

# Las Sendas Up Close

Bringing neighbors closer to their community

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## Young Las Sendas cyclist breaks from the pack

By AnnElise Makin

**D**aniel Eaton, a 16-year-old from Las Sendas, was cut out to be a cyclist, taking on the sport only 1.5 years ago, but dominating the field in major races and winning several state titles in his age group.

"At the last Tour de Phoenix in March, which had approximately 1,000 riders, Daniel placed 11th overall," Daniel's father, Craig Eaton, a real estate agent and property manager, proudly reported. Craig and Kathy, Daniel's mom, competed in the same race, as well.

In the Tour, starting from Red Mountain Park and meandering on a 72-mile road circuit around the East Valley, all three Eatons received platinum status for finishing under 3 hours and 5 minutes. Mom Kathy was one of seven women to accomplish this feat.

Daniel, a Red Mountain High School junior, has topped the field at various competitions. He won the 2010 State Criterium Championship (17- to 18-year-olds) in Scottsdale in April. Likewise, in the 2010 State Championship Road Race in Globe this past May, Daniel placed first in his age group, finishing with 6 minutes in the lead on a 37-mile circuit.

As Daniel was gearing up for the

Single Track Omnium competition in Flagstaff, dad described his son's regimen. "Daniel rides pretty much six days per week," Craig said, "anywhere from 30 minutes to five hours."

In the summer, Daniel gets up at 5:30 in the morning and trains. During the winter, he trains after school. Daniel manages his course load well and works part time at the bike shop Two Wheel Jones.

It's a good thing the whole family is so much into biking. The Eatons belong to the Red Mountain Brumbys Cycling Club, go riding together on most days and frequently compete in the same races. For example, mom Kathy placed third in the previously mentioned State criterium race (category 4). Like Daniel, she also entered the Flagstaff Omnium competition.

The whole family was drawn into the cycling world synergistically. Just for fun, Daniel had decided to try a 37-mile road race in the White Mountains on one of his mountain bikes. He ended up in second place and got hooked on the sport from thereon. Then the Eatons joined the Brumbys. "Kathy and I ride 25 to 35 miles a day," Craig said.



Daniel Eaton

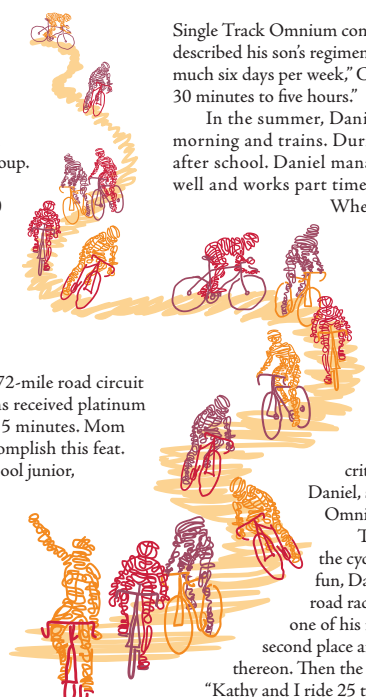
More of the Eatons may soon be heading for the peloton. At 9 years old, Morgan is excited about the prospects of starting races next year. Lauren is only 6 years old, but has taken to the two-wheeler with a passion.

Breaking away ahead of the family and climbing to his peak performance is Daniel. He works on his development with a professional coach, Mike Kolin, from the Strada Racing Club. Recently, he has been racing every weekend.

Since Daniel already has a driver's license, he takes himself to the training rides.

At the Single Track Omnium Race, Daniel competed in three different events. He participated in a time trial race up the Snowbowl road, a criterium circuit race and a road race at Sunset Crater. He placed first at the time trial (category 4), had a flat tire in the circuit race, but finished first in the road race (category 4).

Mom Kathy competed in only the road race and placed second in her division. Next June, Daniel will be competing in the U.S. National Championship. Before that, he wants to make the most of his time. He has dropped cross-country running in favor of cycling, so he'll be ready for the speed work required at the Arizona State Track Championship in August and any other races. ■



## Which running shoe is right for me?

Submitted by Iron Gear Sports

**O**ne huge draw of running is the simplicity of the sport—with a pair of running shoes and a comfortable shirt and shorts—anyone can run or jog around the neighborhood or a track.

The ease of the sport further allows for travel. Busy schedules and exercise on a limited time schedule also are accommodated by the simple sport of running.

Now, back to those shoes. Arguably the most important piece of equipment for the seasoned runners or 5K enthusiasts is their shoes. There are running shoes in all types—motion control, stability and neutral. There are racers and trainers and distance shoes. And what about the brands? Brooks, Zoot, Pearl Izumi, Newton. Where do you begin?

The first step in picking out a new pair of shoes would be visiting with a running shoe expert, like those at Iron Gear Sports. The shop, located on Power and McDowell roads in Mesa, has a trained staff member who can guide



you through the shoe buying process.

It is always helpful to bring an old pair of running shoes with you to the fitting so the wear and tread on the shoe can be analyzed. Old shoes will reflect the runner's pronation, or the natural roll of the foot, from the heel to the arch. A runner can overpronate, where the feet roll inward too much; supinate, where the feet don't roll inward enough; or be a neutral runner where the foot is most efficient.

A running gait analysis on the store's treadmill is step two in the shoe buying process. The treadmill and video capture program at Iron Gear Sports allows the runner and the shoe fitter to review the runner's style and foot strike on camera. The process is essentially putting the runner's eyes behind his body so he can see for himself his actual stride and run.

At this point, a runner is ready to try on the selection of shoes narrowed down for him as determined by his on-camera foot



strike. Comfort now becomes key to the selection process. The appropriate shoe should have plenty of room in the toe box or front of the shoe, and it should feel snug without being tight.

Putting a runner in the wrong shoe can lead to painful shin splints, improper joint alignment or even injury. But the proper shoe can help solve a runner's pronation tendencies and help keep an athlete injury free.

Once the shoes have been selected, a new pair of running socks and the proper running attire should be the next items to purchase. Summer temperatures, especially in Arizona, require attention to detail when it comes to running wear. Fabric should be moisture wicking to keep a runner cool and dry. New technical wear by Pearl Izumi actually cools the body's exterior temperature by up to 7 degrees.

The staff at Iron Gear Sports is ready to introduce or reacquaint you with the latest in running shoes, clothing and gear. Stop by today, and ask for your free running gait analysis. Mention the secret word *Tillman* to receive \$20 off a pair of new running shoes. ■

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ORGANIZING

# ASK THE ORGANIZER

By Nancy Nemitz

I've been writing this column for about three years, and I would like to hear from you.

Submit your organizing questions to [nancy@createthespace.com](mailto:nancy@createthespace.com). In the subject line, reference *Ask the Organizer*. If your question is answered in a future *Up Close* issue, you will receive a free 30-minute telephone consultation with me, professional organizer Nancy Nemitz.

Now is your chance to receive free advice. Don't procrastinate because you will forget. Send me an e-mail today.

Nancy Nemitz, Create the Space

Professional Organizing LLC, is located in Red Mountain Ranch. There are lots of ways to keep in touch. Send an e-mail to [createthespace.com](mailto:createthespace.com); reach her on Twitter @NancyNemitz; Nancy's blog is [nancyscocktailhour.blogspot.com](http://nancyscocktailhour.blogspot.com). You also can call (480) 325-0994. ■



Nancy Nemitz

COMMUNITY

## Kids care for the planet

Submitted by the City of Mesa

Students in kindergarten through sixth grade are invited to participate in a fun and interactive recycling event hosted by the City of Mesa Solid Waste Management Department. Through an educational video, hands on activities and a recycling quiz challenge, participants will learn the following:

- How much garbage are we generating, and why is that a problem?
- What is the life of a landfill?
- What is reduce, reuse, recycle?



- What is accepted in Mesa's recycling program?
- What happens when we recycle?
- What can I do to help?

This free event will be held on Wednesday, July 28, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., at the Main Library, 64 E. First St., and from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., at the Red Mountain Library, located at 635 N. Power Road. Advance registration is recommended. Those who sign up by Friday, July 23 will receive a free earth key chain upon arriving at the event. To sign up, please call (480) 644-5005, or visit [mesarecycles.org](http://mesarecycles.org). ■

HEALTH

## WE OUR MOVING!

Dear Readers,

For the last two years, we have had the honor of treating many of the residents from the different neighborhood communities the *Up Close* publication reaches. We have deeply appreciated the many compliments regarding the different health care articles we have written each month and the monthly community health care seminars held at the Anti-Aging Institute.

As of July 1, Jodi Arnold, who has been the diet and lifestyle coach, and myself, Dr. Fred G. Arnold, DC, NMD, will be providing services at the following location:

**Royal Orthopedic and Pain Rehabilitation**

3610 North 44th Street, Suite 210  
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Jodi Arnold will continue to provide her excellent diet and lifestyle coaching, specializing in the HCG diet. I will continue to provide the same services I have previously provided, such as the following:

- Anti-Aging Medicine
- Hormone Replacement Therapy
- Detoxification
- Nutritional Counseling
- IV Therapies (Vitamins and Minerals)

In addition, I will be expanding my services in pain management and rehabilitation, specializing in Prolotherapy. Prolotherapy is a highly effective treatment to help chronic painful conditions, especially when other treatment methods have failed or when surgery has been recommended.

We welcome the opportunity to continue to serve the readers of *Up Close* and its neighboring communities.

Should you have any questions or desire further care, we can be reached at (602) 912-4996.

Best Wishes,

Fred Arnold, DC, NMD

Jodi Arnold, Diet and Lifestyle Educator



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SPORTS

# Alta Mesa Golf Club HOSTS TEAM CLASSIC

By Dawn Abbey

Alta Mesa Golf Club is hosting its 13th annual Arizona Divisional Team Classic July 30 through Aug. 1.

Format is Two-Player teams with the youngest team member determining the division. Divisions are Masters (45-54), Seniors (55-64), and Legends (65+). TPA performance points will be awarded.

Shotgun starts kick off a Scramble at noon Friday, July 30, a Modified Alternate Shot at 8 a.m. Saturday, July 31, and Better Ball, Sunday, Aug. 1, also at 8 a.m.

A full field is anticipated for this



popular event said Alta Mesa Head Golf Pro Scott Brown. Deadline for entries is July 28. Entry fee of \$270 includes golf, carts, range balls, prizes, and lunch on Sunday. For more information, call Alta Mesa Golf Shop, (480) 827-9411, or download an entry form on the Arizona Golf Association Web site at azgolf.org.

Alta Mesa Golf Club, 1460 N. Alta Mesa Drive, just north of Brown Road in Northeast Mesa, offers an 18-hole championship golf course designed by Architect Dick Phelps. Eight lakes dot the gently rolling, 160-acre course that extends to 7,093 yards and has a traditional layout. More details are available at altamesagolf.com. ■

COMMUNITY

# Mahnah Club seeks nominations

Mahnah Club of the East Valley, a women's service organization, is seeking nominations for its annual Volunteer Award, *Leading Women of the Community*, in celebration of volunteerism.

The two 2010 honorees will be recognized for outstanding contributions to important community causes that reflect issues related



to one or more of the following categories: children, families, education and/or the arts.

Nomination forms may be downloaded from the Mahnah Club Web site at [www.mahnahclub.org](http://www.mahnahclub.org) or requested by e-mail to [judymoore100@gmail.com](mailto:judymoore100@gmail.com). They must be postmarked no later than Aug. 7, 2010. ■

CHARITY

# Wildhorse Ranch Rescue CELEBRATES 15 YEARS

From Arabians and Thoroughbreds to ex-U.S. Forest Service equines and wild mustangs, Wildhorse Ranch Rescue (WHRR) has been saving equines for 15 years.

What started by accident in 1995 by Kim Meagher, founder and chair, has become a fixture in the animal rescue world.

"Wildhorse Ranch Rescue started out as a mom and two kids trying to save a couple of horses," Kim said. "We've grown into a corporation that has helped hundreds of animals, not only in Gilbert but throughout the United States."

The 501(c)(3) registered charity lives up to its mission of saving equines from abuse, neglect, slaughter and premature death. The organization is run entirely on donations with the help of a dedicated volunteer board and volunteer feed team. It also has saved other animals throughout the years, including dogs, cats, goats and a rooster named Elvis.

Running any type of charity is not easy in a down economy, especially an animal non-profit. With the economy, there has been an enormous increase in homeless animals, including horses. The cost per month to run the equine rescue



is easily upward of \$7,000 per month.

"We are 100 percent volunteer run and operate solely on donations," said Skip DeNardo, vice chair and volunteer manager. "This is not such an easy task in this economy. Our goal is to try to get as many people as possible to sign up for our *Bale Out a Horse* program, which helps us feed and care for our herd. Our horses need your help, and you can sign up for as little as \$10 a month."

To date, WHRR has saved the lives of 130 equines. "All it takes is one step in the direction of your passion to get on a path where it can lead you to places you only dreamed you could go," Kim said.

To find out more about Wildhorse Ranch Rescue and to help, go to [www.wildhorseranchrescue.com](http://www.wildhorseranchrescue.com). ■

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COMMUNITY

# Neighbors Welcome at RMR COUNTRY CLUB

Submitted by Marian McGill

The response has been tremendous since last fall when Red Mountain Ranch Country Club (RMRCC) opened up select tee times for non-member play on the beautiful championship Pete Dye golf course.

Golfers enjoy a country club experience both on the golf course and in the lively Player's Grille. Several guests had such a good time they decided to join the Club!

Red Mountain Ranch remains a member-based club, with attractive membership rates for the avid golfer in the East Valley, but welcomes the public, as well.

Here's a great way to become part of the Club if you are interested in great food. This fall, RMRCC is introducing a Supper Club, which will feature a three- and four-course dining experience, with wine pairings served in the spectacular Overlook Dining Room.

Supper Club members will be able to

indulge their palates weekly, with cuisine and wines from regions around the world. Each of these special evenings will include light entertainment, cocktails and appetizers, and a main entree with tasty accompaniments followed by a scrumptious dessert. To be a part of the Supper Club, contact the membership office.

You do not have to be a member to host a party, meeting or event at the club. Food and Beverage Director Dustin Graf and Chef Jeremy Larkin will handle all the details, while you relax and enjoy. Dates in December are already filling up. Book your holiday party during the month of July, and receive a free vegetable hors d'oeuvre platter!

To learn more about Red Mountain Ranch Country Club membership and events, contact Membership Director Marian McGill, at (480) 981-6501 ext. 111, or Dustin Graf, at ext. 102. Visit the Web site at [www.rmcc.com](http://www.rmcc.com). ■



DECORATING

Catherine Pickering



# Differing styles can exist beautifully in harmony

By Catherine Pickering

Eclecticism is the art of bringing together the best of differing styles into one harmonious whole and honoring your past while celebrating your present.

Here in the Valley, Tuscan style has been popular for most of the last decade, conjuring up images of sun-drenched hillsides dotted with rustic farmhouses.

Many of my clients have a preconceived notion of what is (and is not) Tuscan, but if you were to visit a villa in Florence or Siena, you would find furnishings of different styles and eras, as well as accessories accumulated from years of travel to other places.

Perhaps the owner has a Chinese apothecary's chest from a recent trip to Hong Kong, a family-owned grandfather clock from Sweden or even a Navajo rug from Phoenix!

Add a few of those elements to the basic decor, and Abracadabra, you've got an eclectic home that still epitomizes what it means to be Tuscan! And the architectural elements of Tuscan style (stone floors, wrought iron fixtures, fountains and courtyards) have evolved over centuries in response to the local climate and materials, which, happily enough, work well in the Southwest, along with Hacienda-, Spanish Colonial- and Santa Barbara-style architecture.

Sometimes eclecticism is forced on you. For example, if you're combining two households into a blended family. My

English engineer/musician husband has also lived in Japan and the Midwest. Naturally,

he brought his prized possessions to the party, including traditional antiques, Japanese lacquer and a plethora of guitars, along with about a million CDs! In contrast, I'm a long-time Arizona girl with the ubiquitous cherished rugs, baskets, colorful Mexican art and rustic furniture pieces.

Given that combination, maintaining a sensitivity to the heritage and interests of both our families is paramount.

A few *designerly* rules should be followed when combining disparate pieces, but finding something they have in common will help them live together happily.

In the vignette shown, note the curio cabinet from Japan (stocked with music CDs) juxtaposed (another *designerly* term) with a mask from Mexico City, a painting from Guadalajara and traditional brass/crystal candlesticks from the United Kingdom (a wedding gift).

At first glance, you might think they have nothing in common, but the threads tying them together are the colors (teal and black) the finishes (brass and mother-of-pearl), the scale, and most importantly, the memories they evoke and the fact they are a unique reflection of our family. Your home should be a testament to a life well-lived...and well-loved.

Remember, honor your past while celebrating your present!

Contact Catherine through her Web site at [www.makeovermagicaz.com](http://www.makeovermagicaz.com). ■



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## COMMUNITY

## Earsel Montgomery III believes in the power of his music

By Jamie Larson

It can often seem the world is infiltrated with negativity and all of the influences around are bad, but Las Sendas resident Earsel Montgomery III is making a big, positive impact.

Earsel, who moved to Las Sendas with his family in January, is working hard to make his mark on the community and the world through his music.

"Ever since high school, I have had the gift of rap. I was one of the first rappers in my area," said Earsel, who grew up in South Bend, Ind. "But it was never something I took seriously. I didn't know what I was supposed to do with this gift."

Earsel made mistakes when he was younger, but found a healthier, more spiritual path about three years ago. Since then, his work as a rapper has exploded.

"Now I understand why I rap," Earsel said with a smile. "I understand now that I wasn't believing in what I was saying. Now, I do."

"God started putting these songs into my heart, and I put them onto paper," Earsel stated. "I know it's the right thing because when I am writing, I don't scratch anything out. When I was writing the garbage I was writing before, I could ball up and throw away an entire notebook."

"I rap about how to steer clear of those bad things that were in my life," Earsel went on. "Sometimes I feel like a firefighter. A lot of my songs are my testimony, and they are putting out fires."

"I rap about going to school, getting good grades, being in good with God. I rap

about having faith, and it's cool," Earsel continued. "The closer and more personal my relationship became with God, the better I became."

His faith is what pushes Earsel to work toward spreading a positive message through music.

"People need to understand there are consequences to not living life to the fullest. Negative actions have negative consequences. We need to work toward positive things," Earsel affirmed.

Since he has been in Las Sendas, Earsel has been doing outreach of his own and has continued living his message.

"I was real comfortable where I was [Indiana]. I think people can do more when they are a little bit less comfortable," Earsel stated. So far, his move has worked out well.

"I absolutely love Las Sendas," Earsel said enthusiastically. "My daughter goes to Las Sendas Elementary School, I work out at The Trailhead. I haven't made it up to the restaurants at the golf course yet, but I am looking forward to doing that, too."

Additionally, Earsel has enjoyed the perks of the amazing facilities at the Boulder Mountain Park, where he coaches an intramural basketball team.

"I joined the Mesa Department of Parks and Recreation as a volunteer coach of a basketball team," Earsel acknowledged. "I had five girls on my team," said Earsel. "We lost the first game by 28 points. But we won it all in the end. In the finals, we played the same team we lost to in the beginning, and we won by one point," he said with a smile. "That

is what you call girl power. It was so cool."

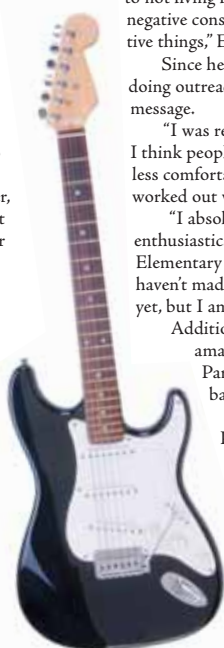
Earsel is excited to be a part of the community, to spread the word of hard work and community service.

"I will come to your church, your school, youth events, prisons, parks—anywhere. I am breaking barriers with my music," confirmed Earsel.

Catch Earsel on the first episode of the upcoming season of America's Got Talent.

"I didn't make it as a contender, but I am in the first episode as a contestant," Earsel said.

Learn more about Earsel at [www.myspace.com/jesusflows](http://www.myspace.com/jesusflows), or contact him at (224) 200-7821. ■



## COMMUNITY

## THEATRE POSITIVELY INFLUENCES AREA YOUTH

Submitted by Actor's Youth Theatre

True to its mission, the Actor's Youth Theatre (AYT) is encouraging youth and enhancing self-esteem in a positive, creative environment.

Founded six years ago by Marcus Ellsworth and Julie Clement, this brother and sister team recognized a lack of theatre opportunities for youth in the East Valley. This is where AYT began and where it remains today.

These two talented people, who learned the art of drawing friends together for fun and drama of a positive nature, have influenced many young people. Julie has the ability to lead a group of 45 teens through hours of rehearsals while maintaining a gentle smile and refraining from raising her voice. Combine Julie's talent with Marcus' laughter and amazing



dancing, and young people choose to give up days of their summer vacation to attend rehearsals and performances.

Consider how many of our youth spend time alone or without the presence of caring adults—youth who must rely on the examples from television or their peers, for not only their vocabulary but also their emotional expression and sense of self-worth.

Take the same group of young people, and bring them together for a common goal. Add leaders who not only model the positive characteristics they hope to instill but do it with compassion and humor. These leaders look into the eyes of each youth and find those abilities they have never been told exist. These leaders get them to smile and encourage others around them. They watch them walk away a little taller and lighter.

It all comes back to the individual youth. A young person observes an adult's joy over creating a costume or set piece out of something found in

a neighbor's garage. Another feels seen for the first time as a director looks her in the eye and praises her efforts. The young person walks taller into her classroom the day she knows she has to deliver a presentation to her class because she has been able to stand on a stage and speak in front of hundreds of people.

AYT also makes an impact on the audience. Those in attendance have been heard to express overwhelming surprise at the quality level of productions, such as *The Secret Garden* and *Thoroughly Modern Millie*, to name just a few.

Yes, a small organization is touching thousands of lives through positive, directed, interaction each year in the East Valley. The organization began with a brother and sister with hearts and enthusiasm too big to keep to themselves. Watch out if they visit you. Your household items just might be featured in their next season.

To learn more about summer productions and how you can get involved, visit the AYT Web site at [www.actorsyouththeatre.org](http://www.actorsyouththeatre.org). AYT shares space at La Musique, 7440 E. Main St., at Main and Sossaman. ■

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LOCAL BUSINESS

# H3 Home Services provides proactive property stewardship

By AnnElise Makin

**A**bsent homeowners can now rest assured since H3 Home Services, a new home maintenance and concierge service, has come to this neighborhood.

H3 customizes its care packages to each individual concern. Literally, H3's owners, Jim and Kathy Smith, from Chandler, want to be your eyes when business or vacation calls you away from your residence.

"The three Hs stand for head, heart and hands," explained Jim. These keywords translate into the following values: knowledge, passion and ability. As a homebuilder of 12 years, Jim brings a treasure trove of expertise to the job.

The H3 team cares to establish trustworthy, lifetime relationships with homeowners. For example, Jim keeps providing surveillance and maintenance on several houses in Las Sendas.

"People have to be comfortable with what we do," Jim said. His long-term clients have retained him because of his proactive advice, broad bandwidth of handy skills and sound judgment in problem resolution.

Jim manages each property in his care as if it were his own, fixing the things he can, and calling in specially licensed contractors on such things as air-conditioning, plumbing, electrical and other repairs.

As every homeowner knows, vacant homes are subject to Murphy's Law—anything that can go wrong will. That's where a reliable property management service, such as H3, provides assistance and confidence.

In just a short while since inception of H3 Home Services, Jim has mitigated all kinds of happenstances. Routinely, he will communicate with security services if alarms go off, pick up packages and mail, and monitor air-conditioning, pool, housekeeping and landscaping functions. When the forces of nature strike, Jim will handle debris removal, general clean up, and he will assess the

property for repairs.

The H3 Home Services, which spawned off from H3 Contracting, is a family-run business. Jim handles the location visits, while his wife, Kathy, does bookkeeping, billing, scheduling and overall coordination.

The Smiths have two grown children and three grandchildren. They have lived in Arizona for most of their lives. Jim learned the roofing trade from his dad and later opened his own construction company. The children have shown interest in following a similar business avenue.

"Call me like you would call your family for help," Jim stated, "projects big or small." He says he has never turned down a request. H3 provides its home services on an on-call basis or in several tiered packages. These may even include transferring the car to the airport and stocking the refrigerator, as in the *Welcome Home* package.

H3 can also provide a comprehensive maintenance assessment/home inspection at a competitive price, especially valuable for rental and investment properties.

"When you have a third party monitoring the maintenance status, tenants will become more proactive in noticing and reporting problems," Jim observed. This type of confidence in H3 has evolved from decades of construction experience. ■

*If you need your home monitored during your absence or a property inspected, call H3 Home Services at (480) 786-3000, or send an e-mail to jim@h3homeservices.com.*



...INFORMATION...

## H3 Home Services

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EVENT

# GO TUBING AND RECEIVE STAR-SPANGLED BUCKS!

Submitted by Salt River Tubing

Express your patriotic pride as public lands stewards, and celebrate with a star-spangled July Fourth floating picnic on the Lower Salt River.

Salt River Tubing and Tonto National Forest will kick off the holiday weekend with the award-winning *Bag it for Bucks Take Pride in America* event on the Lower Salt River, from Saturday, July 3 through Monday, July 5, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Salt River Tubing is offering Star-Spangled Bucks—a \$5 tube rental discount coupon as a token of appreciation for tuber's conservation efforts while stashing and bagging their picnic trash in litter bags. Tubers can trade in full litter bags at the end of their floating adventure for a \$5 discount on their next visit to Salt River Tubing. The coupon is valid seven days a week until Sept. 3.

The event offers live entertainment, water balloon and hula-hoop contests, and beach ball bonanza. The Tonto National Forest, Take Pride in America, the National Forest Recreation Association and Salt River Tubing are co-sponsors. Since 1996, during summer holiday weekends, 564 tons of trash has been stashed and bagged on the Lower Salt River.

"In the past 15 years, the conservation efforts of tubers on the Lower Salt River has resulted in a recreational oasis simply by

taking personal responsibility for picnic trash and keeping it clean and beautiful," said Henri Breault, president and CEO of Salt River Tubing. "Responsible stewardship of our natural resources will guarantee

we can enjoy quality recreational opportunities on public lands for generations." Henri also encourages floaters to utilize car pools, as parking is limited in the Lower Salt River Recreational Area.

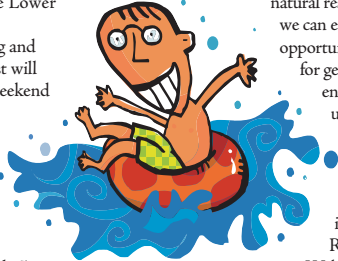
For more information about Salt River Tubing, visit the Web site at

[www.saltrivertubing.com](http://www.saltrivertubing.com), or

call (480) 984-3305. Special holiday weekend operating hours are 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. The cost of tube rental is \$15 per person/tube, which includes inner tube rental and shuttle bus service. As a security deposit, one valid driver's license is required for every five tubes rented. Children must be at least 8 years old and 4 feet tall for tubing and shuttle bus service.

Glass containers are not allowed in the Lower Salt River Recreational Area. Ice chests/coolers will be checked and glass containers will be confiscated. Please bring plastic or cans. **Children, inexperienced swimmers and non-swimmers should wear life vests at all times.**

Salt River Tubing is located in Northeast Mesa on Power Road, 15 miles north of U.S. Highway 60 East in Tonto National Forest, or seven minutes from Highway 202 East and North Power Road. ■



INSURANCE

# VEHICLE THEFT AFFECTS everyone's insurance rates

By Donna Kohlbase, CLU, ChFC, CASL State Farm® Agent

Whether it's the work of elaborate theft rings or random individual crime, auto theft is big business. On average, according to the Insurance Information Institute (III) a vehicle is stolen every 29 seconds in the United States at a cost of about \$7.4 billion a year in 2007. Insurance for theft is included in the comprehensive part of your auto insurance policy that also covers fire, vandalism and weather-related damage.

The number of insured cars stolen and their cost directly affect insurance premiums. By taking a few precautions, you can reduce the chances of having your vehicle stolen.

- Always remove your keys from your parked vehicle.
- Park with your front wheels turned sharply to the right or left and apply the emergency brake. This will make it difficult for a thief to tow your car.
- Consider installing an antitheft device or buying a car with an immobilizer system that prevents a thief from driving off with the car.
- Park in a locked garage, patrolled or well-lit area whenever possible. Unfortunately, carjacking has

become a more common method of vehicle theft. Carjacking is the attempted or completed robbery of a vehicle by a stranger that includes the use of a threat or force. You can protect yourself from this crime.

- Don't roll down your car window to a suspicious person.
- Keep your car doors locked and windows rolled up.
- If a suspicious person is near your parked car, don't approach it. Keep walking and contact area security or police.



Insurance companies work together with the National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB) to crack down on criminal operations. If you suspect vehicle theft activity, notify your local police, call the NICB anonymously at 1-800-TEL-NICB (800-835-6422) or report a crime at [www.nicb.org](http://www.nicb.org). ■

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Sales for the Month of May 2010

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7224 E. Norwood St.	2,104	Windsong	\$194,000	
3055 N. Red Mountain #112	1,756	Ironwood Pass	\$230,000	
7650 E. Sierra Morena St.	1,571	Rolling Hills	\$235,000	X
3060 N. Ridgcrest #133	2,369	Desert Vista	\$240,000	X
4134 N. Boulder Canyon	2,150	Featherwind	\$242,000	X
7256 E. Nance St.	2,835	Trailridge	\$256,000	X
7516 E. Odessa Cir.	2,451	Silverhawk	\$297,000	
3562 N. Desert Oasis St.	2,150	Shadow Canyon	\$320,000	
7731 E. Western Hills St.	2,150	Mountain Gate	\$322,000	
7303 E. Tyndall St.	2,500	Featherwind	\$365,000	
8060 E. Sienna St.	2,757	Echo Canyon	\$390,000	
3551 N. Eagle Canyon	2,827	Boulder Mountain	\$420,000	
7535 E. Tasman Cir.	3,842	Pinnacle Point	\$486,500	X
3816 N. Desert Oasis	3,655	Canyon Creek	\$535,000	
4133 N. Highview	3,017	Granite Preserve	\$580,000	
4020 N. Stone Peak Cir.	3,159	Stonecliff	\$616,000	
4118 N. Mirada Cir.	3,490	Granite Preserve	\$700,000	
8440 E. Highview Cir.	9,198	Diamond Point	\$2,250,000	

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### REAL ESTATE

## HAVE WE SEEN THE BOTTOM of the Real Estate Market?

By John Karadsheb

Just a few months ago I wrote that I began to see a change in the local real estate market.

Excited buyers started calling, my listings were shown more actively, and contracts started rolling into my inbox. In fact, with the expiration of the federal housing tax credit,

April was so busy that it felt like the good old days of 2004 and 2005.

I was worried though. Was this just a fluke because of the tax credit? Well, things definitely slowed down in May—but interestingly, by the end of May, they started picking up again. Buyers were still coming into the marketplace even though the tax credit had gone away.

Many of my buyers who had been waiting to buy a house (some for years), were suddenly ready. Some of those clients are first-time homebuyers, a few are relocating from out-of-state, while others are just watching for the right house in the right neighborhood. But again, clients were looking with a serious intent to buy. It is as if the flurry of real estate activity in April was somehow contagious.

In addition, appraisals have been coming in at or above value again, and the short sale files, which have been sitting on my desk for months, are suddenly getting approved.

Further, on June 9, the *Arizona Republic* reported the fact new Valley foreclosure filings for May dropped to



John Karadsheb

their lowest levels since July 2008, while actual foreclosures dropped to their lowest levels since November of last year. I know this is true because there are far fewer good deals available at the foreclosure auctions than there used to be. In fact, the investors I work with, say the auction pipeline is dwindling.

So, what does all this mean? I think the energy has changed for real estate in the Valley. Many people who were just waiting to see what would happen in the market are ready to move on with their lives. Granted, values are not back to 2005 yet, and it will still be some time before we get there (especially in the higher-end homes), but based on my view, we are definitely moving in a positive direction. ■

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EDUCATION

# Desert Rose Preschool at Las Sendas

By **Rose Buttitta**  
Director/Teacher

The summer camp is in session with lots of new students as well as returning students, and the children are having a great time being together while learning and making new friends.

We began the summer camp with Flag Day. The children made flag mosaics and marched with flags to music. We talked about who made the first flag and why we have stars and stripes. All the children went home with their own flag and red, white and blue pencils. We also made a special Father's Day gift and card.

This year, our session is more like a summer camp, where children will make lots of art projects and learn new games. We will review some school subjects to make sure the children do not forget what they learned last year. All age groups will receive individual help and supervision. We will learn about the beach, bugs and solar system, plus lots of new things. We will go to the park and play, doing some group games and some discovery of the outdoors, while just having fun, too.

**READING THROUGHOUT THE DAY**

Read a variety of things to your child, such as the comics, stories, a letter, a birthday card, a cereal box, billboards, a road sign, etc. Set an example for your child by showing him what an important part reading plays in life.

By reading to your child, you will help her develop an interest in reading and in books. To further this interest, let your child read to you. Ask her to read a favorite story.

**FALL CLASSES**

The fall classes will start on Aug. 23. You should receive a phone call and a post card to let you know the time and days your child will be attending. If you have not heard from me by August, please call me. This year, I am going to offer some options. Last year, we had lots of parents wanting more hours. So, I will again offer all day five days a week or whatever your needs might be. It gives them more enforcement on their skills. Last year, I tried to accommodate the needs of the students and parents. So, if you have a special need, please let me know, and we will work it out. As a teacher, I'm very flexible.

Remember, Desert Rose Preschool is not a day care, but a private educational preschool.

**A FEW SPACES FOR ALL FALL CLASSES**

These are the regular classes for fall. If you have a special need for classes or times, please call me. I will accommodate your schedule and needs.

- Two days a week, from 9 to 11:30 a.m. — cost is \$160 per month.
- Three days a week, from 9 to 11:30 a.m. — cost is \$185 per month.
- Four days a week, from 9 to 11:30 a.m. — cost is \$210.
- Five days a week, from 9 to 11:30 a.m. — cost is \$245.
- Lunch Bunch, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. — cost is \$25 for two to three days a week and \$50 for four to five days a week per month.
- Five days a week, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. — cost is \$550.

**Remember, 3-year-olds must be potty trained.**

Desert Rose is a private preschool housed at the Trailhead Members Club. It is licensed and regulated by the state. All personnel are trained with CPR, first aid and early education techniques. Each child receives individual attention and is cared for with love and patience.

Please call me for information at (480) 654-4223, or send an e-mail to [jbuttitta@cox.net](mailto:jbuttitta@cox.net).

Hope everyone is having a great summer. Be safe around water. ■

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COMMUNITY

# Fill a Backpack for Save the Family

By **AnnElise Makin**

Save the Family is asking for tangible contributions to make the return to school a little smoother for many families who are finding clothing and supplies hard to afford.

Save the Family is looking for the following items:

- children's clothing of all sizes.
- play clothes and school clothes.
- socks and underwear (boys and girls all school ages).
- snack foods, bottled water, juice boxes, cereals.
- Target/Walmart gift cards to purchase specific items, such as graphing calculators.

**TO DONATE**

All donations can be dropped off by July 29 at Save the Family's Donation and Receiving Center, located at 456 N. Vineyard in Mesa (cross streets Country Club and University). The donation center is open Monday through Thursday, from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Donated items will support the agency's private Back to School Bash held the following week. The Bash supports more than 300 school-age children residing in the programs of Save the Family.

For more information, visit the Save the Family Web site at [www.savethefamily.org](http://www.savethefamily.org) and the Affordable Rental Movement of Save the Family Web site at [www.affordablerental.org](http://www.affordablerental.org). ■



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EDUCATION

# How to Choose a Good Preschool PROGRAM FOR YOUR CHILD

By Cori Fabian  
 Director and Co-founder of Bridges Preschool

Parents want the best possible daycare for their child, and there are many pertinent questions to ask prior to making the final decision.

Here are a few key questions to ask when considering your ultimate daycare choice best suited to your child:

**What are you looking for?** I have been in early childhood education for more than 20 years. I have my bachelor's degree in education, and have worked in daycare centers, taught public kindergarten, and been invited to speak at several early childhood conferences. As parents on the search for a quality program, you have told me you are looking for a social, yet educational experience. You want a physically and emotionally safe environment, and you want to know the teachers have the necessary talents and skills to enrich your child's curious minds.

**How do you identify a socially enriched program?** You have to ask about the *unwritten curriculum*. Children are experimenting with independence and learning they have a cause and effect on their environment. With this comes social responses like sharing, taking turns, and knowing *how to get their shovel back* on the playground. Find out how the school intends on teaching communication skills during this critical time when your child is learning how to communicate effectively.

Along with this comes assertiveness training, where children learn how to identify and express their emotions effectively. Age appropriate, positive discipline teaches children how to use problem-solving skills in order to get their needs met without infringing on the rights of others. A positive, socially rich environment is very important for your child's development.

**Curriculum: What will my child learn?** The magic of a quality program is the teacher's ability to make learning purely exponential! Scientifically we know children learn best when they are moving and using all of their senses. A quality curriculum has as much breadth and depth as it



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does simple ABCs and 123s. For example, science experiments, cooking projects and gardening activities offer a myriad of dendrite connections versus a worksheet of the letter Aa. Such activities also provide opportunities for phonics, reading, and mathematical and social skill building (throw in a little Spanish and Sign Language, and you have an excellent recipe for genius!). Meaningful experiences are stored in the long-term memory.

**Additional questions to ask:**

- Are the teachers degreed, experienced and have longevity at the school?
- What is the structure of my child's school day?
- Are children read to and allowed time to explore quality children's literature?
- Is there communication and documentation of my child's learning progress?
- Does my child have dramatic play opportunities?
- Are their music and movement activities?
- What is the purpose of the projects my child will be doing?
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- Are the children treated with honor and respect from their teachers and peers?

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EDUCATION



# MESA ACADEMY STUDENT SAILS TOWARD NATIONAL HONORS

By AnnElise Makin

Leadership, scientific quests and academic excellence show maximum returns when nurtured early on for brothers Karthik and Amruth Uppaluri, both students at the Mesa Academy for Advanced Studies (MAAS).

Not only have they established faultless academic track records, but they also have accrued many extracurricular honors.

At 14 years old, Karthik's newest top achievement is his selection as one of nine Argonauts with the Jason Science Project, sponsored by National Geographic. During this two-year internship, he will be working on missions alongside cutting-edge scientists from NASA and other research institutions as they explore climate, space and forces in motion.



"I was introduced to the Jason Project while my mom worked at the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry," Karthik stated. The Uppaluri family moved from Camas, Wash., to Mesa in 2007, both boys enrolling in MAAS from the start.

Last fall, when Karthik was old enough, he applied to be an Argonaut with the Jason Project. "If you get selected," continued Karthik, "you get to work with leading scientists in the field and get to attend boot camp in Washington, D.C."

"The Jason Project has a very rigorous selection process," Karthik recalled. He had to submit six essays on extracurricular activities, future goals, professional aspirations, science and the like.

Add to the process a five-minute video script, letters of recommendation and in-depth phone interviews. With his long list of credentials and well-founded answers, Karthik had the selection board convinced, and he was chosen to be one of nine Argonauts.

Karthik felt the science itch early on. "When he grows up," his kindergarten teacher wrote, "Karthik wants to be a geologist who works in space. He would like to study Mars."

So far, he has done quite a bit of all that. In second grade, Karthik composed a *Treasure Pie* recipe from gold flour and other mineral ingredients. In fourth grade, he built a watershed from clay, and delivered a water quality report on LaCamas Lake in Washington State. Finally, last year, he virtually went on an expedition to Mars via the moon base created in the Honeywell Aerospace Engineering project.

The Uppaluri children have set goals for the summer, including vacation. The teenagers get up every day at 4:30 a.m., following their swim team routine. They keep busy all day, with projects, book club, boy scouts, Teen Court, music activities and library research. They hardly ever watch TV.

As Karthik has just come full circle, so does Amruth emulate his brother's path and ambition. The long, hard road was filled with contingencies, but Karthik made it aboard the Argonauts. It was all worth it. For Karthik, the only downside is he doesn't want to miss his classes or orchestra rehearsals when he goes on a mission. But sometimes you have to choose.

Amruth feels happy for his brother. Will he miss Karthik when he sails off? "Maybe a little," Amruth said. "He is so busy with his computer anyway." However, if all things pan out, Amruth will get his DC trip, too. Mom might take him to the Smithsonian and to visit his brother aboard the Argo.

To find out more about the programs offered for students and teachers through the Jason Project, go to [www.jason.org](http://www.jason.org). Click on the Meet the New Argonauts link to see a picture of Karthik Uppaluri. ■

HEALTH

# RM Family Chiropractic helps hydrate Mesa

Submitted by Red Mountain Family Chiropractic

As our temperatures soar in the summer months, dehydration is a critical problem, and to help deal with the issue, the Mesa Fire Department, together with United Food Bank and other agencies, is having a water drive through August.

Dr. Lynn Knuth and Dr. Thomas Andrews, of Red Mountain Family Chiropractic, in their effort to support their community, are providing a drop-off point for water donations. For every case of water donated, a gift certificate will be presented.

Dr. Knuth knows first hand what these water donations can do. "My office manager Marianne Foley's house burned down last year," she said, "and one of the things Marianne remembers is how the fire department provided them with cold water to keep them hydrated as they went through the stress of losing their home."

Dr. Knuth also believes it is important for the homeless or those in need to have a source of water during the summer. "Often just staying hydrated makes the difference to prevent an emergency call to the Fire Department," the concerned chiropractor stated. "This saves Mesa money, and it also keeps the Fire Department free for other emergencies."

Donations can be dropped off at Red Mountain Family Chiropractic, located at 2849 N. Power Road, Suite 103 (on the northeast corner of Power and McDowell, next to Golden Spoon). Please bring your donations on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday between 9 a.m. and noon and from 3 to 6 p.m. Ask Joby for your gift certificate.

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SPORTS

# GOLF INSTRUCTION TIP OF THE MONTH

Submitted by Ben Weir, Malaska International Golf

**COMMON POSTURE PROBLEMS**

Posture is a necessity when a player is looking for consistent ball flights.

We invariably see most amateurs standing either too straight with little knee flex or hunched over with rounded shoulders. Both present major concerns.

If a player stands *too erect* upon addressing the ball, these deficiencies will likely occur:

- Straightening of the rear knee at the top of the swing will impair the player attempting to properly transfer weight back to the forward side; and
- The majority of ball flights will result in top shots or slice fades with the path of the club being in too flat of a position on the downswing.

If a player is *too hunched* over with rounded shoulders, these deficiencies will likely occur:

- The backswing will be under rotated and shortened; and
- The majority of ball flights will result in heavy chunk shots with the path of the club traveling in far too steep of a position on the downswing.

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We have developed what we call an

*Athletic-Guarded* position that every golfer should possess regardless of their skill level. In order to do so, one should:

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- Bend/tilt forward at the waist as if you're *bowing to the crowd*; and
- Embrace slight knee flex forward where your knees appear to be over the balls of your feet if you looked down to check yourself.



Now, in this *Athletic-Guarded* position, the golfer should feel approximately sixty to seventy percent of his or her body weight on the balls of the feet, with very little, if any, weight on the heels. As a result, the golfer should feel very balanced with sound posture and the appropriate spacing for the club to travel effectively.

Best of luck with your new and improved posture! ■

REAL ESTATE

## New agent brings experience to Coldwell Banker Trails and Paths

By Lorraine Ryall

As a Las Sendas resident for the second time and new agent with Coldwell Banker Trails and Paths, I pride myself on building strong relationships with clients and using the many tools at my disposal to ensure a successful outcome for all parties.

Back at Las Sendas after a four-year absence, I look forward to continuing my approach of always building a strong relationship with my clients. We become a team, working together to fulfill your real estate needs. Communication is the key to a strong partnership, and you will always be informed throughout the transaction.

Having a strong presence on the Internet is key in the real estate market, as almost 80 percent of homebuyers today start their search there. Some of the tools I have available to help my clients are the national Coldwell Banker Web site and YouTube. I also provide enhanced property information on Realtor.com, Homes.com, TrailsandPaths.com, Lassendasrealtors.com and more. With virtual tours, flyers and e-flyers going out to thousands of other Realtors in the area, these are just a few of the many marketing tools I have available.

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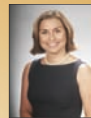
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**UNDER CONTRACT**  
1,911 sq. ft. 3BR, 2BA, 2G. Plantation shutters, granite counters, custom cabinetry & 18" tile flooring.



**\$698,000**  
PRICE SLASHED \$126,000! 5,050 sq. ft. 4BR, 4.5BA, 3G. 2 offices, game rm, library, Pebble Tec® lagoon pool.



**\$360,000**  
3,558 sq. ft. 5BR, 3BA, 3G. Maple cabinets, granite counters, tile & wood flooring, plantation shutters, pool.



**\$495,000**  
3,932 sq. ft. 5BR, 4.5BA, 5G. Closet organizers, cherry cabinetry, Pebble Tec® pool & spa, city light & Mtn. views.



**\$899,000**  
5,052 sq. ft. 4BR, 6BA, 4G on an acre + lot, granite counters, Pebble Tec® pool w/waterfeature & firepots.



**SOLD**  
1,756 sq. ft. 3BR, 2BA, 2G. Cul-de-sac lot, custom paint, fireplace, play pool & backs to a wash area.

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