

Touchdown Touches

Characterized by asymmetries, angles and curves, the former contemporary Paradise Valley estate—which is available to be leased—of Super Bowl champion quarterback Kurt Warner comprises 11,300 livable square feet.

Story by David M. Brown



WORD TO THE WISE

“Often an architectural challenge becomes a design opportunity. In the kitchen, we had to deal with a large steel beam that dropped lower than the ceiling. We created a stylish coffered effect to hide it and add pizzazz at the same time.”

—Ed Chavez

Kitchen

The kitchen features double islands; black granite countertops; custom maple cabinetry with frosted glass on some faces; contoured copper-color tile on the preparation/eating bar; and marble flooring, as throughout the home. As part of a home designed for indoor/outdoor entertaining and easy circulation, the room flows past a walk-in butler's pantry, a breakfast area, a radiused bar and the clerestory-windowed family room, which opens through a collapsing wall to the 62-foot lap pool and spa, synthetic grass area, outdoor cabana, in-ground trampoline and guest quarters.

DESIGN TEAM

Architect and Interior Designer: Edward Chavez, AIA, Chavez and Associates
Builder: ADL Arizona Design Limited



Master Bedroom

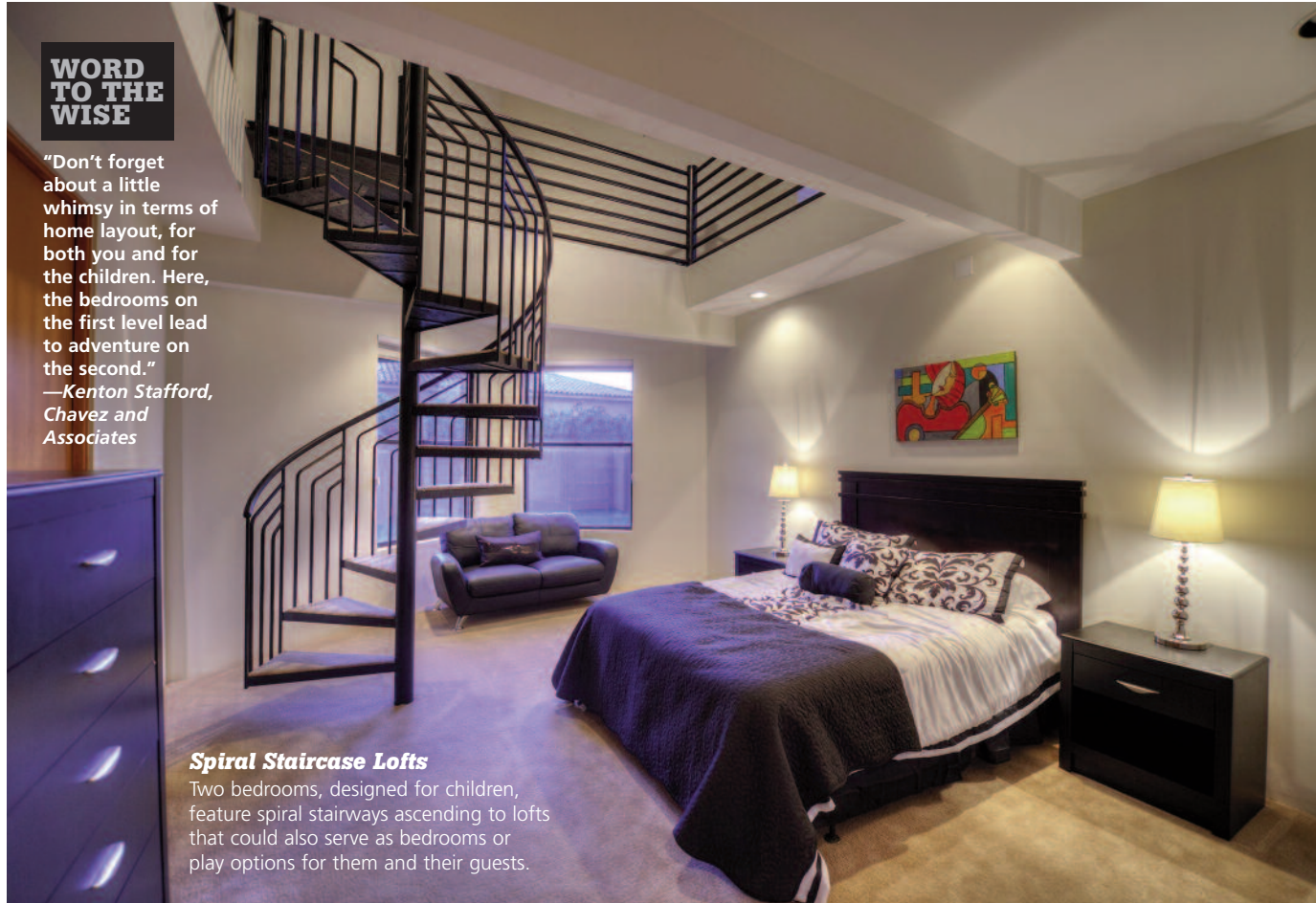
With north and south walk-out balconies through French doors, the second-level master bedroom looks out to the pool below and the mountains beyond. Clerestory windows, on a radiused wall above the bed, fill the room with day- and night-lighting, and a black granite gas fireplace adds warmth on cool desert nights. The expansive master bathroom incorporates an islanded his and hers vanity separated by a mirror; his and hers toilets; and a large walk-in closet. A custom spa tub was built on site for the former Arizona Cardinals star.

Game Rooms

The home's upper level, accessible by an elevator beside the winding stairway, also includes the second of the home's two game rooms—this one for pool and a bar. Here, too, a massage room includes a full bath and two balconies. The new owner, a Valley resident since 1944 who lives nearby in one of Paradise Valley's oldest homes, notes that seasonal lessees can access a concierge service for therapists and other services, like travel and entertainment arrangements.

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"Don't forget about a little whimsy in terms of home layout, for both you and for the children. Here, the bedrooms on the first level lead to adventure on the second."
—Kenton Stafford, Chavez and Associates



Spiral Staircase Lofts

Two bedrooms, designed for children, feature spiral stairways ascending to lofts that could also serve as bedrooms or play options for them and their guests.



Detached Guest Wing

Added by the Warner family to replace the original 1,000-plus-sq.-ft. view deck, the 700-sq.-ft. guest quarters, with a kitchen and bedroom, overlooks the backyard oasis, which was designed with the house wrapping the three sides of the pool.

SEASONAL LEASING LOW DOWN

Seasonal leasing of one of the many luxury homes in Scottsdale, Paradise Valley and other premiere Valley communities offers great benefits for professional athletes, businesspeople and casual visitors who enjoy the Valley's many entertainment options. For one, without buying a property, you and your family or business can enjoy the pleasure of living in different lifestyle settings and accompanying amenities. "You sample the merchandise without having to make a long-term commitment," says Frank Aazami, Private Client Group, Russ Lyon|Sotheby's International Realty in Scottsdale. "You buy in to the experience without buying." In addition, you avoid the entanglements of time and paperwork of the purchasing phase—as well as other annoyances, too, like maintaining the home and repairing it or any item in the home. (Aazami suggests some current opportunities: www.seasonalfurnishedrentals.com.) For the investor as well, there are a number of tax advantages to leasing your property or properties. "Consult with a professional to learn if long-term leasing, either as the owner of the property or a temporary occupant, is the right move for you," he says. www.frankaazami.com. ■