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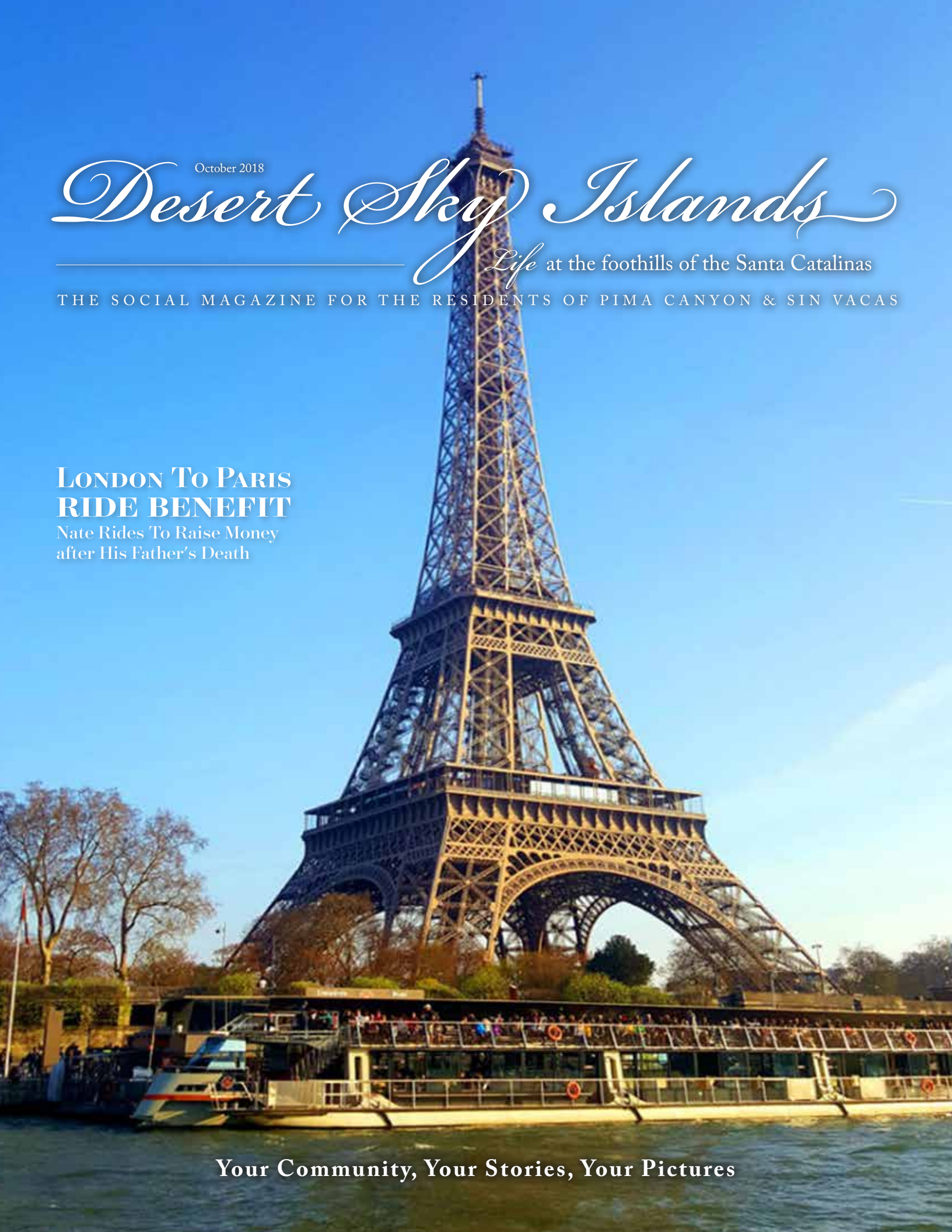
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**Inside this issue:**

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Tom Cruise in his sixth Mission Impossible movie series. Two years after the capture of Solomon Lane (Sean Harris), the remains of his organization The Syndicate have reformed into a terrorist group known as The Apostles. At a safehouse in Belfast, Ethan Hunt (Tom Cruise) receives details of a mission to intercept the sale of three plutonium cores to members of the group, who are acquiring them for their latest client, fundamentalist John Lark.

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- Easter always falls between March 22 and April 25.
- The full moon determines the date of Easter.
- Chocolate eggs were traditionally given as gifts in Europe.
- Ninety million chocolate Easter bunnies and 16 billion jelly beans are produced each year before the commencement of the Easter festivities.
- 76 percent of people eat the ears on chocolate bunnies first.
- According to the Guinness Book of World Records the largest Easter egg ever made was just over 25 feet high and weighed 8,968 lbs.
- Cherry is the most popular jellybean flavor.

## Sudoku

6			3		5			
2					6		1	
	8	9		4		7	6	3
1		8				3		4
3			8	5	7	2		
9	5					6		
					2		7	6
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		6				5		

Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusive.

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F E T W O B N I A R T S Y C N  
Y C M T D B V K X P S G I W V  
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L E Z T N U H G G E G R A M H  
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## Think Spring!

Search the puzzle for themed words. Words may be horizontal, vertical, diagonal, forward and backward.

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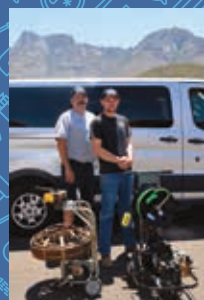
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# Vicki Rutter

## Adopts Five Horses

### FROM EQUINE VOICES RESCUE & SANCTUARY



By **Vicki Rutter**  
Photo Credit: **Robert Young,**  
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Vicki Rutter

Vicki Rutter was born north of Spokane Washington about 30 miles from the Canadian border. Her family has always had horses and Vicki was only 3 years old when she got her first horse. As she grew up, she started to enter into competitive horse riding and has over 19,000 miles in competitive endurance riding.

Twenty-two years ago, she and her husband decided to move to Southern Arizona where the weather was great and she could ride all year round. They found this beautiful piece of land in the Patagonia area. Plenty of room, woods and wild game all around them and plenty of room for as many horses as they would like. They purchased it and have just loved their new homestead away from all the snow they left behind by the Canadian border.

Since horses are herd animals, Vicki's philosophy is to have more than one, ideally three. She believes that if one passes then the two remaining won't be alone and have each other for support.

She had one horse that was ill and they knew that it was but a matter of time before they would be down to two horses. This past March, it happened. Vicki's older horse died and they realized they needed to get another horse to join the other two. Vicki knew about Equine Voices Rescue and after checking it out on her website, Vicki decided to visit the ranch.

Karen and Vicki met and Vicki fell in love with "Solo Vino" ("Come Alone," in Spanish) and the horse joined Vicki's family in May. They introduced Solo Vino to the other two and it was a disaster. The two horses would not have anything to do with Solo Vino. They chased him away from food and water and soon it became evident to Vicki that she would have to get another horse to keep Solo Vino company. Solo Vino had ended up at the rescue because he was found walking around the streets of Mesa, AZ, with a big gash on his forehead and his skull dislocated about three to four inches to one side. \$13,000 later and a lot of love, and Solo Vino is doing just fine.

Vicki went back to see Karen and Karen showed Vicki two other horses that had joined the sanctuary a few years ago. These two horses were the offspring of two horses that had been caught up in drug trafficking. They had been used as "Mules" to carry drugs across the border. When the drug trafficking people are done with the horses they just abandon them in the desert. When they were found, they were skinny, malnourished and pregnant.



These two horses have always been together from birth. They don't know what to do without each other, so Karen was able to persuade Vicki that they needed to stay together. Vicki agreed and they joined the family in June.

devote her life to taking care of these animals and people like Vicki who are willing to adopt these horses and give them a new home and allow them to enjoy the rest of their lives.

Equine Voices Rescue & Sanctuary needs donations to continue their great work. They also can use your time if you are willing to volunteer to work a certain amount of hours to help take care of these beautiful horses.

Vicki still needed a friend for Solo Vino so in June she adopted a sad little Mustang that Karen had rescued from South Dakota who looked like she needed a friend. Solo Vino was thrilled to have his very own buddy and Twizzle has thrived in her new home. In July, Vicki got another of the Mustangs rescued from South Dakota and Twizzle recognized him right away. The reunion was heartwarming to watch and they have been inseparable ever since.

The horses have adjusted and are living their life in Patagonia with plenty of room to run, play and embrace all the love that is given to them.

While each of these horses has a sad story, its people like Karen Pomroy who are willing to

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Bobby Smith & Winston

## meet WINSTON

By Bobby Smith

Introducing Winston, the newest addition to our family. His mom was a Lab and his dad is a Golden, and he is a perfect combo for our family.

When we first brought him home we decided that he needed a bath and poor baby was so traumatized that we decided that he will stay by our side all night. Well, you probably know what that means. Sleeps with us every night now.

Winston has taken a real liking for the family cat, Simon, and when Simon got sick and we had to take him to the vet, Winston just got very close to the cage and would not let us touch him. We ended taking the dog to the vet as well just so he could see that Simon would not end up getting hurt. Once we got back home, it appears that there is a new bond between the two. They now play together and chase each other around the house. They are both spoiled.

Winston is the king of the house. He gets to sleep with us, gets his special treats, has his special place where he sits and lays down to rest during the day, and by the way, are dogs allowed on outdoor couches? What if they are really ... really cute?!

## community news

## PETS AND THE

# Elderly

By Sherre Weeks RN MSN



Sherre Weeks RN MSN

**Pets can add much joy to a senior's life. First and foremost is by filling many voids experienced when you live alone. Having a pet to talk to and care for can ward off loneliness and depression. It also gives the elderly person a purpose and helps them to feel needed.**

While dogs are man's best friend, an elderly person often has problems taking care of the dog. Dogs require bathing, grooming, veterinary services, and someone has to clean up after them. These things are often very difficult for someone with vision problems, mobility problems, or the inability to drive. Many of these areas can be covered by services that come to you. We now have mobile groomers, pet waste pick-up people, mail order pet pharmacies, and pet food delivery services. Family and friends are often willing to assist with getting the pet to the veterinarian when needed.

Cats make excellent pets for the elderly. Cats are lower maintenance than dogs. Short hair cats require very little grooming other than an occasional wipe down with an anti-dander wipe. New self-cleaning litter boxes are now available and make pet waste clean-up much easier. Cat food tends to be cheaper than dog food.

Choosing the correct pet can be challenging. Look for a pet that is low energy and willing to spend the day indoors. Elderly dogs and cats can be much easier to care for than a puppy or kitten because they tend to be less active and are happy to just sit with you. Fish and birds are also good choices for some people. Training is very important for dogs so the dog does not jump on the owner and knock them down. Basic commands are a must; sit, stay, come, and leash walking are important commands to teach an elderly person's dog. These commands will help maintain control of the dog and keep the owner safe from being pulled or knocked down by the dog. The "come" command is useful if the dog wanders from home or doesn't want to come in the house.

Many assisted living homes accept smaller, calm pets. There is often a fee associated with having a pet in assisted living. Owners/families are expected to clean up after the pet and provide all care needs. An extra deposit is also usually required. Some breeds or weights of dogs are not allowed. The pet must be totally non-aggressive and not so possessive that it won't allow the owner to receive the care they need from the caregivers.

If you are elderly and alone, consider a pet. You will have someone to talk to, someone to care for, someone who is always there, and someone who will love you unconditionally.





Todd Lutz, Get Fit Coordinator, Splendido

Many people believe that water aerobics or other types of aquatic exercise are for those with bad knees or brand-new hips. In fact, working out in water is great for everyone. People of all ages, abilities, and fitness levels can use aquatic exercise to improve muscle endurance as well as core strength and endurance while burning an estimated 400 to 500 calories in one hour of exercise. Plus, it keeps the body cool during exercise and is just plain fun.

Find an aquatic exercise class or workout routine that challenges you. Like a “land-based” workout routine, exercising in water can include a variety of stretching, strengthening, and cardio work. You only have to try jogging or doing jumping jacks in waist-deep water

to find how much work it is—and you can kick your aqua routine up a notch by adding props like resistance weights, kickboards, and even pool noodles.

At Splendido, an all-inclusive community in Oro Valley for those 55 and better, residents can choose from a variety of fitness classes in indoor and outdoor swimming pools. The classes work on a range of goals—including strengthening their upper and lower bodies and cardiovascular and respiratory systems. They are also reducing body fat and toning and building lean muscle.

Diane Steele has been taking the Aquamotion class at Splendido three times a week since she moved in three years ago. “It’s invigorating, and it’s a lot of fun,” she says. She’s noticed physical benefits from the exercise as well as enjoyment. “I recently went for a bone density exam, and the results turned out to be really good,” she says. “I give a great deal of credit for that to the Aquamotion class.”

Numerous studies tell us that exercising in water can offer a wealth of physical benefits, including pain relief, increased relaxation, improved bone density—particularly in post-menopausal women—as well as improved pulmonary function and blood pressure, greater muscular strength, increased stamina, improved range of motion, and better circulation. Japanese researchers found that women age 60 to 75 who participated in regular aquatic exercise for 12 weeks had better total cholesterol levels and demonstrated more strength, flexibility, and agility than a control group.

Aquatic exercise is especially beneficial for those who can’t work out as they once did, from arthritic former runners and hikers to those recovering from surgery. When these folks get in the pool, the low-impact exercises in the water are easy on joints and don’t require a great deal of balance or flexibility.

Research has also shown that exercising in water is a natural mood-booster, enhancing self-esteem while reducing stress, anxiety, and depression.

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By Karen Pomroy





# WHAT IS AUTOMATION, EXACTLY?



dozens of options for automating your lights or your doorbell or your surveillance system. Most are very inexpensive and function with an app that you can download to your phone. These systems are designed for the “DIYer” — a person who likes to install and set up things themselves. They work well as a whole, are relatively easy to install and set up, and they don’t cost too much. The only major drawback is that they create a “federated” system vs. an “integrated” system. In other words, they all are designed to work on their own, but they are generally not designed to work together. You may buy a couple lighting controls that allow you to turn on and off one or two lights, but that probably requires a different app and controller than the system that controls your thermostat. And neither of those necessarily work with your TV remote. They simply aren’t designed to work together as an *integrated system*.

If you’re not a DIYer and prefer to let someone else deal with the technical issues, then there are several other options you can consider. These include automation brand names like Control4, Crestron, URC and Savant. These systems tend to be more expensive and generally require an expert for installation and programming. Their big advantage over the other systems, however, is that they are designed to form an *integrated system*. In other words, the remote that controls your TV also can control your lights and your thermostat. The phone app that puts your shades up and down also can lower your garage door and turn off your

lights. Furthermore, an integrated system also offers the ability to control multiple systems at the same time. For example, you can have a single button-push turn on your audio system and TV, lower the lights and the shades, turn down the thermostat, and switch the cable box to ESPN just in time to watch the big game. Or one “goodnight” button puts down the shades, turns off the lights, turns off all the electronics and puts the garage door down. Now that’s true home automation!

## VOICE CONTROL

So, you may be asking, what about voice control through Amazon Alexa or Google Home or even Apple Siri? “Can’t I automate my home using these devices?” The good news is that the answer is “yes” for both federated and integrated systems. There are some limitations on both sides of the automation spectrum, though, so we’ll leave that discussion for another time...

## CONCLUSION

Whether you choose a simple, federated system with a couple of devices, or a sophisticated whole-home system, adding automation can provide an enormous improvement in your quality of life. Something as simple as being able to ensure all the lights are off and the garage door is down, from anywhere in the world, brings a piece of mind that is hard to gain from any other source! I strongly encourage everyone to automate their life, accordingly!

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## OVERVIEW

Many people have heard the terms “automation” or “home automation,” but few fully understand what they mean. Webster’s defines automation as “the technique of making an apparatus, a process, or a system operate automatically.” This can apply to a lot of different things, but in this example, the “system” is your home and the “apparatus” are the

various electronic systems inside your home. The intent of this article is to provide a quick, basic overview of home automation, with the hope of helping you wade through the hundreds of options you have when you consider whether to “automate” your own home.

## WHAT CAN BE CONTROLLED?

In general, home automation is all about making the various electrical and electronic systems in your home easier to operate and control. These systems include some obvious things, like your sound system, your TV and your lights, and even some not-so-obvious things like your drip system or your garage door opener. Other things that fit somewhere in-between include motorized shades/window coverings, security systems, surveillance systems, thermostats, and more. Just about anything can be automated if you really want it to be.

## FEDERATED VS. INTEGRATED

Automation products are pretty common these days — if you go to your neighborhood home-improvement store, you’ll see

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# AVOCADO MOZZA PUFFS

LITTLE PUFF PASTRY MORSELS FILLED WITH  
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These pastry morsels are just delicious. They are easy to make and they make a great appetizer that everyone will enjoy. You can't just eat one of them ... once you taste these little pieces of pastries, you will want to have another and another.

Make copies of the recipe because people will be asking you how they are made. I have made them on several occasions and it never fails, there is always someone who wants the recipe.

This recipe makes about a dozen so you may want to double it and make enough for everyone to enjoy.

- INGREDIENTS:**
- 1 avocado, mashed
  - 1 tbsp lime juice (from 1/2 lime)
  - 1/2 tsp pepper, freshly ground, or to taste
  - 1 package puff pastry, 2 sheets inside
  - 1 egg beaten
  - 6 oz mozzarella cheese, cut into 12 cubes of 1 inch each
  - 1/4 cup salsa



**Preparation**

Preheat oven to 400 F degrees. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper.

In a bowl mix the mashed avocado with the lime juice and freshly ground pepper.

Roll out the puff pastry sheets so that they are about 12"x16". Using a 2 inch round cookie cutter cut 12 circles in each sheet. You should get 24 circles from both sheets.

We will use 12 circles for the bottom and 12 for the top. Brush a bit of the egg wash on the edge of each circle, for the first 12 only. Top 12 circles with a dollop of avocado, a piece of mozzarella cheese, and about a tsp of salsa.

Take the other 12 circles of puff pastry and place on top of the ones with the filling and stretch them if needed to completely cover the bottom circle. They will look like little sombrero hats. Using a fork seal the edge of each circle. Brush with egg wash.

Bake for about 12 minutes or until golden.

*Serve with additional salsa if desired.*



## LONDON, ENGLAND JULY 25, 2018

It has been a little over four years since my father lost his battle with multiple myeloma (MM) and this past July, in his honor, I participated in the Road to Victories London to Paris event as part of the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation (MMRF) Team For Cures.

I, along with a small group of fellow cyclists, rode from London to Paris to raise awareness for myeloma research.

Multiple myeloma is the second most common form of blood cancer and has one of the lowest five-year survival rates of all cancers. There is no cure; however, great progress is being made because of the research dollars being invested — progress that we (my family) can attest to seeing/observing during the course of my dad's fight with myeloma.

MMRF is the world's leading private funder of myeloma research; in the last decade, the FDA has approved 10 new treatments including four in just the past 18 months. These drugs have tripled the lifespan

of myeloma patients and the MMRF is now funding over 20 additional treatments — each in various stages of development.

These treatments give hope to tens of thousands of patients and their families and in support of the MMRF, I rode my bike to raise funds and awareness — we cycled 293 miles through two countries in three days. Everyone riding on this team has a connection to cancer and although riding a bike won't cure cancer, research will!

The MMRF is one of the most highly regarded cancer foundations in the world. An outstanding 90% of the total MMRF budget directly supporting research and related programming. The MMRF is in the top 1% of all charities, having earned Charity Navigator's four-star rating for the past 11 years in a row.

My goal was to raise \$5,000 for the MMRF to benefit MM research!

As a scientist and researcher, I am very humbled by the contribution that the MMRF makes toward finding a cure. A cure is in the future.







*We would like to introduce you to Tanna Welter, Owner Agent for American Family Insurance.*

Tanna is a third generation Tucsonan. She grew up in Marana, went to school there and graduated from Marana High School in 1985. Back in the day, her grandfather and grandmother used to own the Wetmore Pool. For those of you that have been in Tucson more than 30 years or so, you will remember that popular pool.

Her best friend had married a serviceman and had moved to Tacoma, Washington, where he was stationed at Ft. Lewis. So in 1986, Tanna went up to visit her friend and while there, her friend set her up on a blind date with a guy named Michael. They all went out, had a great time and her friend noticed that Tanna was having an especially good time with Michael. Long story short ... Tanna and Michael married three weeks later! She came back to Tucson, packed her stuff and off to Tacoma to start her new life, she went.

They have been married 32 years, have two daughters and a grandson. Her oldest daughter, Shaelin, is now 30 years old. She is the mother to Tanna's 9-year-old grandson, Cylo. Her youngest daughter is 24 years old and her name is Shelby. Shaelin and her husband, Josh, live in Michigan and Shelby lives here in the Tucson area.

Her husband, Michael is from Michigan. He grew up there until he joined the Army. He became a TOW Gunner Sgt and eventually ended up in Tacoma Washington.

In 2002, the family moved to Michigan to be close to Michael's aging parents. They lived there for about eight years before returning to Tucson. Tanna worked as a Catastrophe Claims Adjuster for a national company. Her first disaster was Hurricane Katrina and that kept her on the road and many nights away from her family.

Michael worked in law enforcement in Michigan, working for a sheriff's department in the area. Once they moved back to Tucson, he went to work as a Security Officer for Raytheon. He gets to wear his gun and take care of many of the security issues to protect the people, the property and the secrets at Raytheon.

When they returned to Tucson, Tanna went to work as a Territory Sales Manager. At this point, she was providing support and helping the independent insurance agents throughout a large territory. This also kept her on the road as she drove from city to city to visit the independent agents to help them and provide training and field support.

In 2014 she realized she had enough of this road life. Not as glam-



orous as it seemed. She was ready to settle in and become an independent agent herself. She studied, looked at, and researched several franchise companies to find the perfect one for her and her clients. She wanted a company that would keep her at home with her family. One that she could serve people in several states where she had contacts and established relationships. An organization where she would be able to offer a whole range of services. She made her decision; she decided to go with American Family Insurance.

Tanna has been in insurance for over 35 years. She has worked in all capacities within an agency. She has been as a Customer Service Representative, has also worked as a Claims Adjuster and as a Producer. She now is the Agent and has a great customer service representative in Karin, her assistant.

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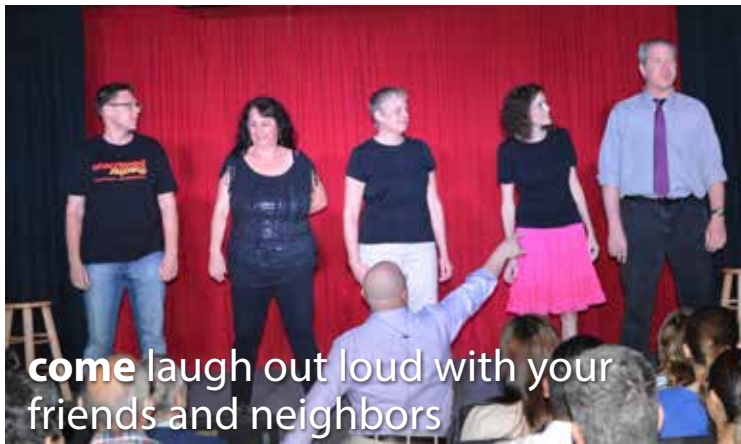
**Experience.** Just two people in the office, Tanna and Karin, who have a combined 60+ years of experience in insurance.

**Knowledge.** Remember again, Tanna trained Insurance Agents all over how to be a good Agent.

If you want an Insurance Agent that has taught other agents. One that is customer focused and knows what to ask to get you the proper coverage in whatever area you are in and in up to 19 states. Well, you need not look any further. Stop by or call Tanna and get to know her and what she can do to provide you the best protection possible.

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By N2 Staff Writer, Tracy Lafon

## Tips For The Ultimate FAMILY VACATION

Taking your children on an African Safari, filled with adventure and thrills, will allow them to experience the raw beauty of nature in a way that will leave them with a lifetime of incredible memories. Take time to consider the following and then book your ultimate family safari!

### Decide On Your Adventure

Do you want to stay in a lodge and go out on daily adventures? Or would you rather join a traveling safari that stops at different villages or campsites? For small children, a lodge is a great choice as it offers a daily, comfortable reprieve. Older children may prefer the excitement of spending the entire time in the wild – and it makes for a great way to unplug them from technology.

### Plan Your Must-See List

Do you want to see giraffes up close? Is someone in the family a shutterbug that must get a photo of lions in the wild? Is a water adventure, like whitewater rafting, a must? Do you want your children to experience a cultural exchange with a local village? Consider booking a safari that offers separate adventures for kids and ones for parents as well.

### Do The Homework

Research locations. Often when planning, travelers tend to forget that Africa is a massive continent. There is a vast offering of cultural and geographical differences not to mention political and financial variances across Africa. There can be appeals and concerns with all of them. Be sure to carefully review the best fit for your family prior to booking.

### Prepare The Family Ahead Of Time

If your children are old enough, involve them in the planning. Talk about the places you will visit. Watch videos on Africa. Find out what animals interest them the most. Consider alleviating and calming any potential fears about traveling to an unknown and exotic place by talking it through with them before you travel.





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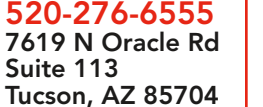


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