Real estate market still striving for pre-market crash values

When the real estate market hit bottom, sales prices in the Imperial County and the rest of the state fell sharply.

By the numbers

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Real Estate Agent Matthew Cowie shows the backyard of a home in Otay Mesa.

In general, I’m seeing a definite turnaround in residential and to some degree multi-family properties,” said Jack Dunnam, assistant assessor. Different cities locally have had different turning points and not all cities are back to their peak points, he said. El Centro, Calexico and Salton City are still striving to reach it. El Centro is currently at $165,000 sales price, $24,000 away from its peak point in 2008. While Calexico is at $133,000, a $24,000 difference from its 2008 value.

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*IMPERIAL VALLEY DESERT MUSEUM*

Traveling exhibit showcases Native Californians’ traditional foods

BY HERIC RUBIO

OCTOLOL—From ome to ome, California Native American population has a long history of gathering and preparing meals using many different parts of the land. It’s a practice made up of rich and healthy foods cooked on a redwood stick, the culi-

nary processes of California’s original inhabitants was a varied one, and currently on display at the Imperial Valley Desert Museum.

“Seafood, Salmon, and Manzanita Cider: A California Indian Feast” debuted Saturday at the Ocotillo and featured trad-