Today's Top Stories

Valley spots offer chance to overcome phobias

Fears come personalized. Fear of the dark, for instance, is fairly common, as is a Howard Hughes-esque fixation about germs. But some phobias are a bit more bizarre — the fear of string (linonophobia), for example, or the fear of otters (lutraphobia).

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Firm cracks hidden fissures

A Mesa corporation’s geophysical sensor technology has told miners where to dig and the military where an enemy might be hiding underground.

Now, Thorpe Seeop is telling East Valley homeowners, developers and real estate agents whether fissures are underfoot.

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Scottsdale flirting with Wi-Fi for downtown

A local Internet firm plans to weave a wireless network over downtown Scottsdale that by early next year would allow anyone with the proper computer hardware to get online just as easily from a sidewalk as from an office.

The city is close to finalizing a deal with Wildfire, a Scottsdale-based broadband Internet company, to have Wireless Fidelity, or Wi-Fi, equipment placed on traffic lights around downtown.

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Mesa man dies in Iraq

A Chandler police sergeant learned his son was killed in Iraq on Thursday — the same day another East Valley soldier was laid to rest.

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Family secret tests legal system

A school guidance counselor listened last year as a 12-year-old student told her about the child’s biological parents actually being his foster parents.

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old student unloaded a family secret. Months earlier, the girl said, her 19-year-old brother by adoption had molested her multiple times at their Chandler home.

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Tail feathers shake for a little color
Do colors turn you on? The bolder the better for female barn swallows. A team of scientists from Arizona State University and Cornell University are finding that the finicky females are more likely to be faithful if their mates' plumage is bold and rich in color.

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