

# P.V. man dedicated to 'Build It Green'

PBS series features environmental tips

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A former Hollywood production manager turned environmental advocate has created a home improvement show slated to reach audiences nationwide.

"Build It Green" is a 13-episode program expected to debut early next year that shows viewers how to make their dwellings more environmentally friendly and energy efficient.

Years ago, Mick Dalrymple was in Hollywood helping make movies such as "Waterworld," "Tango & Cash" and "Escape From L.A."

On Wednesday, the 40-year-old Paradise Valley man was in hurricane-ravaged New Orleans, videotaping reconstruction of houses for future episodes of his home improvement show.

"Even though film was interesting, I didn't feel fulfilled by it until now," he said.

Creating the show was a way of matching his interest in film with his passion for promoting sustainable living, he said.

already run on three Valley government channels, features a 6,000-square-foot north Scottsdale house that is powered by hydrogen.

Dalrymple is co-owner of Scottsdale-based a.k.a. Green, a retail outlet and showroom that promotes eco-friendly building materials and designs.

PBS recently picked up the show and wants to air it nationwide, Dalrymple said.

A spokeswoman for PBS affiliate KAET-TV (Channel 8) in Tempe confirmed the show is slated to be broadcast on PBS but she did not have any details.

"The idea came up to do it in a home improvement style that's entertaining and with an educational core," Dalrymple said.

Each episode would be 30 minutes long. One will show crews converting a 1975 brick building into a "zero energy" building, meaning it will generate as much energy as it uses, he said.

"From an educational standpoint, we can't do enough to make the general public aware of the strategies for sustainable resources," said Kevin Edwards, whose Scottsdale-based Edwards Design Group specializes in



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**EFFICIENT:** Yvette and Bryan Beaulieu talk in April 2005 about the hydrogen house Bryan built in north Scottsdale. The home, which has solar panels that provide the electricity and outdoor shade, will be featured in the pilot episode of the PBS series "Build It Green."



eco-friendly dwellings.

"It's certainly going to help the community," Edwards said of the show.

Building more energy-efficient houses has gained in

1988, when Scottsdale established its Green Building Program, said Anthony Floyd, the program's manager.

The program outlines 150 eco-friendly criteria for builders to consider when coming up with their construction plans, Floyd said.

Among those eco-friendly techniques is to provide shade at all entrances to reduce heat, incorporate recycled and reusable building materials, and to use building materials that are made locally, he said.

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