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Have a Safe and Happy Labor Day!



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Help Us Welcome Susan!

Sally, Cheryl and Dick are pleased to announce the addition of Susan Black to our team. Susan attended the U of A and graduated cum laude in 1991 with a B.A. in accounting. She then moved to Phoenix and went to work for KPMG Peat Marwick, one of the "Big 6" accounting firms. Susan has spent the past 10 years as a Project Manager for software and multi-media development in both the finance and education fields. Most recently, she managed the development of digital learning systems for Pearson Education, the global leader in integrated education publishing.



Susan and her nine year old daughter, Sarah, recently moved back to Tucson to be closer to family. (Did we mention that Susan is Sally's daughter?) Susan was a Girl Scout leader for two years and an active member of the PTA at Sarah's school. She enjoys volunteer work, swimming, camping, and horseback riding.

Susan is a fine addition to the team, which has more than 39 years of combined real estate experience. She is a full-time Realtor and is looking forward to assisting you with all your Real Estate needs and providing her clients with the highest level of professional service. Susan can be reached at RE/MAX All Executives 520-202-5422.

Stucco Leaks?

Many of us make the assumption that the stucco that is on the exterior of our homes here in Tucson is a water resistant exterior shell that keeps us dry. To a degree, we are right, because it is the exterior surface that the heavy rains of the monsoon first make contact with. The simple fact is, however, the stucco is not waterproof. The sealer/paint that is applied to its shell is what actually sheds the water. If there are cracks in the shell, the paint can't keep the water out.

The traditional stucco coating is supposed to be applied in three coats. The first coat is a scratch coat, which is applied 3/8" to 1/2" thick and is allowed to cure. Because it is cement, it shrinks and cracks in the process. Then two to three weeks later, a brown coat is applied to fill the cracks and prepare the wall surface for a final coat, often called a color coat. Each layer is a bit weaker so it is more flexible (less crack sensitive) and consequently more permeable.



Present day stucco applicators are often applying the second coat the same day and the thin coat stucco is applied in just one coat. One can see where this will lead. The stucco is going to crack during the initial curing process and can continue to crack due to normal settling of the structure for up to the first two years. This can cause cracking on the tops of parapets, on walls, around windows, and other areas covered with the stucco coating. If these cracks are not addressed, the potential for water getting into the wall structure is imminent.

Owners should not despair. Repairing and sealing the stucco is just part of the maintenance process homeowners must follow. There are stucco contractors that can help when the cracking has gone too far and for the handyman, repair products are available from many area businesses that supply home maintenance products.

It is recommended that owners evaluate their home's interior and exterior on a regular basis. For further information on preventative home maintenance evaluations or certified home inspections, contact Rick Johnson at 520-749-1679 or visit www.wini.com/catalinafoothills.

Article submitted by Rick Johnson
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This newsletter is published as a source of general information about real estate and is not intended to solicit properties currently offered by other agents.

**The highest compliment you can give us is a referral to your friends and family.
We thank you for your confidence and trust! Sally, Dick and Cheryl 520-202-5423**

The Sharing Space

The Annual Oasis #52 Masonic Family and Friends night is October 15 at the Hidden Valley Inn. The star studded show starts at 7:00, \$30.00 per person which includes a buffet dinner and show. Contact either Jerry at 749-4307 or Tim at 661-3008 for ticket information.

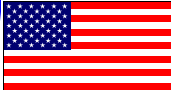
Beautiful Ivory colored Samic Baby Grand Piano with bench \$4,500. Approximately 500 movies and documentaries, some Beta and some VHS, make an offer. 664-1532.

Looking for people who are interested in natural health and wealth!! See and feel the difference Arbonne can make. Free 2-3 day trial. No obligation...just great health. Save money - Ask me how! Kristine Bennett, 520-271-5016 or Kristine@skinbodyfitness.com. Need a personal trainer? I cater personal workout session for you - call me to stop by to check out my studio.

2002 Ford F350 Super Duty Crew Cab Long Bed for Sale. V8 7.3L Turbo Diesel with Automatic transmission and 4 WD, 50,700 miles, fully loaded-\$27,000 OBO. Call Laura @ 520-861-1099.



Very pretty upholstered swivel rocker, color dusty rose- \$10, patio door vertical slat shade - \$10 to someone who will CAREFULLY take it down. Like new, hardly ever used.-Sharon 722-4286.



Worn flags should not be displayed or thrown away, but properly retired. I will collect worn American flags in a container outside my home beginning August 10. The Daughters of the American Revolution retire flags annually, and I will ensure that the flags I collect are included. Thank you for your consideration. Collyn Ortiz, 9157 E Muleshoe St., 574-2126.

Estate Sale! Sept 10, 7 am 'til 3 pm. 10265 E. Foxmoor Drive (from Broadway and Houghton go south, right on Foxmoor).

Mark your calendars for Sunday, October 16, 2005. Join us for AIDS WALK 2005 at Rillito Downs. 4502 N. 1st Ave. Registration at 6:30 a.m. Join thousands of friends, families, and community members who will be walking as we remember the loved ones who have gone before us, support those who continue to battle with HIV/AIDS, and continue the education we provide to our local community about HIV/AIDS prevention.



Time for a RELAXING MASSAGE? Try Mirna at DIVINE MASSAGE THERAPY. 15 Minutes free with every hour massage. Call her for list of specialties @ 955-2615. River & Craycroft. She's GREAT!

2004 Honda VFR Interceptor, Considered the standard by which all other sport-tourers are measured. Asphalt Black with matching Givi hard bags. Just under 1k miles (not even broken in yet), garaged its whole life. \$9000 OBO, please call Justin @ 360-1914.



Great items and prices at BabyCrazy (www.babycrazy.com/gwoodson). For more information or catalog requests, please call Gertrude Woodson at 721-1313. All orders \$25 or more will receive a 5% discount.

How about a Mary Kay party/shower for the mother-to-be, what fun! Call Katie @ 325-4674 or you can log on to www.marykay.com/kpoore1. -G

Discounts at restaurants, the car wash, cruises, car rentals, the grocery, and more! Entertainment Book 2006-still only \$35. (High School Band fundraiser). Call Cheryl 250-5109. We deliver!

Thomasville Entertainment Center. Holds 32" TV. \$4,500 when new. Asking \$1,000. Call Sally 577-2722.

Gorgeous, brand new 72 inch diameter, round top, solid Mesquite Dining Table with 6 Mesquite Chairs. Handcrafted in Hermisillo, Mexico. New and Unused (Found out too late that it's too big for our new dining room.) \$7000 Please call Martha @ 615-7505.

YEAH! The Old Band Broads have collected several used band instruments for needy local HS band programs. We still need donations continue. Please call Cheryl @ 250-5109, we will arrange pick up and delivery. Thanks for your assistance. -Renee



GOT THE URGE TO SHOP? Just visit my Web site. It's quick, easy, and available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Kaylin Castaneda, Mary Kay Independent Beauty Consultant, www.kcastaneda3@marykay.com, 520-603-6703.

Selling our 2001 BMW X5 4.4i-fully loaded, looks new! Brand new tires and brakes! 30K miles. \$33,000 FIRM! (New dealer price starting at \$53,000!) Please call Amy at 520-760-7602 to see!

92"X92"X36" HOT TUB/SPA: Loaded with 109 jets! 6 person, Quadrant therapy system spa, waterfalls, fully insulated cover, steps to spa, coastal gray. Cost \$7200. Sell \$5000 OBO. Can email pictures if you like. Call 520-360-5825.

Rita Ranch Area Childcare. 1 mo to 11 years old. Activities and curriculum for all ages provided. Part time and full time care available. Call Jamie at 204-4378 for more information.

Bookkeeping, record keeping for tax purposes on Quick Books. - Joan 520-298-8005. Desert Palms Park

Buying or Selling? We'd love to represent you in your purchase, or provide you with a FREE MARKET OPINION of your home. Call Sally, Dick and Cheryl -RE/MAX All Executives (520-202-5423). Almost 40 years combined real estate experience.



Finally tried Amereno's Little Italy at 8240 E 22nd. We got Vongole Bianco (translation-little neck clams to die for) and warm bread with garlic butter on the side. Try the Chicken Parmesan. Don't skip the homemade dessert! -Jamie and Jenny

Like Scallops? Blue Pointe (La Encanta-Campbell / Skyline) and Bistro Zin (Campbell / River) are my favorite spots in Tucson. -Becky

Contact us at: sallyandcheryl@tucsonrelocation.net with neighborhood news, garage sales, for-sale items, recipes, household hints, and to recommend services, restaurants, or businesses. (Or call Cheryl at 520-202-5423 or fax to 520-299-9351).

We gladly share your input with our readers. THERE IS NO CHARGE! We look forward to hearing from you!

Recipe Corner

Do you have a favorite recipe? Send it and we will print it here.

Mississippi Mud Cake

Courtesy of Marie Stonestreet (from *The Methodist Advocate*)- Clarksdale, MS

Cake: 1 cup shortening 2 cups sugar 4 eggs 1 1/2 cups plain flour 1/4 tsp salt
 1/3 cup cocoa 1 cup chopped nuts 3 tsp vanilla 3 cups miniature marshmallows
 Filling: 1 stick margarine 1 box confectioners sugar 1/3 cup cocoa 1 tsp vanilla 1/2 cup sweet milk
 1 cup chopped nuts



Cake: Cream shortening and sugar, add eggs and beat. Sift flour, cocoa and salt, add to shortening mixture, add vanilla and nuts. Pour into pan from which it can be served and bake at 350° for 30 minutes. Remove from oven and cover with marshmallows while still hot. Spread filling on top. **Filling:** Melt margarine. Sift sugar and cocoa and add to margarine. Add milk and vanilla and boil until all dissolved. Beat until thick enough to spread on cake. Add nuts and serve.

Puddin' Pie

Courtesy of Mary Taylor- Valdosta, GA

1 egg 2 TBSP milk 1 cup sugar 2 cup self-rising flour 1/2 cup shortening 1 tsp vanilla
 Mix egg and milk. In separate bowl, cream sugar, flour and shortening. Stir in egg mixture. Refrigerate 30 minutes in covered bowl. Roll out on floured wax paper. Cut into cookies. Bake at 350° for 8 -10 minutes on un-greased cookie sheet until edges are golden brown.



Teacakes

Courtesy of Mama Street- Kosciusko, MS

1 egg 2 TBSP milk 1 cup sugar 2 cup self-rising flour 1/2 cup shortening 1 tsp vanilla
 Mix egg and milk. In separate bowl, cream sugar, flour and shortening. Stir in egg mixture. Refrigerate 30 minutes in covered bowl. Roll out on floured wax paper. Cut into cookies. Bake at 350° for 8 -10 minutes on un-greased cookie sheet until edges are golden brown.



What's the market like around Tucson?

HOME BUYERS/SELLERS

The Tucson Association of REALTORS MLS Rules and Regulations Committee met recently and, after much deliberation, has postponed a decision regarding the gray area of marketing and advertising. The data provided here is only a source of information for homeowners, we do not wish to give the appearance of advertising other brokers' listings without consent. To request additional property information, call the listing broker or Sally, Dick and Cheryl at 520-202-5423.

A Few Tucson Homes Currently Listed For Sale In MLS Through the Outstanding RE/MAX All Exec Agents

List Price @	\$ per sq ft	Address	BR / BA	Sq Feet	Year Built	Pool
\$ 199,997	\$ 142.86	430 W San Xavier	3 / 2	1400	2001	No
\$ 204,900	\$ 117.09	1180 N Corinthian Pl	3 / 3	1750	1986	No
\$ 215,000	\$ 91.49	17755 W Quemado Ln	3 / 2	2350	1978	No
\$ 244,900	\$ 126.50	5826 E Hawthorne St	3 / 2	1936	1960	No
\$ 299,900	\$ 149.43	9477 E Lochnay Ln	4 / 3	2007	1993	Yes
\$ 300,000	\$ 143.82	7560 S Pacific Willow Dr	3 / 2	2086	2003	No
\$ 344,900	\$ 159.97	7981 N Lime Star Dr	4 / 2	2156	2005	No
\$ 356,900	\$ 193.55	5153 N Standing Rock Pl	4 / 2	1844	1993	No
\$ 379,900	\$ 201.11	150 N Caviar Pl	2 / 3	1889	1988	No
\$ 385,000	\$ 185.54	7604 E Golden River Ln	3 / 2	2075	1995	No
\$ 399,000	\$ 198.76	5980 N Escondido Ln	5 / 3	2012	1972	No
\$ 640,000	\$ 179.42	4243 E 6th Street	4 / 4	3567	1962	Yes
\$ 680,000	\$ 225.69	4996 E Calle Brillante	2 / 3	3013	1986	No
\$ 950,000	\$ 280.48	5260 N Valley View Rd	4 / 3	3387	2005	Yes
\$ 1,395,000	\$ 353.88	4560 W Cush Canyon	4 / 4	3942	2005	Yes
\$ 1,395,000	\$ 281.70	4525 N Via De La Granja	4 / 5	4952	1995	Yes
\$ 1,600,000	\$ 389.11	3222 E Blossom Dancer Ln	4 / 4	4112	1993	Yes
\$ 2,375,000	\$ 332.63	6862 N La Place	5 / 6	7140	2003	Yes
\$ 2,500,000	\$ 484.87	7421 N Moon Spirit Ln	5 / 6	5156	1991	Yes

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To current resident, or

Trees for Tucson

Trees for Tucson is a program of Tucson Clean & Beautiful, Inc.

Thanks to a grant from Tucson Electric Power Co., TEP customers may be eligible to receive one or two trees for only \$5.00 per tree including delivery. Applicants must agree to plant the trees to shade the house. Large shade trees can reduce cooling bills.

To qualify, each resident must agree to plant the trees within 15 feet of the house on the west, east, or south sides of the house to provide shade during the summer months.

Planting and maintenance instructions are provided with the trees. The resident must also agree to hold Trees for Tucson and TEP harmless for all liability associated with the trees or tree planting.

Applicants have a choice of Mesquite (moderate to fast growth rate to 20ft tall by 25ft wide, high pollen, seed pod litter, thorns), Blue Palo Verde (moderate to fast growth rate to 20ft tall by 20ft wide, high pollen, thorns, yellow flowers), or Desert Willow (moderate to fast growth rate to 20ft tall by 20ft wide, low pollen, no thorns, attractive pink flowers, shade not as dense as Mesquite).

For more information or to receive an application, please call 791-109. Supplies are limited! Trees will be delivered within the next month.



HOUSEHOLD HINTS-Herbs and Spices

To prolong the self life of herbs and spices, store them properly with these tips from McCormick-Schilling:



- Tightly close bottles after use.
- Keep spices and herbs away from heat, moisture and direct sunlight.
- Don't sprinkle herbs and spices directly from the bottle over a steaming pot. Steam will hasten flavor loss and cause caking.
- Use a dry measuring spoon when dipping it into a spice bottle.
- Members of the red pepper family, like paprika and chili powder, retain color and freshness when stored in the refrigerator.
- Spices and herbs should not be stored in the freezer.
- To keep track of the age of your spices and herbs, write the date on the label when you first open them.
- The shelf life of extracts, except Vanilla, is approximately four years. Vanilla has an unlimited shelf life.

Spice Shelf Life-How long will properly stored spices and herbs really last?

- Ground spices-2 to 3 years.
- Whole spices-3 to 4 years.
- Herbs-1 to 3 years.
- Seeds-3 to 4 years.
- Seasoning blends-1 to 2 years.
- Extracts-4 years.

Contributed by Nancy Smith
 From www.mccormick.com