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Legislative goals seen as crucial

Spaceport effort tops local legislative goals

By **Todd G. Dickson**
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More than 200 Las Cruces and Doña Ana County residents will be filling the halls of the state Capitol this weekend for Las Cruces Day in Santa Fe Monday, Jan. 30.

One of the most significant pieces of legislation to be discussed with lawmakers will be expansion of liability protection for suppliers to companies taking customers to space from Spaceport America.

Last year, the Legislature passed an “informed consent” bill that gave lawsuit protection to the companies that will fly and launch people into space from New Mexico, in which passengers acknowledge that they are taking a risky ride, but doesn’t forbid families from suing if a passenger’s death is caused by negligence.

The Informed Consent Act, which was signed into law, didn’t extend these protections to those supplying materials and services to the launch companies. States such as Florida and Texas that also want spaceport business have approved legislation to limit liability that extends to those in what’s called “the supply chain” of aerospace activity.

Those who believe the spaceport between Las Cruces and Truth or Consequences will bring vast new job opportunities say many of those jobs won’t materialize without the liability protections given to those who provide equipment, materials, supplies or services to the aerospace entrepreneurs.

The Doña Ana County Commission added its strong support of the expanded law Tuesday, Jan. 24.

The spaceport legislation also leads the list of session priorities compiled by the Doña Ana County Legislative Coalition, which is a mixture of government and business community members to provide a unified focused lobbying effort.

Other coalition priorities include:

- **Dual-credit courses**

Successful in improving graduation

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WSMR commander promoted

Ferrari’s family plays big roles in ceremony

By **Todd G. Dickson**
The New Mexican

The ceremony promoting White Sands Missile Range Commander John Ferrari from colonel to brigadier general Tuesday, Jan. 24, was a mixture of military tradition and family gentility.

He had general insignias added to his dress uniform and shirt by his wife Andrea – more commonly called “Andi” – and his daughters Emilee, 8, and Jillian, 6. His 10-year-old son Matthew was given the duty of presenting his father with a general’s belt and service pistol.

Before the event, Ferrari said he wanted his family to be part of the ceremony because they are very much like many military families who have had to endure long deployments.

“Families are important for every soldier,” he said. “Deployment after deployment, they are there for us. It’s the same for senior officers as it is for junior enlisted soldiers.”

Separations caused by Ferrari’s call to duty were more clearly detailed in his comments at the conclusion of the ceremony. Ferrari told how his deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan were both unanticipated and with short notice.

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White Sands Missile Range Commander John Ferrari escorts his daughter Jillian, 6, after being promoted to brigadier general Tuesday, Jan. 24.

Students flock to new high school

Road expanded for future traffic

By **Todd G. Dickson**
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Crews work on expansion of Dripping Springs Road and the portion of Sonoma Ranch Boulevard that leads to the new Centennial High School Wednesday, Jan. 25. The city also will be connecting to the new high school by connecting Sonoma Ranch Boulevard to Lohman Avenue. Both road projects will be completed by the time the school opens in August.

Centennial High school will open in August with plenty of students and improved road access.

Centennial Principal Michael Montoya said 835 students of 1,200 districted for the new \$110 million high school off Dripping Springs Road have agreed to be part of its first class.

Of that total, 350 are freshmen, 305 are sophomores and 180 are juniors.

Montoya said he was pleased with many students wanting to try out the new state-of-the-art high school.

Las Cruces Public Schools Superintendent Stan Rounds gave students of the new school’s attendance zone the option of staying at the high school they currently are at or are destined to go as freshmen.

Administrators want to open the school, which has the capacity to hold 2,000 students, with between 1,100 and 1,200 in its first year. Students in attendance areas for the other three comprehensive high schools can request a transfer to the new high school – so long as they or their families provide transportation. Montoya said there are enough transfer requests that he

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Child Crisis Center reaches out

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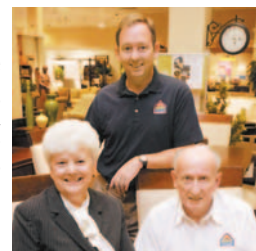
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Lectures to examine immigration issues

NMSU invites national scholars for series

New Mexico State University is offering a speaker series called "Arriving in America: The Challenge of Immigrants and Minorities in Modern American History."

The series presents seven noted historians who will look at the experiences of immigrant groups such as Mexicans, Hispanics, the Irish, the Italians, East European Jews, the great migration of African Americans and Asians.

"Given the similarity among the experiences of Mexicans and other immigrant groups," said Andrea Orzoff, a history professor in the College of Arts and Sciences at NMSU and

speaker series organizer, "I thought this would provide the opportunity for a transnational comparative discussion of immigration as an ongoing problem for American society."

The series begins at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 31. All talks will be held in the College of Health and Social Services auditorium, except for the final talk, which will be at the Stan Fulton Center.

The first speaker of the series, Anthony Mora, is an assistant professor in the history department at the University of Michigan. Mora will present "Americans Immigrate

Constantly: Historic Ironies and Reversals that Made the Modern U.S.-Mexican Border."

Matthew Jacobson, a professor of American studies, African-American studies and history at Yale University, will speak on "Race, Immigration and Citizenship in the United States: The Irish Experience as Racial Odyssey" Tuesday, Feb. 7.

Documentary filmmaker Gianfranco Norelli will show his documentary film "Pane Amaro (Bitter Bread)" on the Italian-American immigrant experience Thursday, Feb. 16.

Spencer Crew, a George Mason University professor, will discuss "The Great Migration of African Americans: Making the 'Color Line' National" Monday, Feb. 20.

Hasia Diner, a professor of American Jewish

history at New York University, will speak on "East European Jewish Immigrants: Unwanted in the Land of Promise" Thursday, Feb. 23.

Charlotte Brooks, an assistant professor of history and co-chair of the Program in Asian and Asian-American studies at Baruch College, City University of New York, will discuss "The First 'Illegals': The Legacy of the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882" Thursday, March 8.

On Monday, March 12, David Gutierrez, a professor in the history department at the University of California at San Diego, will conclude the series at the Stan Fulton Center with a capstone lecture on "The Suppression of Immigrants Rights and the Impending Crisis of Citizenship."

The lectures are free and open to the public. Visit <https://corridor.nmsu.edu/auxadmin/parkingforms/epermit.aspx> for a parking permit for off-campus visitors.

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Coach Henson As good as he wanted to be



Richard Coltharp
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In my travels, I have met three members of the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame: Bill Walton, Don Haskins and the enigmatic Dennis Rodman.

I have also had the good fortune to meet two other people who I believe should be in the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame but, inexplicably, are not: Nolan Richardson and the steadfast Lou Henson.

Henson, the longtime New Mexico State University coach and former Aggie player, recently turned 80, and will be honored Saturday, Jan. 28, at the Pan American Center as the Aggies face Fresno State University.

Let's take a look at the Basketball Hall of Fame's criteria for enshrinement.

According to the hall's website, www.hoophall.com, "All of the enshrines are celebrated for their outstanding achievements and accomplishments. As the highest honor in basketball, entrance into the Hall of Fame recognizes outstanding contributions to the sport." The hall's mission: "To honor and celebrate basketball's greatest moments and people."

Those terms are murkily subjective. I wonder how you compare someone who is in the hall to someone who is not. Let's try.

Henson: Before being an Aggie, played basketball for two years at a small college in Oklahoma, Connors State Junior College.

Rodman: Played basketball for three years at a small college in Oklahoma, Southeastern Oklahoma State University.

Henson: In 1997-98, he coached New Mexico State University for \$1 per month.

Rodman: In 1996-97, he played for the NBA Chicago Bulls for \$750,000 per month.

Henson: Nickname - "Lou."

Rodman: Nickname - "The Worm."

Henson: Married to the same woman for more than 57 years.

Rodman: Often dresses like a woman, with more than 57 different outfits.

Rodman drew more attention for his antics off the court than on, and many consider him a clown. Having met Rodman, and discussed our mutual ties in the state of Oklahoma, I can attest he has a humble, sincere side. He also showed this side in his teary Hall of Fame induction speech.

Rodman clearly has his bizarre side, too, but I believe absolutely Rodman belongs in

the Basketball Hall of Fame.

At his best, few players in the history of the game played harder than Rodman. Only one man led the league in rebounding more seasons than Rodman, and that was the Babe Ruth of the NBA, Wilt Chamberlain.

When Rodman led NBA rebounders with an 18.7 average in 1991-92, it was the highest average in 20 years. With virtually no offensive skills, Rodman used his unique defensive abilities to make him a valuable cog in five NBA championship teams.

Henson, with 779 official NCAA coaching victories, and having taken two different schools to the Final Four, absolutely belongs in the Hall of Fame. In the case of Henson, his off-the-court work only adds to his accomplishments. He is a legend at both NMSU and the University of Illinois, the two schools where he worked the bulk of his career. His influence has changed the direction of the lives of many, including former players, assistant coaches and even casual acquaintances. Lou and wife Mary are revered both in Las Cruces and in Champaign-Urbana, Ill., for the success of Henson's teams, but more, I believe, for who they are. At both universities, they embraced students, faculty and community.

Perhaps if he were as colorful and bizarre as Rodman, coach Henson might already be in the Hall of Fame. He has been too busy, however, being himself.

Rodman: Wrote a book called "Bad As I Wanna Be."

Henson: Wrote a book called "Lou: Winning at Illinois."

Rodman: Used to wear customized leather Converse All-Stars adorned with a stylized version of one of his tattoos.

Henson: Used to wear canvas Converse All-Stars adorned with the signature of Chuck Taylor.

Rodman: Used to dye his hair with as many as 10 different colors.

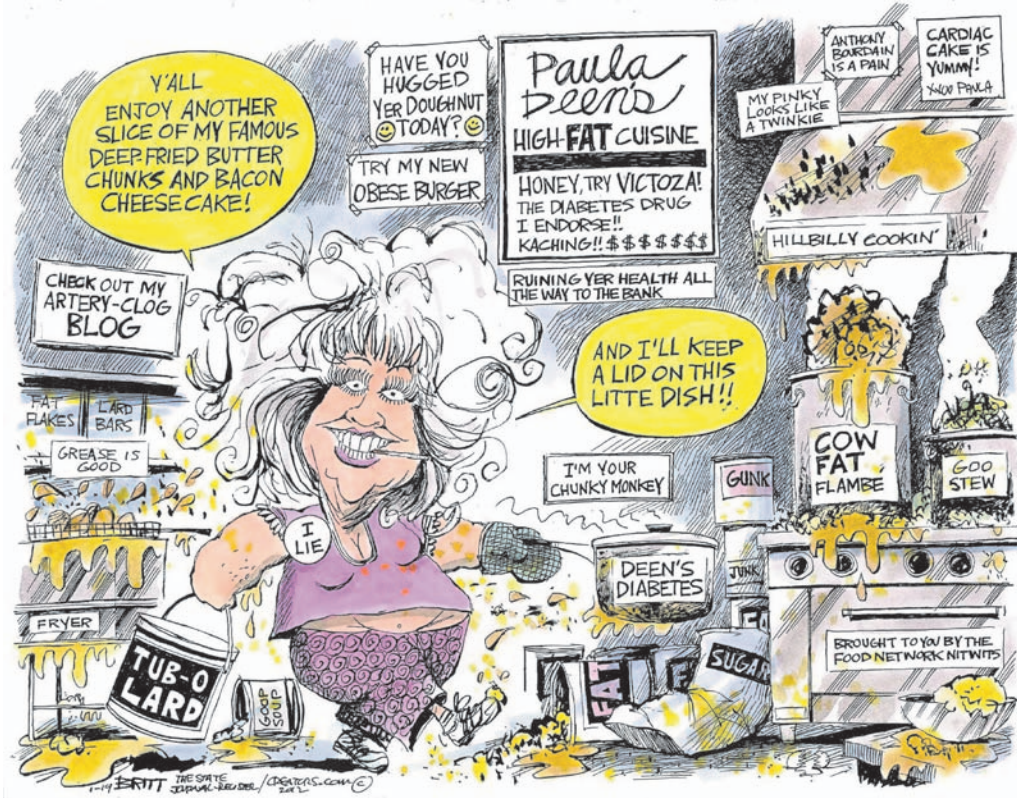
Henson: Has worn at least 10 different versions of the "Lou 'Do."

Rodman: Has 27 visible body piercings.

Henson: Once accidentally poked himself with a safety pin.

When he was inducted into the Hall of Fame, Rodman wore sunglasses, a big black cowboy hat and a feather boa.

When he is finally inducted into the Hall of Fame, Henson might wear something flashy, too. He might just wear a tie with alternating crimson and orange stripes, representing the two universities and communities upon which he has made a permanent, positive impact.



Letters to the Editor

Movement milestone

Come celebrate Occupy Las Cruces' first quarter anniversary from 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 28, at the occupation site in Albert Johnson Park, 200 E. Picacho Ave. Bring food, bring music, bring games, bring stories, but mostly bring yourselves. We will celebrate the occupy movement and give thanks to all of our community supporters.

These last three months have been amazing. A town square has been created for people to come and debate, discuss and express their worries, frustrations, ideas and hope. People from all walks of life have joined together to form a coalition of concerned citizens who are advocating for legal, economic, political and environmental justice as well as for social equality. We are all struggling so that everyone can enjoy abundance, fair representation, harmony and well-being.

We have been able to organize protests, community discussions, teach-ins and much more. We have worked together with amazing organizations in the community to increase our strength and work for positive change. We have also joined in solidarity with the national occupy movement to effect change beyond the local level.

For all who have donated their time or goods, this is for you. For everyone who drives

by the occupation site and honks, this is for you. For everyone who supports the cause but might not have had time to participate, this is for you. This party, as well as the occupy movement itself, is for everyone who sees some glaring problems in our world and has ideas on how to effect positive change.

This is the first of many anniversaries, as this is a movement that is growing and will continue to grow for years to come. This truly is what democracy looks like.

Jason Burke

Supports immigrants

The assault of Gov. Susana Martinez on Mexican illegals is appalling and a travesty. She keeps pushing for the abolition of driver's licenses for illegals. Her obsession on the issue has created unjustified fear-mongering about illegal immigrants by her baseless exaggeration about terrorists and drug bosses getting licenses.

The New Mexico Legislature should stand up and firmly oppose her anti-immigrant policies. New Mexico should be the leader in fostering a compassionate policy regarding illegal immigration, since Congress has failed totally to pass comprehensive immigration legislation. The New Mexico Legislature should reject Martinez's miserable policy.

Greg Lennes

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Martinez generating VP buzz

New Mexico governor's response: Still not interested

Jay Miller

Inside the Capitol



Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney has confirmed that he is looking at New Mexico Gov. Susana Martinez as a possible vice-presidential running mate.

When asked what vice-presidential possibilities he was considering, Romney indicated his interest in some of the party's first-term governors. Martinez was one of the first he named. He, of course, omitted any of those who already have created major controversies in their states. And he didn't mention any U.S. senators.

It is interesting that Romney, a former governor, has his eye on new governors rather than current members of Congress to complete his ticket if he is nominated. Senators often are the choice for running mates because they have the contacts to aid a president in getting legislation through Congress. Senators also are preferable to House members since they represent an entire state that they might be able to help win in the general election.

But Romney apparently is looking at people with executive experience to help him run government. One drawback is that governors have little foreign policy background, which often is a major subject in vice-presidential debates.

Martinez has responded to this and a mention last week on national television that she would be the best balance for a ticket headed by Rick Santorum, the only true conservative in the GOP presidential race.

Martinez said she is not interested in the vice presidency because her full attention is focused on being the best governor she can be for New Mexico. That always was former Gov. Bill Richardson's response the three times he was considered for the vice presidency.

Disinterest almost always has to be a governor's response. The possibility of being the selection out of the many being considered is low. It weakens one's power and popularity at home

and it eliminates the embarrassment of not being selected.

One time when Richardson was being considered, he eventually wrote a letter to a presidential nominee saying he was not interested. Some wonder if Richardson ever was seriously considered. The consensus is that he was seriously considered by Al Gore in 2000, when Richardson was U.S. Energy secretary and former United Nations ambassador.

The gasoline price spike and the loss of documents during the Los Alamos fire ruined his chances that time. In 2004, Richardson had two successful years as governor under his belt and probably wasn't particularly interested in leaving his job.

I do know that he was seriously enough considered that year to be vetted. I received a phone call from a member of that committee asking whether I thought Richardson's interest in Billy the Kid and the Roswell incident were an indication that he would be too off-the-wall.

Despite their assurances about remaining as governor, if the call ever comes, it is difficult to decline the request to serve one's country.

Martinez wouldn't have to give up her office in order to run. Governors and members of Congress do it all the time. Gov. Sarah Palin and Gov. George W. Bush ran while remaining in office. So did Martinez and Lt. Gov. Diane Denish while they were running for governor. Martinez, however, has indicated some strong feelings about others running for office while serving in her administration.

She told Lt. Gov. John Sanchez she would strip him of all duties when he announced as a candidate for the U.S. Senate. Sanchez noted that he also is an elected official and doesn't take orders from the governor.

Jon Barela is the secretary of economic development for the governor and, as such, is not an elected official. Martinez said if Barela were to run for Congress in the First Congressional District, he would have to resign his position.

Barela waited a long time to declare whether he would run. He finally did so last week, announcing that he will stay put. He, of course, didn't say whether Martinez's requirement that he resign played a part in his decision.

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Letter to the Editor

We should expect the worst

Is history about to repeat itself?

After all, history repeats itself on those who don't learn from it.

More than 30 years ago, in 1979, the Iranian people deposed the Shah of Iran. One-term President Jimmy Carter, with an election around the corner, responded in kind, which left 52 of our citizens behind as hostages in Iran and a failed military incursion ending in disaster. Obviously, our international foreign policy of intimidating a nation whose people had just ousted a favored American-approved

Middle East dictator didn't work for Jimmy Carter.

In addition, it left Iran's Ayatollah Khomeini holding the wild card in president Carter's reelection and he knew exactly where to use it.

While Carter prayed in the Rose Garden for some divine intervention, the GOP and presidential candidate Ronald Reagan were making deals with the mullahs and even bearing gifts (amusingly one was a cake with icing on it) behind Carter's back as incentives for releasing the hostages and obtaining the mullah's cooperation.

The question is, will first-term President Barack Obama fall for the same tricks that befell Carter?

Ironically, President Obama's first-term presidency is also facing a profits-before-people Republican Party who will go any distance, pay any price and shed and/or dissipate any blood to see the president fail.

One thing is quite clear, the GOP and the Republican Party will blame Obama for all of his achievements including negotiating, preventing or beginning a war.

Since intimidation by armed conflict is a standard practice in our foreign policies and diplomacy is not an option, both the Iranian and American people should expect the worst.

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ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

Why no farmer poetry?

Cowboy poetry is one of my efforts. I do my best but sometimes when I am in the corn belt or entertaining the Western Pistachio Growers, I'm asked why I don't do more farmer poetry? I try to explain to them that cowboy poetry is about wrecks; horse wrecks, cow wrecks, sheep wrecks, dog wrecks, financial wrecks, Tyrannosaurus wrecks, the never-ending wrecks.

For instance, when someone tells a story about a horse buckin' over the haystack and dumping the cowboy into the pig pen, or a rancher missing a cow in the chute then getting run over while he's trying to check her teeth, or the vet wrapping the calving chain over his wrist then looping the other end over the nearly-born calf's feet followed by the inevitable escape, or the mama cow chasing the cowboy around the pickup and through the cab whilst he tries to ear tag said calf – everybody listening is laughing their heads off.

For some reason a cowboy getting bucked off or run over, plowed down, drug through the cattails, trampled, stomped or butted, is funny. I'm not sure why.

I can think of two possible explanations; No. 1 -The cowboy mentality and No. 2 - the cow herself

The cowboy mentality is an attitude, a view of life, an ability to focus so intently on one thing that other parts of the picture are blocked out. Like he's standing on a railroad track at night, concentrating on the headlamp so hard he does not see the locomotive behind it.

This tunnel-vision cowboy mentality makes it feasible for cowboys to step right into an obvious trap that others would normally avoid.

It often starts with the cowboy saying, "Whataya mean I can't ride that horse?" or "Go ahead and let off on the squeeze, I think I can hold her," or "Don't worry, dogs really like me."

Then you mix this mentality with No. 2, the humble cow. There is a fine line between the "fight or flight" behavioral mechanism in the bovine. But the cowboy always seems to be straddling the divide with a leg on either side when the cow makes her decision.

Fight or flight?

Either way the cowboy gets run over so it all works out.

Thus, it's the idea that one of God's dumbest creatures seems to regularly outwit our cowboy hero, and that makes it funny.

On the other hand, farmer wrecks are always about machinery. Hanging your Carhartt coverall sleeve in the PTO and being stripped naked in a nanosecond or getting run down by a robotic controlled chemical spraying drone, doesn't really illicit large guffaws.

So that's why I don't write more farmer poetry. Of course, there's always the one about the farmer's daughter.

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Actions have consequences

Riots and collapse will be the inevitable result of our dependency on entitlements and debt

Michael Swickard

In My Opinion



The woman looked pitiful in the interview. "I just can't quit smoking. It's that secret stuff companies put in them that keeps me from quitting." She brushed back a tear. "Cigarette companies did this to me."

The interviewer accepted her assertion.

However, people in prison say, "If you can't do the time, don't do the crime."

There is no avoiding the consequences of actions. This woman made a case for it being someone else's fault she didn't stop smoking. But she cannot avoid the results.

The woman smoked for many years because she wanted to smoke. She ignored the people around her who spoke to the dangers of smoking. All smokers know before they start that it is not healthy. They also know it is a hard habit to break. Each has reasons for why he or she started and why they continue despite the dangers.

Likewise, many geezers say, "Nope, never smoked." No one pesters them about why they did not smoke. Each of us makes a conscious choice to smoke or not just as each of us eats healthy or drives safely.

The other day someone passed me over a double yellow line and narrowly missed an oncoming car. They may make risky maneuvers many times before they are killed. Whether it is driving, drugs or anything else, the thing about consequences is that while they are not applied every time, sooner or later they always come to bear.

This is a long introduction to my concern that our nation cannot continue to elect people who allow our nation to act financially irresponsible. One day, this cancer of spending without restraint will metastasize into a nation-killing calamity.

We have the example of Greece where much of their future was expended in the past for political advantage. Now their future is bleak, at best.

During the last 50 years, our nation has taken a giant leap from our collective financial senses to enjoy the short-term political advantages of irresponsible gathering of debt while ignoring the prospects that come

with the long-term debt. There is no escape from those consequences, only delay.

Individual politicians say they have to be financially irresponsible or be thrown out of office. That is true. If a candidate does not clamor for money to bring to the district they are unelectable.

Current politicians only have one plan, "I will spend the resources of our nation on you, whether we have resources or not."

So, my fellow Americans, we have discovered the problem and the problem is us.

Now that we have the culprit firmly grasped by the collar what are we to do with ourselves? The politics of promise is where the power and money is in our society. Anyone with a frugal streak is unelectable because voters rightly understand that if one state foregoes the federal largess another state will get that benefit instead. Voters rationalize that someone will get those resources; we must elect someone to look after our short-term interests.

At the core what is being practiced in our country is a political system designed to give amazing power to a few while taking the resources of many. Because so many people benefit from the theft of resources, there are not enough protestors to the theft of our country's future.

The promises sound great but are not sustainable. One day the bill will come due. Our country will be like Greece in that riots will precede the collapse.

Will there be a collapse? There has to be, no other outcome is possible.

Comingled with our financial crisis of spending significantly more than we have is the crisis of entitlement. What drives our public policy is, "I deserve this and more."

Americans say, "As long as I vote as I have voted I will always have what I have had."

The sense of entitlement is the thing that is essential for politicians to trade the resources of a nation for their control of that nation. At the very least we need truth as to the direction we are going. We all know we cannot spend without restraint, much as we know that smoking is unhealthy.

There will be final consequences.

Michael Swickard is co-host of radio talk show News New Mexico on KSNM-AM 570. Swickard may be contacted at michael@swickard.com.

Letter to the Editor

Solving retirement fund problems

The Educational Retirement Board (ERB) plays a very important role in the life of every New Mexican who works in public education. The organization is responsible for providing pensions to these public servants. During their working careers, the employees and employers make contributions to the ERB, which invests the contributions so that with the investment earnings, there will be enough money to pay the retirement benefits accrued during their working years.

As the ERB's chairman and a board member for more than 10 years, I assure you that those of us serving as ERB board members take our fiduciary duty very seriously. As a board, we are not known as alarmists; however, now is the time for important corrective action to be taken to ensure the long-term sustainability of the pensions that we provide to New Mexico's public educational employees. The longer we wait to take action, the more severe the changes will need to be.

In September 2011, our board set aggressive goals to improve ERB's funding. Some have said that these goals are unrealistic; however, it is our duty to honor ERB's commitments to teachers, faculty and staff and be able to pay the retirement benefits that they have worked so long and hard to earn.

In November 2011, our board selected a proposal to present to the legislature for action in the 2012 session. The proposal was designed and presented by the New Mexico Association of Educational Retirees (NMAER), accepted by the ERB and endorsed by the Legislature's Investments and Pension Oversight Committee. The plan includes two key features that will help the ERB on the path to solvency.

The first is a 12.5-percent reduction in the Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for all current and future retirees. Recently, at one of our meetings with stakeholders to explain why the ERB must make changes in its benefits, one retiree noted that it seemed unfair that the ERB retirees are getting COLAs almost every year while the classroom teachers haven't had raises in three years – and many of the retirees in the room concurred.

The second feature of the proposal is to establish a minimum retirement age of 55. To ensure that members close to retirement will be able to keep their plans, there will be a ten-year grandfather period in which the minimum retirement age will not be applied. Already, many of ERB's members work well past age 55.

A careful review of these changes show that they are indeed modest changes, however, these minor changes will have strong and positive effects within a very few years for ERB's funding.

For many years, the New Mexico legislature has wrestled with how to address ERB's long-term underfunding problem, and we've made progress in recent years. New Mexico's educators deserve better they should have a fully funded retirement that they can count on.

Now is the time for all of us to commit to working in partnership with the legislature to improve ERB's solvency and ensure that benefits for all of our members – retired members, active employees and future members – are secure.

Mary Lou Cameron

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Students

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believes the school will open with at least 1,100 students.

"Right now, we're pretty close to a thousand students," Montoya said Tuesday, Jan. 24.

Simultaneously, Montoya is hiring the teaching staff for the new high schools.

"We're in the midst of staffing the school," he said. "We're currently working on the elective courses."

Located northeast of the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, the Centennial campus takes up 72 acres of land leased from New Mexico State University on a 105-acre site owned by the Bureau of Land Management.

The school is made up of four academic wings for students of different grade levels, which will have administrative support for "a school within the school" approach to each. The approach is seen as a way to prevent drop-outs, with incoming freshmen getting the most intensive support. Each wing has small office spaces for teachers to use, in case they have to share their classrooms, and individual food courts for students.

Centennial classrooms will have the latest educational technology, including large touch screen boards, similar to those seen on network television broadcasts, which teachers will use for multi-media presentations.

Centennial will have a strong focus on media, along with a variety of other career-oriented clusters of course offerings, with heavy emphasis on science, technology, engineering and mathematics. The school's complex for choir, bands or orchestra has a recording studio.

The new school includes a gymnasium with an indoor running track on the second floor

and an auxiliary gym that Rounds said is better than many other gyms.

The two-story media center will be shared with the city's library system with public access. The total building area of Centennial is 344,000 square feet.

Some people who live in the Talavera neighborhood behind Tortugas Mountain have raised concerns about increased traffic on Dripping Springs Road, currently the only access to the school.

Work has begun on expanding the lanes leading up to the turnoff to the new high school, which is the extension of Sonoma Ranch Boulevard. This work is the school district's share of road improvements to Sonoma Ranch Boulevard, which leads up to the high school, and is costing more than \$1.56 million.

“ Right now, we’re pretty close to a thousand students. ”

MICHAEL MONTOYA, Centennial High School principal

Recently, the Las Cruces City Council approved funding for a 1.8-mile extension of Sonoma Ranch Boulevard to provide secondary access to the new school. It will connect Sonoma Ranch Boulevard from Lohman Avenue.

Using city revenue bonds sales, the city's portion was awarded at more than \$1.4 million with Morrow Enterprises Inc. of Las Cruces building the road. Construction of the city's portion of Sonoma Ranch Boulevard is expected to begin sometime next month and is scheduled to be completed by August.

City Manager Robert Garza said the city got a good bid on the road work – originally estimated at \$2 million – and the Sonoma Ranch Boulevard extension fits in with city plans to build an East Mesa public safety campus north of Lohman. The public safety campus will include police and fire substations and a new Mesilla Valley Regional Dispatch Authority emergency dispatch center.

Spelling bee winners



Shown with 2012 Las Cruces Public Schools District Spelling Bee word pronouncer Mark Waltermire are spelling bee winners Selena Gonterman, third place; Kira Cunniff, second place; and Olivia Weinbaum, first place – who won Jan. 20 by spelling "asphyxiant" correctly.

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Coming Up

Sky Safari is set for Jan. 28

The Las Cruces Museum of Natural History will hold its monthly Sky Safari star party at 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 28, at the Tombaugh Observatory on the New Mexico State University campus. The program typically lasts two hours.

Each month, in cooperation with the astronomy department at NMSU, the museum focuses on one aspect of the night sky.

In January, the discussion is about nebulas, star-forming regions of space that are visible in the night sky. The night begins with a short presentation about nebulas and a hands-on project available for the youngest participants.

Then, using high-powered telescopes and the expert guidance by the NMSU astronomy department personnel, participants will view these incredible stellar nurseries. Participants can ask questions and bring their own telescopes to explore the wonders of the night sky.

Participants must provide their own transportation and minors must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

For more information, call 522-3120.

Astronomy open house

The New Mexico State University Department of Astronomy will hold an observatory open house at 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 27, at the NMSU campus observatory. Astronomy personnel on hand will be professor Nicole Vogt and

graduate assistants Kenza Araki, Kyle DeGrave and Kyle Uckert.

Vogt will present a short astronomical film. Sky viewing through telescopes will include the crescent moon, the planets Venus, Mars and Jupiter, Orion the Hunter, the Gemini Twins Castor and Pollux.

Admission is free, and children are especially welcome to attend.

For more information, call the NMSU Astronomy Department at 646-4438.

Girl Scouts seek booth locations

Girl Scouts of the Desert Southwest is inviting organization and businesses to become a community partner by allowing Girl Scout troops to host a cookie booth at their location Jan. 28-March 4. The booths provide a Girl Scout troop the opportunity to work toward a goal and earn the resources needed to support troop programs, events and activities. The Girl Scout Cookie Program is a time-honored American tradition for young girls.

Booths may be set up weekday afternoons, evenings or weekend mornings, afternoons or evenings.

Girl Scouts of the Desert Southwest will obtain the required city permits, train volunteers, and make all other arrangements with the Girl Scout troop.

For more information, contact Monica at 526-2532 or mjasso@gdsdsw.org.

Crop farmers meet Jan. 31

The Southern Rio Grande Diversified Crop Farmers will meet to discuss water rights adjudication at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 31, in the Days Inn Columbus Conference Center, 901 Avenida de Mesilla.

Members will discuss proving up water rights from 4.5 acre-feet to 5.5 acre-feet, combining ground and surface water. The water priority issue is under review in the 3rd Judicial District Court.

An election also will be conducted for five board positions now held by Edmund Ogaz, Keith Deputy, John DeRuyter, Nick Carson and Bill Porter.

Weapons qualification

The Las Cruces Police Department will conduct a

safety and weapons qualification course for retired law enforcement officers who reside in southern New Mexico at 8 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 28, at the Las Cruces Police Department's Training Academy. Live-fire qualifications will be conducted the same day at the Butterfield firing range.

Completion of the four-hour HR-218 course, which includes classroom instruction and field training, allows retired law enforcement officers to maintain qualifications under New Mexico state statutes.

For more information or to register for the course, call Sgt. Pat Doyle at 202-4136.

Sister Cities scholarships

The Las Cruces-Nienburg Sister Cities Committee is offering two scholarships of \$500 each to high school or university students in Las Cruces who are U.S. citizens

currently enrolled in a German class. This scholarship is to be used for airfare and associated travel expenses to Nienburg/Germany in order to participate in cultural and language activities in conjunction with an organized program.

Selection will be based on need, merit, a written essay and the recommendation by the current German teacher. After their return from Nienburg, the scholarship recipients are also obligated to give a written and oral presentation to the Las Cruces-Nienburg Sister Cities Committee.

For more information, email Charlene Brock at brockos@aol.com by Tuesday, Jan. 31.

MV Bosque events listed

Mesilla Valley Bosque State Park, 5000 Calle del Norte west of Mesilla, has announced its February calendar of events.

- Ranger-led nature hikes are at 3 p.m. each Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Visitors are asked to bring binoculars, water, sunscreen and hiking shoes to all hikes.
- Bird tours will be at 8:15 a.m. Saturdays, Feb. 4, 11 and 18.
- World Wetlands Day: 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, Feb. 4. Events include a guided bird tour at 8:15 a.m., a wetland presentation by Environmental Specialist Chris Canavan, and the Rolling River display sponsored by El Paso Water Utilities. Visitors will learn about wetlands and the importance of water conservation at this half-day event.
- Bosque Education Workshop: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11. This free workshop will help teachers learn how to use the Bosque Education Guide, an interdisciplinary curriculum designed for instruction in kindergarten through 12th grade. Space is limited, to reserve a seat, call 523-4398.
- Pruning 101: 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 18. Master Naturalist Sylvia Hacker will provide tips on how to prune trees and shrubs in the park classroom.
- Becoming a Birder Series will be at 8:15 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 25.

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- Mountain View Market tours are from 6 to 7 p.m. each first and third Thursday of the month.
- Feral cat care: 6 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 4. Joe Miele will present "Trap, Neuter and Return and Winter Feral Cat Care," in the Co-op Community Room.
- The Sugar Blues: 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 16. Health-coach Connie Gayhl will speak on how sugar can affect mood and energy at this free event in the Co-op Community Room. For more information, call 524-1449.
- Meet the Practitioners: Noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 18. Visitors will have an opportunity to talk with local specialists in the natural health and alternative medicine fields. Disciplines include herbalism, oriental medicine, life-coaching, Reiki and more. A free event in the Co-op Community Room.
- Coop Rocks!: 5 to 11 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 18. Mountain View Market and SumArt present Co-op Rocks!, a free monthly concert and art show at the GreenWorks building located on the Downtown Mall. The all ages event is free and open to the public. Local food and High Desert Beer are available for purchase.
- Kids' Crafts with Annie: 11 a.m. to noon Sunday, Feb. 19, in the Co-op Community Room. This month, the free class will feature kite making. Snacks are provided and parents are required to attend with kids.
- New Year, New You: 6 to 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 20. Kathy and Trish will demonstrate how to improve life with herbs and supplements for a good night's rest, managing stress and maximizing daily energy. This is the second installment in a free, three-part series.
- Evening with a Doctor: 6 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 21. Dr. Kelly Elkins will focus on today's health issues and information we don't all have access to. The class is free and will repeat the third Tuesday of each month. For more information, email kelley@anextstep.org.
- Free Health Screening with Project Hope: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 25. The HOPEMobile, will be in the MVM parking lot. The free screening includes diabetes, cholesterol and blood pressure testing and more. For more information, email tcovington@projecthope.org or call 540-837-9266.
- Solar energy seminar: 3 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 25. Positive Energy Solar will present "Plug into the Sun," a free solar energy seminar. For more information, call 524-2030. Unless otherwise noted, all events are in the Co-op Community Room. For more information, call 523-0436.

Co-op events

Mountain View Market Natural Foods Cooperative, 1300 El Paseo Road, has announced its events for February.

- Farm Volunteer Day: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. each Wednesday, at the MVM Farm in Mesilla. For details and directions, email mvmoutreach@gmail.com or call 523-0436.
- Balanced Living Book Club: 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29. For more information, call 510-459-2671. Psychic Readings and Energetic Healings: Noon to 2 p.m. Thursdays, Feb. 2 and 16. Dawn Cheney performs readings and healings in the Co-op Café. Donations accepted. For more information, call

the City" at 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 2, at the Good Samaritan Society-Las Cruces Village, 3011 Buena Vida Circle in the Conference Room. Coffee and cookies will be served. For more information, visit www.lascrucesacademy.org or call 571-2269.

Film at SWEC

The Southwest Environmental Center, 275 N. Main St., will present a free screening of the film "Call of Life: Facing the Mass Extinction," at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 3, as part of its on-going First Friday Free Film Series.

The film explores the current crisis in both nature and human nature and how the decision we choose to make - or fail to make - will affect the habitability of Earth for millions of years to come.

For more information, call 522-5552 or visit www.wildmesquite.org.

Bridge, canasta club meets

Welcome Strangers Bridge and Canasta Club will meet at 12:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 3, at the Village at Northrise, 2882 N. Roadrunner Parkway, in the Hallmark Building. Desert coffee and tea will be served. For reservations, call Edie at 523-0509, Bernie at 522-2723 or Donovan at 522-5450 by Wednesday, Feb. 1.

Court Jr. High alumni sought

The Court Youth Center (CYC) is asking former Court Junior High School students and faculty and people who were alive when the old court-

house was still standing on Court Avenue to share their memories and any memorabilia they may have of the historic property.

In celebration of the 70 years of Court Junior High School and New Mexico's centennial year, a new project called the "402 West Court Story" is a living history of the people and the buildings that have contributed to the 129-year narrative of the property. This includes the Doña Ana County Court House (1883-1936); Court Junior High School (1941-82); Court Youth Center (1996 to the present) and Alma d'arte Charter High School (2004 to present).

As part of the project, "Public Memory Gathering Days" will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays, Feb. 4, 11 and 18, at Court Youth Center, 402 W. Court Ave., in Studio A.

"The property is so much of our city's history both in architecture and the people who spent some time in the buildings," said Irene Oliver-Lewis, Court Youth Center/Alma d'arte artistic director and founder.

Lauren Light and Shakera Crawley are currently interviewing Court Junior High alumni. Light has developed a series of questions and information-gathering methods to make the experience accessible to everyone. They ask participants to bring memorabilia such as photos, yearbooks, clothing, report cards, art done while at the building, journals, and other items that may be of interest.

"Irene (Oliver-Lewis) has been collecting items from Court Junior High School alumni since the Court Youth Center had a community

clean-up day in 1995. We now would like to display this history in the building for all to see the importance of the people that worked, went to school, or participated in any event in the building," Light said.

For more information, call Light at 541-0145 or email laurenmlight@gmail.com.

Regent meet

The New Mexico State University Board of Regents will meet at 10 a.m. Monday, Jan. 30, in the Zuni Ballroom at the Inn at Loretto Hotel, 211 Old Santa Fe Trail in Santa Fe.

A closed executive session will be held at noon in the Hopi Board Room at the Inn at Loretto Hotel to discuss personnel, real estate and legal matters in accordance with sections 10-15-1 H (2), (8), and (7) of the New Mexico Open Meetings Act.

Copies of the agenda for the regular open meeting will be available at NMSU, Zuhl Library, Las Cruces, not less than 24 hours prior to the meeting and also will be posted on the university website at www.nmsu.edu/Administration/regents_meeting.html.

Any individual with a disability who is in need of a reader, amplifier, qualified sign language interpreter, or any other form of auxiliary aid or service to attend or participate in the meeting may contact the Regents Office at 646-1727 at least three days prior to the meeting or as soon as possible.

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By **Michael Shinabery**
New Mexico Museum of Space History

Some space scientists argued that a craft landing on the Moon would sink into the regolith, stranding astronauts. Luna 9 proved them wrong.

On Jan. 31, 1966, the Soviet Union launched the first craft to make a soft, or controlled, lunar landing. At "about (16 feet) a contact sensor touched the ground, the engines were shut down, and the landing capsule was ejected," the website nssdc.gsfc.nasa.gov said. The 220-pound capsule hit the surface at 13.5 mph, bounced "several times," and rolled to a stop in the Ocean of Storms.

Sky and Telescope magazine (March 1966) heralded the mission in the article "Luna 9's Double Success." The first triumph was the landing; the second was the transmission of "the first pictures of the moon's surface texture as

viewed from a few feet." Luna 9 provided "a panoramic moonscape revealed by piecing frames together (that showed) undulating, very porous material, with here and there small rocks and shallow craters." Soviet selenologist N. P. Barabashov declared "the upper layer of lunar soil is ... clearly strong enough to support heavy objects."

"About 250 seconds" after landing, nssdc.gsfc.nasa.gov said, Luna 9's "four petals, forming the top shell of the spacecraft, opened outward and stabilized the spacecraft." A rotating TV camera "began a photographic survey of the lunar environment. ... The first test image, which showed very poor contrast because the Sun was only about (three) degrees above the horizon, was completed 15 minutes later. Seven radio sessions, totaling (eight) hours and (five) minutes, were transmit-

ted as were three series of TV pictures. When assembled, the photographs provided four panoramic views of the nearby lunar surface."

After completing a panorama on Feb. 4, "the probe slipped as the regolith on the slope settled, and was at a 22 degree tilt when the second panorama was taken." On Feb. 5, "two more panoramas were obtained." Then, according to Sky and Telescope, "late on February 6th, the signals became much weaker and eventually failed, as Luna's batteries ran down." Before shutting down, instrumentation "measured the moon's radioactivity as very weak."

On Feb. 4, the Alamogordo Daily News reported the Soviet success "placed a new sense of urgency on tests underway at Holloman (Air Force Base) where Luna's counterpart, Surveyor, was being tested.

The Luna program began

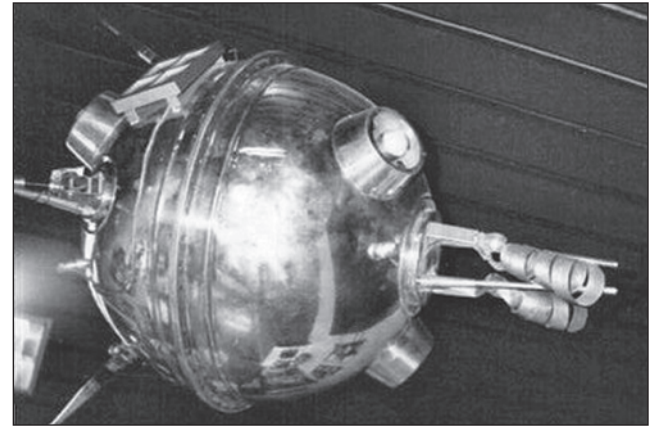
in 1959 as the Mechta Russian space probe, the March 1959 Sky and Telescope said.

"The Western press insisted on calling it Lunik," said "Von Braun: Dreamer of Space, Engineer of War." Luna 1, launched on Jan. 2, 1959, "was the first (man-made) object to escape the Earth." The Soviets "had been aiming to hit the lunar surface, but the rocket's guidance system was not quite good enough." Nevertheless, Premier Nikita Khrushchev pounced on the post-Sputnik achievement in a "propaganda coup that produced yet more Western hand-wringing; Time (magazine) said that the space race 'may decide whether freedom has any future.'"

Marshall Melin, of the Research Station for Satellite Observation in Cambridge, Mass., wrote in Sky and Telescope that Luna's instrumentation "measure(d) the magnetic fields of the earth and the moon," detected interplanetary gases, studied cosmic ray composition, and recorded meteoritic impacts. The magazine reported a radio telescope at Jodrell Bank, England, "monitored" transmissions and "reconstructed ... 10 of the pictures" Luna 9 transmitted.

After Mechta "passed within 4,000 miles of the Moon," said "William H. Pickering: America's Deep Space Pioneer," the flight path took it to the Sun's orbit.

In reality, the first man-made objects to escape Earth were ball bearings. On Oct. 16,



NASA photo

Luna 1, or Mechta, was among the first manmade objects to leave Earth orbit.

1957, Holloman launched an Aerobee which released the "artificial meteors" at 33,000 mph, Wayne Mattson and Martyn Tagg wrote in "We Develop Missiles, Not Air!" Mount Palomar Observatory, and the National Solar Observatory at Sunspot, tracked them; some "went into elliptical orbit around the sun and eventually burned up."

Luna 2 launched on Sept. 12, 1959, solarsystem.nasa.gov said, and the next day at 70,000 miles "released a bright orange cloud of sodium gas which aided in spacecraft tracking and acted as an experiment on the behavior of gas in space." The craft crashed, or hard landed, on Sept. 14, "the first manmade object to reach another world," said "The Soviet Manned Space Program" (Orion/1988). "The mission confirmed that the moon had no appreciable magnetic field, and found no evidence of radiation belts at the moon," solarsystem.nasa.gov said.

Luna 3 took "the first image(s) of the far side of the Moon," nssdc.gsfc.nasa.gov said. Though the pictures were "very indistinct," they

were put through "computer enhancement" and "a tentative atlas of the lunar farside was produced." The prominent feature was "mountainous terrain" that was "very different from the near side."

Luna 16, in September 1970, "was the first robotic probe to land on the Moon and return a sample," said nssdc.gsfc.nasa.gov; which, according to "From Vinland to Mars" (Quadrangle/NY Times/1976), was material "a radio-controlled drilling arm" had collected "at a depth of fourteen inches."

Two months later, on Nov. 15, Luna 17 "soft landed on the Moon in the Sea of Rains" and lowered two ramps. The rover Lunokhod 1 rolled down and, until Oct. 4, 1971, "transmitted more than 10,000 TV pictures and more than 200 TV panoramas" from over a 6.5-mile area. "Lunar soil tests" were also accomplished.

In all, there were 24 Luna missions.

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Polish, Hungarian and Czechoslovakian postal commemoratives lauded Mechta, or Luna 1 (top left, right), Luna 3 (center, bottom right) and the Soviet Luna satellite program (bottom left).

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Arie Kuykendall, 11, gets ready to create a vacuum in a box so a feather and metal disc held at the top by a magnet will drop at the same speed when released during an exhibit at Camino Real Middle School's Science Fair Monday, Jan. 23.

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SADD groups forming



Kelly Koerper and Julie Robb, two parents, talk about new Students Against Drunk Driving (SADD) groups at Oñate and Mayfield high schools Thursday, Jan. 12. The mothers are working to form SADD chapters in local high and middle schools. They also are looking for lock-in, alcohol-free prom and graduation night venues. They can be contacted by email at jbirds9@netzero.com or karflyboy1@mac.com.

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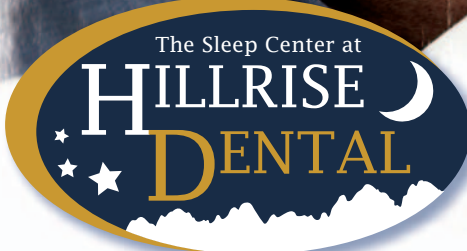
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- rates, dual-credit courses helps high school students get college credit for taking classes that provide college-level instruction. The coalition wants the state to fund the classes so they are "fiscally neutral for districts, community colleges, and universities to participate."
- **New Mexico State University construction projects**
First, the coalition backs \$30 million for renovations and additions to Hardman and Jacobs halls to combine them into the NMSU Undergraduate Teaching Center. A total of 52,730 square feet will be renovated and 37,750 square feet will be added in order to accomplish combining the buildings, meeting building codes and fulfilling ADA requirements. The state-of-the-art Undergraduate Teaching

Center would provide classrooms, laboratories, lecture facilities, seminar rooms, study areas and academic support. The coalition also supports \$7 million for the Institute for Public Policy expansion, which "will remedy lack of classrooms, offices and instructional support space in College of Business"

- **Doña Ana Community College Gadsden Center Phase 3**
The \$7 million project would add about 25,000 square feet of classrooms, laboratory and academic support space. The funding request will match \$4 million in local general obligation bonds already used to construct Phases 1 and 2.
- **The Bridge of Southern New Mexico – \$100,000**
The \$100,000 would pay for The Bridge of Southern New Mexico – a collaboration the business and education communities – to continue its work in the county and play a supporting role in launching similar initiatives statewide.

- **911 center**
The Mesilla Valley Regional Dispatch Authority (MVRDA) provides 911 emergency services to Doña Ana County, the City of Las Cruces, the City of Sunland Park, the Town of Mesilla and the Village of Hatch. MVRDA is at risk of flooding or accidental loss of services in its current location, a former bank building. A \$850,000 request would hire an architectural firm to begin designing the 911 call center at a public safety campus on the East Mesa.
- **DAC/CLC – Crisis Triage Center**
Using land next to the Doña Ana County Detention Center, the proposed \$2.1 million Crisis Triage Center would hold people with mental illness who tangle with law enforcement, rather than being jailed. The center would be a more cost-effective way of dealing with the problem than locking them up in jail and would help get these people access to treatments and services they may need.

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Lawmakers get some perks Lobbyists offer free golf and skiing

By **Steve Terrell**
The New Mexican

Sometimes being a New Mexico legislator is a thankless job. But for all the headaches, the position does come with some perks.

For instance, an association of golf course owners are giving each lawmaker, as well as Lt. Gov. John Sanchez, free passes that allow each holder to play one round at each of five golf courses around the state.

The total cost of this gift is \$28,500, according to a lobbyist report filed by The New Mexico Golf Tourism Alliance.

"Really, it's just to expose the legislators to tourism facts about golfing, what golfing does for the state" said Domonic Silva, a lobbyist for the alliance.

"New Mexico has more five-star golf courses than Arizona," Silva said. "It produces \$317 million just in wages. There's golf courses in 27 of the 33 counties in the state."

Silva said his client got the idea from the ski industry, which most years provides a free "VIP card" that allows all legislators to try out the slopes at ski areas all over the state, including Ski Santa Fe.

"Ski New Mexico gives passes, some people give movie passes," Silva said. "We thought why not golf courses?"

The golf courses where the lawmakers can play for free are Black Mesa Golf Club at Santa Clara Pueblo, Paa-Ko Ridge Golf Club near Sandia Park, Sandia Golf Club at Sandia Pueblo, Sierra del Rio Golf Course near Elephant Butte and Rainmaker Golf Club near Ruidoso.

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Legislature 2012

Martinez asks to merge departments Proposal would put cultural affairs, tourism together

By **Anne Constable**
The New Mexican

Gov. Susana Martinez is making another effort to merge the departments of cultural affairs and tourism, saying she wants to save money and streamline state government.

Rep. Paul C. Bandy, a Republican rancher from Aztec, introduced a bill Tuesday, Jan. 24, that would create the Cultural Affairs and Tourism Department. A similar measure (also carried by Bandy) was tabled by a House committee last year, indicating lack of support from Democrats in the Legislature to the idea.

Bandy said this year's version, House Bill 157, is essentially the same as last session's HB 255, although he described the new bill as less complicated. Bandy said New Mexico – with 25 state departments (plus three state offices) – leads the nation in the number of cabinet secretaries.

"I'd rather lead the nation in public school third-grade reading performance," he said.

A fiscal impact report prepared by the Legislative Finance Committee in 2011 estimated the merger would result in about \$1.35 million in cost savings.

The new department would have one cabinet secretary and 18 divisions led by exempt employees.

"We're hoping for a different outcome" this year, Bandy said, noting that the bill now has the support of the Albuquerque Chamber of Commerce.

Of course, the votes that count are at the Roundhouse and, Bandy admitted, "we're working on that."

The current department secretaries, he added, "think there is synergy between the departments. We can work better to promote cultural events and bring tourism into the cultural preserve. And where it is appropriate to promote cultural heritage, they could do that better as one department."

Former Cultural Affairs Secretary Stuart Ashman strongly opposed merging Cultural Affairs with any other department, saying its size, and its mission of preserving the state's cultural patrimony, did not make it a good fit with any other department. Cultural Affairs was not a department of state government until 2004 when then Gov. Bill Richardson elevated the Office of Cultural Affairs to cabinet-level status.

Veronica Gonzales, secretary of the Department of Cultural Affairs, is in favor of the bill, although the plan seems to be for Monique Jacobson, who heads the much smaller Department of Tourism, to become the new secretary of CATD.

"There is no disagreement on the idea that government needs to be smaller," Gonzales said. "We have a lot of departments compared to our population. It's ridiculous,

if you ask me. We have to be good stewards of the people's money."

Gonzales pointed out that the departments already have a memorandum of understanding to share the services of a chief financial officer (and some staff) and a legal counsel.

"I think the missions of the two department are very distinct, but I do think they are complementary. Working together we can complement each other's mission. Whether we merge or not, we should do that," she said.

A new brand for the Tourism Department – "Adventures steeped in Tourism" – which was announced last fall, is an

example of how to blend the missions, she added.

The Cultural Affairs Department is also already saving money on salaries. There are currently 109 vacancies out of 537 authorized positions, and the department estimates a vacancy rate for the fiscal year ending June 30 of 20 percent.

Following a "listening tour" last year, Gonzales sought authorization for 25 critical hires throughout the department including security guards, curators, cashiers and facilities managers. So far four positions have been filled and the others are in the posting, interviewing, offering process.

"We are somewhat in a freeze and we have to apply for exceptions," Gonzales noted.

The department has posted five site manager positions for state monuments and is about to start interviewing applicants, she added. It is also seeking a director for the State Monuments Division, which is currently presided over by an interim director.

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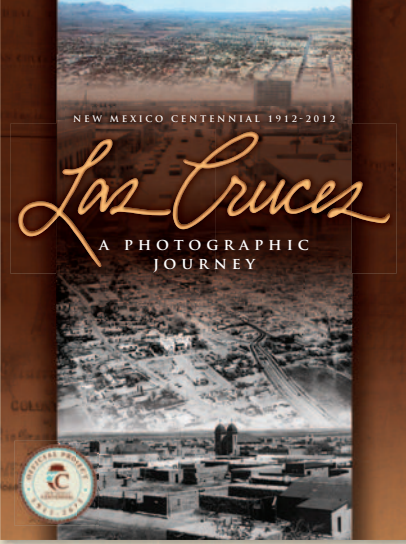
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With Afghanistan, a general's question about what he would be doing the next few months turned into 18 months. Like soldiers who are deployed, Ferrari's wife and family had to endure the separation and challenges.

But he said his work as a military planner helping to rebuild the Afghanistan military and police was not nearly as hazardous as those deployments by soldiers, such as those in the 2nd Engineers Battalion stationed at WSMR. Ferrari recalled the first time he had to tell a family that he had lost a fellow soldier in battle.

Just as humbling and emotional experience was the promotion, he said. Although WSMR is usually commanded by a brigadier general, Ferrari arrived to command the multi-faceted testing range Aug. 18, 2011.

Ferrari, 46, recalled taking his original military oath as a young man and at one time almost quit the Army, but was able to get his master's degree while teaching economics at West Point, and that would lead him to the Pentagon and overseas. Ferrari was originally commissioned from West Point into the United States Cavalry with a degree in computer science. He would earn a master's degree in business administration from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania.

Ferrari served with the 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment on the east-west German border and deployed with them to Desert Storm. He was then assigned to the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment at Fort Bliss and deployed to Kuwait. Ferrari has served as a strategic planner for Combined Joint Task Force Seven in Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Ferrari has been a program integrator in the Army's Program Analysis and Evaluations Directorate, a chief of operations for Army headquarters and in the National Security Division of the Office of Management and Budget as part of the Executive Office of the President, in Washington, D.C.

Ferrari's decorations and awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal (with oak leaf cluster), the Legion of Merit (with oak leaf cluster), the Bronze Star, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal (with two oak leaf clusters), the NATO Meritorious Service Medal, the Joint Service Commendation Medal (with oak leaf clusters), the Army Commendation Medal (with four oak leaf clusters) and the Army Achievement Medal (with four oak leaf clusters). He also earned the Valorous Unit Award, the Joint Meritorious Unit Award (with oak leaf cluster) and the Army Superior Unit Award (with oak leaf cluster).

Also at the ceremony was his mentor, retired Maj. Gen. Benjamin Griffin, who recited the oath of office to Ferrari at WSMR's Frontier Club, which was packed with members of the



White Sands Missile Range Commander John Ferrari gets insignia for his new rank of brigadier general attached to his uniform by retired Maj. Gen. Benjamin Griffin and his wife Andrea Tuesday, Jan. 24.

Las Cruces Bulletin photos by Nicolas Bañales

The Ferraris included their children in the promotion ceremony. They are Matthew, 10, Emilee, 8, and Jillian, 6.

military and local community.

Ferrari praised the surrounding communities for being so supportive to the range, which has the presence of all military branches and includes many civilian employees who conduct complex technical testing of systems that soldiers come to depend on in battle.

That mixture of missions and people is reflective of the country he serves, Ferrari said.

"It's what our nation is about," he said.

Despite his intelligence and attention to detail, Ferrari is also able to relate to the common soldier and support staff, Griffin said.

"That's a gift," Griffin said.

Ferrari is the 155th brigadier general currently serving in the U.S. Army.

"This promotion continues to give me the opportunity to serve in this Army," Ferrari said. "It is a truly humbling experience, and I'm fully aware of the responsibilities that come with it."

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Candidates announce

Cotoia to run for commission

Alexander J. Cotoia, 25, of Anthony, N.M., has announced his candidacy for the District 2 seat on the Doña Ana County Commission.

"If elected, I'll work to expand economic opportunity for my constituents, balance the need for growth with preservation, and build collaborative relationships with other elected officials to bring attention to the issues facing the south valley," said Cotoia, who is a legal assistant with the firm of Holt, Mynatt, Martinez in Las Cruces. "My primary focus throughout this campaign will be on listening to the needs of District 2 residents. I'll also offer solutions to attract additional investment in the areas of manufacturing and renewable energy and expand our local tax base. Most importantly, I'll work every day to make sure this campaign is about issues – not personalities."



COTOIA

District 2 includes the communities of Anthony, Chaparral, Chamberino, La Union, Santa Teresa and Sunland Park. The seat is currently held by Commissioner Dolores Saldaña-Caviness, who can't run again.

Cotoia previously sought the Democratic nomination for the District 7 Public Education Commission seat. He is a 2004 graduate of RHAM High School in Hebron, Conn. He also completed coursework at Doña Ana Community College, where was the recipient of a merit scholarship and was designated a Crimson Scholar.

Cotoia served as a volunteer on several political campaigns, including the 2002 re-election effort of Congressman John Lar-

son, D-Conn. In 2010, Cotoia was an active volunteer with Organizing for America and the campaign to retain Third Judicial District Judge Manuel Arrieta.

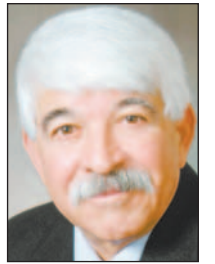
Cotoia is currently a member of the Democratic Party State Central Committee from Doña Ana County.

Luján to run for re-election

State Rep. Antonio Luján, D-Las Cruces, will run for office again this year.

"Whatever skills and talent I have really belong to the community in which I live," said Luján, who has represented District 35 for 10 years.

Luján focuses on improving the lives of low-income citizens and those who do not have a voice in our government. He has backed legislation for a living wage and improved workplace safety regulations for agricultural workers. After many years of seeking to include farm and ranch employees in the New Mexico Workers Compensation Act, the courts agreed with him and ruled that these workers are equally protected.



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Las Cruces Crime Stoppers is offering a reward of up to \$1,000 for information that leads to the arrests of three women who have used duplicate vehicle titles and false information to secure fraudulent loans.

Arrest warrants have been issued for Karen Joanna Carter, 20, and Krystle L. Bueno, 19, who are charged with felony counts of fraud and conspiracy. Las Cruces Police and New Mexico State Police are investigating multiple reports of the women using duplicate vehicle titles and false information to secure title loans from finance companies in Las Cruces, El Paso and surrounding communities.

Carter and Bueno are believed to be working with a third woman, 19-year-old Janet Lara, to obtain thousands of dollars in fraudulent loans from the finance companies.

Investigators have determined the vehicle titles the trio used as collateral are duplicate titles, and they have used fake Social Security numbers and false contact information to obtain the loans.

If you have any information on the whereabouts of Carter, Bueno or Lara, you are asked to call Las Cruces Crime Stoppers at 800-222-TIPS (8477) or send a tip via text message to LCTIPS (528477).

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Wendell speaks up



Jim Hilley
Deflections

Seven more games. That's how many times Aggie fans will have a chance to see seniors Wendell McKines, Hamidu Rahman and Hernst Laroche play at the Pan American Center.

Wendell McKines – who alternates between being nearly tongue-tied and surprising eloquence – spoke some heart-felt words about the end of his career and the home crowd at a press conference Tuesday, Jan. 24.

"The crowd is the sixth man," McKines said. "I don't think the fans realize what type of role they can play.

"When we're tired, when we don't want to make that box-out on that particular play, that energy they bring can keep us into it."

McKines said he hopes to see fans come out and support the team during the final weeks of the season.

"We all can win it together so for us to have a nice showing it would be huge to get that support and we can do it together," he said.

McKines said he gets particularly pumped-up by his fellow students.

"There ain't nothing like the student section," he said. "That young energy, they're loud, they are all over the opposing players. We need a good showing from the students because we all do it together.

"We all got classes, we all eat at the cafeteria, we all eat Top-Ramen noodles – let's do it together."

Attendance has been somewhat disappointing at Pan American Center in the last few years, but it is not a phenomenon limited to Las Cruces. Crowds at college basketball games are down across the U.S. in recent years.

McKines also said he is beginning to realize his days in an Aggie uniform are numbered.

"I was looking at the schedule today, (Jan. 24) and we only have nine more games in conference and 11 more games total (in the regular season)," he said.

"I just want to take it one day at a time and stay consistent and approach every game like it's my last," said the senior from Oakland, Calif.

"All of us had dreams, all of us had goals coming in and the clock is ticking now. You can't take a day off. You have to stay consistent and keep going.

"Hopefully it will turn out good."

McKines flashed a big grin. "Senior Night is coming, and I am looking in the mirror now and practicing on my speech," he said.

I can't predict what Wendell will say on Senior Night, but I know it will come straight from his heart.

I also know that McKines, Rahman and Laroche will be missed when they are gone.

Chasing the Las Cruces 'Dawgs

Mayfield, Oñate pinning their hopes on state tournament

By **Craig Massey**
Las Cruces Bulletin

With an eye toward seedings for the 16-team state high school basketball playoffs, every game is important for teams such as the Mayfield and Oñate boys.

As top-ranked Las Cruces High roars through its schedule, the Trojans and Knights are battling for position in next month's district tournament and the ensuing state playoffs. Mayfield is 9-9 overall and 1-1 in District 3-5A after falling to LCHS Tuesday night, 51-44. Oñate is 8-12 and 2-1 in district after defeating Alamogordo Tuesday, 50-45.

"We have to win these district games to build our résumé," Mayfield coach Tommy Morrow said.

Morrow said his team needs a decent seed to avoid having to go on the road in the first round of the playoffs to face one of the top teams.

"The top five teams are a toss-up and there are about eight that are very tough," he said.

Like Oñate the week before, Mayfield played LCHS tough Tuesday, Jan. 24. The Trojans, who trailed by as many as 14 early in the fourth quarter, closed to within two, 46-44, in the final minute. Mando Marshall led the Bulldawgs with 24 points in the win.

The Trojans have played what Morrow calls the toughest schedule since he's been at the school. They have close losses to La Cueva, Valley, Faith Christian and Canyon (Texas) Randall.

Mayfield entered Tuesday's game at LCHS with some momentum, winning the three previous games.

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Las Cruces High School's Gilbert Sigala dribbles around Mayfield High School's Zach Hernandez during the Bulldawg's 51-44 victory Tuesday, Jan. 24, at Las Cruces High School.



Las Cruces Bulletin photo

New Mexico State University forward Wendell McKines dunks the ball against Arizona Nov. 29. The senior is leading the Western Athletic Conference in both scoring (18.4 points per game) and rebounding (10.7 per game) as of Jan. 25.

Aggies face Fresno State

Lou Henson to be honored at halftime

By **Jim Hilley**
Las Cruces Bulletin

After Thursday's match up against Nevada for first place in the Western Athletic Conference, the men's basketball team will have to change gears quickly as they face Fresno State at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 28, in the Pan American Center.

Fresno State, under first-year coach Rodney Terry, is led by high-scoring sophomore guard Kevin Olekaibe, who is averaging 18.1 points per game (as of Jan. 25), and is battling the Aggies Wendell McKines (18.4 ppg) for the league scoring crown.

"Olekaibe is a special player, there's no question about it," New Mexico State coach Marvin Menzies said Tuesday, Jan. 24. "He's obviously comfortable playing for Terry, he's and admirable foe.

"(Steve) Shepp has some experience now and we are going to have to be ready to bounce back right away. There aren't too many days off this time of the season."

Fresno State has a lot of quickness, and the Bulldogs lead the WAC in turnover margin at

plus 3 per game. Point guard Shepp is averaging five assists per game – good enough for second in the WAC

The game is designated a "Toga Party" and the first 3,500 fans will receive pom-poms. There will be a special birthday tribute to former NMSU coach Lou Henson at halftime of the Fresno State game. The legendary coach is the winningest basketball coach in Aggie history and led NMSU to the NCAA final four in 1970. Henson recently turned 80 years old. A special supplement to the Bulletin is included in this week's paper in Henson's honor.

The Aggies will continue their home stand at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 1, as they host a rematch against Cal-State Bakersfield. NMSU defeated the Roadrunners 73-72 on Jan. 2, when junior Tyrone Watson sank two free throws with 0.9 seconds left in a wild ending.

The Aggies' opponent in the ESPN Sears BracketBuster Tournament will be released Monday, Jan. 30. The Aggies will host a game in the tournament Saturday, Feb. 18. Television pairings will be announced on an ESPNU Sears BracketBusters TV Special at 4:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 30.

“ There aren't too many days off this time of the season. ”

MARVIN MENZIES,
NMSU basketball coach

Las Cruces

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"And those were the type of games we had been losing," Morrow said. "I feel like we let some slip away in the early going."

Morrow said his team is doing some good things as they move into the middle of the district schedule.

"Our defense is pretty solid, and we shoot the ball reasonably well," he said. "We have pretty good depth and although we're not very big, our posts are mobile and we can do some different things. Our biggest concern right now is ball security."

The Knights, who pushed LCHS in a 59-55 loss last week, have also faced a tough schedule. Coach Saul Perez said his team turned the corner in a narrow loss to Albuquerque High earlier this season when the Bulldogs were ranked No. 1.

"The last four games we've played good basketball," Perez said earlier this week. "We've had a lot of close losses, but we feel we're coming together pretty well. Right now, I think we can compete with anyone in the state."

Perez said the Knights have played "six or seven of the top 10 teams in the state," as well as some of the top teams in El Paso.

"That should prepare us well for district," he said.

Las Cruces, 14-4 after the win over Mayfield on Tuesday, Jan. 24, is 3-0 in district and seems comfortable as the top-ranked team in the state.

"I'm very happy with the way it's coming together," said LCHS coach William Benjamin. "The kids are doing a good job of working hard and playing hard. We're playing together. It's not just one guy, but a collective group of players who are all contributing."

The Bulldogs return to action at 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 27, with a game at Gadsden. Mayfield also returns to action Friday night with a home game against Alamogordo, also at 7 p.m.

NMSU softball gets preseason attention

Defending WAC champions open season Feb. 10 against Indiana

The New Mexico State University softball team was one of 41 squads nationally to receive a vote in the USA Today/National Fastpitch Coaches Association (NFCA) Preseason Top 25 Poll released Tuesday, Jan. 24.

It marks the second time in three seasons the Aggies earned recognition in a preseason national poll. NMSU previously earned a preseason vote in the ESPN.com/USA Softball Collegiate Top 25 Preseason Poll prior to the 2010 season. But this season, NMSU did not receive any votes in that preseason poll also released Tuesday.

"We are happy to be recognized in the preseason poll," New Mexico State coach Kathy Rodolph said. "But our big emphasis every year is where we are ranked in May."

Last season, along the way to their first WAC Championship and NCAA Tournament appearance, the Aggies did not appear in either national poll until April 12. New Mexico State received votes in five weeks of the NFCA poll and collected votes in three weeks of the USA Softball poll last spring.



RODOLPH

The Aggies earned votes in both national polls last season for the third straight year after a 16-year absence. The Aggies begin 2012 as one of 16 teams outside of the top 25 receiving votes in the NFCA rankings. The Aggies were one of three teams to receive one vote in the preseason poll, joining 2012 Western Athletic Conference (WAC) member Brigham Young University and Fordham at No. 39.

New Mexico State finds six of its 2012 opponents ranked among the nation's top 25 in the NFCA poll. Defending national champion Arizona State is the preseason No. 1 selection; the Aggies visit the Sun Devils on March 11.

Four other PAC-12 schools dot NMSU's schedule this year including No. 4 California, No. 8 Arizona, No. 9 Stanford and No. 16 Oregon. The Crimson and White will host No. 21 Nebraska of the Big Ten the second week of the season in the Troy Cox Classic.

A quartet of WAC teams collected votes this preseason in the NFCA rankings. Besides the Aggies and BYU, Fresno State led the way with 10 votes and Hawai'i garnered seven votes.

The same six top-25 Aggie opponents in the NFCA poll also appear in the USA Softball Top 25. BYU leads two teams from the WAC in the USA Softball poll with eight votes along with Fresno State and its pair of votes. Neither the Aggies nor Hawai'i received a nod in that poll.

NMSU non-conference opponent San Diego State earned six votes in each poll. Aggie opponent UNLV earned one vote in the USA Softball poll.

The Aggies begin their 2012 campaign Friday, Feb. 10, against the Indiana Hoosiers as hosts of their season-opening Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces Invitational held at the New Mexico State Softball Complex that weekend.

“... our big emphasis every year is where we are ranked in May.”

KATHY RODOLPH,
NMSU softball coach

Aggie rodeo season only a week away

NMSU team hopes to stay No. 1 in Grand Canyon Region

By **Marvin Tessneer**
Las Cruces Bulletin

New Mexico State University rodeo athletes will ride to strengthen their lead in the Grand Canyon Region when it opens its spring season Saturday, Feb. 4, at the University of Arizona in Tucson, Ariz., rodeo coach Jim Dewey Brown said.

The Aggie rodeo team has 72 members,

and more than 40 are attending the university with the help of rodeo scholarships.

The Aggie rodeo team is leading the Grand Canyon Region; the men with 3,452 points and the women with 1,688.

"I hope our students can continue our success during this spring season," Brown said.

Aggie rodeo team will wrap up its spring season with its region rodeo

scheduled April 27 and 28 at the Southern New Mexico State Fairgrounds.

The remainder of the Aggie Rodeo Team spring schedule is:

- March 3 and 4, Cochise College, Fort Huachuca, Ariz.
- March 10 and 11, Central Arizona College, Florence, Ariz.
- April 20 and 21, Northland Pioneer College, Taylor, Ariz.

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Happy B-day Lou

It's time for the basketball world to put the well deserving Henson in the HOF



Jack Nixon
Jack's Corner

It's time to put on your birthday party hat for a first-class celebration Saturday, Jan. 28.

It is the Las Cruces celebration of Lou Henson's 80th birthday. I had the pleasure of working with coach Henson in his second stint as men's basketball head coach from 1998 to 2005. We traveled around two conferences together, saw some championships and heartbreak, and I learned a great deal – a great deal about basketball and a great deal about classy behavior.

Henson took over from Neil McCarthy after the latter could not get along with Athletic Director Jim Paul. The 1999 season, Henson's second year back, saw him put together a hybrid squad with half a dozen transfers from Northeastern Illinois and those on hand to win the Big West Tournament. The Aggies took second in the league the following year and went to the NIT.

After that were the uncharted waters of the Sun Belt Conference. The travel always involved an early morning flight and an extended bus ride to Jonesboro, Ark., Murfreesboro, Tenn., and other towns that are in very small print on the road atlas. Henson and his wife,

Mary, would pay for everyone's breakfast at the airport out of their own pocket and even though the sun wasn't up, the Hensons were as friendly and charming as if it was midday.

When the team won in New Orleans and Miami, he allowed the team a chance to celebrate for a specific time period. No one ever returned to the bus late, which I took as a feeling of respect to the man running the program. After a triple overtime win at Middle Tennessee State, Henson was as relaxed as if it were a 40-point blowout. I learned that a lot of times you have to act like you have been there. Actually, coach has been there 797 times in his career. Officially, he is credited with 779 as the NCAA took away 18 games won with players who were the center of violations committed by his predecessor.

Never a gripe or angry word in unguarded moments about that, instead what you did hear was how much he enjoyed his job and life in the Mesilla Valley. The only thing left for the basketball world to do is place Henson in the Basketball Hall of Fame.

If you want to join the celebration, there is a party in the practice gym prior to the game. The Aggie Athletic Club can give you the information. The night itself will be recognition not only of coach's birthday, but his life. Join us.

Let's play some ball

Aggie baseball season begins Feb. 11



Rocky Ward
Baseball
Head Coach

New Mexico State baseball officially starts at 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11, with our annual alumni game at Presley Askew Field.

The game will prepare us for the first official series of the year against Wake Forest University from the Atlantic Coast Conference at 4 p.m. Feb. 17. It is not only a great team to open the season with, but Wake Forest has several Las Cruces ties that most people are not aware of.

Its coach, Tom Walter, was the head coach of the University of New Orleans baseball team who spent several months as our guest in Las Cruces immediately following hurricane Katrina in the fall of 2005. Tom Walter is also the coach who made national news last year when he donated a kidney to one of his players. Another connection, for those long time Aggie fans is Steve Shutt, the director of media relations for Wake. Shutt worked several years at NM State in the same position during the 1990s. We are looking forward to a great opening series and defending our 2011 NCAA batting title.

Our team is loaded with returning players including Scott Coffman (right-handed pitcher) and Zac Fisher (catcher), who were named as pre-season All-Americans. This is the first time in school history that New Mexico State baseball has had two selections in the same year. The 2011 All-WAC performers Parker Hipp (second baseman) and Tanner Waite (outfielder) return for the Aggies as well.

We have a new pitching coach, Mike Evans, and expect to be much improved on the mound. Ryan Beck

(left-handed pitcher) and Tyler Mack (right-handed pitcher) return for their junior seasons and are joined by newcomers Evan Mott, Adam Mott, Tim Torsney, Casey Collins and Las Cruces native Michael Ormseth. We have quality starting pitching depth for the first time since our 2002 and 2003 NCAA Regional teams. Scott Coffman anchors the relief core and will be supported by returning relievers Justin Cooper and Robert Roher. Jeff Neptune and Robert Vancour are quality newcomers who we expect good things from.

Our home schedule includes the return of Texas Tech to Las Cruces as well as 2011 NCAA Regional participants Kent State and Sacred Heart University. Fresno State, Louisiana Tech and Nevada will be the WAC home opponents this year. We will have three big non-conference series on the road against 2011 NCAA Regional teams Rice, Arizona and Baylor. The 2012 season will represent the most ambitious schedule we have played in the history of the program and are looking forward to the challenge.

We have a few major goals set for the season. We expect to lead the NCAA in at least one statistical category as we have accomplished five previous times. We plan to win 30 or more games for the fourth straight year, for the second time in school history (2001-04). We hope to break the record for the most wins in any three-year period (114). A 35-win season would eclipse that mark and would also stand as the most games won over any four-year period. We expect to compete favorably for the WAC Championship and return to an NCAA Regional. We look forward to a great season seeing everyone at Presley Askew Field. Call the Pan American Center Ticket office at 646-1420 for season tickets. Go Aggie hardball!

This Week

In Aggie Athletics

Friday, Jan. 27

Track and Field
New Mexico Invitational
Albuquerque
All day

Equestrian

Tennessee-Martin
Martin, Tenn.
7 a.m.

Saturday, Jan. 28

Men's Basketball

Fresno State
Las Cruces
7:30 p.m.

Women's Basketball

Louisiana Tech
Las Cruces
3:30 p.m.

Equestrian

Kansas State
Martin, Tenn.
7 a.m.

Men's Tennis

Baylor
Waco, Texas
2 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 29

Men's Tennis

Rice/Florida State
Waco, Texas
2 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 1

Men's Basketball

Cal State Bakersfield
Las Cruces
6:30 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 2

Women's Basketball

Fresno State
Las Cruces
6:30 p.m.



Aggie student-athlete spotlight

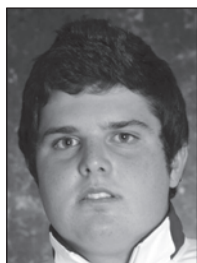


Melanie Clay

Senior
Track and field

Senior Melanie Clay had two top-10 finishes at the Cherry and Silver Invitational. Clay placed fifth in the 600-meter run with a time of 1:36.12 and ninth in the 800-meter run

with a time of 2:19.07. She was also a member of the 4x400-meter relay that finished fourth.



Luis Ramirez

Junior
Men's tennis

Junior Luis Ramirez opened the year with a pair of straight-set victories at the No. 4 singles spot to go a perfect 2-0. Ramirez also went 2-0 in doubles with partner Matej Stakne at

the No. 1 position. The tandem's wins helped the Aggies claim the doubles point in both matches last week.



Kaitlyn Soto

Senior
Women's basketball

Senior guard Kaitlyn Soto posted a career-high 23 points at San Jose State, Jan. 19. She played all but one minute at San Jose State and Hawai'i and averaged 17.5 points per

game. She went a perfect 8-of-8 from the free-throw line and matched a career high with three 3-pointers at San Jose State.

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Teaching your young golfer

Parenting an athlete takes savvy – and an ego in check



Charlie Blanchard
Golf Doctor

Over the past few years, Herb Wimberly and I have done golf clinics for high school golfers who play in Albuquerque and El Paso. These are largely kids who have chosen to play golf for a variety of reasons, but who have not had a whole lot of instruction. (It's a mystery why we have not been asked to do clinics here in Las Cruces.)

Many high schools hire coaches to run their golf programs who are not really serious golfers and know precious little about the game. But many of these well-meaning folks actually realize this fact and seek outside help. It's fun for us partly because these kids represent a blank slate, as it were, where we can imprint some good golf habits, good golf thinking and good golf behavior.

The occasion of a planned clinic for this spring led me to revisit some issues that I have dealt with over the years having to do with parenting of young golfers. I thought it would be useful and informative to offer some suggestions for parents of junior golfers, with the thought in mind that you should simply ask yourself if some of these situations apply. If they do, think about the best way to handle it, while keeping in mind that your adolescent golfer may, in fact, not be the next Michelle Wie or Lexi Thompson.

The first advice I give parents is to always encourage your young golfer to learn the game and play the best he or she can at all times. This takes a level head, and it takes emotional stability. You should role model these traits. If you can't, stay away – or certainly stay at a distance. Please avoid harsh

criticism of a youngster, as this may only turn your child into a cynical, negative, possibly intolerable adult golfer, who is no fun to be around. I know these people. Be willing to provide your junior golfer decent, up-to-date equipment, without going overboard, and consider professional golf teachers – and golf schools. Golf is one of those activities – like playing a musical instrument – that requires a teacher.

In recent years, I have worked with two talented and memorable young golfers in El Paso, a boy and a girl, who went to different high schools, but both had parents who were model examples of what I expect parents of enthusiastic golfers to be.

In both cases the parents contacted me and asked if I would provide mental coaching for their kids. I explained that I was reluctant to see a golfer just once, and it would take a few sessions to get to know the child, and then an indefinite number of sessions to ingrain what I felt were the thought patterns, emotional fitness and mindset of a serious competitor and winner. They agreed to allow me to work with the players as often as I saw fit and didn't meddle in the process.

In both cases, these two young golfers were committed to excellence, practiced extremely hard, had a great attitude, and not only became regional champions, but earned college scholarships in golf.

The second thing I tell parents is to establish the proper priorities. Family and

important personal responsibilities (like church) are first in my opinion. School and studies are a very close second. There may be other important priorities, but golf comes in third, at best.

This advice applies to parents of football players, too. Sometimes people think football is everything. It's not. Life is not football. Or golf. There are too many more important things. There must be balance in practice, sport and fun. So try to avoid pushing your child into golf – or pushing period.

Try your utmost to cultivate a sense of personal responsibility in your child. Golf

is an individual sport even though kids play on a team. It's you and your clubs, the ball and the golf course. No teammates are going to take up the slack when you aren't on your game. You can't hide anywhere and let others produce.

That may be why so few kids go out for golf and prefer to kick a soccer ball around – with all due respect to the

soccer crowd. Golf is hard. You can miss the ball. You can miss an important putt. You can look foolish, all by yourself. And it's all you, lonely you, and nobody else. So don't ignore bad behavior on the part of your child. It's a personal responsibility thing, and you are the role model.

Help make golf fun and a "life" activity. Sometimes parents get caught up in the seriousness of the sport, whether it be golf, baseball, playing the violin or debating. Sport, by definition, is meant to be a challenge whereby we pit our talents and efforts against an opponent or some other formidable foe (like mountains or chess boards or ski slopes), thereby testing ourselves, in hopes of prevailing. But it is sport and not survival.

Bear in mind that Major League Baseball, the NFL, NBA, NHL, NASCAR and the PGA are businesses. These competitors are businesspeople and are there to entertain us, and are doing that for a living – your kid is not.

Avoid hovering over your young golfer and let him or her play the game and have some

fun. In a similar vein, try not to micro-manage every move your son or daughter makes. You can't keep track of what goes on with his or her cell phone or friends, so why try to over-manage their life, or their golf.

Avoid getting involved in "sport politics." Unless the coach is genuinely abusive (it happens), let the coach, coach. Stay on the sidelines.

In my experience, the three most common problems for junior golfers to overcome are (1) emotional volatility, (2) extremes with over-thinking and under-thinking, and (3) trying too hard. Deficits with attention, reluctance to practice, as well as resistance to coaching are three other difficulties that hold young golfers back, but those aren't as noticeable with highly skilled players. As parents you should be aware of the potential hindrance that the above deficits can cause and take a proactive approach to getting help. Observe your child closely, be supportive rather than overly critical and try to teach emotional control wherever possible.

I get calls from parents all the time about jacking up their kid's game so the results are better. Even if they don't say it out loud, in many cases I can certainly tell what the agenda is – a scholarship. I actually understand that, but I notice that it is a bit self-serving at times.

That's why I developed the Performance Golf Ability Rating, a 100-item checklist assessment the player can take and an objective coach can fill out. The 100 items help determine the strengths and weaknesses of a young player's golf game, relative to his or her competitors.

I never try to deflate big dreams. I only help put reality on the table and help folks gain perspective. Reality in golf is a hard thing to swallow. I encourage parents to dream big and support lofty goals, while keeping life goals in their proper perspective.

Golf is a life sport. For every one student athlete who gets a college golf scholarship, several thousand will have a lifetime sport to provide fun and social enhancement in their lives. As a parent I encourage you to assess your own needs and motivations. Are you more interested in your private agenda – trying to live vicariously through your child – or are you more interested in your child's fun and success? Try not to let your own ego generate unrealistic expectations.

Dr. Charlie Blanchard is a licensed psychologist specializing in sports and leadership who works with PGA professionals and young golfers to enhance their performance. He partners with coach Herb Wimberly as the principal instructors at Performance Golf Schools. Readers may contact Blanchard at drblanchard@lascrucesbulletin.com.

“ Try not to let your own ego generate unrealistic expectations. ”

NM STATE UNIVERSITY

ATHLETE of the WEEK



Natalia Salum

Senior, Women's Tennis

Senior Natalia Salum earned WAC Player of the Week honors after starting the year undefeated at 3-0 in both singles and doubles matches. She opened the year with three straight-set victories. Along with partner Jodie Williams, Salum went 3-0 in doubles at the No. 1 and 2 positions.



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Walker announces recruiting class

Aggies add quarterback and running back, shore up defensive line

New Mexico State football coach DeWayne Walker announced the early signing of 10 student athletes for the 2012 football season. These signees arrive this spring semester and will participate in winter workouts and spring practice.

"First of all, we have never had this many guys on campus mid-year," Walker said. "The advantage of having this type of situation is that these players can learn our schemes and it will allow us to force them into action, which is the main reason why they are here."

"We went heavily with the defensive line, a quarterback that will come in and compete, we picked up a tight end and a running back as well as two defensive backs and a linebacker."

"We also brought in an offensive lineman that we feel will make us solid on the line going into the spring, as we continue to wait on our signees who will come in the summer."

The Aggies signed four offensive players including a quarterback, a running back, an offensive tackle and a tight end. Six defensive players were signed, including three defensive linemen, two defensive backs and a linebacker.

Walker also announced that defensive tackle Abram Holland and quarterback Gary Issacson, who signed in 2011 and gray shirtd, will also join the Aggies in the 2012 spring semester, while defensive tackle Mark Brown and long snapper Mike Kaiser have been awarded scholarships after the 2011 season. All four of these student athletes will count towards the 2012 signing class.

New Mexico State University football early signing class for 2012

TraShaun Nixon, OLB, 6-1, 225, Oxnard, Calif. (Ventura College/Hueneme High School). Ventura College: Nixon played two seasons at Ventura College as outside linebacker. In 2011, Nixon tallied 21 tackles, five tackles for a loss, two sacks, two pass break-ups, a fumble recovery and a blocked kick. As a freshman in 2010, Nixon recorded 54 tackles, 4.5 tackles for a loss and five pass break-ups.

Cameron Fuller, DB, 5-11, 160, Berkeley, Calif. (Contra Costa College/Berkeley High School). Contra Costa College: Fuller played one season as a defensive back. He helped the Comets to a 6-4 overall record in 2011. Fuller had 21 tackles on the season, including 10 pass break-ups and 13 passes defended. He also tallied three interceptions for 64 yards and a touchdown.

Nicholas Oliva, DE, 6-6, 252, Saugas, Calif. (College of the Canyons/Valencia High School). Oliva played two seasons at the defensive end position. Oliva was named a first team all-Northern Conference by the Southern California Football Association in 2011. In 2011, Oliva recorded 32 tackles, a team leading eight tackles for a loss and three and a half sacks. He also had three quarterback hurries. As a freshman, Oliva tallied 18 tackles, two tackles for a loss and a forced fumble. High school: Oliva helped Valencia High School to a league championship and CIF semifinals in 2009 and 2010. He was named the 2009 and 2010 Lineman of the Year and a first team all-league selection at the offensive line position.

Andrew McDonald, QB, 6-2, 215, Newport Beach, Calif. (Santa Ana College/Newport Harbor High School). Santa Ana College: McDonald played two seasons at the quarterback position. In 2011, he threw for 2,033 yards and 22 touchdowns, while rushing for 123 yards and four touchdowns. McDonald completed 169-273 pass attempts for a completion percentage of .619, averaging 207.9 yards of total offense a game. He was named a first team All-East Conference As a freshman, McDonald finished the season 167-for-242 passing for 2,196 yards and 28 touchdowns. He also rushed for six touchdowns. McDonald set the Santa Ana College single season record with 28 touchdown passes and single season record for completion percentage at .690, while tying the single game record with five touchdown passes against College of the Desert. McDonald was named first team All-East Conference. High school: McDonald graduated from Newport Harbor High School where he was a four-year letter-winner in football. McDonald was named First-Team All-League and Daily Pilot Offensive Player of the Year his junior year, while being named First-Team All-League Offensive Player of the Year and Daily Pilot Most Valuable Player his senior year.

Alfred Sharp, OT, 6-5, 285, Cleveland Heights, Ohio (Iowa Western Community College/Cleveland Heights High School). Iowa Western: Sharp was an offensive tackle for two seasons. He helped Iowa Western to a 9-2 overall record and a win in the Graphic Edge Bowl. Sharp was named an honorable mention all-Midwest Football Conference selection and an honorable mention all-Region XI in 2011.

Kalvin Cruz, DL, 6-2, 275, Littleton, Colo. (Ventura College/

Columbine High School). Ventura College: Cruz played two seasons on the defensive line. In 2011, Cruz tallied 40 tackles, 12 tackles for a loss and six sacks. He earned second team all-conference and an academic achievement award. Cruz also earned Ventura's defensive lineman of the year and most inspirational player awards. He helped his team to a 7-4 record and a second-place conference finish, including a Beach Bowl Championship. As a freshman, Cruz recorded 32 tackles, 5.5 tackles for a loss and 1.5 sacks. High School: Cruz helped Columbine High School to a 45-9 record in his four years on the defensive line, including a 5A State Championship in Colorado in 2007.

Kevin Laudermill, DT, 6-3, 300, Los Angeles (West Los Angeles/Manual Arts Senior High School). West Los Angeles: Laudermill was a defensive tackle for two seasons. As a sophomore, Laudermill was named a second team all-conference pick after recording 40 tackles, 20 solo efforts, five tackles for a loss and four sacks. He also tallied three quarterback hurries, helping West Los Angeles to a 7-3 overall record and second-place in the conference. As a freshman, Laudermill recorded eight tackles and 3.5 tackles for a loss. High school: Laudermill played both offensive and defensive line for Manual Arts Senior High School.

Perris Scoggins, TE, 6-4, 238, Fontana, Calif. (Mt. San Jacinto College/Summit High School). Mt. San Jacinto College: Scoggins played tight end for Mt. San Jacinto College for two seasons. In 2011, Scoggins caught 21 passes for 355 yards and three touchdowns, averaging 16.9 yards per game. He was named a unanimous all-conference selection and an all-state pick as well, while helping his team to a second-place finish in conference and a 6-4 overall record. As a freshman, Scoggins recorded 16 receptions for 218 yards and a touchdown, averaging 13.6 yards a catch. He was named a first team all-conference selection. High school: Scoggins was a tight end at Summit High School. He helped his team to a second place finish his junior and senior seasons. He was named a first team all-conference pick, as well as an all-CIF selection.

Akeelie Mustafa, RB, 5-10, 183, Compton, Calif. (Santa Ana College/Cypress High School). Santa Ana College: Mustafa played one season at Santa Ana College. He led the team in rushing with 1,055 yards and 10 touchdowns, while ranking second on the team in receiving with 32 catches for 456 yards and five touchdowns. Mustafa also returned kickoffs and punts. He was named a first team all-League selection, helping his team to the Beach Bowl, where he was named the bowl game's MVP. High school: Mustafa graduated from Cypress High School and was a letter winner in football. He earned first team all-league honors as a senior, after rushing for 2,507 yards, averaging 10.5 yards per carry and 39



Rio Rancho Observer photo

Abram Holland, shown here practicing the shot put while at Cleveland High School in Rio Rancho, N.M., will be on scholarship with New Mexico State in 2012 after gray shirting in 2011, coach DeWayne Walker announced. Holland will play defensive tackle for NMSU.

touchdowns. He also had seven catches for 208 yards and two touchdowns.

Dele Junaid, DB, 6-3, 195, Fresno, Texas (Eastern Arizona/Hightower High School). Junaid played one season at Eastern Arizona at safety. He tallied 40 tackles in 10 games, including five pass break-ups, three interceptions, two forced fumbles and two fumble recoveries. Ole Miss: Junaid spent two seasons at Ole Miss, redshirting his freshman season. As a redshirt freshman, Junaid played primarily on special teams. High school: Junaid was a second team class 5A all-state pick by the Associated Press Sports Editors and Texas Sports Writers Association as a senior, as well as a PrepStar All-Region selection. He was named to the Houston Chronicle's Top 100 Texas recruits list and a Touchdown Club of Houston Defensive Player of the Year finalist as a senior. Junaid earned All-Houston honors from Texas Prep Insider as a senior and helped lead Hightower to a 13-1 record and the class 5A state championship game as a senior.

Oñate High School

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Daemund McCants

Daemund McCants is a 17-year-old junior at Oñate High School. He is a post player on the Knights boys basketball team. Recently, in a district game against Las Cruces High School, McCants came off the bench with a great contribution to the Knights' team with 12 points and seven rebounds. He always has a positive attitude and cheers his team on with passion. When McCants is not on the court, he likes to study, play video games and hang out with his friends and family.

H I G H S C H O O L Sports Schedule

Las Cruces High School

Friday, Jan. 27..... Girls Basketball Gadsden High School7 p.m.
 Boys Basketball at Gadsden High School7 p.m.
 Saturday, Jan. 28.... Swimming (coed)..... at APS Mini Invite8:30 a.m.
 Wrestling at Mayfield Tournament9 a.m.
 Girls Basketball at Roswell High School2:30 p.m.
 Tuesday, Jan. 31..... Girls Basketball Socorro High School7 p.m.
 Boys Basketball at Socorro High School7:15 p.m.
 Friday, Feb. 3..... Girls Basketball Alamogordo High School7 p.m.
 Boys Basketball at Alamogordo High School7 p.m.
 Feb. 3-4 Swimming (coed)..... at District 3-5A Meet (Hobbs)TBA



Mayfield High School

Friday, Jan. 27..... Boys Basketball Alamogordo High School7 p.m.
 Girls Basketball at Alamogordo High School7 p.m.
 Saturday, Jan. 28.... Wrestling Mayfield Tournament9 a.m.
 Tuesday, Jan. 31..... Girls Basketball Oñate High School7 p.m.
 Boys Basketball at Oñate High School7 p.m.
 Friday, Feb. 3..... Boys Basketball at Cathedral High School7:30 p.m.



Oñate High School

Saturday, Jan. 28.... Wrestling at Mayfield Tournament9 a.m.
 Tuesday, Jan. 31..... Boys Basketball Mayfield High School7 p.m.
 Girls Basketball at Mayfield High School7 p.m.
 Thursday, Feb. 2..... Wrestling Oñate Triangular6 p.m.
 Friday, Feb. 3..... Boys Basketball Gadsden High School7 p.m.
 Girls Basketball at Gadsden High School7 p.m.



Mesilla Valley Christian Schools

Friday, Jan. 27..... Girls Basketball Chaparral High School7 p.m.
 Boys Basketball at Hatch Valley High School7 p.m.
 Saturday, Jan. 28.... Swimming (coed)..... Griffin Invite9 a.m.
 Tuesday, Jan. 31..... Girls Basketball Lordsburg6:30 p.m.
 Boys Basketball at Lordsburg6:30 p.m.
 Friday, Feb. 3..... Boys Basketball Cloudcroft6:30 p.m.
 Girls Basketball at Cloudcroft6:30 p.m.



LA Tech visits Aggies



Kaitlyn Soto is averaging 9.3 points per game for the New Mexico State Aggies. The NMSU women host Louisiana Tech at 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 28, in the Pan American center. The game can be heard on KSNM-570 AM with play-by-play from Kyle Doperalski.

Aggies hire Jerry McManus New offensive coordinator for football

New Mexico State football head coach DeWayne Walker announced Jerry McManus as the Aggies' new offensive coordinator, Thursday, Jan. 19. Recently, McManus served as associate head coach and running backs coach at Kent State from 2005-10.



MCMANUS

"Coach McManus comes to New Mexico State with a lot of experience," Walker said. "Both Jerry (McManus) and Doug (Martin) come from the family of Steve Logan when they were at East Carolina. We will continue to

run the same scheme and we feel coach McManus will come in and continue what coach Martin started and continue to build our offense and help our football team."

McManus served as interim head coach at Kent State for the final game of the 2010 season. He guided running back Jacquise Terry to 542 yards rushing in 2010 and 649 yards rushing in 2009 as a part of the running back corps, as Terry was named a first team Academic All-American.

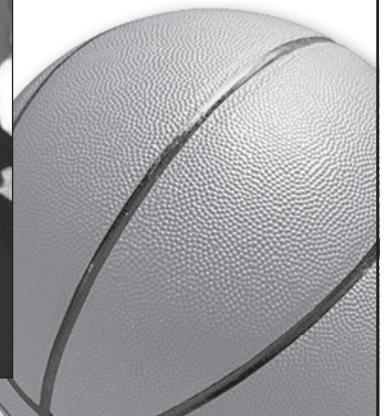


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Sports Briefs

Salum earns weekly honor

New Mexico State women's tennis senior Natalia Salum earned Western Athletic Conference Player of the Week honors after starting the year undefeated at 3-0 in both singles and doubles matches in this week's tennis action.

The award marks the first career athletic honor from the conference for Salum and the first of the year for the Aggies. It is the first WAC award for NMSU since Salum's senior co-captain Manon Sylvain earned recognition March 17, 2010.

Salum, a senior from Durango, Mexico (Colegio Americano Durango), opened the year with three straight-set victories to help the Aggies to a 1-2 record in Las Vegas. She never lost more than three games in any singles set and gave up just 15 games total in three singles matches.

Along with partner Jodie Williams, she went 3-0 in doubles at the No. 1 and No. 2 positions. Salum and Williams were promoted to the No. 1 slot on Sunday after their pair of wins at the No. 2 slot on Friday, Jan. 20. The tandem's wins helped the Aggies claim the doubles point twice last week and earned the only doubles win over No. 36 UNLV on Friday, Jan. 20.

"I'm very proud of Natalia's performance this last weekend," said head coach Ivan Fernandez. "Going undefeated in singles and doubles during a three-match weekend is not an easy thing to accomplish. She is off to a great start and I look for her to keep it going this season."

Salum and her Aggie teammates have a week off before welcoming Air Force and Northern Arizona for their first matches at home beginning Friday, Feb. 3.



SALUM

Turner leaves NMSU for NFL

New Mexico State football coach DeWayne Walker announced that running back Kenny Turner has declared himself eligible for the 2012 NFL Draft. Turner played two seasons for the Aggies as a running back and slot receiver.

"First of all, I would like to thank coach Walker, Dr. (McKinley) Boston and the New Mexico State administration for giving me the opportunity to play Division I football at New Mexico State," Turner said. "Coming out of junior college, I had a few other offers to play Division I football, but after I visited New Mexico State I felt that it was home and I felt that it was the right decision for me."

"I walked through this process with Kenny, explaining the pros and cons of declaring for the NFL," Walker said. "At the end of the day it was his decision and we will support him in any way we can."

"He understands through this process that he must graduate, and Kenny promised me that he would take care of that piece of it. There is life after football and he understands that as well. We hate to see him leave, but I do understand his decision and we are going to support it, and we want to make sure he graduates from college."

Turner, from Orlando, Fla., led the Aggies with 1,074 yards rushing in 2011, becoming the second NMSU running back since the 2000 season to rush for more than 1,000 yards. Turner accounted for 10 rushing touchdowns on the year as well, while

averaging 82.6 yards a game, fourth best in the WAC. He also finished second on the team in receiving with 46 catches for 514 yards and three touchdowns.

Police, firefighters to tussle

Las Cruces police officers will battle Las Cruces firefighters on the gridiron Saturday, Jan. 28, in the annual flag football game. Proceeds – canned or non-perishable food items – from the game will benefit the Weed and Seed program.

The eighth annual flag football game between officers and firefighters kicks off at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 28, north of the Field of Dreams off Motel Boulevard.

The police officers, also known as Las Cruces' Finest, will try to beat the firefighters for the second year in a row. The Finest lead the series 4-3 over Las Cruces' Bravest.

The public is invited to attend the game and cheer on their

favorite team. Admission to the game is free, but both departments ask fans to bring non-perishable food items that will be donated to the Las Cruces Weed and Seed program.

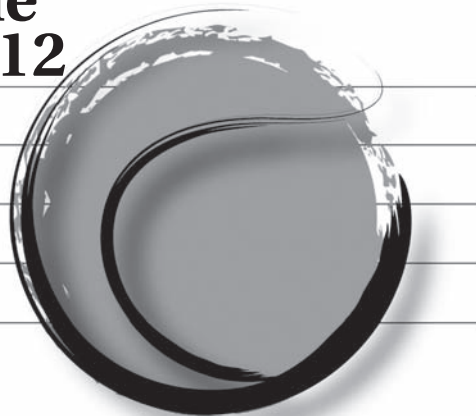
Operation Weed and Seed, operated by the Las Cruces Police Department, is a multi-agency program that "weeds" out violent crime, gang activity, drug use and drug activity in the targeted community and then "seeds" the area by promoting social and economic revitalization.

Coaches luncheon set Friday

The third Comcast Coaches Luncheon of the basketball season will be at noon Friday, Jan. 27, at The Game Sports Bar & Grill, 2605 S. Espina St.

Men's basketball coach Marvin Menzies and women's basketball coach Mark Trakh will discuss their seasons thus far as well as upcoming games.

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The Mini Art show is put on in conjunction with The Love of Art month. All work is made by adults 50 years and older. An artist reception will be held on Monday, February 13th from 8:30 - 10:30 a.m. See what great works have been created!

For more information, contact the
Munson Senior Center at 528-3000.

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Looking Back

This week in the history of the Mesilla Valley



Jim Hilley
Reflections

100 years ago

1912

• Capt. Thomas Branigan was ill with erysipelas, and a trained nurse and physician were in attendance of the postmaster at his house. The attack was centered in his head and was affecting the use of his eyes and causing intense suffering, the Rio Grande Republican reported. Branigan took ill while directing the moving of the post office and had not been able to leave his room.

• Mrs. May Crawford was appointed postmistress in Mesilla. Crawford was the incumbent and her service had been satisfactory to all, the Republican said.

• The agricultural demonstration train staff returned well pleased with the long and strenuous trip they had made around the state. Agricultural college President Winfred Garrison released "conservative" figures showing that more than 32,000 people had passed through the train during its 70 stops.

75 years ago

1937

• Mesilla Valley Electric again reduced rates effective Feb. 1. Rates were cut from 9 cents to 7 cents per kilowatt hour. The rate reduction was expected to affect 440 customers in Las Cruces.

• Floyd Ikard urged all those who had not purchased tickets to the President's annual balls to do so at once. The greater part of proceeds raised in the two affairs would be used to support crippled children in Doña Ana County, Ikard said.

• Enchiladas and chicken pie were on the menu at a fundraiser for the St. James Episcopal Church Guild Auxiliary. Cost was 50 cents.

• Las Cruces Auto Co. was undergoing a change in ownership and would be renamed Mesilla Valley Motor Co. L.J. Byron of Gallup, N.M., arrived to take over operations. Former manager Robert Hyland would remain at the company as would several other employees.

50 years ago

1962

• Garnett R. Burks Jr. was named to the New Mexico House of Representatives to fill the position vacated by Rudy Carrillo. Burks was an attorney and a graduate of the University of New Mexico.

• The Aggies prepared to face Texas Western in El Paso on the basketball court. Coach Presley Aske said the contest would be decided by defense and backboard play. "Our defense is going to have to improve," he said, noting Arizona State scored 94 points against the Aggies in their last outing. "The Miners don't have excessive height at every position," he said, "but, they have excellent overall height when you consider how high each man can jump."

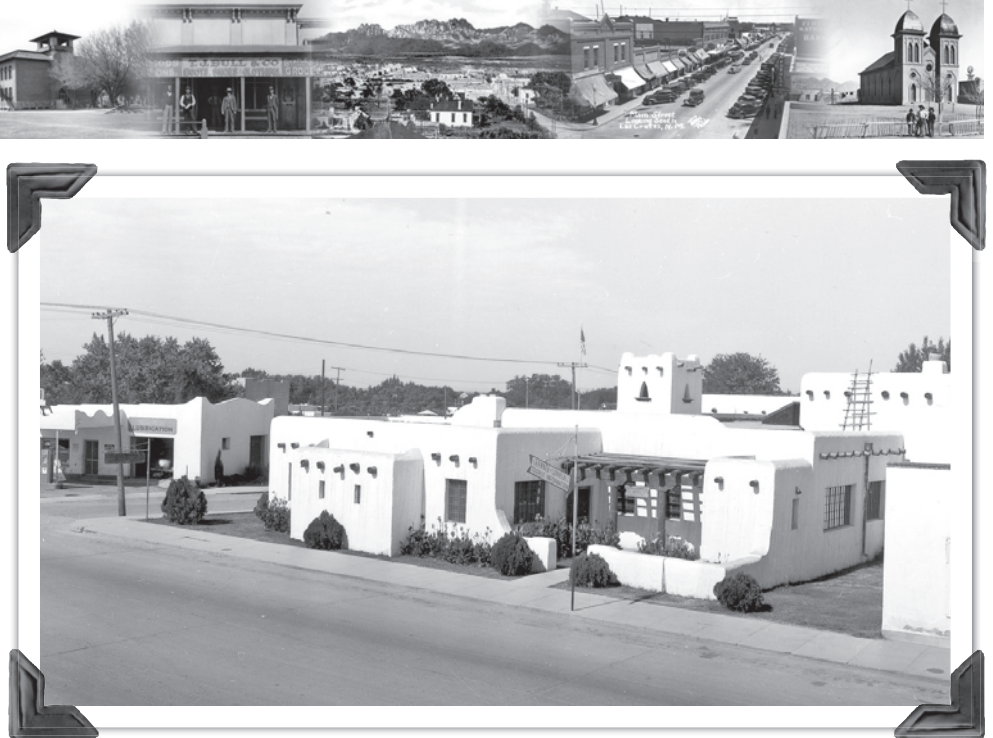


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This picture shows the Thomas Branigan Memorial Library as it appeared in 1941, about five years after it opened. The chamber of commerce office occupied the portion of the library along Hadley Avenue. The building is now the Branigan Cultural Center.

• Aggie fans were attempting to cope with the three years of probation handed down to the New Mexico State University football program. The school was alleged to have ignored academic issues in the recruitment of junior college transfers Pervis Atkins and Bob Gaitors. Reports were circulating that the football staff – including coach Warren Woodson – would resign before the end of spring.

25 years ago

1987

• Gen. Hugh M. Milton II of Las Cruces died at William Beaumont Army Medical Center in El Paso. He was 89. Milton came to New Mexico College of Agriculture & Mechanic Arts in 1924 as a professor of mechanical engineering and became dean of engineering

in 1935. He was named president of the school in 1938. He returned to military active duty in 1941 and served throughout the Asian Theater of Operations. His citations included the Legion of Merit, Silver Star, Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Commendation Medal and Philippine Presidential Citation. On Jan. 1, 1946, he resumed his role at NMA&M until he left in 1948 to assume leadership of the New Mexico Military Institute. He was recalled to active duty during the Korean conflict and was executive chief for the U.S. Army Reserves. In 1953, President Eisenhower appointed him Assistant Secretary of the Army and in 1958 he was named Undersecretary of the Army until he concluded his military service in 1961.

Information gathered from New Mexico State University Library's Microform Area and Archives and Special Collections.

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND
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**Desert Aire MDW & SWA, Water System
Improvement Project, Chaparral, New Mexico**

Purpose: Desert Aire MDW & SWA intends to apply for funding from the a variety of State and Federal sources (including, but not limited to, the Clean Water State Revolving Fund Loan, State and Tribal Assistance Grant, United States Department of Agriculture, and Colonias program) to complete improvements to their water system. These improvements may include a expansion of the current distribution system, replacement of portions of the current distribution system, additional water storage and/or water source. The purpose of this public meeting is to present applicable laws and/regulations, to review the draft preliminary engineering report and environmental information document (which will be made available at the public meeting), seek public comment, identify issues of concern, present the range of alternatives considered, and enlist public participation in development of the project plan. Desert Aire MDW & SWA hereby wishes to inform all interested parties of the Association's intent to file an application with the USDA, Rural Development's Utilities Program (Rural Utilities Service) for a loan and/or grant. The purpose of the application is to request financial assistance to improve the water system serving a portion of Chaparral, New Mexico.

Date: February 23, 2011 **Time:** 7:00 p.m.

Place: Desert Aire MDW & SWA offices,
2360 Desert Aire Drive, Chaparral, NM

Agenda: 7:00-7:15, review project background and purpose; 7:15-7:45, summary of preliminary engineering report/environment information document; 7:45-9:00 public question and answer and comments

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Programs at Munson Senior Center are for those age 50 and over. Membership is free and required to participate in classes and activities.

Call the Munson Senior Center at 528-3000 or check postings at the facility, 975 S. Mesquite St., for information on ongoing programs.

AQUATICS CLASS

Aquatics class is from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at the Las Cruces Regional Aquatic Center, 1401 E. Hadley Ave. Classes are walk up, but registration with Senior Programs is required. Donation suggested.

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS

A registered nurse provides blood pressure checks at the following times and locations. Donation suggested.

- 10 to 11 a.m. Mondays at Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St.
- 10 to 11 a.m. Wednesdays at Eastside Community Center, 310 N. Tornillo St.
- 10:45 to 11:45 a.m. Thursdays at Mesilla Park Recreation Center, 304 W. Bell Ave.

TRAVEL CLUB

The Voyagers Travel Club is open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday at Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St.

Trips currently being booked include:

- **Rockhound State Park/Adobe Deli Steakhouse day trip:** Tuesday, Jan. 31. Day trip cost: \$15.
- **Tucson Casino:** Feb. 22-24. Cost \$225 double, \$295 single. Sign up by Feb. 1.
- **Cattleman's Steakhouse, Fabens, Texas:** Friday, Feb. 10. Cost: \$70.
- **Cloudcroft Mardi Gras in the Clouds:** Saturday, Feb. 18. Cost: \$20 per person.
- **Belen/Santa Fe Raii Runner:** March 13-15. Cost: \$330 double, \$384 single.
- **Savannah/Jekyll Island:** April 13-23. Motor coach. Sign up by Feb. 7. Cost: \$949 double, \$1,199 single.

- **New Orleans:** Nov. 10-18. Motor coach. Cost: \$810 double, \$1,080 single.
- **Canada/New England cruise:** Oct. 10-20.
- **Australia/New Zealand cruise:** March 4, 2013. For more information, call Helen Glover at 528-3166.

STAINED GLASS

Beginning and advanced stained-glass classes meet at 8:30 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St.

Intermediate stained-glass class meets at 1 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at Munson Center. Registration is required.

AEROBICS CLASS

Aerobics class is from 9 to 10 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. Classes are drop-in. Donation suggested.

CORE EXERCISE

Core exercise classes are from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at Meerscheidt Recreation Center, 1600 E. Hadley Ave. Classes are drop-in. Donation suggested.

LINE DANCING

Beginning line dance classes for anyone over 50 are held from 1:45 to 2:45 p.m. each Monday and intermediate line dance classes are held from 1:45 to 2:45 p.m. each Friday at Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. Donations are accepted. For more information, call 528-3000.

T'AI CHI CLASSES

T'ai chi classes are from 3 to 4 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. Classes are drop-in. Donation suggested.

CARD/TABLE GAMES

Anyone age 50 or older is welcome to play bridge, pinochle, canasta, Hands N Feet, chess and Mah Jongg. Call 528-3000 for times and locations.

50+ WALKING GROUP

The City of Las Cruces Parks & Recreation will lead a walking group targeted toward those 50 years and older at 8 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. There is no fee to join and total walking distance will be no more than two miles per walk.

For more information, call the Parks & Recreation Department at 541-2550. The TTY number is 541-2182.

THE THURSDAY BRIDGE CLUB

The Thursday Bridge Club meets for lunch and bridge at 11 a.m. the first and third Thursday of each month.

For more information, call Judy at 373-9309, Ann at 522-7240 or Bev at 523-6106.

QUILTERS MEET AT MUNSON CENTER

The Munson Quilters meet from 9 to 11 a.m. each Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. Quilters over age 50 of all levels are encouraged to participate.

On Fridays, the group works on quilts to be donated to local organizations.

CITY RECREATION

The City of Las Cruces offers recreation and fitness classes at city recreation and community centers.

The following classes are held at Meerscheidt Recreation Center, 1600 E. Hadley Ave.:

- **Aerobics:** 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays
- **Yoga:** 9 to 10 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays
- **Pilates:** 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays
- **Core/Floor Exercises:** 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays

- **Pickleball:** 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Monday through Fridays. Paddles may be rented for \$1.
- **Indoor Cycling:** 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. The following class is held at Benavidez Community Center, 1045 McClure Road:
 - **Zumba:** 6 to 7 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays. For more information, call 541-5185.

The following classes are held at the Regional Aquatic Center, 1401 E. Hadley Ave.

- **Aquatic Fitness:** 9 to 10 a.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays
- **Safe Strength Gentle Cardio Water Workout:** 10 to 11 a.m. Thursdays
- **Water Fitness for Non-Swimmers:** 10 to 11 a.m. Tuesdays
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The following class is held at the East Mesa Recreation Center, 5589 Porter Drive:

- **Zumba:** 6 to 7 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. For more information, call 382-1662.
- All classes are \$2. For more information, call the City of Las Cruces Parks and Recreation Department at 541-2550.

SWINGING DANCERS

The Swinging Dancers of Munson Center will meet at 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 28, at Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. Couples, individuals and guests are welcome. Entertainment will be provided by Mark Coker. Couples, singles and guests are welcome. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., dancing begins at 7 p.m. Cost is \$6. For more information, call 528-3000.

MEN'S 8-BALL TOURNAMENT

An 8-ball tournament for men ages 50 and over is held the last Wednesday of the month at Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. Sign up is from 8 to 9 a.m. and play begins at 9:15 a.m. Cost is \$3 per person. Gift cards are awarded to first- and second-place winners.

For more information, call Dan Carrillo at 528-3111.

WOMEN'S 8-BALL TOURNAMENT

An 8-ball tournament for women ages 50 and over is held the first Monday of the month at Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. Sign up is at 8 a.m. and play begins from 8:30 to 9 a.m. Cost is \$3 per person. Gift cards are awarded to first- and second-place winners.

For more information, call Dan Carrillo at 528-3111.

HEALTH INFORMATION BENEFITS COUNSELING

Resource Center staff provide a free information and referral service to those age

50 and over on Medicare, Medicaid, Social Security, housing, food stamps and more at Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St.

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MONTHLY POTLUCK

A potluck is held from noon to 2 p.m. the second Sunday of the month at Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. Anyone age 50 or over is invited to bring a covered dish along with eating utensils. For more information, call 528-3000.

AARP DRIVER SAFETY PROGRAM

AARP Driver Safety Program courses are open to drivers 55 years of age or older. A certificate issued upon successful completion of the four-hour course may qualify the participant for a discount on insurance depending on the driver's insurance policy. Cost is \$12 for AARP members and \$14 for nonmembers, paid at the door the day of class.

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Classes in February are:

- 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 8: Encantada Park, 1000 Coyote Trail.

- Noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 28: Good Samaritan Society-Las Cruces Village, 3011 Buena Vida Circle.

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Centennial Spotlight 1912 - 2012



Photo courtesy of John Papen

Frank Papen parked this antique auto outside the First National Bank in this 1960s photo to promote auto loans, which was a popular consumer loan for the bank.

Papen promoted Las Cruces Banker was state senator for 19 years

By **Todd G. Dickson**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Be it at the Legislature or through banking, Las Cruces and New Mexico State University wouldn't be what they are today without the constant support and push of tall banker and state Sen. Frank Papen.

Born Dec. 2, 1907, in Las Vegas, N.M., Papen was working in insurance when he arrived to Las Cruces in 1939. He was extremely successful and began acquiring shares of the First National Bank of Las Cruces in the early 1950s. By the end of the decade, the bank was his.

"When he bought the bank we had assets of less than \$10 million," said John Papen, his nephew who works at Wells Fargo Bank, formerly First National Bank.

John Papen works in the building Frank Papen built in 1962 as the bank began growing with the community. Two years later, the bank opened the Loretto Shopping Center, the first indoor, air-conditioned mall between Dallas and Phoenix.

"He wanted people to stay in Las Cruces

and shop in Las Cruces," John Papen said. "This bank was really built on consumer loans."

Three years later, he began work on the city's first skyscraper, a 10-story bank tower. According to John Papen, part of his uncle's motivation for the tower was to attract the NASA space program, but NASA built the White Sands Test Facility near Organ instead.

Papen was successful in attracting a number of manufacturing operations to Las Cruces, including the former Legg's plant. Papen was an early promoter of a southern New Mexico port of entry into Mexico and would become the area's state senator for 19 years, with much of his work in Santa Fe benefiting growth at NMSU.

In 1990, Papen's first wife Julia died of cancer and he married a year later a widower who is now the area's state senator, Mary Kay Papen. She said she brings the same focus to creating good jobs for the people. Frank Papen died in 1996.

To recognize Frank Papen, the Las Cruces City Council recently voted to name the Mesilla Park Community Center after him.

Three win state awards



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Todd Dickson

Raul Sanchez, former state commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, stands with state teaching and student essay award winners – Eileen Gilbert of Tombaugh Elementary School, Sierra Middle School student Chloe Keller, 12, and Kathleen Guitart of Vista Middle School – after announcing their awards at the VFW 3242 post in Las Cruces Saturday, Jan. 14. Sanchez said it was unusual for one area to win this many statewide recognitions by the VFW.

Man wins \$22 million suit County to appeal judgment against jail

Bulletin Staff Report

Doña Ana County is planning to appeal a \$22 million award in lawsuit over conditions at the detention center.

According to the New Mexican, a federal jury in Santa Fe awarded Stephen Slevin, 57, of Las Cruces, \$22 million in damages for enduring inhumane conditions during 20 months he was held in the jail.

Slevin was originally jailed on charges of driving while intoxicated, transferring a stolen vehicle and other crimes Aug. 24, 2005.

According to his lawyer, Matthew Coyte of Albuquerque, Slevin was held in solitary confinement, but eventually was transferred to the New Mexico Behavioral Health Institute in Las Vegas, N.M., by May 8, 2007. By then, Slevin had lost a third of his body weight, had a beard

reaching to his chest, "toenails curling around his toes," fungus on his skin, bed sores and "had been driven mad," Coyte said.

Slevin was physically healthy when he entered the jail, but his clinical depression went untreated and he became delirious while under solitary confinement, the lawyer said.

"It is the worst case of solitary confinement in the country," Coyte said. "He's suffering severe post-traumatic stress disorder."

Coyte said all charges against Slevin eventually were dismissed because of his mental condition. Slevin was freed on June 25, 2007, the New Mexican reported.

Standing outside the U.S. Courthouse in Santa Fe after the verdict Tuesday, Jan. 24, Slevin told KOB-TV that because jail personnel refused to let him see a dentist, he was forced to pull his own loose tooth.



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Deadline for fellowships extended

Applications to Domenici Institute now due Friday, Feb. 10

The Domenici Institute for Public Policy has extended the application deadline for the first round of Domenici Institute fellowships.

"We have received several good applications for the program that will be considered for fellowships," said Garrey Carruthers, dean of the New Mexico State University College of Business and director of the Domenici Institute. "Due to overwhelming interest from faculty members, we have decided to extend the deadline."

The Domenici Institute was established on the main campus of NMSU in 2009 and seeks to be a regional leader in the area of public policy analysis. For this initial request for pro-

posals, Domenici Fellows will select from the following research areas of strategic interest to the Institute:

- Energy, especially the impact of Department of Defense facilities generating their own power
 - Entrepreneurial and free-market approaches to economic development
 - Development of graduate and undergraduate classes that advance free-market and entrepreneurial models of economic development
 - Assessment of workforce needs in New Mexico and development of best practices for filling identified gaps
 - The effects of recent health care reform on the operation of hospitals, medical practices, physicians and/or patients in New Mexico
 - Mental and behavioral health issues in a changing health care environment
 - The impact of large-scale reintroduction of uranium mining and development in New Mexico, especially on Native American populations
 - Reduction of the federal deficit while also dealing with the economic recovery
- Domenici Fellows will be expected to produce a peer-reviewed journal article discussing their work at the institute, as well

as presenting their work at either a Domenici Forum or a conference in their discipline.

The initial group of Domenici Fellows will conduct their research over the upcoming summer session, said Christopher Brown, head of the geography department, director of the NMSU Spatial Applications Research Center and a member of the Domenici Institute Advisory Council. Only NMSU faculty will be considered for the fellowship this summer, but for subsequent semesters, the program will accept applications from faculty members at other universities. All successful applicants are required to be in residence at NMSU during their fellowships.

Applications are now due Friday, Feb. 10. Winners of the summer fellowships will be announced no later than Thursday, March 15.

Additional information and the Fellows Program Application can be found online at www.domenici.nmsu.edu.

Neighbors We've Lost

DEATH NOTICES

BARRAZA

Gustavo L. Barraza, 88, of Berino, New Mexico, entered eternal life Sunday, Jan. 22, 2012 at University Medical Center in El Paso, Texas, surrounded by his loving family. Those left to mourn his passing include his loving wife of 62 years, Maria Santos Barraza, a son, two daughters, a brother, a sister and eight grandchildren. Recitation of the Holy Rosary was held Wednesday, Jan. 25, 2012, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Cathedral, 1240 S. Espina St., Las Cruces, NM, and the Funeral Mass was celebrated Thursday, Jan. 26, 2012, at the same location. The Rite of Committal and Interment followed at San Albino Cemetery in Mesilla, New Mexico, where he will be laid to rest. Service arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Baca's Funeral Chapels, 300 E. Boutz Road, Las Cruces, New Mexico. 575-527-2222. For online condolences, log on to www.bacasfuneralchapelslascrucos.com.

GALLEGOS

Concepcion Bustamante Gallegos, 95, of Las Cruces, New Mexico, entered eternal life Friday, Jan. 20, 2012. Survivors include two sons and five daughters. Other survivors include 25 grandchildren, 40 great-grandchildren, 35 great-great-grandchildren, as well as numerous nieces and nephews. A Prayer Vigil was held Wednesday, Jan. 25, 2012, in Baca's Chapel of Prayer, 300 E. Boutz Road, Las Cruces. The Funeral Service was celebrated Thursday, Jan. 26, 2012, in the same chapel. The Rite of Committal and Interment followed in San Albino Cemetery where she was laid to rest. Entrusted to Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces. 575-527-2222. For online condolences, log on to www.bacasfuneralchapelslascrucos.com.

VERLANDER

Ritchie Martin Verlander, 84, of Las Cruces, New Mexico, passed away Saturday, Jan. 21, 2012, at MountainView Regional Medical Center. Mr. Verlander served his country honorably in the United States Navy during World War II and the Korean War. Survivors include his wife, Patricia Jean Verlander; four sons, Gregory, Richard, Keith and John Verlander; a stepdaughter, Roseann Lesher Kelly; a sister, Margaret Louise Verlander; 12 grandchildren, numerous great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. A Funeral Service was held Tuesday, Jan. 24, 2012 in Baca's Chapel of Prayer, 300 E. Boutz Road, Las Cruces, New Mexico. Cremation followed and inurnment of cremains will take place at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions be made in Ritchie's name to Mesilla Valley Hospice, 299 E. Montana Ave., Las Cruces, NM 88005. Entrusted to Baca's Funeral Chapels and Baca's Sunset Crematory of Las Cruces. 575-527-2222

CHERRY

Shirley Cherry, 83, of Las Cruces, New Mexico, passed away Sunday, Jan. 22, 2012, with her husband of 64+ years, Eldon L. Cherry, at her side. Beside her husband, also left to mourn her passing are her two daughters, an older sister, nine grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. Cremation will take place and no services are planned. Arrangements entrusted to the care of Baca's Funeral Chapels and Sunset Crematory of Las Cruces. 575-527-2222. For online condolences, log on to www.bacasfuneralchapelslascrucos.com.

VILLALOBOS

Catalina "Katy" Villalobos, 83, of Hatch, New Mexico, entered eternal life Friday, Jan. 13, 2012, in Kauai, Hawaii. Those left to mourn her passing include two sons and a daughter. Other survivors include 10 grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren. A Prayer Vigil was held Monday, Jan. 23, 2012, in Our Lord of Mercy Catholic Church, 611 W. Hall in Hatch, New Mexico, where the Funeral Mass was celebrated immediately thereafter with Reverend Ray Flores officiating. The Rite of Committal and Interment followed in the Garden of Memories Cemetery where she was laid to rest. Entrusted to Baca's Funeral Chapels. 575-527-2222. Your exclusive providers of "Veterans and Family Memorial Care." For online condolences, log on to www.bacasfuneralchapelslascrucos.com.

HALL

Debbie Montigny-Hall, 42 of Silver City, New Mexico, died Thursday, Jan. 19, 2012. A Memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 27, 2012 at Getz Funeral Home. Arrangements by Getz Funeral Home. 575-526-2419

REID

Leroy E. Reid, 90, passed away at his home on Thursday, Jan. 19, 2012. Arrangements are with La Paz - Graham's Funeral Home. 575-526-6891

DECKER

Robert J. Decker, 89, of Las Cruces, New Mexico, died Friday, Jan. 20, 2012. He was born Jan. 7, 1923. He is survived by his loving wife June of the family home and by his children and grandchildren. Memorial Services to celebrate his life will be at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 12, 2012 at St. Paul's United Methodist Church. Arrangements by Getz Funeral Home and Getz Family Crematory. 575-526-2419

DIAZ

Virginia M. Diaz, 90, of La Mesa, New Mexico, entered eternal life Thursday, Jan. 19, 2012, at MountainView Regional Medical Center. Those left to mourn her passing include two brothers, Lorenzo and Raymundo Diaz; three sisters, Maria Fresquez, Eloisa Sandoval and Manuela Villalobos. Other survivors include numerous nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews and great, great nieces and nephews. A Prayer Vigil was held Monday, Jan. 23, 2012 in Baca's Chapel of Prayer, 300 E. Boutz Road, Las Cruces, NM. The Funeral Mass was on Tuesday, Jan. 24, 2012, at the San Jose Catholic Church in La Mesa. The Rite of Committal and Interment followed in the San Jose Cemetery where she was laid to rest. Entrusted to Baca's Funeral Chapels. 575-527-2222 Your exclusive providers of "Veterans and Family Memorial Care." For online condolences, log on to www.bacasfuneralchapelslascrucos.com

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Google killed SOPA, PIPA



Samantha Roberts
Business Editor

The Internet has become a marvelous thing. At the touch of a button, someone can find the answer to almost any question in the world.

But how beneficial is the World Wide Web? To some, the Stop Online Piracy Act (SOPA), introduced by Republican Rep. Lamar Smith of Texas, attempted to censor the Internet and threatened freedom of speech. According to proponents of the bill, SOPA would protect the intellectual property market.

This column is not a platform to state my opinion, but rather to discuss what happened after SOPA and similar bill PIPA (Preventing Real Online Threats to Economic Creativity and Theft of Intellectual Property Act) surfaced.

The Internet went crazy. The SOPA/PIPA outcry made Occupy Wall Street look like two men paddling in a rowboat next to a battleship.

Google led the protest on its homepage with a large black square covering the iconic Google logo.

Up-and-coming Pinterest, which allows users to re-pin creative photos, asked people to join the movement of protesting the proposed bills before they could access their respective sites.

In fact, more than 7,000 websites protested the bills, many of them blacking out their pages. Of those 7,000, 11 of them were considered "major sites," such as Wikipedia, Google, Reddit, Twitpic, WordPress and Mozilla.

The point is, it worked. Google and friends killed the bills, for now.

Politico wrote, "House and Senate leaders abandoned plans to move on SOPA and PIPA ... the surest sign yet that a wave of online protests have killed the controversial anti-piracy legislation for now and maybe forever."

As anti-SOPA/PIPA voices spread throughout the Internet, politicians dropped their support one-by-one.

The bill lost three of its co-sponsors – Sen. Marco Rubio (R-Fla.) withdrew as a co-sponsor of PIPA in the Senate, while Reps. Lee Terry (R-Neb.) and Ben Quayle (R-Ariz.) pulled their names from companion House bill SOPA, reinforcing the Internet's influence.

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A growing wedding industry

One-day production generates year-round business, increased prices

By **Samantha Roberts**

Las Cruces Bulletin

Weddings have always been an important day in a young bride's life, but as years have progressed, the stress and amount of work has extended to friends, family members, distant relatives, wedding planners, cake decorators, travel agents, bridesmaids, etc.

What was once a party that was planned a week or two in advance has turned into a year-round production, soliciting the help of numerous vendors and planners.

"Weddings and parties in themselves used to be thrown by socialites who had lots of time to dedicate to making the event a great party with little management the day of," said Kathryn Blessington, event coordinator with Helping Hands Event Planning.

"Simultaneously, women were progressing in their social status and in their careers. From this, the event planning industry was able to open to a lot more. It became a career instead of just doing it for fun."

Becoming more elaborate, weddings and events now require someone with experience in reviewing contracts, coordinating vendor arrival and set up, settling payments and overseeing the entire event.

"Now, people don't want to rely on just relatives to take care of the details," Blessington said. "Hiring someone who knows people in the industry in their neighborhood is important because the industry as a whole has grown simply because there is a lot of money to be made doing it from a florists and caterer to linens, tables and chairs."

Celebrities and Hollywood have also contributed to a growing wedding industry, and more recently, reality television is propelling



Allison Gayle Photography photo

With rising wedding costs and added work preparing for the big event, the bride and groom might owe a few people a big "thank you" for their time and effort.

the commerce further.

"Say Yes to the Dress' is our dearest friend," said Camille Limas, owner of Renee's Bridal on Lohman Avenue, about the popular TV show. "It gives girls information before they come in and propels the idea of having a bigger wedding. The media can be very powerful."

Though wedding gowns are getting simpler, Limas said prices are increasing, including shipping.

"The 10 percent increase in cotton caused dress prices to go up," Limas said. "Since many

of the dresses are made in China, and Chinese labor is also getting paid more, prices also had to adjust."

Limas said the average cost of a wedding dress is about \$800 to \$900.

"I've heard on the news, people say fewer couples are getting married," she said. "Talk shows say up to 70 percent of couples living together are not married. I just can't believe that because my business has increased every year."

"There is a constant flux of clients from the

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LCCC grows with experience

More than one year has passed since convention center opened

By **Samantha Roberts**

Las Cruces Bulletin

On Dec. 1, 2010, the Las Cruces Convention Center opened to excitement and curiosity.

"I hope we have made some believers out of skeptics," said David Hicks, Las Cruces Convention Center general manager. "Our first year went really well. The amount of business exceeded our expectations."

Hicks said the convention center beat its bottom line budget by about \$90,000 and missed its revenue budget by about \$25,000 just being open for part of our fiscal year – December 2010 through June 2011.

"We are already ahead for this fiscal year, too," he said.

After 13 months of operation, the convention center has hosted more than 200 events, from one-day meetings and holiday parties to large conventions.

"Our concentration is bringing in those convention because they contribute to economic growth in Las Cruces," Hicks said.

In the first year, Hicks said some events were "already bursting at the seams."

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With more than one year of service on the books, the Las Cruces Convention Center pushes forward in 2012.

Throughout the years, catering has become an elaborate part of wedding receptions.

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Weddings

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wedding industry because people will always continue to get married," Blessington said. "Even in a low economy, people still get married. During a good economy, people spend more money, but it's still a big celebration on that one special day. It's one moment to remember forever."

Blessington said weddings today also involve a budget with a lot more detail.

"When people are creating a budget, they think of the main things, such as catering, but it has become so much more than that," she said. "Now, it's the cost per plate based on the caterer, catering décor, alcohol, servers, stocking a bar, the time frame the space can be rented and how long the waiters can work. And that is just one portion."

Cynthia Morales, business manager of Santa Fe Grill Catering Co., said the average price people are paying for a wedding reception meal in Las Cruces is about \$13.95 per plate.

"That could include a brisket, beef or chicken milanesa with sides such as potatoes, garlic pecan rice, calabacitas and corn, salad and rolls," she said.

Morales said 2012 has gotten off to a quiet start, however, many people tend to book their caterings a little late.

"We are ready and available to cater to them, even at the last minute," she said. "Business is growing because a lot of people find they can save money by going through a caterer. Plus, when it comes down to it, they are so busy on the wedding day, and there is chaos everywhere. I think people are realizing it can be more stressful and out-of-control. It's best to let a caterer handle all that stress because we know what we are doing and how to make it run smoothly."

"I think people are learning and accepting the concept of letting an event being catered, even though the Hispanic community has historically done otherwise."

Recently, Morales said she has seen an increased demand in extra desserts.

"We are getting requests for chocolate-dipped strawberries and New York cheesecake," she said. "They are still doing a wedding cake, however, adding more desserts has become a trend."

Stephanie Baumann, owner of Let Them Eat Cake, said 60 to 70 percent of her business is wedding cakes, but that number has decreased over the last two or three years as more people get specialty cakes for birthdays and other events.

Like Limas, Baumann attributes growth in the industry to reality television.

"All of the cake shows on television give people ideas for cakes," she said. "(The programs) show them that there's a lot of creativity that can go into them; they don't all have to be tiered white cakes."

Pricing for a wedding cake can vary, depending on the number of people it serves and the type of decoration it has, but Baumann said it's around \$7 per serving.

According to Blessington, an average wedding in Las Cruces costs about \$15,000, "that is including the dress and up," she said. "That budget is a lot more realistic than people think."

The average size of a wedding, according to Blessington, is anywhere from 100 to 150 people, however, she said Las Cruces weddings tend to be closer to 300 people.

"A large wedding is a cultural thing," she said. "Everywhere is a little different. Typically, a wedding in New Mexico is a cultural event."

With an average budget and larger-than-average guest list, Blessington said wedding planners have to be resourceful.

"In an ideal scenario, the bride and groom should be able to hire a planner, and for the money they pay, save money in the long run because of their relationships with vendors," she said. "The planner should have a relationship to get a better deal, it's like a travel agent, saving money as a whole and getting an added service."

Center

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"The space was originally designed to be 85,000 square feet, but because of budgeting, the center is only 55,000 square feet," he said. "Space was cut out and that created a dilemma. Sometimes, it's great to see a packed room, and there are always things we can do to add more chairs, but more space is needed for the future."

In 2012, Hicks said his staff is focusing on finding new customers and providing exceptional customer service.

"We will see a lot of repeat events in 2012," Hicks said. "Mission of Mercy will be a large event for 2012, and so will the New Mexico Municipal League and New Mexico

Library Association.

"Some of these organizations would not consider holding their event in Las Cruces if it weren't for the convention center because it provides a space large enough to have everyone in one place."

Hicks said the convention center also hopes to strengthen partnerships in 2012 with businesses and New Mexico State University.

"We have an internship program and have had six interns come through here," Hicks said. "Three people of our management team are also NMSU graduates."

"We see a lot in this business, but obviously we will never see everything. Each event makes us better to foresee challenges down the road."



Stacking up a strong team

Investors can learn much from Super Bowl teams

It's Super Bowl time again. And whether you're a sports fan or not, you can probably learn something from the Super Bowl teams that you can apply to other endeavors – such as investing.

What might these lessons be? Take a look:

Pick players carefully. Super Bowl teams don't usually get there out of luck; they've made it in part because they have carefully chosen their players. And to potentially achieve success as an investor, you, too, need carefully chosen "players" – investments that are chosen for your individual situation.

Choose a diversified mix of players. Not only do Super Bowl teams have good players, but they have good ones at many different positions – and these players tend to play well together.

As an investor, you should own a variety of investments with different capabilities – such as stocks for growth and bonds for income – and your various investments should complement, rather than duplicate one another. Strive to build a diversified portfolio containing investments appropriate for you situation, such as stocks, bonds, government securities, certificates of deposit (CDs) and other vehicles. Diversifying your holdings may help reduce the effects of market volatility.

(Keep in mind, though, that diversification, by itself, can't guarantee a profit or protect against loss.)

Follow a "game plan." Super Bowl teams are skilled at creating game plans designed to maximize their own strengths and exploit their opponents' weaknesses. When you invest, you also can benefit from a game plan – a strategy to help you work toward your goals. This strategy may incorporate several elements, such as taking full advantage of your individual retirement account (IRA) and your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan, pursuing new investment opportunities as they arise and reviewing your portfolio regularly to make sure it's still appropriate for your needs.

Stay dedicated to your goals. Virtually all Super Bowl teams have had to overcome obstacles, such as injuries, bad weather and a tough schedule. But through persistence and a constant devotion to their ultimate goal, they persevere. As an investor, you'll face some challenges, too, such as political and economic turmoil that can upset the financial markets. But if you own a diversified mix of quality investments and follow a long-term strategy that's tailored to your objectives, time horizon and risk tolerance, you can keep moving forward, despite the "bumps in the road" that all investors face.

Get good coaching. Super Bowl teams typically are well-coached, with disciplined head coaches and innovative offensive and defensive coordinators.

When you're trying to achieve many financial goals – such as a comfortable retirement, control over your investment taxes and a legacy to leave to your family – you, too, can benefit from strong "coaching." As your "head coach," you might choose a financial professional – someone who can help you identify your goals and recommend an appropriate investment strategy to help you work toward them. And your financial professional can coordinate activities with your other "coaches," such as your tax and legal advisors.

Unless you're a professional football player, you won't ever experience what it's like to play in the Super Bowl. However, achieving your financial goals can be a fairly big event in your life – and to help work toward that point, you can take a few tips from the teams that have made it to the Big Game.

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By the Numbers



Building Las Cruces



NMSU Center for the Arts

Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Samantha Roberts

After a groundbreaking in July 2010, construction on the New Mexico State University Center for the Arts has progressed to stages of framing and the building is beginning to take shape. The building is designed to house a performance space with 466 seats and a 74-foot-high fly tower.

Recent projects featured in Building Las Cruces

Publish date	Building	Address	Contact
Jan. 20	The Children's Garden	650 S. Valley Drive	644-8017
Jan. 13	Police headquarters	4055 Sonoma Ranch Blvd.	528-3043
Jan. 6	Giant gas station	1685 E. University Ave.	www.giant.com
Dec. 30	Road construction	Valley Drive	528-3125
Dec. 23	Doña Ana Community College	2800 Sonoma Ranch Blvd.	528-7250

Our numbers

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post offices were in operation in 1789

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was the total operating revenue of the post offices in 1789

4,005,408,000
pieces of mail were handled by 62,401 post offices in 1890

213,137,700,000
pieces of mail were handled by 27,318 post offices in 2006

\$71,684,000,000
was the total operating expenses of the post offices in 2006

Source: United State Postal Service

Gas update

Monday, Jan. 23

Average retail gasoline prices in New Mexico have **risen 0.2 cents** per gallon in the past week, averaging **\$3.02** per gallon. This compares with the national average that has **increased 0.6 cents** per gallon in the last week to **\$3.34** per gallon.

Including the change in gas prices in New Mexico during the past week, prices **Monday, Jan. 23**, were **5.7 cents** per gallon **higher** than the same day one year ago and are **13.8 cents** per gallon **higher** than a month ago. The national average has **increased 11.8 cents** during the last month and stands **25.3 cents** per gallon **higher** than one year ago.

1. Dylan's	1900 N. Main St.	\$2.88
2. Bradley's	920 El Paseo Road	\$2.93
3. Bradley's	1260 El Paseo Road	\$2.93
4. Murphy Express	1290 S. Valley Drive	\$2.95
5. Valero	1305 El Paseo Road	\$2.98

Source: www.newmexicogasprices.com

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Rome	\$884.30	American Airlines

Source: Adventure Travel *Prices effective through Jan. 31 *Restrictions apply

Money

Comparing the U.S. dollar

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\$1.286 in U.S. dollars
0.7776 per U.S. dollar

Mexican Peso
\$0.74739 in U.S. dollars
13.37972 per U.S. dollar

Japanese Yen
\$0.012998 in U.S. dollars
76.92398 per U.S. dollar

Source: www.msn.com



Market Snapshot

For the week of Jan. 16-20, the market reports:

Index	Started	Ended	Change	% Change	% YTD
DJIA	12422.06	12720.48	298.42	2.4	4.1
Nasdaq	2710.67	2786.7	76.03	2.8	7.0

Strong: Computer hardware, motorcycle manufacturers, airlines, life science tools and services

Weak: Electronic manufacturing services, office electronics, commercial printing, industrial gases, coal and consumable fuels, oil and gas refining and marketing

Source: http://briefing.com



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Hispano chamber elects new board chair for 2012

Silva to lead Hispano Chamber de Las Cruces

Jeffrey Silva, market president for Bank 34, has been elected board chair of the Hispano Chamber of Commerce de Las Cruces.

Silva has been involved with the chamber since 2010 and previously served as event chair for the organization of the Hispano annual banquet and golf tournament.

Silva's involvement in local community events include Look Who's Dancing!, chair of the annual Team Zane Celebrity Waiter for the March of Dimes, board chair of the March of Dimes of Southern New Mexico, board member of the Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance and a member of the Finance Committee for Big



SILVA

Brothers Big Sisters of Southwestern New Mexico.

Silva said he is thankful for the opportunity to help the local business community in Doña Ana County and beyond to succeed and prosper. With the current board and newly elected board members, he feels that the future looks prosperous.

The newly elected board chair plans for the Hispano chamber to be very objective and fair to all parties involved and to help businesses and the community thrive in a challenging economic time.

For more information, call Silva at 556-2272.

Las Cruces Green Chamber makes leadership changes

Executive Director Elisa Cundiff steps down

Elisa Cundiff, executive director of the Las Cruces Green Chamber of Commerce, will move on to a new position and opportunity with Energy Concepts Corp.

Cundiff has been with the Las Cruces chapter since its inception and has provided steady, forward-thinking leadership through its start-up phase.

With the guidance of the LCGCC board, she has launched great initiatives such as the Think Local guide for Las Cruces, hosted the first statewide Renewable and Clean Technology conference and delivered outstanding service to the fast growing Las Cruces membership.

Her last full day will be Friday, Jan. 27, but she has agreed to assist the chamber on a part-time basis while the chamber works to fill her



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position.

The Las Cruces Chapter Board of Directors and New Mexico Green Chamber of Commerce CEO Allan Oliver will begin the search for a new executive director to take up the reins in Las Cruces.

"We believe the ideal candidate will have a college degree and three to five years of work experience in the areas of fundraising, management or advocacy," Oliver said.

"The position requires flexibility and a commitment to sustainable business practices as well as member service-delivery. The salary will be commensurate with experience."

Interested candidates are asked to submit their résumés to info@nmgreenchamber.com by Jan. 27.

Ribbon cutting



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Samantha Roberts

On Tuesday, Jan. 17, a ribbon cutting was held to celebrate the opening of the Saratoga Room, a room for the community owned by Vince Vacarro, owner of Lorenzo's Italian Restaurant on University Avenue.

Briefs

NM tourism department awards contract to Vendor Inc.

The New Mexico Tourism Department announced that the contract to develop an advertising campaign to attract visitors to the state and boost our local economy has been awarded to Vendor Inc.

Vendor Inc. was selected through a competitive request for proposals process. The seven-member committee evaluated 20 proposals, narrowing it to six finalists. Vendor Inc. received the top cumulative score across a range of attributes from creativity to value. They had the lowest retainer fee of any of the finalists, allowing the department to maximize the number of ads placed.

The contract total is \$2 million, the majority of which will be used to purchase advertising. Under the terms of the State Purchasing Act, the contract is for one year, but it can be extended for up to three additional years.

The advertising campaign will position New Mexico as a "sight-doing" state where adventures are authentic and about discovery and connection. It will launch in mid-April.

Leadership Las Cruces applications due Friday, Feb. 3

Leadership Las Cruces is accepting applications for the 2012 program. Applications for the 2012 class must be received by 5 p.m. Friday, Feb. 3, at the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce office, 760 W. Picacho Ave.

Leadership Las Cruces, sponsored by Memorial Medical Center, is comprised of nine day-long training sessions held once a month from March through November.

Candidates for the Leadership Las Cruces program are selected from professional, educational, governmental, nonprofit and business sectors within the Las Cruces and Doña Ana County area. The class size for each year is limited to 28 participants.

Classes are generally held from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on the third Friday of each month.

Tuition for the class is \$900 and includes all materials, meals and travel. Three \$600 scholarships are available to applicants from charitable nonprofit organizations and local small businesses.

For more information, call Joel Courtney at 524-1968 or email jcourtney@lascruces.org.

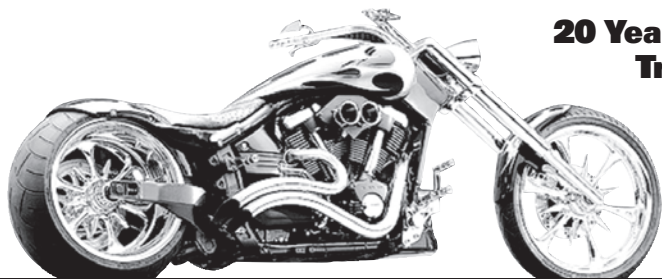
Women's center inducts new board members

The Women's Intercultural Center (WIC) is proud to induct five new board members.

"The staff and current board of WIC are happy to welcome its new board members. WIC is working hard to continue advancing its mission of providing a place for women to learn and work together to develop their social, spiritual, economic and political potential. By engaging new leaders, we can continue developing and providing the tools and resources that help women thrive and help them become economically self-sufficient and self-reliant. When women are educated and empowered their families and communities reap the benefits," said Mary Carter, WIC executive director.

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Local survey organizes drug-prevention groups

Teen screen helps coalition understand youth alcohol, drug substance abuse

Courtesy of the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico

A three-year assessment of tobacco, alcohol and drug use among Doña Ana County (DAC) teens is helping the Unified Prevention! (UP!) Coalition for a Drug Free Doña Ana County better understand teens and substance use and abuse.

Teen Screen is administered by the School Based Health Centers (SBHC) in DAC as a self-reported screening tool. Teens identify reasons for their school health center visit and answer 88 questions about personal health risk behaviors, including substance abuse, attitudes and beliefs about the use of substances.

Having the Teen Screen tool available during the SBHC visits opens up discussions between the teen and health provider, and facilitates assessment of the teen's risk for behavioral health and medical problems. Data from the screening also helps organizations like UP!, an initiative of the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico (CFSNM). In addition, the CFSNM sponsors four of the SBHC in DAC both fiscally and programmatically.

Janet Flores, public health Region 5 epidemiologist for the New Mexico Department of Health, worked with Dr. Linda Summers to analyze a

backlog of Teen Screen data after she helped her daughter complete the screen at the MMC Adolescent Clinic.

"Being a public health epidemiologist I was thoroughly impressed with the screening tool," Flores said. "The Teen Screen is a rich source of annual information on DAC's adolescent social milieu and its relationship to teens' physical and emotional well-being. Teen Screen data is poised to show how adolescent health risk behaviors, such as substance abuse, are distributed throughout DAC."

Teen Screen was originally developed in 2001 by the New Mexico Office of School and Adolescent Health for use in the SBHC. Each reporting period reflects

data from the same four school based health centers: Oñate High School, Las Cruces High School, Gadsden High School and Chaparral High School.

"I was surprised, but not shocked, about a few of the results," Flores said about the data from the 2007-08, 2008-09 and 2009-10 academic year assessments. "There were greater percentages of DAC teen SBHC users than expected that reported they use tobacco, drink alcohol or do illegal drugs at ages 15 and 18."

In addition, 91 percent of DAC SBHC teen clients

“ The Teen Screen is a rich course of annual information on DAC’s adolescent social milieu ... ”



Sapphire from the sky



By 2014, Sapphire Energy's integrated algal bio-refinery near Columbus, N.M., will be able to produce 100 barrels of oil per day, or 1 million gallons of fuel per year.

rated teen use of crack/cocaine as moderately to greatly harmful to teens, 84 percent rated teen tobacco use harmful, 81 percent rated teen binge-drinking harmful, while only 77 percent rated teen marijuana use as harmful.

Among DAC SBHC teen clients who reported using tobacco, alcohol or drugs, 12 percent used them in the past week, 21 percent used in the past 30 days, 33 percent used in the past six months and 39 percent used within the past year. The most frequent currently used substances reported by DAC SBHC teen clients included alcohol (25 percent), marijuana (18 percent), ecstasy (1 percent) and tobacco (1 percent).



Flores did say there were results that showed an increase in education or prevention. The majority of DAC teens surveyed with Teen Screens (51 percent) reported no tobacco, alcohol or drug use.

The Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico is dedicated to helping the southern New Mexico community now, and in the future. Founded in 2000, the Community Foundation offers opportunities for local people who want to give back locally. The beauty of the foundation is that you need not be wealthy to make a positive difference in the lives of people throughout our area. Through the establishment of permanent funds you can sustain local charitable organizations, provide scholarships to area students and fulfill wishes that are close to your heart. Through our planned giving programs, you can honor loved ones or leave a legacy that benefits the people of southern New Mexico for generations to come. The Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico can advise you on how best to maximize contributions, no matter what size. For more information see our website at www.cfsnm.org or call Luan Wagner Burn at 521-4794. To donate, mail your check to CFSNM, 301 S. Church St., Suite H, Las Cruces, NM 88001.

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A poorly thought out dust ordinance

Whether for health or to control erosion, regulation would burden construction



Chris Erickson
State of the Economy

Living in the desert means having to deal with dust. And as you look across the west, a number of locations are non-attainment for particulate matter less than 10 microns in diameter (PM-10) or dust. Las Cruces is not one of these locations, yet the Las Cruces City Council is considering adopting an anti-dust ordinance that would negatively impact construction at a time when the construction industry is facing economic difficulties.

A little background: The Environmental Protection Agency regulates several ambient air pollutants considered to be threats to health, and among these is PM-10.

PM-10 is dust. Areas not in compliance with air standards are subject to additional regulation from the EPA, including restrictions on businesses expansion, and must come up with a plan for achieving compliance.

The southern part of Doña Ana County is non-attainment, for example, at least in part due to fugitive dust from Juárez.

Long-term exposure to high concentration of PM-10 can adversely affect health, contributing to asthma, respiratory illness, cardiovascular issues and premature death. The ambient air quality standards set by the EPA are science-based, being set at a level meant to ensure human health. So being in attainment means that dust levels in Las Cruces are generally not dangerous.

Of course, dust levels can be very local. Knowing that Las Cruces is attainment for PM-10 doesn't help you much when out walking and a passing car kicks up a rooster tail. Regulating specific sources of PM-10 can make sense even if the city is generally in compliance if local conditions warrant.

But the first step in such regulation is identifying major sources. Such a study hasn't been done, but would most likely identify agriculture, automobiles and unpaved roads as major. Construction would likely also be on the list, but not at the top.

The dust ordinance being considered by City Council aims at controlling wind erosion so as to reduce the health effects from PM-10, and to limit property damage from blowing wind. The ordinance applies to any activity, equipment, operation or practice capable of generating fugitive dust or windblown particulate matter. The ordinance exempts agriculture and utilities, meaning that the primary impact will be construction.

This makes no sense in a time of record-low residential construction and unemployment. Construction is an industry that hires less skilled, primarily male workers, precisely the workers most affected by the recent recession. Exactly when we should be encouraging expansion of construction so as to put the unemployed back to work, the City Council is imposing costs on this industry that will hamper the industries recovery.

In normal times, a dust ordinance might make sense, although only after a source inventory, but given the current economic conditions, further regulation of the construction industry is not in the public interest.

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“... further regulation of the construction industry is not in the public interest.”

Five tips to improve your score

Keeping track of your credit can save you big bucks

Gary Sandler's
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According to Consumer Federation of America, “most consumers still do not know basic facts about credit scores and their financial significance.”

The point was driven home recently when a poll taken by Opinion Research Corp. revealed that only 47 percent of the consumers polled considered their own knowledge of credit scores to be good or excellent. The remaining 53 percent considered their knowledge of the subject to be fair or poor.

That means more than half of consumers lack sufficient knowledge about their credit scores to understand the impact they have on the cost of borrowing money, obtaining insurance, applying for employment and renting a home or apartment.

People and companies that extend credit assume you're going to pay or repay them in the same manner you're paying (or have paid) your other creditors. The level of risk you present is expressed by your credit score. Credit scores are also commonly referred to as FICO scores. FICO is an acronym for Fair Issac & Co., the folks who own the scoring software.

Credit scores can range from 300 to 850, with many plateaus in between. The lower your score, the greater the risk you pose to the creditor and the more you'll pay to borrow, insure or rent.

The three major credit bureaus – Experian, Equifax and TransUnion – derive your score by rating five individual aspects of your credit history. First up is your payment history, or how well you've paid your obligations in the past. Whether or not you pay in a timely manner makes up the largest portion of your score, accounting for 35 percent of your total.

The next largest portion of your score, 30 percent, is based on how much you owe. It's better to owe \$5,000 on a card with a \$10,000 limit than to owe \$3,000 on a card with a \$4,000 limit. Ideally, your balances should not exceed about 35 percent of your total available credit.

The third component of your score is based on the length of your credit history and is responsible for 15 percent of your total. Has anyone ever suggested that you close your old accounts? Don't do it. Doing so will shorten the length of your credit history, as will opening new accounts, which brings down the average age of your history.

No. 4 on the list of the five components is calculated based on new credit obtained and is responsible for 10 percent of your overall score. Have you opened quite a few accounts lately? If so, this portion of your score might only generate about 10 percent of the total potential it could have added to your score.

The final 10 percent of your score is based on the type of credit you're utilizing. The mix includes mortgages, credit cards, retail accounts and the like.

A good credit score can indeed save you money. If your score is 680 or above, chances are that you'll be charged a relatively low interest rate. If your score is above 760, you can expect to be offered the lowest rate available at any given time. The median credit score in the U.S. is 723.

Just the opposite is true if your score is in the low 600s. The line in the sand is actually drawn at the 620 mark. Below that, you'll have to shop for your credit in the subprime department. If you can keep your score above 620, however, you should be able to borrow at “normal” rates for most any type of purchase.

According to the folks at www.myfico.com, there are five easy ways to improve your credit score.

- Pay your bills on time. An average credit score of 707 can be raised by as much as 20 points by paying all bills on time for one month.
- Keep your balance at or below 30 percent of maximum available credit. Maxing out your cards can lower your score by as much as 70 points.
- Don't open new accounts you don't need. Opening new accounts can lower your average account age, lowering your score by up to 10 points.
- Manage your debt. Keeping your debt and number of creditors in the “sweet spot” will raise your score. Someone who has no credit cards can be a higher risk that someone who has managed their cards responsibly.
- Don't close old accounts. If you close an account, it will still show up on your report and may be factored into your score. Closing old accounts will shorten your credit history.

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Taking emotion out of the equation

Patience is key to commercial real estate success

Jim Spence
Business Matters



Some of my best friends are real estate investors.

My wife and I are real estate investors. We own commercial property (our office building) and a residential property (our home).

Before we decided to make an investment in our commercial building, we spoke at length with some of the smartest real estate people we knew. Knowing we were going to be in business for the foreseeable future, we thought it might make sense to invest in a commercial building with plenty of room for other tenants. We were commercial real estate novices, so we listened carefully as the real estate experts we consulted with shared some common themes in the advice they gave us:

1. Make sure the building was in a prominent location.
2. Make sure durable, high-quality building materials were used.
3. Make sure a reputable building

contractor managed the construction.

4. Make sure to have patience and to only lease space to high-caliber tenants.
5. Make sure to have a generous maintenance allowance each year.
6. Never put our property up for sale because of fear of a real estate downturn.
7. Assume that we would occasionally receive unsolicited inquiries to sell our property for more than what we think it might be worth, and ignore them.
8. Don't react when others liquidated their properties at fire sale prices even though their actions would temporarily drive down the appraised value of our property.
9. Know that if we followed the first eight rules we would have a very successful investment result over a long period of time.

Decade after decade this list of do's and don'ts has been a winning approach for real estate holders.

We find it ironic that a patient, rational, quality-oriented approach is so difficult for many seasoned and successful real estate investors to apply to

shares of great publicly traded business enterprises.

Many of the same emotion-based, decision-making traps present themselves in the real estate market and the stock market. So often the successful real estate investor will remain patient with his or her real estate holdings and completely lose patience and a sound business-oriented perspective towards stocks. Otherwise rational people will often treat shares of great businesses like they are casino chips instead of shares of ownership in exceptional companies with outstanding future prospects.

An intelligent business-like approach to investments in the shares of outstanding companies is not any different than an intelligent business-like approach to holding good real estate. A complete emphasis on quality characteristics, emotional detachment from market swings, and a very deep commitment to patience are the keys.

Jim Spence is the portfolio manager at Spence Asset Management Inc., a federally registered investment advisory firm in Las Cruces. He has been involved in the investment business since 1983.

Farmers struggled in 2011

Poor conditions, severe drought led to lower yields

By **Marvin Tessneer**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Mesilla Valley farmers showed they can adjust to poor weather conditions during 2011 when they had to deal with a lower-than-normal surface water supply and rain and snow that threw pecan harvest off schedule.

The runoff was so low the Elephant Butte Irrigation District could only allocate 4 acre-inches of water and one irrigation, compared with the normal quota of 3 acre-feet and about eight or 10 irrigations. Earlier this month, the storage at Elephant Butte Reservoir was 298,400 acre-feet, 10 percent of normal.

That didn't leave farmers with many options, was the way EBID manager Gary Esslinger described the season.

"The farmers showed that they are progressive, that they are suited to deal with changes of climate," he said. "They were able to make out with the water they had. But if they had wells, they were in better shape than the ones who didn't."

Pecan growers usually start harvest around Thanksgiving, after the first penetrating freeze that dries and loosens the husks, but rain and snowfall prevented growers from moving their harvesting equipment into the orchards. A tractor with a boom grips and shakes the tree to shake the pecans loose, and a sweeper follows to pick up the nuts and debris. However, the growers need a dry and hard orchard floor to move the equipment into the orchards.

Greg Salopek of New Mexico Pecan Co. south of Mesilla said he resumed harvest, but figures he is only 20 to 25 percent of where his harvest should be.

Because of the shortage of river water, his pecan quality is uneven.

"We were only allotted one irrigation of river water, and that is the only time that has ever happened with the EBID," Salopek said. "The quality of pecans on trees that we could irrigate is fantastic, but with the trees with little irrigation, the quality is poor. The yields have been 57 to 60 percent of normal."

Statewide, the estimated in-shell production is 50 million pounds. But the pecans are smaller and the quality varies, according to Phil Arnold, a San Saba Pecans broker.

"When you take the problems growers had to deal with last year – the early freeze, the hot dry weather and shortage of irrigation – it adds up to lower quality and yields," Arnold said. "When you talk to growers, it appears to have had an effect on quality and tonnage."

Farmers are still picking cotton, and Mesa Farmers Co-op

Gin near Vado is hauling in field-packed modules. With the surface water shortage many farmers planted more cotton and reduced chile planting because chile is a heavy water consumer.

As of last week, the co-op turned out 43,780 bales, 37,278 upland and 6,592 pima, compared with more than 36,000 bales last year, the gin office reported.

A cool and windy spring also decreased chile production, New Mexico State University Extension vegetable specialist Stephanie Walker said.

"A cool spring slowed down the establishment of seedlings, the wind beat down the emerging seedlings and the combination put the harvest behind," she said. "It could have

been an exceptionally good harvest, but now, the yields look about average."

The Office of the State Engineer is looking ahead to the possibility of another short 2012 irrigation season. Recently appointed New Mexico State Engineer Scott Verhines and office issued this statement:

"New Mexico State Engineer Scott Verhines and staff strive to effectively manage a challenging water supply using all available resources during difficult drought conditions. For example, in order to facilitate the optimal amount of snowmelt runoff reaching Elephant Butte Reservoir, the agency is making a significant investment this winter to clear out sediment in the Elephant Butte Pilot Channel. This work provides more water to the reservoir, which means more water for farmers downstream. We are also working to address water resource demands on the Lower Rio Grande. Our Las Cruces office is working to help water rights owners whose wells need to be replaced to receive authorization to do so."



Heart of my Life Ball

Do you know a woman who is living a heart healthier life? Tell us her story.



MountainView Regional Medical Center's Healthy Woman program would like to feature her during our first "Heart of my Life" Ball on February 25, 2012. If chosen, your nominee will be able to dress up and participate in the The Heart of My Life Fashion Show, sponsored by Emerald Isle Boutique. Ten finalists will be chosen to strut their stuff while their stories of courageous transformation are told. The woman with the most inspiring story will be awarded a special prize package. All nominees will be entered into a drawing for a beautiful outfit from the Emerald Isle Boutique.



It's easy, just complete the nomination form (below), write a short legible description of her life change and return them along with a color photo to Audrey Hartley, Healthy Woman Coordinator, MountainView Regional Medical Center, 4311 East Lohman Ave, Las Cruces, NM 88011 or email: audrey.hardman-hartley@mountainviewregional.com by Friday February 3.

Please limit your nominations to women who have experienced heart disease, or reduced their risk of heart disease, because of heart healthy changes they have made (200 words or less).



HEART OF MY LIFE NOMINATION FORM 2012

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the Lowdown on Downtown

DLCP looks for ideas to encourage Downtown growth

LC Main Street events promote DLCP mission, help local businesses

Carrie LaTour

Executive director,
Downtown Las Cruces Partnership



The mission of the Downtown Las Cruces Partnership (DLCP) is to create a signature business destination that celebrates our rich cultural heritage, local arts and culture and contribute to a thriving, sustainable and economically vibrant Downtown.

We are a nonprofit organization, and our ability to help create a vibrant Downtown is largely made possible by the contribution of individuals and businesses that support our mission through memberships and sponsorships.

During the past six months, we have undertaken an aggressive membership campaign. The contributions that we receive are used for Downtown revitalization projects, such as the Façade Squad, which helps businesses beautify their business façade, or the La Placita project, a beautiful tile mosaic completed this year. Donations also help us to promote Downtown economic development through networking with the Las Cruces business community and by promoting downtown businesses to the Las Cruces community. Lastly, contributions help sponsor MainStreet events such as the WinterFest and SalsaFest!

The following individuals and businesses have most recently helped to support our mission with their generous support:

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- Steve Newby Architects & Associates
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 - Everett & Boetticher
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 - Main Street Gallery/Big Picture Studios
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 - Steinborn & Associates Real Estate
 - Gary Sandler Inc.
 - Freda Flores
 - Christian Science Reading Room

- Sponsorships:
- Pic Quick
 - Bank 34 (December breakfast)
 - Parkhill Smith & Cooper (January breakfast)

If you would like to become a member of the Downtown Las Cruces Partnership or are interested in sponsoring one of our events, you can reach us at 525-1955, or stop by 138 S. Water St. DLCP is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, and your contributions are tax deductible.

Business Breakfast Buzz

The first Thursday of every month, DLCP hosts a Downtown breakfast for businesses interested in Downtown development. Our January breakfast was held at the Community Enterprise Center, 125 N. Main St., and was sponsored by Parkhill Smith & Cooper. Bagels, pastries and coffee were provided by Milagro Coffee y Espresso, and we had quite a turnout.

During the breakfast, DLCP board president Hal Henthorne conducted an interactive session with the attendees, asking them what they would like to see in a vibrant Downtown.

Here are a few of Downtown business breakfast attendee suggestions:

- Create a sense of identity Downtown
- Civic Plaza
- More outdoor cafés
- A brew pub
- Wine bar
- Grocery or market
- More shopping/boutiques
- More parking
- Shops for children, such as ice cream.

The session proved to be very productive, and we hope to continue to engage the community on what their picture of downtown looks like. One theme that the participants expressed is that downtown needs to be inclusive. There needs to be a variety of shops and activities that meet the needs of all Las Cruces, not just a few.

Downtown history and future

If you have the opportunity to visit the DLCP offices, you will see photos of what Main Street in Las Cruces used to look like. It was a vibrant place, considered the heart of the city.

Some of you may remember the Main Street of old. Perhaps your family once owned a business Downtown, or it is where you went to the show or dined out. Unfortunately, for some Las Cruces residents, there are no such memories, because Downtown had already begun to deteriorate when they were young.

Although we cannot bring back what Downtown used to be, we can create a new vision of a special place that triggers the memories of our longtime residents, while also creating new ones.

Let us stop going elsewhere to enjoy a vibrant Downtown. We all have a stake in a revitalized Main Street; it is something that will be enjoyed for generations to come.

For more information on how you can get involved with the Downtown Las Cruces Partnership, call 525-1955.

Details

February Downtown events and MainStreet destinations

What

February business breakfast

When

7:30 a.m. on the first Thursday of every month

Where

The next breakfast will be held Thursday, Feb. 2, at the newly expanded La Iguana Restaurant, 139 N. Main St.

What

Downtown Art Ramble

When

5 to 7 p.m. on the first Friday of every month

The next Downtown Art Ramble will be held Friday, Feb. 3, at Downtown galleries and museums

What

Design and Planning Assistance Center (DPAC) session with University of New Mexico architecture students

When

Feb. 4-5

Contact

525-1955
The event will be hosted at the Downtown Las Cruces Partnership

What

Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market

When

9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. every Wednesday and Saturday

The following business on Downtown Main Street fully or partially participate during the Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market:

- Branigan Cultural Center
- Black Box Theatre
- Rio Grande Theatre
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LC centennial book represents joint effort

NMSU, LC Bulletin collaborate on project

Bulletin Staff Report

Elizabeth Titus, dean of the library at New Mexico State University, termed "Las Cruces: A Photographic Journey" the "little engine that could."

The 228-page book was a project combining Titus' library archives staff with the staff of the Las Cruces Bulletin.

"I'm proud of two groups getting together and learning from each other, not just to produce a book, but something that has brought the community together," Titus said. "That's the spirit of Las Cruces."

More than half of the 1,000-plus images in the full-color coffee table book came from the NMSU Library Archives and Special Collections.

The effort required collaboration between the library staff and the Bulletin staff to review and select potential photographs for the book. Then the library staff had to digitally scan most the photos. The book is arranged by decades, celebrating 100 years of New Mexico statehood in Las Cruces and Doña Ana County. Many of the photos are more than a century old. Some are very recent.

"The result is a wonderful book," said NMSU President Barbara Couture. "This year is not only the centennial for New Mexico, but the sesquicentennial of the Morrill Act, which opened the door for land grant universities such as ours. We have this wonderful, historical resource in the collections at our library. I see this book fitting in wonderfully with the

mission of the land grant university, in getting information, education and our state's history out in the public."

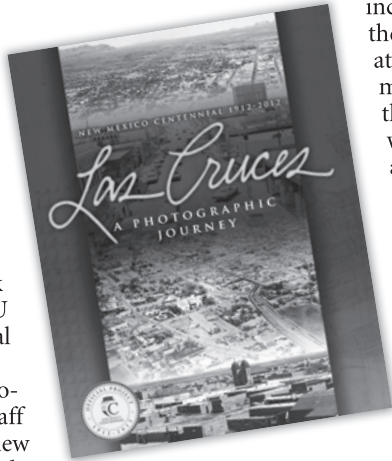
David McCollum, Las Cruces Bulletin publisher, said the idea for the book originated with a comment from NMSU history professor Jon Hunner.

"I was at a meeting about four years ago when Jon Hunner said the centennial was coming and people should start putting it on their radar," McCollum said. "That's when the seed for this book was planted. But we didn't start looking at it seriously until about a year ago. The finished product is incredible. I'm amazed by the effort of the library staff at NMSU, as well as the monumental work done by the staff at the Bulletin. It was truly a labor of love and a great example of private-public partnership."

Involved in the project from the library were Laurence S. Creider, professor and interim head, archives and special collections; Dean Wilkey, reprographics manager; Charles Stanford, processing archivist, archives and special collections; Elizabeth Flores, library specialist, archives and special collections; Leonard Silverman, archives and special collections; Cecelia Carrasco, library specialist II, archives and special collections; Kris Laumbach, archives student assistant; and Kristina Martinez, development officer.

The book, which costs \$60, is available at the Las Cruces Bulletin, 840 N. Telshor Blvd., Suite E, as well as the following retail locations: Ashley Furniture, COAS Books, La Posta de Mesilla, Mountain View Market Co-op, Stahmann's Country Store, The Game Sports Bar & Grill, Truck Farm and Wright Jewelers.

For more information, call 524-8061.



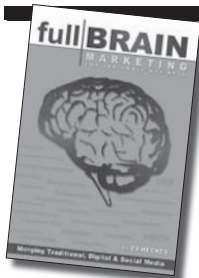
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Las Cruces Bulletin owners David and Jaki McCollum flank NMSU library dean Elizabeth Titus, who holds a copy of "Las Cruces: A Photographic Journey."

New Mexico State University library staff were vital contributors to the recently published centennial book, "Las Cruces: A Photographic Journey." Library staff included Dean Wilkey, reprographics manager; Charles Stanford, processing archivist, archives and special collections; Elizabeth Flores, library specialist, archives and special collections; dean of the library Elizabeth Titus; Cecelia Carrasco, library specialist II, archives and special collections; Laurence S. Creider, professor and interim head, archives and special collections; Kris Laumbach, archives student assistant; Leonard Silverman, archives and special collections; and Kristina Martinez, development officer.

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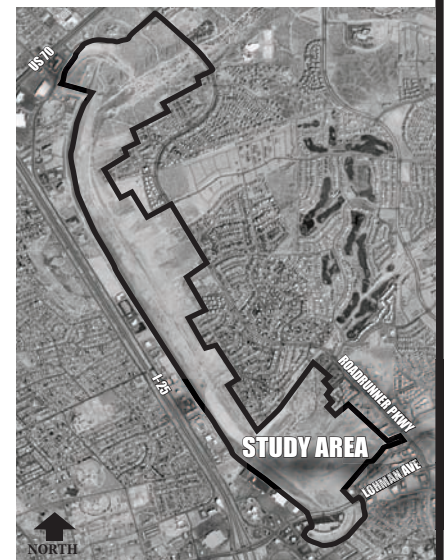
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The first meeting will be:

Thursday, February 9

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Profile

Mike Jordan: From recreation to a career

NMSU head coach continues to surpass records

By **Samantha Roberts**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Growing up, Michael "Mike" Jordan was good at nearly every sport, except basketball.

"Can you imagine having the name Michael Jordan and not being good at the sport," said Jordan, volleyball coach at New Mexico State University.

However, Jordan was good at almost everything else, including football, baseball and volleyball.

Jordan was born in Illinois and moved to California his senior year of high school because of his father's job with Caterpillar.

"We lived just north of the Golden Gate Bridge," Jordan said about his new home. "I finished high school playing baseball and football, and then played baseball at the College of Marin until I had a shoulder injury."

Jordan graduated with a bachelor's degree in business from the University of Phoenix and started playing volleyball recreationally.

"It was a social thing," he said. Jordan said despite his injury, he was still able to play on the back row in men's club teams.

"I think I knew I always had it in me to coach," he said. "I loved sports and people told me that I was helpful and good at teaching."

In 1990, Jordan, along with Chris Lamb and Carl Ferreira, started the Empire Club.

"In California, there is a need for clubs like the one we started," Jordan said. "There are a lot of athletes."

Though Jordan said he loved the club, the part-time work didn't pay the bills.

"Fortunately, that area has so many solid college volleyball programs – Stanford, Cal, Santa Clara – I met a lot of great coaches, and Dave Rubio became my mentor," Jordan said.

After coaching at the high school level for five years, Jordan made the jump to the college level, working for a division II school, Cameron University in Lawton, Okla.

"It was good experience," he said about the season he was there.

The following year, Jordan took an assistant coaching position at Utah State. He was there for two seasons and helped improve a program that, when he arrived in 1996, had finished the previous season with a 0-30 record. In 1997, Utah State ended the season 18-15 and received an invitation to the Big West Tournament for the first time in school history.

"I was fortunate to have success at Utah State, and that helped land me the head coaching position at NMSU," he said. "I feel lucky to have a successful career path and be around sports, something I enjoy."

Since coming to NMSU, Jordan met his

wife, Yvonne, who is an NMSU graduate, and said he is very happy in the Land of Enchantment.

"I have seen coaches try to be happier than happy, but I have learned to embrace the happiness while it's there," he said. "This job is challenging, and I love the people I work with. If we could just beat Hawai'i, I would have everything."

In 2004, Jordan became the all-time winningest coach at NMSU with his 116th victory, surpassing former Aggie coach Tom Shoji (1981-86).

Recently, Jordan and his wife celebrated the birth of their son, Luke Bradley.

"I count everything in weeks now," he said. "They say having a kid will change you so much, and I believe it. But we have so much support here. I think it will be a neat place for him to grow up."

In his spare time, Jordan said he loves to golf with other NMSU coaches.

Details

Mike Jordan
Volleyball coach

Organization
New Mexico State University

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Bachelor's degree in business,
University of Phoenix

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- Awards and honors**
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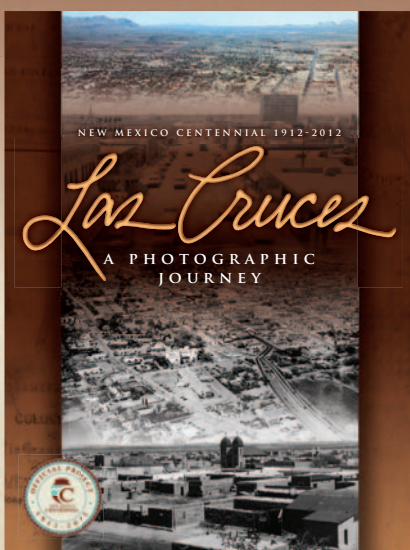
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In Good Company: Wilson Binkley Advertising & Marketing NMSU alumni attack advertising

Hometown ad agency grows with technology

By **Samantha Roberts**
Las Cruces Bulletin

The story is actually quite ironic. As a young boy, David Wilson, partner and account executive of Wilson Binkley Advertising & Marketing (WBAM), thought he was going to be an automotive mechanic. His father owned the first Volkswagen dealership in New Mexico. However, Wilson's parents had bigger dreams for their son, so he enrolled at New Mexico State University and graduated from the university in 1981.

After working for large-scale ad agencies for eight years, Wilson took a job at Borman Autoplex where he oversaw the company's marketing and advertising.

"The company was called Borman Motor Co. back then," Wilson said. "After a while, we started adding so much business that we decided to make advertising a separate business."

The separation created Wilson Borman Advertising, which was formally known as Borman Advertising when it was an advertising department in the dealership.

"We handled advertising for other dealerships, but we made sure they weren't competitors of ours," said Ken Binkley, who is currently a partner and account executive with WBAM. "It wasn't a direct conflict."

Binkley, who started working for Wilson as a college intern in 1990, came back to the company in 1992 after a stint with Dillard's.

"Ken understood desktop publishing when the technology was first coming around," Wilson said. "This was the beginning of sending an ad layout over a modem. It was the beginning of a technology curve."

As of June 1992, Wilson and Binkley were



Partners Ken Binkley, Rob Sharp and Dave Wilson of Wilson Binkley Advertising & Marketing stand with technology through the ages that has served as advertising media.

Las Cruces Bulletin photos by Samantha Roberts

both employees of the motor company.

One month later, Wilson said business started to grow, picking up larger accounts such as Crawford Buick GMC.

In April 1994, the company established itself as a separate operation, moving into a building that once housed a company also owned by Frank Borman that collected revenue from laser patents.

"We had really outgrown the space," Wilson said. "Once we started to move down the hall and took that first sales office, it was time to find another location."

Wilson's office is in the same one Borman used.

"It has a real sense of history," Wilson said. In December 1995, Rob Sharp, who is now a

partner and creative director of WBAM, joined the team, becoming the fourth employee.

By 1998, Borman left what was known as Wilson & Associates. And in 2000, the company became what it is known as today – Wilson Binkley Advertising & Marketing – with Wilson and Binkley as co-partners.

"MountainView (Regional Medical Center) was a big client in 2000, and it really gave us a sense that we were making a name for ourselves," Binkley said. "The hospital generated a lot of news because it was the first de novo hospital (which uses innovative sources for disposable medical products and private labeling) and only part of the community was behind it."

"A lot of conversations were happening about it and it generated a lot of work."

Details

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At one point, Binkley said the company was representing six automotive dealerships, which became one of the company's specialties.

"The company also has a significant amount of experience in real estate," said Sharp, who became a partner with the company in 2005.

"Today, we are a full-service ad agency," Wilson said. "Today, in the realm of web-based media, we really have to work with our clients to provide them with what will help their respective businesses."

Wilson said the company can also do in-house video editing.

"We use a variety of voices from all over," Wilson said. "We pride ourselves in being a full-service agency that includes design, logos, writing, creative execution, etc."

"We like to put our services in the context of marketing and reach beneath the surface of an ad," Sharp said. "We really look at the big picture."

Wilson said the company also provides direct mailing services and can handle short-run printing.

"We are constantly looking at the progression of communications in technology as it's moving so fast," said Wilson, who considers himself a radio-enthusiast. "After World War II, TV infiltrated the markets, and the ad agency business has changed with each progression in technology."

"Now, Internet is vastly changing the way the business operates. We just have to stay ahead of it."

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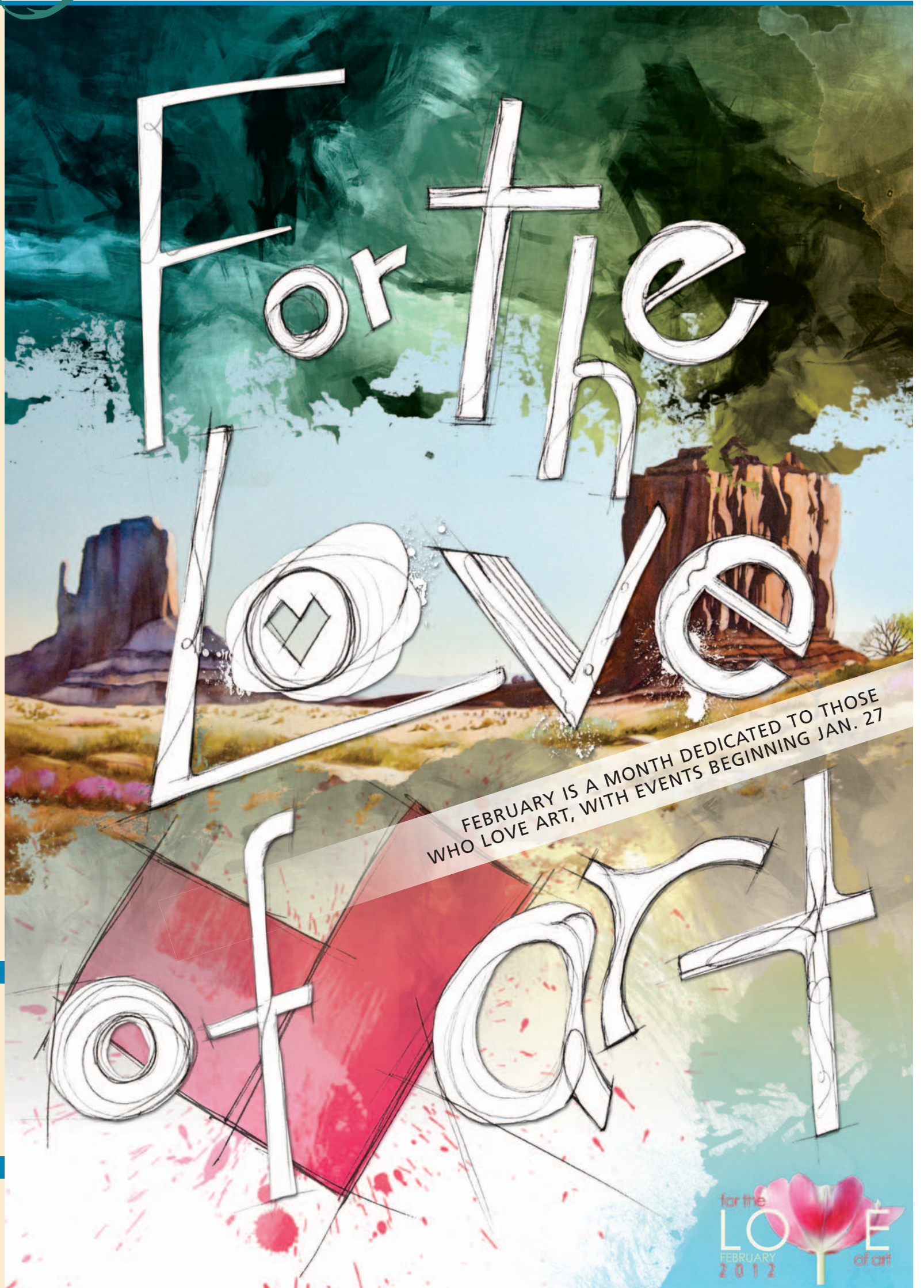
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Shadowlands

The tale that inspired the "Chronicles of Narnia," opening at the Las Cruces Community Theatre Feb. 3.



Celebrating a vibrant, creative community

Love, art join forces in the month of February

By **Amanda Green**
Las Cruces Bulletin

2012 marks the 14th year of the monthlong celebration of art, artists, performers and an appreciative, supportive community.

For the Love of Art Month is held each February as a collection of special events, gallery openings and artist spotlights that join forces to bring awareness to the thriving art community within Las Cruces.

"One of our goals is to showcase not only visual arts, but performing arts. We've certainly accomplished that this year," said For the Love of Art Month Chairperson Cherie Gamboa. "When you look at our event guide, you'll see a wide range of art exhibits, multiple musical performances and concerts, poetry readings and plays. We truly have something for every artistic taste."

The monthlong celebration kicks off with the opening of the ArtForms Member Exhibition from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 3, at the Branigan Cultural Center, 501 N. Main St., in concurrence to the monthly Downtown Art Ramble, held the first Friday of every month. During February's ramble, a musical performance by American Indian flutist Randy Granger will enhance the appreciation of the many exhibits.

"My goal this year was to have a performing arts event each weekend of the month at the Branigan Cultural Center to accompany our member exhibit," said ArtForms President John Northcutt. "Every Saturday afternoon, from 1 to 2 p.m., is something different."

Featured for the month of February is an exhibit by the New Mexico Watercolor Society, titled "For the Love of Southwest Gates and Doorways," at the Blue Gate Gallery, 311 N. Main St.

Other shows kicking off the celebration include photographs by Peter Herman at the Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Main St., and at the Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave., the Southwest Calligraphy Guild will exhibit "For the Love of Lettering," also during the Downtown Art Ramble.

After the ramble from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 3, Mikey's Place, 3100 Harrelson St., is featuring Mikey's Sheesh-Ka-Deesh, an eclectic mix of dance performances and music from the 1940s to the present. The show will include refreshments, wine from Amaro Winery and art from SumArt Art Co-op. Tickets are \$10, with proceeds benefiting the Performing Arts Scholarship. For more information, visit www.mikeysplacem.com.

Started by ArtForms Artists Association of New Mexico, the monthlong event strives to encompass art in all its forms in locations both expected and unexpected.

"ArtForms is active all year around, but really kicks into high gear every February when we host For the Love of Art Month," Gamboa said. "I'm always impressed by how many wonderful art events that Las Cruces has to offer in February. There's art of one kind or another almost everywhere you go."

ArtForms is made up of individual artists and several other art organizations. The Artists of Picacho Hills, one of the member

groups, will hold its For the Love of Art show at the Picacho Hills Country Club, 6861 Via Campestre, from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 5. For more information, visit www.artistsofpicachohills.com.

"I think one of the highlights of For the Love of Art Month is the opportunity to visit artists at their studios and talk to them about how they create their art," Northcutt said. "You can do that at an art opening, but during the studio tours, you see where and how they work. There's something special about making that kind of bond between artist and art patron."

From 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 2, the Mountain Gallery and Studios, 138 W. Mountain Ave., will hold a grand opening and feature the work of the Las Cruces Arts Association, celebrating 50 years of art in Las Cruces. Another opening that evening from 6 to 7 p.m. takes place at the Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave., with a show titled "Art Inspires" from the GFWC Progress Club of Las Cruces.

From 1 to 3 p.m. Friday, Feb. 3, the Mesilla Valley Fine Art Gallery, 2470-A Calle de Guadalupe, hosts the "My Masterpiece" show, which includes pieces created by members of the co-op gallery, which represent works by famous artists.

This year, For the Love of Art Month has also added a major show at the new Las Cruces Convention Center, 680 E. University Ave.

"Last year, we tried something new with Art at the Amador. It went so well, this year we moved the concept to the new Las Cruces Convention Center," Gamboa said. "The ArtForms Show and Sale will feature 50 booths representing the best of southern New Mexico's many forms of art."

Details about these and other activities can be found throughout February in the Las Cruces Bulletin's Arts & Entertainment section. Also available is the For the Love of Art Month event guide, which includes a full list of events and studio tour maps. Download a copy at www.artformsnm.org.

Details

ArtForms Member Exhibition

When
5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 3

Where
Branigan Cultural Center,
501 N. Main St.

Visit
www.artformsnm.org

My Masterpiece

When
1 to 3 p.m. Friday, Feb. 3

Where
Mesilla Valley Fine Art Gallery,
2470-A Calle de Guadalupe

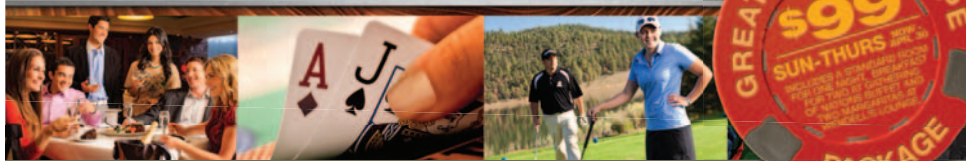
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When
7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 3

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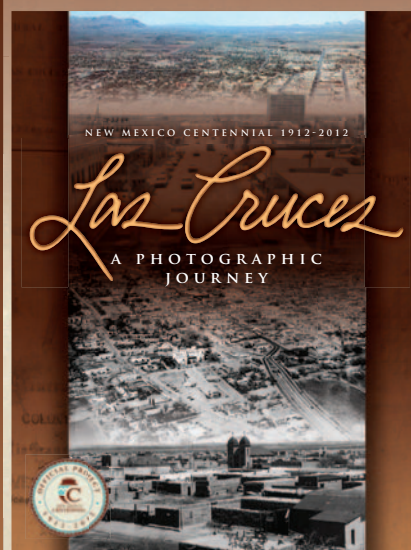
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Featured artist: Bert Gammill

Horses, hounds, landscapes

Gammill paints what she knows and loves

By **Amanda Green**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Gammill Farms, located in the beautiful Mesilla Valley, is a small horse farm that puts quality of life for its animals over everything else.

They are home to only a few pampered broodmares, which are bred to top stallions around the world. Run by husband-and-wife team Bill and Bert Gammill, their family competes in jumping competitions and events across the Southwest.

"I've always loved horses. I was one of those little girls who wished for one under the Christmas tree every year," Bert Gammill said. "I wanted a horse so bad, I could taste it. When I didn't get one, I started drawing them so at least I could have one on paper."

It was out of the yearn for the beautiful, intelligent creatures that Gammill not only created her farm, but also the reason she's was drawn to paint the magnificent animals. Gammill is still an avid horsewoman, and said she'll be riding as long as she's able to climb onto the saddle. Her farm includes, among her livestock, a few rescued dogs and cats.

Gammill is the featured artist for the For The Love of Art Month event at the Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery, 2470-A Calle de Guadalupe, for February. Her works are multimedia, though she said she prefers to work with watercolor and oil. Most of her paintings depict farm animals, including her beloved horses, motivated by Gammill Farm's livestock and subtle landscapes.

Gammill was a fine arts major in college, attending the University of Texas at Arlington, and eventually graduating from New Mexico State University with an arts degree. Even then, she preferred painting places she wanted to go and the animals she'd always loved.

"If I'm going to take the time and paint something, I really want it to be something I enjoy," Gammill said. "I can lose myself in them, imagine I'm in the places that I'm painting."

Although she's worked with many types of media, she said something always seems to draw her back to watercolors, the medium she used when she first started painting.

"I also love pastels and oil, but you'll never see me using acrylics," Gammill said in a lovely Texas drawl, the perfect complement to the stunning western desert landscapes and leaping horses of her works.

Gammill hasn't entered many shows in the past, but said she is glad to add her works to the collective artists coming together to celebrate their passion in the For the Love of Art Month.



Bert Gammill is one of the featured artist during the month of February at the Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery, 2470-A Calle de Guadalupe.

Rather than a single event, which marks the occasion, a wide variety of art shows, performances and studio tours, centered in the heart of Downtown Main Street will be taking place throughout February.

"People can't enjoy it if you don't hang it up," Gammill said of her choice to enter a collection of her paintings. "Part of it is just getting up and being dedicated to sharing it."

"There's nothing prettier than a horse. They have personalities just like people. So naturally I'm going to draw things I think are beautiful."

Gammill said she is looking forward to the show, and considers it a chance for other people to enjoy the things she loves.

"I think sometimes I get along better with animals than I do with people," she said.

For more information about Gammill's show, call 522-2933.



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Amanda Green
"Aurora," by Tim Read of Silver City, was created to represent the rising sun. The sculpture was created with palm-sized pieces of steel welded together into a mosaic in the shape of a woman's head. The piece stands 9 feet high and is estimated to weigh 900 pounds. Depending on the time of day, the bright, solar-themed colors of the interior peek through to give the woman's features new life. The piece is on display in front of the Frame & Art Center, 1100 S. Main St. For more information, call 526-2808 or visit www.timreadsculpture.com.



UPCOMING EVENTS

FRI. JAN 27	10:30 A.M.
Rhythm Roundup: Music, Song & Dance ages 2-5 Branigan Library	
FRI. JAN 27	10:30 A.M.
Fantastic Fridays! Stories & Crafts for ages 7-11 Branigan Library	
FRI.+SAT. JAN 27+28	8 P.M.
"The Sisters Rosenweig" Black Box Theatre	
SAT. JAN 28	9 A.M. - 1 P.M.
LC Farmers & Craft Market Downtown Main St	
SAT. JAN 28	10:30 A.M.
Storytellers of Las Cruces COAS Bookstore	
SAT. JAN 28	11 A.M.
Thomas the Tank Engine Storytime Las Cruces Railroad Museum	
SAT. JAN 28	11:30 A.M.
Magic Carpet StoryTime Branigan Cultural Center	
SUN. JAN 29	1 P.M.
Nifty Fifties Benefit Rio Grande Theatre	
SUN. JAN 29	2:30 P.M.
"The Sisters Rosenweig" Black Box Theatre	
SUN. JAN 29	8 P.M.
SB's Open Mic Night SB's Late Night Lunchbox	
TUE. JAN 31	10:30 A.M.
Read To Me - stories for ages 3 and up Branigan Library	
TUE. JAN 31	6 P.M.
Magical Mystery Show Rio Grande Theatre	
WED. FEB 1	9 A.M. - 1 P.M.
LC Farmers & Craft Market Downtown Main St	
WED. FEB 1	10 A.M.
Toddler Time! Stories for kids 1-3 Branigan Library	
WED. FEB 1	11 A.M.
Mother Goose Time - Activities for Infants Branigan Library	
THU. FEB 2	10 A.M.
Toddler Time! Stories for kids 1-3 Branigan Library	
FRI. FEB 3	5 P.M.
Downtown Arts RAMBLE Downtown Main St.	
SAT. FEB 4	9 A.M. - 1 P.M.
LC Farmers & Craft Market Downtown Main St	
SAT. FEB 4	10:30 A.M.
Storytellers of Las Cruces COAS Bookstore	

Details

Bert Gammill

Painter; watercolor, oil

Contact

522-2933

Where

Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery,
2470-A Calle de Guadalupe



ONGOING EVENTS:

- Downtown Arts RAMBLE - 1st Friday of the Month 5-7pm
- Camino del Arte - 2nd Saturday of the Month 11am-3pm
- Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market - Wed. and Sat. Morn.

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Las Cruces Theatre

Celebrating family ties

'Sisters Rosensweig' is a heart-warming homage

Review by **Gerald M. Kane**
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

I spent a week at the Black Box Theatre last Friday evening.

Actually, my "week" lasted a tad over three hours, and refers to my attending the opening night performance of "The Sisters Rosensweig," Wendy Wasserstein's acclaimed heart-warming homage to feminism and family.

I usually don't look at my watch when reviewing a performance, and yet I found myself gazing at it throughout the show's lumbering 90-minute first act.

The pace dragged interminably, not helped by some cast members fumbling with their lines. Each time a scene ended, I hoped the house lights would come up to announce the intermission, but, alas, that was not to be.

During the intermission, I asked about the length of the second act, and when told that it would run an hour and 10 minutes, I wished there was something stronger in the iced tea in the lobby.

Fortunately, the second act moved a bit quicker, and we left the theater tired, yet admiring of the play and fully cognizant of the hard work of the director, cast and crew.

"The Sisters Rosensweig" is an award winning, carefully written, thought provoking theatrical work. The original production opened in New York in 1992, featuring a cast that included Jane Alexander, the late Madeline Kahn, Frances McDormand and Robert Klein. I saw the play at the Unicorn Theatre in Kansas City a few years later with an accomplished Actors Equity cast, and was deeply moved.

The current Black Box production has its moments that reveal themselves unexpectedly and beautifully, especially in the play's second act. Those moments are usually fueled by two, and sometimes three, actors who deliver the clever dialogue that brightens the entire performance.

Details

The Sisters Rosensweig

When

8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays
2:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 29 and Feb. 5
7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 2

Where

Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Main St.

Contact

523-1223
www.lcctnm.org

"The Sisters Rosensweig" focuses on the lives of three sisters. No, not Chekhov's "Three Sisters," but in the preface to the script Wasserstein does tip her hat to Anton Chekhov, along with George Kaufman, Moss Hart and Noel Coward whose writing served as her inspiration for the play, along with the fact that she was the youngest of three sisters.

The three Rosensweig sisters assemble for a reunion in the London apartment of the oldest sister Sara (nee Sadie), an international banker, on the occasion of her 54th birthday. The youngest sister, Pfeni (nee Penny) is a global trekker and travel writer who yearns for some sort of fulfillment in her busy, overburdened life. They are joined by the middle sister Dr. (like Dr. Pepper) Gorgeous Teitelbaum, a loud, pushy radio talk-show personality from

a suburb of Boston.

The sisters come from a secular Jewish-American home. Sara and Pfeni have worked diligently at assimilating and hiding their

“ ‘The Sisters Rosensweig’ is an award winning, carefully written, thought provoking theatrical work. ”



"The Sisters Rosensweig," now playing through Feb. 5 at the Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Main St., is the story of three Jewish sisters who reminisce about their lives.

Jewish roots. Only Gorgeous wears her faith proudly on her faux Chanel draped sleeve.

The member of the cast who sparkles the brightest is Yvette Crofford as Gorgeous. She is not only given some of the best lines in the script, but knows how to coax the humor out of them with wit and soul.

David Reyes, whose work in "The 39 Steps," impressed me so much is appropriately over-the-top in his role as Pfeni's male interest, Geoffrey, a British director with flair, pizzazz and sexual uncertainty.

Kathi-Jane Alvarado, whose effective quirky performance in "Private Fears in Public Places," portrays Pfeni. She comes across as a little too reserved than called for in the script, but does portray her complicated persona with understanding and warmth.

The pivotal figure of Sara is played by Karen Warren, who did not seem as certain of her lines or her strong role as an international banker as the script dictates. Her love interest, Merv, a Jewish faux furrier from New York, is played by her real life husband, Tom Warren. Alas, neither brought the necessary power to their parts to make their performances convincing to me.

The other members of the cast are fine enough, although the thick English accent effected by Fiona McCrossin as Sara's daughter, Tess, seems hard to reconcile when the script tells us that her character has only been in England for five years. Warren, on the other hand, who has lived in

England many years longer, loses her accent mid-sentence, on occasion.

The three sisters Rosensweig are at their very best in one of the closing scenes of the show. A transcendent moment occurs when their bodies intertwine on a cozy couch, sipping wine and reminiscing about their past. In a moment like this, we can see the production's potential, which is never fully realized.

The scenic and lighting design by Peter Herman is, as always, spot on. With some faster pacing, judicious editing, better timing and a tad more schmaltz, director Nikka Zierner might have come up with a more flavorful cassoulet of a production. After three hours, I shouldn't have been left so hungry.

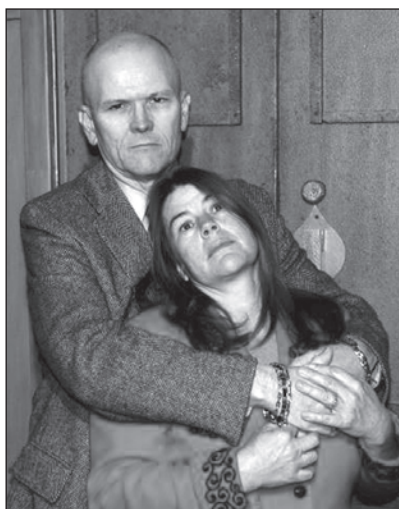
"The Sisters Rosensweig" runs through Sunday, Feb. 5, at the Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Main St. Performances are at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 29 and Feb. 5, and at 7 p.m. Thursday Feb. 2. Tickets are \$10 general admission, \$9 for students and seniors over 65 and all seats on Thursdays are \$7. For more information or reservations, call 523-1223.

Gerald Kane has reviewed theater, music, opera, film and books for NPR stations and newspapers in New Orleans, Phoenix and Kansas City as well as for the Las Cruces Bulletin. A former member of the American Theatre Critics Association, he is the Rabbi Emeritus of Temple Beth-El in Las Cruces and has taught "Jews on Screen" at NMSU.

Shadowlands at the Las Cruces Community Theatre

Photos by
Janet Mazdra

Mike Cook and Margie Brouhard portray C.S. Lewis and his wife, Joy Gresham, in "Shadowlands," running Feb. 3 to 19 at the Las Cruces Community Theatre. Reservations can be made at www.lcctnm.org or at 523-1200.



Eleven-year-old Mason Hooley portrays Joy Gresham's son, Douglas, who is frantically trying to come up with a cure for his mother's illness within the "magical" wardrobe he finds in C.S. Lewis' home.

Bob Diven, right, portrays C.S. Lewis' brother, Warnie, and Lewis, portrayed by Mike Cook, have a serious discussion about the nature of his new relationship with American poet, Joy Gresham.

Galleries & Openings

LAST CHANCE

TOMBAUGH GALLERY presents "Friends - Art - Food" by Cally Williams and friends through the end of January.

Friendship is the link that unites this group of six Las Cruces artists – Cally Williams, Michelle Arterburn, Kathryn Holmes, Jessica Kurtz, Steve Hornung and Elaine Query.

The gallery is located in the United Universalist Church at 2000 S. Solano Drive. Hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday through Friday. For more information, call 522-7281.

MESILLA VALLEY FINE ARTS GALLERY'S featured artists for January are Ruth Ann Sugarman and Yvonne Postelle.

Sugarman, a New Englander, is primarily a landscape painter. Postelle, a native Texan, works primarily in oils as a landscape painter. The gallery also welcomes new member, jewelry artist Karen Feder.

The gallery is located at 2470-A Calle de Guadalupe in Mesilla. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Sunday. For more information, call 522-2933.

OPENING

LA MESA STATION GALLERY, 16205 S. Highway 28 in La Mesa, presents "Miracles Do Happen!" with works from 14-year-old local artist, Sam Cueto, opening on Saturday, Jan. 28.

Sam is paralyzed from the neck down, but has learned how to create beautiful paintings using a laser attached to eyeglass rims. Under his direction, he guides a volunteer to apply oil paint to a canvas. Sam has been painting for several years and has a deep passion for creating his art.

At 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 28, Sam will demonstrate his technique. All paintings will be for sale and will remain in the gallery until the end of February.

Winter hours for the gallery are Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sunday 1 to 4 p.m.

The gallery is located just one block north of Chope's Restaurant in La Mesa. For more information, call 644-3756.

THE ARTISTS OF PICACHO HILLS are hosting an art show from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 5. The show is titled "For the Love of Art in Picacho Hills." There will be original fine art of many varieties available for purchase.

Picacho Hills Country Club is located at 6861 Via Campestre. Take Picacho Hills Drive north from Route 70 (Picacho Avenue) between Motel Boulevard and Interstate 10. Stay to the right when the road forks and then right on Via Norte and left on Via

Campestre.

Visit the website at www.artistsofpicachohills.com to see samples of the types of art that will be available.

THE TOMBAUGH GALLERY OF THE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF LAS CRUCES presents, "Arcs and Echoes" by contemporary painter Jill Somoza for February. An opening reception will take place from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 29, at Unitarian Universalist Church, 2000 S. Solano Drive. The exhibit will run through March 2.

Somoza was born in London in 1941 but lived in Germany until she was 15, enjoying paintings by artists like Emile Nolde and Max Beckman.

When she first saw paintings by Jackson Pollock and De Kooning her first year in college, she was struck by the raw emotion and great vitality in those paintings and the feel of the color in its drips and brush strokes.

When she began to paint on vinyl instead of canvas or paper, she liked the translucency the vinyl gave her, capturing some of the ephemeral feel she identified in Rauschenberg in this new material. The unusualness of the shape also helped to reinforce the idea of the painting as a thing in itself, rather than a representation of something.

The pieces chosen for this show were all done in the past 2 years. Before this she played more with overlapping panels, something she does less often now, opting for a more simple line. The curved wood has added another dimension in its simple line as well as for the shadow it casts. These paintings are probably more accurately elaborate sketches of fleeting feelings, drawn in wood, vinyl, color and line.

The gallery's regular hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. For more information, call 522-7281.

MOUNTAIN GALLERY AND STUDIOS

Las Cruces Arts Association will be opening their season with a membership show at the Grand Opening of Mountain Gallery and Studios from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 3. This show celebrates the 50 years that LCAA has been together as a group. This is the first show at Mountain Gallery, the new home of the Las Cruces Arts Association. LCAA will have art shows on a monthly basis as part of the Downtown Art Ramble.

Come listen to the music and enjoy the food during the Grand Opening. As part of the celebration, an art and recipe filled cookbook has been created. The book is called "Befores and Afters" and highlights appetizers and desserts. It will be available during the opening. Guests will also be able to find the

book at the "Blue Gate Gallery."

Mountain Gallery and Studios is located at 138 W. Mountain Street. The gallery's regular hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday through Sunday.

THE MESILLA VALLEY FINE ARTS GALLERY will feature two local artists for February, Bert Gammill and Karin Bradshaw. Bert is a multimedia watercolorist and oil painter who depicts farm animals motivated by her own livestock and subtle landscapes. Karin's work depicts traditional Pueblo Indian designs burned into beautiful symmetrical gourds adorned with authentic gems.

The gallery is located at 2470-A Calle de Guadalupe, Mesilla, across from the Fountain Theatre. For more information, call 522-2933.

BRANIGAN CULTURAL CENTER presents the ArtForms Member Exhibition open from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 3, during the monthly Downtown Art Ramble. Art in many genres be on display and music performed by American Indian flutist Randy Granger will enhance the appreciation of the exhibit.

The Branigan Cultural Center is located at 501 N. Main Street and is open from 9 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Admission is free. For more information, visit www.artformsnm.org.

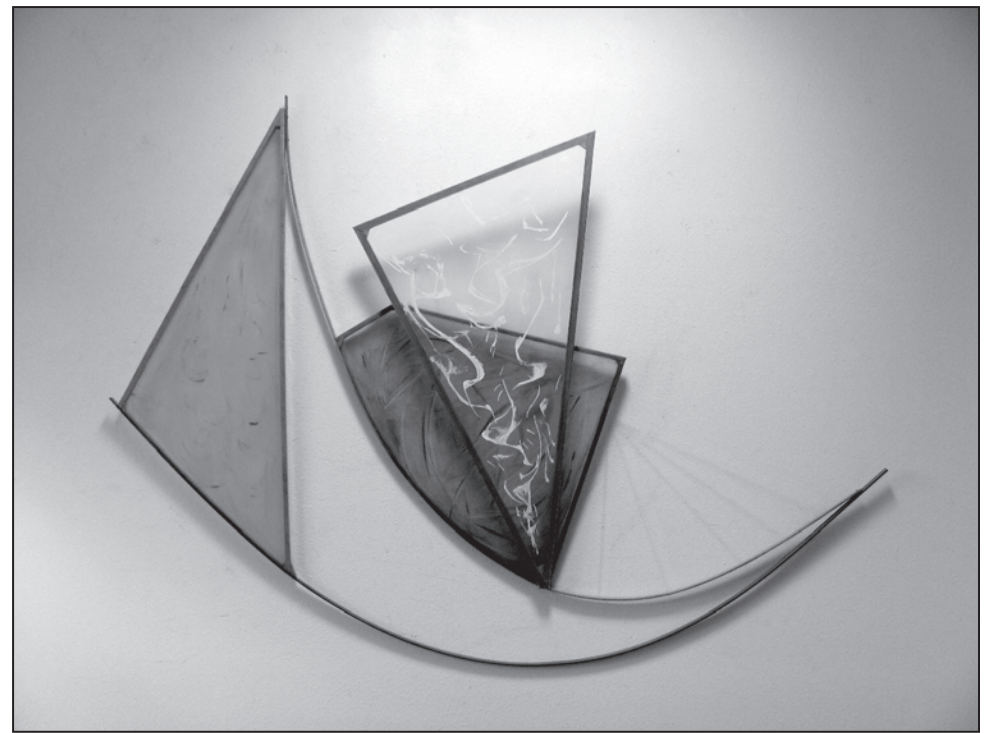
THOMAS BRANIGAN MEMORIAL LIBRARY hosts a reception from 6 to 7 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 2, for a show titled "Art Inspires" created by the GFWC Progress Club of Las Cruces. The works may be viewed during regular library hours.

The library is located at 200 E. Picacho Ave. For more information, call 528-4000.

ONGOING

FARM & RANCH HERITAGE MUSEUM displays "The World Around Us: The Artwork of Linda Hagen." Las Cruces artist Linda Hagen's paintings are on display in the Museum's Arts Corridor through March.

The 33 paintings, mostly oil, reflect her love of horses and the outdoors. This exhibition demonstrates the



"Arcs and Echoes" by contemporary painter Jill Somoza, is being hosted by the Tombaugh Gallery and the Unitarian Universalist Church in February. The exhibit will run through March 2.

connection between the land, the people, and the animals that are part of the landscape. Originally from Ohio, Hagen captures the tough and enduring agricultural lifestyle in her work, as well as the beauty of the American Southwest.

The gallery is located at 4100 Dripping Springs Road. For more information, call 522-4100.

PRESTON CONTEMPORARY ART CENTER presents "The Last Pictured Show." The exhibition is a juried regional exhibition of the works of 64 artists from southern New Mexico and El Paso. Through the show's submission fees, the Preston was able to raise \$2,475 for La Casa.

"The Last Picture Show" will run concurrently with the PCAC November Exhibition through Feb. 17. The Preston Contemporary Art Center is located at 1755 Avenida de Mercado in Mesilla. Hours are noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. For more information, call 523-8713.

NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY ART GALLERY displays "Glitteropolis!" Art

collective Meow Wolf travels into Las Cruces to unveil the magical and visceral art experience filled with oddity, surreality, glam and glitz. The show will run through Feb. 18.

The NMSU Art Gallery is

located in D.W. Williams Hall on the NMSU campus. Hours are noon to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday. For more information, call 646-8036.

ROKOKO GALLERY will feature the show "Mixed Nutz," including artwork inspired by nuts, about nuts and general nuttiness.

The gallery is located at 1785 Avenida de Mercado. Hours are noon to 5 p.m. Friday through Sunday. For more information, call 405-8877.

M. PHILLIP'S GALLERY shows work by New Mexico artists and art of New Mexico during January. The gallery will also have the Centennial Belt Buckle by W. Bruce Stanford available.

M. Phillip's is located at

221 N. Main St. For more information, call 525-1367.

NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY LIBRARY displays the photographic exhibit, "The Mechanic Arts," through Sunday, Feb. 15 in the Milton Gallery on the fourth floor of NMSU's Branson Library.

The exhibit, organized by University Archivist Martha Shipman Andrews, commemorates the 2012 sesquicentennial of the passage of the first Morrill Act, creating the land-grant institutions of higher education.

The Branson Library is located on the International Mall on the NMSU campus. Hours vary by semester. For more information, call 646-5028.

Shadowlands



Gala Night is Friday, Feb. 3!

A light supper and refreshments with the cast and your fellow theatregoers, included in the price of your ticket.

by William Nicholson
Directed for LCCT by Patrick Payne

This drama follows the noted author CS Lewis as he meets his American fan, Joy Gresham, whom he befriends and eventually marries. The story also deals with his struggle with personal pain and grief: Lewis preaches that one should endure suffering with patience but finds that the simple answers he had preached no longer apply when Joy suffers from cancer...

Show Dates and Times

Fridays: Feb. 3, Feb. 10 and Feb. 17 at 8:00 PM
Saturdays: Feb. 4, Feb. 11 and Feb. 18 at 8:00 PM
Sundays: Feb. 5, Feb. 12 and Feb. 19 at 2:00 PM

Ticket Prices

Adults\$10
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EventsCalendar

FRI. 1/27

10 a.m. Friday Morning Storytime, Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 700 S. Telshor Blvd. Let's venture out to where the wild things are and meet a Gruffalo. Free. Call 522-4499.

7 to 9 p.m. Pride Cinema, Las Cruces GLBTQ Center, 1210 N. Main St. Free. Call 635-4902.

7 p.m. "Look Who's Dancing!" Oñate Performing Arts Center, 5700 Mesa Grande Drive. Nine contestants are working hard on their sways, twirls, hips and dips at the 2012 "Look Who's Dancing!" competition. Tickets are on sale at the NMSU Dance Department office. Cost \$10. Call 646-2070.

SAT. 1/28

9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market, Downtown Main Street. Wide variety of arts and crafts, food, fresh produce, unique fine art and much more. Free. Email fcmarket@las-cruces.org.

10:30 a.m. Storytellers of Las Cruces, COAS Bookstores, 317 N. Main St. and 1101 S. Solano Drive. Loni Todoroki will be the storyteller at the Downtown location, and Jean Gilbert will be the storyteller at the Solano COAS store. COAS will give coupons for free books to all children who attend. Free. Call 526-8377.

11 a.m. to noon, Story Time featuring Thomas the Tank Engine, Las Cruces Railroad Museum, 351 N. Mesilla St. Free. Call 647-4480.

11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. "Learn to Prepare Classic and Modern Sushi," Mountain View Market Co-op, 1300 El Paseo Road, Suite M. Hosted by internationally renowned chef Tatsu Miyazaki. All materials are included. There is a fee. Call 644-7620 or email tatsu.miyazaki@hotmail.com.

11:30 a.m. to noon, Magic Carpet StoryTime, Branigan

Playbill

Opening

Magical Mystery Show
Rio Grande Theatre
211 N Main St.
527-9536
\$10 each, \$15 at door
Opens Tuesday, Jan. 31

Now Playing

The Sisters Rosensweig
Black Box Theatre
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523-1223
\$7-\$10
Through Sunday, Feb. 5

Coming Soon

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Cultural Center, 501 N. Main St. Free. Call 541-2154.

2 to 3 pm "Plug into the Sun," Mountain View Market Co-op, 1300 El Paseo Road, Suite M. Positive Energy Solar presents a free solar energy seminar in the Co-op Community Room. Positive Energy is an employee-owned, New Mexico-based solar energy company. Free. Call 524-2030.

5 to 6 p.m. Beginning drum class, My Place Jewell, 140-A Wyatt Drive. Learn the basic Middle Eastern rhythms. Cost \$2. Call 526-9509.

6 to 9 Live music featuring Jaime Midez, Amaro Winery, 402 S. Melendres St. No cover. Call 527-5310.

6:30 to 9 p.m. Grand opening wine tasting and dinner, the Saratoga Room, 1763 E. University Ave. Celebrating the grand opening of the newest event venue in Las Cruces. Cost \$10-\$15. Call 496-1415.

7 to 9 p.m. Swinging Dancers of Munson Center, Munson

Senior Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. Couples, singles and guests are welcome to dance to the music of Mark Coker. Cost \$6. Call 528-3000.

7:30 p.m. English: Old and New, Peace Lutheran Church, 1701 Missouri Ave. A benefit vocal recital by Amanda Penaloza, Mezzo-soprano; Ejierson Balabas, Baritone; accompanied by Barbara Toth. Featuring works by Mendelssohn, Handel, Purcell, Sullivan, Britten and Barber. Selections from "West Side Story," "Miss Saigon" and "The Phantom of the Opera." Free. Email mandipen@nmsu.edu.

SUN. 1/29

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday Growers Market, Mountain View Market Co-op, 1300 El Paseo Road, Suite M. Featuring local vendors. Free. Call 523-0436.

11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. "Arcs and Echoes" reception, Tombaugh Gallery, Unitarian Universalist Church, 2000 S. Solano Ave. Featuring works by contemporary painter Jill



Remember Then performs at the Nifty Fifties Benefit at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 29, at the Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. The event includes classic cars, '50s-style food sold at '50s' prices and a '50s' fashion show. For more information, call 647-2560.

Somoza. Free. Call 522-7281.

1 p.m. Nifty Fifties Benefit, Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. The Doña Ana Arts Council presents a benefit fundraiser for the Rio Grande Theatre. On tap will be classic cars lining Main Street, '50s' food sold at '50s' prices, a '50s' fashion show and a special performance by '50s' DooWop band Remember Then. Proceeds go to benefit the Rio Grande Theatre. Cost \$10. Call 647-2560.

3 p.m. Mesilla Valley Concert Band concert, Atkinson Recital Hall, New Mexico State University campus. Conducted by band director Dr. William Clark, the program will feature a diverse program ranging from Saint-Saens to Sousa. The centerpiece of the concert will be the "Suite from the Opera Merry Mount" by Howard Hanson, legendary director of the Eastman School of Music. Free. Call 646-2421.

8 p.m. SB's Open Mic Night, SB's Late Night Lunch Box, 120 S. Water St. Come early to sign up as these are usually pretty packed. Free. Call 412-623-9556

MON. 1/30

10 a.m. Yarn Junkies meeting, Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 700 S. Telshor Blvd. Meet to exchange knitting ideas. Free. Call 522-4499.

TUE. 1/31

5 to 6 p.m. Beginning belly dance class, My Place Jewell, 140-A Wyatt Drive. Learn to dance and use props. Great exercise for the body and mind. Cost \$2. Call 526-9509.

6 p.m. Magical Mystery Show, Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N Main St. Professional illusionist Garry Carson returns with his crowd-pleasing

Las Vegas-style show, as a fundraiser for Jornada Elementary School. Cost \$10-15. Call 527-9536 or email rayjaramillo1@yahoo.com.

7:45 to 9:30 p.m. Argentine Tango Group, First Christian Church, 1809 El Paseo Road. Beginners, singles and couples over 21 are welcome to join the Big Band Dance Club. Cost \$8-10. Call 642-1699.

WED. 2/1

9 a.m. to 1 p.m. "Farm Volunteer Day," Mountain View Market Co-op Farm, Mesilla. Contact the co-op for details and directions. Free. Call 523-0436 or email mvmoutreach@gmail.com.

9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market, Downtown Main Street. Wide variety of arts and crafts, food, fresh produce, unique fine art and much more. Free. Email fcmarket@las-cruces.org.

12 to 1 p.m. "Losing Weight through Sensible Nutrition and Exercise," Mountain View Market Co-op, 1300 El Paseo Road, Suite M. Rosa Lopez is a registered dietitian with the New Mexico Department of Health and will be available for free individual sessions as well. Free. Call 523-0436 or email cheryleneeley@gmail.com

6:30 p.m. Stitch & Visit meeting, Hastings, 2350 E. Lohman Ave. Creative ideas and good conversation are shared. To participate, bring a portable craft. Free. Call 525-1625.

7:30 to 8:30pm Balanced Living Bookclub, Mountain View Market Co-op, 1300 El Paseo Road, Suite M. Life coach Siddeeq Shabazz is hosting. Free. Call 510-459-2671.

THU. 2/2

9 a.m. to noon, Fiber Club, My Place Jewell, 140-A Wyatt Drive. Cost \$2. Call 526-9509.

Noon to 2 p.m. Psychic Readings and Energetic Healings, Mountain View Market Co-op, 1300 El Paso Road, Suite M. Readings will be hosted by Reiki Master and Reverend Dawn Cheney. Donations are accepted. Call 233-1108.

5 to 6 p.m. Beginning belly dance class, My Place Jewell 140-A Wyatt Drive. Learn to dance and use props. Great exercise for the body and mind. Cost \$2. Call 526-9509.

6 to 7 p.m. Mountain View Market Co-op Store Tours, Mountain View Market Co-op, 1300 El Paseo Road, Suite M. Come join us and get to know your co-op. Free. Call 523-0436 or email mvmoutreach@gmail.com.

8 to 10 p.m. Big Band Dance Club, Court Youth Center, 402 W. Court Ave. Dance to ballroom, country, swing and Latin styles. Beginners, singles and couples are welcome. Dress code. Cost \$7-\$9. Call 526-6504.

FRI. 2/3

1 to 3 p.m. "My Masterpiece" reception, Mesilla Valley Fine Art Gallery, 2470A Calle de Guadalupe. Members of the co-op gallery feature pieces that represent works by famous artists. Free. Call 522-2933.

5 to 7 p.m. Downtown Arts Ramble, along Downtown Main Street. Area galleries host receptions and open new exhibits. This Ramble is a part of the month-long celebration of For the Love of Art Month, and includes music performed by American Indian flutist Randy Granger. Free. Visit www.lascrucescvb.org

5 to 7 p.m. ArtForms Member Exhibition, Branigan Cultural Center, 501 N. Main St. Created by ArtForms Artists Association of New Mexico, For the Love of Art Month, strives to encompass art in all it forms in locations both expected and unexpected. Free. Visit www.artformsmn.org.

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The miser and the harbor

'Le Havre' digs deep into human dignity

Review by **Jeff Berg**
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

Marcel is a shoeshine man, barely making ends meet. He plies his trade where he shan't, and in an almost daily ritual, is chased away by the grumpy gendarmes, making his life just that much less bearable.

Marcel loves his wife, but their relationship is a bit mundane after so many years together. However, change is on the horizon, in many ways, when she ends up in hospital with a good chance of never leaving again. It also offers an opening for a new life to help strengthen their relationship, as we will soon see.

One day, while enjoying his lunch by the dock, another huge change takes place in Marcel's life. He spies a young African boy, Idrissa, in the water. They don't exchange a word, but rather just a stare. One is pleading, the other is puzzled, at least at first.

Idrissa is from Gabon and has just barely escaped the clutches of immigration authorities at the docks of Le Havre, a city in southern France that, similarly to southern New Mexico, offers a vibrant trade in people attempting to enter the country with dreams of a better life.

Marcel leaves some food for the boy, and with no particular stated reason, soon becomes his mentor and champion.



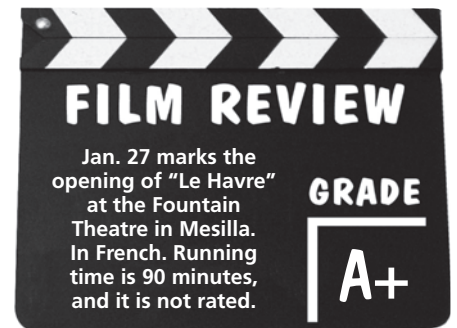
Marcel Marx (André Wilms) and his wife Arletty (Kati Outinen) get a chance to breathe new life into their mundane relationship in 'Le Havre,' now playing at the Fountain Theatre.

Other characters, all well acquainted with Marcel, enter the story, including the local busy-body whose nosy and obtuse behavior nearly causes Idrissa to be nabbed several times; Chang, a fellow shoeshine specialist who may be avoiding the authorities himself; and a local singer, Little Bob, who really could use a few lessons in the craft, unless he plans to ap-

pear on the "Gong Show." Marcel's dog, Laika, also becomes an ally, one not easily dismissed.

The bad guy is Inspector Monet, who is not too interested in finding Idrissa, but nevertheless, keeps the pressure on Marcel and the others, just to prove he is doing his job – but only to a certain degree.

Marcel's conspiracy advances as he tries



to raise money to help get Idrissa to England where he can join his mother. There is also a brief but touching side story about Idrissa's father, who is being held in a refugee camp.

"Le Havre" is a warm and contemplative tale, filled with very dry humor, but also offers thoughts about human dignity and how we treat one another.

"Le Havre" won't solve these problems, but it offers a refreshing and humorous look at how one moment can change our lives forever.

Indeed, Aki Kaurismaki, the Finnish director who has accomplished this work, observes in the press notes, "the European cinema has not much addressed the continuously worsening financial, political and moral crisis that has led to the ever-unsolved question of refugees. I have no answer to this problem, but I still wanted to deal with this matter in this 'anyhow' unrealistic film."

Readers of this review may recall that "Le Havre" was on my best of list for 2011, and for good reason. It is on many other lists as well, and was Finland's entry for best foreign language film for this year's Oscar's.

Jeff Berg wonders about immigration at jeffberg@lascrucesbulletin.com. Berg is a board member of the Mesilla Valley Film Society. His reviews are his opinion and do not reflect that of the film society or the board.

Keeping bizarre company

Seven strangers share stories of their lives

The CineMatinee for 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 28, is "Strangers in Good Company" (2000, 101 minutes, rated PG).

Seven long-lived Canadian women are on a sightseeing trip when their bus breaks down in an unpopulated rural area. They find shelter in an abandoned farmhouse. Scavenging for food, they come up with frogs, mushrooms, trout and strawberries.

The women make the best of a bad situation by sharing the stories of their lives and talking about family, marriage, love, work, religion and death. Although battered by time, toil and hardship, these women possess an inner and outer radiance, which director Cynthia Scott captures and conveys again and again in this remarkable and poignant film.

Michelle, the young black bus driver, twists her ankle, but keeps the spirits of the group up with her contagious laughter and fine singing voice. Alice, a Mohawk Indian, is the earth mother whose understanding of nature benefits them all. Mary, an artist and a lesbian, is a treasure-trove of wisdom, and Winnie, a former belly dancer, is a natural comedian.

The take-charge person in their number is Catherine, a nun who tries to fix the bus and, when that fails, hikes 20 miles on arthritic ankles for help. Her activism and buoyant faith are quite a contrast to Beth's passivity – she's unaccustomed to the wilderness – and Constance's gloomy depression. The marvel

of the group is Cissy, a survivor of a heart attack, who exudes a joy for life that is positively inspiring.

Years may have wrinkled the skin of these women, but their souls sparkle with surprising inner beauty. Scott's use of non-professional actresses gives "Strangers in Good Company" an appealing naturalness. As these women talk about their pasts, the director intersperses photos of their lives as daughters, wives and mothers. Watching this film, we are challenged to think about the stories of our own lives and our times in the country of the long-lived. Review from www.spiritualityandpractice.com.

CineMatinee is a unique blend of movies presented by the Mesilla Valley Film Society which showcases unique films, past and present, often with an emphasis on life in the West – the new West, Old West or anything in between – and "movies that missed us," notable films that never had a lot of publicity.

The series is designed to show area residents that film is a form of art and education as well as entertainment. At least one film a month for this series has a New Mexico "connection," drawing from the vast pool of movies made in the state (nearly 500) or perhaps featuring a star/story from New Mexico talent.

Unless otherwise noted, screening time is 1:30 p.m., and admission is \$4 for everyone except film society members who are admitted for \$1.

The Fountain Theatre is located at 2469 Calle de Guadalupe, one-half block south of the Mesilla Plaza. For more information, call 524-8287.

Call to Artists

NOPALITO'S GALERÍA

Nopalito's Galería will be displaying a group show in February, for the Love of Art Month. The opening reception will be held at 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 10, and all entries are due by Sunday, Feb. 5. The entry fee for one piece is \$10 and any additional piece will be \$5 each.

For more information, email nopalitogaleria@msn.com or call 650-5690.

FOR THE LOVE OF ART CELEBRATION

The Town of Mesilla is seeking artists for its 10th annual For the Love of Art Celebration from 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11, on the plaza.

All artists are welcome to reserve their space on the plaza free of charge. Work must be original and created by the displaying artist. Artists must be present during the event. No imported, kit or commercial objects accepted.

Artists must have or obtain a business license in the Town of Mesilla effective for the year March 15, 2011, through March 14, 2012. The deadline for entries is 5 p.m. Feb. 1.

In 1999, February was declared For the Love of Art Month in Las Cruces.

The event in Mesilla is held in conjunction with the Las Cruces celebration in an effort to promote art and the business of art.

For more information, contact the Town of Mesilla at 524-3262, ext. 116, or mesillaevents@comcast.net.

NEW DESERT HARMONY SINGERS

The New Desert Harmony Singers have openings for male and female singers for their 2012 summer concert series.

The 2012 summer show is titled "Jukebox Saturday Night" and includes many big band favorites such as "Let's Dance," "Stompin' at the Savoy," "In a Sentimental Mood," "Dream," "They Can't Take That Away From Me" and more. Many songs include great male and female solo opportunities.

Auditions will continue into January 2012. Audition times are from 6 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 225 W. Griggs Ave. The New Desert Harmony Singers are well known for performing popular music and doing high-energy shows with the NMSU contemporary dance theater.

For additional information, call Dave Kinkaid at 650-4417.

MESILLA VALLEY FINE ARTS GALLERY

For the month of February, the gallery asks its members to create a work of art by copying a famous old master's work or creating one in the style of a famous artist.

Titled "My Masterpiece," this collaborative effort celebrates For the Love of Art month held in Las Cruces and Mesilla. The framed two-dimensional or free-standing three-dimensional works are displayed in each member's space in the gallery for the entire month. Each piece is identified with a special tag with a clue to the famous artist. Customers visiting the gallery are given the opportunity to enter a contest by completing a multiple-choice entry form, which lists two columns: one for the gallery artists and another for the famous artists.

Entrants are to correctly match the famous artist to the artwork created by the gallery's members. The entry with the most correct answers at the end of the month wins and is given a gift certificate prize.

The gallery is located at 2470-A Calle de Guadalupe. For more information call 522-2933 or visit www.mesillavalleyfinearts.com.

Conversation and art at the Co-op Rocks! 'Illegal?' event

Photos by Nicolas Bañales



Zoology performs a high-energy live show consisting of hip-hop traits during Co-op Rocks! "Illegal?" Saturday, Jan. 21, Downtown Main Street.



CJ Sandoval, an instructor for three years, shows Cameren Sanchez, 6, some Poi techniques.



Josh Flores and Peter Knapp work on their murals for the graffiti art battle.



Pinup Angel model Mighty Mo and her son Redik, 7, pose next to a painting they just bought.



Artists Iggy and Path were some of the contestants who participated in the graffiti art battles. Rock 1 was declared the winner.



Zoology pumped up the crowd inside the GreenWorks building Downtown.



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Captivating the audience

Chavez brings elegance and grace home

Review by **Gerald M. Kane**
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

What a wonderful, warm homecoming for Kristin Chavez, the internationally acclaimed mezzo-soprano.

I was fortunate to be able to review her performance as Rosina in "The Barber of Seville" at the Santa Fe Opera in 2005. Her star was rising at that time and now it is high in the operatic heavens circling the globe.

On Thursday, Jan. 19, Chavez wrapped her rich voice, personal charm and remarkable talent around the walls and stage of the Atkinson Recital Hall on the campus of New Mexico State University in a solo recital of primarily Spanish songs.

She was accompanied skillfully by Paolo Andre Gualdi, who showed us his performance chops with a spirited rendition of Ravel's challenging "Alborada del Gracioso."

Over the years, I have been privileged to review soloists at the Santa Fe Chamber Music Festival. Usually, their stage presence is wooden. They stand like veritable statues, either with one hand on a piano and the other by their side, or the classic pose of folded hands rigidly placed and pressing against their diaphragms. Not so with Chavez, whose graceful, regal, elegant presence moved from one end of the stage to the other.

She was home; focused yet at ease on stage, fully aware of the challenging music she selected and an audience, held captivated by her voice and her presence.

She embraced the audience from the start as she told the full auditorium how happy she was to be "home," where she received her bachelor's degree in music with honors from NMSU, and performed on this same stage 20 years ago.

During the past semester, Chavez served as the NMSU Music Department's first artist in residence, teaching master's

level classes and working with students in a variety of ways. How lucky they were to have the benefits of her skills!

On several occasions during the concert, she stepped to a microphone to chat with the audience to make us feel even more at ease with the unfamiliar music she would be singing. For instance, before her exquisite performance of Cinco Canciones Negras by the contemporary Spanish composer Xavier Montsalvatge, one of the most influential music figures in Catalan music during the latter half of the 20th century, she encouraged us to "move around" as she would be doing because the music made her feel "bluesy and cool."

Her decision to end each section of the concert with arias from Bizet's "Carmen" was wise. The melodies were as familiar to the audience as some of the other pieces she performed were not. She demonstrated her acting skills as well as her nuanced understanding of the lyrics.

Special thanks were expressed to Chavez's mentor and key cheerleader, the indefatigable Jerry Ann Alt, NMSU's Director of Choirs who was so instrumental in arranging her artist residency.

In all, it was a glorious evening of music, talent and appreciation for New Mexico State University's outstanding music program.

Gerald Kane has reviewed theater, music, opera, film and books for NPR stations and newspapers in New Orleans, Phoenix and Kansas City as well as for the Las Cruces Bulletin. A former member of the American Theatre Critics Association, he is the Rabbi Emeritus of Temple Beth-El in Las Cruces and has taught "Jews on Screen" at NMSU.



Kristin Chavez, New Mexico State University Music Department's first artist in residence, performs in Las Cruces again April 27 and 28.



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New location, same food

St. Clair makes subtle changes at new spot

By **Samantha Roberts**
Las Cruces Bulletin

In 2009, I lived in Dallas, but considered myself a frequent diner at St. Clair Winery & Bistro. After my mom moved to Las Cruces in the mid-2000s, I visited southern New Mexico during breaks, which are numerous in college. And without fail, my mom and I would go to St. Clair. I considered it our spot to drink a glass of wine and catch up on all that we had missed while living 600 miles apart. The St. Clair Las Cruces knew and loved, moved to a new location. Don't worry, if you know where the old location was, 1800 Avenida de Mesilla, the new one is easy to find. The bistro moved across the street, creating a larger restaurant with a tasting room, banquet room and patio. The new location, 1720 Avenida de Mesilla, is 8,500 square feet and sits up to 300 guests.

During my first experience at St. Clair (the old location), I tried the Pasta Danielle, and have yet to order anything else. I will take a few bites of other people's plates or snack on an appetizer or dessert, but I cannot subdue my craving enough to let that pasta go. I have convinced others to order the dish, and they have thoroughly enjoyed the pasta with an oily cream sauce and red pepper flakes. While dining during the restaurant's first lunch service, a lunch buddy warned me the new menu is different and might not have everything the old menu had. I cannot lie; I was worried. But my fears were quickly suppressed when I saw my go-to dish. However, I decided to break the mold and order pasta with marinara because I think any restaurant serving Italian food should have a stand-up marinara. I was not disappointed and neither was

anyone else sitting at my table. Comments included:
"So good."
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"The steak fries are amazing."
"It tasted just like the old location."
The menu is becoming slightly more American, offering burgers and fish and chips, opposed to the previous French-American cuisine. A new friend across the table ordered the spinach lasagna with meatballs, which included three large meatballs. "Usually when I ask for meatballs, it's just a few small pieces on the dish," she said. "This might be more meatball than lasagna." After my meal, I toured the restaurant and did a thorough comparison between old and new. When guests enter the bistro, they are greeted with the same wine décor and, of course, wine bottles for purchase. The main dining area has subtle changes. The room is larger and it opens up the space. I like that the kitchen can be seen, but it did leave me missing that intimate atmosphere from before. I am betting the ambiance of dinner will bear a resemblance to the old location. One of my favorite aspects of the old location was the patio, and the new spot has matched that perfectly. The banquet room even has a special patio so guests can enjoy the best of both worlds. Perhaps one of the neatest differences is the tasting room. In its final phases of construction, the tasting room is trendy and inviting. The room is a good size and has plush couches. Rob Sharp with Wilson Binkley Advertising & Marketing, the company marketing St. Clair, said the room is tailored for intimate gatherings, such as a bridal shower or a private wine tasting. Another addition to the

Details

St. Clair Winery & Bistro

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St. Clair Winery & Bistro General Manager Zan Steinberg stands in front of the entryway at the restaurant's new location.

restaurant, besides the expanded bar, will be a museum-like area that will feature a portion of the wine-making process. "At night, the spotlights will shine on the equipment and it will be able to be seen from the street," Sharp said.

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Debbie Calderon of The Whole Enchilada Fiesta and dance partner Luciano Orozco enjoy themselves during rehearsal time at the New Mexico State University Student Activity Center Sunday Jan. 22.



Christopher Cruz of Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces and Perla Castillo practice their Cha-Cha-cha for Look Who's Dancing! being held at 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 27, at the Oñate Performing Arts Center, 5700 Mesa Grande Drive. For tickets, call 646-2070.



Crystal Lay, of the Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering department at NMSU, gets swung around by her dancing partner Miles Mojica-Freeland.



Elaine Brown, of RE/MAX Classic Realty gets dipped by her dancing partner, Leonard Thurman.



Ceci Vasconcellos of the Doña Ana Arts Council, dances her routine with partner Moises Guerrero.

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Kimberly Richardson and Moises Guerrero, both from NMSU DanceSport, wait to rehearse with their dance partners.

Television Listings

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Sports News Movies

		FRIDAY EVENING													
		JANUARY 27, 2012													
		5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
PBS	22	Business	PBS NewsHour (N)	News	Need	Wash.	Moyers & Company	Great Performances (N)	Charlie Rose (N)	T. Smiley					
CBS	3	CBS News	Jeopardy	Wheel	A Gifted Man	CSI: NY	Blue Bloods	News	Letterman	Late					
ABC	7	News (N)	ABC News (N)	Ent	Shark Tank (N)	Primetime: What	20/20	News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live					
FOX	8	14	KFOX News at Five	Big Bang	Two Men	Kitchen Nightmares	Fringe (N)	KFOX News at Nine	Big Bang	30 Rock	Mother	Sunny			
NBC	9	9	News (N)	News	News	Chuck (N)	Chuck	Dateline NBC	News (N)	Jay Leno	Late				
CW	14	14	Funny Home Videos	"Til Death	"Til Death	Nikita "Sanctuary"	Supernatural	Excused	TMZ (N)	Excused	Law Order: CI	Access			
WGN	15	15	Funny Home Videos	Mother	Mother	Mother	Mother	WGN News at Nine	30 Rock	Scrubs	Scrubs	Sunny	Sunny	Futura	
ESPN	26	26	SportCtr NBA	NBA Basketball	New York Knicks at Miami Heat.	(N)	Winter X Games From Aspen, Colo. (N)	SportsCenter (N) (Live)	CSI: Crime Scene	White Collar	CSI: Crime Scene	White Collar	CSI: Crime Scene	White Collar	CSI: Crime Scene
ESPN2	27	27	NFL Kickoff (N)	NFL Live (N)	Boxing			SportsCenter (N) (Live)	NBA	X Center (N) (Live)					
USA	31	31	NCIS "Heart Break"	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	White Collar	CSI: Crime Scene	White Collar	CSI: Crime Scene	White Collar	CSI: Crime Scene	White Collar	CSI: Crime Scene
TNT	32	32	Law & Order	*** "The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King" (2003) Elijah Wood.	Confessions			Infested! (In Stereo)	Confessions	Infested! (In Stereo)					
TBS	33	33	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Payne	Payne	Payne	Payne	** "The Longest Yard" (2005) Adam Sandler.	(:35) **	"Sahara" (2005)				
COM	35	35	30 Rock	30 Rock	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	The John Mulaney Stand-Up Playlist (N)	Chap	Chap	Russell	Eddie-				
LIFE	39	39	Amer. Most Wanted	Amer. Most Wanted	Amer. Most Wanted	Amer. Most Wanted	Amer. Most Wanted	Amer. Most Wanted	Amer. Most Wanted	Amer. Most Wanted	Amer. Most Wanted	Amer. Most Wanted	Amer. Most Wanted	Amer. Most Wanted	Amer. Most Wanted
FOOD	40	40	Best	Best	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Crave	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners
HGTV	41	41	Hunters	Hunters	Hollywood at Home	Selling	Selling	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Selling	Selling	Hunters	Hunters
A&E	43	43	Dog Bounty Hunter	Dog Bounty Hunter	Dog Bounty Hunter	Dog Bounty Hunter	Dog Bounty Hunter	Dog Bounty Hunter	Dog Bounty Hunter	Dog Bounty Hunter	Dog Bounty Hunter	Dog Bounty Hunter	Dog Bounty Hunter	Dog Bounty Hunter	Dog Bounty Hunter
HIST	44	44	Pawn	Pawn	American Pickers	American Pickers	American Pickers	Pawn	Pawn	Top Gear "Texas"	American Pickers	American Pickers	American Pickers	American Pickers	American Pickers
TLC	45	45	Four Weddings	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Four Weddings (N)	Say Yes	Say Yes	Four Weddings	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes
DISC	47	47	Gold Rush	Gold Rush	Gold Rush (N)	Bering Sea Gold	Gold Rush	Gold Rush	Bering Sea Gold	Gold Rush	Gold Rush	Gold Rush	Gold Rush	Gold Rush	Gold Rush
ANPL	50	50	The Haunted	Infested! (In Stereo)	Infested! (N)	Confessions		Infested! (In Stereo)	Confessions	Infested! (In Stereo)					
FAM	51	51	(4:00) *** "Dirty Dancing"	*** "Pretty Woman" (1990) Richard Gere.	The 700 Club	Prince	Prince	Butt Lift	No						
DISN	52	52	Wizards	Wizards	Wizards	Wizards	Wizards-Place	Wizards	Wizards	ANT	Jessie	Fish	Austin	Good	
NICK	54	54	Anubis	iCarly	Sponge.	Kung Fu	George	George	70s Show	70s	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	70s Show
AMC	57	57	CSI: Miami	*** "The Fugitive" (1993, Suspense) Harrison Ford.	*** "The Specialist" (1994) Sylvester Stallone.	Se7en									
SYFY	59	59	"Amity Horror"	WWE Friday Night SmackDown! (N)	Merlin "Aithusa" (N)	Being Human	Merlin "Aithusa"	Lost Girl							
CNN	62	62	E. B. OutFront	Anderson Cooper	Piers Morgan	Anderson Cooper	E. B. OutFront	Piers Morgan	Anderson Cooper						
CNBC	63	63	The Kudlow Report	American Greed	American Greed	American Greed	Mad Money	American Greed	American Greed						
MSNBC	64	64	Hardball Matthews	The Ed Show (N)	Rachel Maddow	Lockup "Louisiana"	Lockup	Lockup	Lockup						

		SATURDAY MORNING											
		JANUARY 28, 2012											
		5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30
PBS	22	C. Rose	T. Smiley	Builder	Dinosaur	Thomas	Mr Rogers	W'dwright	Best of Joy	Fine Art	Sews	Sewing	Li'v'g
CBS	3	3	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	CBS This Morning (N) (In Stereo)			Doodlebop	Doodlebop	Busytown	Busytown	Danger	Horseland
ABC	7	7	Reporter	Storms	Good Morning El Paso	Good Morning America		Good Morning El Paso	J. Hanna	Ocean	Explore	Health	
FOX	8	14	Paid Prog.	Walk Fit	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Eco Co.	Skin	House	RECLAIM	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.
NBC	9	9	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Today Important tests for women. (N)			Turbo	Sheldon	Magic Bus	Babar (E)	Willa's	Pearlie (E)
CW	14	14	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Magi	Magi	Sonic X	Sonic X	Yu-Gi-Oh!	Yu-Gi-Oh!	College Basketball
WGN	15	15	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Walker, Texas Ranger	Walker, Texas Ranger	Law Order: CI	Law Order: CI	Law Order: CI	Law Order: CI	
ESPN	26	26	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter (N)	College GameDay (N)	College Basketball	College Basketball			
ESPN2	27	27	NFL Kickoff	NFL Live	2012 Australian Open Tennis Women's Final.			SportsCenter (N)	College Basketball	College Basketball			
USA	31	31	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Fat Loss	White Collar	Royal Pains	Royal Pains	Royal Pains	Royal Pains	Royal Pains	Royal Pains	
TNT	32	32	Law & Order "Genius"	Law & Order (In Stereo)	Law & Order	Law & Order (In Stereo)	Falling Skies	The Closer	"Friday Night Lights"				
TBS	33	33	Earl	Earl	Earl	Earl	Jim	Yes, Dear	Yes, Dear	Yes, Dear	** "Sahara" (2005) Matthew McConaughey.		
COM	35	35	Hot Bodies	Fat Loss	Comedy	Comedy	** "Police Academy" (1984) Steve Guttenberg.	Scrub	Scrub	Scrub	Scrub	Scrub	Scrub
LIFE	39	39	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Boone	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Cindy C	Chris	Chris	"Maternal Obsession"	
FOOD	40	40	Day Off	Big Daddy	Aarti Party	Cooking	Home	30-Minute	Pioneer	Paula	Contessa	Giada	Chopped
HGTV	41	41	Disaster	Disaster	Income	Kitchen	Property	Property	Yard	Yard	Crashers	Crashers	Bath
A&E	43	43	Sell House	Sell House	Sell House	Sell House	Sell House	Flip This House	Flipping Boston	Flipping Boston	Flipping Boston (N)		
HIST	44	44	Snipers: One Shot, Kill	The Real Robin Hood	Property Ladder	Property Ladder	Property Ladder	Property Ladder	Property Ladder	Property Ladder	Property Ladder	Property Ladder	Property Ladder
TLC	45	45	Paid Prog.	reMODEL	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Property Ladder	Property Ladder	Property Ladder	Property Ladder	Property Ladder	Property Ladder	Property Ladder
DISC	47	47	Removal	Paid Prog.	Take It Off!	Cindy C	Dirty Jobs	Dirty Jobs	Dirty Jobs	Dirty Jobs	Man, Woman, Wild		
ANPL	50	50	Wild Russia	Hillbilly Handfishin'	Dogs 101 (In Stereo)	It's Me or the Dog	My Cat From Hell	Animal Phobia					
FAM	51	51	Boy/World	** "101 Dalmatians" (1996) Glenn Close.	** "102 Dalmatians" (2000) Glenn Close.	** "The Flintstones" (1994)							
DISN	52	52	Phineas	Phineas	Phineas	Phineas	Phineas	Phineas	Phineas	Phineas	Phineas	Phineas	Wizards
NICK	54	54	Parents	Parents	T.U.F.F.	Penguins	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Kung Fu	Kung Fu	Power
AMC	57	57	Rifleman	Rifleman	Rifleman	Rifleman	** "Young Guns" (1988, Western) Emilio Estevez.	** "Young Guns II" (1990)					
SYFY	59	59	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	* "Post Impact" (2003) Dean Cain.	"Meltdown: Days of Destruction" (2006)					
CNN	62	62	Sat. Morn	Gupta	CNN Saturday Morning	Bottom	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)
CNBC	63	63	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Hoover	Oreck	Show Sexy	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Hottest Bodies of 2012!
MSNBC	64	64	Up W/Chris Hayes (N)	Weekends With Alex Witt	Live news coverage. (N)	Double Lives Twins.							

		SATURDAY AFTERNOON											
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		11:00	11:30	12:00	12:30	1:00	1:30	2:00	2:30	3:00	3:30	4:00	4:30
PBS	22	Hometime	MotorWeek	NMSU	This Old House Hr	Garden	Garden	Cook's	Cooking	Mexican	Lawrence Welk		
CBS	3	3	College Basketball Texas	at Baylor. (N)	PGA Tour Golf Farmers Insurance Open, Third Round. (N) (Live)	Better H2O	Cindy C						
ABC	7	7	Food	Culture	Secrets	Paid Prog.	The Big Time (N)	Winter X Games (N)	Winter X Games (N)	Paid Prog.	Storms		
FOX	8	14	Memory	"70s Show	** "The Art of War" (2000) Wesley Snipes.	** "Sin City" (2005) Jessica Alba.							
NBC	9	9	Pets.TV (N)	3 Wide Life	To Be Announced	Skiing	Figure Skating U.S. Championships. (N)						
CW	14	14	College Basketball	College Basketball Virginia Tech at Maryland. (N)	Whacked	Edgemont	Edgemont	Funniest Moments					
WGN	15	15	Law Order: CI	Law Order: CI	Law Order: CI	Law Order: CI	Law Order: CI	Law Order: CI	Law Order: CI	Law Order: CI	Law Order: CI	Law Order: CI	Law Order: CI
ESPN	26	26	College Basketball	College Basketball Kansas at Iowa State. (N)	College Basketball Georgetown at Pittsburgh. (N)	College Basketball Purdue at Northwestern. (N)	College Basketball						
ESPN2	27	27	College Basketball	Winter X Games (N)	Winter X Games (N)	Winter X Games (N)	Winter X Games (N)	Winter X Games (N)	Winter X Games (N)	Winter X Games (N)	Winter X Games (N)	Winter X Games (N)	Winter X Games (N)
USA	31	31	Royal Pains "We First"	Royal Pains	Royal Pains	Royal Pains	Royal Pains	Royal Pains	Royal Pains	Royal Pains	Royal Pains	Royal Pains	Royal Pains
TNT	32	32	(10:00) *** "Friday Night Lights"	** "We Are Marshall" (2006) Matthew McConaughey.	** "Miracle" (2004) Kurt Russell. Premiere.								
TBS	33	33	Sahara	** "The Longest Yard" (2005, Comedy) Adam Sandler.	King	King	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
COM	35	35	** "Idiocracy" (2006) Luke Wilson.	Comedy	Comedy	Comedy	Comedy	Comedy	Comedy	Comedy	Comedy	Comedy	Comedy
LIFE	39	39	"Maternal Obsession"	** "Gracie's Choice" (2004) Anne Heche.	"Giri, Positive" (2007) Andrea Bowen.	"Drew Peterson"							
FOOD	40	40	Cupcake Wars	Rachael v. Guy	Fat Chef	Diners	Diners	Iron Chef America	Chopped				
HGTV	41	41	Room Cr.	Homes	Bang, Buck! Bang, Buck	Candice	High Low	Design	Sarah	Genevieve	Color Spl.	House	Hunters
A&E	43	43	** "You've Got Mail" (1998) Tom Hanks. Premiere.	Parking	Parking	Parking	Parking	Parking	Parking	Parking	Parking	Parking	Parking
HIST	44	44	How the States	How the States	How the States	America's Book	Larry the Cable Guy	Larry the Cable Guy	Larry the Cable Guy	Larry the Cable Guy	Larry the Cable Guy	Larry the Cable Guy	Larry the Cable Guy
TLC	45	45	Cake Boss: Next Baker	NY Ink "Kings of NY"	NY Ink	NY Ink "Paying Dues"	NY Ink "Love and Hate"	NY Ink "Give and Take"	NY Ink "Give and Take"	NY Ink "Give and Take"	NY Ink "Give and Take"	NY Ink "Give and Take"	NY Ink "Give and Take"
DISC	47	47	Man, Woman, Wild	Dual Survival	Dual Survival	Dual Survival	Dual Survival	Dual Survival	Dual Survival	Dual Survival	Dual Survival	Dual Survival	Dual Survival
ANPL	50	50	Infested!	Infested! "Dirty Wars"	Infested!	Infested!	Infested!	Infested!	Infested!	Infested!	Infested!	Infested!	Infested!
FAM	51	51	Flintstone	* "The Flintstones in Viva Rock Vegas" (2000)	** "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory" (1971)	** "Bedtime Stories"							
DISN	52	52	Wizards	Wizards	Wizards	Wizards	Wizards-Place	Wizards	Wizards	Wizards	Wizards	Wizards	Wizards
NICK	54	54	Kung Fu	Kung Fu	Kung Fu	Kung Fu	Big Time	Big Time	iCarly	iCarly	iCarly	iCarly	Victorious
AMC	57	57	(9:30) "Young Guns II"	** "The Fugitive" (1993) Harrison Ford, Tommy Lee Jones.	** "Batman Begins" (2005) Christian Bale.								
SYFY	59	59	** "Megafault" (2009) Brittany Murphy.	* "NYC: Tornado Terror" (2008) Nicole de Boer.	** "Polar Storm" (2009) Jack Coleman.								
CNN	62	62	Your Money (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)
CNBC	63	63	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	90 Days!	Show Sexy	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Butt Lift	Paid Prog.	No Sleep?
MSNBC	64	64	With Friends	Vanished	Missing or Murdered?	Cops Caught on Tape	Who Shot the Sheriff	Lockup					



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PBS 22	Globe Trekker	NOVA (N) (In Stereo)	Nature (N)	Masterpiece Classic	Masterpiece Mystery!	Best Fest	Rick Steves' Europe	CBS 3	3	Paid	News	60 Minutes	Undercover Boss	The Good Wife (N)	CSI: Miami (N)	News	Without a Trace	Skin							
ABC 7	7	News (N)	ABC	Funny Home Videos	Once Upon a Time	"A Smile as Big as the Moon" (2012) CC	News (N)	News	Insider	Betty	FOX 8	14	Futurama	Futurama	Burgers	Cleve	Simpsons	Napoleon	Fam. Guy	American	KFOX News at Nine	Big Bang	Mother	Office	Mother
NBC 9	9	2012 Pro Bowl From Honolulu (N) (In Stereo)	Live	3 Wide	Pro-Bowl All Night	News (N)	Road	Nieman	Paid	CW 14	14	"Breathless" (2009) Yang Ik-Joon.	"Black Night" (2006, Horror)	Annie Liu.	TMZ (N) CC	Ugly Betty	Brothers & Sisters								
WGN 15	15	30 Rock	Mother	Mother	Mother	Mother	News	Replay	The Unit	Monk	Monk														
ESPN 26	26	NBA Basketball: Spurs at Mavericks	Winter X Games From Aspen, Colo. (N)	SportsCenter (N) (Live)	SportsCenter																				
ESPN2 27	27	Track and Field MSG	U.S. Open. CC	2012 Australian Open	Tennis Men's Final. From Melbourne, Australia. CC	X Center (N) (Live)																			
USA 31	31	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	** "Mission: Impossible" (1996) Tom Cruise. CC	Quantum																		
TNT 32	32	"Forrest Gump"	18th Annual Screen Actors Guild Awards	18th Annual Screen Actors Guild Awards	** "Annapolis" (2006) James Franco.																				
TBS 33	33	"Meet the Fockers"	18th Annual Screen Actors Guild Awards	** "Yes Man" (2008) Jim Carrey. CC	** "Fun With Dick & Jane" (2005) CC																				
COM 35	35	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	** "Jackass 3.5" (2011) Premiere.	** "Jackass: Number Two" (2006) CC	Tosh.0	Jackass																
LIFE 39	39	"Bond of Silence"	"Sexting in Suburbia" (2012) Liz Vasseay.	"The Pregnancy Project" (2012) CC	(:01) "Sexting in Suburbia" (2012) CC																				
FOOD 40	40	Rachael v. Guy	Cupcake Wars (N)	Rachael v. Guy	Rachael v. Guy	Chopped	Rachael v. Guy	Rachael v. Guy																	
HGTV 41	41	Holmes on Homes	Holmes on Homes	Holmes Inspection	Holmes Inspection	Property Brothers	Holmes Inspection	Holmes Inspection																	
A&E 43	43	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	(:01) Criminal Minds	(:01) Criminal Minds																	
HIST 44	44	Ax Men CC	Ax Men CC	Ax Men "Hell Hole"	Cajun	Cajun	Larry the Cable Guy	(:01) Ax Men CC	(:01) Ax Men CC																
TLC 45	45	Lottery Changed	Hayley: Oldest	Hoard-Buried	Midnight Madness	Hoard-Buried	Midnight Madness	Hayley: Oldest																	
DISC 47	47	Secret Service	Secrets of the FBI	President's Limo	Bering Sea Gold	President's Limo	Bering Sea Gold	Secrets of the FBI																	
ANPL 50	50	Finding Bigfoot	American Stuffers	Gator Boys (N)	Finding Bigfoot (N)	Gator Boys	Finding Bigfoot	American Stuffers																	
FAM 51	51	700 Club Special	700 Club Special Programming	J. Osteen	Ed Young	Z. Levitt	Prince																		
DISN 52	52	Phineas & Ferb	Good	ANT	Random	Shake It	Jessie	Random	Austin & Ally (N)	ANT	Jessie	ANT	ANT												
NICK 54	54	Sponge	Sponge.	'70s	'70s	My Wife	My Wife	George	George	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	My Wife	My Wife										
AMC 57	57	"Under Siege"	** "Road House" (1989) Patrick Swayze. CC	** "Red Dawn" (1984) Patrick Swayze. CC	*** "Ghost"																				
SYFY 59	59	** "Jeepers Creepers 2" (2003, Horror)	** "Underworld: Rise of the Lycans"	Being Human	Lost Girl	"Wrong Turn 3"																			
CNN 62	62	CNN Newsroom (N)	Big Hits-Drms	Piers Morgan	CNN Newsroom (N)	Big Hits-Drms	Piers Morgan	CNN Newsroom																	
CNBC 63	63	Diabetes	Wall St.	UPS/Fed.	Baghdad	Mark Zuckerberg	Best Buy: Big	Porn: Business	American Greed	Bill Gates-Geek															
MSNBC 64	64	Caught on Camera	Caught on Camera	Caught on Camera	Slaves, Suburbs	Sex Slave-Teen	Minh's Story	Sex Slaves: Texas																	

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PBS 22	22	Business	PBS NewsHour (N)	News	Antiques Roadshow	Antiques Roadshow	Secrets of the Dead	Charlie Rose (N)	World	T. Smiley	CBS 3	3	CBS	News	Jeopardy	Wheel	Mother	Broke	Two Men	Mike	Hawaii Five-0 CC	News	Letterman	Late
ABC 7	7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Ent	The Bachelor (N) (In Stereo) CC	(:01) Castle CC	News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	FOX 8	14	KFOX News at Five	Big Bang	Two Men	House "Runaways"	Alcatraz (N) CC	KFOX News at Nine	Big Bang	30 Rock	Mother	Sunny		
NBC 9	9	News (N)	News	News (N)	News	Still Standing	Fear Factor (N)	Rock Center	News (N)	Jay Leno	Late													
CW 14	14	Funny Home Videos	'Til Death	'Til Death	Gossip Girl "G.G."	Hart of Dixie (N)	Excused	TMZ (N)	Excused	Law Order: CI	Access													
WGN 15	15	Funny Home Videos	Funny Home Videos	Funny Home Videos	WGN News at Nine	30 Rock	Scrubs	Scrubs	Sunny	Sunny	Futurama													
ESPN 26	26	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	Missouri at Texas. (N)	SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)																
ESPN2 27	27	Women's College Basketball	NBA Coast to Coast (N) (Live) CC	Welcome/NFL	Basket	NFL	NBA	Sports.																
USA 31	31	NCIS "Chained"	NCIS "Blackwater"	WWE Monday Night RAW (N) CC	(:05) White Collar	(:05) NCIS CC	"The Great Raid"																	
TNT 32	32	Law & Order	The Mentalist CC	The Mentalist CC	The Closer CC	Rizzoli & Isles	CSI: NY CC	CSI: NY CC																
TBS 33	33	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Conan (N)	Office	Office	Conan											
COM 35	35	30 Rock	30 Rock	Work.	South Pk	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Daily	Colbert	South Pk	South Pk	Daily	Colbert									
LIFE 39	39	"A Perfect Murder"	*** "Unfaithful" (2002) Richard Gere. CC	Amer. Most Wanted	Cold	(:01) *** "Unfaithful" (2002) CC																		
FOOD 40	40	Diners	Diners	Heat See.	Heat See.	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners									
HGTV 41	41	Hunters	House	Love It or List It (N)	House	House	House	House	My	First Pla.	House	House	House	House										
A&E 43	43	Hoarders	Hoarders	Hoarders	(N) CC	Intervention (N)	Intervention CC	(:01) Hoarders	(:01) Hoarders															
HIST 44	44	Pawn	Pawn	American Pickers	Pawn	Pawn	American	American	Pawn	Pawn	American Pickers													
TLC 45	45	Cake Boss: Next	Finale Pre-Show	Cake Boss: Next	Great Baker	Cake	Cake	Cake	Boss: Next	Great Baker	Cake	Finale Pre-Show												
DISC 47	47	Almost, Away	First Week In CC	First Week In CC	First Week In (N)	First Week In CC	First Week In CC	First Week In CC	First Week In CC															
ANPL 50	50	Wild	Wild	Finding Bigfoot	Finding Bigfoot	Finding Bigfoot	Finding Bigfoot	Finding Bigfoot	Finding Bigfoot															
FAM 51	51	Pretty Little Liars	Pretty Little Liars	The Lying Game (N)	Pretty Little Liars	The 700 Club CC	The Lying Game	Paid	Paid															
DISN 52	52	Shake It	Shake It	Austin	Austin	Shake It	Good	ANT	Random	Austin	Jessie	Austin	Shake It	Wizards	ANT									
NICK 54	54	Anubis	iCarly	My Wife	My Wife	George	George	'70s	'70s	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	'70s	'70s									
AMC 57	57	CSI: Miami	** "Commando" (1985, Action) CC	** "Commando" (1985, Action) CC	CSI: Miami CC	CSI: Miami CC																		
SYFY 59	59	"Underworld"	Being Human	Being Human (N)	Lost Girl (N) CC	Being Human	Lost Girl	Alphas																
CNN 62	62	E. B. OutFront	Anderson Cooper	Piers Morgan	Anderson Cooper	E. B. OutFront	Piers Morgan	Anderson Cooper																
CNBC 63	63	The Kudlow Report	Trash Inc: The	Millions	Millions	Biography on CNBC	Mad Money	Millions	Millions	Biography on CNBC														
MSNBC 64	64	Hardball Matthews	The Ed Show (N)	Rachel Maddow	The Last Word	The Ed Show	Rachel Maddow	The Last Word																

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PBS 22	22	Business	PBS NewsHour (N)	News	Annie Oakley	Jesse James	Frontline	Florida	T. Smiley	World	T. Smiley	CBS 3	3	CBS	News	Jeopardy	Wheel	NCIS CC (DVS)	NCIS: Los Angeles	Unforgettable	News	Letterman	Late		
ABC 7	7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Ent	Last Man	Last Man	Celebrity Wife Swap	Body of Proof	News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	FOX 8	14	KFOX News at Five	Big Bang	Two Men	Glee "Michael" (N)	New Girl	Raising	KFOX News at Nine	Big Bang	30 Rock	Mother	Sunny
NBC 9	9	News (N)	News	News (N)	News	The Biggest Loser (N)	(In Stereo) CC	Parenthood CC	News (N)	Jay Leno	Late														
CW 14	14	Funny Home Videos	'Til Death	'Til Death	90210 (N) CC	Ringer (N) CC	Excused	TMZ (N)	Excused	Law Order: CI	Access														
WGN 15	15	Funny Home Videos	Mother	Mother	Mother	Mother	Funny Home Videos	30 Rock	Scrubs	Scrubs	Sunny	Sunny	Futurama												
ESPN 26	26	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	Vanderbilt at Arkansas.	SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)																	
ESPN2 27	27	College Basketball Spec.	Clemson at Virginia.	NFL Live (N) CC	E:60 (N)																				
USA 31	31	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	White Collar	Royal Pains	Law & Order: SVU	White Collar																	
TNT 32	32	Bones	** "Four Brothers" (2005) CC	Southland (N) CC	CSI: NY CC	Southland CC	CSI: NY CC	CSI: NY CC																	
TBS 33	33	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Conan (N)	Office	Office	Conan												
COM 35	35	30 Rock	30 Rock	Completely Serious	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Key	Daily	Colbert	Key	South Pk	Daily	Colbert												
LIFE 39	39	Dance Moms	Dance Moms	Dance Moms (N)	Supernanny	Dance Moms	(:01) Dance Moms	(:01) Dance Moms																	
FOOD 40	40	Cupcake Wars	Cupcake Wars	Chopped "My Way"	Chopped (N)	Chopped	Chopped "My Way"	Chopped																	
HGTV 41	41	Hunters	House	First Pla.	First Pla.	Property	Property	Shipping	Shipping	House	Hunters														
A&E 43	43	Storage	Storage	Storage	Shipping	Shipping	Storage	Storage	Storage	Shipping	Shipping														
HIST 44	44	Modern Marvels	Pawn	Pawn	Ax Men "Hell Hole"	Larry the Cable Guy	Modern Marvels	Pawn	Pawn	(:01) Ax Men															
TLC 45	45	Toddlers & Tiaras	Toddlers & Tiaras	Sorority Girls CC	Undercover Princes	Toddlers & Tiaras	Sorority Girls	Undercover Princes																	
DISC 47	47	Auction	Auction	Dealers	Dealers	Dirty Jobs (N) CC	Ragin' Cajuns (N)	Dirty Jobs	Ragin' Cajuns	Dealers	Dealers														
ANPL 50	50	Planet Earth	Planet Earth	Planet Earth	Planet Earth	Planet Earth	Planet Earth	Planet Earth																	
FAM 51	51	Switched at Birth	Switched at Birth	Jane by Design (N)	Switched at Birth	The 700 Club	Jane by Design	Paid	Paid																
DISN 52	52	Wizards	Wizards	Jessie	Jessie	Shake It	Good	ANT	Jessie	Austin	** "Little Manhattan" (2005)	Wizards	ANT												
NICK 54	54	Anubis	iCarly	My Wife	My Wife	George	George	'70s	'70s	Friends	Friends	'70s	'70s												
AMC 57	57	CSI: Miami	*** "WarGames" (1983) Matthew Broderick. CC	*** "WarGames" (1983) Matthew Broderick. CC	*** "WarGames" (1983) Matthew Broderick. CC																				
SYFY 59	59	(4:30) *** "Dawn of the Dead" (2004)	*** "Drag Me to Hell" (2009, Horror)	"Boogeyman 2" (2007) Tobin Bell. CC																					
CNN 62	62	E. B. OutFront	Anderson Cooper	Piers Morgan	Anderson Cooper	E. B. OutFront	Piers Morgan	Anderson Cooper																	
CNBC 63	63	The Kudlow Report	Supermarkets	60 Minutes on	60 Minutes on	Mad Money	60 Minutes on	60 Minutes on																	
MSNBC 64	64	Hardball Matthews	The Ed Show (N)	Rachel Maddow	The Last Word	The Ed Show	Rachel Maddow	The Last Word																	



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PBS 22	22	Business	PBS NewsHour (N)	News	News	Nature (In Stereo)	NOVA (N) (In Stereo)	Inside Nature's	Charlie Rose (N)	World	T. Smiley							
CBS 3	3	CBS	News	Jeopardy	Wheel	Super Bowl's	Criminal Minds	CSI: Crime Scene	News	Letterman	Late							
ABC 7	7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Ent	Middle	Suburg.	Family	Happy	Revenge	News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live					
FOX 8	14	KFOX News at Five	Big Bang	Two Men	American Idol (N)	Mobbed (N)	Excused	KFOX News at Nine	Big Bang	30 Rock	Mother	Sunny						
NBC 9	9	News (N)	News	News (N)	News	Whitney	Chelsea	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	News (N)	Jay Leno	Late						
CW 14	14	Funny Home Videos	'Til Death	'Til Death	One Tree Hill (N)	Remodeled (N)	Excused	TMZ (N)	Excused	TMZ (N)	Excused	Law Order: CI	Access					
WGN 15	15	Funny Home Videos	Funny Home Videos	Funny Home Videos	Funny Home Videos	WGN News at Nine	30 Rock	Scrubs	Scrubs	Sunny	Sunny	Futurama						
ESPN 26	26	SportsCenter Spec.	NBA Basketball: Thunder at Mavericks				NBA Basketball Los Angeles Clippers at Utah Jazz				SportsCenter (N)							
ESPN2 27	27	College Basketball	College Basketball Baylor at Texas. (N)				SportsCenter (N)				SportsCenter (N)	NBA	Basket					
USA 31	31	NCIS: Los Angeles	NCIS "Obsession"		NCIS "Borderland"		Royal Pains (N)		Covert Affairs		NCIS		Royal Pains					
TNT 32	32	Law & Order	Law & Order		Law & Order		Law & Order		Southland		CSI: NY		CSI: NY					
TBS 33	33	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Big Bang	Big Bang	Conan (N)	Office	Office	Conan					
COM 35	35	30 Rock	30 Rock	Futurama	Futurama	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	Daily	Colbert	Office	Office	Conan				
LIFE 39	39	House	House	Wife Swap	Wife Swap	Wife Swap	Dance Moms	Dance Moms	Dance Moms	(:01) Wife Swap	(:01) Wife Swap	(:01) Wife Swap	(:01) Wife Swap					
FOOD 40	40	Rachael v. Guy	Restaurant: Im.		Restaurant: Im.		Restaurant: Im.		Rachael v. Guy		Restaurant: Im.		Restaurant: Im.					
HGTV 41	41	Hunters	House	Property Brothers	Income	Kitchen	House	Hunters	Property Brothers	Income	Kitchen	House	Hunters					
A&E 43	43	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Dog Bounty Hunter	Dog	Dog	Dog Bounty Hunter	Storage	Storage	Dog Bounty Hunter	Dog Bounty Hunter					
HIST 44	44	Modern History	American	American	Larry the Cable Guy	American	American	Larry the Cable Guy	American	American	Larry the Cable Guy	American	American	Larry the Cable Guy				
TLC 45	45	Cake Boss	Hoard-Buried		My 600-lb Life: Melissa's Story (N)		My 600-lb Life: Melissa's Story		My 600-lb Life: Melissa's Story		Hoard-Buried		Hoard-Buried					
DISC 47	47	Hogs Gone Wild	Dual Survival		Beast Tracker		Monsters in Alaska		Beast Tracker		Monsters in Alaska		Dual Survival					
ANPL 50	50	I, Predator	Gator Boys		Gator Boys		Gator Boys		Gator Boys		Gator Boys		Gator Boys					
FAM 51	51	(4:00) "Remember the Titans"	*** "Remember the Titans" (2000) Will Patton											The 700 Club	Prince	Prince	Paid	Paid
DISN 52	52	Random	Wizards	Wizards	Wizards	Shake It	Good	ANT	Random	Austin	** "Hocus Pocus" (1993) Bette		Midler	ANT				
NICK 54	54	Anubis	iCarly	My Wife	My Wife	George	George	'70s	'70s	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	'70s	'70s			
AMC 57	57	CSI: Miami	** "The Jerk" (1979)		Steve Martin		** "The Jerk" (1979)		Steve Martin		CSI: Miami		CSI: Miami					
SYFY 59	59	Face Off	Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters (N)		Face Off (N)		Ghost Hunters		Face Off		Lost Girl					
CNN 62	62	E. B. OutFront	Anderson Cooper		Piers Morgan		Anderson Cooper		E. B. OutFront		Piers Morgan		Anderson Cooper					
CNBC 63	63	The Kudlow Report	American Greed		American Greed (N)		American Greed		Mad Money		American Greed		American Greed					
MSNBC 64	64	Hardball Matthews	The Ed Show (N)		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		The Ed Show		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word					

THURSDAY EVENING		FEBRUARY 2, 2012																
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PBS 22	22	Business	PBS NewsHour (N)	News	News	Frontiers	Memories of Learn	Travel	NMSU	Charlie Rose (N)	World	T. Smiley						
CBS 3	3	CBS	News	Jeopardy	Wheel	Big Bang (:31) Rob	Person of Interest	The Mentalist (N)	News	Letterman	Late							
ABC 7	7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Ent	Wipeout (N)	Grey's Anatomy (N)	Private Practice (N)	News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live							
FOX 8	14	KFOX News at Five	Big Bang	Two Men	American Idol (N)	The Finder (N)	KFOX News at Nine	Big Bang	30 Rock	Mother	Sunny							
NBC 9	9	News (N)	News	News (N)	News	30 Rock	Parks	Office	All Night	The Firm (N)	News (N)	Jay Leno	Late					
CW 14	14	Funny Home Videos	'Til Death	'Til Death	The Vampire Diaries	The Secret Circle	Excused	TMZ (N)	Excused	TMZ (N)	Excused	Law Order: CI	Access					
WGN 15	15	Funny Home Videos	Mother	Mother	Mother	Mother	WGN News at Nine	30 Rock	Scrubs	Scrubs	Sunny	Sunny	Futurama					
ESPN 26	26	College Basketball	Teams TBA. (N) (Live)		College Basketball		Teams TBA. (N) (Live)		SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)					
ESPN2 27	27	College Basketball	Teams TBA. (N) (Live)		College Basketball		Teams TBA. (N) (Live)		College Basketball		Gonzaga at BYU. (N)		Basket	Nation				
USA 31	31	NCIS "SWAK"	NCIS "Twilight"		NCIS "Kill Ari"		NCIS "Kill Ari"		Burn Notice		CSI: Crime Scene		Burn Notice					
TNT 32	32	NBA Tip-Off (N)	NBA Basketball Chicago Bulls at New York Knicks.				NBA Basketball: Nuggets at Clippers				Inside the NBA (N)							
TBS 33	33	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Conan (N)	The Office	Conan						
COM 35	35	30 Rock	30 Rock	Chap	Chap	Katt Williams	Russell	Key	Daily	Colbert	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Daily	Colbert				
LIFE 39	39	Project Runway	Project Runway		Project Runway		24 Hour Catwalk (N)		Dance Moms		Project Runway		Project Runway					
FOOD 40	40	Chopped	Chopped		Chopped		Fat Chef (N)		Cupcake Wars		Chopped		Fat Chef					
HGTV 41	41	Hunters	House	First Pla.	First Pla.	Selling	Selling	House	Hunters	House	Hunters	Selling	Selling	House	Hunters			
A&E 43	43	The First 48	The First 48		The First 48		The First 48		The First 48		(:01) The First 48		(:01) The First 48					
HIST 44	44	Modern History	American Pickers		Swamp People		Cajun		Modern Marvels		American Pickers		(:01) Swamp People					
TLC 45	45	David Blaine-Magic?	NY Ink		NY Ink (N)		David Blaine: Magic		NY Ink		David Blaine: Magic		NY Ink					
DISC 47	47	Hard Time Alaska	Texas Drug Wars		Cops & Coyotes		First Week In		Cops & Coyotes		First Week In		Texas Drug Wars					
ANPL 50	50	Finding Bigfoot	Wildman		Wildman		Snake Man		American Stuffers		Wildman		Snake Man					
FAM 51	51	*** "The Mask" (1994) Jim Carrey.	* "Son of the Mask" (2005) Premiere.											The 700 Club	Prince	Prince	Paid	Paid
DISN 52	52	Phineas	Phineas	Phineas	Phineas	Shake It	Good	ANT	Shake It	Jessie	"Phineas and Ferb"		Wizards	ANT				
NICK 54	54	Anubis	iCarly	My Wife	My Wife	George	George	'70s	'70s	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	'70s	'70s			
AMC 57	57	CSI: Miami	*** "The Natural" (1984, Drama) Robert Redford.											*** "The Natural" (1984, Drama) Robert Redford.				
SYFY 59	59	* "The Hills Have Eyes 2" (2007, Horror)	** "Wrong Turn 3: Left for Dead"				** "Wrong Turn 3: Left for Dead"				* "P2" (2007, Suspense) Wes Bentley.		Ghost Whisperer					
CNN 62	62	E. B. OutFront	Anderson Cooper		Piers Morgan		Anderson Cooper		E. B. OutFront		Piers Morgan		Anderson Cooper					
CNBC 63	63	The Kudlow Report	The Facebook		Mark Zuckerberg		Steve Jobs: Billion		Mad Money		Mark Zuckerberg		Steve Jobs: Billion					
MSNBC 64	64	Hardball Matthews	The Ed Show (N)		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		The Ed Show		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word					

Sudoku

Complete the grids below so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively. It is a game of logic, not math, and there is only one solution per puzzle. Have fun and exercise the gray matter.

Tips and computer program at www.sudoku.com

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

6	2	3	7	4	8	9	5	1
9	1	4	6	3	5	8	7	2
7	8	5	9	2	1	4	6	3
2	4	1	8	5	7	3	9	6
3	6	8	2	9	4	5	1	7
5	7	9	3	1	6	2	4	8
1	3	2	5	6	9	7	8	4
4	5	7	1	8	3	6	2	9
8	9	6	4	7	2	1	3	5
3	8	9	4	7	5	6	2	1
5	1	4	6	2	9	8	7	3
6	7	2	8	3	1	4	9	5
8	3	5	2	4	6	7	1	9
2	6	1	5	9	7	3	4	8
4	9	7	1	8	3	2	5	6
7	5	6	3	1	4	9	8	2
9	2	3	7	5	8	1	6	4
1	4	8	9	6	2	5	3	7
4	2	7	9	5	6	3	1	8
3	9	5	8	1	7	2	6	4
8	1	6	2	3	4	7	5	9
9	4	2	3	8	1	6	7	5
7	5	8	6	4	2	9	3	1
1	6	3	5	7	9	4	8	2
2	7	9	1	6	5	8	4	3
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	3	7	1	6				
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			5	9	3			

CHALLENGER

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EXPERT

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6				9		1		7

AtTheMovies



In "The Descendants," Matt King (George Clooney) struggles to be a 'back-up parent' to his two children when his wife Elizabeth, is the victim of a boating accident.



Clooney and Woodley, as Alex King, deliver honest, Golden Globe winning performances in "The Descendants."

Better late than never

'The Descendants' finally comes to Cruces

Review by **Jeff Berg**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Through the courtesy of the nice folks that run the Denver Film Festival, I was able to see this picture for the first time in November 2011, and I was not disappointed.

I saw it a second time recently, and am glad I did. I noted it as one of my favorite films of 2011, and it is certainly in the top three, along with "Tree of Life" and "The Robber."

Escaping the clutches of most clichés that could encompass a movie shot in

Hawaii, "The Descendants," led in an excellent performance by George Clooney, follows the slippery slope of doing what is right, not what is expected.

Clooney plays Matt King, who by strokes of luck many years earlier, due to family lineage and a marriage between an Anglo and native Hawaiian, is now the overseer, so to speak, of one of the last great swathes of undeveloped land on one of the islands.

A lawyer by trade, the land has been in trust for many years, and fellow family members, mostly cousins, are deciding what to do

with the beautiful acreage now once a decision is made whether to sell it or keep it.

But that is a side story to a more personal occurrence, one in which King's wife, Elizabeth, has been gravely injured in a boating accident.

She is comatose and near death and Matt King has become the sole keeper of the immediate family, 10-year-old Scottie and 17-year-old Alex, who has to be retrieved from a nearby boarding school, where she has been placed due to her irresponsible behavior.

Not much of a dad, King does an admirable job of bringing the family together in trying times, without using maudlin or hokey premises to do so.

He is above board honest with everyone from daughters to in-laws – including a mother-in-law afflicted with Alzheimer's – and also with Alex's friend, Sid, who adds some young-person wisdom and quiet comic relief to several scenes.

As if this were not enough for King to balance, it is brought to his attention (everyone knew but him), that his wife was having an affair with a realtor, who is also involved in some ways, in the possible land trust transaction.

How King balances all this is, of course, the

crux of the story.

The narrative sounds like it could be handled like your typical dramaedy (part comedy, part drama), but it is not.

Director Alexander Payne ("Sideways," "About Schmidt" and the unheralded "Citizen Ruth"), handles this so well, that I almost felt like I was one of those King family cousins, watching what was going on, but not making a big deal of it.

Payne puts everything in proper perspective, while keeping a slightly laid-back attitude about the goings-on, and compounds that with lovely camera work, a gentle, pleasant and not at all overbearing Hawaiian music soundtrack, and the best possible performances from all of the actors, from Clooney and Shailene Woodley as Alex, to smaller shots of Beau Bridges (brother of Jeff) and Robert Forster as Matt's father-in-law and Nick Krause as the likable Sid.

There are no tidy happy endings, as expected, to this film, but it does end the way it should, since it carries us through the running time with such verve and refreshing honesty.

You don't feel sorry for anyone in "The Descendants," but you may want to be part of the family. And best of all, everyone who loved Elizabeth, got the chance to say goodbye.

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Film Review

Grade A+

The Descendants descend upon Allen Theatres Jan. 27. Showtimes noted in the Allen ad in today's Bulletin or at the chain's website.

THE DECENDANTS
 Starring: George Clooney
 Rated: R
 Running time: 115 minutes
 Director: Alexander Payne



AtTheMovies

Picking the Flicks



Movie information from www.rottentomatoes.com. Thumbs-up based on a 5-point scale.

Contraband

Rating: R
Plot Overview: To protect his brother-in-law from a drug lord, a former smuggler heads to Panama to score millions of dollars in counterfeit bills.
Starring: Mark Wahlberg, Kate Beckinsale
Director: Baltasar Kormákur



We Bought a Zoo

Rating: PG
Plot Overview: Set in Southern California, a father moves his young family to the countryside to renovate and re-open a struggling zoo.
Starring: Matt Damon, Scarlett Johansson
Director: Cameron Crowe



War Horse

Rating: PG-13
Plot Overview: Young Albert enlists to service in WWI after his beloved horse, Joey, is sold to the cavalry. Albert's hopeful journey takes him out of England and across Europe as the war rages on.
Starring: Jeremy Irvine, Emily Watson
Director: Steven Spielberg



Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows

Rating: PG-13
Plot Overview: Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson join forces to outwit and bring down their fiercest adversary Professor Moriarty.
Starring: Robert Downey Jr., Jude Law
Director: Guy Ritchie



Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close

Rating: PG-13
Plot Overview: A 9-year-old searches New York City for the clues left behind by his father, who died in the World Trade Center on 9/11.
Starring: Thomas Horn, Tom Hanks
Director: Stephen Daldry



Haywire

Ratings: R
Plot Overview: A black ops super soldier seeks payback after she is betrayed and set up during a mission.
Starring: Gina Carano, Ewan McGregor
Director: Steven Soderbergh



Underworld: Awakening

Rating: R
Plot Overview: The vampire Selene escapes imprisonment to find herself in a world where humans have discovered their existence and are conducting an all-out war to eradicate the immortal species.
Starring: Kate Beckinsale
Director: Mans Marilind, Bjorn Stein



Beauty and the Beast

Rating: G
Plot Overview: Belle, whose father is imprisoned by the Beast, offers herself instead and discovers her captor to be an enchanted prince.
Starring: Paige O'Hara, Robby Benson
Director: Gary Trousdale, Kirk Wise



Red Tails

Rating: PG-13
Plot Overview: To help win WWII, the untested African-American pilots of the experimental Tuskegee training program take to the skies to fight for their country.
Starring: Terrence Howard
Director: Anthony Hemingway



Joyful Noise

Rating: PG-13
Plot Overview: Two choir members have differing opinions on how to win the national choir competition.
Starring: Queen Latifah, Dolly Parton
Director: Todd Graff



Mission: Impossible – Ghost Protocol

Rating: PG-13
Plot Overview: The IMF is shut down when it's implicated in the bombing of the Kremlin.
Starring: Tom Cruise, Jeremy Renner
Director: Brad Bird



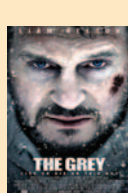
The Adventures of Tintin

Rating: PG
Plot Overview: Tintin and Captain Haddock set off on a treasure hunt for a sunken ship commanded by Haddock's ancestor.
Starring: Jamie Bell, Andy Serkis
Director: Steven Spielberg



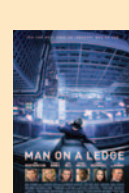
The Grey

Ratings: R
Plot Overview: A man leads an unruly group of oil rig roughnecks when their plane crashes into the remote Alaskan wilderness.
Starring: Liam Neeson
Director: Joe Carnahan
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Man on a Ledge

Ratings: PG-13
Plot Overview: An ex-cop and now wanted fugitive stands on the ledge of a high-rise building while a New York Police Department negotiator tries to talk him down.
Starring: Sam Worthington
Director: Asger Leth
OPENS FRIDAY, JAN. 27



The Descendants

Ratings: R
Plot Overview: An indifferent husband and father of two girls is forced to re-examine his past and embrace his future when his wife suffers a boating accident off of Waikiki.
Starring: George Clooney
Director: Alexander Payne
OPENS FRIDAY, JAN. 27



One For the Money

Ratings: PG-13
Plot Overview: A born-and-bred Jersey girl convinces her sleazy cousin to give her a job at his bail bond company as a recovery agent.
Starring: Katherine Heigl
Director: Julie Anne Robinson
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New this week
on DVD
 Tuesday, Jan. 31

In Time

Rating: PG-13
Genre: Suspense
Starring: Justin Timberlake, Amanda Seyfried
Director: Andrew Niccol

Drive

Rated: R
Genre: Action
Starring: Ryan Gosling, Carey Mulligan
Director: Nicholas Winding Refn

Dream House

Rated: PG-13
Genre: Suspense/mystery
Starring: Daniel Craig, Rachel Weisz
Director: Jim Sheridan

The Big Year

Rated: PG
Genre: Comedy
Starring: Jack Black, Steve Martin
Director: David Frankel

Top Grossing Jan. 20-22

- 1 Underworld Awakening** (Week No. 1) \$25,300,000
- 2 Red Tails** (Week No. 1) \$18,800,000
- 3 Contraband** (Week No. 2) \$12,000,000
- 4 Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close** (Week No. 1) \$10,000,000
- 5 Beauty and the Beast** (Week No. 2) \$8,800,000
- 6 Haywire** (Week No. 1) \$8,400,000
- 7 Joyful Noise** (Week No. 2) \$5,900,000
- 8 Mission: Impossible Ghost Protocol** (Week No. 5) \$5,600,000
- 9 Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows** (Week No. 6) \$4,500,000
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Tough love



Laura Smart
Health Smart

I'm writing this column while in Santa Fe working for the House of Representatives during the 30-day legislative session in the roundhouse.

Since I've never been involved in politics, except for voting every four years since I was 18, this has been quite an education. Moving on to the explanation of the title of my article.



It's been a year since I was the nutrition coach for the 18 weight-loss challengers who volunteered to participate in the Bulletin's previous healthy living competition.

For 90 days, the committed participants and I met every Tuesday at the Bulletin office. I distributed recipes, health research and information and health products as prizes to encourage a healthy lifestyle.

No gimmicks or surgery options were discussed, just facts on how to eat and live well were offered.

My point is, sometimes you need to use the process of "tough love," so to speak, if you truly want to lose weight and change your lifestyle.

With Internet access today, everyone has the tools at their fingertips to learn what to eat and not eat.

So why don't they just do it?

It's because there is a lack of commitment, and it's difficult to break an enjoyable habit or addiction.

It's also time consuming.

Phil McGraw (Dr. Phil) always said, "Not until you're sick and tired of being sick and tired will you decide to change what you're doing."

Only when you're ready to put in action all of the knowledge you've acquired will you see results in your health.

Since I've been in Santa Fe working from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, which by the way, I've never done before (flight attendants' schedules are extremely flexible, and no flight is ever the same), I've searched out studios that offer Zumba during evenings or weekends.

I pack my lunch so I don't resort to fast food, and I walk as often as six times a day round trip from the Capitol to the North Capitol annex at the Roundhouse, equivalent to two miles.

You can create your own reality if you decide to think outside the box.

So, "just do it," and make the decision that it is your time to ensure you live well and will grow old with your spouse, children and your family and friends.

I hope to see some of you in the gym, at the governor's residence or at the Capitol during Las Cruces Day in Santa Fe Jan. 28-30.

Guiding children to a better life

Local volunteers help children in foster care system

By **Rachel Christiansen**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Entering through the doors of a courtroom even for a simple speeding ticket will tell you our legal system may not be the easiest thing to maneuver or understand.

In fact, it is quite complex and sometimes scary – even with the help of seasoned courtroom professionals.

Imagine what that feeling is like for children, who may not understand what they are doing there in the first place, to have to face a decision affecting their future.

This year, more than 200 children under the age of 18 in Doña Ana County will land in New Mexico's foster care system due to neglect, abuse or other traumas, according to state reports.

Fortunately, there are volunteers within Doña Ana County, known as Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASAs), who devote their time to stand alongside these children and try to ensure the best possible outcomes.

CASAs not only go through special training to be able to handle difficult situations, but assist children throughout their legal proceedings.

"The volunteers really take my breath away," CASA Executive Director Doreen Gallegos said. "The kids are usually at the lowest points in their lives, and it's not easy trying to pick up the pieces."

Gallegos, who has now been the executive director of the CASA program for the past



Stephanie Bernhagen receives a box of Valentine chocolates from Family Court Judge Fernando Macias and Mesilla Valley Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) Executive Director Doreen Gallegos at last year's annual Dinner Dance Show fundraiser Feb. 11, 2011.

10 years, said there are currently about 80 courageous volunteers who go through at least a 30-hour training course to be able to handle whatever is thrown their way.

"The community has really stepped up, especially over the last three years, when funding has been really difficult to come by," Gallegos said.

Being a CASA is more than just showing up for court hearings, Gallegos said, it's about giving a child consistency in their life, which is something they may not have had before.

"If they're in sports, maybe they just want someone there at the games or to show up to a Thanksgiving dinner," Gallegos said. "It's amazing how important those things are."

Brittany Neely and Melissa Brown, New Mexico State University students interning with CASA, both received the same 30-hour training course and children's court judge appointment every CASA must complete, and have been working with the same two children since August 2011.

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A tradition to smile about

Local dentist and staff continue to donate time

By **Rachel Christiansen**
Las Cruces Bulletin

As Americans are tightening their belts across the board, routine checkups and doctors' visits may begin to fall down on the priority list.

Non-immediate or life-threatening issues, such as a teeth cleaning or other dental work, may fall into this category.

Getting regular check-ups and cleanings, however, can prevent a wide variety of other health problems such as heart disease, according to Dr. Brian Gilbert of Bright Star Dental.

"It's important in these tough economic times especially to try and take preventive measures so that bigger issues don't arise," Gilbert said.

Dentistry from the Heart, a national non-profit organization started by a Florida dentist in 2001, has now grown to include 48 states and, with Gilbert's help, is coming to Las Cruces for the sixth year running on Friday, Feb. 3.

Gilbert, his staff and a team of volunteers from the community will be devoting the entire day to giving dental services to those who need it the most and may not be able to otherwise afford it.



Several of the more than 200 participants line up early in the morning for the 2011 Dentistry from the Heart event. This year's event will take place from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Feb. 3, at Bright Star Dental, 2010 E. Lohman Ave.

An event that has now grown to be a huge success, last year helped more than 200 patients.

"It doesn't matter if you're a paying customer or if you come in on the free day, they will treat you the same and are always professional," said Fran Witt, a volunteer for the Dentistry from the Heart event for five years.

While Witt does not have any dental experience, she and other community volunteers take care of things such as greeting and checking in

patients and making sure they know where they are going for their work.

"I was fortunate enough to spend 25 years in the military so now it's time for me to give back what I can," Witt said. "(Gilbert's) unending generosity always amazes me, and I just like being part of that."

Gilbert said his motivation to continue the event is a combination of both patient gratitude and his employees' willingness to participate.

See **Dentist** on page D2

Responsible stewards of our pets

NMSU students learn about animal hoarding

By **Audry Olmsted**

For the Las Cruces Bulletin

No matter how rough your day has been, nothing is better than coming home to be greeted by a four-legged friend who only wants your undivided attention.

You start to pet your loyal buddy and soon feel the stresses of the day melt away.

Whether your animal companion is fuzzy, furry, feathered or scaled – or anything else in between – research shows that the bond between a human and their animal runs deep and has physical and psychological benefits for both.

That relationship and bond is explored every day at New Mexico State University through the companion animal program in the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences.

“This is very much a reciprocal relationship,” said Gaylene Fassenko, an assistant professor in the Department of Animal and Range Sciences. “When we’re petting a dog or a cat or a bunny and feeling those good feelings, our heart rate and blood pressure are being lowered. This is also happening in the animal. It’s a mutually beneficial, win-win situation.”

Those good feelings seem to come from a hormone that is also a neurotransmitter called oxytocin, Fassenko said.

In the last 20 to 25 years, researchers have started to better understand what they term the Human-Animal Interaction, and NMSU students have delved into the benefits of having a companion animal in the home through the college program. But what happens when the human caregiver is an animal hoarder, and instead of creating a loving and safe environment, is unintentionally providing a stressful and unhealthy living space for their animals?

Karen Schaefer, director of student

counseling at NMSU, recently spoke with students in the companion animal program about what happens when the line of animal caring is blurred and becomes animal abuse and neglect.

Animal hoarding has been linked to people with obsessive-compulsive and anxiety disorders, and also to people who have attachment issues. Researchers have yet to fully determine what causes animal hoarding and what leads a person to hoard animals versus inanimate objects, but there appears to be one common thread between animal hoarders.

“The bottom line with animal hoarding is that the vast majority of hoarders will say they are either rescuing the animal or that the animals are their family and they love them dearly,” Schaefer said. “They are unable to see the injury they are causing the animal either way.”

Some hoarders believe they are running an animal shelter or hospital, and that is how they understand and justify their situation.

Even if a person does not have the financial means to properly care for their animals, they may feel that they can still provide better care for them than a shelter.

But as the number of animals in a home increases, the quality of their care begins to go down.

Schaefer said animals suffer due to overcrowded living space, unsanitary conditions due to contamination from feces and urine and the spread of contagious illnesses from one animal to the next. Animals can also be put under a great deal of stress if natural prey and predatory animals are forced to live together, and they may resort to cannibalism if not provided appropriate food and water.

“Animals need space,” Schaefer said. “They are individual beings and they need space to move around.”

“They need space to interact with other beings of their own species. In these hoarding situations, they are not getting that opportunity at all, so their development is abnormal.”

A hoarding problem can be exacerbated by not spaying or neutering pets, or letting them run wild to become feral.

“What I want people to understand about animal hoarding is that it takes a village and it takes society to create these problems,” Fassenko said. “Our society has got to start understanding that kind of behavior is not acceptable when we’re dealing with living creatures.”

Usually a hoarding situation is discovered only when someone reports the hoarder to authorities. Many times, people will have to relinquish their animals, and may have to go to court and/or receive counseling.

Schaefer has worked with animal hoarders and said that generally, people who do go through treatment are very likely to struggle and eventually return to the hoarding behavior.

Within the agricultural and livestock community, the Five Freedoms has been created to help guide people in the appropriate care of animals.

The Five Freedoms are: freedom from hunger and thirst; freedom from discomfort; freedom from injury, pain or disease; the freedom to express their normal behavior; and freedom from fear and distress.

These freedoms, Fassenko said, can be applied to the care of animals.

“We really become – in my mind – responsible for those animals that we domesticate,” Fassenko said.

Schaefer and Fassenko advise that if someone suspects they know an animal hoarder, to contact local animal control.

Families and friends reluctant to take that step can bring the situation to the attention of a psychologist or counselor for guidance on how best to proceed.

Details

Dentistry from the Heart

When

7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Feb. 3

Where

Bright Star Dental, 2010 E. Lohman Ave. Participants can park their vehicles at Young Park, 1905 E. Nevada Ave., and take a complimentary shuttle to the event.

Cost

Free to those 18 and over with a valid, government-issued ID

Contact

Bright Star Dental, 526-4334

Dentist

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“You never know when people are going through a rough time, but sometimes the smiles or the hugs or even getting a little emotional says it all,” Gilbert said. “My staff – they like to be a part of something bigger than the day-to-day job as well.”

The day also provides a good learning environment for those enrolled in the pre-dental program of New Mexico State University.

Curtis Aday, both a patient of Gilbert’s and a senior in NMSU’s pre-dental program, has been involved with Dentistry from the Heart for two years and said he has not only learned an incredible amount, but knows what a good thing it is for the community.

“It’s a field I’m going into, so I find it interesting and educating,” Aday said. “Plus, I just like people.”

The event is open to anyone over 18 years old with a valid, government-issued ID and will take place from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Feb. 3, at Bright Star Dental, 2010 E. Lohman Ave.

Participants can park their vehicles at Young Park, 1905 E. Nevada Ave., and take the complimentary shuttle to Bright Star, as the parking lot of the office will be closed.

CASA

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“Being able to be that person they rely on, and knowing that they are learning to trust again, is really rewarding,” Neely said.

Getting the opportunity to obtain real-time experience with children who so desperately need it, Neely said, is more beneficial than other internships where this interaction would not be possible.

Brown admitted it can be very emotionally intense, so while certain days may be harder than others, it’s important to look at the bigger picture.

“We’re volunteers, not getting paid, so we’re actually there for their best interest and nothing else,” Brown said. “It can be hard to see what they’re going through, so it’s important to keep a positive attitude.”

Because of the lack of funding from the state, there are only two full-time employees working for MV CASA – the rest of the dedicated team of people are either part time or, mostly, volunteers.

Children’s court judge Fernando Macias said from a professional standpoint, the CASAs play a “critical role” in the courtroom.

“The CASA’s report helps the court understand any outstanding issues that need to be addressed and provides a neutral, independent set of eyes,” Macias said.

But, according to Macias, the help with the legal proceedings may only be half the battle.

“Their greatest role is their ability to gain the confidence of the child,” Macias said.

MV CASA is still in need of volunteers to handle the volume of children that come through the foster care program in the area.

The program’s seventh annual fundraiser is at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11, at the Ramada Palms Hotel, in the form of a dinner, dance and comedic entertainment by comedian Robert Strong. Tickets are \$60.

To buy a ticket or to inquire about becoming a volunteer, call 527-0035.



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Healthy Happenings



TOPS MEETING CHAPTER 381

Take Off Pounds Sensibly Chapter 381 is open to new members of all ages at its Thursday morning meetings, which start with a private weigh-in from 10 to 10:30 a.m. Weigh-ins are followed by group discussions of weight loss, dietary help and nutrition. The group meets at Trails West Senior Community Clubhouse, 1450 Avenida de Mesilla, in the Main Room.

For more information, call 523-6240.

CARING BRIDGE SUPPORT GROUP

Caring Bridge, an activity support group for adults in recovery from mental illness, meets from 4 to 6 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays at the Bridge, 2511 Chaparral St.

The group matches those in need of support with volunteers to help build bonds, share experiences and create arts and crafts to sell in a supportive environment.

For more information, call Kathy or David at 522-6404 or email bridge@nmsu.edu.

CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP

A family caregiver support group meets from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursdays at Café España in the Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces, 705 S. Telshor Blvd. Co-facilitators with many years

of experience in senior-care issues will be on hand.

CO-DEPENDENTS ANONYMOUS

Adult Children of Alcoholics/Co-Dependents Anonymous meets at 10:30 a.m. Saturdays at the Arid Club, 334 W. Griggs Ave. The one-hour meetings are intended to help those who have been raised in alcoholic or dysfunctional family situations deal with their issues and move on to a healthier, happier life through a 12-step program.

For more information, call 647-5684.

STROKE SURVIVORS SUPPORT GROUP

A stroke survivors support group meets at 1 p.m. the first Thursday of the month at Munson Senior Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. For more information, call 528-3000.

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS

Overeaters Anonymous is a 12-step, spiritual program for those with a desire to stop eating compulsively. There are no fees. The program meets at 7 p.m. Mondays at Unity of Las Cruces, 125 Wyatt Drive. Enter through the back door.

Overeaters Anonymous is also offered at noon, each Wednesday at St. James Episcopal Church, 105 Saint James St., in the library.

The group also has a big-book meeting at 2 p.m. Fridays at Newman Center, 2615 S. Solano Drive. For more information, call Wayne at 647-5684.

HIV SUPPORT GROUP

A Las Cruces HIV Support Group meets from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Tuesdays at the Las Cruces GLBTQ Center, 1210 N. Main St. The group offers advocacy and support for both those infected with or affected by the HIV virus, and focuses on the rebuilding of community, outreach, education, self-advocacy and wellness.

For more information, call Seth at 621-0681.

WATER AEROBICS CLASSES

Water aerobics classes will be held at 1 p.m. each Monday, Wednesday and Friday in a shaded outdoor pool at The Village at Northrise, 2880 N. Roadrunner Parkway. Cost is \$3 per session or \$35 monthly.

For more information or to register, call Pam at 382-8218 or sfuranfeathers@aol.com.

WORKSHOP ON SEX IN THE LATER YEARS

Andrea Dresser will present a workshop titled "Sex Does Not Retire," from 2 to 3 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 7, at Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave. Myths, misconceptions and realities will be discussed at this free, fun, factual workshop on sexuality during mid and later years of life. For more information, call 448-1350.

BRAIN INJURY GROUP

The Brain Injury Group meets from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. each Friday at the Housing Authority of Las Cruces, 926 S. San Pedro St. Each meeting features games, movies, artwork, music, books, puzzles, coffee and conversation.

For more information, call Dolores Garcia at 805-1301.

CICLOVÍA

Las Cruces looking for a fun way to get healthy and active can participate in monthly Ciclovía health events from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 29, at Young Park, 1955 E. Nevada Ave. Ciclovía is free and offers horseshoes, walking, jogging, dancing, Zumba, Yoga, volleyball, jump rope, jumping balloon and more.

For more information, call June Donohue at 522-0289 or for information in Spanish call Beatriz Favela at 202-2376.

LOW VISION SUPPORT GROUP

A low vision support group meets from 9:30 to 11 a.m. the first Tuesday of the month, except during the summer, at the Mesilla Park Recreation Center, 304 W. Bell Ave., and from 2:30 to 4 p.m. at Munson Senior Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. Facilitator is psychologist Cheryl Black. The groups next meeting will be Sept. 6. For more information, call 528-3000.

T'AI CHI CHIH AT MOUNTAINVIEW

MountainView Regional Medical Center, 4311 E. Lohman Ave., offers T'ai Chi Chih sessions taught by instructor Rose J. Alvarez-Diosdado

from 9 to 10 a.m. and from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. each Monday. Sessions are also available from 10:15 to 11:15 a.m. Tuesdays.

Sessions are taught in the Women's Resource Room, and are free to Senior Circle and Healthy Women members, otherwise, a \$2 donation is requested.

For more information, call 505-359-5256 or 312-8320, or email rositaad@aol.com.

FEBRUARY EVENTS AT TESORO LISTED

Tesoro Integrative Health Center, 207 Avenida de Mesilla, has announced its schedule for February, including the following events:

- Healers and Heroes Free Relaxation Clinic will be from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11. This free community outreach program offers 30-minute relaxation sessions to active/retired military, law enforcement, firefighters/paramedics/emergency personnel, health care providers and their family members, and is held the second Saturday of each month. Services vary each month and may include Reiki, massage, Pranic healing, reflexology, cranial sacral therapy, acupuncture, biofeedback and Native American healing sessions. Anyone interested in a particular type of session can call or email to see if it's offered this month. For more information, call Patti McClure at 652-0076 or email tihealthcenter@gmail.com.
- Qigong Movement Class will be from 1 to 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 12. Participants can learn and

practice Qigong, one of China's great health traditions perfected over thousands of years. Considered part of Chinese medicine along with acupuncture and herbs, Qigong focuses on balancing and adjusting energy flows throughout the body and aura for health maintenance and illness prevention. Cost is \$5 for nonmembers and \$3 for Tesoro members.

For more information on these or other events at the center, call 652-0076 or visit www.tesorohealthcenter.com.

RED CROSS CPR, FIRST-AID CLASSES

The American Red Cross will be offering CPR and first-aid classes at its Las Cruces location, 1301 E. Griggs Ave., the first and third Saturday of each month in 2012. Participants are asked to register by the Tuesday before the class.

For more information or to register, call 800-733-2767.

TRANSPLANT SUPPORT GROUP

The Southern New Mexico Transplant Support Group (TRIO) meets from 6:30 to 8 p.m. the second Thursday of the month at MountainView Regional Medical Center, 4311 E. Lohman Ave., in the conference room located on the right side at the entrance to the cafeteria.

The group provides information and support to individuals who have lost a family member, donor family members, transplant recipients or individuals interested in receiving an organ transplant.

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Health Briefs

Prostate cancer support group

Us Too! prostate cancer support group, a nonprofit group, will meet at 6 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of each month at Memorial Medical Center, 2450 S. Telshor Blvd. Survivors and recently diagnosed men and their families are encouraged to come. Call Bernie Rippet at 521-7942.

MMC Family Medicine Clinic offers new services

Memorial Medical Center (MMC) Family Medicine Clinic began offering laser hair removal and vein treatment using the newly installed EliteMPX Laser.

The laser can be used for several functions, to permanently remove hair from any area of the body, to reduce varicose and spider veins and to lighten pigmented lesions, which are dark patches on the skin.

The staff at MMC Family Medicine Clinic received special training to be certified by CyanoSure, the company that made the EliteMPX Laser.

MMC Family Medicine Clinic began treating patients with the laser Friday, Jan. 6. They will be scheduling appointments for the laser on Friday afternoons.

The Family Medicine Clinic offers competitive pricing for the Laser services and is currently accepting new patients.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 521-5637.

In late 2011, MMC Family Medicine Clinic also added PADnet as a new diagnostic test. PADnet is a diagnostic test that allows physicians to look for Peripheral Artery Disease using an ultrasound of the veins in the legs.

Peripheral Artery Disease occurs when plaques made of cholesterol and debris gradually obstruct the arteries in the arms and legs.

For specific patients, such as those with risk factors such as diabetes and high blood pressure, PADnet may help to identify Peripheral

Artery Disease earlier. PADnet does require a physician order, so ask your doctor if this diagnostic tool could help you. For more information, call 521-5370.

Breast cancer support meeting

From 10 to 11:45 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 28, there will be a breast cancer support meeting in the Community Education Room in the main lobby of MountainView Regional Medical Center. The topic will be "What's new and working for cancer care in Alternative and Complementary Medicine" by Marie Mathewson, Ph.D., LMT. The presentation is free and open to anyone impacted or affected by breast cancer. For more information, call 521-4794.

County garden project receives national award

An agricultural project spearheaded by Keep Doña Ana County Beautiful received top honors for its part in a nationwide movement to teach at-risk youth the benefits of cultivating a garden and the rewards it can reap.

Keep America Beautiful awarded the 2011 President's Circle award to The Youth Farm, a collaborative garden project coordinated by Keep Doña Ana County Beautiful, Families & Youth Inc., Juvenile Drug Court, and the Anthony Water Company.

The Youth Farm is one of 450 projects of its kind throughout the nation, teaching at-risk youth the skills and responsibilities necessary to plant and harvest a garden.

The fruits of their labor are then donated to area food banks, community centers and soup kitchens. Some of the produce is also sold at the Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market in Downtown to raise funds to sustain the farm.

The Youth Farm is part of a nationwide initiative known as The People's Garden. Each People's Garden project can vary in size and type, but must meet three criteria: to benefit the community, be a collaborative effort through local partnerships and incorporate

Senator meets students



U.S. Sen. Tom Udall talks to Conlee Elementary School students in Donna Boyle's first-grade class during a dried-fruit tasting Friday, Jan. 20. Udall made the visit to learn about the Healthy Kids Las Cruces program.

sustainable practices such as capturing rain water, composting or mulching.

This is the fourth year Keep Doña Ana County Beautiful has received the President's Circle award, a distinction reserved for the nation's "best of the best" gardens.

To qualify, Keep Doña Ana County Beautiful met or exceeded the national standard of excellence in conducting an annual litter index, calculating cost-benefit ratios and engaging volunteers to take greater responsibility for their community environments.

Student PSA contest encourages teens to get active

The City of Las Cruces is calling all student media to enter a 30-second public service announcement for the annual CLC-TV Student Video PSA Contest. The theme this year is "Get out!," sending the message to kids and adults to get out by doing more outdoor activities rather than being indoors watching television, playing video games or surfing the Internet.

Topics include, but are not limited to: Play-

ing sports, exercising, camping, wildlife activities, community service, yard work, helping others, interacting with animals, involvement in community events, interacting with friends or meeting new people face-to-face.

The city's government television channel, CLC-TV Channel 20, will run the award-winning PSAs on its channel for up to one year. The contest is open to all middle and high school students. The deadline to submit entries is 8 p.m. Friday, April 6. For more information, email aguzman@las-cruces.org, or call 541-2200.

Health classes at the co-op

Mountain View Market presents "Losing Weight through Sensible Nutrition and Exercise" with Rosa Lopez from noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 1, in the Co-op Community Room, 1300 El Paseo Road. Lopez is a registered dietitian with the New Mexico Department of Health and will be available for free individual sessions as well. The classes will repeat every Wednesday through March 14. These classes are free. For more information, call 523-0436.

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Church News

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DISCOVER UNITY

Unity of Las Cruces, 125 Wyatt Drive, is offering classes on Unity basic principles from 12:15 to 1:45 p.m. Jan. 29 and Feb. 5. Learn what Unity teaches about the teachings of Jesus and his teachings of living from the inside out. For more information, visit www.unityoflascruces.org.

ECKANKAR EVENT

Eckankar, Religion of the Light and Sound of God, will hold a free event from 11 a.m. to noon, Saturday, Jan. 28, at the Ramada Palms de Las Cruces, 201 E. University Ave. The theme will be "How Attitudes Effect Your Life." For more information, call 652-7655 or visit www.eckankar-nm.org.

PROGRESSIVE RESIDENTIAL SERVICES FILM SERIES

The Progressive Residential Services will hold the first showing of its film series from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 1, at New Heights Faith Community, 2425 Jordan Road. The film shown will be "Waddie Welcome: A Man Who Would Not Be Denied." Lunch will be served at no cost, and all are invited. For more information, contact Kay Lilley at klilley@prs-nm.org or Rev. Joe Whitley at 202-9908.



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EASTERN STAR ENCHILADA DINNER

Las Cruces Chapter No. 20, Order of the Eastern Star, will host a red enchilada dinner from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11, at the Aztec Masonic Lodge, 180 E. Boutz Road. The dinner will include red enchilada, beans, rice, coleslaw, dessert and a drink for \$7 for adults and \$3.50 for children under 12. Take outs will be available. Tickets can be purchased from OES members and at the door. For more information, contact 521-9736 or ttredhead@gmail.com.

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The Catholic Charities Marketplace is partnering with artisans and farmers from around the world, Mexico and the borderlands bringing unique, handmade gifts and treasures to the Las Cruces area. Marketplace partners are receiving a fair wage for their work. The Catholic Charities Marketplace is located at 2205 S. Main St., Suite B, and is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. If you're interested in partnering

with the marketplace, contact Claudia Trueblood at 523-7577 or cmt@catholiccharitiesdlc.org.

PRAYER AND LIFE WORKSHOP

Our Lady of Guadalupe Prayer Center, 5480 Lassiter Road, will hold a Prayer and Life Workshop in English by Father Ignacio Larranaga from 1 to 3 p.m. Wednesdays. For 25 years, the workshop has changed lives and opened doors to a rich prayer life for participants. For more information, call 647-1117.

PEACE LUTHERAN PRAYER GROUPS

Peace Lutheran Church, 1701 Missouri Ave., is providing two prayer groups. A centering prayer group will meet weekly at 9:30 a.m. Saturdays for 20 to 30 minutes. Gathering for Prayer meets Monday afternoons from 4 to 5 p.m. For more information, call 522-7119.

SPIRITUAL HEALING

Our Lady of Guadalupe Prayer Center, a Roman Catholic community, offers spiritual healing programs and ministry. Holy Mass is held weekdays at 11:15 a.m. at 5480 Lassiter Road. Also on Mondays, the Healing Prayer Team meets to pray for anyone who is interested. If you or someone you know would like to meet with the team, call 647-1117 for an appointment.

BOOK STUDY AND PROSPERITY DISCUSSION

Unity Church of Mesilla Valley, 125 Wyatt Drive, will hold a book study group for "Atom Smashing Power of Mind" by Charles Fillmore, co-founder of Unity, at 10 a.m. Tuesdays. New members are welcome to come explore another facet of Practical Christianity in action. The church will also hold prosperity discussions at 9 a.m. Saturdays. For more information, call 523-5592 or visit www.unityoflascruces.org.

DIVORCECARE

Sonoma Springs Church, 3940 Sonoma Springs Ave., now offers an ongoing DivorceCare support ministry from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays. The ministry is devoted to helping people find support, heal and become whole again. Child care is available. For more information, call 526-4907.

BIBLE COURSE

John Anderson at Holy Cross Church, 1327 N. Miranda St., will hold a course based on the writings of the apostolic fathers from 7 to 9 p.m. Mondays in the church's gathering space. Bring your Bible and a friend. For more information, call 523-0167.



Students at Las Cruces Catholic School participated in the recent Centennial Parade, representing 1927. An active part of the community, students will be recognized during Catholic Schools Week Jan. 28-Feb. 5.

Students to celebrate Catholic Schools Week

Faith, academics and service at the center of festivities

By Beth Sitzler
Las Cruces Bulletin

Catholic students around the nation from preschool to college will have the opportunity to showcase their faith and schools during Catholic Schools Week Jan. 28-Feb. 5.

Las Cruces Catholic School – which includes Holy Cross Elementary School, Holy Cross Middle School and Saint Mary's High School – will participate in the week and its theme of "Faith, Academics and Service."

"During Catholic Schools Week, we open up our school so the community can come and see what we have," said Las Cruces Catholic School Principal Connie Limon. "It lets the community know that we're here and that we're producing quality citizens in our community."

Teacher Wendy Drake said students at Las Cruces Catholic School are held to a high academic standard and work to provide them with a high moral standard.

Limon said once a month, middle and high school students participate in some sort of community service activity. This ranges from cleaning the St. Genevieve cemetery and picking up trash along the street to singing at senior centers and volunteering at city events, such as the Las Cruces International Mariachi Conference.

"This year, the students put together 75 baskets for La Casa and Jardín de los Niños," Drake said.

Linda Dolan, also a teacher with the school, said students also created a float for the recent Centennial Parade, portraying 1927.

"(Community service) teaches the kids that

they won't get praise and money for everything they do," Dolan said.

"It teaches them humility," Limon said "(Catholic Schools Week) is the one time out of the year they get recognition for everything they do."

Drake said each day of the week will have a different theme and activities will be kicked off Monday, Jan. 30, with a flag raising to honor the nation.

Tuesday, Jan. 31, will celebrate vocations. Students will learn about the various ways people can serve God and thank those who have made service to God their life.

Wednesday, Feb. 1, will be dedicated to the community. A blanket drive will take place and whatever is collected will be donated to a local shelter. Also, Bishop Ricardo Ramirez will join students for a morning Mass.

"It's an all-school Mass," Dolan said. "Everyone gets to participate."

The staff, faculty and volunteers will be celebrated Thursday, Feb. 2.

"Students are going to thank them for their commitment to their education," Drake said.

Friday, Feb. 3, will honor the students for their hard work and dedication to the school, their faith, academics and the community.

"We're going to applaud them for their discipline and moral character," said Dolan, adding that they will show students a movie and give them desserts. "We try to make it an enjoyable day."

During the weekends of Catholic Schools Week, which receives a proclamation from the city each year, Limon said students will visit various churches of all faiths throughout Las Cruces to talk to them about the school and their work.

"The city is growing, but it's important that we're out there in the community, not only promoting Catholicism, but Christianity," Limon said.

For more information, visit www.lascrucescatholicsschool.org

Are you ready to commute?



Gabriel Rochelle
Cycling the Mesilla Valley

but not necessary if you have a chain guard or wear trouser straps.
As for foundation garments, padded briefs for men and women exist. Some of us simply wear cycling shorts underneath trousers, pants or skirts.

Starting from my experience: I have a Raleigh C30 hybrid with road – not mountain – tires. I added a rear rack, which I mount detachable bag panniers for shopping.

I topped off the customizing with my all-time favorite: A Brooks saddle, solid-shaped leather, handmade. Think about how to outfit your bike before commuting.

Because of minimum rainfall in the Mesilla Valley, I installed no fenders; but you can purchase easily mounted two-part or solid fenders.

I have not installed a chain guard or chain case, as I use trouser clips or trouser guards as a solution to keep them from catching. You do need a solution to keep trousers from catching in the chain – even if it's just rolling up your right pant leg.

If you wish, mount a lock on the frame so you don't carry extra weight on your person.

Great urban bikes abound; not only are old European companies such as Pashley (England) and Gazelle (Holland) still in business, they continue to upgrade product. Quality commuters exist in America.

You can spend a lot for custom frames such as Rivendell or Ant. The legendary Joe Breezer founded Breezer Bikes in the '70s as a mountain bike company. They now make quality affordable commuters.

Bicycling Magazine rated Breezer Bikes' Uptown Infinity "the best commuter bike."

In New York City, Raleigh single speeds are favorites. You can always pick up an older, used bike, but they may need some attention.

The good news: you need no special gear to commute. Trousers with tie bottoms are useful,

Reflective jackets are essential if you plan to ride at night. These should be considered level the same as lighting.

My trouser straps have reflective panels for greater visibility. You can also buy reflective and waterproof helmet covers.

Gloves are essential for wintertime, even here, because your hands are the most exposed part of your body other than your face. Check out good cycling gloves at your local shop.

In addition to chain guards, dress shields for women fit over the rear wheels to prevent snagging in the spokes. Trek recently produced a woman-specific, Euro-style bike called the Cocoa that comes with enclosed chain case and skirt guards.

Rain gear is also useful. Purchase inexpensive yellow rain suits at hardware and supply stores.

With platform pedals, you don't need special shoes, but make sure they are comfortable and sturdy, with a fairly stiff sole.

I prefer Ecco and Teva sandals, but many people prefer Keens, Converse or other less expensive models.

A compromise now exists in the form of helmets that look like hats. Do a web search of "cool" or "stylish" helmets, and companies such as Bern and Yakkay will show these options.

I hope to see you on the road.

Father Gabriel Rochelle is priest of St. Anthony of the Desert Orthodox Mission, and an avid cyclist who enjoys getting parking spots with no problem when bicycle commuting. Visit the church website at <http://stanthonylc.org>.



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THE VIEW FROM THE TOP

PICACHO HILLS HOME FEATURES ELEGANT STYLE AGAINST A SCENIC BACKDROP



See featured home on pages E2-3

Featured home: *1227 Regency Court*

Photos by Teague Williams



The property overlooks the city and Organ Mountains.



The home at 1227 Regency Court was built in 2009 in the gated Coronado Ridge community in Picacho Hills.



The vaulted ceiling and veneer fireplace draw in the eye.



Large windows in the living room bring in natural light as well as the surrounding landscape.



The master bedroom includes an area for an at-home office.



A 300-square-foot bonus room is currently an art studio, but can be used to fill any need.

On top with a classic style

Scenic surroundings lure couple to Picacho Hills

By **Beth Sitzler**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Sitting atop a steep driveway in the Picacho Hills area, the home at 1227 Regency Court features a show-stopping panoramic view of the surrounding area – from Picacho Peak to the Organ Mountains down to the valley.

It was this view that attracted owners Hans and Renate Muller to the area. Living in Virginia, the couple decided to get back into camping and ventured to southern New Mexico, an area with which they were already familiar.

“We always liked the Southwest,” Renate Muller said. “We traveled here many times years before. We thought this was a really beautiful place to live.”

“We decided to look for a property,” Hans Muller said. “We found this piece of land and the view is what sold us.”

Originally, the Mullers said they were looking for a small residence to call home in the winter. Looking at properties on the east and west sides of the city, they didn’t find just what they were looking for – until Realtor Kaye Miller took them to the 2.16-acre lot on Regency Court.

“After living on 17 acres, we thought everything we looked at was too small,” Hans Muller said. “On our way out, she showed us one more property, something that was different from the others.”

Purchasing the hilltop property, the Mullers hired Desert Sage to construct their 3,269-square-foot home in 2009. The home turned out to be the last the building company would construct.

Located on a cul-de-sac in the gated Coronado Ridge community, the home features an iron gate nested in a short rock wall enclosing a small patio area. The home has a delicate mix of Tuscan and classic Southwest styling, which is subtle and not overwhelming. From this area, guests can take in the view of Picacho Peak.

A large, carved wood door leads into the home. Once inside, guests are greeted with a feeling of openness and brightness, Renate Muller said.

The Mullers said they selected an open floor plan based on another home Desert Sage had built.

“I said we wanted the exact same layout, only larger,” said Hans Muller, adding that the couple had pieces of furniture that needed to fit in specific spaces. “There aren’t a lot of rooms, but the rooms are spacious. It was the size of the rooms, not the number, that was important.”

Italian tile lines the floors leading into the living room. The large space features a 16-foot vaulted ceiling decorated in wood inlay. To match the grandness of the ceiling, picture windows line a wall, bringing the scenic landscaping indoors.

“It’s a unique neighborhood, because we have neighbors, but you aren’t looking into their windows,” Hans said.

Also to draw in the eye is a fireplace, resting in a corner next to the build-in entertainment center lined with slate-inspired tile. The fireplace is covered in a stone veneer from China. The veneer – which is actual stone measuring 2 inches thick – is also used on the columns on the exterior of the home.

The living room leads into the adjoining kitchen and dining room area. Having remodeled their kitchen in their previous

house, Hans Muller said the couple knew exactly what they wanted.

“The island is really what I wanted,” Renate Muller said. “It gives a lot of space to work.”

“Renate is a good cook and I love to eat,” Hans Muller said.

Granite countertops from India fill the space along with maple cabinets. The cabinets include drawers and pullouts for easy access to the contents. A neutral palette covers the kitchen with a cream backsplash and basket weave detail. This is accented by steam-lined silver elements, such as the drawer pulls and hood. The area also includes two pantries.

Back at the entrance is a hallway that connects the two ends of the home.

“One thing we told David Gordon is to minimize the hallways,” Hans Muller said. “It’s a waste of space.”

While one end features two bedrooms, each with access to their own bathroom, the other end includes the master suite, oversized two-car and RV garage and a bonus room.

Hans Muller said the couple told Gordon they wanted 300 square feet of space inside or outside the home to be used as an art studio for Renate Muller. This room, located near the entrance, is tucked behind French doors and can be used to serve whatever purpose the owner desires.

The master bedroom includes space for an at-home office, which can also be used as a reading area, Hans Muller said. The picturesque view of the Organ Mountains can be enjoyed from this spot.

The bathroom features a snail shower along with a square jetted bathtub lined in tile that resembles travertine. Two sinks set in granite complete the room.

Just as important as the look of the home to the Mullers was its energy efficiency.

“We felt it was the right thing to do,” Hans Muller said. “We were aware of the impact a home has on the environment.”

The home includes a high amount of insulation, 16 and 21 SEER air conditioning units and 95 percent efficient heating and hot water systems, Hans Muller said.

“The roof is also wired so you can put solar on it,” Renate Muller said.

The backyard features a tiled patio with an outdoor kitchen. From this area, guests can admire the scenery or take a dip in the lagoon-shaped pool, designed by Peggy Martin of Dolphin Pools. Outlined in flagstone, the heated pool also includes an attached spa.

Although the couple had a lush garden in Virginia, they chose native plants in a xeriscape setting.

“It’s so easy to take care of,” Renate Muller said.

Details

Featured home

1227 Regency Court

Square footage

3,629

Acres

2.16

Bedrooms

Three

Bathrooms

Three

Fireplaces

Two

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A lagoon-shaped sink rests in the kitchen’s granite island.



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The historic Sam Bean House fell on hard times in the 1960s (left) but was later restored (right). It is one of seven stops during the Casas de Antaños home tour held by Mesilla Valley Preservation 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11.

Returning to yesteryear

Casas de Antaños focuses on Las Cruces buildings

By **Beth Sitzler**
Las Cruces Bulletin

After a successful first year, Mesilla Valley Preservation Inc. will hold the second annual Casas de Antaños home tour from 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12.

Last year, organization members decided to hold Casa de Antaños – Houses of Yesteryear – to showcase the area's many historic structures to the public. While they were expecting around 200, MVP President Eric Liefeld said about 400 community members took part in the event.

"We had about twice as many people as we thought we would," said Wenda Trevathan, director of Casa de Antaños. "We ran out of brochures, which were the tickets, in the first



Sonya Cooper and Gregg Henry cut timber for structural shoring at the Nestor Armijo House, which is being renovated by the Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce with the help of MVP. It will be part of the home tour.

15 minutes."

"We weren't sure what to expect," Liefeld said. "We were really pleasantly surprised."

With the 2011 February freeze taking place two weeks earlier, Liefeld said the sun brightly came out for Casa de Antaños, welcoming guests to the tour.

"The weather was beautiful," he said. "Also, I think we were able to tap into a growing effort for preservation and appreciation for history architecture."

While last year the home tour visited residences throughout the Mesilla Valley, Trevathan said this year, the seven stops will focus on Las Cruces, specifically the Downtown area.

"They don't have to drive all over," she said. "If someone really wanted to, they could park and walk to each stop."

Liefeld said the decision to keep the tour within Las Cruces was partly based on the state's recently celebrated centennial.

"Las Cruces was very involved in getting statehood," he said. "The city is important to the centennial."

Wanting to tie in each house to the centennial theme, the organizers said they selected homes that were in existence during that time and belonged to families significant to Las Cruces' history.

"These people were larger than life," Liefeld said.

Liefeld said Casas de Antaños will feature a wide range of architectural styles, as well as sizes.

"Some of these are grand houses, and some of them are smaller," Liefeld said.

Buildings on the tour include the Nestor Armijo House, Amador Hotel, Amador House, Sam Bean House, H.B. Holt House, Alvarez House and Charles W. Turner House, also known as the Alameda House.

"All of these houses, but the Bean and Amador houses, are examples of what is known as adaptive reuse, which is using a house in a new way," Liefeld said.

The Armijo House, owned by the prominent area businessman, was recently donated to the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce by Citizens Bank of Las Cruces. A renovation project will begin to transform the vacant structure into office spaces, a process MVP has been involved with.

"We're working with the chamber to help them preserve and turn it back into a useful space," said Liefeld, adding that MVP received a grant from the National Trust for Historic Preservation to conduct a structural assessment of the building. "Preservation planning and those sort of things we try to do as an organization."

The Amador Hotel is another project MVP has been involved with, Liefeld said, adding that a few rooms have already been restored. While the Amador Hotel is a well-known landmark, visitors will also get a glimpse inside the Amador Home.

The home of Sam Bean, brother of Judge Roy Bean and owner of La Posta when it was a stagecoach stop, fell on tough

Details

Casa de Antaños

When

1 to 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11

Where

Nestor Armijo House
150 E. Lohman Ave.

Amador Hotel
180 W. Amador Ave.

Amador House
115 S. Miranda St.

Sam Bean House
428 W. Griggs Ave.

H.B. Holt House
833 N. Alameda Blvd.

Charles W. Turner House (Alameda House)
526 S. Alameda Blvd.

Alvarez House
640 N. Mesquite St.

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\$15

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www.mvpres.org



times, but was saved and restored.

The Alameda House also fell on hard times. Built around 1848 in a Gothic revival style, the home was dilapidated in 1922. Luckily, it was also saved and now serves as an event center for Las Cruces. Liefeld said the original gables and roofline are still intact.

"That's part of the story," he said. "Many of these buildings have been dilapidated and restored a couple of times."

Built in 1907, the Holt House, designed by Henry Trost, is the only non-adobe structure on the tour. Constructed from brick, the home contains several stained-glass elements, such as doors, windows, room dividers and lanterns. It is currently used as a law office and is in the process of being restored.

"Part of what makes this tour different from other home tours is that it's about the process of preservation," Liefeld said. "We want to encourage people to do adaptive reuse and use a historic building in a new way."

The Alvarez House is currently being used as a home and art studio, Trevathan said. It contains some mission revival elements, but is a great example of what is considered a typical adobe home.

As with last year, Liefeld and Trevathan said they hope the 2012 tour brings out participants of all ages and backgrounds, whether they live in Las Cruces full time, part time or not at all.

"History doesn't have a demographic," Liefeld said.

MVP members said they hope Casa de Antaños encourages others to save their historic structures and celebrate their past. This was part of the float MVP had in the Jan. 7 Centennial Parade.

Presenting a float of the future, Liefeld said their theme was "Preserving the Future of Our Past."

"We hope people gain an appreciation for preservation in general and a deeper appreciation for these places individually," Liefeld said.

Tickets will cost \$15 and can be purchased the day of the event at any one of the stops. An MVP member, homeowner and docent will be available to answer questions. For more information, visit www.mvpres.org or call Trevathan at 644-0599.

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Adapting smart growth principles

Downtown redevelopment is making us a greener community

Bob Pofahl

Build Green, Build Better



In recent months, I have had the privilege of participating with the Las Cruces Downtown Partnership think tank. This is a voluntary group of local citizens and business leaders all passionate about our community and the Downtown area.

We've discussed the many benefits of developing a vibrant Downtown. One of the core principles for redeveloping Downtown Main Street is sustainability, which is certainly "green."

Here are some ways the Downtown redevelopment contributes to sustainability and green building:

First is the principle of "higher density," which allows for a more walkable community – a place where people live, work and play. This reduces the necessity of having an automobile for every activity. Reducing automobile traffic keeps the air cleaner and reduces the noise level.

Current models of suburban living have made us

dependent on cars and buses as we have separated all the fundamental uses of where we live, where we work, where we shop, where we play. The model of an active city center is what made our cities vibrant before the automobile.

Second is the principle of "infill development" where we take advantage of existing infrastructure and services that are currently in place and underutilized. It also reduces urban sprawl and brings new life to the existing urban core and its surrounding residential communities.

Infill encourages retailers such as grocery stores, restaurants, service providers and other businesses to serve the city core and existing residential neighborhoods. This makes them more walkable, healthy and brings a new life to the surrounding areas.

Third, revitalizing the core of our city encourages the use of "public transportation" by developing a convenient hub and centralized location. Public transportation helps reduce our carbon footprint and our dependency on the automobile.

The concept of a city center also centralizes public activities for the entire city.

This reduces the distance traveled by public as a whole. The Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market is a good example.

“ One of the core principles for redeveloping Downtown Main Street is sustainability, which is certainly ‘green.’ ”

People from all parts of the city travel about the same distance to get to the market. No one part of the city has to drive a longer distance than others to enjoy it.

Redevelopment of the Downtown core allows us to use the latest in green building and sustainable technologies. The City of Las Cruces has already led the way in this with its LEED certified city office complex.

Some green, sustainable technologies include innovations in energy efficiency, water recapture, recyclable materials, alternate energy systems and the multiple efficiencies from increased density.

These are exciting times for Las Cruces. A revitalized city core can create a true live-work-play environment to enhance walkability and connection to the adjacent historic neighborhoods.

Redevelopment should embrace smart growth principles into the overall Downtown fabric. Layout and building design should show a genuine respect for the environment, people and connections to our history. Projects should be designed by people, for people, both now and for generations to come.

Bob Pofahl is the owner and developer of Picacho Mountain, southern New Mexico's only Build Green New Mexico certified community. For more information about green building, call Bob at 523-2500 or visit his blog at blog.picachomountain.com.

Redevelopment of the Las Cruces Downtown area enables the community to take what's already great about the community and improve it even more using green, sustainable practices.



Home Sales Scoreboard

LAS CRUCES AREA

	This Week	Last Week	Same Week Last Year
Homes Sold New	0	1	1
Homes Sold Existing	15	15	10
Pending Home Sales (All)	149	140	158

	This Week	Last Week	Same Week Last Year
Average Days on Market (All)	109	347	94

	This Week	Last Week	Same Week Last Year
Median Price New	N/A	\$128,940	N/A
Median Price Existing	\$163,500	\$147,199	\$172,500

	This Week	Last Week	Same Week Last Year
Total Homes on Market (All)	1,106	1,112	1,036
Real Estate Agents	386	386	406

*Homes include detached single-family homes, townhomes and condominiums

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Featured builder: *Eddie Binns*

Legend focuses on family

Drive leads Binns in search of his greatest accomplishment

By **Beth Sitzler**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Moving to Las Cruces in 1955, Eddie Binns has seen numerous changes take place throughout the Mesilla Valley, and has even been a part of them.

Born in Roswell, Binns lived in the quaint New Mexico town until junior high when his family moved to Portales.

"I was (in Roswell) when the flying saucer landed," he said. "The stories are a lot better today than they were back then."

Binns said his family was short on means, so everyone was put to work any way they could be, from janitorial services to farmhand. Binns said it was in high school that he first got involved in construction, an industry he would later make a name in.

"While in high school, I was looking for different ways to get an education and make a living," he said.

Binns said he and his brother would buy day-old calves and house them at a neighboring ranch in exchange for labor. By the time their high school graduation came around, they had between 30 and 40 calves, which they sold to pay for their college tuition.

Binns attended Eastern New Mexico University in the early 1950s until transferring to New Mexico State University in 1955 to pursue a bachelor's degree in civil engineering.

He soon began working with C.B. Smith – father of former mayor Rubén Smith – conducting estimates and designing houses. The work helped him pay his way through college, and within two years, he had his degree.

"After I graduated, I married a local girl," he said, adding that in 1957 he and Bernice wed, he graduated college and built their first home. "It was a full year."



Eddie and Bernice Binns smile with Las Cruces Bulletin Publisher David McCollum at the Las Cruces Association of Realtors Awards Banquet in November 2011. Eddie Binns was honored the Lifetime Achievement Award, which was sponsored by the Bulletin.

By 1963, Binns had become general manager of the company, but his natural drive pushed him to do more, and he left C.B. Smith to create his own building company.

"Early on, I was involved in land development in the College Heights area," he said, adding that the first subdivision features 25 to 30 lots. "Simultaneously, I was building on some of those lots and selling others."

"Homebuilding is very rewarding. It's rewarding to see the fruits of your labor in a reasonable time frame."

While working with well-known area builders, such as the Rawson family – the earliest family to buy from Binns – he was also building apartments, duplexes and fourplexes.

"Early on, I made the decision that I wanted to grow, but I also wanted to stay within one community," he said. "To do that, you have to diversify. In the building industry, we cover a broad spectrum."

Over the next 15 years or so, Binns said he began six different corporations that covered a variety of operations and products, including

Details

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Eddie Binns

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- Las Cruces Association of Realtors
- Rio Grande Rotary Club

Family

- Wife Bernice
- Four children
- A dozen grandchildren
- One great-grandchild

land development, ready-mix concrete, insurance, sand and rock supply, banking and real estate.

"I had some good opportunities and was surrounded by good people," he said. "You need good people you can work with that you can trust. I made a lot of connections. It grew from a little operation to a big one."

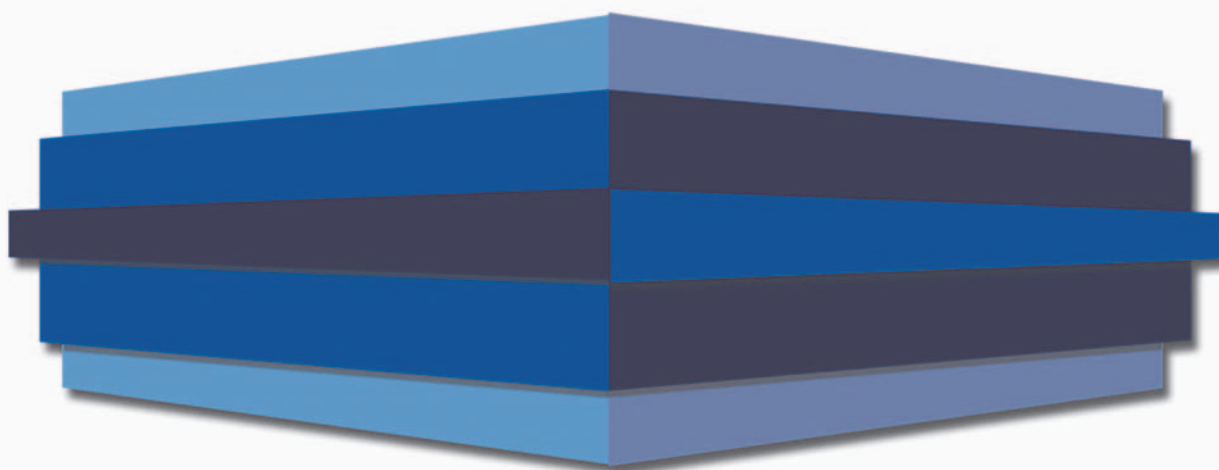
That "big operation" also extended beyond the housing industry. In the 1970s, Binns said he bought several farms in the Mesilla Valley. About 70 acres was transformed into a family ranch as well as a wine venture in the 1980s.

Beginning Binns Winery with his brother, Binns said he grew a variety of grapes on 20 acres in Fairacres, in addition to his other crops of chile, lettuce and onions.

"It started as a hobby," Binns said. "Unfortunately, I never do anything a little at a time."

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Eddie Binns served as president of LCAR in the 1970s and helped design and construct the association's office on Idaho Avenue.



Binns holds a ribbon during the grand opening of the LCAR office.

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Instead of 10 plants, I put in 1,000 plants.

"(The winery) was fun. It was a new challenge. It was totally away from building houses."

Not one to do anything just halfway, no matter the business, Binns has played an active role in the industry organizations associated with it.

"I was one of the youngest presidents of the (Building Industry Association of Southern New Mexico) in the late 1960s," he said, adding that he also filled the position in the '90s and was director of the National Home Builders Association for about three years.

"I enjoy a challenge, and I also like the education (of being involved)."

He also served as the second president of the Wine Growers Association of New Mexico, a board director of El Paso Electric Co. – "I gave Las Cruces some representation on the utility board." – and president of the Las Cruces Association of Realtors.

"If you're involved in an industry, and you're making a living from that industry, you should be involved in its organizations and have the ability to communicate with city and county people on regulations facing that industry," he said.

This involvement in his various industries also includes reaching out to those of a younger generation.

"I visit with a lot of young builders and I tell them to think about their retirement," he said. "I tell them that once a year, they should do one little project that is their personal investment. Every year they should do some sort of project simultaneously with their other projects. Those type of assets help builders get

through lower cycles."

Looking out for others, Binns has also been active in giving back to the community. From building the LCAR office on Idaho Avenue to housing the J. Paul Taylor Academy in one of his commercial structures, Binns said he learned the importance of giving back from his mother.

"She was a strong influence on me to do things right," he said. "She has a strong work ethic and showed me the importance of following through on what you say you're going to do."

"Coming from a nothing background, I understand a little more the trials and tribulations of those who are less fortunate."

Binns is also actively involved in the Rio Grande Rotary Club – an organization he helped establish in 1975.

"I'm the last living charter member," he said.

A service organization, the Rio Grande Rotary is a supporter of the Mesilla Valley Hospice and the Dress a Child program, Binns said. Through a large annual garage sale, he said the organization is able to donate about \$17,000 to hospice a year.

"Last year, we had seven semi truck loads of accumulated donations for the garage sale," he said, adding that the sale takes place in the last week of April, first week of May.

The organization has also been able to donate about \$17,000 to the Dress a Child program, which clothed 170 children in 2011.

"We're helping those less fortunate and giving them a hand up," he said.

While Binns has sold several of his companies – including his winery and its facility to the Lescombes family in the 1990s – he is still a

“ At the end of the day, that’s why you do things and make money, so your family is comfortable. ”

EDDIE BINNS,
Binns Enterprise



Binns, second from the left, served on many industry organization boards throughout his career, including the LCAR Board of Directors. Other board members pictured include Merrill Brooks, director; Jim Rogers, president; Billie Harrison, first vice president; Warren Chilton, treasurer and Richard White, second vice president.

power player in the housing industry.

In addition to being an active LCAR and BIA-SNM member, he is working on the third phase of the Copperstone Apartments with long-time partner Dave Parmeter – who Binns has also worked with on the Quail Ridge, Copper Ridge and Tuscan Hills apartment complexes.

He is also beginning the process of creating a 160-unit apartment complex in Mesilla as well as an apartment complex in Carlsbad.

"I'm also looking at locations for a new shopping center," he said, adding that he also has between 250 and 300 lots developed and ready to build on.

For all of his work, Binns was honored with the LCAR Lifetime Achievement Award during the association's annual banquet in November 2011.

"It is very humbling to be acknowledged by my competition, peers and the association," he said.

"It's neat that I've received Realtor of the Year award, presidents awards from the builders, and the crowning touch is that Lifetime Achievement Award."

During the LCAR Realtor Rally Thursday, Jan. 19, Binns was also awarded by the Realtors Association of New Mexico as a Realtor emeritus.

A father of four, grandfather to a dozen grandkids and great-grandfather to a little girl born about three months ago, Binns said his drive to succeed in everything he attempts is generated from the love he has for his family.

"At the end of the day, that's why you do things and make money, so your family is comfortable," he said.

Binns said he works closely with all of his children, whether it's his youngest son David on the construction side or his daughter Cindy Binns Mendoza, who owns The Grapevine Vintage Café, located in the family's former winery.

"The girls (Cindy and Karen Binns-DiCamillo) are involved with the family ranching business," he said, adding that his eldest son, Mike, is on a volunteer tour of duty with the military.

Although at age 77 Binns has constructed more than 2,500 houses and about 1,000 apartments, he said he is "still working on" his greatest accomplishment.

He still finds time, however, for his hobbies – fishing, hunting, wood crafts, polishing rocks with the grandkids and photography, a passion he has had since childhood.

"You have to have time to play a bit," he said.

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Coming together at the Realtor Rally

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Donna Thomas leads the Realtor Rally Thursday, Jan. 19, at the Las Cruces Association of Realtors office.



LCAR President Teri Camacho addresses the association during the Realtor Rally, which supported La Casa Inc. as well as the Realtors Association of New Mexico Benevolent Fund.



New board member Dan Delaney wins a gift package filled with wine and dark chocolate during a prize drawing.



Tom Whatley updates the association on the Realtor Political Action Committee.



Attendees welcome the new LCAR board of directors.



The Las Cruces Association of Realtors January Realtor Rally had 85 participants, the most to ever attend the January rally.

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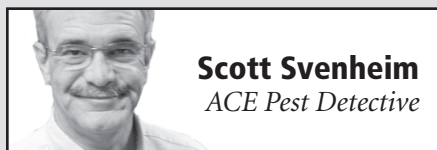
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Marrujo thanks participants for attending a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the home at 342 N. Tornillo St. Friday, Jan. 20. The home, built around 1912-13, was one of five Tierra del Sol restored with Neighborhood Stabilization Funds. Marrujo said \$100,000 was put into the home, which had been abandoned and used for drugs.

Bug bites: Ones you should worry about

Taking precaution can help stop harm, problems down the road



Scott Svenheim
ACE Pest Detective

Bug bites! Not only are they itchy and annoying, but they often have us wondering if they can be harmful, too. And, of course, when children are involved, we tend to worry even more.

It's common for insect bites to leave you wondering whether or not you need to take your kids to the hospital in case intense swelling begins or even allergic reactions kick in. That's why it's important to know the general ins and outs of bug biting.

Most insect bites and stings are harmless and do not cause any significant illness. Also, most treatment is centered around managing the discomfort associated with insect bites.

In very rare instances, children can exhibit an allergic reaction to certain insect bites and stings, and these types of bites typically call for prompt intervention.

So what's the best prevention?

In general, we should teach our children to take precautions, including avoiding walking barefoot while on grass; playing in areas where insects nest, breed, or congregate such as bodies of water or areas with tall grass; and drinking from soda cans outside.

We should also encourage them to try to stay inside when bugs are most active (dawn and dusk), and wear insect repellent or cover up when they are outside playing.

It's no secret the stinging insects pose more of a risk of allergic reaction than the biting insects, but again, not everyone is allergic to wasps, bees or hornets, so local care is recommended for these and in most cases is adequate.

Tick bites can pose a small risk for contracting tick-borne illnesses such as Lyme disease and Rocky Mountain spotted fever. It's important to remove the tick carefully



Some spiders, such as the black widow, are venomous and can cause severe illness. Take the time to educate yourself about bug bites before spring.

with tweezers as soon as possible and save it for the physician to test.

Most spider bites cause local discomfort and are not dangerous. However, spiders such as black widows and brown recluse spiders are venomous and can cause severe illness. If a parent suspects their child has been bitten by one of these, they should seek immediate medical attention.

Take some precautions and educate yourself about bug bites before you blink and spring arrives. Save yourself from some unnecessary itching and pain.

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Tapping into the benefits of olive oil

Healthy pantry staple has several uses away from cooking

By **Beth Sitzler**
Las Cruces Bulletin

The beginning of a new year always brings about resolutions to cook more meals, whether it's for health purposes, saving money or spending more time with the family.

When planning your weekly meals, you may find one pantry staple making a repeat occurrence. Olive oil is an all-around cooking oil that offers a variety of flavors – from fruity and robust to buttery and nutty.

According to the North American Olive Oil Association (NAOOA), several factors influence the flavor of an olive oil, including where the trees are grown, water, climate and the land and soil. To monitor the quality and purity of olive oil sold around the world, the United Nations created the International Olive Council.

A misconception about olive oil is that its color is an indicator of its flavor. The color, actually, is determined by the types of olives that are pressed and used to make the oil.

Olive oil has much more to offer than just flavor, according to NAOOA. It can be used for those who want to control the fats in their diets and is one of the richest sources of monounsaturated fats. It is also naturally cholesterol, sodium and carbohydrate free.

Olive oil varieties

Today, there are three general types of olive oil available in the U.S. market, which include:

- **Extra virgin olive oil:** This olive oil is made from full-flavored ripe olives that are pressed immediately after harvest. It has a robust, fruity flavor and the most full-bodied taste and aroma of the varieties.
- **Olive oil:** Described as "pure," this olive oil can be used as an all-purpose cooking oil. It has a more golden color than extra virgin olive oil and a mild flavor with a hint of fruitiness.
- **Extra light olive oil:** Light golden in color, this is the mildest of the olive oils and has just a hint of olive flavor. It's a good choice for all types of cooking, especially baking, and can be used in place of plain vegetable oil in most recipes.

Source: North American Olive Oil Association

While NAOOA provides numerous olive-oil recipes on its website, www.aboutoliveoil.org, the golden liquid isn't just for cooking. Try using olive oil in a variety of ways around the home.

1. Nourish your hair: Dry and oily hair can both benefit from a douse of olive oil. Before bed, rub a bit of the oil into your scalp. This will help regulate the natural oils your hair secretes. In the morning, dry hair will be brighter while oily hair will be more manageable.

2. Remedy skin ailments: A secret beauty trick for centuries, olive oil can be used to improve your skin in a variety of ways. The slick substance can be used as a lotion to moisturize dry skin. It can also be used as a substitute for shaving cream, reducing the likelihood of nicks, as well as makeup remover. Olive oil can also be added to your bathwater for smooth, glowing skin.

3. Polish furniture: Your skin isn't the only thing that will glow after a coat of olive oil. A more affordable alternative to store-bought furniture polish, olive oil can be used to maintain the appearance of your wood items throughout your home. Just dab some on a soft cloth and go to town.

4. Shine your stainless steel: Look at your kitchen and count the number of stainless-steel appliances, utensils and other items you have. Now, think back to when they were brand new. Have they dulled and lost their luster since then? Make them shine again with olive oil. A quick wipe-down is all it will take to brighten them – as simple as that.

5. Silence squeaking: Every time you open that squeaky door or noisy drawer, it may sound like it's screaming, "Oil me! I'm not going to stop being loud till you do!" Skip the WD-40 and hush the annoying squeal with olive oil. Lightly drench a cotton ball with the stuff and rub it along the door hinge or drawer track. The noise will stop and your ears will thank you.

6. Protect your candleholders: Antique and heirloom candleholders offer not only beauty, but also a connection to history. The only problem is that you don't want dripping wax to turn them in a mess, but why hide them away in a china hutch. The solution is to stop the wax from sticking to the holders in the first place. Do this with a little help from your trusted friend olive oil. Coat it with the oil before lighting the candles. When the candles are out, the wax should be easy to peel off.

7. Revive dull leather: Certain household items can become dull over time, such as leather. You can improve the luster and shine of your leather, however, with olive oil. Whether a baseball mitt or a pair of shoes, just rub oil over the surface and it will glow like new.

8. Clean away paint from your skin: Even the most advanced

Around-the-house item: Olive oil

painting expert can't avoid a few drips and splatters on their skin. Get that paint off without harsh scrubbing with olive oil. Rub the oil over the spots and let it soak in for about five minutes. When you're done, rinse off the oil, along with the paint, with soap and water.

9. Prevent hairballs: If Fluffy has been hacking up one too many hairballs lately, give him some relief with olive oil. It is believed that feeding your cat 1/4 to 1/2 teaspoons of olive oil will not only help prevent hairballs from forming, but it will also make its coat shinier. As with all new foods and medicines, be sure to double check with your vet before starting an olive oil regimen.

10. Stop a sticky mess: The next time you're whipping up your favorite recipe of peanut butter or molasses cookies, lightly coat your measuring tools with olive oil. The olive oil will prevent these and other sticky substances from attaching to your spoon, making it easier for you to clean later on. This trick is great for substances such as honey, grain mustards and sugar syrups.



Lemon Crunch Cod Fillets

- 1/3 cup seasoned dry bread crumbs
- 3/4 teaspoon dried dill weed
- 3/4 teaspoon lemon pepper
- 4 teaspoons extra virgin olive oil
- 1 pound cod fillets, thawed if frozen
- 1 teaspoon grated lemon peel, optional
- Parsley, optional

Heat oven to 375 degrees. Lightly grease small baking sheet or shallow baking dish with additional olive oil; set aside. In small bowl, mix bread crumbs, 1/2 teaspoon dill and 1/4 teaspoon lemon pepper. Drizzle with 2 teaspoons olive oil and mix well until moistened. Set aside.

Pat fish dry with paper towel; place on baking sheet. Brush fillets with remaining 2 teaspoons olive oil; sprinkle with lemon peel if desired, remaining 1/2 teaspoon lemon pepper and remaining 1/4 teaspoon dill. Top evenly with crumb mixture, pressing lightly to adhere. Bake 18 to 22 minutes or until fish flakes easily in center. Garnish with chopped fresh parsley, if desired. Makes 4 servings. (Recipe from the North American Olive Oil Association.)

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Super bites for the Bowl

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Sunny Conley
Chile Knights



Only one week remains before Super Bowl Sunday. If you plan to watch the game huddled with family and friends at your place, don't stress out on what to serve. Keep it simple but tasty.

Meatballs are always a favorite, but no need to make them from scratch. The frozen variety is an excellent substitute. Heat 'em up in your favorite red chile sauce and serve on buns with a slab of melted cheese. Yum!

Wontons filled with a cheesy chorizo mixture and baked in mini-muffin trays, make ideal poppers as do grape tomatoes stuffed with veggie chile-peppered cream cheese. Hot and spicy dips are always crowd-pleasers.

Score big time with these game day recipes. Go Giants! Go Patriots!

Red Chile Sauced Meatball Sliders

24 frozen meatballs (not bite-size), thawed
2 cups favorite red chile sauce
8 hot dog buns, cut into thirds
8 ounces provolone or mozzarella cheese
2 tablespoons butter
1/2 teaspoon dried oregano
1/2 teaspoon garlic powder

Microwave the meatballs in the red chile sauce until they are just warm inside or follow package instructions.

Preheat oven to 425 degrees. Line a 9-by-13-inch baking pan with non-stick foil. Spray with butter-flavored vegetable oil.

Separate the tops from the bottoms on each of the cut hot dog buns. Place 1 meatball on the bottom and then top with provolone or mozzarella cheese. Replace the top of the bun and press down lightly. Place in the prepared pan. Continue until all 24 are in the pan. (They should fit perfectly, if a little snug.)

Melt the butter. Stir in oregano and garlic powder. Brush the tops of the buns with the herbed butter.

Bake for 15 minutes until tops are brown and toasted. Let rest 10 minutes. Use a spatula to separate and place meatball sliders on a tray to serve. (Recipe adapted from <http://homecooking.about.com>.)

Crispy Chorizo Wonton Cups

1 pound bulk spicy chorizo, depending on the chorizo brand
1/2 cup sweet red bell pepper, chopped
1/2 medium onion, finely chopped
2 cloves garlic, minced
1 1/2 cups grated sharp Cheddar cheese
1 1/2 cups grated Monterey Jack cheese
1/2 cup favorite ranch dressing
1 (2.25-ounce) can sliced black ripe olives
Vegetable oil spray
1 package (48 pieces) wonton wrappers

Preheat oven to 450 degrees. In a heavy skillet, sauté sausage, red pepper, onion and garlic, stirring often to break apart until chorizo is cooked through and crumbly. Drain

grease and let cool to room temperature. In the meantime, spray non-stick mini-muffin pans with vegetable oil. Place one wonton in each mini-muffin slot and spray again with vegetable oil. Bake 5 minutes until light golden brown. Remove baked wontons to a foil-lined baking sheet. Reduce heat to 400 degrees.

Combine cooled chorizo mixture, Cheddar cheese, Monterey Jack cheese, ranch dressing and olives. Mix well.

Fill each wonton cup with chorizo mixture, using all of the mixture. Bake filled wontons an additional 5 to 10 minutes until melted and bubbly. Let rest for 10 minutes, then serve warm. Makes 48 appetizers.

Pale Ale Chile Queso

This is a healthier version than traditional queso recipes.

2 teaspoons extra-virgin olive oil
1 medium onion, chopped
2 cloves garlic, minced
1/2 cup pale ale, or other light-colored beer
1 1/2 cups low-fat milk, divided
3 tablespoons cornstarch
1 3/4 cups shredded sharp reduced fat Cheddar cheese
1 (10-ounce) can diced tomatoes with green chiles, drained, or 1 1/4 cups drained petite-diced tomatoes
2 tablespoons lime juice
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon chili powder
Cayenne pepper, to taste (optional)
1/4 cup scallions, sliced
2 tablespoons fresh cilantro, chopped

Heat oil in a large saucepan over medium heat. Add onion and garlic and cook, stirring, until soft and beginning to brown, 4 to 5 minutes. Add beer and cook until reduced slightly, about 1 minute. Add 1 cup milk and bring to a simmer.

Meanwhile, whisk the remaining 1/2 cup milk and cornstarch in a small bowl. Add to the pan and cook, stirring vigorously, until bubbling and thickened, 1 to 2 minutes. Reduce heat to low, add cheese and cook, stirring, until melted. Stir in drained tomatoes, lime juice, salt, chili powder and cayenne pepper. Serve warm with tortilla chips, garnished with scallions and cilantro.

Super Duper 5-Layered Dip

This dip is always a touchdown for hungry fans. It's simply gooey, delicious, addictive and most likely won't last to the first down. Consider making two batches. Serve one before halftime and the second, last half. It's that good. Note: To make it "lighter," substitute regular refried beans, sour cream and cheese with the low-fat or fat free versions.

1 (16-ounce) can refried beans with chile and onion
1 (1 1/4-ounce) envelope taco seasoning mix
3 ripe avocados, peeled
2 tablespoons sour cream
2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
1/4 teaspoon garlic salt



Grape tomatoes stuffed with chile-peppered veggie cream cheese make perfect poppers for your Super Bowl bash.

Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Sunny Conley

1 (3-ounce) can chopped medium-hot chile or substitute 4 fresh roasted and peeled green chiles
4 green onions, chopped, green ends only
1/2 pound sharp Cheddar cheese, shredded
1/2 pound Monterey Jack cheese
12 pitted black ripe olives, sliced
1 large tomato, seeded and diced
Chili powder
Fresh cilantro sprigs for garnish
1 bag large round corn tortilla chips (or mix with flavored)

Use a 10-inch to 12-inch glass pie plate or similar shallow round plate. For layer one, mix refried beans and taco seasoning. Spread the mixture on bottom of plate, not quite to the edge. For layer two, mash avocados with sour cream, lemon juice and garlic salt. Spread evenly on top of bean mixture. For layer three, sprinkle green chile and green onions over avocado mixture. For layer four, combine cheese and sprinkle over chile and onions to cover. For layer five, garnish top of dip with

sliced olives in a wedge-shaped design and sprinkle with diced tomatoes. Sprinkle entire dip with chili powder. Garnish edges with fresh cilantro sprigs. Serve with tortilla chips.

Spicy Stuffed Grape Tomatoes

2 dozen grape tomatoes
Favorite veggie cream cheese
5 chiles de arbol, crushed (or to taste)

Slice the ends from each grape tomato. Cut tomato in half. Using a grapefruit spoon, carefully remove pulp from each half. Place tomatoes on a serving platter. Using a pointed spoon, stuff about one teaspoonful of the cream cheese mixture into each grape tomato. Tastes best served cold. Makes 24 poppers.

Sunny Conley, a former Las Cruces, is an award-winning cookbook author and food columnist. If you have a chile recipe or idea to share, contact Conley at sunny.conley@gmail.com.

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If you are looking for some shade during the summer months, but want that extra sunlight during the winter

months, now is the perfect time to place your shade tree in the ideal location.

Remember, when locating a site, keep in mind the ultimate mature height and width your tree will attain. Keep neighbors' yards and views in mind before you plant. As a general rule, the roots often mirror most of the trees spread, so consider foundations, walk ways and underground cable and pipes before digging. If using a mechanical digging device, you must call 811 before you dig.

Fruit trees are also on the early planting list. Most fruit trees that will produce here in the Southwest are apple, apricot, peach, cherry, pear, plum, nectarine and pomegranate. Our

winters have just enough "chilling hours" (hours below 45 degrees), to help produce the flowers needed for fruit development on most trees.

When choosing fruit trees, keep in mind the aspects listed above. When selecting these trees, check to see if they will need a pollinator. This is usually another variety of the same type of tree needed to produce fruit. If space is limited, look for "self fertile" varieties. This, as the name implies, is a tree that will produce fruit on its own. This is assuming the tree escapes a late frost when in bloom.

The advantage of planting at this time of year is the amount of water needed to establish these trees is significantly less than planting it during the spring or summer months. A newly planted dormant tree will need watering only every 10 to 14 days, depending upon rain or snowfall and ground moisture. This is true for bare root or container-grown trees.

While bare root trees are less expensive, they also have a higher mortality rate. They should be planted in January and typically no later than February here in southern New Mexico.

Although best planted during dormancy, container-grown fruit trees have more established roots and can be planted any time throughout the year.

You can get a jump on the spring winds and heat by planting now. Take advantage of our mild winter (so far). Remember it is easier on the tree and the human body to plant during this mild time of year.

Gary Guzman, owner of Guzman's Color Your World Gardening Centers, can be reached at gary@lascrucesbulletin.com.

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