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April 2012

ARTIST'S FLOWERS Move in with CoCo Milano's

By AnnElise Makin

Beautiful things can easily blossom into a fertile partnership, and such is the case with eclectic home décor and floral masterpieces at The Village at Las Sendas.

Around this Valentine's Day, Red Mountain's botanical artist, Dyana Hesson, stepped into CoCo Milano's to sign her *Arizona Valentine* poster prints. The ambience of CoCo's rare and high-end designs meshed so well with Dyana's sophisticated flowers. As a result, two large Giclée prints are now on sale at the boutique.

"I saw that there was room for original, artist-made art on their display walls," Dyana recalled, from her highly successful poster-signing event.

So, she talked to the owners, Denise Milano and Cathy Sabin, to determine whether they would be interested in showing her works and taking them on consignment.

"They said yes, and I hung them right away," the artist stated. "I am excited about partnering with CoCo Milano's. I am curious to see what possibilities are in store. This is a good



Left to right: Denise Milano, Dyana Hesson, and Julie Montague

opportunity for both sides."

"Dyana's paintings are so different from our other artwork here," commented Julie Montague, CoCo's designer in residence. "Dyana's work is exceptional," she said, praising the larger-than-life close ups of flowers.

The currently displayed images, *Paradise* (orchids) and *Eternal Love* (lilies) are white-themed. These blooms also have delighted Amanda Billings, CoCo's floral designer, who is certified through the American Society of Interior Designers.

"We love supporting local artists," Amanda said. "And we want to bring in unusual things.

In that way, Dyana's paintings harmonize very well with our business philosophy."

"In a sense, we have expanded," storeowner Denise pointed out.

"With Dyana's paintings we have adopted a more transitional style, as most of our pieces so far have been traditional."

"I am passionate about doing

as much as I can locally," the artist stated. "My prints are made locally by Cloud Watchers of Phoenix. They produce the finest museum-quality, archival Giclées in the nation, the only company I would trust."

Each print is signed and numbered by the artist, and is limited in number. Therefore, when the edition sells out, the print is retired.

"My original oil on canvas paintings will still only be available at Bonner David Galleries, in Scottsdale, but now, collectors can purchase my limited edition prints even in the East Valley at CoCo Milano's," Dyana added.

"I am glad to help promote CoCo's because they are hard-working ladies with style. I am confident to send collectors there to have my work nicely showcased."

A third image, *Arizona Sunset*, will be added to CoCo's showroom in April. The original painting was part of an exhibit called *My Arizona*, in which Dyana featured botanical paintings inspired by her beloved state. ■

Visit with Dyana's large-size prints at CoCo Milano's showroom in The Village at Las Sendas, located at 2837 N. Power Road, on the northeast corner of Power and McDowell roads. For hours and other information, call (480) 641-2626, or send an e-mail to info@cocomilanos.com.

SOCIAL CLUB will host wine presentation

Submitted by Jay Williamson

Red Mountain Ranch Social Club members will be treated to a special program coming up Thursday, April 12.

Kendrick Wilson, Red Mountain Ranch Country Club General Manager, will give a presentation on wines.

He will talk about white wine varietals, including Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay and Pinot Gris.

If you enjoy wines and enjoy talking about the characteristics and benefits of various wines, you will not want to miss this meeting. Kendrick will discuss everything you want to know about wines, but were too afraid to ask.

Everyone is invited to be our guest at our meetings. You do not have to be a member to come. We meet the second Thursday of the month at 9:30 a.m. at the Red Mountain Ranch Country Club. Hope to see you then! ■



BREADSMITH OFFERS delicious symbols of Easter and spring

Submitted by Breadsmith

With Hot Cross Buns being a sure sign of Easter and the coming of spring, Breadsmith has created a delectable version, fragrant with cinnamon, raisins and the zest and juice of sweet oranges, topped with the traditional X of powdered sugar icing.

"What would Easter be without Hot Cross Buns?" asked Greg Farr, owner and operator of Breadsmith, at the northeast corner of Power and McDowell roads, in The Village at Las Sendas.

"Tradition holds that Hot Cross Buns made on Good Friday have special curative powers," Greg continued. "We can't vouch for that, but we can say they are absolutely delicious!"

This baked treat has its origins in pre-Christian England, where the buns were made to celebrate spring. The cross was added later, as it became associated with Easter.

Due to customer requests, Hot Cross Buns will be available at Breadsmith, from April 1 through 15. "Our customers like them so much, they asked us to feature them for a longer period of time," Greg said. "Quantities will be limited. So, we recommend customers place their orders in advance."

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BEAUTY

EXPERIENCE IS IMPORTANT WHEN choosing a truly professional aesthetician

By Dawn Abbey

Thanks to the truly professional team of licensed aestheticians—Margaret Midlick and Maria Keller—clients continue to return over many years to Cosmos Salon and Day Spa.

"Experience matters," insisted Sandy Barbetta, co-owner with husband, Cosmo, of Cosmos Salon and Day Spa. "Would you want someone with little experience using chemicals and exfoliating devices on *your* skin? Our team is known for their professional, personal and caring service."

Although all aestheticians must study many hours and pass state board exams, Sandy believes there is no substitute for actual experience to gain the skills and knowledge needed to provide a wide range of treatments. "Margaret and Maria each have at least 20 years of experience," Sandy said, "and they are constantly updating their knowledge and skills through continuing education every few months, bringing back innovative and effective modalities and treatments to our clients."

Sandy believes years of experience also provide knowledge of product ingredients and their effectiveness on an individual basis, and she encourages her aesthetic team to use a variety of products. "Unlike some franchises or chain spas, our team is not restricted to one or two lines of products. So, we are able to provide the most effective products for each client's individual needs," said Margaret. "Cosmo's has no retail quotas, so we aren't pressured to push unnecessary sales. If we recommend a product, you know it's something we feel would really benefit you."

"Sandy also gives her professionals the decision-making options about how much time is spent with a client," said

Maria. "We can decide how much time is needed for each person. There is not some specific time limit for a service or an arbitrary schedule. We also are free to alter how protocols are performed to suit our individual clients," she continued. "There is no one-size-fits-all mentality."

Sandy is confident her approach is working, based on their volume of returning and decades-long spa clients, and the fact Cosmos Day Spa has never received an infraction from the Arizona State Board.

"Now that spring season is here, the time is now to rebuild, recharge, rejuvenate and relax," said Sandy, "so, don't wait. Schedule your much-needed spa session today." Cosmos Day Spa is offering some special discounts

for April—an exfoliating and hydrating massage is \$65; a micro-dermabrasion and facial is only \$79.

During April, Cosmos also is offering a Dermalogica discount stock up event. Buy any two Dermalogica products, and get one free, or choose a free travel-size item. At checkout, pick an egg from the discount basket for an instant discount of 15, 20 or 30 percent on your Dermalogica purchase. ■

To make an appointment, call (480) 844-0707. Cosmos Salon and Day Spa is located on the northeast corner of Power and McDowell roads.



A truly professional team: Margaret Midlick and Maria Keller.

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EVENT

Flancer's adds bowling to Raising THE FUN FUND-RAISING EVENTS

By Dawn Abbey

A bowling night has been added this year to Flancer's 12th annual Pizza-Eating Contest and Raising the Fun fund-raising events.

"Proceeds from all events benefit Warfighter Sports/Disabled Sports USA, a nonprofit organization to help the war-injured participate in sports-related rehabilitation programs," said Jeff Flancer, owner of Flancer's Incredible Sandwiches and Pizzeria.

Bowling teams of up to six members raising at least \$500 in pledges per pin by April 22, will meet at Flancer's on May 2, at 5:15 p.m., for appetizers before heading to Brunswick Zone in Gilbert for bowling and fun. An additional sponsor is Gilbert Insurance Group.

The Pizza-Eating Contest is set for 11 a.m., on Sunday, April 22, on the outdoor patio at Flancer's Gilbert location, 610 N. Gilbert Road. The participant to down the most pizza in 15 minutes wins \$500, donated by Meridian Bank.

The entry fee, which includes a limited edition T-shirt, is \$30, on a first-come, first-serve basis for the first 25 registrants. An overflow waiting list is maintained until contest time. The winner, who must be an Arizona resident, will be crowned by Miss Arizona 2011 Brittany Brannon. There is no admission to come out and watch the fun.

Tickets for exciting raffle prizes also can be purchased at Flancer's restaurants and online at flancers.com, through April 22. Tickets are \$5 each or five tickets for \$20.

Raffle prizes are \$1,000 cash from Villa Siena; \$1,000 in furniture, Norwood Furniture; eight-hour Sky Mountain Limousine adventure; two

round-trip Southwest Airline tickets up to \$800; and \$1,200 one-year pool service, Maddy's Pool Supply and Service. Prizes also include \$1,000 in dining certificates for Seafood Market, Texas Road House, Carrabba's, Charleston's, Red White and Brew, Vito's, Four Peaks Brewery, Nando's, Flemings and Smashburger.

Join the Raffle High Roller \$100/\$250+ Club by purchasing 24 tickets for \$100 or 60 for \$250. For every \$100 you donate, receive an exclusive ticket to win a 32-inch TV. For every \$250, you receive an exclusive ticket to win the new iPad, sponsored by BC Bricomp Computers and JN Farms.

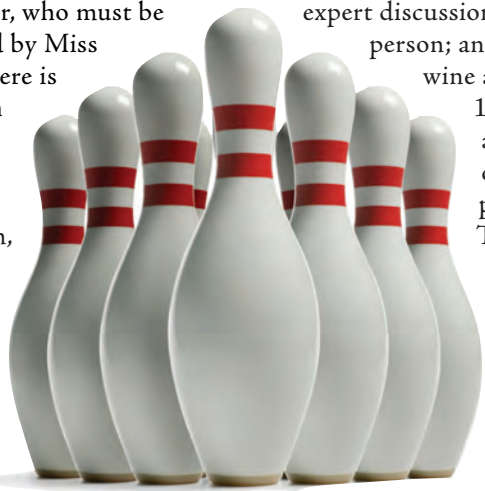
Other planned fund-raising events are Smokes and Barrels—microbrew and cigar pairing, Wednesday, April 11, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., at Fox Cigar Bar Patio in Gilbert, which includes cigars by Perdomo, Four Peaks Brewery microbrews, expert discussion and Flancer's food for \$30 per person; and Spill the Wine, Eat That Cheese—wine and cheese tasting, Wednesday, April 18, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., which includes a food demonstration by Flancer's chef and expert wine discussion, \$45 per person. Additional sponsors are Trader Joe's and Maddy's Pool Supply and Service.

Jeff thanked all the local business sponsors that make these fund-raisers a success. "Many are major participants year after year, such as Ben Franklin Plumbing, Shamrock Foods, Alliance Beverage,

Tap and Sons Electric and others," said Jeff. "We raised \$33,000 last year, and hope to do even better this year."

Additional sponsors this year are Valpak of East Mesa, Money Mailer, Surf and Ski, Global Bikes, UniFirst, Nearby News, UpClose Publications, Print USA of Arizona, Chandler Sign-A-Rama, A2Z Trophy, Wasabi Web Pros, Kokopelli Golf Club, Air Kirks, My Garage Guys, Two Amigos Landscaping, ARA and Sam's Club. ■

Businesses can contact Jeff Flancer at (480) 326-9077, or send an e-mail to jeff@flancers.com. Sponsor information also is available under Announcements at flancers.com. For updated information, to buy tickets, or sign up, visit or call the Mesa restaurant—(480) 396-0077, or Gilbert restaurant—(480) 926-9077. You also can check out flancers.com. For more information on the Warfighters project, go to dsusa.org.



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4. Sign up to be, or sponsor a CONTESTANT and WIN the \$500 1st Prize! Flancer's GILBERT, Sunday, April 22nd
5. Collect Donations for Bowling for the Brave! Wednesday, May 2nd Build your team, raise as much money as you can (\$500+) and we'll eat then bowl together!

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Submitted by Pinnacle Decorating and Painting
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Consider these facts to maintain the exterior of your home. Stained and painted woods need weatherproofing by recoating the wood with the proper product. Garrett recommends the homeowner recoat wood every one or two years to ensure the color brightness and sun block protection for

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ORGANIZING

TIME TO FINISH THOSE design and organizing projects left undone

By Nancy Nemitz
Interior designers and professional organizers experience a common problem of clients who don't finish projects.

Once over the enormity of a design or organizing project, the client often decides to save money by delaying the finish. It's an 'I can take it from here' attitude. Therein lies the challenge for the client.

"People lose their momentum," said Naomi Siegler, of Siegler Designs and Interiors. "Either finishing never happens, or happens so far down the road, the opportunity to experience the full joy of their hard efforts and work can become more like, 'Glad that's done,' rather than, 'It is a joy that a true transition has been achieved.'"

Get back to those half done projects. Experience the joy of finishing. ■



Nancy Nemitz is a professional organizer with Create the Space Professional Organizing, located in Red Mountain Ranch. Visit her Web site at createthespace.com. Follow her on Twitter, and like Create the Space on Facebook. Call Nancy for an appointment at (480) 223-8939, and create your space.

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Submitted by HIT Center

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LOCAL BUSINESS

EXPERT TROUSER Sizing Store Opens

By Kim Phillips

Las Sendas resident Jeffrey Roberts is pleased to announce the grand opening of Crease Liberty, an extraordinary clothing store specializing in men's trousers and jeans.

Located in Scottsdale, the store features a European sizing system, which allows for a variety of body sizes.

According to Jeffrey, the sizes include three different rises and at least two different silhouettes. The trousers can be fuller in the thighs, or slimmer. "So, your trousers fit perfectly," commented Jeffrey. Crease Liberty is a trouser specialist store, offering more than 1,000 choices in trousers and jeans.

"We provide the opportunity to get a true fit in pants," Jeffrey emphasized. "We have loyal customers, who come back every single year... and buy more."

Often times, men buy pants, which are too full and baggy. "Extra material in the seat is not flattering," he stated. "We help put you in clothes, which are comfortable, but still enhance your figure."

Furthermore, Jeffrey believes Crease Liberty ultimately can help you feel better about yourself.

For more information about Crease Liberty, visit the store, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., at the northeast corner of Scottsdale and Indian Bend roads, in the Seville Shopping Center, located right next to the cleaners. ■

If you want to contact Jeffrey, and discuss exactly how he can help you with your clothing choices, call (480) 325-1035, or send an e-mail to him at Jeffrey@EuropeanFashionGroup.com. You also can call (480) 292-8334, and ask for John Hayes, who also is a Las Sendas resident and the store manager.



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REAL ESTATE

SHORT SALE TAX EXEMPTION SET TO END THIS YEAR

By Lorraine Ryall, Realtor, Certified Distress Property Expert (CDPE), CSSN
Coldwell Banker Trails and Paths Premier Properties

When a debt is forgiven, it normally becomes income in addition to being taxable, and while also being included on your tax return, the creditor reports it to the IRS.

The Mortgage Debt Relief Act allows you to exclude the cancelled debt of purchase money on your principal residence so you don't have to pay tax on it. It was enacted on Dec. 20, 2007 and goes through Dec. 31 of this year. Short sales completed by the latter date will be covered under this act, and, if eligible, won't be subject to any tax on the deficiency.

As of right now, no one knows if this act will be extended beyond 2012. So, if you are thinking of doing a short sale, you don't want to wait much longer. Short sales, on average, take three to four months to complete (once there is a contract on the house). It may take longer, depending on different circumstances, such as who the bank is, who owns the actual loan, and if there is a second mortgage. The short sale has to be complete, and the house closed, by Dec. 31, in order to qualify for the Mortgage Debt Relief Act and not be subject to taxes.

WHAT IS THE DEFICIENCY?

When a homeowner does a short sale, the bank is agreeing to sell the property for less than the amount owed, and, therefore, selling the home short. This will be an agreement between the homeowner and the bank, while the remaining balance becomes the deficiency. In a basic example, if the current balance on the mortgage is \$400K, and the house is sold as a short sale for \$300K, there is a \$100,000 deficiency. The borrower will receive

a 1099C from the bank for \$100,000, and it will be reported to the IRS. With the Mortgage Debt Relief Act, this \$100,000 will not be taxable. However, if the relief act is not reinstated, and the short sale closes after Dec 31, the borrower will be subject to taxes on the \$100,000 deficiency.



Lorraine Ryall



WHAT IS THE MORTGAGE DEBT RELIEF ACT?

The act was designed to help homeowners, who lose their home through foreclosure or a short sale, get relief from paying taxes on the deficiency. It was implemented on Dec. 20, 2007 and goes through the end of this year, Dec. 31. You can get a complete copy of the Mortgage Debt Relief Act on my Web site.

ELIGIBILITY

The cancelled debt must be for the purchase, building or substantial improvements of your principal residence. Maximum amount of forgiven debt is \$2 million, or \$1 million if married and filing separately. It does apply to refinance, but only if the previous mortgage would have qualified (which, in most cases, they do). ■

For more information on The Mortgage Debt Relief Act and short sales, or for a free, confidential consultation, contact me directly at (602) 571-6799, or send an e-mail to Lorraine@ArizonaShortSaleToday.com. You also can visit my Web site at www.ArizonaShortSaleToday.com.

EVENTS

VICTORY ENERGY Wellness presents informative sessions

Submitted by Victory Energy Wellness

Victory Energy Wellness presents a wide range of informative sessions to demonstrate the importance of energy in your life.

THE SESSIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- April 6, 7 p.m.—Join us for demonstrations on how energy work can change your life.
- April 7, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.—Victory Energy Wellness Goes to the Dogs—Make an appointment today for energetic and emotional clearings for your canine friends. If your dog barks, licks or scratches too much, see how energy work can change his world and yours.
- April 7, 2 p.m.—Weight Release Group Session/Call—Who wants to lose weight? Don't you always want to find what you lose? Clear the energetic blocks keeping you from achieving and maintaining your ideal weight.
- April 10, 7 p.m.—Enerpathic Technology Demonstration—Learn how jewelry can make you more flexible, stronger and more energized.
- April 4, 11, 18 and 25, 7 p.m.—Am I Hungry? Mindful Eating Class with Claudia Collins.
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EDUCATION

Self Development Preschool Summer Camp REDISCOVERS FUN UNPLUGGED

Submitted by Self Development Preschool

This summer, Self Development Preschool wants to help students rediscover fun *unplugged* from gadgets and touch screens.

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Every day at Self Development Summer Camp promises to be full of fun and new experiences. Monday and Wednesday afternoons are Physical Fitness Games and Activities. We will get our bodies, minds and social skills healthy through a variety of group and team activities. We also will test our strength and flexibility through tae-bo and yoga. As we near the end of the summer, we also will prepare for our annual talent show.

Thursday morning is our Jewelry Creation Club, which is a favorite of all our students in the past—boys and girls. Jewelry Creation Club is full of awesome ways to create necklaces, bracelets, rings and more. Our students love to wear and show off their new jewelry, as well as gift them to family and friends.

Friday mornings at Self Development Summer Camp are always Fun Fridays. This can mean a variety of different wacky things to wear or do, to win our Fun Friday Contest. Our students get excited to participate in Crazy Hair Day, get wet and wild on Water Days, or get all dressed up for

Movie Star Day. No matter the theme, we love Fun Fridays.

One of our students' most unforgettable courses in the past has been our comprehensive art class—Art in Action. Each week, Art in Action builds in difficulty, beginning with basic colors, dimension and angles. We then move on to hand painting watercolor still life and human portraits. The best of these works of art are displayed in the annual talent show, so the students can show off their newly discovered art skills.



As a new addition to our unplugged theme this year, we are excited to introduce Beginners Magic Group. This introduction to magic will be a fun and lighthearted way to learn simple card tricks, disappearing acts and other neat ways to trick and impress everyone you know.

Along with all the exciting clubs and labs we have provided on-site, we also offer many field trips every week for children in first grade and higher. Self Development Summer Camp provides transportation to Harkins Movie Theaters on Mondays, swimming at Fremont Pool Monday through Thursday afternoons for different age groups, and the Mesa Public Library on Thursday mornings. ■

To register for Self Development Preschool Summer Camp, call (480) 396-3522.

LOCAL BUSINESS

Desert Food Storage helps you prepare for natural disasters

Submitted by Desert Food Storage

Chances are you know somebody, who is quietly stocking up on food and other provisions, in a desire to care for family members in any *what if* situation.

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Many emergency preparedness groups and government agencies recommend having some emergency food and water supplies. At Desert Food Storage, you can get started by getting a few cans of the basic staples of life, like wheat and beans, or you can buy as much as a complete preassembled four-person, one-year supply of great tasting dehydrated and freeze dried food. They also carry water barrels and other emergency supplies.

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HEALTH

Beauty Biofeedback offers stress reduction, rejuvenation and anti-aging benefits

By Dawn Abbey

As we age, we cringe to see those little lines creeping around our eyes and mouths, and watching our skin tone losing firmness and suppleness.

Stress ingrains those deep furrows of worry. Wouldn't it be great if we could look younger without shots and surgery?

"There now is a unique, high-tech method we call Beauty Biofeedback, which reduces stress, induces relaxation, and trains the cells of your face and body to regenerate themselves for a more youthful appearance," said Jolene Victor, owner of Victory Energy Wellness Center.

"It is only one of the Eternale Rejuvenation System stress-reduction modalities the center offers, which each last from about 30 minutes to an hour, depending on what one wants to accomplish," said Jolene. "We all know that stress is bad for us, damages our health and ages us more quickly. The main component of these spa treatments is relieving stress by retraining the body."

The session begins with the client reclining on a comfortable table, in a dimly lit room, with relaxing décor. Sensor bands from the Beauty Biofeedback machine are placed around the head, wrists and ankles. Wires from the bands are connected back to a computer running the Indigo Biofeedback System's hardware and software. The computer is programmed to read the client's unique energies. Biofeedback utilizes technologies similar to the MRI, CT scan, EEG and EKG, all of which measure the electrical activity of the body.

As the program begins, quiet, restful music plays, and a soft voice encourages deep breathing and muscle relaxation throughout the body. As the participant relaxes, the bands relay energy information back to the computer. According to The Quantum Alliance, Inc., manufacturer of the systems, biofeedback measures and records subtle changes in body temperature, moisture, oxygen and other factors. It is then uniquely able to



feed back balancing energies to the participant, allowing the body to release its stress.

Next, a series of visualizations are suggested. Each time a visualization suggestion is made, it also is qualified by the comment, "If you would like." According to Jolene, there is no pressure to do more than what makes you feel comfortable.

"The program may suggest you relax the muscles underneath your brow furrows, or imagine the tenseness softening around your mouth," Jolene explained. "As you follow the instructions, the biofeedback energy reeducates

your muscles and cells to hold the more relaxed patterns, thereby improving the appearance of the skin and tone of muscles."

Various programs are available in the Eternale Rejuvenation System. "You can create your own experience by combining modalities targeted to your own body's needs," said Jolene. In addition to the Beauty Biofeedback, there are sessions for inner beauty and healthy radiance, body weight and food issues, athletic performance, healthy hair, releasing toxins and improving circulation, among others. Jolene works with clients to fine tune the experience to their needs by adjusting the computer program to each individual's energies.

"Results are better in a series of sessions," said Jolene, "but most clients say they see firmer skin, relaxed lines and an overall glow after just one or two." Jolene offers a free consultation to discuss your goals, and explain how the process might work for you. ■

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HEALTH

DENTAL IMPLANTS CAN BE THE answer for lost permanent teeth

By Dr. Brent Boyse DMD with AZ Maxillofacial Surgeons and Dr. Martin Farnsworth

The average American loses at least one permanent tooth between the ages of 20 and 34, but even if you enjoy all your permanent teeth, consider the options if a missing tooth impacts your overall health and quality of life.

Chances are good you have already heard about how a dental implant can restore a missing tooth with a more natural look, feel and function than other replacement options.

What you may not know is the fact dental implants—along with innovative surgical and restorative dental techniques—also can restore an entire arch of missing or diseased teeth in as little as one day! For the 10 percent of Americans who lose all teeth by the age of 64, as well as the millions more who suffer with painful damaged or diseased teeth, this brings renewed hope they can once again enjoy the health and quality of life they deserve.

Individuals who have this procedure can look forward to enjoying the benefits dental implants offer over bridges, partials and traditional dentures. Unlike a bridge, the new crowns (the visible portion of the teeth) are supported by the implants. So, there is no need to compromise good teeth or worry about future failure and replacement due to unhealthy teeth.

There is no plastic covering the palate, as with a traditional denture. Therefore, tasting and enjoying food the way it should be is possible once more. Painful denture sores, messy adhesives and difficulty speaking are eliminated.

Additionally, the bone loss, often a result of bridge and denture work, is avoided with dental implants. The soft tissues of the face are supported once again, restoring a more youthful appearance and diminishing the look of premature facial aging, which dentures can cause. Perhaps most significantly, in addition to all of these benefits, there is the unique plus of getting replacement teeth in a single day.



It is important to know not all dental implants are created equally—especially when comparing a traditional implant to what is commonly known as a mini implant. These smaller, one piece implants are being touted by some as equally effective as traditional implants with no invasive surgery or bone grafting needed.

Few studies have been done to measure the longevity of mini implants, and the Food and Drug Administration has approved very few for long-term use (over two years). Nevertheless, some dentists will use mini implants as a substitute for conventional implants, rather than the transitional use for which they have proven to be effective. Be sure to understand exactly what is being offered to you and why it is being offered when considering the one-day implant solution.

If you have questions about the one-day dental implant solution or dental implants in general, talk to your dentist. She or he can help provide answers and guidance in consideration of your personal needs and desires for oral health. ■

For more information, call (480) 283-5854, or visit www.LasSendasDentalHealth.com.

COMMUNITY

Cut-a-Thon benefits SUNSHINE ACRES CHILDREN'S HOME

By Dawn Abbey

Mike Magri, owner of Mike's Barbershops, together with his team of eight barbers, donated all proceeds to Sunshine Acres Children's Home, from haircuts and barber services performed during their first Cut-a-Thon, held on Feb. 19.

The team donated a total of \$748 to the Mesa children's home. Also donated were toys and household items, which filled the bed of Mike's pickup truck.

According to Mike, the Cut-a-Thon will be an annual event, and he hopes it will grow with each year to benefit a great cause. ■



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REAL ESTATE

NEW REAL ESTATE MARKET IS EMERGING

By John Karadsheh

If you have tried to purchase a house over the past two months, or have read the paper, you know about the craziness in the real estate marketplace. Listings are selling within a day, multiple offers are being submitted, and there is a bit of panic among buyers. All of a sudden, it feels like 2005 and 2006 again. Just a few months ago, it still seemed like a buyer's market. Now, things are quickly shifting to favor sellers. What happened?

1 As I have been saying in my column since the fall, inventory has continued to drop. Demand has actually exceeded supply for six months, but it has taken until now for the emotion of the marketplace to shift.

2 Why is inventory so low? The real estate market bottomed out this fall. Since then, market prices have started to inch up. However, prices have not yet increased enough for most people to put their homes on the market. Many potential sellers are just staying put, making their payments, and waiting until they can get more money for their homes. This is going to change in the next six months.

3 Investors are in love with the Phoenix real estate market. Prices are at historic lows in this area of the country, and investors still view Phoenix as a

region poised for growth. Investors also are aggressive in their pursuit of property, and are willing to take properties as is, close quickly and, most importantly, they are paying cash. While investors were the reason for the market decline the last go around, this time, they have some skin in the game, with more than half of the investors paying cash for properties. Even if they aren't paying cash, lenders are requiring investors to put at least 20 percent down.

commute. Consequently, new homes are not absorbing the demand as they did a few years ago. The cost of building also has increased. So, it is harder for builders to offer the values they did seven years ago.

5 There is pent up demand. For six years, many people have been stuck in their homes. I have clients who have gotten transferred, divorced, wanted to upsize or downsize, but none of them could move the way the market had stagnated. In many cases, now is the moment for which they have been waiting. Other of my clients did short sales three to five years ago, and now they are starting to be able to get financing again. They are ready to take advantage of the historically low interest rates.

So, at the beginning of the year, I wrote that it is time to get your home ready to sell. Well, I hope you have been moving along on your plan. Let's get your home on the market, and find you a great deal before the great deals are gone! Things are changing quickly in the market. ■

John Karadsheh is a licensed REALTOR® with Coldwell Banker Trails And Paths Premier Properties. He also is an Associate Broker, an Accredited Buyers Representative and a Certified Residential Specialist. In addition, Ranking Arizona Magazine ranked him the No. 2 Residential Real Estate Agent in Arizona. You can contact John with any of your real estate questions. Call him at (602) 615-0843, or go to his Web site at www.BuyAndSellAZ.com.



4 The bulk of new home construction is away from the city centers. Because so much was built during the last boom, most of the available land for new home construction is on the outskirts. With gas prices increasing, buyers are not as likely to purchase a home that requires a long

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John Karadsheh has been actively selling real estate in the Valley for over ten years. His experience gives the clients he represents a competitive edge. Having successfully guided hundreds and hundreds of real estate transactions through to closing, John has the experience to help his clients make the best financial and personal decisions regarding the sale or purchase of real estate.

John Karadsheh is a professional who is comfortable with all aspects of the real estate business, which is why his clients continually refer him. "Over the years, I have worked with entire families. I sold the parents a house, helped the grandparents downsize and then helped the kids buy their first homes," said John. "My clients trust me because they know that this is the profession my family has been in for 40 years and this is the profession my family will continue to do for 40 years to come."

While John handles many luxury properties, he also works with first time homebuyers, clients relocating from other parts of the country, individuals looking for second homes, and investors. John also handles estate and trust property sales and does property valuations for local home builders and estate attorneys. He is an Associate Broker, a Multi-Million Dollar Producer, and he holds the prestigious CRS (Certified Residential Specialist) designation as well as the ABR (Accredited Buyer Representative) designation.

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COMMUNITY

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Submitted by Save the Family Foundation of Arizona

Save the Family Foundation of Arizona will host its 12th annual Golf to Save the Family Tournament on Saturday, April 28, at Las Sendas Golf Club, 7555 E. Eagle Crest Drive.

Registration begins at 6:30 a.m., with a shotgun start scheduled at 7:30 a.m. Proceeds from the event will be used to expand programs and support services, as well as obtain additional housing for homeless families and veterans in the Valley.

The four-person scramble event features 18 rounds of golf on one of Arizona's top-10 rated golf courses, a delicious continental breakfast and buffet lunch, silent and live auctions, and exciting course contests, which include a chance to win a new Lexus.

General registration costs \$200 per golfer, or \$800 per foursome. A total of \$75 of each golfer registration is tax deductible. Twosomes or foursomes may register online at www.savethefamily.org, or by calling (480) 898-0228, extension 215.

The event also features a live auction, with two grand prizes valued at more than \$5,200:

- Two playing spots in the Lexus National Champions for Charities Tournament, at Pebble Beach/Spyglass Hill courses, which include 36 holes of golf over three days, accommodations for two for three days/four nights at The Inn at Spanish Bay, and roundtrip airfare for two (Phoenix-Monterey, Calif.).
- One year of unlimited greens fees, range and cart privileges for one person at Las Sendas Golf Club.

Golf to Save the Family will include a silent auction with unique items, including valuable sports



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memorabilia. Raffle tickets are available for three uniquely themed packages, which include:

- Rock 'n Roll Fantasy: Alice Cooper-signed guitar, dinner for two at Cooperstown restaurant, two tickets to the Van Halen rock concert, TJS Custom-made snare drum, and a \$50 iTunes card to create your own rock play list.
- A Golfer's Dream: Ping set of irons, custom fitting, VIP Ping factory tour, Las Sendas golf for two, iPING golf app cradle and a Caddy Daddy golf bag.
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Raffle tickets are \$10 each, or six for \$50, and may be purchased online at www.savethefamily.org, or by calling (480) 898-0228, extension 215.



Save the Family is one of the largest providers of services to homeless families in the Valley. For more than two decades, this service has been helping families get back on their feet and into self-sufficiency. Through its partner agency, the Affordable Rental Movement (ARM) of Save the Family, the organization operates more than 180 transitional and affordable housing units for families in need.

Save the Family provides case management and a full array of supportive services, including financial literacy education, career development support, budgeting workshops, parenting classes and youth enrichment programs to help clients and their children achieve stability. Children from

unstable, homeless living environments comprise more than 60 percent of Save the Family's clientele.

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By AnnElise Makin

They are still young, and only time will tell, but David Siems and Nathan Hui may be part of a new generation of skilled engineers, scientists and leaders.

One thing is certain, however. Both young men are exceptional students from our side of Mesa.

Recently, these 10th-graders returned from the Honeywell Leadership Challenge Academy (HLCA), at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center, in Huntsville, Ala. They had earned scholarships for the weeklong Science, Technology, Engineering, Math (STEM) program. Typically, students were engaged in projects from 6 a.m. until 11:30 p.m.

Both high school students returned to Arizona filled to the brim with scientific hands-on experiences and a plethora of friendships with like-minded young scientists.

"The most exciting thing for me was the centrifuge," Nathan recalled. "You only get to ride it when you are an astronaut in training." Inside this machine, students were exposed to 3G forces.

"We were asked to follow certain commands," Nathan reported. "Like to give a high five or push off against the walls." That was not at all easy under that kind of pressure. "But F18 fighter pilots experience up to 9G force, and they still have to perform," Nathan said.

Nathan is a Mesa Academy alumnus, from the Crismon/Baseline neighborhood, and currently is enrolled in the Westwood IB Program. He has a solid track record in the robotics world. Like all HLCA participants, he had to submit qualifying essays on his scientific ambitions and academic successes.

Nathan thought the quality of simulations was amazing. During flight simulator exercises, his team was given numerous tasks of flying and landing maneuvers for various aircraft, reenacting *dog fights* (air battles), and following through on counter-terrorist missions,

while escorting Air Force One to safety.

Although Nathan had to catch up on quizzes for school, he did not regret his high-caliber excursion one bit. "I got to meet so many other people from other cultures," he commented. "The administrators told us that 30 countries were represented."

"This exposure program really set the bar for me," he summarized.

"I met so many professionals, from the field, and got many questions answered.

Working with them was

like, 'Wow, I want to be like him.'" Nathan might even have been swayed from his interest in medicine into civil engineering.

David, a Skyline High School student from the Boulder Mountain neighborhood, whizzed through the same HLCA training modules one week later. He debriefed his parents on the scientific enrichment, one photo at a time.

"Here, we had to build a customized rocket from three different kits," he recalled. Rocket parts were mixed and matched according to specifications. Then, the prototype was tested in the wind tunnel.

With the center of gravity at issue, the question was, "How can you make the rocket fly straight?"

"Our rocket was too heavy, it turned out," David stated. "So, our model burned off on the ground during launch." Much like in the real world, learning by doing required accepting systemic failure and read-

justing the approach.

"In the science lab, we extracted DNA from fruit and cubes of meat," he reported. "We mashed up the samples, and added different kinds of soap, ranging from baby shampoo to dishwashing detergent." Not many results turned out in this segment.

But David already knew success rewards those like him, who don't give up. In last year's Eagle Scout project, David led a team to complete a large-scale beautification project for his neighborhood Trinity Christian Church.

These credentials, plus extensive robotics experience and expertise with a soldering iron, were a bonus for David in the STEM program. An outstanding student, David is a member of the National Honor Society, and he participates in marching band.

As such, David was thrilled about being exposed to a think tank of like-minded, ambitious, international age cohorts. "All of these kids were on the honor roll, ROTC, Boy Scouts, and had impressive résumés," David said.

Like Nathan, David blazed through the projects with passion. The centrifuge impressed him somewhat, too. But virtually piloting an F18 fighter jet was even better.

"They taught us to take off and land, to shoot and drop missiles," he said. "I was soon doing the air-to-air stuff." Whatever the scenario, the pilots had to follow the orders in their scripts.

"I had already landed safely," David said, "but still carried a few rounds of ammunition. So, I had to go up again, to spend it all in the air, before I could refuel. But the second time around, I unfortunately crashed."

David caught on quickly to the team building exercises, as he previously had conducted the Eagle Scout project. In one drill, students practically created an electrical circuit between two ends of a breadboard by holding hands.

Teamwork efficiency was tested through an assembly line module. "In the first round, we created the product in two minutes, with 200 wasted items,"

David reported. "In the second run, we finished the task in 12 seconds, with only five wasted items."

"The biggest challenge for me was a rock wall exercise," he conceded, "because I am not used to heights." The objective was to reach the top as a team of two, tethered together without tearing off the connecting ropes.

Best of all, the STEM program fit in well with his curriculum, down to the French.

David was able to carry on a full conversation in this foreign language. And with a great sense of humor, he owned up to Karaoke night, too. "That could go as a substitute for band practice," he smiled.

Texting his mom, Cindy, toward the end of the program, David informed her, "I learned a few leadership skills." And, he added, "I made memories that I will never forget." ■



David Siems



Nathan Hui



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FOOD

Mesa Flancer's new general manager is not so new

By Dawn Abbey

After almost six years as chef at the Flancer's Incredible Sandwiches and Pizzeria in Gilbert, Greg Ringel recently was named general manager of Flancer's in Mesa, according to owner Jeff Flancer.

A chef for almost 30 years, Greg really enjoys the food part of the restaurant business, but wanted to try something new. "After working with Flancer's all these years, I really know the culture of Flancer's," he said. "A general manager is a hands-on kind of job. You need to do everything. I have a true



Greg Ringel

passion for perfection, and want to share that passion with the customers and staff, making sure the cooking is done right, making sure the customers are happy and overseeing all aspects of the experience."

According to Greg, the standard menu items will remain, but he has plans for some excitingly tasty specials, beer and wine pairings and theme items, like their recently popular Valentine's Dinner to Go. Greg appeared on Fox 10 News to demonstrate the heat-and-serve gourmet creation.

Right now, Greg is helping coordinate Flancer's Raising the Fun fund-raising events, as well as the Pizza-Eating Contest, which run from March 15 to April 22.

Flancer's is open seven days a week from 10:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., with happy hour every day from 3 to 7 p.m. ■

For more information about menus, events or specials, visit flancers.com, or call (480) 396-0077. Flancer's is located at 1902 N. Higley Road, in Mesa, and 610 N. Gilbert Road, in Gilbert.



COMMUNITY

The Las Sendas Golf Club has big plans for this spring

By Kim Phillips

Due to popular demand, the owners at Las Sendas Golf Club plan to build a banquet and dining facility at the golf course.

The facility, approximately 12,000 square feet, will host weddings, conventions, family parties and much more.

"We are very excited about the new banquet facility," Wayne McBean recently announced at a public golf course meeting.

"The building will be architecturally appealing, and constructed into the hillside of the 18th hole, to minimize any distractions to our neighboring homeowners," Wayne stated.

Lloyd McBean, executive director of Las Sendas Golf Club, chimed in on the discussion. "The restaurants always will remain public," Lloyd said to the crowd of about 28 people from the Las Sendas community.

The golf club already has undergone many capital projects, which were necessary to re-establish Las Sendas as a world-class facility. Lloyd explained that the 10-year plan at the course involves many improvements, including new cart paths, golf course restrooms, pro shop and locker rooms.

"Other improvements include a new halfway house, improved playability on the course, and the expanded restaurant and kitchen facilities, which now are expanding even more, with the proposed banquet and dining facilities," said Lloyd.

To date, the ownership has spent more than \$4 million on golf course improvements. With the anticipated approval of the banquet and dining facilities, the group will have invested almost \$6 million to this property. They are beginning the second phase of improvements much sooner than expected.

"We have had tremendous success... more than we originally planned," Lloyd told the interested residents. "We will cater to more than 45,000 golfers in 2012," he further commented.



"The restaurants also have had great success, with the majority of the clients coming from the Las Sendas community."

"We only build on demand, and the demand is now," Lloyd proudly stated.

According to Lloyd, the Viewpoint Patio has been the most successful of the three restaurants. The patio offers exquisite views and live entertainment Tuesday through Saturday, starting at 6 p.m. The patio has undergone three major renovations to assist with homeowner concerns regarding the music and sound travel. "We are doing everything we can to appease our homeowners, and it seems as though our recent changes have made a positive difference to all concerned."

Lloyd further explained how the golf club continues to turn away golf events, functions and/or conventions. He contends the Las Sendas Golf Club quickly is gaining notoriety all across the Valley. "We are a place where people want to come," he emphasized.

The owners want to inform and work with the neighborhood. "We want the residents to be aware of what the facilities are, and why we are in need of them," said Lloyd. "Las Sendas residents reside in a community offering world-class golf and all the amenities expected with such a place."

Following Lloyd's presentation, Food and Beverage Director Dennis Shaw spoke. He explained to those in attendance that the staff plans on selling space for weddings and other private functions.

"Currently, the space available at the club is limited," Dennis further detailed. However, with 6,000 more square feet of banquet space, including a dance floor, the new accommodations can handle anywhere from 250 to 400 people.

"The Trailhead Members Club at Las Sendas always will be an option for events," Dennis said, "but the new choices will only add more recognition to the community, allowing for businesses to succeed in Mesa."

If approved through the public process, construction will start in May, and will finish in November.

Some members of the community had questions, such as, "Will the facility be open every day?" The answer was, "No." Others wanted to know if the entertainment would be contained inside, and the answer was, "Yes."

"The golf club is the largest corporation in Las Sendas," Dennis said, "and with the organization's marketing to local, state and international audiences, the community deserves the recognition."

"The new facilities are going to bring the Las Sendas name closer to the top," Dennis said with conviction to the residents. "We need to be No. 1."

Janet Patrick, a Las Sendas resident, believes the project is positive. "I think it's very exciting to have more recognition for our community," she said. Janet just wants to be sure there is no extra noise or other nuisances.

Stan Wilson, a Las Sendas resident who lives on the golf course, agrees the facility sounds like a good idea. "I think it's wonderful. I think they will keep the spirit, the flavor of what is the club, the ambience of the club," he said.

"This will be an enhancement to our community," added Dick Meyer, a resident and member of Las Sendas Golf Club.

Membership at the Las Sendas Golf Club is a deposit membership, which is fully refundable. The club offers several options to join, including interest free financing. ■

For more information on membership, call Kim Phillips at (480) 352-1279. To make reservations or schedule a tee time, call (480) 396-4000, or visit the Web site at www.lassendas.com.

LOCAL BUSINESS

SAVE ON SPRING FASHIONS AT SWEET REPEATS

By Dawn Abbey

If you are looking to brighten up your spring wardrobe without lightening your wallet, check out Sweet Repeats Ladies Consignment Boutique.

Offering gently used, brand name designer women's clothing and accessories at a fraction of the cost, Sweet Repeats is located at the southeast corner of Recker Road and University Drive.

"We've been here at our new location for about a year now," said owner Connie Hooper, "and it is 100 percent better, a more convenient location, and more retail space. With more than 600 consignors, we have new and exciting fashions coming in every day."

Not only can you buy almost-new designer brands at Sweet Repeats, but you also can earn cash or store credits by consigning your own items still in good condition, but no longer your favorites. Connie accepts women's clothing, better lingerie, high-end designer handbags and shoes, costume jewelry and hats. "Hats are really big this year," she stated. Sweet Repeats pays consignors 40 percent of the selling price.

Presently, Connie is looking for spring and summer

clothing with better known labels, such as Ralph Lauren and Jones New York, as well as fashions from major department stores like Macy's, Dillard's Chico's, Coldwater Creek and Talbot's. "Our shoppers range from age 18 to 80."

"To open a consignment account, consignors must initially provide 10 acceptable items," said Connie. "Clothing must be current styles, freshly cleaned, pressed and on hangers (which are returned), with no defects, tears or stains. Once an account is established, consignors can bring in

items any time."

Connie keeps a computer log of all transactions. So, customers can check their accounts at the store at any time, and withdraw their cash or use their credits on store purchases.

"Items not sold after 90 days are donated to Sunshine Acres Children's Home or women's shelters," said Connie. If customers want their items back to donate themselves, they need to notify her. After 60 days, Connie begins discounting items from 25 to 75 percent. "The 75 percent off racks are really popular," Connie said. ■

For good buys, or to turn your unused fashions into cash, visit Sweet Repeats Ladies Consignment Boutique, located at 6039 E. University Drive. Consignments are accepted from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday through Friday. For a consignment appointment, or for more information, call (480) 275-2480.



LOCAL BUSINESS

Be Remembered by Leaving a Legacy

By Michael Eberhardt

One of the most beautiful things about life also is one of the most terrifying.

We start out young and, for some of us, we are lucky enough to grow old and watch our children, grandchildren and even great-grandchildren grow from youth to beautiful, amazing adults and know this alone is a great legacy.

What about other legacies? How else can we keep giving to our children, their children and their children's children? Well, these are questions I hear every day, and I have made it my goal to help people leave a legacy that can last a lifetime. Here are just a few simple and helpful tips:

- **Know what you have.** If you have a spouse who manages your fortune (or lack thereof, in some cases—no amount of fortune is too small), be sure you know where it is and how to access it. One of the hardest things for couples to imagine is losing a spouse, but it is important to be prepared.
- **Keep your beneficiaries up to date.** Listing beneficiaries is something we overlook, or tend to forget about. If the beneficiary you have listed pre-deceases you, and you don't change who is listed before you pass, it will be up to the state to decide who *deserves* your money.
- **Inform your beneficiaries.** You will want to be sure every beneficiary you have listed, whether it is on a life insurance policy or an annuity, is aware of being listed as your beneficiary. If you pass away, and they are unaware, your policy can be left unclaimed. This leaves the policy in the control of the company through which it is written. You and I both know those companies

will not be chasing after your loved ones to give them money. It is up to your beneficiary to claim the funds and inform the company that you have passed away.

- **Decide the best way to disburse your money.** If you are like me, the idea of leaving a lump sum of money to my children terrifies me. Did you know the average life expectancy for lottery winners is 13 months? Also, did you know it is possible for your money to end up entangled in your child's divorce? It is best to figure out which disbursement will work best for your loved ones, and be sure they are aware of your wishes for them.



While these tips are helpful and necessary, every person's circumstances are different. Be sure you sit down with someone who can help. I am available to sit down with you and your loved ones any time to help answer some questions regarding this and other concerns. Refer to our ad in the service directory for a complimentary review. ■

For more information, call (480) 726-8805, or send an e-mail to Michael@asset1.com.
I think Thomas Scott said it best. "A man cannot leave a better legacy to the world than a well-educated family."

EVENT

GOLF EVENT AND Cuatro de Mayo Party benefit homeless families

Submitted by UMOM

The UMOM Golf Event and Cuatro de Mayo Party will take place on Friday, May 4, at the Grayhawk Golf Club, located at 8620 E. Thompson Peak Parkway, in Scottsdale.



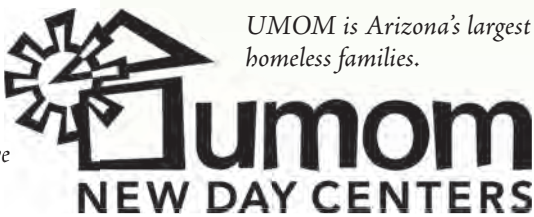
The shotgun start is at 12:30 p.m., with complimentary lunches at grill stations. There will be prizes for first, second and third place teams, as well as many fun contests.

The cost for this golf event is \$350 per golfer. The cost of the Cuatro de Mayo Party, featuring duck soup, is \$100.

A hosted cocktail reception (beer, wine and margaritas) and helicopter ball drop will take place from 6 to 7 p.m. A buffet dinner is followed by silent and live auctions, which include vacations, entertainment, jewelry, dining and much more. There also will be dancing. These events are scheduled for 7 to 10 p.m. Casual attire is recommended.

All balls purchased for the helicopter ball drop will be dropped onto the course at Grayhawk during the cocktail hour of the Cuatro De Mayo party. Balls in and closest to the hole will win fabulous prizes.

To register for golf, for Cuatro de Mayo party tickets, or for the ball drop tickets, please visit www.umom.org, or call (602) 889-0678. ■



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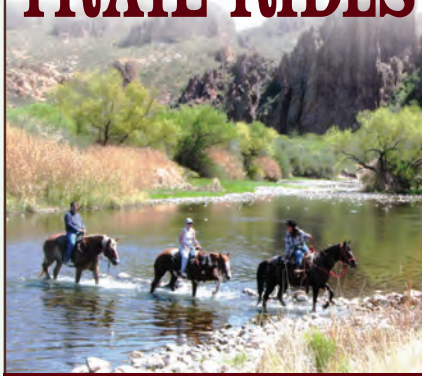
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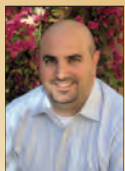


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1,502 sq. ft. 3BR plus a den/ office, 2BA, 2G. Great room floor plan, large master, upgraded tile.



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2,798 sq. ft. 3BR, 3BA, 3G. Granite counters, SS appliances, pool, spa, built in BBQ, city light & Mtn. views.