carsen Dresbach, Gabrielle Evans, Sarah Finley, Megan Gillespie, Andrea Goulette, Gianna Grumbein, Katlyn James, Madison Kern and Amber Scharnow.



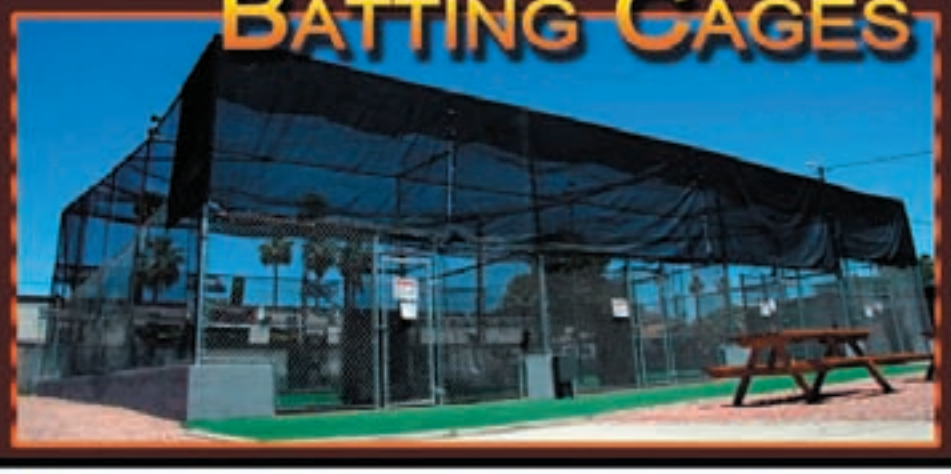
Phoenix Sun Jared Dudley: "I'm lucky to have a good wife to be there with my daughter in those moments when I'm gone." Photo courtesy of the Phoenix Suns.

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Dudley

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Alvin Gentry, Phoenix Suns head coach, said Dudley would be voted "most-liked guy" on the Phoenix Suns.

"He has one of those infectious personalities where he makes everybody feel good about being around him," Gentry said.

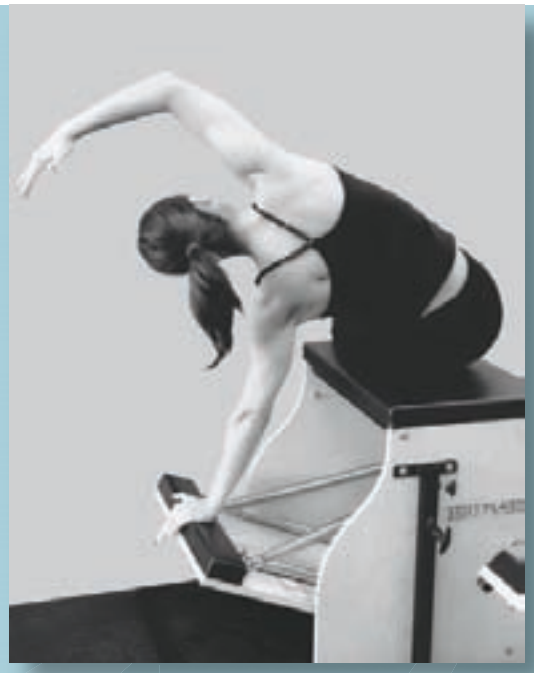
"I would want him on my team for the rest of his career because it's hard to find guys like that."

Dudley said no matter where he ends up in life, as long as he still has a smile on his face, family by his side and accomplishments under his belt, he'll be satisfied.

"Whatever I do, I do it wholeheartedly," he said.

"I just want to keep having fun."

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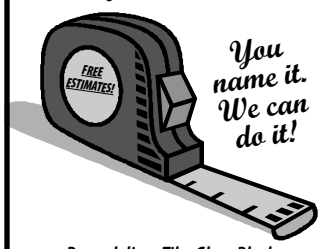
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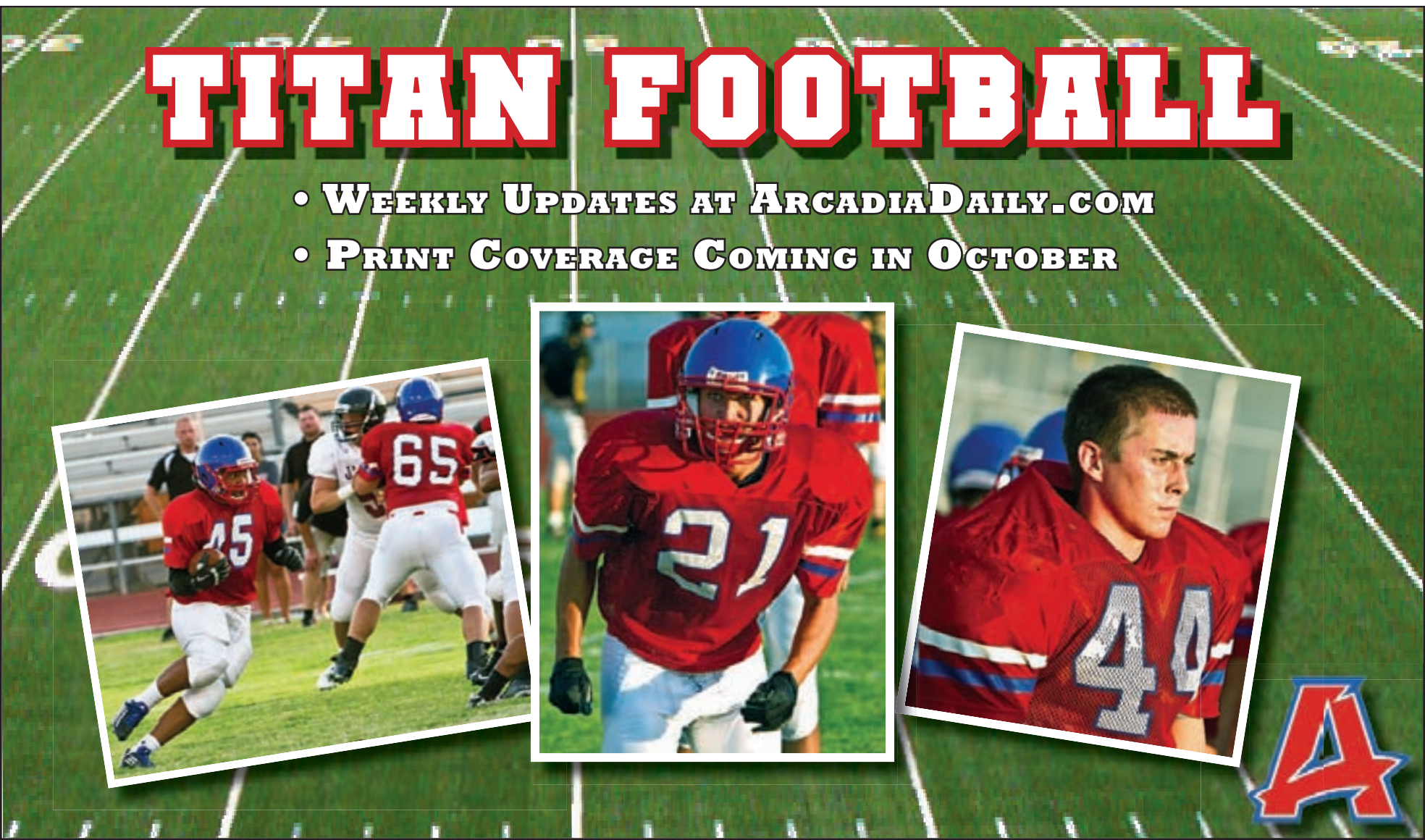
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44 Biltmore Estates • $3,950,000

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.



4839 E. Horseshoe Road • $2,395,000

Spectacular 2.33-acre estate (101,361 s.f.) nestled in on a quiet heart of Paradise Valley street. With 5 bedrooms, 6.5 baths, 6700 square feet and a large detached guest/pool house, this residence will appeal to the most discriminating of tastes. A full transformation has gone into making this property fabulous; brand new gourmet kitchen with state of the art appliances and 1500+ bottle wine cellar; each guest suite has private bath and private patio; walls of glass surround each and every room allowing for endless indoor/outdoor entertainment; huge theatre room, tennis court, this is the quintessential Paradise Valley estate. See it again for the first time, you will not be disappointed!



1428 E. Beverly Lane • $1,085,000

Luxury is a understatement for this beautiful home that offers 7600+ square feet with 6 large bedrooms and 8 full baths. Huge living room, professional kitchen with walk-in freezer, oversized family room, media & custom office, wine cellar, and a to-die-for rear oasis that will simply captivate you! Family room features fully retractable motorized floor to ceiling glass doors to allow an uninterrupted flow between indoor and outdoor entertainment areas. The back yard is a private oasis that includes stunning fire features, an outdoor cooking area, a 3-zone mister system, and a ramada with 50" plasma flat screen. The focal point is the resort style, Pebble Tec pool with water features, spa, LED lights, and even a 6-seat swim up bar! WOW!



4007 N. 65th Place • $992,000

Absolutely impeccable 5/4, 4200 square foot Arcadia Cape Cod cottage + guest suite! Features include a cook's dream kitchen open to the charming family room with double dishwashers and refrigerators, 6 burner gas Thermador stove & huge wood block kitchen island. Split master bedroom with exit to the backyard, large master bath with his and her vanities and walk-in closets. Tons of windows make for a bright open feel, gorgeous hardwood flooring + dramatic crown molding. Truly the finest finishes! Not a short sale or bank-owned, just priced to sell!



5840 E. Caron Circle • $849,900

Charming 3 bedroom plus library/den, 2.5 bath, 3372 sq ft Authentic Arizona Hacienda. Hand carved Quail woodwork incl. doors, cabinets and moldings; Custom Cantera stone, Saltillo floors and Carrara marble are just a few of the finishes found. Formal and casual living areas, each with their own exit to the surrounding private patios.The private split Master bedroom has large sitting area with exquisite fireplace and soaring paned windows. Hand painted Mexican tile fill the spacious master bath, with large walk-in shower, dual sink and his and her closet areas. The kitchen has Viking & Subzero Appl. with quaint eating area. 2 additional guest rooms & a library/den is tucked at the end of the hall. 769 sqft workshop and 4 car tandem garage is in addition to the 2 car garage that is attached to the main residence. Details RARELY seen!



3425 E. Valencia Lane • $699,000

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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2626 E. AZ Biltmore Circle #3 • $469,000

What an outstanding value in the coveted guard/gated Biltmore Square community! This 2662 sqft property is updated and clean as a whistle! Hardwood flooring, fully renovated kitchen with cherry woodwork, sleek black granite and stainless appliances. Vaulted tongue and groove ceilings, numerous cozy patios and outdoor living areas with mountain views that will take your breath away! A wall of French paned doors in the living room with views out to the low maintenance back yard with spool. Huge rooms, spacious baths and ample storage. This is a wonderful primary or second home!



4440 E. Camelback Road #29 • $549,000

This 3880 square foot home offers comfortable living amongst the luxury of living in the highly sought after community of the Village at Camelback Mountain. This home offers 4 bedrooms and 4.5 baths. The large windows bring the natural light in to almost every room and provide views of the charming courtyard, sparkling pool/spa area & pristine back yard. The delightful kitchen offers a breakfast bar & opens to the dining area w/a separate exit leading to the herb garden. Two master suites set apart from one another to provide for complete privacy. Large living area w/fireplace & spacious family room provides ample space for entertaining & both lead to the covered patio/pool area. Entertain inside or out, as either provide for a wonderful ambiance for any occassion!

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