

# Humorous accountant takes career seriously

Sometimes a joke or two from an accountant can make the news he is imparting a little easier to take.

But it doesn't ever hurt for your accountant to just be a funny guy overall. Just ask Craig Capirchio, a Fountain Hills certified public accountant. Capirchio isn't funny to help the medicine go down better; he is an affable fellow who wants his job to be pleasant and his dealings with clients to be enjoyable.

"I love what I do," Capirchio says. "I enjoy my clients, and I enjoy getting to know them."

So being funny can break the ice and start a good relationship between accountant and client. Capirchio has been in business in Fountain Hills since 1991.

He received his California CPA in 1982. Laws allow him to practice accounting in Arizona through reciprocity with California. He started his career with a large firm in California, opened its Fresno branch and ultimately decided he wanted his own business.

Capirchio has a thriving business in the community. He also serves a large clientele throughout the country. He has three employees who work with him preparing taxes, financial statements, bookkeeping, auditing and other facets of that business.

"We are a broad based business," Capirchio said. "We work with a wide variety of clients."

Among the work he does is serving

his community. Capirchio does pro bono work for a number of non-profits in Fountain Hills. He also is active in youth sports, coaching, providing accounting services or just being supportive.

"We have four kids in the schools here," he said. "Both my wife, Jeanine and I are active in the community. There are lots of ways to give back to this great town."

Capirchio also spent a lot of time working with the Fountain Hills Chamber of Commerce, serving on the committee that built the chamber offices and as the treasurer and a general board member for many years.

A source of pride for Capirchio is his success with "system reviews" of his business. The review consists of an outside CPA coming to the office, reviewing files and analyzing the way the work is done and how well it is done.

"When you pass that formal review, you are technically allowed to do work other CPAs may not be able to do if they have not passed the same kind of review," Capirchio said. "Being reviewed by your peers is an intense deal, but when you pass the review, it means a lot."

Capirchio's office is located at 13225 N. Verde River Drive, Suite 204. Call (480) 837-5265 for appointments and additional information. The office has posted hours of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., but Capirchio has flexible appointments.



## Cummings Pest Control

# Critters stay busy in good times and not-so-good

Pests are recession-proof.

They can show up anytime and anywhere. That's where Cummings Termite and Pest Control steps in.

Owner Nathan Watters said his business in maintaining and even growing.

"We have adopted the philosophy that we are going to grow in Fountain Hills," Watters said. "I believe we can do that even in the economic downturn."

Watters moved his company to Fountain Hills last fall, after completing a building to house the 36-year-old business he purchased in 2005.

"We have been doing well since moving in to the new facility," he said. "Our number one objective is to grow in Fountain Hills. Controlling costs, watching how we do business every day will help us through these tough times."

Watters said customers are opting to tailor their pest control services to accommodate their immediate needs and to save money.

"Some people have gone to bi-monthly pest control treatments," he said. "Others are opting to use our termite warranty. These are simply cost saving ways to continue using the services."

Watters said he expects this summer to be "a heavy pest pressure season." Wet weather and subsequent heat result in heavy pest infestation.

He said he already has seen scorpions, ants and bees.

"This is just the beginning," he said. "I imagine we'll be busy."

Cummings provides a number of services. Watters said his company has been busy with home sealing and termite work in addition to the pest control.

Home sealing creates a physical barrier to prevent critters from coming in to the home.

"We have seen a pretty big increase

of roof rats this spring," Watters said. "We want to get those cracks and spaces sealed before the rats, birds or other critters get inside."

The termite warranty Cummings offers includes annual inspection and treatment. Customers can obtain termite warranties by having a full treatment or through a warranty assumption.

Watters said he is working on additional services to implement and will announce those in a few weeks.

He also is releasing a new Web site in May. The address is [www.cummingspestcontrol.com](http://www.cummingspestcontrol.com).

"We are excited to be in our new facility," Watters said. "It has really been great for our employees and for keeping the focus on the business. This is truly a fantastic place to grow this company."

Cummings Termite and Pest Control is located at 16918 E. Colony Drive. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (480) 994-9599.



The staff at Cummings Termite and Pest Control is ready to help its customers throughout the year. The staff includes, from left, Joan Engesath, Joanne Perelgut, owner Nathan Watters, Shep Ellis, Katrina Smith and Grace Beam.

# Local mover offers service both near and far

Dick Spencer is a man on the move, or at least his business is.

Dick owns Fountain Hills Moving and Storage, 17008 E. Enterprise Drive, Suite 8, in Fountain Hills. His warehouse is used to store large wooden containers.

Dick has been in the moving and storage business for nearly 25 years. He started with Scottsdale Moving and Storage and when he moved to Fountain Hills from Scottsdale, he decided to move the business up the hill, too.

Dick has moved furniture from California to Boston, but 80 percent of his business is moving from one location in Fountain Hills to another.

"I usually stay this side of the Mississippi," Dick said. "But most of what I do is right here in Fountain Hills."

There isn't much Dick and his company can't handle. He has moved an airplane that was broken down and stored in a man's garage. He also has moved numerous pianos, from spinets to grands and everything in between.

He has moved safes but said he can't

handle the "really big ones."

Dick worked for a period of time in California. When he returned to the Valley he had one 17-foot truck. He now has five trucks and 10 employees.

"I retired once but I got bored," he said. "I would rather work."

Dick's company is full-service. It features packing, loading and unloading. His company will load and unload rental trucks, as well as those he owns. With a packing job, all the materials (boxes, blankets and other necessary items) are free. Materials are available for sale as well for customers doing their own packing.

Dick offers free estimates for moves and gives \$20,000 in free cargo insurance.

The storage warehouse is air conditioned and climate controlled. Long- and short-term storage is available. The containers, which are sealed, are not accessible to their owners.

"They're not the kind of storage space that you go into," Dick said. "They are just big wooden boxes where



Fountain Hills Moving and Storage is a major mover in the community.

your materials can be stored."

Fountain Hills Moving and Storage is affiliated with National Van Lines/Sterling out of California. Dick serves as an agent for the van line. Dick

carries cargo insurance, as well as worker's compensation insurance.

Fountain Hills Moving and Storage can be reached by calling (480) 837-6161.

## Sonoran Lifestyle Real Estate

# Buying, selling property is partnership with Realtor

Smart home buyers know that selecting a home today is so much more than finding a house of the right size and number of bedrooms. Homes today are an extension of how we see ourselves, from the hobbies we enjoy, the life we dream of living or the people with whom we choose to surround us. Our homes are our enclaves...to be shared with friends and family in our quest to regain the intimacy lost in today's fast paced world.

Perhaps your life's plans revolve around good schools and parks for your children or grandchildren? Do you see yourself immersed in artistic and cultural activities? Are you a career oriented person that might enjoy the convenience of a carefree town center lifestyle? Do you prefer to entertain friends in a gracious, relaxed environment within your home, or is it more important to have a variety of world class restaurants and quaint

bistros within steps of your front door? Whatever your taste and style, Sonoran Lifestyle Real Estate can help you find just the right home and neighborhood. And, when you're ready to sell your home, you want a team that is entirely focused on the effective marketing of your particular home, its character, nuances and strengths. They are the masters of "lifestyle-oriented sales" having represented hundreds of Fountain Hills' most memorable luxury homes and communities since the company was founded here locally in 2001.

In addition to its Fountain Hills office, Sonoran Lifestyle is the exclusive representative at Torreon, a golf club community in the White Mountains of Arizona. There, they represent the mountain lifestyle to the residents and guests of that community, marketing custom homes, homesites, cabins and cabin rentals.

The team of professionals at Sonoran Lifestyle Real Estate has dedicated themselves to providing the quality of real estate services needed to turn your real estate activities into a lifetime of wealth accumulation.

Led by President, Dori Wittrig, they are strong advocates that research is a key to the complexities of your real estate portfolio, backed up by advanced education within a variety of product specialties. The Sonoran team works together to allow you to transcend the different phases of your life, receiving the same high level of professional service at each step of the way by a company who is committed to being your "REALTOR for life."

Stop by the company's Sonoran Gallery of Homes, located on Avenue of the Fountains next to Gridleys. Here, you'll find one more example of how Sonoran Lifestyle is light years ahead in its methods of serving your needs. Start your research here by meeting one of our experienced professionals and taking advantage of the vast displays of product and lifestyle information. Perhaps you aren't interested in purchasing or selling today, but wouldn't it be nice to know you have the right company when you're ready to make that decision? Or, call them at (480) 816-5557. The Web site is [www.SonoranLifestyle.com](http://www.SonoranLifestyle.com).



Sonoran Lifestyle Real Estate's showroom provides a look at the various properties it represents.



The sales office at Torreon, a Sonoran Lifestyle property near Show Low in northeastern Arizona.

# Residents 'thrilled' with contractor, new bath

Doug and Joan Swan are veterans when it comes to remodeling.

When the Fountain Hills couple decided to redo the master bathroom in their home, they were prepared for the "usual remodeling nightmares." They also are fairly new to Fountain Hills and didn't have a lot of resources for referrals. They did, however, get a referral from a plumbing contractor who had done some work for them. They were directed to Patrick Benkowski of Roadrunner Remodeling. They talked with him at length before choosing him to redo their bathroom.

"We have been through tons of remodels," Doug said. "Typically we have selected people through referrals. This was no exception. He did an excellent job."

Doug said he did the advance work in choosing the contractor, but Joan is the one who lived through the work.

"Since this was not our first remodeling job, we were a little bit reluctant to get in to it," Joan said. "I thought it might be better to wait until we were a little more settled."

She said she needn't have worried.

"We were absolutely thrilled with the whole process," Joan said. "Patrick and Dan (Roadrunner's job superintendent) were unbelievably professional. I could not be more pleased."

Joan said that Benkowski was always available for questions and updates. Dan did most of the work himself, and he was prompt and reli-

able. "If he said he would be here at 8:30, he was here at 8:30," Joan said. "And if he was going to be even 10 minutes late, he called. They did everything they said they were going to do and more."

Joan marveled that Dan even carried in the huge new bathtub by himself.

Joan remarked that another factor she liked with the work was there were few workers in the house.

"In our other experiences, there have been four or five or six people working in this little space," she said. "You felt overrun. Dan just came in, did the work, cleaned everything up every day and left. It was so pleasant."

Dan continues to check in with the Swans. He is friends with their neighbor, so when he is visiting his friend, he stops at the Swans to make sure they are still happy with the new bathroom.

"Dan is really wonderful," Joan said.

Doug said there is no question they would use Roadrunner again.

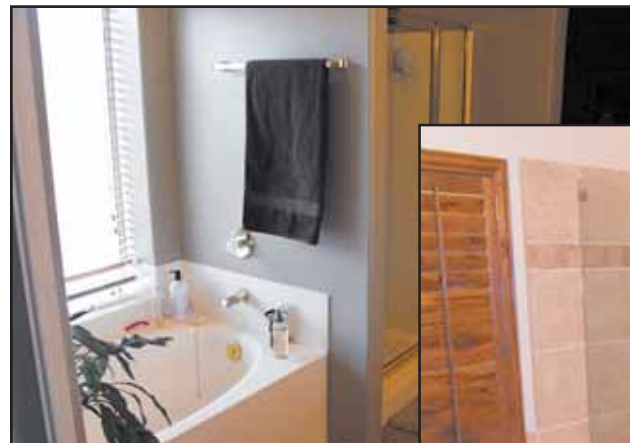
"This was a pretty big remodel, and it went according to plan," he said. "Patrick kept us informed of the progress, and he was happy to answer questions and let us know what was going on through the whole process."

The remodeling job took about six weeks. Joan called the process "painless. Dan and Patrick made it look effortless. We absolutely would use them again."

Benkowski is a certified remodeler (CR) and past president of the National Association of the Remodeling Industry, Greater Phoenix Chapter. He is also a member of the Fountain Hills Association of Licensed Contractors and Central Arizona Better Business Bureau. He has been in the remodeling

business for 32 years and has lived in Fountain Hills nine years.

He can be reached by calling (480) 816-0788. To view before and after photos, customer testimonials and other useful kitchen and bathroom remodeling information, visit [www.roadrunnerremodeling.com](http://www.roadrunnerremodeling.com).



Before



After

## HOME Fountain View Village

# Village offers total senior living on one campus

Fountain View Village is a complete campus of care for senior living.

The Fountain Hills complex at 16455 E. Avenue of the Fountains features independent living, assisted living, memory care and skilled nursing, all on the same property.

Rebecca Quinn, director of sales and marketing for the facility, said the integration between assisted living and independent living is unusual.

"Many places don't integrate the two," Quinn said. "This is very nice for couples. There may be a situation where one person needs to be in

assisted living and the other person doesn't. They can be together, but participate in different things. It makes the transition from independent living to assisted living easy, too."

A variety of programs and activities are offered every day. Residents have numerous choices and levels of involvement.

"We have residents who want to do everything," Quinn said. "And we have those who are comfortable with participating once in awhile. It just depends on the personality of the person."

Quinn said the socialization available to seniors helps them with the transition to living in a retirement community.

"Sometimes, a person feels very able to stay in their home in their later years," she said. "But often, as we get older, we have a tendency to withdraw if it isn't convenient to socialize. Eating can be an issue. Sleeping sometimes is a problem. There are just any number of things that are affected in the aging process."

Being in a community such as Fountain View Village actually helps a person feel better and have more energy to do things, Quinn said.

For those in independent living, the lifestyle is not much different from living in an apartment. The services available in the retirement living section include breakfast and dinner in the dining room, most utilities, scheduled transportation, bi-weekly housekeeping and a variety of social and recreational activities. Even pets are welcome.

In the assisted living section, residents receive three meals per day, housekeeping and laundry services and a 24-hour awake staff monitor, a pendant system they wear. Upon assessment, they also may have help with the activities of daily living, such as bathing and dressing, as well as medication assistance. Legacy Court, assisted memory care, has special programming for residents with Alzheimer's and other related dementias.

Individual service plans are provided to those in the skilled nursing center. They have a wonderful rehabilitation program to make you strong enough to go home, wherever home may be.

The Village has a heated swimming pool, a fitness center, a pub and a movie theater. There also is a small restaurant open for lunch to the public. Fountain View Village also makes some of its space available to the public. There are several meeting and dining rooms that can be rented for private functions.

"We have several local groups who hold meetings here," Quinn said.

The Town of Fountain Hills held its last annual retreat at Fountain View Village. The facility can cater functions and provide some equipment and furnishings.

"We have had bridal showers here, and other little gatherings," Quinn said. "It works well for small events." But the focus of Fountain View Village is its residents and their comfort.

"We provide a friendly atmosphere, along with the great care for our residents," Quinn said.

From the first phone call - when the receptionist answers, "It's a beautiful lifestyle at Fountain View Village," you feel welcome.

The staff, administration and residents project that feeling.

For more information, call (480) 836-5000, or visit [www.seniorlifestyle.com](http://www.seniorlifestyle.com).



Fountain View Village is a complete campus of care for senior living, from independent living, to assisted living to memory care. There also is a skilled nursing facility on the property.