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# UNIQUE FLAVOR

Restaurant introduces 'dry aging' for steak

By Jaime Richardson  
Green Valley News

**TUBAC**—Winter visitors and Green Valley residents have grown fond of this unique art colony for many reasons, including shops, golf and restaurants.

Businesses in the area have been pushing the envelope to attract customers, upgrading services and amenities.

It's just a quick drive down the interstate to reach one of the latest to undergo a makeover, the Tubac Golf Resort & Spa, where rolling green hills surround the sprawling, historic ranch known for its 27-hole golf course and impressive list of celebrity associations.

Tourists and locals alike can stay in one of the 98 rooms overlooking the course and grounds. Along with two restaurants, the site also features a day spa, Southwestern gift shop, and a new adobe-style wedding chapel.

And the destination can now add "gourmet steakhouse" to its many attractions.

Stables Restaurant has adopted a specialized "dry-aging" process and will be one of the only restaurants in Southern Arizona to feature dry-aged steaks.

"When you went into a butcher shop in the 1950s, you'd see the meat hanging there on a hook, not wrapped in plastic," said Jeff Clock, the resort's director of food and beverage.

The industry now uses a process called "wet-aging," where meat is sealed in a plastic bag and left to soak in its own blood, he said.

But with dry-aging, the

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**STEPHANIE LEONARD**, executive chef at Tubac Golf Resort & Spa's Stables and Dos Silos restaurants, shows off her specialty, dry-aged Porter House steak.

# Urgent care coming in May to Sahuarita

By Philip Franchine  
Sahuarita Sun

Carondelet Health Network is planning to open a seven-day a week urgent care center in the Rancho Sahuarita Marketplace in May, a Carondelet official said Tuesday.

Several primary care physicians also are expected to have offices there.

The urgent care center is expected to be open weekday afternoons from about 2 or 3 p.m. until 10 or 11 p.m. and will be open on weekends, though possibly with shorter hours, Richard Polheber, CEO of Carondelet's Holy Cross Hospital in Nogales, said.

Polheber, who is heading up planning for a hospital in Sahuarita set to open in 2012, appeared before a committee of the Green Valley Community Coordinating Council.

The urgent care center would offer a badly needed service to the Green Valley and Sahuarita communities. It could handle many medical problems that now require drives to Tucson emergency rooms. It will be located on

the northeast corner of Interstate 19 and Sahuarita Road, near the Fry's supermarket that is under construction, and Polheber said Carondelet is hoping to place signs along the freeway. Carondelet officials are planning to open offices for two to three primary care physicians in or near the urgent care and are debating whether to include pediatric services in the mix.

Polheber said the urgent care center will be the network's first presence in Sahuarita. The next step would be opening a medical office building in late 2009 on the 36-acre hospital campus, which is on the southwest corner of Sahuarita Road and La Villita Road.

That building could start with physical therapy and behavioral health services and sophisticated imaging services such as CT scans, MRIs and mammography.

"We don't own our own office buildings, we have a third party working on that, but it could be a cornerstone of our efforts to recruit phy-

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# Sister: GV woman was defenseless

Green Valley News

Green Valley resident David Taub was questioned and released in connection with the death of his wife last week at a New Mexico truck stop.

A spokesperson for the New Mexico State Police said Taub is back in Arizona and is a "person of interest" in the case.

"He was the last person to see her alive," state police spokesman Andrew Tingwall said Tuesday.

Meanwhile, family members say Sherry Taub, 60, suffered from muscular dys-

trophy and was confined to a wheelchair.

Sherry Taub was pronounced dead at a Las Cruces hospital on Thursday.

Taub's husband told police he and his wife were traveling from Arizona to Texas when they stopped at a truck stop in Lordsburg, N.M. state police said. The husband claimed he left the RV and returned to find his wife beaten and robbed.

He then drove 120 miles to the hospital, authorities said.

Sherry Taub's sister, Nan-

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# Diamondbacks make unlikely charge toward World Series

Ask any Diamondbacks' insider about the squad's 2007 potential in March, and they would give the same answers.

They would talk about giving the young players a chance to see what major league baseball is all about.

They would mention how this squad would experience growing pains before making a serious run in two or three years.

They would say that the 2007 season is brimming with possibilities, but the organization has its sights set on the future.

Much to the surprise of the baseball world, the future is now.

Thursday night, the Diamondbacks begin their seven-game series with their divi-



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sion rivals from Colorado to determine who will represent the National League in the

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2007 World Series.

After dispatching the Chicago Cubs via a three-game sweep in the National League Divisional Series, the Diamondbacks are as hot as any team in the majors.

The numbers certainly don't make Arizona's World Series case any clearer.

The Diamondbacks are the first team since the 1906 Chicago White Sox to have the

league's top record (90-72) while finishing last in batting average (.250).

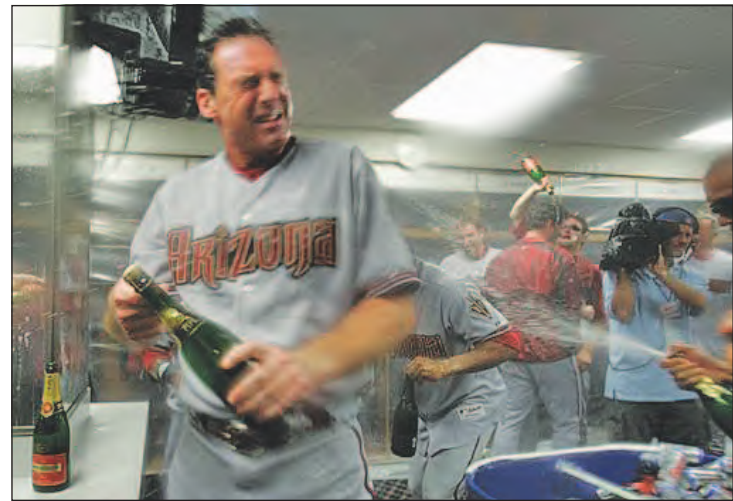
No Arizona batter hit over .300 this season. All-Star second baseman Orlando Hudson has been out since early September after thumb surgery.

Yet, this young, resilient squad continues to chug along with its "anybody at anytime" attitude.

While the majority of the national media's focus was centered on the Cubs' collapse, few paid attention to how the Diamondbacks played perfect October baseball.

Leadoff hitter Chris Young provided a tremendous spark at the top of the lineup, hitting two home runs and igniting Arizona's offense.

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**DIAMONDBACKS MANAGER** Bob Melvin prepares to open a bottle of champagne after Arizona swept the Chicago Cubs in the National League Division Series. Melvin leads Arizona against the Colorado Rockies, starting Thursday, in the best-of-seven NL Championship Series. The winner earns a trip to the World Series.



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## UNIQUE: Dry-aged steak debuts

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meat is hung from a hook inside a cooler, which causes excess moisture in the meat to evaporate and produces a more concentrated flavor. The enzymes start to break down the connective tissue in the meat, which makes it much more tender, said Clock.

"The process is expensive for restaurants because you end up losing 20 percent of the meat, but it's worth it," he said. "It's like apples to oranges. The taste difference is really unbelievable."

Dos Silos, the resort's festive Mexican restaurant, has also revitalized its menu and will now feature live Spanish guitar music on the weekends.

Named for two adobe grain silos that were part of the original ranch, the eatery is embracing more regionally-influenced Mexican cuisine, collaborating with local suppliers like Santa Cruz Chili & Spice Co. in Tumacacori.

"Many of our cooks are from Mexico, and we've been working together to develop authentic recipes from this region," said Clock.

Over 7,500 square feet of banquet space at the resort can hold any event, "from the smallest birthday party to a mid-sized Quinceñera, to a wedding for 700 people," said Clock.

The Tubac Golf Resort is located on what used to be the

Otero homestead, which dates back over 300 years and was once one of the largest cattle ranches in the Southwest.

A group of Tucson businessmen, along with entertainer Bing Crosby, an avid golfer, purchased the ranch in 1959 and turned the property into an exclusive golf resort.

Since then, the resort has welcomed locals, tourists, and even celebrities.

The golf-themed Kevin Costner film "Tin Cup" was filmed on the grounds, and actors Michael Douglas and Catherine Zeta-Jones were guests while "Traffic" was being filmed in Nogales.

The Air Force One chopper landed in a cow pasture when President Gerald Ford met with Mexican President Luis Eccheverria on the property in 1974.

Astronaut Neil Armstrong is a frequent visitor and stayed at the resort during a recent golf tournament.

"Out of all the celebrities I've met, nothing beats the first man on the moon," said Clock.

The Tubac Golf Resort & Spa is at 1 Avenue de Otero in Tubac. Stables is open from 6:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m., and Dos Silos, from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., seven days a week. You can reach either restaurant from the resort's main line at 398-2211.

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## URGENT CARE: Coming in May

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sicians," Polheber said.

Health network officials are mulling over whether to open an emergency room before the hospital itself opens, Polheber said. Officials of Carondelet, which is part of the national Ascension Health system, will be visiting Austin, Texas, this month to research the experience of Dell Children's Medical Center of Central Texas, which officially opened on June 30, but began handling emergency cases a week or so earlier because a small staff was on hand and people began showing up.

Construction is expected to begin in 2011 on the 150,000-square-foot, 78-bed Sahuarita hospital, which will employ about 180 people and will include a fully staffed emergency room and sophisticated imaging services. Its construction costs have risen, according to the most recent estimate, to \$84 million, from \$76 million.

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## DEFENSELESS: Police investigate

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cy Kuhary, said her sibling was completely paralyzed.

"We are just absolutely shocked that something like this could happen to her, such a defenseless person. ... We knew she was not healthy and we knew someday she would die, but not like this," Kuhary said from her home in North Carolina.

Kuhary called her sister a smart woman who was loved dearly by her family.

"This is the first day I haven't broken down and cried," Kuhary said Monday. "It's just that she was so paralyzed, I can't believe somebody did that to her."

Sherry Taub's body has been sent to the Office of the Medical Investigator in Albuquerque for an autopsy.

The Taubs own a condominium in The Villages of Green Valley, according to Pima County tax records.

Reporter Jaime Richardson and The Associated Press contributed to this report. Comment on this story online at [www.gvnews.com](http://www.gvnews.com).

## New science, music teacher to join staff at Continental

By Kathy Engle

Green Valley News

The Continental School board Monday approved hiring a new middle school science teacher to replace Cate Sivilli who died Sept. 7 in a rollover accident in her SUV in northwest Tucson.

The board also learned that Superintendent Gaye Leo has another music school teacher on tap to bring the total of district music teachers to two. The lack of staff for the school's music program has been the focus of parent complaints for the last two months.

The board Monday voted to approve a contract for the 2007-08 school year for Kenneth E. Kratzer as a full-time science teacher. Kratzer attended the meeting and provided an overview of his credentials, including an undergraduate degree in biology, research on blood-clotting patterns, and working as high school biology teacher in St. Louis, Mo. He also taught seventh-grade science at Challenger Middle School in Tucson Unified School District's Sunnyside School District.

Kratzer said he has been building custom homes for the last several years, but, when he heard about Continental's tragic loss of a beloved teacher, he decided to return to the profession and contacted Leo.

The name of the new music teacher was not disclosed because all of the paperwork is not complete, but Leo said the teacher was "an accomplished

pianist and choral director, with a master's degree" and will shortly be moving to this area from Ohio.

Arleen Boyuls, outreach director of United Community Health Center, said the new school wellness clinic at Continental to be staffed once a week by a nurse practitioner and, at times a pediatrician, will open shortly at the school, to provide on-site medical and dental services once a week.

The wellness center needs official approval from state health officials, Boyuls said.

The wellness center will operate at no cost to the school, she said. If insured, parents will be asked for a co-pay fee.

If uninsured, parents will be asked to contact UCHC's eligibility coordinator to work out payment, through a sliding fee scale, the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment program (AHCCCS) or KidsCare, the state's program that provides health insurance to youngsters.

The board agreed to table consideration of a new residence (mobile home on the school site) for Leo because the bids submitted by the district's new business manager Art Contreras, were two high, ranging upward to \$103,000.

School board members Bonnie Klahr and Dick Roberts said the district could not afford that amount and told Contreras that the board had previously stated bids for the new residence should not exceed \$65,000.

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## DIAMONDBACKS: Improbable journey continues for Arizona

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Eric Byrnes continued to serve as a disruptive force on the base paths. Byrnes swiped 50 bases in the regular season and scored 103 runs as Arizona's offensive leader.

Each starting pitcher gave Arizona quality innings before turning it over to an unhittable bullpen.

Chicago's absurd "billy goat curse" nonsense obviously didn't finish them off. Flawless, fundamental Diamondbacks'

baseball did.

Now, they face the scorching-hot Colorado Rockies in a series that has every true baseball fan giddy with anticipation—even if that giddiness won't translate into strong television ratings.

The Rockies have won 17 out of 18 and have been playing with a playoff mentality since late August.

They have five hitters—Matt Holliday, Troy Tulowitzki, Brad Hawpe, Garrett Atkins and Todd Helton — that can change

the course of a game and drive in runs in clutch spots.

They have a bona fide ace in Jeff Francis and an emerging closer in Manny Corpas.

Arizona's Cy Young winner Brandon Webb might be the best player in this series, but his struggles against the Rockies are well documented. However, Webb did shut down this squad in a must-win game on Sept. 28.

Tomorrow night's game is scheduled to begin at 5:37 p.m. on TBS, with Webb taking the

mound against Francis.

On paper, it would seem as if the Rockies have the edge. They have the five-best hitters in the series, a strong bullpen and more than enough momentum to take four of the next seven games.

But nothing about this Diamondbacks season has made sense yet. Why should it start now?

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